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Side Talks by Ruth Cameron

QUEER THINGS OUR TONGUES SAY.

What astonishing things our tongues say sometimes! Every once in a while I seem to split into two, people and my ears listen in surprise, and sometimes consternation, to some astounding gaudier in my tongue is uttering.

For instance, I heard myself asking a nurse about her last patient, in the hearing of her present patient, a very nervous woman. "Did she die or get well?"

Naturally that was not at all the thing to say in the presence of a nervous sick woman, and when I heard it coming out of my mouth it was just as shocked and displeased as if I had heard a third person say it.

Disgusting—Was It Not?

Again I heard myself utter this astonishing bit of smugness in regard to a book which I had been reading and which a friend had asked me if she would like.

"No, I don't think you would care for it. It is very serious reading." (I feel very sure she would not have liked it, but that was not at all the way I should have put it if I, and not my tongue, had made that remark.)

Again I asked a woman of uncertain years and unmarried state what class she had been in at college. It was not until I heard that slipping

off my tongue and saw the expression on her face that I realize I might just as well have asked her age.

Tongues, Other Than Mine, Surprise Themselves.

I might, of course, think it was only my tongue which was at fault except that, on my bewailing these breaks, several of my friends have told me that they also have listened with equal astonishment to things their tongues have said, so I conclude it is typical and not the individual's experience.


Of course some of these things that our tongues say are things that our minds have been thinking but that we did not mean to let slip out. But other things are things that we really are not conscious we ever thought. I cannot recall an example at this moment but I know I have heard my tongue utter opinions that were absolutely new to me.

The Subconscious Mind Talks.

Sometimes I think that embarrassment is responsible for these outbreaks. We are nervous and we say anything just to relieve our embarrassment. Again I think that it is a case where the subconscious mind unexpectedly works and what we are hearing is what we thought but didn't know we thought.

There is one thing, such experiences ought to teach us. And that is to remember when other people say tactless things and we are inclined to criticize them, that it may be a case where their tongues are saying things of their own accord, and that they are as surprised and displeased as we are to hear them.

GOVERNMENT.



The cost of government's too great, we shudder at the figures sprung, and Jones, the voter, pays the freight and feels that he is being stung. Economy is thought a bore, it's not by government's desire, it takes nine men to do a chore that one could do, and not feel tired. The government can't buy a mule without ten miles of scarlet tape; inspectors round the critter fop, and write reports upon its shape; and vets report upon its looks, describe the places where it sweats; and forty clerks in forty books write down the findings of the vets. The mule would bring but little more, if offered at a farmer's sale; but when our Uncle Sam gets done it costs him half a ton of kale. And everything our Uncle does is done the most expensive way; employees in his buildings buzz like flies upon a summer day. And statesmen windily orate, and grafters crowd the public trough, and Jones, he sadly, pays the freight, and wonders where he will get off. Oh, you are Jones, and I am Jones, and we have bunions on our backs, and we have tired and aching bones, from toiling 'neath a beastly tax. The country for retrenchment groans, some pressing evils to abate; alas, my friends, we all are Jones, and Jones, you know, he pays the freight.

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What a Shame

To put glasses on a child! Yes, but it is a greater shame to let the child suffer for early negligence. It is better that the child wear glasses during school life and protect the eyes for the future. Many can abandon the glasses after the eyes have grown stronger. H. B. Thomson, The Family Optician and Optometrist, 536 Duckworth Street, near Geo. Neal's.

MUTT AND JEFF



I'VE NEVER FELT SO SMALL IN MY LIFE. THE REPORTERS HAVE BEEN CALLING JEFF ON THE PHONE FOR TWO DAYS ASKING HIM IF IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S BEEN CHOSEN FOR HARDING'S CABINET. I FEEL LIKE TWENTY CENT'S WORTH OF THE RUNT NOW!

I WON'T LET HIM LOSE IT OVER ME ANY LONGER. WHEN HE COMES IN I'LL PRETEND I'M TALKING TOWARDS OVER LONG DISTANCE! THAT'LL TAKE HIM DOWN OFF OF HIS HIGH HORSE—THE CONCEITED INSECT!

WELL, WARREN, IT'S JUST THIS WAY! IF YOU THINK THE COUNTRY NEEDS ME I'LL ACCEPT THE SECRETARY OF STATE JOB. --- AND LISTEN, GIVE MY REGARDS TO HUGHES AND BOOT. --- Y-A-A, I'LL RUN DOWN IN A DAY OR TWO! TA TA!

