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Unconscious Egotism.

By RUTH CAMERON.



The most remarkable thing about some people's egotism is their naive unconsciousness of it. We were talking about an inexpensive make of automobiles the other day—the kind in which sensible middle-class folk delight and snobbish folks are afraid to appear. One was running it down and another defending it. Madame of the grand manner came to the rescue of the defending party. "It is a good car," she stated authoritatively. "Why I wouldn't mind having a car like that myself." And she beamed upon us with the consciousness of having forever removed the stigma of cheapness and undesirability from that car.

Yet I am sure she was absolutely unconscious of egotism, utterly insensitive to the fact that she had said in tone and manner, "Even I, who am superior to the common run, would not mind owning that kind of a car, therefore, anyone else should be proud to have one."

Again, we were listening to a beginner on the flute. He played a single tune or two, with considerable spirit but several mistakes and apologized for his performance. "Never mind," said the naive egotist, "I don't think I could do so well." As if that at once covered the performer with glory and honor! As if that was what he wanted to hear! What he wanted to be told was that he did the thing well, not that he did it ill but need not mind, because even "I" (who, by the way, is not at all musical) could do no better.

Another manifestation of this naive

variety of egotism appears when the naive egotist shows you a picture of some group scene in which he is included. He never pauses to question whether the likeness of himself is your one absorbing interest in the picture. He assumes that as a matter of course and either asks you to indulge in the pleasure of picking him out, or thrusting an arm over your shoulder, points to the hallowed spot and says proudly, "That's I," or more likely, "That's me."

The completeness with which a man has learned to exclude the personal from his conversation is one of the sure hall-marks of his education in the broader sense of that word. When a man tells lengthy stories of which he himself is the hero you may know that he isn't really educated, though he may have been through half a dozen colleges. The anecdote about one's self need not be absolutely excluded from conversation, but it must possess two requirements to be admitted,—it must be short and the point must be on the raconteur.

To each of us, by the nature of things, the great I-am is the center of the universe. That is inevitable and there is nothing wrong about it, but if we want to avoid friction with our neighbor's universe, we must remember he has a perfectly satisfactory center for his solar system and not try to force him to adopt our center.

Cut some rather fat ham or bacon into slices, and fry in a nice brown; lay them aside to keep warm. Then mix together equal quantities of potatoes and cabbage or any vegetable left from dinner, and fry in the fat left from the ham. Serve with equal quantities of the mixture on the bacon. Season to taste.

A Thought for the Times

THE WAR—CHAPTER XVIII.
I. C. MORRIS.

It is generally admitted that the result of this war will change the geography of the map of Europe. Of this there cannot be much doubt; but this is not all, for other changes than these of the map of Europe must surely follow. The issues at stake in this war are too great to pass away without leaving in their trail the impress of its existence.

The Western Hemisphere will have its changes as well as Europe, both in North and South America, and the trend of these changes will be to consolidate those powers which have long been antagonistic to each other. A better condition of government will be adopted by South America, and the cause of the disputes and revolutions which of late have devastated Mexico will be amended.

These reforms were coming, even before this war broke out; but they will be hastened now and ratified perhaps sooner than they otherwise would have been. South America, though but a new country when compared to Europe, has had quite disorder and revolution enough, and the lessons she has learned since January last should certainly tend to open her eyes to what is for her welfare; and the present European war should also incite her to adopt a better mode of government.

But the changes which mostly concern us are those of more northern latitudes, for North America, as well as South, will be affected by the result of this war. There are aspects in which the whole world is being affected, and will be affected; but our own share in the whirlpool is what we wish to write of in this chapter. Like South America, the change was coming to us, but now it is being hastened, and the question is in the air, and whether we wish it or not, or whether we believe it or not, does not make much difference, the result is approaching and the ratification of the question is nearer than ever before—it is the question which politicians call Confederation.

But confederation is not the subject of which this article treats, although there is a sameness in it. The position which we take to-day is that of the Imperialist. This implies the Empire—the Empire at its best, the Empire at its greatest, the Empire East and West, an Empire larger than any other dominion, and greater than any other power.

