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### Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

#### THE BUSINESS OF HOME MAKING



RUTH CAMERON

There is a good deal said nowadays about running a home being a woman's business. The woman who is doing that is presumed to be contributing her fair share to the work of the world and to have earned a proportion of the surplus left over (in the rare case that there is any) when her husband's earnings have paid the running expenses of the home.

I would be the last to deny this. But there is one thing I sometimes wonder about when I hear women speaking of running a home being a business and that is whether they do it as if it were a business.

Let me tell you of one woman I used to know who always regarded her contribution to the partnership very highly. "John's business is the office," she would say, "mine is the home, and I think I work just as he does."

#### How Her Business Is Run.

This woman has two children of school age and the help of a maid. Here are some of the things I used to notice about the way her business was run. She never knew what anything cost, the maid was allowed to do all the ordering. She had no financial system beyond keeping within the very liberal allowance that Richard made her—and she did not always do that.

The children were well looked after as to health, but not particularly well disciplined or well instructed as to manners. They had a playground of their own, but one seldom entered any room in the house that was not in more or less confusion from things they had left about.

The rooms were furnished with a fair degree of attractiveness, but not notably in respect to the money that was put into them. Details were everywhere neglected. Everywhere in the house one saw neglect of details that make for comfort and for care. Several screens were left in through the winter, with the result that they had to be replaced by new ones. There was no footscraper at the door for a whole winter season, with the consequent added wear and tear of mud tracked in on the rugs. Handles would come off drawers and remain off for weeks at a time. The supply of electric light bulbs was forever

giving out, and when the husband would complain, the wife would shift a bulb from one socket to another and say, "Oh yes, I must order some," and then forget it until the next inconvenience brought an outburst from her husband.

#### Could Her Husband Do Business That Way?

Now I don't know much about her husband's business, but I do know this, that he wouldn't be kept in the important position that he holds six months if he conducted it in the way she runs her home. The essence of running a business is that one produces something that in its cost of production and in its attractiveness or utility can compete with what anyone else can produce. The manufactured product in home making is the home. Suppose that the woman who didn't produce, for a given sum of money, as well ordered a home—with all the details of homemaking and child rearing looked after—as some other women, ran the same danger of losing her business that a man would of losing his under similar conditions—what then?

Isn't that a thought stimulating suggestion?

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#### LITTLE FELLOW.

You're just a little fellow with a lot of funny ways. Just three-foot-six of mischief set with eyes that fairly blaze. You're always up to something with those busy hands of yours. And you leave a trail o' ruin on the walls an' on the doors. An' I wonder, as I watch you, an' your curious tricks I see, Whatever is the reason that you mean so much to me.

You're just a chubby rascal with a grin upon your face. Just seven years o' gladness, an' a hard trying case. You think the world's your playground, an' in all you say an' do You fancy everybody ought to bow an' scrape to you; Dull care's a thing you laugh at just as though 'twill never be. So I wonder, little fellow, why you mean so much to me.

Now your face is smeared with chocolate, late, or perhaps it's only dirt. An' it's really most alarming how you tear your little shirt; But I have to smile upon you, an' with your wilful ways, I'm certain that I need you round about me all my days; Yes, I've got to have you with me, for somehow it's come to be That I couldn't live without you, for you're all the world to me.

#### Household Notes.

Plan a green salad for every day. Cake tins should be scalded out once a week.

Sugar needs a dry, cool place, so does jam.

Don't wait too long to start the Spring sewing.

Charcoal powder is excellent for cleaning fine knives.

Good breakfast linens may be gray or tan colored.

Baked apples with prune juice are very wholesome.

Use vinegar to remove the ink from zinc table tops.

Smoked fish creamed with potatoes is excellent for breakfast.

A few kernels of rice in the shaker will make the salt drier.

Shredded cabbage and sliced apples are a good salad combination.

When the morning fruit is acid don't take it with milk and cereals.

When sewing always save the prettiest scraps for dollie's clothes.

Hot soapuds with ammonia is admirable for cleaning gold jewelry.

Chloroform is good for removing grease spots, but should be used with care.

Cornmeal will remove lamp smoke from a wall blackened by kerosene.

In buying citrus fruits, choose those with thin skins and of large size.

An excellent simple breakfast consists of chocolate, crisp rolls and fruit.

Before scrubbing a floor remember that it must be swept perfectly clean.

Never leave milk in a tin can, but empty it at once into a bowl or pitcher.

Men's old felt hats make extremely comfortable insoles for old shoes.

Spinach is always a valuable food, but most valuable early in the season.

### St. John's Resident Describes His Daughter's Cure from Eczema.

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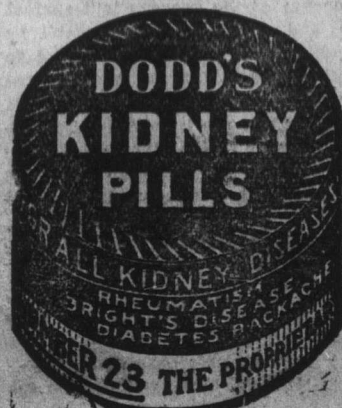
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### Last London "Heretic" Execution.

On March 13, 1612, during the reign of James the First, Bartholomew Legate was burned to death at West Smithfield for heresy, in the presence of a vast concourse of people. That was nearly the last execution for such an offence in England, the final one being that of Edward Wightman, at Lichfield, on Saturday, April 10 of that year. But in Scotland capital punishment for heretics continued till Jan. 8, 1697, when Thomas Aikenhead was hanged during the reign of William and Mary. A native of Essex, and a cloth merchant, Legate went to Zealand, in Holland, and was there the preacher of a new sect, who believed that Christ was born free from sin and died as a propitiatory sacrifice for that of others, but rejected prayer to Him. He seemed to have forgotten, for example, that the last saying but one of Stephen, the first martyr, was the prayer "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts vii. 59). On returning to London Legate was committed to Newgate prison with his brother Thomas, who died there, so Legate was released. James the First was personally interested in the case, and often had Legate with him; but at last "spurred at him with his foot," and said, "Away, base fellow, it shall never be said that one stayeth in my presence that hath never prayed to our Saviour for seven years together." Legate was therefore tried before the Consistory Court of Canterbury, now called the Court of Arches, and sentence having been pronounced on March 5, 1612, by John King, Bishop of London, the accused was executed, refusing all attempts to persuade him to recant. He was in his distinguishing religious opinion what is now called an Unitarian.

#### THE FLU.

Last year I had the well known flu, and now I have the flu once more; I lie in bed and say "Kerchoo," and other words I have in store. My dome of thought is full of ache, and pain through all my system wends, and busy druggists strive to make the pills the sawbones recommend. 'Twas war that brought this punk disease, that threatens now my useful life; and Wilhelm, with his war lord wheeze, was at the bottom of the strife. I cannot think of any ill in all this sorry world so wide, that can't be charged to old Ex-Bill—and now they say he won't be tried. Ah, woe is me! This tin horn sport won't reap the punishment that's due; he'll not appear in any court, for having ushered in the flu. If I should spring some punk disease that made your pills of no avail, how long before the cops would seize my frame and put the same in jail? This lack of justice makes me blue, my anguished breast with wrath I fill, and so I cry, "Ker-swoosh! Kerchoo!" and take another mess of pills.



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By Gene Byrnes

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