

## SIDETALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

## ON GETTING AWAY MENTALLY.

We were talking about world issues the other night, and trying to gauge the effect of certain big happenings, like the world war, on future generations, and course our deductions were vague and diffuse and uncertain.

"We are too near our times to judge them properly," said the Authorman. "We need a perspective of a hundred years or so to see events in comparison with other special situations in order to gauge them with any degree of accuracy."

That started us debating the value of perspective generally.

When Children are Sick.

There is nothing that helps in any difficult situation so much as standing off and viewing it from a distance. "When my children are sick," says

a mother I know, "I get panicky until I force myself to sit down and view the case calmly. And when I stop thinking of this one sick child who seems to me so desperately ill, and think instead of the hundreds of children in ages past who have been just as sick and of the big majority who have pulled through, I lose that panicky fear and see the thing more clearly."

It is harder to get a proper perspective on the mental and moral life of our children. Sometimes we can get it best through the eyes of someone else.

Another mother friend of mine finds the scout master of the troop to which her boy belongs her best aid here.

When the Boy is Grouchy.

"It is remarkable to me that man, who has never had a boy of his own, understands boy nature," she says. "John has gotten to that age of adolescence that I've always heard heralded as a difficult age to under-

stand, and I can assure you its difficulties have not been overrated. He is so different. He is grouchy and sulky and touchy for no apparent reason. But when I speak of it to the scout master one evening, he said: 'When a boy is crabby around the house you may make up your mind that he is taking something too seriously.'

"I have come to regard this statement as almost axiomatic for it applies whenever I can get John's confidence sufficiently to find out the root of the trouble. Sometimes it is a fancied wrong—boys are far more sensitive than we credit them with being. Sometimes it is discouragement over his mistakes. And once, to my amazement, it was his sister's associates. That fapper Mary goes around with is too fresh. She makes me sick. Why don't you make her cut her out?"

Here again, it is because the scout master, a thoughtful, interested man, considers not only the boy but his relations to those nearest him that he can arrive at such sage conclusions. The boy's parents are too near to get that larger viewpoint.

## How Big?

Einstein's theory of relativity has been visualized for the masses by a wonderfully clever motion picture. It is an excellent film for youngsters of this age to see. And for grown-ups as well. A boy of 15 described to me what an impression one part of it made on him.

There was thrown on the screen the picture of a granite boulder with the title, "How big does this look to you?" To the boy it looked about the size of The Old Man of the Mountains, a famous rock in the White Mountain Range near his summer home. And then the boulder appeared to recede from the audience into the background of the film, and as it was drawn farther and farther away, the base upon which it rested came into view—a human hand! The giant boulder viewed in its proper setting was nothing but a pebble in a man's hand.

A splendid lesson and one which I am sure will help those who saw it, to see the mountains of their worries as the molehills which they often really are.

## Our Dumb Animals.

REPORT OF CHIEF AGENT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 13th.

Attended to landing of 70 sheep from S.S. Sable I, all carefully landed. Received word from Furness Withy Co. and Mr. King, of the S.S. Sable I, that they had notified Montreal, Halifax and Charlottetown regarding bulls arriving here without a proper ring in their noses, also re the overcrowding of pigs and poultry in crates. I might also say that Messrs. Campbell & McKay have made better arrangements for the comfort of sheep instead of tying them. They are put in pens from one to four in a lot and allowed to stand. Mr. McKay intends making greater improvements, for which we thank him. I was asked to put to death humanely three horses, one belonging to Mr. Hearn, Signal Hill, which had broken its leg in some unaccountable way; also a splendid horse owned by F. B. Wood Co. which had broken its leg while in a field on Blackmarsh Road, and another lately owned by a West End cabman, which had been suffering from disease. I also put to death three dogs at the request of the Municipal, one on Bart's Hill, one on Casey Street, and another on Buchanan Street. People did not want them and refused to pay their license. I might also state that the condition of the truck and cab horses is fairly good. I wish the school children were taught and the citizens would think to pick up nails and wire hoops from off the street as there have been several severe accidents from this source. Mr. Hickey, of Bart's Hill, one of our trustworthy cabmen, met with an accident because of his horse having its hoofs caught in a wire loop which caused the fall of the horse and the throwing of its driver off the seat, over the horse. As a result he has been laid aside for about a week. As far as I know all calls have been attended to. The Directors met yesterday afternoon and arranged to hold the annual meeting of the Society and submit their annual reports. All

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Garden Hints for the Month of July.

## INSECT PESTS.

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## Convict's Noble Deed.

MAN IN COURT SAYS PRISONER SAVED HIS CHILD'S LIFE.

A good deed brought its reward at London Sessions recently. A man with a long list of convictions that began when he was fourteen pleaded guilty to stealing a teapin. He served in the Army with great credit.

A man in court came forward and said:—"This man did a very noble deed for me about two and a half years ago. He saved the life of my child. I am willing to employ him at once." The man added that he was in a large way of business.

Sir Robert Wallace: You do this with your eyes open. If this chance

falls I shall send the man to penal servitude.

Sir Robert postponed sentence for three months, saying: "Now make the best of your last chance."

## HAVE THEY COME TO THIS.

A radio company advertises that messages may be sent abroad "under uncensored American control." There was a time when the same meaning would have been conveyed by saying merely "under American control."—Colliers.

Big Bargains in Childs' Canvas Rubber Sole Shoes; sizes 5 to 9. White, 80c. pair; Brown 65c. pair; Black, 60c. pair at F. SMALLWOOD, Water Street. June 20, 1923.

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