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Sloppy Statements.

By RUTH CAMERON.



RUTH CAMERON

I do hate careless over-statements. They are such a stumbling block to anyone who wants to find out the truth about anything. People repeat them, making them perhaps a little more careless and inaccurate than they were in the first place, and they go about the world spreading their message of misinformation right and left.

Why talk at all if one is not going to think first? This is the sort of thing I mean. A woman who keeps a boarding house told me that she had not made a cent all winter.

I felt most sympathetic. I was really appalled by that. To think of all it must have cost her to feed and clothe herself and her two children I thought, and if she isn't making a cent she must have to draw on her reserve fund. How terrible!

Later I heard another woman make the same statement. As it happened she went on to amplify it. "I haven't been able to put a cent in the bank this year," she said.

"This gave me an inkling of the truth. You mean you paid all your running expenses." "Oh, yes," she said, "and I have a small balance in my checking account, but that's all."

How Many Men Make No More! In her case that meant that she had fed, clothed and lodged an invalid husband, herself and a child, also given the child expensive music lessons, in fact paid all the expenses of a family of three out of her profits. Think how many heads of families there are who do no more than that! When she said she hadn't made anything she meant anything but the living of herself and family. And that doubtless was what the other woman meant.

We had eaten a dainty meal at a tea room one day and paid accordingly. Going home, two of the crowd were reckoning what they could have gotten that meal for, hence the tea room's

profit. They reckoned absolutely nothing for rent, heat, light, service, waste and also for certain small incidents such as sugar, salt, etc. You can imagine what a large profit the tea room made according to them. They Don't Always Do Harm But They Are So Futile. Of course loose, inaccurate statements don't always do any actual harm but there is something slovenly, something not clean cut about them. They offend one as an ill-made bed, a crookedly hung picture, dust on the clock, affects the careful housekeeper, as untidily kept books offend the good bookkeeper, as inharmonious colors offend the artistic eye. They are sloppy, they are futile. There is no place in the world for them.

The publisher of the best Farmer's paper in the Maritime Provinces in writing to us states: "I would say that I do not know of a medicine which has stood the test of time like MINARD'S LINIMENT. It has been an unfailing remedy in our household ever since I can remember, and has outlived dozens of would-be competitors and imitators."

HOME GRIEFS.



WALT MASON

Sometimes I am forgetting the wee across the sea, for sometimes private trifling is putting cramps in me. The tragic Russian blunder does not distress my soul, when I must scratch like thunder to buy a load of coal. Our own sad sordid troubles make me feel like cheap translucent bubbles, or fragments of a dream. Repairing pipes that busted, the plumber long has tolled; my costly spuds are crusted with frost, and badly spotted. With faces long as hearses my neighbors come and moan of desperate reverses that Italy has known. Although disaster thickens, for that I do not weep; but some one stole my chickens, while I was sound asleep; it's hard to mourn for fighters

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Owing to very high price and scarcity of all kinds of berries, we expect large sales of Jam this Lenten season. Are your stocks complete? We offer for immediate delivery the following:

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In far off hills and fens, when here at home some blighters have swiped my Braham hens. When Byng was bravely bynging, the bells rang joyous peals; men thought I should be singing, and kicking up my heels. But then my cow was ailing, and I sat in her room, and watched her slowly falling, and wasting to her doom. How could I chirp and twitter, and sound triumphant call, when that Polled Angus critter was croaking in her stall? I can't forget, my masters, the little workday ills, though triumphs or disasters may shake the ancient hills.

Rann-dom Reels

THE CHURCH SUPPER.

The church supper represents an earnest effort on the part of the Ladies' Aid Society to feed an entire community at the flat rate. Sometimes this rate is so flat that there is hardly enough left to furnish a 4 x 6 rug for the parsonage bath-room.

