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Happy Days.

By RUTH CAMERON.

Happy days,—that is what the birthdays have always been called in a certain family of which I know.

And that is not merely a pretty phrase either; it means something. It means that it is the custom in that family to signalize the birthdays of its members not only by gifts but by conduct.

One tradition is that there shall be no "don'ts" for the possessor of the birthday all day long. If either father or mother forgets and says "don't," he or she has to pay a fine of a nickel.

No One Is To Speak a Cross Word On "Happy Days."

Another tradition is that no one shall speak a cross word. This does not mean merely that no one shall be cross to the one whose birthday is being honored, but that no cross words shall be bandied about between any members of the family,—in short, that the whole atmosphere shall be one of peace and concord as befits a happy day.

At the birthday dinner a toast is always drunk "To your Happy Day and many more of them."

Birthdays Do Not Automatically Stop When One Grows Up.

Incidentally—and I think this is one of the very nicest of their customs—birthdays do not automatically stop in this family after folks are grown up. Fathers and mothers have birthdays as well as young people. Of course that should be true in all families, but I am afraid there are very many in which fathers and mothers plan and contrive to make the young folk's days grand occasions, while their own slip by unnoticed by the others and unmarked to themselves except by the inevitable tinge of sadness which even the most unselfish mother or father cannot help feeling, over an unrecognized birthday, and the sense of past youth which it gives.

The Homing Instinct.

Two of the children in this family are grown up, now; one is married and lives in a city some distance away from the home town; another is engaged in business which keeps him away from home much of the time. Yet both of these usually manage somehow to come home on birthdays, because by these little customs and traditions, the home tie has been strengthened.

There is a great difference in families in the way the grown up children feel about coming back home. We all know the kind who will make more effort to see their favorite movie star than they will to get home to mother's birthday. And I think one can trace the weakness or strength of the homing instinct to the absence or presence of just such little traditions as those this family have gathered around their "Happy Days."

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And they must get tired of duty, and
they must grow sick of care.
Oh, the ceaseless grind of drilling on
a stretch of foreign soil
Must have lost its early glamour; but
they're sticking to their toil,
And they're standing to discomforts
with good old Yankee grin;
And no soldier thinks of shirking—
for he's over there to win.

There are boys who must be homesick, must be aching now to see
The little stroot where home is, and
some old familiar tree,
And the smiling, friendly faces of
their happy yesterdays,
As they tug at heavy cannon, with the
mouths that soon shall blaze.
Oh, the dull tasks they are doing must
their utmost courage strain;
But they're too fine to desert them
and they're too big to complain.

There must be times, I fancy, when they'd like to run away—
Like to drop their dismal duties for an
hour or two of play.
There in Paris with its laughter, or
some village, fair, in France
Holding out to homesick soldiers rest
and comfort and romance;
But their packs are turned on pleasure and the joys they like the most
And, though very tired and lonely,
every soldier's at his post.

Oh, the glory of the soldier's not the big and tragic hour
When he rushes into battle and may
show his flash of power;
For, before the cannons thunder and
the heroes rise or fall,
There are dreary days of toiling in
preparing for it all,
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ADVICE TO THE DEBUTANTE.

The modern young girl of these days is a very strenuous person. Little debutantes in society are perhaps victims of late hours, indigestible foods, and insufficient war clothing in the chill air, more than the average girl.

But girls in any state of life should not fail to regard their health. Too often it happens that the debutante is not wise in this respect.

Late hours, refreshments at all hours, a great amount of nervous excitement, all do their work and some fine day our young lady awakes with a horried start to the knowledge that her good complexion has vanished, and she is left with a skin dotted with blackheads, punctured here and there with small pimples, a generally sallow or pale appearance, lines around and underneath the eyes.

What an outcry is there, my countrymen! And straightway heroic measures are resorted to, to atone for past thoughtlessness and neglect.

