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Do You Know Such a Man.

By RUTH CAMERON.

I had occasion the other day to ask a new friend if he knew a certain man in the neighborhood in which I used to live.

"Robert Knowlton," he said, "oh yes, that fat jolly fellow." (For the sake of any Bob Knowltons be it emphatically understood that was not his name.)

Further conversation proved that we were really referring to the same man. Otherwise I should never have believed it.

He Makes Hard Work of Living For His Family.

For I happened to know "Bob Knowlton" from the inside and I know, he is one of those grouchy individuals who make living hard work for all who have the misfortune to belong to their families. I had never met him from the outside and so this estimate from an outsider startled me. Evidently that was the sort of man he was to his casual friends.

The discovery started me to thinking what a lot of men there are like that. Women? Well some, but not so many. At least not in my experience.

Something Masculine About The Combination.

There seems to be something rather masculine about the combination of jollity and smooth speaking outside the home and bullying inside it.

One of the most cantankerous men that ever lived, a man who keeps his family constantly stirred up over one thing or another is excessively amiable, sauve and anxious to please with outsiders. His wife who is rather outright with strangers, is the sweetest, most accommodating, most selfless person in her home circle, that ever lived. Everywhere they go, it is the husband who gets the reputation of amiability. "I met your father" people say to his daughter, "and he is such a delightful man."

She Felt Sometimes As If She Must Expose Him.

She told me once that it seemed as if she would explode sometimes. "I suppose I ought to be glad that he doesn't show his bad disposition outside the faimly," she said, "because I should be ashamed if he did. And yet there are times when I feel as if I must go about telling people that he isn't at all what he seems."

Incidentally this man adores his wife and daughter, in his way.

One does not know a great many of these cases because one does not know the inner workings of more than a few families. If things could be turned inside out I'll wager we'd have a lot of such surprises.

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LEAP YEAR.

Leap year is an act of providence, which is intended to reduce the visible supply of old maids. Providence has performed many kind and helpful acts, but when she freed woman from the thraldom of being obliged to accept the first bench-legged suitor who presented himself or go unwedded to the grave, she rose to majestice heights.

Prior to the institution of leap year woman was wholly at the mercy of man. She was wooed with a club and given in marriage in excange for a pair of long-horned oxen. Strange as it may seem, there were husbands in those days who became dissatisfied with their bargain and offered to trade back, no questions being asked on either side. Society to-day would spurn a man who bought a sprightly wife with natural teeth for two milch cows and then tried to exchange her for equity in a second-hand runabout. Society is willing to trade wives for titles, but draws the line at live stock, which shows how fast civilization is advancing in this country.

Leap year is a living terror to old bachelors who have been eating up angel's food cake and electric light current at the home of some fair damsel for twelve or fifteen years, without getting down to the real business of the meeting. There is no sweeter display of righteous retribution in this vale of tears than to see a reluctant bacheior with a glistening dome led to the altar by a relentless bride-elect whose affections and graphophone records have been toyed with for years without practical results. The period of courtship is a sacred era, but when it becomes an age and then graduates into an aeon, it is time for the imperious will of woman to assert itself and yank a faltering swain to his knees.

Leap year is lame in one respect. It comes only once in four years, and sometimes it skips over eight. This causes a long, painful hiatus, during which woman has to take what she can get. We admire and respect woman, but there are times when it seems to us that her judgment is eight or ten degrees below par, whereas if leap years came about twice a month, she would be able to pick a better and more lasting grade of husband, one who would not run out nights and try to drink the weekly output of a brewery. Leap year is an aid to intelligent matriomony, but it is too long between leaps.

THE BENEFACTOR.