Church suppers are given whenever the women of the church are overstocked with courage and can find a committee which has not acted before. It is the duty of the committee to call upon the church members and collect food and money and free criticism, all of which are thankfully received. On the day of the supper all of the able-bodied women of the parish gather at the church at half-past seven in the morning and labor with the food that has been handed in, and the next day they come back and apportion the silverware and angel's food cake. By this method of dividing the labor, an excellent church supper can be given at a cost not to exceed 75 cents a plate, as there is nothing to buy except the salted almonds.

Church suppers are frequently opposed by outspoken husbands, who object to the free use of the headache tablet and nerve restorer which follows them. But as the committees are changed every month, there are fewer fatalities than at the average football game. Then the church supper is a wholesome form of social relaxation, enabling entire families to get together and converse affably, while mingling freely with a table d'hôte dinner for 15 cents. It also enables some critical sister to comment audibly upon the mediocre quality of the pumpkin pie.

The church supper serves to em-

phasize the fact that if it were not for the women most of our churches wouldn't have enough funds to pay the quartette. It is the church supper which provides the music and the hot-air furnace and the Axminster rug in the pastor's study and the pipe organ with an impediment in its speech. If it were not for the church supper some churches would have to issue bonds on the personal property of the trustees and pay the pastor in love and cordwood. There is only one institution in the church which works as hard and takes as much criticism without turning sour, and that is the music committee with three soprano soloists to contend with.

People who cheer at the church supper will usually be found at the first table, before there is any shrinkage in the supply of fried chicken.

How Glass B ads Are Made.

Most of the world's beads are Venetian. In the island of Murano a thousand workmen are devoted to this work. The first process is to draw the glass into tubes of the diameter of the proposed bead. For this purpose the glass house at Murano has a kind of gallery 150 feet long. By gathering various colors from different pots and twisting them into one mass, many combinations of colors are made. The tubes are carefully sorted by diameters and chipped into fragments of uniform size.

These pieces are stirred in a mixture of sand and ashes, which fills the holes and prevents the sides from closing together when they are heated. They are next placed in a kind of frying pan and constantly stirred over the fire until the edges are rounded into a globular form.

When cool they are shaken in one set of sieves until the ashes are separated, and in another series of sieves until they are perfectly sorted by sizes. They are then threaded by children, who work with wonderful rapidity, tied in bundles, and exported to the ends of the earth.

France has long produced the "pearl beads" which in finer forms are close imitations of pearls. They are said to have been invented by M. Jacquin in 1856. The common variety threaded for ornaments is blown from glass tubes.

An expert workman can blow five or six thousand globules in a day. They are lined with powdered fish-scales and filled with wax. It takes sixteen thousand fish to make a pound of scaly essence of pearls.

In the higher priced silk undergarments, there is a noticeable tendency to break away from the lines of the regulation envelope chemise.

Woven plaid and striped cotton gaudiness having a cloth, suede-like finish are reported to be a special favorite in wash skirts for the coming season.

"Chill Chasers."

We have received another shipment of these popular portable heating stoves in three sizes which we are selling at \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50.

We also call attention to our special "Humphrey" Gas Iron, in sickle finish, complete with flexible hose connection. We are selling this iron at \$5.00, and recommend it as a useful Xmas Gift. Phone 97, or call at our Showroom, Oke Building. ST. JOHN'S GAS LIGHT CO. dec22,17

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Kaiser Blasphemies.

"God, Our Unconditional Ally." Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—When visiting the 2nd Army (in the west) on Saturday, the Kaiser, addressing troops, said:

"The tactical and strategical connection between the battles of the Marne, Champagne, Artois, Flanders, and Cambrai and events in the east and in Italy is so manifest that it is useless to waste words on it. In order that we should be able to deliver offensive blows one portion of the Army had to remain on the defensive. Such a defensive battle as has been fought in 1917 is without parallel. A fraction of the German Army accepted the heavy task of covering its comrades in the east unconditionally and had the entire Anglo-French Army against it.

