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Furnishing One's Mind.

By RUTH CAMERON.



Molly, the little stenographer lady, had just returned from her first visit to a new friend of hers who is a great traveller. We had all been much interested in this friendship as we always are in any good thing that comes to one of us, and we wanted to hear all about the visit.

"I suppose her home is full of beautiful things from all over the world," said the Lady-Who-Always-Knows-Somewhat, "she and her husband are such great travellers."

Molly considered. "No," she decided, "there were a few things from abroad, but not many."

"Hm," said the Author Man's wife, "I should think they'd like to have something to show for all their globe trotting."

"Something to show for it," flashed Molly. "Who said they hadn't? They've got plenty to show for it, only it isn't just bric-a-brac and souvenirs in their house, it's in their minds. They've furnished their minds, that's what they've done, and they're the best furnished minds I ever visited."

We all laughed at Molly of course, but after the laugh was over there came a moment of silence, and I suspect we were all asking ourselves the same question. "How is my mind furnished?"

It's quite an interesting and startling question, isn't it? How are our minds furnished? What pictures and possibilities that call up!

I can see a mind full of the cheap and trashy furniture of thoughtless thoughts, worthless literature and tawdry ideals. The table is a veneered imitation of some expensive wood, the wall paper is too bright, and several of the chairs in which strength was sacrificed to showiness are beginning to drop to pieces.

Again I see a mind crowded with an unbecoming accumulation of narrow notions and unreasoning dislikes and outworn prejudices, like a house furnished in that unfortunate Victorian period when those ornate, hideous, ponderous and entirely unjustifiable atrocities of marble and horsehair and black walnut were "the thing."

And again I see the mind cluttered with the cheap bric-a-brac of useless accomplishments and superficial learning. There are too many meaningless pictures on the walls, too many cheap books on the table, too much useless and unbecoming bric-a-brac all over the room.

Let's have some pleasanter picture, you say? Very well, then. I see a mind well furnished with the plain, durable furniture of good common sense, solid ambitions and intelligent thoughts. Everything is simple and inexpensive, but beautiful in its simplicity and its perfect adaption for its use.

Again, I see a mind in which there are many beautiful things, both old and new. There is some fine old furniture of the age of artistic lines and stately simplicity, and there are some new things with the beauty of this age. Its owner has kept the fine ideals and the stately background of the old days, and added to them the outlooks and hopes and visions of the present.

How is your mind furnished?

You cannot, perhaps, choose just how your home of boards or bricks shall be furnished, but you can furnish your mind just as you will. And you can change it too, and refurnish it, and make it more beautiful and livable every day of your life.

Look in upon yourself and decide. How is your mind furnished? Is it the kind of mind people like to visit? Is it the kind of mind that is pleasant to live in? In short, are you satisfied with it?

Ruth Cameron

REDMOND'S PLEA FOR HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

London, Feb. 12.—I was at the afternoon sitting of the house of commons yesterday. On Tuesday the King had opened parliament in state, and in his address had asked for good feeling in settling a question in which the hopes and fears of so many of his subjects were involved; and the reports say King George read this passage with deep feeling and emphasis.

When the commons had returned to their house and the consideration of the address, or rather of an amendment to it, Mr. Asquith spoke, for the first time acknowledging the duty of his cabinet to take the lead.

He held out hopes that conference would provide a way out of the difficulty and to him Mr. Austin Chamberlain replied. Yesterday afternoon the debate was resumed. The house and the visitors galleries were full. The government was fully represented. Next to the square white head and florid face of Mr. Asquith was the younger and less forceful face of Mr. Birrell, the secretary for Ireland. Mr. Lloyd George, Colonel Seely, the secretary of war, came next, and the only prominent member of the government who was absent was Mr.

Winston Churchill. On the other side was Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Walter Long, one of England's great untitled landowners, and the representative of that class in the commons. Mr. Austin Chamberlain, and Mr. Balfour, just returned from the more congenial task of lecturing on theology at a Scottish university, Mr. F. E. Smith and Sir Edward Carson, the leader of the Irish Unionists.

Speakers Lacked "Beef."

Two speeches of the four I heard had any "beef" in them. The debate was opened by Sir John Simon, the attorney-general, who made an attorney's speech. He was followed by Sir Edward Carson, the head of the Ulstermen, the man to whom is owing the organized resistance to the Home Rule bill, and to whom, if all I can hear is true, and as Mr. Asquith acknowledged, is owing that resistance is organized and disciplined, and has not broken into a violence. He spoke with earnestness. Two points in his speech made an impression in the house. One, when he said: "It is not a question of concessions to Ulster. Ulster is asking to be let alone. When you talk of concessions what you really mean is what the minimum of wrong you can do to Ulster."

The other side again was silent when he charged the liberal party with insulting and jeering at Ulster; and there was a murmur of sympathy from his opponents as well as cheers from his friends when he said: "Don't force Ulster. Win her." He ended by saying that if the exclusion of Ulster was arranged for, he would go back to Ulster and consult his people. If it was not he would stand with them to the end in their resistance.

