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The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



A palpable atmosphere of temper. Do you know I have recently come to believe that that exists—not in the new thought sense but actually as some kind of an ether wave and with just as tangible an effect as an east wind or a mist. I was in a home the other day when the man of the house came in overwrought, nervous, and out of temper. His three children had been playing together quite happily all the afternoon. He had not been in that house five minutes before there was an abrupt change in them. It was not because of anything he said to them. Indeed, he scarcely spoke to them at all—merely passed through the room and out into the next room where he sat talking with his wife in the sharp tense voice that betrayed his state of mind. In ten minutes those children who had been quite in harmony all the afternoon had begun to quarrel with each other, and in half an hour their mother, herself transformed from the tranquil, happy person she had been before her husband's arrival, had sent one of them to bed sobbing and left the other two sulking and at odds with each other. All simply a result of the atmosphere of temper that that man brought home with him. People who ride nervous, highbred

horses say that it is unsafe to ride them when you are out of temper, because they catch your mood so quickly and become fractious and unmanageable. Dogs respond instantly to bad temper, cringing before it even before you speak to them. I met a teacher the other day who has taught fifty-six years in the primary schools of her native town. She is a wonderfully successful teacher, having often been offered large sums to teach and superintend in other parts of the country, and despite the nerve strain of teaching of which we are told so much, is still young and beautiful. Her prime rule of discipline is this: "Never let myself feel out of temper because if I do it instantly upsets the whole room and starts more mischief than I can stop in an hour. If I can't keep from feeling that way I leave the room for a few minutes until I can." Sometimes when you have several times failed to get the correct number on the telephone and have rung again very impatiently, notice how quickly the telephone girl's "number" gives back your tenseness even before you speak. Half the bad temper and nerves in the world I verily believe are caused simply and solely by the presence of the other half. Wouldn't it be splendid if people in a nervous, overwrought state could be temporarily quarantined by law. And since that's impossible, whenever you are the ailing one, why not decree the quarantine by law of yourself.

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Fads and Fashions.

Every blouse nowadays is frilled. All materials are exceedingly sheer. The bronze slipper is with us once more. No more white gloves; gloves match the costume. Wide shirring has found its way even into the bolero. Walking dresses made of blue serge are very prominent. Entire gowns of the all-over beaded jet are to be seen. Bead fringes matching the costume are seen on smart gowns. The very newest scarves of Spanish lace are almost like a mantilla. Taffeta and supple silks in black are favourite fabrics for bathing suits. Velvet is used to a quite unusual degree in trimming garments and gowns. Sailor shaped hats are far in the lead for ordinary wear this summer. Gray calfskin is pushed as a summer novelty especially in woman's footwear. A feature of all the misses dresses is the extreme shortness of the skirts. Mousseline gowns of two tones, one showing through another, are much worn. Sleeves have settled down to short and three-quarter lengths for summer wear. Beaded scarfs are prominent, particularly those with gold or steel beads. Embroidery is used on all belts, collars and on many of the small yokes. Enamel green is a predominating color among the parasols on beach and boardwalk.

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Legitimists Say Old Lady is Real British Monarch.

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Black Blood in the U. S. A.

Frederick Barnham, the well-known American Journalist tells Stories of Race Hatred.

America has lately been regaling the world with an orgy of crime. Because the negro Johnson wore the fight in Nevada, race riots have broken out all over the country, with the result that twenty persons, mostly negroes, have been murdered and hundreds have been injured, and the massacre is by no means over. The United States at this hour is still like a powder magazine on fire—and cool heads will be needed to prevent a great explosion. As has been shown, there is no limit to which the whites will not go if once started, and the negroes, armed and banded together in secret societies or self-protection, are most likely to retaliate. What has brought about this violent race hatred? The trouble is that the whites instead of proving their superiority over the negro by ruling him with intelligence and impartial justice, have brutalized and humiliated him until the negro is on the verge of revolt. If the negro protests he is lynched. According to the white philosophy, the Southern law courts there are no understood codes—one for the whites and the other for the blacks. Anyone who defends a negro against white aggression is certain to be ostracised if not something worse. Not very long ago Professor Sledd, who was filling a University Chair in Carolina University, wrote in a magazine that in the Southern States the life of a negro was held cheaper than that of a mule. The Professor was asked to resign, and was forced to leave the Southern States. The disfranchisement of the negro in the Southern States is candidly admitted by the white to be a farce. One story told me by a responsible Southern newspaper editor I shall never forget. There was to be a meeting of a negro, and my friend (now an editor) was reporting the affair for his afternoon paper. It seems the lynchers were waiting for a second posse to arrive, and time was rapidly slipping away. Suddenly the reporter had an inspiration, for he had barely time to telegraph to the last edition of his paper. Going up to the negro he said: "Jim, they are going to lynch you here, and are only waiting for the second posse. When these arrive they may torture, then burn you. It could be a favour to me to have it over with at once, so that I can send my report to the paper in time." Jim, with the vision ahead of fiendish torture, asked the men to string him up at once, and when the second posse came up a few minutes later they were furious to find the "nigger" already dead. One asks how can such things happen in a civilized country? It is a patent fact—and not because Bernard Shaw says so—that America cannot any longer govern itself, and that many of the intellectuals are regressing in Europe. The trouble with America to-day is suffering from violent race ride, which is the obverse of race prejudice. One is always found with the other. What many of them seem to forget in the present melee is that force does not prove superiority—for an ass might kick the head of a philosopher—but that a really great nation distinguished by its wisdom, self-control and patience, and that instead of burning its unfortunate citizens at the stake, it takes them by the hand and shows them the way to a higher life.

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