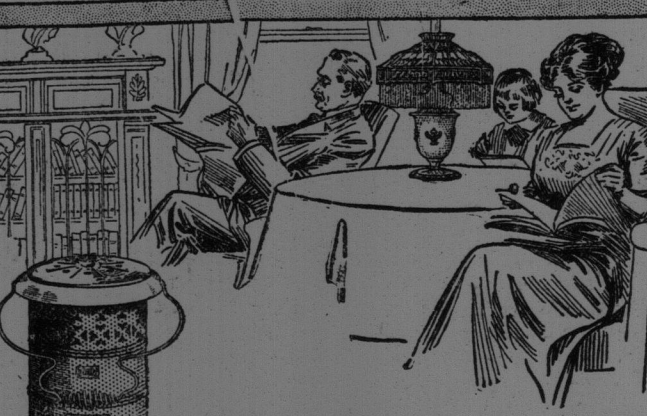


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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Montreal announces that changes in the steamship arrangements give Montreal good share of the Christmas trade. The Allan liner Virginia and White Star liner Laurentine will make a late November trip. The Virginia was billed to sail from St. John on Nov. 26, but instead she will make a trip from Montreal on Nov. 22 and the Quebec on Friday following. The Laurentine will arrive in Montreal on Nov. 18, sailing the following week.

FREE KINDERGARTEN

The annual meeting of the Free Kindergarten Association will be held in the Board of Trade rooms at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, Oct. 23. All interested are invited to be present.

La MARQUISE de FONTENOY

Princess Celebrates Her Ninety-Sixth Birthday — Romance of Her Marriage — Inspiration for Several Novels — Cardinal's Grave Robbed

Princess Charlotte of Schwarzburg, the eldest scion of European royalty, has just celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday, at her beautiful country seat in Switzerland, not far from Bern. On towards the Prussian border, and remote from the railroad line, where she lives so secluded from the world, she has been almost forgotten by the public. Yet more than fifty years ago the romance of her marriage created a world-wide sensation, and has furnished the inspiration of several novels.

The princess naturally was filled with sentiments of gratification towards her preserver, and as he happened to be an extremely handsome man and possessed of sufficient education to qualify him for a commission in the militia of his canton, she determined to prove her gratitude by marrying him. True, she was forty years of age at the time, and some ten years his senior. But she was a very good-looking woman and rich. Of course there was a tremendous outcry on the part of her royal and imperial relatives, for she is connected by ties of blood with the monarchs of the reigning houses of Europe. All sorts of stories were circulated as to the origin of the romance, the one most generally accepted being to the effect that John Jud—for that was the name of the groom—had been once the servant of an inn, at which the princess had been staying, and had attracted her attention while engaged in the performance of some menial service.

The reigning Prince of Schwarzburg eventually gave his consent to the marriage of the princess on the condition that she should live abroad with her husband, and he thereupon conferred upon the latter, by way of a wedding present, the title of baron. The union turned out far more happily than was expected of this kind of a match. The couple bought a very pretty place in the Canton de Bern, where the baron died after ten years of an entirely peaceful marriage, deeply mourned by his widow.

From that time to this, that is to say, ever since 1800, the princess has never left her Swiss home. She lives in the most comfortable and luxurious manner, and the feelings of other which, alas, belongs to another generation. Her relatives, however, visit her every year. In fact, there are very few royal or imperial personages who pass through Bern without calling on her. She is the one most generally respected of the sovereign houses of Europe, and the heroine of a thrilling Alpine romance of more than fifty years ago.

MORNING LOCALS

John H. McLeod left last night for Calgary via Boston. He will be employed by the Gordon mill works at Calgary.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

"THE Captain had settled down to live in old Chester; his son, who had married with him and his languid daughter-in-law—a young lady of dominant feebleness, who ruled the two men with that most powerful domestic rod—foolish weakness. This combination in a woman while kindness, justice and good sense leave it upon unshaken foundations of selfishness. Only when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed, will it be understood why a man loves a fool, but why he obeys her is obvious enough."

There is a certain kind of selfishness, which, although it is one of the commonest and most troublesome in the world, seems to me to be seldom recognized as such,—and that is the selfishness of fear.

As a matter of fact, they are usually giving an evidence of simple pure selfishness. When the fear that objects to his loved ones doing this or that, because there might be some vague possibility of risk connected with the pleasure, or because he objects to cause him to love them so very much. But, nine times out of ten, the real rock-bottom foundation for the objections is the fact that he knows he will regret, or be unhappy, if he does not.

What an extremely rare scraple that is. How many people, so far from being capable of such heights, shamelessly descend to the depths of hindering those they love of pleasure and profit, by saying frankly and openly, "If you do that I know I shall worry."

"Every night," chronicles Mrs. Deland, "the captain screwed down all the windows in the room; in the morning Cyrus pulled the screws out. Cyrus had a pretty taste in horseflesh, but Gusie (the young lady of dominant feebleness) cried so when he once bought a trotter, that he had long ago resigned himself to the fact that he could not get much out of a walk, because he had strangled in both hind legs."

What one of us does not know some "Gusie" in real life, whose fears bring similar discomfit and inconvenience and deprivation into his or her home circle? And what one of us does not, to some extent, however small, have his share of the selfishness of fear?

The instinct to preserve our own peace of mind at the expense of other people's comfort and pleasure, seems to be a natural and almost universal one. Unfortunately, it is usually regarded as a virtue, or at the worst, a weakness. It is only when it comes to recognizing it as an actual failing, a real vice and a happiness destroyer, surely we shall have gone part ways toward curing ourselves of it.

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