This country's treated me so well that I abide in Easy Street; I have a house in which to dwell, and nineteen kinds of grub to eat. I have three suits of clothes to wear, a motar car that goes chug, chug, and I have bear's grease for my hair, and good hard cider in a jug. Whate'er I have my Uncle Sam has given the chance to gain; protected by his arm I am, so long as I am safe and sane. Secure and safe I've gone my way, because my Uncle was my shield; I've piled up plunder day by day, and had the best this life can yield. And now my Uncle's in a scrap that will require his utmost vim, that will exhaust his nerve and sap—and think you I'll go back on him? Shall I conceal my healthy wad, when Uncle Sam would pass the hat, or shed the roubles all abroad, and let the foe get wise to that? I'm handing Uncle Sam his own, when I dig from their secret lair the buck, the guilder and the bone, to help his fighters over there. So bring along your Red Cross hat, your bonnet of Y. M. C. A., and I'll strip off some williams fat, and chip them in, the good old way.

Fads and Fashions.

Waistcoat fronts appear on knee-length coats.

Evening dresses have long, pointed trains.

Velvet suits are having a considerable vogue.

Hats are simple in trimming, but elaborate in line.

Rabbit fur is not smart unless it has been clipped.

Colored satin apples are actually used on bridal robes.

Georgette crepe is excellent for semi-evening dressing.

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To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

PREVIOUS LOSSES.

LONDON, To-day.

Losses to British shipping by mine or submarine in the previous week comprised fourteen merchantmen of 1600 tons or over, and seven less than that tonnage.

CHARLES AS ORATOR.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.

A despatch received here from Vienna quotes Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary as saying in an address to the Austrian delegation that the dual monarchy is ready at any time to conclude a peace that would guarantee the integrity of the Monarchy. He added, however, that his country wouldn't cease to fight until its enemies renounced their intentions of dismembering it. "The glorious successes of our victorious armies and the daring of our fleet," said Emperor Charles, "Fill us with patriotic pride. After the glorious defence of our position, we are now as before ready at any time to conclude an honourable peace which guarantees the existence and integrity of the monarchy. Guided by this ideal we greeted with joyful satisfaction the noble-minded intervention of the Pope and will in future neglect no opportunity to end as soon as possible the costly struggle and great sacrifice the war has caused and is causing. In spite of these intentions our Government has declared its readiness to accept the Russian Government's invitation to enter into negotiations for a general peace. May the blessings of the Almighty rest upon this work for peace and restore the people of Europe to a state of reconciliation and mutual trust. The sorely tried Russian people, the first of our enemies who are ready to respond to our peace appeal, may be sure that we sincerely desire to restore our former friendly relations with them. On the other hand we must regard it as our sacred duty not to lay down the sword which our plunder-seeking and rapacious neighbours forced into our hand until our enemies unequivocally have disaowed or made plans of dismemberment and oppression. We will remain masters in our own house. Our alliance with the German Empire has been gloriously strengthened by our victorious march southwest; the most cordial and fraternal relations bind us to the progressive Bulgarian people. I confidently hope a period of fresh prosperity and secure development awaits the closely allied Ottoman empire."

CONFERENCE'S REPORT.

LONDON, To-day.

A statement issued by the inter-allied Conference in Paris to-day is as follows:—The various committees constituted by inter-Allied Conference dealt as a whole with technical question of conduct of war, details of which cannot be published. However, at the conclusion of their deliberations the Committees decided to publish the following resolutions: "The Financial section, meeting under the presidency of Louis Riotz, French Minister of Finance, held numerous sittings, in the course of which various financial questions interesting to the Allies were successively examined. At the end of its labors this section unanimously adopted the following resolutions: The Delegates of the Allied Powers in the financial section consider it desirable, with a view to co-ordinating their efforts, to meet regularly in order to draw plans for payment of liabilities and settlement of loans and rates of exchange and thus assure concerted action. Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and M. Roltz told the section that in their opinion this regular meeting ought to be a permanent organization; other resolutions were adopted to the effect that although the disposition manifested by all the delegates evidenced sentiments of the financial solidarity of the Allies, this solidarity ought to be affirmed in practice by a methodical co-ordination of efforts, which alone should determine the judicious utilization of the resources of the Allies and the best distribution of their strength. The Armament and Aviation section of the representatives of the Allied nations examined the conditions of their various war manufactures and considered practical means of avoiding all duplication and direction of the effort of each nation to the production of the things for which it was best fitted in matters of the first importance. An inter-Allied Committee was formed for the carrying out of a common programme and decisions were arrived at. The Section of imports, maritime trasports and supplies of the Allies, considering that the means of maritime transports at their disposal as well as the supplies at their command ought to be utilized in common for the conduct of the war, decided to create an inter-Allied organization with a view to co-ordinating action in this direction and to establishing common programme constantly kept in mind and enabling them, while utilizing their resources to the full, to restrict their imports in order to release as much tonnage as possible for transport of American troops. The Blockade section examined in the first place the conventions of the Allies with Switzerland regarding questions of blockade and the draft of an arrangement between the United States and Switzerland was approved and the United States will nominate delegates to participate in deliberations of the inter-Allied Commission at Berne."

