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One Reason Men Don't Go to Church.

By RUTH CAMERON.



"Why don't men go to church?" said one of three ladies who were walking home from church together. "I don't know," said another. "Can it be that they are not interested in themselves?" suggested another.

"Shouldn't wonder at all," said a third; "my cousin used to say that the reason he couldn't bear to go to church was because he couldn't answer back."

"Thinking," someone has said, "is just what nobody wishes to do."

One can substitute another word for thinking, and yet speak the truth: Listening is just what nobody wishes to do.

They Simply Wait for their Turn. Some people, in fact, never listen at all. They simply wait for their turn to talk.

Haven't you seen a group of people sitting together talking and noticed the impatience, ill or well concealed according to their degree of breeding, with which different ones awaited their turn to speak?

Haven't you noticed it sometimes in yourself? how little attention you were paying to what was being said, and how eagerly you were waiting for an opening to mention your like or dislike, relate your startling anecdote, tell your amusing anecdote?

Would you Rather Tell a Good Story or Hear One?

I feel sure that if they told the truth about it, there would be found to be but few people who wouldn't rather be telling an interesting story than hearing one.

And yet in hearing we are enriched and in telling we are not.

Truly this is a rare example of instinctively generous emotion.

When one listens one learns, when one listens one avoids all danger of boring or of betraying ignorance, when one listens one gives pleasure to others and hence increases one's stock of that which we all so eagerly desire—popularity.

Shall I Make Too Many Listeners?

As I read over this list I am so impressed by the strength of my plea that I fear perhaps I shall convert

too many and leave too few to talk. But I suspect I need not be afraid. I should like a dollar for every writer who has made these pleas, in one form or another, before; and yet we do not seem to suffer from too many listeners.

You all know the lesson of the wise old owl who lived in an oak. "The more he heard the less he spoke, the less he spoke the more he heard."

Why aren't we all like that old bird? Well, I thought of that old bird the other night, and of all the many forms in which the advantage of listening have been put in the past twenty centuries, when I read in Proverbs: "Even a fool when he holdeth his peace is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."

Plainly, men were not very different in Solomon's day from what they are to-day.

Galician Arrested

On a Charge of Murdering Six Persons.

Regina, Dec. 7.—Mike Syroishka, a Galician, of Wakaw, was arrested on Saturday by Provincial police and will be charged with murdering six persons in April, 1916. Prokep Manchur, Mary Manchur, Antoso Manchur, Pauline Syroishka, Olga Syroishka and John Mechialuk, all residents of Wakaw.

The investigation at the time led to the freeing of Mike Syroishka, who had been arrested on suspicion, and the crime was believed to be that of John Mechialuk, one of the persons cremated in the fire which followed the death of the six victims by shooting. The story of the murder at the time was that the Manchur family and Pauline Syroishka and her child had returned to their home after a meeting of Galicians in the church. Mechialuk is alleged to have hidden in the house and shot the inmates as they entered and then set fire to the building and suicided. The cattle had also been shot and the barn set on fire. Pauline Syroishka, murdered wife of the accused, married him in 1910, but left him in 1917 because of alleged cruelty.

Gray astrakhan is much liked on suits instead of other furs.

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AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

They say that Father Time is grim, and in his harsh, relentless way he takes our youth and leaves us age; gives tasks to fill the place of play.

When once his beckoning finger calls us out to face life's duties stern, how we yearn for boyhood's fond memories, to them we yearn to return.

Yet this is only partly true, for though I share the tasks of men, I bear the weight of many years, at Christmas I'm a boy again.

I know that Christmas means as much to me as long ago it did. When all the world was young and fair and I was just a little kid. Though I have stood to grief and care and learned the winding roads of life.

And seen my pleasures disappear behind me in the dust of strife. I slip from manhood's somber robes with all the old delight and joy, and when it's Christmas day once more I find that I am still a boy.

I wonder what the day will bring; what friends perchance will think of me.

Each little gift of love is still as precious as it used to be. The laughter and the merry shouts, the kisses and the dancing eyes, still mean as much as ever they did, though I have grown so old and wise.

I love the day and all its joys, and as the hills of care I climb I pray I'll never grow too old to be a boy at Christmas Time.

Spanish Flu.

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Milady's Boudoir

MAKING THE WAISTLINE TRIM AGAIN.

The waistline is a very expansive affair. Give it an inch and it will take three. If allowed to. Leave it unconfined and unwatched and there is no telling where it will stop, especially if the woman is past first youth. Fatty tissues settle very rapidly around the waist that is not reinforced with firm muscles and since the waist muscles are rarely used after youthful and athletic days are over, fat has every opportunity to grow where it is least limited.

There are women who conscientiously stand for twenty minutes after dinner having heard that this will prevent the waistline from growing larger. But mere standing will do no good unless one stands correctly. The whole secret of right standing and sitting, is the keeping of the waist muscles taught and not relaxed. This means holding the upper part of the figure up, away from the bones of the pelvis and not allowing it to settle down comfortably with relaxed spine.

Always feel that your figure from the waist up is absolutely unsupported by the corset. Always hold it erect by the aid of the spine and waist muscles, and you will find your waist growing slender and longer in line. It is the short waisted woman who settled down into her corset when standing for sitting.

The kneeling exercise is excellent for improving the waistline which will certainly grow slimmer and more flexible if the exercise is persisted in ten or more times a day. Kneel on the carpet and slowly bend downward from the waist until arms and hands rest on the floor. Then slowly regain an upright position, letting all the strain come on the waist muscles. This exercise must be done slowly for its best effect. Do not spring up, allowing the muscles of the back to help, but make the waist muscles slowly pull the body upward.

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Mines Off Boston Harbor.

