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Sympathetic Indignation.

By RUTH CAMERON.



In a magazine article I read recently of the need of encouraging a child's imagination. It interested me very much; I have since wondered if some effort could not be made at the same time to encourage a sympathetic imagination. Lack of sympathy isn't half so apt to be due to cold-heartedness or pure callousness as it is to the lack of the power to link up sympathy with imagination. A person may have some sympathy and some imagination, but the two qualities simply don't work in unison. I have in mind a professor who, among other things, conducts a course in English for professional writers. A great many people who think they have a tendency, if not an absolute talent, in this direction, join the class, in the hope that they may profit. Among these are a great many women who have nothing more to recommend them than the desire to write. Their plots are threadbare, their phrases, echoes.

He Played Her Unmercifully.

The professor reads some of the manuscripts submitted to him aloud to the members of the course. I heard him read one of these. It was a pitiful piece of work. The professor played it unmercifully. He used sarcasm, ridicule—all the weapons at his command.

I imagine that, taxed with lack of sympathy, he would have said that the woman who wrote it would never write and that she had better turn her energy toward something else. Also, at the sooner she knew this and the more forcibly it was put to her, the

better it would be for her. And he would probably have maintained stoutly that he was sympathetic, and advanced illustrations to prove his contention.

It Meant So Much Loving Effort.

The truth is that he has both sympathy and imagination, but he has not a sympathetic imagination. The manuscript, poor as it was, represented loving, hopeful effort on some woman's part. She had handed it in hopefully, fearing for its faults, anxious for constructive criticism and, perhaps, a word of encouragement.

What happened? She sat there miserable, heart-sick, while the professor ridiculed the phrases she had toiled over, satirized the situations she had believed dramatic and worth while.

The truth should not have been withheld from her. But could it not have been conveyed to her gently, sympathetically, in a note returned with the manuscript? To me the whole proceeding seemed a monstrous piece of cruelty. While a hundred people laughed, some woman writhed under the lash—although she probably managed a smile too.

He Couldn't Put Himself in Her Place.

This is but one of the many ways in which a man or woman who lacks sympathetic imagination may wound others. The professor simply couldn't imagine himself in the woman's place—couldn't, in his imagination, see how he would feel if he were she, sitting there, hearing her poor little manuscript laughed at and held up to scorn.

Sympathy by itself is quite likely to be blind; it needs the imagination to give it eyes.

Nut bread will be enjoyed in the children's lunch basket. Make a plain cup cake, omitting the eggs; stir in finely chopped nuts, either black or English walnuts, and bake.

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This competition will close at 6 p.m. Xmas Eve. The tickets will be drawn by two gentlemen not interested, and the prizes awarded. The lucky numbers will appear in our store windows that night.

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We carry in stock a full line of good perfumes, prices from 10c. to \$3.50; also a good assortment of the famous "Nyls" Chocolates from 25c. up.

STAFFORD'S DRUG STORES.
Duckworth Street and Theatre Hill.

Illinois.

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Swah.".

Illinois is nicknamed "The Sucker State," but did nothing to deserve the epithet, until its last senatorial election. It is a way station on the westward course of empire, the last stop before the Mississippi River, and in the last one hundred years has succeeded in permanently detaining a population of 5,700,000 people, almost all of whom can point to some other part of the nation and say, fondly, "Grandfather came from there."

Illinois is printed in various colors on the map, but as a matter of fact, is a deep black state, with a ten-foot soil, which raises twenty-foot corn stalks, and can put an industrious farmer into the automobile class in three crops. Two generations ago, the state gave Lincoln, Grant, Logan and Douglas to the nation, but the statesman vein has been pinching out ever since.

Illinois is the third state in the Union population, wealth and manufactures; the first in railroads and agricultural products; the second in coal; the third in petroleum; the second in college attendance, and the first in production of beefsteaks and bacon. It is a long state with a waist-line like that of one of our beloved ex-presidents, and a backbone composed of the Illinois Central Railroad. It reaches from the lower edge of the sunny South, the spring begins at Cairo before ice-cutting is over at Galena. This makes Illinois people vary greatly in temperament, customs, habits, politics, and thousand of northern Illinoisans, who can find their way around Paris alone, would take a guide if they ventured below the middle of their own state.

Northern and central Illinois are full of farmer aristocrats who raise leviathan hogs, and get a new model piano player every year. The southern part of the state has a strawberry blonde soil, and does not produce such luxuriant bank accounts. However, oil and coal in vast quantities have been discovered in this region of late, and many a farmer who has spent a disappointed life trying to fatten a red pig on his frugal farm, is now ordering \$25 worth of bacon and eggs each morning in some New York hotel.

