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## The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



I've been meditating to-day on the surprising amount of pleasure to be gotten by juggling about a few pieces of wood; in other words, re-arranging the furniture in a room.

The spring fever, the call of the red gods, the change and wandering is strong in your blood some morning, and as it is impossible for you to find an outlet in travel you are forced to seek a vent for these feelings in activities within the home.

Consequently, if being the morning to clean the living room, you promptly decide that that room has remained in status quo too long, and forthwith you advance upon it and proceed to try out your old knowledge of permutation and combination with the amount of floor space and wall space and the pieces of furniture for your algebraic quantities.

Happily you find the sum much easier than in your student days and visible objects much simpler to deal with than paper and pencil and elusive X, Y, Z's.

You begin, of course, by sitting on the couch, surveying the scene and taking stock of those exasperating pieces of furniture that for some inherent reason simply cannot be shifted around. The desk must stay right there between the two windows because that is the only good light, and the secretary can't be moved because it is the only piece of furniture of just the right shape to cover that marred place in the paper, and, of course, the reading table must remain in the middle of the room, but the couch and the two bookcases and the tea table and the big mission chair and the three smaller wicker chairs can all be juggled about to suit your fancy.

So, with the aid of your maid's stout arms you let that fancy run riot, trying this effect and that, piling the books all out of the bookcases, pulling the pictures down from the walls, dragging the couch hither and thither, and juggling the chairs about like the little pellets in pigs in clover.

Finally, by dint of many appeals to your maid's judgment, by exhaustive demands on your own taste, and by aid of the wise decision handed down by a neighbour who dropped in to borrow a dash of cinnamon—her grocer being unaccountably late with her order—you make the final decision and proceed to restore order out of the chaos you have created.

Just about here your enthusiasm flags a bit, and you wish you hadn't been quite so prodigal and lavish in your upsetting of the established order of things, but your desire to have everything all settled before John and the children come home to lunch spurs you on, and by noon you have the room in order in its new guise.

Strange how very different and unfamiliar the most familiar piece of furniture can look from a new angle—now that couch, why it looks just like a visitor sitting there in that corner, and yet you've had it—yes, the year before Louis was born—twelve years.

Strange, too, how an arrangement that you once condemned by the all-renewing action of the years, can be recommended again to you. Two years ago, when you made John help you take all the books out of those bookcases, so you could move them away from their station beside the fireplace, you declared you'd never have them there again. And now you've put them back. Ah, well, that was two years ago. Isn't that reason enough for your change of mind? And truly, they do look different now. Perhaps it is because the couch also is in a new place. You do hope that John will have forgotten the trials of that evening when he wanted so much to smoke and read the paper instead of moving books, but you have your doubts.

Luncheon time justifies those doubts. "Why on earth," is John's first question when you conduct him into the room, "why on earth have you wrought, why on earth have you put those bookcases where you said you'd never have them again? I remember one evening when you couldn't wait."

But being a good John he subsides as soon as he has blown off steam, and tells you it looks fine and that you're a dear little manager. The children approve, too, as children always do of anything new, and altogether you are sure that you have had a very profitable and interesting morning, and feel quite as elated and excited—and incidentally as tired—as if you had been in town shopping and spent a lot of money. And just think all that pleasure and excitement quite "free gratis."

Some terribly artistic person has recently informed us that in every room there is just one right place for each piece of furniture, and that when this arrangement has been discovered it should never be changed. My, aren't you glad that you aren't artistic and can still revel in the delicious and inexpensive excitement of "changing things round?"

Ruth Cameron

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It is now very smart to have one's parasol and amoulinee or handbag fashioned out of the same silk and these often match the silk of the frock or some portion of the trimming.

For the corselet skirt the blouse is frequently of chiffon in the exact tint

of the skirt, the ornamentation being confined to the lining, which is visible through the transparent chiffon.

