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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

PRECIOUS STONES.



The other day I stood looking in a window in which some beautiful jewels were displayed. A desire to possess some of the shining things swept over me and then as swiftly as it came, the surge of desire ebbed and I found myself thinking, "How can people make the sacrifice they will make just to be the owners of one of those bits of color and light?"

True they are called precious stones but how much more precious are some of the things people give up for them!

An Ugly Ring.

I was thinking especially of a woman I know. She has several beautiful rings. She showed me a new one which she had long wanted and which her husband finally had given her on her birthday. It was a large diamond in one of the costly new settings. In itself it was beautiful. On her fingers I thought it ugly. Because she had ugly fingers! No, but because of what that ring brings before my eyes. It brings before my eyes a husband constantly driven, constantly harassed, by bills that eat up his money as fast as he can make it. It visualizes to me a delicate looking child, a child brought up in an apartment in a city block because the wearer of the jewel cannot afford a house. How can a stone be more precious than a child's health or a husband's peace of mind? It does not seem possible to me.

But She Couldn't Afford to Pay Her Mother's Expenses.

Again I know a woman whose only daughter was married a couple of years ago and went to live in a city some hundreds of miles away. The mother has never been to visit her daughter. She cannot afford it. The daughter made her a brief visit last summer and on that occasion proudly displayed a beautiful pendant and a costly ring which her husband had given her. How could such things be more precious to her than a visit from her mother who before her marriage made every sacrifice for her happiness and who misses her daughter so that she has actually told on her health.

Of course it is not only for precious stones that people sacrifice the precious immaterial things, such as peace of mind and generosity. They make the same sort of sacrifice for such material possessions as a beautiful house, a machine, furniture, clothes. But in these cases it seems as if they got more real utility and enjoyment out of the mess of potage. Whereas when you come down to bed rock the reason they want to possess the gems is not for their own use or enjoyment but simply so that they may outshine and impress other people and possess something that others cannot have and may envy.

You Can Tell the Real Beauty Lover This Way.

You will remind me, of course, that it is possible to have a passionate admiration for the beauty of a beautiful gem.

True, but tell me this. How many people who pay huge sums to own some exquisite diamond would pay that much to enjoy that beauty if they could never display it to others? Of course I do not mean to imply that there is anything unworthy in buying or wanting to buy beautiful jewelry. The unworthiness comes only when you sacrifice something more worthwhile to the desire to impress others, whether that impression is made by a diamond or an automobile, or a house, that you cannot afford.

New Bantam Champion.

New York, Dec. 23.—Joe Lynch, of New York, won the bantamweight Championship of the World, from Pete Herman, of New Orleans, in a fifteen round battle at the Madison Square Garden last night, the judges having agreed on Lynch as the winner. The men weighed 116 pounds each, and Herman was 3 to 2 favorite, and he looks waxy.

Lynch's advantage of height and reach were apparent and excessive cautioning on the part of Herman cost him any chance that he might have had to hold on to his title.

In four of the rounds Herman had the better of the argument, but in only one of these had he any decided advantage over Lynch. Patsy Haley was the referee.

They felt each other out in the first round; Lynch shaded his opponent in the second, while in the third Lynch crossed his right hand to the jaw,

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the ropes. Lynch hooked his right three times to head while Herman held his left gloves.

Lynch came up dancing in the 13th and Herman only landed once in the round.

In the 14th, Lynch swung his right to the head and then landed a solid left hook on the jaw. He planted several other hard blows about the face and body, and forced Herman to the ropes. In the last round, Lynch tried to feint Herman into a lead but Herman would not go in. Lynch hooked several times to the head, and they were in a harmless mix-up when the gong ended the round.

Herman and his manager will sail to England. He is matched to meet Jimmy Wilde in a 20-round bout in London on January 14.

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Accident to Employee.

On Friday evening, whilst working in the railway yard, ex-Constable Quinlan, an employee of the Railway Commission, met with an accident which might have proved fatal. He was working underneath an engine, repairing the fender when another engine coming down the yard, crashed into the stationary locomotive and moved it several feet. With great presence of mind, Quinlan managed to hold on to the fender and escaped with only slight injuries. He was attended to by Dr. A. Tait after which he was able to walk home.

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Duchess of Marlborough

Unhappy in Married Life, May Now Wed Frenchman.

Consuelo Vanderbilt, former Duchess of Marlborough, so they say, is to marry Jacques Balsan, a French sportsman, well known on the continent for his participation in ballooning, hunting and automobile events. It is true that she was in France for several months last year, and it is also equally true that her final decree of divorce has just been granted.

