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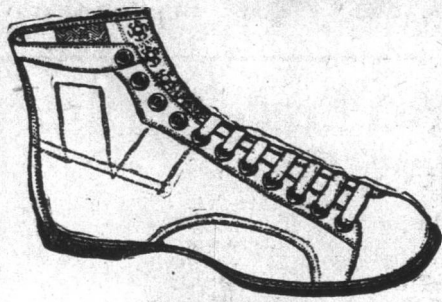
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Something Real to Worry About

By RUTH CAMERON.



When I was a little girl I had among my relatives a genuine old New England aunt. She stood as straight as if she had swallowed the traditional ramrod, and was always trying to persuade me to hold my loose-knit young form with similar rectitude. Moreover she fairly bristled with moral observations.

"You love your mother and like your food," was one of her favorite maxims, uttered whenever I unwisely said that I loved ice cream or doughnuts or any other delicacy incapable of reciprocating my emotion.

"Spare the rod and spoil the child," was another, addressed rather to my mother than to me, needless to say. And besides these ready-made remarks she also had quite a fund of original expressions.

She thought I should be afraid to worry.

Now although I usually resented her comments at the time, they often come back to me to-day and sometimes carry so much conviction that her heart would be glad if she could know. And prime among these (and hereby hangs my tale) is an original moral warning she uttered one day when she found me worrying lest it should rain the next day and I not be able to go to a much-looked-forward-to picnic.

"Worrying for fear you won't have a picnic!" she said scornfully. "The idea! And you with a nice home and plenty to eat and a kind mother and father that can't do enough for you. Suppose your mother were to die like Gretchen's? I should think you'd be afraid to worry over such a little thing as a picnic for fear the Lord would think if you liked worrying so well he'd give you something real to worry over—let your mother get sick or something like that."

A Stern New England God, And Yet—

True New England philosophy, isn't it with its picture of a stern New England God "giving you something to worry about." And yet I cannot help thinking of it when I see people who, with everything in reason to make them happy, pick out some minor flaw in the scheme of things and worry. I know a woman who is like this.

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The mother smiles the old-time smile As home with shouts of gladness rings. And all the children for awhile Are busy with their treasured things.

The holly berries brightly gleam, With Christmas bells the home is gay. War's heartache like a frightful dream Of restless sleep, has passed away. All lips may sip life's cup of joy. The years to come have much in store For every little girl and boy.

The family gathers once again Around a lighted Christmas tree. The big boys from the fields of pain Come back unto the mother's knee. Now from all hearts the burden lifts And eyes are radiantly bright. And in the giving find delight.

Friends can be gentle friends once more— Children may gaily romp and shout And strew their toys upon the floor. For love has put despair to rout. The little sob that choked the voice Of gladness when our skies were black, Has vanished and all hearts rejoice; The laughing Christmas days are back.

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Our American Letter.

Charleston, South Carolina, Dec. 14.—President Wilson's great reception at Brest occupies most of the front pages of the leading American journals to-day. It was indeed a royal welcome such as Caesar himself might have envied. If such a greeting be any criterion Paris will accord the great democrat a homage such as no human being ever received before. Editorially the newspapers are still speculating on the outcome of the Peace Conference. The investigation into German activities in this country before and during the war still goes on. William Randolph Hearst, while not exposed as a pro-German plotter has been shown up in anything but a pleasant light. His efforts to provoke war with Japan could have only one object—to help Germany in its attempt to conquer Europe. Hearst's recent statement as to why he opposed the war is far from convincing. He wishes it understood that he was entirely neutral and believed the United States should keep out of the war and let Europe settle its own quarrels. Had the United States taken his advice, Germany would to-day be dictating peace to the various European nations and on this side we would be preparing for a single-handed struggle with the victorious power. In the last analysis fact cannot be denied, for without America's food and resources, not to speak of the soldiers who turned the German advance into a continuous retreat, Germany would either have won or the war would have been a stalemate. The praise for the American Navy's activities in European waters uttered by British officials is most pleasing to Americans. The mining of the North Sea was one of the great accomplishments of the war and American ships are given great credit for the work. According to figures just issued, the United States had 246 naval vessels in the war zone during her part in the conflict.

