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**Some Other Kind of Trouble.**  
BY BETH CAMERON.



A great trouble has come into the life of a friend of mine. Her husband, a man in the early prime of life, had had a stroke of paralysis and lies dumb and helpless on his bed. My friend has never had any serious trouble before and she takes it very hard. When any one tries to comfort her she says bitterly, "It's such a horrible thing to have happen. I know everyone must have some trouble in their lives, but it seems as if I could have borne some other kind of trouble better than this."

Some other kind of trouble is always easier to bear than the particular brand that falls to our lot. Any other kind of pain is less painful than the variety with which we are suffering.

Of course we are sorry for our neighbour when he meets with a bereavement but we are sure that no sorrow can possibly be as poignant as our own.

A certain woman lost a splendid son in the full prime of young manhood. It was a terrible blow to her and seemed to change her whole outlook on life. When she hears of a mother who has lost a baby or a

young child she says, "Yes, that must be hard, but it can't like losing a full-grown son. When I lost John I wasn't only the loss of my child I had to bear, but the loss of my friend and the prop I hoped to lean on in my old age."

On the other hand I have recently come into considerable contact with a woman who has just lost her baby—a beautiful little boy, barely two years old. Hoping to divert her for a moment or two from her own grief, I spoke of the first woman's loss and how bitterly she grieved over it. "Yes," that young mother, her eyes filling, "I am so sorry for her, but it cannot be so hard as losing a little baby. Babies are so dependent on you. You are doing something for them every moment of the day, and when they go away it means such a terrible emptiness. Besides, she had her child thirty years and I only had nine months."

So it ever goes, and somehow I am sure that if one could ask a mother who has had both experiences, which loss was the easier to bear, she would tell you "Neither."

No pain, no trouble, no grief is easy to bear. Then wish not for some other kind of trouble instead of your own, lest that be given you also, to teach you the lesson that the other man's trouble is as great as yours.

**LONDON GOSSIP.**

LONDON, Oct. 29, 1913.

**ROYAL FAGS.**

It is well known that democracy and aristocracy are curiously mixed in our public schools. Prince Arthur of Connaught's letter in praise of Eton, has set some of his old school-fellows recalling his days there. One wonders which end of them he had in mind. In his earlier years he was a "fag" to young Astor, a fact which produced in an American newspaper the startling headline "Victoria's Grandson is Astor's Slave." It is said that there was a good deal of unconscious literal truth in the statement, and although a fag does not have a hard time he is generally glad enough to be rid of fagging. It is more likely that the life at Eton which Prince Arthur had in mind was that into which he passed as he went up the school, the life which made the Grand Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha a thing to be declined. That crown, being declined by him, passed to the young Duke of Albany. He, too, though only in the lower school, had begun to love Eton; at least it would seem so for when he was told that he would be taken away from Eton to be made a Grand Duke, it is said that he wept.

**SIR BEAUCHAMP DUFF'S NEW APPOINTMENT.**

Although it has come somewhat as a surprise to the know-alls in the Service clubs the appointment of Sir Beauchamp Duff to be the new Commander-in-Chief in India is an admirable one, and means the carrying out of economical but really efficient lines of Lord Kitchener's military policy. Sir Beauchamp Duff was Chief of Staff to Lord Kitchener, and imbued with his business-like methods. The rule of alternate British and Indian officers will not be absolutely broken because, as General O'Moore Creagh retires before his time, Sir Beauchamp Duff takes over a portion of his period. The appointment will be well received in India. General Duff has done admirable unobtrusive work at the War Office during the last four years. He has great charm of manner, is well and widely read, and though small in stature, looks the thorough soldier that he is.

**THE QUESTION OF ZANZIBAR.**

Men of standing in colonial circles in London are not paying much attention to the rumoured cession of Zanzibar to Germany, and it is certain that any attempt to exchange it for some other portion of African territory would be widely resented. Zanzibar is after all the historic commercial center of East Africa, of more importance in many ways than Mombasa and it has developed very considerably since the British rather reluctantly took charge of it nearly 20 years ago after refusing the first offer of his dominions by the Sultan in 1877. The place is also not without strategic importance in the naval policy of the Indian Ocean, and there are many who feel that this is emphatically not the time when Britain can relax her hold on the ocean road to India, particularly now that her Mediterranean policy has been weakened. Apart from its commercial and political importance, Zanzibar has a peculiar religious interest for Britain, since it was there that the Universities Mission that sprang from Livingstone's inspiration was first successfully founded. Included in the Church of England diocese there built on the site of the old slave market, which was the center of East African trade with India, and it was from this island that many of the Scottish missionaries to Central Africa, of whom the greatest was Mackay, started for the interior. It is known of course that some revision of boundaries between Britain and Germany in Africa is in contemplation and this will involve very considerable interests and the territory of a third Colonial Power. These matters will involve very careful handling and a re-shaping of much of Africa south of the equator, but the time is not yet ripe for this matter to be settled.

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**ANOTHER AUSTRIAN STORY.**

People in the clubs here have been very much amused at a case in the London courts in which an artillery officer alleged that his wife insisted on riding with him at the head of his battery. A writer here recalls in this connection a story about the last Austrian manoeuvres. The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the throne, and his wife attended the manoeuvres. General Conrad, the Commander-in-Chief of the Austro-Hungarian forces, was suddenly summoned to Berlin to meet the Kaiser, and for a day or two the manoeuvres had to go on without him. Now the Archduchess is known to have a pretty will of her own and she took advantage of the formidable general's absence to show it. First she was bored with the way the troops went to the attack. Their open formation was utterly devoid of spectacular interest, so the Archduchess insisted and had her way and for the rest of the manoeuvres the troops marched to the attack in massed legions shoulder and shoulder as soldiers used to do in the time of Marlborough, or Pompeius Magnus. The Archduchess, too, found the modern practice of getting the armies in movement shortly after dawn terribly irksome and she persuaded her husband to issue an order that henceforth operations should not start until 10 o'clock in the morning—a convenient hour for the Archduchess as it enabled her to breakfast at leisure and motor down to the field of battle. Of course, all these improvements made an immense sensation in Vienna. The public at once started to take an interest in the annual manoeuvres such as they have rarely taken before. The favorite headline in the newspapers was "The Ten O'clock Manoeuvres." When the Commander-in-Chief came back from Berlin and found that the annual exercises of one of the great armies of Europe which had been at such pains to elaborate had been turned into a farce, to satisfy the whims of a woman—even though she was the wife of the heir to the throne—he lost control of himself and stormed and raged about it. The inevitable consequence has been that he has had to retire. But General Conrad von Hertzenstein has had this sort of experience before. He is too great a soldier not to be back at his post again before very long.

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