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THE PEACE FARCE.

LONDON, To-day.

The following Austrian official report concerning the negotiations between Russia and Austria-Hungary for an armistic was received here to-day. "The armistice negotiations continued yesterday. A general discussion took place regarding individual points. The committee on deliberations held a meeting in the afternoon. A full sitting was arranged for Wednesday morning."

THE DUMA WAKING UP AT LAST.

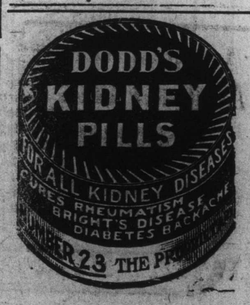
PETROGRAD, To-day.

The Duma has issued proclamations to all the nations pleading for support as the only elective body in Russia. The lefts have issued a petition to the Allies against the annexation of Courland and asking protection from Germanism.

FOCH NOT ON COUNCIL.

PARIS, To-day.

General Foch is no longer a member of inter-Allied Supreme War Council. Confirmation of this was given to-day by Premier Clemenceau in the course of an interview with Marcel Hutin, editor of d'Echo de Paris. L'Echo de Paris asked the reason for this. The Premier replied: "Because I want General Foch near me and, however diligent he may be, he can't be at Versailles and Paris at the same time. I am going to keep him and have agreed with him to replace him at Versailles by General Weygand, who was recently promoted to a General of Division." Questioned as to what was being accomplished at the Versailles Council, the Premier said: "What is being realized at Versailles? Why, united military action of the Allies. The Committee has to draw up plans and replies to a whole series of questions concerning all the Allied fronts and it will devote itself to this with zeal."



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To-Day's Messages

POLLEN PREDICTS GREAT BATTLE.

TORONTO

Arthur Pollen, the ... expert, in an interview ... predicts a naval battle ... able violence and destruction ... one of the probably closing ... the war. Pollen came here ... dress the local Navy League, ... Canadian Club and other institutions. "If Germany starts ... ing defeat in the West," he said, "I will expect to see her ... employed in a desperate ... achieve control of the sea ... result take part in an ... with the massed naval power ... tain in such a battle as ... never seen, a battle that will ... in the utter destruction of ... great fleet and doubtless ... part of ours, a battle ... tirely new methods, new ... destruction and new tactics ... necessarily employed, ... in all likelihood Germany will ... semble her entire fleet of ... all her Zeppelins as ... participants. The submarine ... not likely be a strong factor ... a colossal battle of the sea, ... the long range torpedo ... ably would."

AUSTRIAN SEAMAN ...

SEATTLE, Wash.

Carl Wiltsche, an Austrian ... was arrested to-day ... a Federal investigation ... ing of the Alaska passenger ... Spokane, off Idol Point, B.C. ... vember 22. Wiltsche was ... of the Spokane's crew. ... agents refuse to discuss the ...

ROYAL CONGRATULATIONS

OTTAWA,

The following telegram ... King was received by His ... the Governor General ... December 4th: "I ... late you and the people ... ion upon their noble ... support of the Allies ... GEORGE, R. I. The ... naught wired: "Delighted to ... the good success of the Victor ... (Signed) CONNAUGHT."

VISIT AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS

The following auth... issued to-day of a ... Headquarters by other ... Mission and Lord ... left Paris yesterday ... General Headquarters ... can Expeditionary Force. ... the afternoon visiting ... quarters and witnessing ... General Pershing conferred ... personally and showed ... every department of the war ... tions in the field, including ... exercise, rifle practice ...

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