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Some Thoughts on Courage.

By RUTH CAMERON.



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Some years ago an old life-saver told me a story about a boy who was brave and a man who wasn't. Both were in a dory. Their dory upset, but they were able to keep up by clinging to it, though neither could swim. When the life-savers reached them, the boy was perfectly calm and self-possessed while the man was in such a state of panic that he almost upset their boat before they could get him in.

At that time, the story did not make any great conscious impression on me. I admired the boy and felt scornful of the man who should have set an example of courage and so utterly failed. The other day something brought this story to the surface of my mind. And this time I wasn't so quick in praising the boy or condemning the man.

The Boy and the Man.

Instead, I began to speculate about the whole matter, and to wonder if the boy, when he became the man's age, was any more fearless than the man; and if the man when he was the boy's age had been any less brave than the boy. And to wonder, too, if the man were perfectly well, and what previous experience he might have had which made him feel differently from the boy.

When you stop to analyze it, there are a great many elements which enter into this matter of fear and fearlessness.

In the first place, there is a fact which the very young do not realize, and that is that as one grows older one naturally grows less fearless. As Stevenson puts it: "Old people have faults of their own; they tend to become cowardly, niggardly and suspicious. Whether from growth of experience or decline of animal heat, I see that age leads to these and certain other faults."

Also Because They Know More.

That is, men grow less fearless, both because they have less blood racing through their veins and also because they know more. A friend of mine once told me of a boy who was a perfect dare-devil with a canoe, though a mediocre swimmer. Then one day he upset the canoe and was barely gotten ashore by a man who had been trying to persuade him to be more cautious; and after that he was excessively timid.

Ill-Padded Nerves Make One Dread Danger.

Nerves and imagination are great enemies of fearlessness. Ill-padded nerves make one averse to danger, not so much from a real mental fear of it, as from a purely physical shrinking. And an imagination stimulated by certain kinds of mental labor makes one see more to dread in danger than the stolid temperament would apprehend.

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THE INFLUENZA.



WILL MASON

Influenza, labelled Spanish, came and beat me to my knees; seven doctors couldn't banish from my form that punk disease; for it's not among the quitters; vainly doctors pour their bitters into ailing human critters; they just sneeze and swear and swear and swear. Said my doctor, "I have tackled every sort of ill there is: I have cured you people shakled by the gout and rheumatism; with the itch and mumps I've battled, and my triumphs have been tatted, but this 'flu' stuff has me rattled, so I pause to say G. Whiz." I am burning, I am freezing, in my little truckle bed; I am cussing, I am sneezing with a positiveness on my head; and the doctors and the nurses say the patient growing worse is, and they hint around of hearses and of folks who should be dead. Doom has often held the cleaver pretty near my awallike neck; I have had the chills and fever till my system was a wreck; I have had the yellow jaundice, foot and mouth disease and glanders, and a plague they brought from Flanders on an old windjammer's deck. But this measly influenza has all other ills out-classed; it has put me in a frenzy, like a soldier who's been gassed; if the villainous inventor this my lodge of pain should enter I would use the voice of Stentor till he had been roundly sassed. May the influenza vanish! Of all ailments it's the worst; but I don't believe it's Spanish—haven't thought so from the first; on my couch of anguish squirming, I've had leisure to determine that the blamed disease is German, which is why it is accurst.

Milady's Boudoir

THE USE OF OLD PERFUMES.

The modern woman does not indulge extensively in perfume about her person. If she used it at all it is so delicate as to be a mere breath and of a high grade that will not grow stale and heavy after contact with the air. Oftentimes she obtains the desired effect by secreting her favorite scent in her lingerie drawer, in her hat box and among her furs, or by a spray directed to her hair, which is, by the way, one of the first places to show heaviness due to perspiration and lack of ventilation.

Of late for the first time in centuries, the dressing table has been embellished by all sorts of rare bottles containing toilet waters and perfumes, said bottles being the result of the best of the sculptor's art in the way of bas relief and engraving. These are being close pressed by quaint little cockery jars and pots, which are quite as fascinating in their own way; in either case it is possible to keep the contents in its original covering which serves to preserve its strength and freshness in addition to the decorative effect.

While human beings do not have their powers of scent developed to the point attained for hunting purposes by the average animal, the human race has always been very susceptible to odors. While in the medieval and early modern centuries the use of perfumes degenerated to a mere means of disguising bodily uncleanness, among the earliest records of the ancients the powers of delicate scents were thoroughly understood and the incense they used was about the same as that used in certain church ceremonials now.

Not only did the ancient Greeks and Egyptians and other early races use

Boycott of German Goods.

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At the City Council.

The Municipal Council held its regular weekly meeting last evening at 7.30 p.m. Mayor presided and Councillors Brownrigg, Mullaly and Tait were present. After reading the minutes the following business was discussed.

Thomas Barter, President Truckmen's Association, called attention of the Council to the pay of carmen from November 1st, which is \$6.00 per day. The Council will pay from this date.

A letter was read from C. R. Thompson in connection with the lay-off of Sudbury property, plan of which has been already approved, and a question of the cost of making roads and also the cost of laying out and sewerage for which the property is to pay were discussed. It was agreed that the property will be laid out immediately and arrangements may be made for one street at a time.

The Nfld. Industrial Workers' Association, through their Secretary, Mr. Macfarlane, wrote calling attention to an application signed P. F. Moore, who appeared in the Royal Gazette the right to use the waters of the Cove River in the district of Miramichi for the purpose of driving a sawmill. The Association wanted to know if it is the wish of the Council that these waters be reserved, they have already memorialized the Executive Government with reference to the Water Power. They offered to take up the Council in this matter if necessary. After some discussion, on motion of Councillor Brownrigg, seconded by Councillor Tait it was carried that a protest be made by the Council against granting these waters to any person or individuals, if necessary the Mayor be authorized to call a public meeting to take place in the matter.

Applications were received from A. J. Barnes for right to install motor, on Emma Hill to repair houses, on North Street, and Hung Shing permit to extend porch rear of property, Monkstown Road, and from James Cummings to approve plans a building on Pleasant Street. The two were approved; the two were to be required into.

The City Engineer's report dealt with the question of repairing blow-downs and laying of the sewer on For Road.

The Health Officer's report and the

Two men, Greenfield and Jas. Murphy, small girl, father, mother, admitted charged, convicted.

A message from Bonne Bay cases had deaths had been in needs no the lack of work.

Dr. Crook there last were 105 Broad Cove, ing to Fitzgerald, at Gambo patients were the Dr. Smith visited and treated, proceeding to Lertown, where improving, persons are ending year cases had been out districts.

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