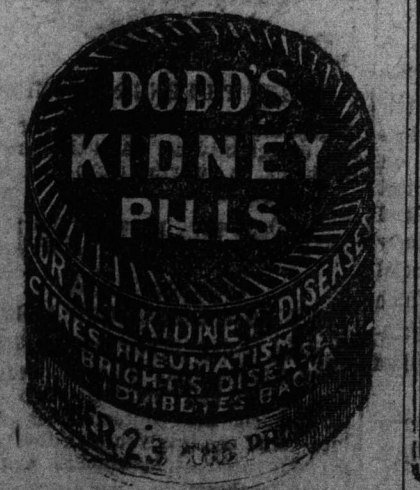
The Empire we say is great, but she can be greater, and she will be greater. She is the stronger already because of the loyalty manifested since the outbreak of this war; but stronger though the Empire be, it is not without its weak spots, and it is in the discovery of these that the nation will establish its strength. The real effect of this war should open our eyes to what we before could not see, and it should show us wherein we may "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." It should show us the value of Newfoundland from a naval standpoint, and as the Gibraltar of the St. Lawrence, and it should also show us that to be of the greatest good to the Empire, the interests of British North America

must not be estranged. These results will develop themselves, and if men will look at them from a patriotic and imperialistic standpoint they will be adjusted on their proper merits, and not upon the mere merits of partisanship. It will not be a question of rounding off the Dominion of Canada, nor will it be for the purpose of gratifying the ambitions of any Canadian statesman, that these things will be considered. No, none of these. We have had those sort of things quite long enough. The unifying of the Empire, and the consolidation of British North America, is the next great question after this war, and it will be found that this will be confirmed by imperial counsel, and therefore will be above all local or colonial smallness. It is only from such a standpoint as this that a proper union can take place between the Dominion of Canada and the other British North American possessions, including the British West Indies and probably St. Pierre. To accomplish this right will be the duty of future statesmen, and it is statesmen that will be required, and not hot-headed partisans.

The changes of the war will be many, but if the right men be at the helm, and due precautions taken, then not only will British North America be consolidated in its government, but its commercial interests will be advanced fifty per cent. America on the whole, stands to gain much by the advantages which will accrue from this war; and in an especial manner should Canada share in these benefits, but none should reap a greater harvest than our own country. We have not yet got to where we should be, but we will get there, and whether it be near or far, or whether it be by war or by arbitration, or by a universal peace, the best days of Newfoundland are yet to come, nor can any power stay their approach. We have always believed in Newfoundland, and our faith in her resources, and in the future, is stronger to-day than ever before. (Continued on Thursday.)

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Divorced Life

By Helen Hanson Fuenf

An Abrupt Departure

Challoner, in the meantime, had paid the boat-house keeper for the damage to the snagged, but by this time recovered canoe, and had at the same time made a straight-forward statement of the circumstances under which the mishap had occurred. The story spread rapidly, was the talk of the Inn for a day or two, and then was forgotten amid the new excitement furnished by a tennis tournament which in turn had laid hold of the guests' attention.

Meanwhile, however, Marian had been contriving to keep out of the way of Challoner, slipping away for rambles by herself, or pleading work in her room. Besides, she was certain that some little talk was current, growing out of the fact that she had been seen a good deal in the company of this married man. In justice, not only to herself, but to him, she had resolved that much as she disliked the idea of foregoing this fascinating companionship, it would be for the best to do so.

"I'm sorry that I've made such an abrupt departure of myself," he said to her at last, "as to make you contrive to keep out of my way."

"Why, you've done nothing of the sort," she exclaimed.

"You deny my first allegation, but admit the second," he smiled. "I'm sorry I've ceased to interest you, Miss Winthrop."

"You haven't," she said. "And what's more," she added steadily, "you know you haven't."

He laughed delightedly. "Good," he said. "Then tell me what's worrying you," he continued seriously. "People are talking."

"Let them. Friendship is not listed

in the criminal statutes, is it? I know, of course, that there's an absurd unwritten law in the book of ridiculous conventions that a married man should not see or even admit the existence of women in general."

"I am thinking of Mrs. Challoner, your wife," said Marian. "She wouldn't thank me for monopolizing your time and attention, even during her absence abroad."

"You're too generous."

"I've been too selfish."

"What's all this I hear about people talking? What are they saying?"

"One woman has informed me that you're married."

"And what did you say?"

"I told her what a charming woman your wife is, and how devoted you are to her."

"I'm very glad that's understood. I'm glad you understand that I am genuinely devoted to Mrs. Challoner. This being true, what possible objection can there be to our friendship—what intrinsic objection?"

"The objection that in a little place like this, anybody's affairs are everybody's business. Who knows what distorted and incredible stories may reach Mrs. Challoner's ears and cause her unnecessary disturbance?"

"I don't know but you're right," agreed Challoner. Then he added abruptly, "By the way, I am leaving for New York to-morrow morning. It is important that I return there."

"So soon?" demanded Marian, surprised.

"Yes. Shall you be going back soon? Let me know when you return. I'd like to take you to see some of the new plays."

"To-morrow—Marian Makes Ready to Follow."

To curry potatoes cut up some cold cooked potatoes in cubes, or rough pieces, and place in a frying pan in which a rub of butter has been melted with some curry powder dredged into it. Shake the potatoes in the pan until they are thoroughly hot, and serve.

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