He was followed by Redmond, who after some controversial passages, said that he would shut no door to a settlement, and concluded in the following passage:

Mr. Redmond's Plea.

"Now I can assure the house that I never in my life spoke here, during the 33 years I have been a member of this house, under such a deep sense of responsibility. It is quite easy to indulge in recriminations in this house, and in the ordinary methods of party controversy, and it would have been, I do not say a congenial, but an easy task to me to have made an answer to the right hon. gentleman's speech, a speech of an entirely different character. But today I feel too deep a sense of the

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gravity and responsibility of my position to make any observations of that character. It is quite true that my protestations in the past of a desire to safeguard the rights and interests of Ulster have been met in certain quarters with derision and disbelief. It is true that my protestations of a desire for toleration between Christian creeds and for justice between all sections of a free people have been met in some quarters not only with incredulity, but with positive insult. I make to-day no retort whatever, but I say to the house of commons, and I speak from my very heart and soul, that I would cut my tongue out sooner than say one single word in support of the Home Rule for Ireland bill, if I believed it would mean the slightest injury to the lives, the persons, the properties or the religious convictions of any section of my countrymen. (Cheers.) I am willing, and not only willing, but deeply anxious, to remove every honest fear that may be entertained no matter how unfounded that fear may be, and hence it is I am quite willing to consider in the broadest and friendliest spirit any proposals the government may make in the earnest hope that the aspirations of the royal speech from the throne may be realized, and that in the end we may reach a peaceful and satisfactory settlement of this great problem upon which I believe in my heart and conscience not only the wellbeing of all classes in Ireland depend, but the future unity and strength of this empire. (Cheers.)

The Irish Secretary.

After some other speeches, Mr. Birrell spoke in admirable tone and temper, and was followed by Mr. Asquith, and Mr. Bonar Law. The debate ended with a majority of 78 for the Government in a house of 388.

There was some strain in the house throughout the debate. Interruptions were frequent, often illtimed, and the courtesy of the principal speakers were not in harmony with the mood of the rank and file. This much has been gained. Mr. Asquith, as prime minister, has admitted the obligations of the government to take the initiative. Up to the opening of the house he had repudiated this obligation. Sir Edward Carson has clearly and definitely stated his position. Mr. Birrell has been conciliatory. The government has grasped the fact within the last few weeks that there is an Ulster question. Nothing was said yesterday afternoon to show that the Unionists had grasped the fact that there was a precedent Irish question, and that the results of disappointing the South would be as serious as those of coercing Ulster.

The man who sat next to me in the gallery, made the unnecessary explanation that he was Irish, and went on in a tongue that absence had not much modified: "I've lived twenty years in Essex, and I believe half of my neighbors don't know where Ireland is."

The politics being played about this question, lead one to believe that a good many M.P.'s don't know what Irishmen are.

Young Woman

Admitted to Bar.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Wearing the cap and gown, Miss Maude Kelly, of Birmingham, Ala., appeared before the Supreme Court to-day and, after she had removed the cap, was admitted to practise, on motion of Secretary of State Bryan. The secretary had left a conference with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to act as the sponsor for her.

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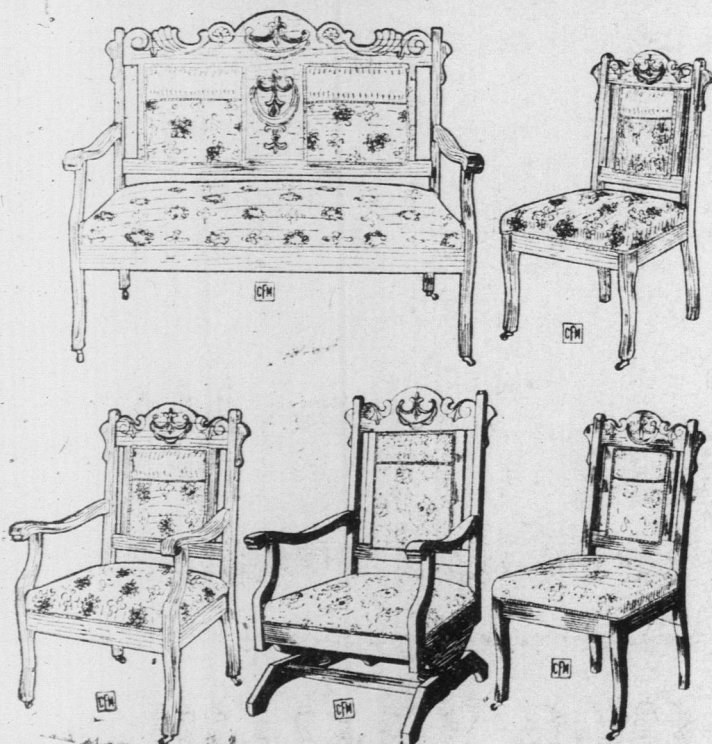
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