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THE SYMPTOM MONGER.



RUTH CAMERON

How people adore symptoms! Did you ever know anyone, who had had a long illness or an operation or a breakdown, who didn't when the proper mood was on, like to talk about his symptoms with a sympathetic listener? Even the strongest minded people cannot seem to rise wholly above the temptation. And as for that well known person, the average man or woman, well, I don't know as he even regards it as a temptation, but rather as an opportunity.

How They Felt When It Happened.
At least half a dozen people have told me exactly how they felt just at the moment when their breakdown came. "I was standing in the middle of the room," runs one tale, "and—", but no I won't go on else I shall put myself under my own condemnation.

For my objection to this habit is that symptoms have such a terrible effect upon a vivid imagination.

Many years ago a woman who had been through nervous prostration gave me a full description of her symptoms (I wouldn't repeat them here for \$100—and I mean just that) and the sufferings she had passed through, and I can't tell you how many times I have had an idea that I was in for nervous prostration.

Which Was He?

A woman said to me the other day in discussing a doctor whom I (without knowing) had taken a dislike to but whom she considered very fine, "Why he took care of Mrs. Avery when she had the typhoid, and he would tell her in advance what all her symptoms were going to be, and she had them, every single one! I think he is a wonderful doctor."

"Or a great adept in the art of mental suggestion," I supplied as an alternative.

She looked as indignant as a woman always will when her pet doctor is attacked.

One hardly blames people who have been through operations or painful sieges of other kinds, for thinking the world owes them at least the excitement of being the centre of the stage while they tell of their adventures in the land of disease, these adventures with other travellers rather than with the stay-at-homes?

Surely You Don't Want to Encourage Travelling.

Surely the traveller would hate to excite so much envy that he would stimulate the stay-at-home to start travelling—along the way of pain.

Prominent surgeons admit that they actually have women come to them who, without any serious need really seem to want to be operated on. They are doubtless actuated by a subconscious desire to have the excitement of being the centre of the stage and of having symptoms of their own discuss.

Of course one cannot properly guard one's health unless one knows some of the simpler danger signs. But it is morbid and undesirable to think or talk too much about ill health.

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The devil is not on our subscription lists, but there is just a chance that a stray copy of this issue may fall into the hands of the world or the flesh, and there is a word we desire to say to them. Whatever else our age is noted for, certainly its extravagance and extremes are without precedent. A jazz and rag-time generation is the epithet bestowed on us, and it is not altogether a slander. The average citizen has never known a time when money was spent more loosely, when entertainment was so lavish, and when amusement ran so close to libertinism. Some things said and done and worn to-day with scarce a protest, raise the colour as well as the eyebrows of the aforesaid average citizen. It is not because we are getting old, for our hearts were never younger. But we cannot see rhyme or reason in the mad dance of pleasure which has caught so many in its swirl. The wholesomeness of life seems to have lost its charms. Of course it is insipid to palates that tasted fiery vintages.

After-war conditions is what we say. That is the cause of it all. But we are not foolish enough to think that the diagnosis of a disease is its remedy.

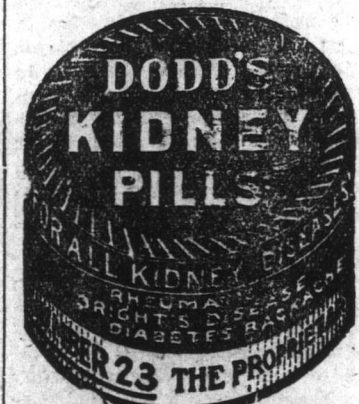
We cannot rest content with that. And after-war conditions are not the cause of it all by any means. Some of us want to do it, and some of us have not back-bone enough to say anything against it, and the rest of us don't care a cent about the matter so long as we are not disturbed.

The man or woman of mature years who can look out on the present state of affairs without misgiving is culpably slothful.—Canadian Churchman.



THE BANKER.

The banker stands and waves his hands, each day I see him beckon; "To bring your rocks to my strong box," he says, "is wise, I reckon. Oh, salt them down, the groat and crown, the kopeck and the shilling; and then, I guess, in days of stress your wad will make a killing." We hear him cry as we go by, we hear the helpful banker; but sound advice cuts little ice when for fool things we hanker. The coin we earn we wish to gurn, as other guests are doing; and so we hear the banker seer with pawing and beshrewing. We need new boats and leather coats and silks that gleam and glimmer, two dollar socks and oil wall stocks dispensed by cheap flammer. The rainy day seems far away, the money grows on bushes, and so we chase to every place where all the spendthrift push is. The banker stands and cries, "My lands! Are people all gone nutty? The road you tread looks smooth ahead, but soon it's rough and rutty. Bring in your seeds, Oh, looped lads, bring in the dime and nickel; the sanest guy beneath the sky is he whose coin's in pickle."



THE PURPOSE.

One worked for riches day by day. One toiled to know the joy of fame. Another slaved his life away. The friendship of the world to claim; Yet these men missed the goals they sought. While one who asked no golden crown. Or glory for his work, but thought Of serving only as he ought, Was given both fortune and renown.

One worked because he would be rich. One toiled because he wanted fame. One saw in glory something which He thought it would be nice to claim; But one gave little thought to these, And tried to serve a greater plan— He found in work the joys that please, The thrill of solving mysteries And building for his fellow man.

Fashions and Fads.

Printed tricolettes are the latest. Panels continue to be in great favor. Gold is much used for evening gowns. Dark taffetas are in favor for afternoon. Velvet-striped chiffon is a lovely new fabric. Taffeta frocks are made with very full skirts. Jewelry is having a great vogue at present. Foulard is popular for trimmings and linings. Spring frocks are plaited in every possible way. The accordion-plaited skirt has been revived. Batok materials are much used for negligees. Gold cloth evening gowns have grides of jet. Very short sleeves are seen on evening gowns. Belts are broad and low, with oriental effect. The season promises to be one of bright colors.

Treaty Between Holland and Belgium.

BOTH COUNTRIES TO HAVE JOINT CONTROL OF NAVIGATION ON SCHELDT RIVER.

The Hague, Feb. 1.—The Dutch press to-day prints the text of the new treaty between Holland and Belgium, which has not yet been ratified. Its principal provisions, stripped of their official verbiage, follow:

Holland and Belgium to have joint control of navigation on the Scheldt river; the question of the movement of Belgian warships from Antwerp and other problems likely to rise in the event of war are left to the future decision of the League of Nations; both countries agree to the principle that the mouth of the Scheldt be free and open water; that two new large canals be constructed at the speediest moment to give Belgium an equal outlet sea (one from Antwerp to Holland connecting with the North Sea

and the other from the Rhine across the Meuse to Scheldt to Antwerp connecting Antwerp with the German Rhine), the latter to be constructed within seven years; that additional number of existing canals be opened to accommodate larger ships and that each country pay the expense of the construction, and that customs, quarantine and pilorage regulations be made as uniform as possible; generally speaking, joint commissions will control the conditions, construction and maintenance of the canals.

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