

## The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



I am exceptionally glad tonight that I write this chat.

Because it gives me a chance to express some pent up feelings about the person who regards indiscriminate and considered plain speaking as the shining evening star among virtues. And if I didn't have that chance, seems to me I'd explode.

Of course you know the kind of person that I mean.

You also meet up with them every once in a while, and, in the name of their dislike of hypocrisy and burning love of truth, are informed of some disagreeable and completely unnecessary fact by them.

"Truth, oh, truth, how many wrongs are committed in thy name?"

I suppose you are wondering what makes me so very rancorous to-night.

Well, I'll tell you.

Molly, the little stenographer lady, came to see me yesterday. Molly is one of my favorite heroines, along with Joan of Arc and Marie Antoinette. If I am ever clever enough I am going to put her in a book. She is

twenty-one years old. She is very pretty. If she hadn't been overworked and undermused all her life she would be even prettier. She works in an office through which many men of all sorts are continually passing. A few of them are genuinely kind to her, but most of them insist upon regarding her prettiness as a sort of "girl for sale" sign. Almost every new man tries to work up a more or less desperate flirtation with her. "You can't trust any man. Not even the white-haired ones who begin talking about their daughters at home. Often they are the worst," is the sum of Molly's experience. And yet, despite the handicap of her surroundings and her charm, the stenographer lady has kept both her character and her dignity intact.

Molly has worked ever since she was sixteen and never earned more than ten dollars a week, because she didn't have a good equipment to start with.

To return to my theme—the stenographer lady came to me last night with the corners of her mouth turned down. That is rare for Molly, for despite her far from hilarious life, she manages to keep those corners pretty perky. And this was the reason, as it came out in due season. A big event had just taken place in Molly's life. She had bought a new hat—the first one she had in three

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winters. And, alas, it was a terrible error in judgment—a hideous shape and an unbecoming color.

The stenographer lady, as soon as she had bought it, dimly suspected that she had made a terrible mistake, but her mates knowing how much it cost, and how very, very long Molly would have to wear it, nobly rose to the occasion and reassured her, and Molly was comforted.

And then, as ill luck would have it, Molly met up with a plain speaker, and the plain speaker, glorying in the fact that she was no hypocrite, told Molly, "You know I never can pretend to like anything when I don't, and, really, Molly, it isn't a bit your style. Why you looked better in that old

hat you wore last year than you do in this. And no one is wearing that kind of feathers now, and look at that velvet. It's terribly cheap."

Of course, the girls who told Molly it was the most becoming hat she ever had didn't do right.

Hypocrisy is wicked, of course, but I wonder what St. Peter thinks of certain kinds of plain speaking.

When anyone asks one's opinion in regard to something which can be altered, I think one should tell the truth as gently as possible. But when anyone asks one's opinion on some unfortunate and unalterable fact, like poor little Molly's ugly hat, I don't see why it isn't permissible to tell everything one knows.

Do you?

Ruth Cameron

## Big Fire at Bell Island.

STORE TOTALLY DEMOLISHED.

At 1 a.m. Friday morning when the population for the most part were slung in sleep, and when the wind was blowing very high, Watchman Hann, of the D. I. & S. Co., noticed that a store on the Main Street of the Mines, situated in the rear of the Dominion Office, and owned by J. Bonavisky was ablaze. Realizing that immediate action was necessary, Mr. Hann got in communication with Watchman Pride and soon the fire signal was given, the whistle of the Power Plant blowing several times, summoning the Fire Brigade of the Company who soon responded. By this time no hope remained of saving the burning building, it being one mass of flames, and the horizon was greatly inflamed, showing a big fire to be in operation. The shrill sound of the whistle, together with the illumination of the heavens, gathered around a crowd who were to be seen hurrying in all directions—lanterns in hand. Seeing that the burning building must be sacrificed—the heat being so intense one could not attempt to get near it—a staff of energetic citizens composed of Messrs. C. Taylor, J. B. Murphy, E. Bennett, W. Coughlan and P. Delaney, not omitting Constable Morrissey, worked assiduously to save the next building belonging to N. & J. Cohen, as if that caught Burke's store would also likely have ignited, and from that the whole locality would be afire. The efforts of the above-named gentlemen were successful and they are to be warmly congratulated, for with buckets and buckets of water, they climbed

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fire was in progress but an hour when Bonavisky's store was burnt to the ground, nothing remaining—not even the chimney. It took some time for the embers to die out, and all was not over before daylight. Luckily Bonavisky's store was not in a range else with the wind prevailing and the headway it had already gained, not alone the range but the whole locality would have gone up in flames.

To the citizens who worked so determinedly, and the D. I. & S. Co. Fire Brigade, much praise is due for preventing what had might be a serious conflagration of the stores and houses at the Mines.