The fact of the matter is such a loss need not have occured. A little intelligence, a little forethought and that incomparable freshness which cannot be bought in any box, hailing from Paris or any other place could have retained and the girl possessed of such wisdom would have stood out among her less fortunate friends as the newly opened flower does among those about ready to fall from the stalk. Who would not achieve such a result, if it is within one's power to do so.

Simple enough are the rules whereby this can be done. Lost sleep, this is the traitor which so often depresses vitality and the next thing a cold is caught with all of its accompanying discomforts.

Sport and the War.

To those who ask if sport should be continued during the war, the answer would seem to be that such sport as can be continued without interfering in any way with the military necessities of the country should be carried on if possible, but sport which calls for the employment of men needed on the firing line, or in the factories of the country, should be discontinued for the time being.

Secretary of War Baker, issued a statement at Washington recently saying that he had decided against the contention of baseball magnates that professional baseball was a productive occupation under the war regulations. Mr. Baker very properly feels that it is not; and he says:

"The country will be best satisfied if the great selective process by which our army is recruited makes no discrimination among men, except those upon which depend the preservation of the business and industries of the country essential to the successful prosecution of the war."

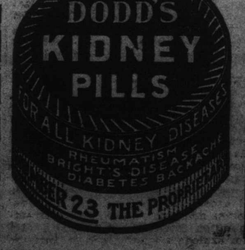
A great majority of citizens in Canada and the United States will agree with Mr. Baker. Those who love professional baseball—and it is a fine manly game—will realize that the Secretary's ruling has given it a knockout blow for the period of the war, but that is a small matter when compared with the burning issue confronting the civilized world to-day. Mr. Baker expressed the hope that those baseball players who are over draft age and who are not needed elsewhere, will continue to play ball and give all the amusement possible to the public; and he suggests that some means should be found to prevent the complete disorganization of the business. Nevertheless, big league managers are preparing to cut their season short.

This leads one to consider what some sporting clubs have done in the war. The golf clubs of the United States, for instance, have been conducting a spirited campaign to raise funds for the Red Cross. Professional players have given exhibitions on large courses and handed over every cent of the receipts to this worthy organization. The United States Golf Association raised $100,000 in one day of play last year and the statement is made that it hopes to do much better this year. The Metropolitan Association raised $75,000 for motor ambulances. The Western Golf Association expects as a result of a series of matches to take in $1,000,000 for Red Cross Work. One professional, Charles Evans, Jr., whose name is known to all golf players on this continent, is trying to raise $100,000 for the Red Cross, and Mrs. W. A. Gavin, Metropolitan woman champion, is touring the country and taking in several thousand dollars a match for war relief work. Later on she hopes to go to France to drive an ambulance donated by herself.

This is what golf is doing in the war. Baseball promoters may be expected to display the same spirit of sacrifice and patriotism.—St. John Telegraph.

NUTS.

I used to hold that I was sane, there were no weevils in my brain; no bats or bugs ... won't to chase inside my dome, in endless race. But now, unfortunate, I dwell, and gibber in my padded cell. I tried to read and understand affairs in Russia's darkened land. I read dispatches branded true; the more I read the less I know. I heard some gifted speakers tell of what in Petrograd befel, of anarchy 'neath Russia's flag, and felt my brain begin to sag. My aunt, in desperation cried, "For heaven's sake let Russia slide. You never will get wise, I swear, to all that's doing over there." I answered, "I have never yet side-stepped a guessing match, you bet, and I am bound to find a clew to Russia's curves before I'm through." I read in helpful magazines how Trotsky spilled the Russian beans; I read how Lenine and his group with ardor brewed the Russian soup; I read such stories day by day, and dreamed them when I hit the hay; and then I had a raving spell and landed in my padded cell. The children come when school is o'er, and feed me peanuts through the door. And rubbernecks come by and say, "Alas for this poor stricken jay!" The keeper murmurs to the guest, "Don't mention Russia, I request, or he may rise in frenzied rage and tear the padding from his cage."



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