Lloyd-George's re-election is freely conceded by most of the American papers although some of them are speculating as to how the 8,000,000 women in the British Isles who have been given the franchise, will vote. It is amusing to read the walls of the Germans who are protesting against Allied occupation. The brutes are getting a taste of their own medicine, although it must be said, it is far more pleasant to take than the kind they prescribed for unfortunate France and Belgium. The boasts are being let off for too easily. What to do with the Kaiser is a much discussed problem. That the degenerate murderer should receive fitting punishment is conceded by everybody but how and when it will be carried out is still a matter for future decision. The whole world is impatient for the Peace Conference to begin and settle forever questions which have been thorns in the sides of the nations from time immemorial.

It is remarkable the resemblance the southern mountaineers bear to many Newfoundlanders of the outposts. Their manner of speech is practically identical and like our outport fishermen they use the tongue that Shakespeare spoke. When I first heard them conversing I imagined myself in Harbour Main or Conception Bay, so similar were their expressions to those used by the people of those districts. The reason lies in the fact that the first settlers in these mountain regions came over during the reign of Elizabeth and isolation has preserved their language through the centuries that have followed. Occasionally some of them drift into Charleston and seem spellbound by their first glimpse of a civilized city. What would happen if they should suddenly be

MODESTY.



As we boast of things we did, as we whoop around and sing, telling how we put the lid on the Hun's anointed king, we should not forget, I wot, that the British a l o fought, and the French and Belgians shot up the foe like every-thing. Let us make a joyful noise, after all the woe and wreck; let's insist that we're the boys who can put up ice by heck; but the British and the French also held the reeking trench in the blood and powder stench, and the Belgians were on deck. I indorse the harmless brags we are making nowadays; with the rest I'm waving flags, yelling till I break my staves; for we've nobly done our bits; but the Frenchmen and the Brits also made the Hun throw fits, in some fifty-seven ways. With the allies we shall go, terms of peace to wisely frame; and we're talking just as though it were ours to boss the game; we're deserving cordial thanks—but the Britons and the Franks also faced the Prussian ranks; to forget it were a shame. I take part in all the fuss and I cheer and snort and prance, and I shot my blunderbuss and got stewed at every chance; but I can't forget how well Britons fought through all that hell, how for honor Belgians fell, with the loyal sons of France.

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WILL NOT INTERFERE.

PARIS, Dec. 25. The Allied Governments have decided against further intervention in Russia, at least for the present, according to indications from official circles. Great Britain and the United States, it is represented, while recognizing that Russia should be assisted in a way to permit her getting back to normal conditions, point out that military intervention on a large scale would involve difficulties and dangers of all kinds. Stephen Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, explained the situation at length to the Committee on Foreign relations yesterday, and said the solution at present favored was to guarantee moral support to the governments which have sprung up at various points on Russian and Siberian territory.

RETAINING MILITARISTS.

BASEL, Dec. 24. (Havas.)—An agreement has been reached between the Berlin Government and the German General Staff, which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Greener, the Chief Quartermaster, retain their offices, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. It is reported from Berlin that the Majority Socialists and the Independent Socialists concerning elections to the National Assembly have failed and that the Independents have decided to nominate candidates in all districts.

THE KING'S WISDOM.

LONDON, Dec. 24. This week's Saturday Review, without mentioning the King's name, intimates that His Majesty vetoed plans for the having Field Marshal Haig here covered



"How I Do Ha Dish

"IT IS the same old thing every and three times a day at that. "Just look at the pile of dishes and pots and pans I have to clean up. It any wonder that I get tired and aged sometimes?"

"I do not mind the cooking and getting meals ready, but I certainly detest this dish-washing drudgery. It is enough to make one tired of life. It is not so bad for a change, but it is monotonous, every day repeating the same work that kills."

"They say that it is monotonous causes a person to lose her mind. I think I can understand how it is. I pose I should be thankful that I am not this job all day long, for that would be worse. Just think of the girls working machines in the big factories when they do the same thing day after day, and year out."

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