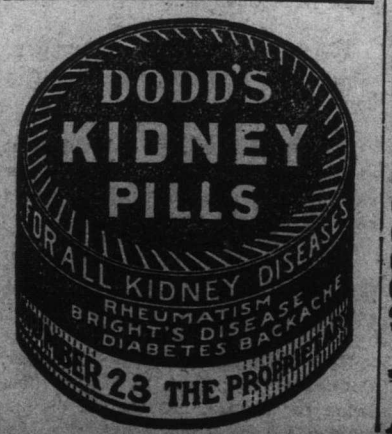
"The enemy has achieved nothing. I do not boast. It is a fact, and nothing else. Nothing can surpass what you have accomplished. The year has proved that the German people has in the Lord of Creation above an unconditional and avowed ally on whom it can rely. Without Him all would have been in vain.

"We do not know what is still in store for us, but you have seen how in this last of four years of war God's hand has visibly prevailed, punished treachery, and rewarded heroic perseverance. From this we can gain firm confidence that in the future also the Lord will be with us. If the enemy does not want peace, then we must bring peace to the world by battering in with iron fist and shining sword the doors of those who will not have peace."—Reuter.

Hindenburg's greeting is: "God's blessing has rested on our arms in 1917. He will in 1918 lead our righteous cause to a good end."

A black crepe faille cape has its detached inner coat and collar of white broadcloth offset by white silk fringe and two-toned buttons.

Gowns fashioned on picturesque lines are coming into fashion. Shepherdess and wattleau styles will stay in fashion almost indefinitely.



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Speech of King

At Closing of Imperial

LONDON, To-day. I have Parliament was prorogued to-day and will reassemble on February 12th. The Commons the Speech from the throne was read by the Speaker. In the King emphasized that the first and endeavor of the Allies was the successful prosecution of the war. The entry of the United States, he lent additional strength to the Allied arms and inspired fresh confidence in ultimate victory. The text of the King's Speech follows: "My Lords and Gentlemen—Since I last addressed you great events have happened within a few weeks of that date. The United States of America decided to take their stand by the side of this country and our Allies in defence of the principles of liberty and justice. Their entry into the war followed by that of other neutral States has united practically the whole world in a league of nations against unscrupulous aggression; has lent additional strength to our arms and inspired fresh confidence in the ultimate triumph of our cause. On the other hand, Russia, distracted by internal dissensions, has not been able to persevere in the struggle until the fruits of her great sacrifices could be reaped and for the present has ceased to bear her part in the Allied task. Negotiations opened by her with the enemy have, however, served to prove that the ambition which provoked this unhappy War is as yet unquenched. These tragic events have added to the burdens of the other Allies but have not impaired the vigor of loyalty with which one and all continue to pursue in their common aim the confusion of changing States the determination of democratic principles of the world to secure a just and enduring peace stands out ever more plainly. In all theatres of war naval and military forces have played throughout the year the courage, high constancy and determination which have won admiration of my people. In the face of the enemy has been repeatedly successfully thrown back and I trust with assurance further progress of the conflict. In Palestine and Mesopotamia most revered and famous cities of the Orient have been saved from the Turks, while in Africa the enemy has lost the last remnant of his colonial possessions. In these fields forests of my Dominion, the Indian Empire have borne their full share in the glory of the year. During the year representatives of my dominions and of the Indian Empire were summoned for the first time for concessions of an Imperial cabinet. Their deliberations have been of the utmost value, both in promoting the war and in promotion of Imperial unity. After thanking the House for the liberality of its proposals for heavy expenditures of war, I announced his sanction of the reconstruction of the people's bill, the expression of the hope that this bill would ensure to a much larger number of his subjects an effective voice in the Government of their country. I will," he said "enable nation unity which has been so marked a characteristic of War, to continue in the less arduous work of reconstruction in times of peace. A settlement of this difficult question by agreement is still to hope that in spite of the complexities of the problem a solution may be possible in regard to Government of Ireland upon which convention of representatives of my people are now deliberating. A successful prosecution of the war will our first aim and endeavor."

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