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## Fading Into Harmony.

By RUTH CAMERON.



There is nothing more marvelous in all the slowly evolving pattern of our lives than the way some one who is a part of the pattern, becomes faded into harmony with the rest. When one looks at the work years afterwards, one is thinking especially of disappointments and mistakes.

While I was housecleaning the other day I came upon an old copy of my college magazine, in which was printed the class poem of which I was the author. As I looked at it I remembered with a rush what was at the time one of the bitterest disappointments of my youth. I was a very poor writer, the editor had not been able to make out my scrawl, and when the college magazine came out the poem over which I had toiled so lovingly was garbled in several places. There had been one phrase in it which the college professor whose praise was my highest god had said was really good. And that phrase was changed!

### And Now I Could Smile.

I had been fairly frantic when I first got that magazine. The little changes made me, say such absurd things! And of course I could go around explaining to everybody.

As I sat on a trunk in the attic turning the pages I could remember all my impotent indignation and humiliation. And yet, instead of sighing I was smiling. For all the stings, all the humiliations, had gone. It didn't seem anything to regret, just something to smile at in the tender way one smiles at all memories.

It is Harder to Forgive One's Own Mistakes.

That was a disappointment. Mistakes are not quite so easy to forgive because there is a mixture of self-blame in them and nothing is more exasperating than one's own stupidity. The hands we lose because we didn't have the cards never rankle like the hands we lose because we played them foolishly.

But even mistakes begin to fade into harmony with the pattern if you give them a decade or two. "I was foolish but I learned a good lesson," we say then, or "After all, perhaps it was for the best."

### The Things I Regret Most Are Sins of the Tongue.

If a fairy godmother should grant me the privilege of wiping out half a dozen things in my past life I do not think they would be the big disappointments or mistakes. I think they would be sins of the tongue—things that I have told that I had no right to tell, a few wicked taunts that I made in the heat of anger.

Regrets may fade away with the years but remorse never does.

Remember, all the king's horses and all the king's men can't bring back a single spoken or written word back to you.

Had a ship's anchor fall on my knee and leg, and knee swelled up and for six days I could not move it or get help. I then started to use MINARD'S LINIMENT and two bottles cured me.

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## Hypnotised by the Huns

### A PROTEST.

(By Thorpe Lee, in the Daily Mail.) He was talking so distinctly in the hotel lounge after dinner that I was compelled to listen.

I did not want to listen. I wanted to read. But this young man's voice was so penetrating, the kind of voice which comes from rural vicarages, or from the smaller, more remote type of English country house where "girl" must be pronounced "gayull" and all the vowels are sounded in the mouth, not brought up, full and resonant, from the chest.

He was talking about the war. His theme was the excellence of the German organisation and leadership. Not an uncommon theme among us. We are, as a nation, more inclined to admire the merits of others than to acknowledge our own. That is not a bad attitude of mind in general, but it can be carried too far. I think some of us are inclined to carry it too far just now—to allow ourselves to be hypnotised by the undoubted, but not superhuman, ability of the Huns.

"Eh am not a pro-German," this young man was saying, "but Eh cannot see the use of denying that they have proved themselves quite extraordinarily competent. Their system is perfectly wonderful. Their leaders are extremely able. Mackensen is a great man. Falkenhayn too. Eh do not see how we can refuse to admit their greatness."

I was tempted to butt into the discussion. My tongue tingled to ask him what he knew of Mackensen and Falkenhayn. I found it hard to sit still and be forced to listen to his one-sided and ill-founded argument. However, it is not my habit to join in discussions uninvited. I came up to my room to write this article instead.

What is there "wonderful" about the German military organisation? Not, certainly, the perfection of its mechanism. Given forty years of constant, hard-working preparation, with material to work upon so sleeplike as the German race, and only very stupid

organisers could have failed to produce a smoothly running machine.

Not, certainly, the performance by the machine of the task for which it was created. Everyone knows it was created in order to ensure quick victory.

### THE REAL HUN WONDER.

The "wonderful" thing about the German military system is its collapse. It has made its boastful inventors look foolish. They took forty years to perfect it. In less than three years the British nation, although it was rather slow in starting, has put into the field an Army which is not only as good but better, and which has already begun knocking it out.

No one who has seen anything of the war denies that the German soldier fights well. But fighting well has nothing to do with the systems in force before the war—unless you contend that the Germans only fight well because of their system, as to which few would agree. Almost all troops are plucky and enduring. Courage is the result of temperament, not of preparation.

Take the matters which preparation could affect. The German trenches are well made. True, but so are the British trenches. The German transport is precise and punctual. So is the British transport. The German artillery is good. The British artillery is better.

Here is another thought. The Germans concentrated their energy upon making an Army. Their Army has not done what was expected of it. We British concentrated upon making a Navy. Our Navy has done what was expected of it. It has kept the German Navy and German merchant vessels off the seas. If there is anything "wonderful" here I think it can fairly be chalked up to us.

And then these "great" men, Mackensen and Falkenhayn, what have they done? Mackensen drove back the Russians. Why? Because they had no ammunition. He invaded Rumania. True, but considering that the Rumanians were unprepared for war, he took a long time over it, and Falkenhayn failed lamentably to carry out his part of the scheme. They are clever, skilful soldiers, no doubt. So they ought to be, when you think of the training they have had. But not more clever and skilful than Haig, than Gough, than Maude. Great? No. That is what I would have said to the young man in the lounge. I feel all the better for saying it now.

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Though days of strife be drawing near, though war may last for many a year, it is not well to yield to fear; cheer up! Don't let your optimism fade; you give the foe untimely aid when you make parade; cheer up! I have three uncles bearing arms; nine cousins went to war's alarms, and yet my smile retains its charms; cheer up! They say we'll soon be short of meat, we'll be deprived of corn and wheat, but, while we have enough to eat, cheer up! They say we'll bear upon our backs the burden of a frightful tax; just now no man that burden packs; cheer up! They're saying this, and saying that, designed to knock our spirits flat, and "they" are talking through a hat—cheer up! Don't cross a bridge until you're there; don't look ahead to borrow care; don't starve until your cupboard's bare; cheer up. Don't try to chill the hopeful chap; you'll never help him win a scrap by having tears upon your map; cheer up. Just now we need no talk of gloom, no prophecies of dole and doom; be cheerful as the flowers in bloom—cheer up!

## Fashions and Fad.

Neutral colors like tan and gray are preferred for tailored suits. Flesh-color and white continue to be most liked among waist colors. A pretty idea is to line a knotted blue serge belt with white pique. Cotton and linen frocks are as much favoured as silk for summer. There are so many styles in collars that all shapes are fashionable. Hair may be worn either low or high, but it must be flat to the head. The newest corsage bouquets are very brilliant or in dull, faded tones. In spite of the favour shown to silks, they will never replace woollens. Bright pink, turquoise and gold are prominent among evening gowns.

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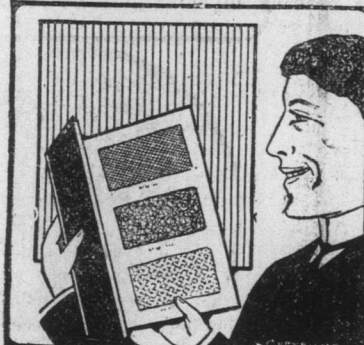
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