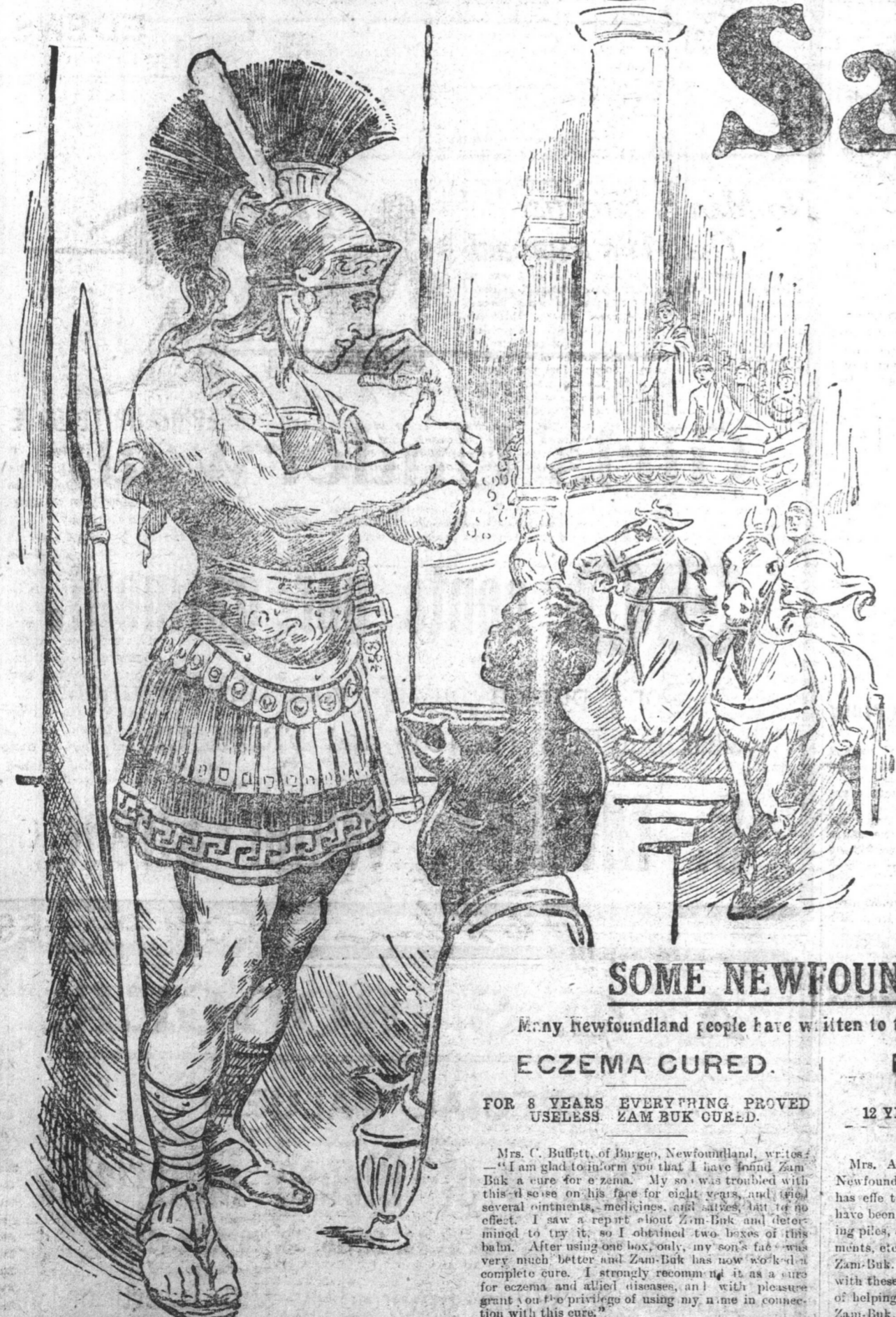
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## Will Be Repaired.

Mr. John Taylor, shipwright, yesterday afternoon concluded the survey on the schr. Gypsum Emperor below the water line and found that four large beams below the decks were smashed with other considerable damages in the holds. Mr. Taylor has the contract of effecting repairs and putting the ship in a seaworthy condition, and it is hoped to have her ready by the middle of next month to resume her voyage to New York.

## Festival of Empire.

At a meeting of the general committee of the Festival of Empire was held last night in the Board of Trade Rooms. Mr. J. P. Downey who had been appointed to secure exhibits of vegetables reported very favourable progress. The Sporting Committee reported also that they had secured some fine specimens of caribou, etc. The reports of the different sub-committees were submitted and showed that everything is going on well.



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### PILES CURED.

12 YEARS OF SUFFERING ENDED.

Mrs. A. E. Gardner, of Catbina, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, says:—"In my case your Zam-Buk has effected a wonderful cure. For twelve years I have been troubled with blind, bleeding and protruding piles, and have been using various kinds of ointments, etc., but never came across anything to equal Zam-Buk. You are at liberty to do what you will with these remarks, and that they may be the means of helping those who are suffering from piles to try Zam-Buk, is the wish of one who has found relief."

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