Illinois is composed of two almost

equal parts—Chicago and the rest of the state. Down state Illinois is speckled with pleasant little cities and large red barns, while Chicago attends almost exclusively to the task of swelling the state's population. The finest scenery in the state is at "Starved Rock"—a great eminence on the Illinois River, named in honor of the last people who starved in Illinois—over two hundred years ago.

Frenchman Takes 6 Turks To Death.

Submarine Engineer Wrecks Craft With Officers on Board.

New York, Dec. 14.—A cable to the New York Times from London says: "A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Salonika, follows: A story of an extraordinary exploit by a member of the crew of a captured French submarine reaches me through what I believe to be a trustworthy channel from Constantinople. Some little time ago the French submarine Turquoise, as already stated in the European press, got into difficulties in the Sea of Marmora and was unable to avoid capture, her crew being taken prisoners. The submarine was placed on exhibition at Constantinople and visited by a number of members of the Turkish general staff, accompanied by some Turkish engineers. The latter were asked to explain the working of the vessel to the officers, but their experience was insufficient and they were unable to do so. Then the officers, being greatly interested, sent a messenger to bring one of the French engineers to whom the desire of the Turkish officers was explained. The Frenchman saw he might have an opportunity of destroying the submarine and left a note for his comrades prisoners saying what he would do if he had a chance, bidding them good bye and writing "Vive La Patrie" at the end of the note. While on board the submarine the Frenchman managed to set the machinery going before it was noticed what he was doing. There must have been in all probability, been a struggle in the submarine as it sped away from port, but at all events it was seen at some distance from the spot where it had been on exhibition, and then it was observed to sink. The number of officers stated to be on board the lost vessel is six."

You can much improve the flavour of currants and sultanas by placing them in a bowl of boiling water and leaving to soak overnight. In the morning they should be drained from the water and dried on a flat dish in the oven.

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As Nature's corrector of throat troubles the pure cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is speedily converted into germ-resisting tissue; its tested glycerine is curative and healing, while this wholesome emulsion relieves the trouble and rebuilds the forces to resist tubercular germs and avert the weakening influence which usually follows.

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Predicts German Revenge.

Rome, Dec. 12.—"The courageous and important message of President Wilson, branding German activities," says the Messaggero, in its comment on the American Executive's document "further contributes to put the United States in the black books of the German Emperor for a future German revenge."

The Messaggero wonders whether it is prudent for America to "wait for Germany's attack instead of taking the initiative."

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LT.-COL. C. CREWE READ.
Sussex.
I was cured of Acute Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
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Lakefield, Que., Oct. 9, 1907.

USELESS ARGUMENTS.

Where'er I go, I hear men fussing, about the famous war; its history they are discussing and what the scrap is for. One stands up strongly for the British, and roasts the Briton's foes, and then some other chap gets skittish, and swats him on the nose. One argues for the maddened German, with eloquence and vim, and as he warms up to his sermon, a dornick lands on him. One tells how France, the fiery, trounces the foe and leaves him dead; and as he speaks a boulder bounces three times upon his head. With war talk I am much disgusted; it leads to wrath and strife; each day some first rate head is busted, or carved up with a knife, because its owner, verbose, windy, with words made some one mad, kicked up a vain and useless shindy, and got himself in bad. Oh, let us speak about the weather, with such a theme as that, a bunch of us may get together, and each talk through his hat.

There is a great difference between babies. A friend of mine has a baby who is not ill but is fussy and rarely seems contented. The truth is that neither my friend or her husband has left the poor infant alone for a moment of its waking hours. The result is that the child has been so muddled by constant handling and waiting on that it now does not know what it wants.

A baby should be allowed to develop naturally in its first six months. It is a pleasure, a delight, to place a baby on a table or on a pad made for the purpose, and to watch it kicking and squirming and laughing, while it twists its head about, looking at everything in range. After the child lies thus for a time it grows tired. Then is the time for it to be played with, but not muddled.

YOUR BOYS AND GIRLS

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BRITISH THEATRE!

On MONDAY and TUESDAY Presents
Mary Fuller, Chas. Ogle and Matt Moore, in
"The Honour of the Ormsbys"
A gripping society drama in 3 supreme acts.
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Things as they are done on and off the Stage.
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Mixed metaphors, perhaps, but expressive. Now we can more than imagine the kind of shop this well-known individual would open, for we pass it in almost every town—always a landmark to the street. No one fails to notice it. There is an indefinable air of welcome and invitation as one stands for a moment on the pathway and lets one's gaze travel inside it. The subdued, restful lighting effect that so charms because of its very unobtrusiveness, the absence of dark corners, the intangible feeling that if one would step inside one would be sure of experiencing a delicious sense of warmth and comfort and cheerfulness—all these are part of its appeal. Truly a shop with an individuality.

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