Last spring the duchess instituted a suit for the restitution of conjugal rights. Such a petition is the usual preliminary to a divorce in Great Britain. In May she filed a suit for divorce, which was granted in November.

Reports at that time stated that she was inconsolable, and it was shortly after her final desertion by the duke that she left Blenheim Castle, their country home, for a sojourn in France.

The wedding of Consuelo, daughter of William Kissam Vanderbilt and his first wife, now Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, to the young Duke of Marlborough took place in St. Thomas's Church on November 6, 1895. It was the greatest social event in New York society. Miss Vanderbilt was given a dowry of \$5,000,000 by her father, while her prospective husband was offered an annual income of \$1,000,000 in addition. Miss Vanderbilt at that time was a tall and lithe girl of seventeen. She wore her beautiful black hair coiled in a knot at the back of her neck. Her dark eyes, with their highly arched brows, the reticent nose and the contour of her small face gave her a piquant beauty which had great charm. She had been educated entirely by private tutors, and spoke French, German and Italian fluently. She played the piano and was an expert in tennis and bicycling, which at that time was at the height of its popularity. The duke was twenty-four at the time of his marriage, and was usually very quiet and retiring, though a good conversationalist when occasion required.

Ten days after their marriage the duke carried the little great-granddaughter of the Staten Island ferryman to England. Blenheim Castle, the historic home of the Marlboroughs, had, in the meantime, been put in readiness to receive the new bride, the duke having sold many valuable paintings and pieces of statuary to pay the painters and decorators. The castle, which is a huge palace set in an elaborate park of twenty-five square miles, means a mint of money to keep it habitable for modern people.

The new duchess not only won po-

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popularity with her retainers, but society immediately made a pet of her. She was presented at court in due splendour, and when her first son was born, September 18, 1897, Queen Victoria sent a telegram of congratulations, and Prince Edward, late Edward VII, acted as godfather to the child. The second child of the Marlboroughs, Lord Ivor Spencer Churchill, was born October 15, 1898.

The young couple were apparently enjoying all the happiness predicted for them until the duke's willful and whimsical extravagance began to irritate his young wife. He tried to buy up all the Marlborough property, long sold for debts. He even tried to purchase Marlborough House, in London, long used as a residence for the Prince of Wales. Later he purchased a site in Curzon street from Lord Howe at three times its value, and began the construction of Sunderland House, which proved to be the straw which broke the camel's back.

Consuelo's \$5,000,000 dowry had been expended in the rehabilitation of Blenheim Castle and in the lavish entertainments which had been given there. The duchess had given largely to charity and her popularity became so great that the pride of the duke

suffered, and he took no pains to conceal his jealousy of his wife. One of their first fits occurred over the sale of the duchess's photographs for charity. The duke forbade their open sale. The duchess declined to order it stopped.

In 1906 the duke and duchess were temporarily separated. It was not until the spring of 1907 that she made her re-entry into society. With her small head held high, and beautifully gowned in turquoise velvet and diamonds, she entered the ballroom of St. Lady Dickson's Powder, who was entertaining in honor of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. The royal family present immediately welcomed her to their rooms.

From that time on the duke and his American wife went their separate ways until 1919, when, through the efforts of Queen Mary, there was a reconciliation for a few days, to end in the duchess starting court proceedings. She maintained her place in English society, retained her popularity and her beauty.

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THE TROUBLED WORLD.

The class foreign nations have grief give away; woes and tribulations a mass them every of there is no of stopping, there is fra yawning, a fireworks alr popping, r Poland to they. The

mons, they are many, and fur is the breeze; the cats of old Kilke were mild, compared with the compared with people craving blood, in ripples, waiting in w they may be leaving their fetid and their knees; Each nation has a boulder with which to swat a foe chip is on each shoulder, invl drastic blow; and governments growing, and anarchists are B growing, and all the world is yow like tomcats in the snow. Is this peace men prayed for before the was done? Is this the peace paid for with blood-shed by the Is this the peace our brothers, uncles and some others, forsook wives and mothers to gather with gun? At home we have our se- sies, disturb the peace at times, we pursue such babbles as pol and dimes; but we don't stand rating, denouncing, roasting, ha the other nations, waiting a chanc pull some crimes. For which should be grateful, our thanks should declare, when we consum- plateful of inebrious Christmas the bells of joy were ringing, carol-folk were singing, and boughs were swinging, and peace in the air.

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TOM EDISON HAS NOTHING ON THE LITTLE FELLOW.

By Bud Fisher.

Slight Fire.

About midnight on Saturday a fire occurred in the home of Mr. Morrissey, Brazil's Street. The men were not called out as the was subdued by a few buckets of applied by Mr. Morrissey. The age amounted to about \$50.

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