Presence of floating mines off Boston has been reported and shipping is warned to maintain sharp watch for the destructive agents. All coast lanes are being swept by naval vessels and utmost precaution is urged on navigators.

FEEDING GERMANY.



WALT MACON.

We shall have to feed the Teuts, so our gentle statesmen say, they will have to eat their boots, if no help should come their way; they depend on Uncle Sam, so we'll fill a box with jam, a n a some doughnuts and a ham, and a bale or two of hay, some punkin pies and tarts; we must show we are not Huns, though the showing breaks our hearts; we must advertise the fact in our every word and act that the culture we have backed doesn't work by fits and starts. We could thunder to the Teuts, "Call upon your German Gott. You are vandals, you are brutes, and we'll let you die and rot;" but our culture's not that stripe, so their weeping eyes well wipe, and we bring a keg of tripe, and some wienies smoking hot. To their famine-stricken land we shall bring the helpful Eats, with hot dog in either hand, and a jar of pickled beets; for we would be Vandals, too, if cold-hearted we could view any wailing, hungry crew, and doary the chophouse treats. So our duty will be done, though we don't enjoy the chore; and we do not love the Hun any better than before; we dispense the cheese and bread but we don't forget our dead, or the streamlets flowing red, or the acres soaked with gore.

Fads & Fashions.

Box coats have deep hems. Fringe still appears on skirts. Round necks continue in dresses. Many capes have huge cuffs of fur.

Silks are favorites for separate skirts. Taffeta is effective trimmed with tucks. Quilting is applied on taffeta dresses.

The high-crowned tricorne hat is popular. Seroties are good patterns in the new veilings.

Few coats in these days are made of one fur. Even slipper tops are outlined in narrow fur.

Unclipped beaver is quite the newest fur. The smartest suit-coats are those without belts.

Wide, plain ribbons appear in the newest gowns. Black and white silks are having a great vogue.

Paris has adopted the short hair cut for women. The richer the fabric the less it should be trimmed.

Draped collars appear on the spring wrap-coats.

Charming Georgette gowns are ruffled to the waist. Chiffon is much used for dinner and dancing frocks.

Tulle borders the brims of many of the prettiest hats. Black pony skin is back again among fur garments.

Gray seems to be the color for the more tailored costumes.

Separate coats continue to be in greater favor than suits. Siberian squirrel is collated in the making of beautiful capes.

Copper an orange shades are exquisite in a velvet gown.

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PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL ASSASSINATED.

LONDON, Dec. 15. Dr. Sidonio Pais, President of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin shortly before midnight Saturday while he was in a railway station at Lisbon waiting for a train to Oporto.

Advices from Lisbon reporting the assassination say that he was struck by three bullets. The President's assassin, named Jeane, was seized by the crowd. President Pais died within a few minutes after he was shot.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 14. (The Reuter's Ottawa Agency.) The election in which twenty-one million voters poll to-day, though described as one of the most momentous of modern times, is characterized by a curious lack of excitement bordering on apathy. This is notably the case with part of the eight million new women voters whose verdict on political prophet ventures to forecast. That the coalition government will be victorious is a certainty, the fully question is the size of the majority, estimates of which vary from one hundred and eighty to one hundred and thirty over all parties. It is asserted that the results of the canvass made many candidates nervous regarding what are considered to be safe seats, and at least two hundred are now doubtful including some of prominent politicians like McKenna and Henderson, and Ministers like McNamara, Sir Eric Geddes, Stanley Roberts, Hon. George Curzon and Sir C. Addison. The Labour men are now more confident of carrying more than one hundred and fifty seats they originally estimated.

The coalitionists concede labor eight seats. The coalition papers visit that the sole issue is whether the government which organized victory will be returned to make peace and organize reconstruction. To this the opposition press retorts, vote for free employment, free trade and no conscription. Mrs. Lloyd George has been among the hardest campaign workers, touring remote hamlets of the north, while Messrs. Asquith and Lloyd George were assisted by their respective daughters as speaking partners. Ex-Premier Asquith had rather strenuous day yesterday touring East Fife and addressing meetings most of which he was severely criticised, but votes of confidence submitted to them were passed except at Perth, where the voting was

At a meeting at Leven a heckler asked, "Why did your wife visit German prisoners?" Mr. Asquith replied, "That is a most indecent suggestion. My wife never visited any German prisoners." Mr. Lloyd George's challenge to the Labor Party at Camberwell, was promptly taken up by Laborites. Robert Clynes, speaking at Nottingham said that the Party was the same party two years ago desired to support Mr. Lloyd George. The only difference was that it was larger. It was true that some of the party took more views, but four out of five delegates now before the council had not been chosen by that small minority of extremists but by the Trades Unions. Arthur Henderson interviewed, said that nobody better than Lloyd George that the Labor Party in conjunction with the Trades Union Congress was the only party representing organized workers. There was no evidence in the case of Mr. Lloyd George's assertion that the Labor Party were Bolsheviks. The contrary Mr. Henderson said would produce ample evidence that the Labor Party sought as earnestly for the triumph of democracy as Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, speaking at Leicester, said that if the campaign and other indications could be based upon his victory was absolute certain. The Bolshevik, John Macdonald, made his first appearance in the campaign yesterday, and in an impassioned speech claimed to be the standard bearer of his class in the great fight against capitalism. Sir Auckland Geddes, who spoke last night at Glasgow, comparing the peace policy of the coalition government with the Labor Party, said the policy of a peace was opposed by the policy of a steady, slopy and weak peace of Mr. Henderson. If the country would repeat the weakness of Mr. Henderson, the government would repeat the weakness of Mr. Henderson. The greatest housing scheme in the world would remain no longer reliable for public affairs in any advertisement of a base or class reaction. He did not believe the spirit of the times would

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