The princess petticoat is popular, especially for evening gowns and lingerie dresses. This garment is fitted to show clearly the outline of the figure, finished below the knee with a flounce.

Smart high shoes are of white buckskin, with scalloped edges and large white pearl buttons. On the side opposite the buttoned edge the shoes are ornamented with a design in white crystal beads.

A very smart sunshade is of white-satin, draped with black silk marquisette, which is caught into a band of net embroidered in white silk floss. This band is edged with a knife plaited ruche of marquisette.

Cross-stitch borders are very effective on pongee and are quite the latest craze among needlewomen. The more quaint and old-fashioned the

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pattern the better. The color scheme adheres, too, to the fays of our grandmothers.

The smartest materials for a bride include Duchesse satin, liberty, crepe meteor, Charmeuse, silk marquisette and net combined and draped with chiffon and mousseline de sole, embroidered in silk floss, pearls, silver and beads.

### OBITUARY.

The unrepining hand of death has just removed from our midst a popular and esteemed member of the community in the person of Pierec Foley, son of the late Maurice Foley, of this place. His demise occurred after a short illness of ten days, and although he himself seemed to realize that the end was near, to his many relatives and friends the announcement of his death came as a shock; it seemed hard to understand that the man so lately with us in the enjoyment, apparently, of good health should be now lying in the cold embrace of death. Never of a really robust constitution, he fell an easy victim to that much dreaded disease pneumonia, now rather prevalent in our northern outports and very often fatal in its attacks. A prominent figure in our community, he will be missed by all. Of him it may be truly said that he was a man with many friends—no enemies. A good neighbor, ever ready to assist his fellow-man, calumny or slander never passed his lips—his tongue spoke ill of no one. From boyhood he had been engaged in the prosecution of the fisheries, deriving therefore a decent livelihood and maintaining himself and those under his care in comfortable circumstances. Perfectly resigned to the Divine will, he was attended on his deathbed by our devoted pastor, Fr. O'Brien, who administered the last rites and all the consolations which our Holy Church offers to the dying Christian. His aged mother had predeceased him by a few months. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Broder, to mourn the loss of an affectionate and beloved brother. To her and to other sorrowing relatives we beg to offer our heartfelt sympathy.

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### Gulf Service Resumed.

The service on the Gulf from Port aux Basques and Cape Breton has been resumed. The s.s. Glencoe came from Louisburg to Port aux Basques yesterday morning and met only a few strings of ice. The Glencoe will make one more trip and will connect with the train that left here yesterday evening. On reaching Port aux Basques on her next trip she will take up her old route on the S.W. Coast. The s.s. Invermore will sail from St. John's to-night for Port aux Basques and will take up the Gulf route. The captain will make an attempt to get into Sydney. Passengers going out by the express to-morrow night will connect with the Invermore. The railway line is in fairly good condition. The regular tri-weekly service is now resumed.

### Quarantine Will Be Raised.

The sixty-eight men, part of the crew of the s.s. Newfoundland, who have been in the new hospital on quarantine, will be released this afternoon. When the Newfoundland reached here with several cases of smallpox on board, the men were placed in a store below Baine John's store on the South Side, but complained that the place was cold and unfit to inhabit, and the new hospital was built for them. These men were vaccinated on the night of the ship's arrival and since going to the hospital no disease has broken out amongst them. Those of the men who belong to outports will be sent home by this afternoon's train.

### Glencoe's Passengers.

The s.s. Glencoe, Capt. Spracklin, arrived at Port aux Basques from Louisburg at 6.20 p.m. yesterday, having made the run in 14 hours. A few strings of ice were seen on the passage. The ship brought a full cargo of freight, a big mail and the following passengers in saloon: F. W. Bowden, J. W. Taylor, J. S. Hamlin, Mrs. W. James, Rev. T. Ambrose, H. Mort, W. T. Canning, H. R. Hamilton, J. Cormack, J. F. Chetwynd, E. D. Shedd, D. G. Dickens, E. Sage, J. Ross, James Ross, T. R. McGrath, Mrs. C. Blackie, Mrs. Fraser and 3 children. The express is due about 1 p.m. to-morrow.

