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Enquiry Begun.

The enquiry into the death of Ellen Reid was begun yesterday afternoon before Judge Morris. The evidence of Dr. Tait, St. who made the post mortem examination was taken, and the finding of Analyst Davies was handed in. A companion of the dead girl, Alice Walsh, gave evidence. The enquiry was continued this morning after the regular court business had been cleared.

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Side Talks
by Ruth Cameron

MARRIED WOMEN AND MEN FRIENDS.

A letter friend has an old, old question to put up to me. The letter came this morning, and after I had read it, I caught my hands absent-mindedly dusting the top of the bookcase for the third or fourth time because my mind was so busy considering this old question that it had forgotten to meet them.

Here is the letter: "Do you believe in the theory of men having stimulating men? I was brought up to think that when a woman marries she must give up all other acquaintances."

"However, as I grow older I often think life would be much pleasanter if I had friends of the opposite sex in a pleasant way. But would it be one's friends to look doubtful at such an action? I have never heard but one letter from a man who was not a relative since I have been married and then I was frightened at what my husband might say."

From here she goes on to explain that the letter was written by a man's husband to accompany a book they had spoken of while the man had been visiting her and which she had offered to loan her. And yet she feared her husband's wrath!

Now of course, anything I can say will only be one person's humble opinion, but since she asks, I am going to set down disjunctedly some of my thoughts with which my mind was busy while my hand guested the book case for the third and fourth time.

She wants male friends because they are stimulating. Well and good the stimulation is such, as one would get from feminine friends, but only in the main quality of sympathy. But, of course, one has no right to friendships which are a sex

stimulation. Surely, she would not wish her husband to enjoy such friendships.

That thought leads to this one: The Golden Rule of After Marriage Friendships.

The measure of friendship with men which any woman has a right to is the amount of friendship with women that she is willing her husband shall have (and vice versa). Of course, in this case I pre-suppose that each loves the other and that it is not a case of double laxity due to indifference.

There is safety in numbers. It is one thing to have male friends, outside of her husband, another to have a male friend.

If any particular friendship with the other sex means a great deal to you, isn't that the time to beware of it and find some other interest to fill its place?

I do not know whether these suggestions will make the way any plainer for my letter friend. I hope they may perhaps open up the subject a bit.

And I also hope they may inspire some other man or woman to speak out of his or her experience some words that may be of more definite service.

Should they do so, I shall be delighted to pass them on.

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Grocer Johnson is a peach, and he should be hired to teach optimism to his kind; he's a man of hopeful mind. In the thronging marts of trade optimism seems decayed; nearly every merchant prince seems to think that life's a quince, and he tells me tales of tears, and of doleful doubts and fears. Every day I hear a deal of a narrative of woe, and of commerce lying low, lying prostrate and dead, and of frightful times ahead. Every day I hear such bunk when I go to spend a plunk in the thronging marts of trade, where the hams and spuds are weighed. But in Johnson's moral shop I have heard no doleful yawn. Johnson skips around his store, leaving smoke along the floor, and he murmurs cheerful tunes as he weighs his boneless prunes. Tired of hearing people beef, it's to me a great relief, to encounter, then and now, one

who has unfurrowed brow, and who chortles as he sells hard boiled eggs and oyster shells. Far too many people whine in this little grad of mine, putting up a doleful wheeze, when they should be on their knees, thanking Providence all day for the good that comes their way.

Pithy Pars.

John Hassall, the celebrated artist, emigrated early in life to Canada, and settled down as a farmer; but, some sketches from his amateur pencil having been accepted by a London weekly, he was induced to return to England with a view to taking up art, and his success is now well known.

Priceless art treasures have been found sealed in the walls of Prince Nicholas Esterhazy's castle at Forchtenstein. There were found money, silver dishes and goblets, including a silver goblet as tall as a man adorned with precious stones dating from the time of Matthias I. (King of Hungary 1440-1490.)

The average storm-wave is 30 feet in height, the highest storm-waves ever measured were between 44 feet and 48 feet high. The gigantic force of storm-waves is shown by the fact that at Skerryvore lighthouse, off the West Coast of Scotland, a mass of rock weighing 5½ tons was once hurled to a height of 72 feet above the sea level, whilst a mass weighing 13½ tons was torn from a cliff 74 feet high.

Queen Alexandra is the latest member of the Royal family to take part in a photo-play. Her Majesty was recently photographed in the conservatory of Marlborough House in a scene in "Women who Win," a play in which the Queen, the Crown Princess of Sweden, and Lady Patricia Ramsay have already appeared. A most successful picture was taken, and afterwards the leading characters and the producers were presented to Queen Alexandra.

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Just Folks

Edgar A. Guest

ABOUT GRUMBLERS.

I hear men whimper an' complain about the way the world is run. On sunny days they sigh for rain. An' when it rains they want the sun.

"If we were runnin' things," they say,

"There'd be much less of grief an' wrong."

"We'd keep the clouds o' care away."

An' life would be one round o' song."

Yet in the homes where they abide

As lords an' masters day by day,

The women folks are sorely tried,

The children are not always gay;

The grounds are often bleak an' bare;

The roses struggling by the fence

Don't seem to show the tender care

Of notable intelligence.

I've never found a grumbler yet

Whose dealings with his fellow

man

Were free from error or regret

Or shaped to any faultless plan.

With'n his territory small

An' on the round he daily makes,

Where he is lord an' boss of all

I notice that he makes mistakes.

So when I hear such men complain

About the way the Hand Divine

Orders the sunshine an' the rain

I look around an' try to see

The kind o' work that he has done

An' I'm so glad as I can be

He doesn't have the world to run.

Auld Scotia's Standard.

The national flag of Scotland is the

St. Andrew's Cross, white on a blue

ground. It forms the foundation of

the Union Jack to-day, as Scotland's

flag, J. H. Stevenson, author of

"Heraldry in Scotland," says:—that

"The Silver Cross to Scotland dear,"

as Sir Walter Scott termed it, is one

of the very oldest, as it one of the

most striking of all the national flags.

The Royal Standard of the King of

Scotland, which to-day finds place in

the Royal Standard of the King of

Great Britain (Scotland, England and

Wales), the red lion on a golden

ground, is also an ancient device,

being found on the great seal of Alexander II. of Scotland about 1230. The

three lions forming the old Royal

Standard of the King of England, first

appeared on the seal of Richard of

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lions" are not used as an ordinary flag, however.

These royal standards were really the private devices of the monarchs, and were never for public use unless the King was present.

Scotland's flag is the Union Jack, her especial and particular part in it being the white St. Andrew's Cross on a blue-ground, with the St. George's Cross for England, and St. Patrick's Cross for Ireland.

Ireland is represented on the Royal standard by its standard the Golden Harp on blue, the true national color.

AN ONTARIO CYNIC.—That Egypt is about ready to be taken into the family of civilized nations is evident from the fact that a general strike of the Egyptian railway workers is in course of preparation.—Hamilton Herald.

UNLUCKY FELLOWS!—Twenty-five newspapermen have been elected to the new Italian parliament, which is a hopeful sign. These newspapermen certainly are not class representatives.—Calgary Albertan.

MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF HAS TO HAVE HIS LITTLE JOKE NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL.

By Bud Fisher.

