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Those Everlasting Interruptions.

By RUTH CAMERON.



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"Life," said the Authorman, "is one darn thing after another." (Only he didn't say darn.)

He had just got back to work after a two weeks' break caused by a relative's illness, when an attack of tonsillitis came along and snatched him from his desk again.

He said it, however so much more cheerfully and calmly than he usually appears when making such protests, that I commented on the fact and asked him what had come over him.

"Come in to my study," he said, "and I'll show you something that's helped."

So we went in to his study and there, pinned above his desk was this quotation:

There Will Always Be Interruptions.

"So long as there is work to do there will be interruptions, breaks in its progress. And it is part of one's character growth to learn to bear these timely or untimely interruptions without any break in good temper or courtesy."

"I don't know who wrote that," said the Authorman. "Nobody important I guess. I cut it out of one of those good thought calendars, but believe me, it's done me more good than a whole book of quotations from the best authors."

And to judge from the calmness with which he was taking an interruption which would have otherwise thrown him into a most unlivable state of gloomy resentment, he spoke the truth.

I Ought To Be Able To Get Something Done.

The number of unavoidable interruptions which the life of an ordinary man or woman can develop is simply unbelievable. One looks ahead to a stretch of time and says to oneself, "Christmas is over, I haven't any clothes to buy, and it does seem as if in the next three months before spring cleaning and the buying of summer clothes I ought to get something done."

CONSERVATION TALKS.



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This conservation talk is wise, when sprung by people sane and sane, who know where moderation lies, and have no schemes' absurd and vain. But now we're going to extremes, which is our tendency, alas! And we are airing hop joint dreams for bringing victory to pass. The faddist makes a foolish sound, and tries to regulate my coop; the pitiful vendor goes around and tells me how to eat my soup. "Let's win the war by eating prunes." I hear the noisy allocks' call; "If you eat fowl," cry other loons, "devour the feathers, bones and all!" "We can bring near the dawn

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done at the garage by four stout mechanics who are familiar with the house-moving trade. Every once in a while, however, some simple-minded automobile purchaser will tackle the job single-handed, and shortly afterward will retire to the bath room glistening with perspiration, on a still hunt for the ammonia bottle.

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MORNING EXERCISES.

If your eliminative organs are sluggish and have been very much neglected, you will need to take strenuous exercise to keep your beauty. They must be stimulated to activity. This can only be done by proper exercises. One of the best for this purpose should be taken in bed before arising. Before you get up in the morning lie straight with your hands at the sides. Slowly raise your legs until they are at right angles with the body. Lower just as slowly and repeat ten times.

Now jump out of bed and follow this exercise with another, the purpose of which, also, is to induce peristaltic action. The next exercise is to stand erect, raise the hands over the head and twist the body to the right at the waist line only, trying to touch the floor with the finger tips.

The legs are next in order. The hands should be placed on the hips and the right leg should swing forward, alternating the movement with the left leg. This exercise will also give suppleness to inactive muscles.

The interior of the body should be thoroughly cleaned daily, just as regularly as we take our shower and sponge and more luxurious beauty bath. First comes the care of the nose. Milady should not neglect this daily spraying on even one occasion, for there is nothing so disastrous to the general health and beauty as a catarrhal affection, or anything so annoying to other people as a constant clearing of the throat. Then the lining of the eyelids, each morning and night, should be washed with a solution of boracic acid. For this treatment an eye-cup should be used.

Rann-Dom Reels.

THE ONE-MAN TOP.

The one-man top is something that is thrown in with an automobile in order to stimulate the sale of Bibles and court plaster. After a new, complacent owner of an automobile has put up one of these tops alone, in a hard rainstorm, his feelings will be greatly relieved by applying a few passages of choice Old Testament rhetoric and preserving his knuckles in liquid court plaster.

The one-man top has sold more automobiles in this country than the promise to extract forty-two miles per gallon of gasoline. As a result, during the touring season our roads are littered with husbands and fathers who are trying to put the top up without using a rope and tackle, failing miserably in the attempt and being obliged to listen to the loud, pompous cackle of passers-by who had their put up by the entire garage force. It shows how far removed from civilization we are when such a sight as this can provoke levity in the breast of an ungodly neighbor.

After the one-man top has been exposed to the rain and sun for a few weeks, it begins to shrink at the rate of four knots a day, after which it is taken down on the instalment plan and laid to rest in a neat rubber envelope. Anybody who is not blind in both eyes and totally paralyzed from the hips upward can do this in an hour and a half, without taking off nearly all of his clothes. It is a very simple operation, a good deal like remodelling a barn into a bungalow.

The one-man top can be put up with the utmost ease by holding a house party and enlisting the services of the male guests who have taken a course in civil engineering. It can also be

Bird Mimics.

We are accustomed to talk of the parrot as a wonderful mimic; but almost every bird is a born imitator. Our men in the firing-line have had ample opportunity of proving this.

A case of a hen imitator is given in the Times. The writer says that his son was sitting in a yard just behind the firing line on the Western Front, when he thought he heard a shell coming. Just as it sounded as though it was about to burst the noise stopped. Two minutes later the same noise was repeated, and the soldier saw that the noise was made by a hen. The sound was then taken up by a cock, and was an exact imitation of a falling shell. From inquiries the soldier made, he found that along the front birds have learnt to make this noise since war began.

An artillery officer tells a similar story. The startings out there have caught the trick of giving three shrill taxi-whistles, in imitation of the warning of approaching enemy aeroplanes.

"It is great fun to see everyone diving for cover," says this officer. "I was nearly taken in myself the other day."—Answers.

A Cunning Oriental.

Japanese Murderer Planted Tree Over His Victim.

In the dry as dust records of the Justice Department it is already known as the "tragedy of a bootlace," and in all the history of Canadian criminology there perhaps never was a case with so many strange features as such a story of detective work. It opened with the advent of Rokushichi Yoshioka, a Jap, and his wife in the Yukon to start a fox farm near Dawson. It closed on November 19th with the confirmation of death sentence passed on the Jap for the murder of his wife.

Yoshioka was in partnership with an Indian named Percy James. One day in the summer it was announced that the Indian and the Jap's wife were missing. A little later the Jap came along with the story that he had found the body of his wife in the bush. She had been shot dead by a shot gun. The inference was, according to the story told by Yoshioka, that the Indian had killed the wife and then made his escape.

The search for the Indian was about to be given up when a retired officer of the Mounted Police, living in Dawson, determined to join in the chase on his own account. At several points he found the moss pressed flat, as though a weight had been dragged over it. He followed that slight trail and found that it led to a depression near the river. Moss was growing there, and over it a tree was planted. Suspicious, the officer examined the ground closely there for but a short time. He was convinced that the tree had been but recently planted. He notified his old colleagues on the force. They together dug out the tree. Underneath they found the Indian's body. The Indian's Endtoot shoes were without their laces, and it was from here that the first trail led back to the Jap. The vendor of the boots was found. He asserted that the boots were of a peculiar type, that the laces were supplied only with the boots, that only one pair had been sold within a recent date—the pair bought by the Indian. In the Jap's house were found a pair of laces corresponding. Yoshioka was convicted and has since paid the penalty of his crime.

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