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## THE SALVATION ARMY.

### Visit of Commissioner David Rees—Reception and Meetings at the College Hall.

The annual visits of the Canadian Commissioner of the Salvation Army to St. John's are usually times of enthusiasm among the good people who compose its ranks, and also among many others, who from the standpoint of co-operation and brotherhood, attend its meetings. For several years it has been our privilege to attend these functions at the College Hall on the Sunday afternoon and night, and yesterday we found ourselves again at the building. Among many things that impressed us, the two principal features were, the packed audiences and the array of statesmen on the platform. These features with the enthusiasm of the leaders could not fail in making a deep and abiding impression. Of course the occasion was a special one, but even when allowance is made for this, the surroundings presented a spirit of zeal and earnestness that seems particularly to belong to the S. A. The Apostle Paul said to Timothy that "it is good to be zealously affected in a good cause," and there is no doubt that this spirit largely imbues the followers of General Booth. The meeting yesterday was conducted by the Hon. Donald Morison, Minister of Justice, and with him were seated on the platform many of the most prominent members of our local parliament. Mr. Morison has long been known for his support of all that is good, moral, and worthy in the community, and his presence was not a new feature in the position which he occupied yesterday as the leader of such an important assemblage. In his address he stated his reasons for his support of the S. A., and among the many, we think that one of the principal was that he believed in fair play for everybody, of whatever creed or class they may be. He had stood by the Army when it was weak, and now he was glad to continue his support in its brighter days. The work which it does was of itself the best proof of its usefulness, and the many cases of individual reform which have taken place through its agency was sufficient to justify its claims. It did a great work, and often succeeded where Churches failed. He knew of no organization in which the leaders worked for so little financial personal re-

turns as the S. A. Altogether Mr. Morison's speech was timely and to the point and was well received. He was followed by the Hon. W. R. Warren, the Hon. R. Watson, and Mr. R. Squires, also Mr. Clapp, each of whom expressed themselves in very eulogistic terms of the good work being done by the S. A., and of the ability of its leader General Booth. Never before did we see so many of our statesmen at one meeting of this nature together, and their presence and words must surely have a very stimulating influence upon the Army work in Newfoundland. While they all spoke well we have no hesitation whatever in stating that the speech of the evening was delivered by Mr. R. A. Squires. Mr. Squires' statements in reference to General Booth, and his impress upon the twentieth century, were such as cannot be soon forgotten. According to Mr. Squires, the Rev. William Booth was either too great for the four different denominations to which he consecutively belonged, or these bodies were too reserved, or limited, for him. Mr. Squires' address would be very interesting for many reasons could it be published and circulated. The great attraction of the day was the presence of Commissioner David Rees, the successor of Commissioner Coombs. The new Commissioner spoke for fifty minutes at the afternoon meeting and for thirty minutes at the evening service. He is a gentleman of large and world-wide experience, and carries on his person the marks of persecution as well as of promotion. For nearly forty years he has been one of the chief pillars of the S. A., and has been a personal friend of General Booth. As a young man he was desirous of finding the best in life, and searched very hard for it. Intellectually, he found what he wanted, but at heart he was wrong. At the S. A. penitent form he found what he longed for, and he has since devoted his life to the welfare and uplifting of the fallen sons and daughters of humanity. In person the new Commissioner is modest and unassuming, and is devoid of anything like mannerism or rudeness. He possesses great self-control, and no little dignity. As a speaker he is pleasing, and while not boisterous, he is none the less earnest and zealous. He was warmly welcomed, and was much moved by his reception. Had we time we would write much more, but as we have not, the above few hurried lines may do as an independent and impartial report of yesterday's meetings of the Salvation Army at the College Hall.—I. C. M.

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