

### SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

#### JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

What a mysterious and wonderful, rebellious and maddening power memory is!

I have been struggling with all my might to make my memory yield up to me the third line of a nonsense rhyme I used to know. And I simply can't get it no matter how hard I try to force my mind to pursue the lost fragment.

You know what the feeling is. I have a sense that what I want is lying around the corner from me, that I can almost catch hold of it a little harder. But I can't.

Why can't I get hold of it now? Why should it come back to me when I am trying to get hold of it?

A Million Chests of Drawers.

Sometimes it seems to me that memory is like a million chests of drawers in one's brain. Each impression is tucked away in one of those drawers, and we have a card index to some of the drawers, but not to others. And so, just as it is household affairs, we lose some fact and can't find it until we accidentally come across it when we are hunting for something else.

But that isn't a satisfactory simile either, for think how many times impressions come to us when we aren't hunting for anything.

More Like the Tide.

More as if some tide had carried them away and then washed them up

again. Sometimes I will be sitting at my typewriter or on a train, and absolutely without any connection, so far as I can see, some scene from my childhood will flash into my mind. Frequently it is a perfectly insignificant scene, one that so far as I know I have no reason for remembering. I will see the kitchen of the farmhouse where I used to go for milk; I will see the face of a substitute teacher whom we had for a short time and who made, so far as I know, no great impression on me; I will see the bit of roadside where we stopped when on a trolley ride and waited to take the car back the other way.

As far as I know, these are absolutely insignificant and totally irrelevant bits.

What Power Is It?

What brings them to me? What carries away the things I want to remember?

Shall we ever learn to control and get full use out of the storehouse of the mind, to throw away the bitter memories and keep the sweet ones, to be able to bring forth without any effort anything that the storehouse contains, and perhaps to shut-off thoughts at will as we shut our eyes?

An absurd question, you say. Of course we shan't. Yet consider the infinite possibilities that the study of the wave lengths of either vibrations have taught us.

We find that sound is one vibration, light is a swifter one, electricity and the X-ray still swifter. Between these wave lengths are many more whose manifestations we do not understand. Who knows what undiscovered controls over our own powers may not lie in that unexplored land?

The quiet old gentleman whose charming manners impressed those among whom he had lived at Harpenden was really the man who wrote the "bordereau" or memorandum containing French Army secrets, which had been handed over to the German Military Attaché in Paris, and in connection with which the unfortunate Captain Dreyfus was convicted of selling information to Germany.

Esterhazy joined the French Army soon after the Franco-German War, and attained the rank of Captain in 1888, subsequently becoming commandant of the 14th Regiment. It was afterwards alleged that he was in the pay of the German Military Attaché in Paris, Colonel Schwarzkoppen, and supplied him with secret information about the French Army. When the "bordereau" was found in Colonel Schwarzkoppen's overcoat pocket it was said to be in Dreyfus's handwriting, and Dreyfus was found guilty and sent to Devil's Island, the French penal colony in French Guiana.

Some two years later Colonel Piquart of the French War Office came across a suspicious telegram card from Schwarzkoppen to Esterhazy, and suggested to his superiors that Dreyfus should be retried. Piquart was removed from his post, but Dreyfus's brother charged Esterhazy with being the writer of the "bordereau." Esterhazy replied that Dreyfus had tried to imitate his handwriting. He demanded a court martial and was acquitted, while Piquart was arrested. Then Emile Zola took up the case and solemnly accused French Ministers and officers of taking part in a great conspiracy against an innocent man. Zola was prosecuted and had to take refuge in this country.

Colonel Henry's Suicide.

Soon afterwards Colonel Henry, who had succeeded Colonel Piquart at the War Office, was arrested, and was alleged to have forged one of the letters used in the case. Colonel Henry cut his throat in prison. A re-hearing of the Dreyfus case was undertaken by the Court of Cassation. Esterhazy, who had left France, returned under a safe conduct to give evidence, but again disappeared before his examination had been completed. He was declared by the court to be the author of the bordereau. This was in 1898. Dreyfus was taken back to France, re-tried at Rennes, and again convicted, with "extenuating circumstances." It was not until some eight years later that the Supreme Court declared Dreyfus to be innocent, and he was restored to his rank and regiment. Esterhazy afterwards admitted that he wrote the bordereau, but asserted that he had done so with the orders of a superior officer, with the object of detecting the traitor.—Exchange.

**German Spy Dies Unknown in England.**

Herhazy, Notorious Betrayer of Dreyfus, Succumbs to Influenza—Secluded Exile—None Passed in or Out and Identity Carefully Hidden.

No one in the Hertfordshire village of Harpenden, England, suspected that Count Jean de Vollemont, a resident in Milton road, who was buried in the parish churchyard three months ago, had anything to do with the famous Dreyfus case, which in the 'nineties held the attention of all Europe. Still less was it dreamed that he was Commandant Esterhazy, the German spy in the French Army who secured the conviction of Alfred Dreyfus, a brother officer in the Artillery, for high treason and his banishment to Devil's Island. But the secret he kept so carefully behind an assumed name and title during all the years he lived in the village has at last come to light.

Esterhazy settled in Harpenden about seventeen years ago, first occupying a small villa and then moving to a detached house of fair size near the Midland station. He took no part in the social life of the village and as there was several Continental residents his foreign extraction aroused no particular notice. His second wife, a Frenchwoman, Countess Alice de Vollemont, received no visitors and paid no calls. The servants employed were not local girls. For the first five years of his life the exile left his quarters very infrequently.

**An Unnamed Grave.**

During Esterhazy's last illness the vicar of St. Nicholas' went to the Count's house on more than one occasion, but was not admitted. When Esterhazy died on Whit-Monday of pneumonia following influenza, the funeral—which was of the quietest nature—was conducted by the Roman Catholic priest, Father Longstaff. Yesterday the news of de Vollemont's real name and history having leaked out, there was a pilgrimage of visitors to the grave, which lies without a headstone, unmarked and unadorned except for the two clusters of scarlet geraniums placed there by his wife three weeks ago. The house in Milton road and the furniture have been sold, and Mme. Esterhazy has removed to London.

**Story Recalled.**

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shark, except to retard its motion. Shark suckers are carried about by sharks often to great distances. They attach themselves by a large sucking disk on the top of the head, which is a modified spinous dorsal fin. If the shark is caught and drawn out of the water, these fishes often let go and

plunge into the sea, swimming away with great celerity. This fish is found in Europe, on the coast of New York, in the West Indies, in California, and in Japan, but is nowhere abundant.

### Ivory Staircase.

IN HOME OF NOTED N.Y. BANKER. Mrs. Otto Kahn, wife of the New York millionaire financier, boasts of an ivory stairway in her Fifth Street

manison. It was acquired after much difficulty and cost a small fortune, but it was Mrs. Kahn's particular idea and was arranged under her personal direction. It is placed in her living room and while it is wonderfully decorative and an object of in-

terest, its chief purpose, it is said to serve as an escape for the hostess in case she wishes to reach the main hallways.

### BILLY'S UNCLE



### The Long and Short Of It.

BY BEN BATSBO

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