MUTT, COULD YOU HEAR WARREN DISTINCTLY JUST NOW?

WHY, OF COURSE! AHEM!

ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL? AND WITH THE WIRE CUT, TOO! LOOK! I CUT IT THIS MORNING SO I WOULDN'T BE ANNOYED ANY MORE BY THE REPORTERS. TEE HEE!

MUM?

The Irish Question.

Editor Evening Telegram

Dear Sir,—The following article is taken from "The New Witness"—the organ of Mr. G. K. Chesterton—of January 28th last. No comment on the part of this Committee is needed.

IRELAND IN 1920.

"Exact statistics are now available to illuminate the record of British rule in Ireland during 1920. The Government's 'stern measures,' Ministers are fond of reiterating, are directed solely against 'a small band of assassins,' 'a numerically insignificant group of terrorists,' 'a handful of extremists.' They are in fact directed against the whole people of Ireland, and their object is, not the suppression of crime, but the breaking of the spirit of the Irish nation.

"The following returns are compiled from the non-Republican Press. They do not represent the full total of British outrages in Ireland. The Press has been terrorized by suppressions, incendiarism and assaults on individual pressmen, and it reports only in part the acts committed in Ireland by constabulary, military and other agents of the Government. The returns cover exactly, however, the more serious of the crimes on which alone the remnant of British authority in Ireland depends.

"In the twelve months of 1920, 48,474 (7) raids on private houses were reported. These visits were usually carried out at night, and began frequently with the smashing in of hall doors, accompanied often by wanton brutality, assaults on men, terrorizing and threatening of women, pillage, sabotage and looting. In the course of these raids 7,287 persons were arrested.

"In addition to these raids and arrests, armed constabulary and troops attacked unarmed individuals, or groups of unarmed civilians without provocation on 1,184 occasions. In these armed assaults, including firings without warning on public gatherings and merciless attacks on pedestrians 93 men, women and children were killed, and 539 men, women and children were wounded.

"In addition, men suspected of being prominent Republicans were openly assassinated in their homes, or while in custody of police or military. There were 105 such assassinations, of which 36 were assassinations of prisoners. There were, moreover, 155 floggings and torturings of suspects and prisoners, the victims of this barbarity including two women and many priests.

SABOTAGE RUINS ECONOMIC LIFE

"So much for offences against the person. Let us turn to offences against property. During the year there were committed in Ireland by Crown forces 983 acts of sabotage, ranging from the mutilation of cattle to the sackings of towns and cities. The wanton destruction of property was carried on in more than two hundred cities, towns and villages. In all, 2,061 buildings were wholly or partially destroyed; 11 factories completely and 29 partially; 32 creameries completely and 12 partially; 9 printing works completely and 3 partially.

"It will be observed from these figures that the destruction of property was designed to affect the greatest number possible. Of the 875 private houses destroyed, 171 were farm-houses with their out-offices and agricultural machinery. So that of the 2,061 buildings ruined by the British Government incendiaries and wreckers, 1,282 were shops, factories, creameries, arm-houses, printing works, public meeting-places and administrative buildings upon which the economic life of parts of the country depended, and through the destruction of which that economic life is seriously deranged and thousands are thrown out of employment. In addition, the crops of 299 farms were burned during 1920, and there were in the year not less than 4,500 acts of

Quebec Man Says He Was Forced to Give Up His Work

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"Well, after I had to quit work I got to reading about Tanlac, and finally decided to try it. Soon after I started taking it I saw it was the right medicine for my troubles, so I kept taking it, and now I feel like a brand new man. My stomach seems to be in perfect condition now. My appetite is fine, I eat and sleep like a child and work like a trojan. In fact, I'm in the pink of condition, and Tanlac gets all the credit for my good health."

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THE NEW YEAR.

"The record of 1921 bids fair to eclipse that of 1920. During the first fifteen days of this year the armed forces of the British Government in Ireland achieved the following successes:—14 civilians murdered including 4 prisoners, 2 children and one woman; 32 woundings, including 7 women; 6 towns 'shot up'; 40 houses and 11 shops wholly or partially destroyed; 7 men flogged; one creamery, one factory and two public halls destroyed. Such is Ireland under British rule in the year 3 of the great peace and the year 1921 of our Lord."

Thanking you in anticipation for the use of your space,

Yours very truly,
PRESS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, S.D.L.L.
per Thomas Kelly, Secretary.

Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

CONSOLATION.

We shall be comforted in time. Though now the heavy shades are drawn And solemnly the church bells chime, From darkness we shall come to dawn.

Death is the bitterest blow that falls, Yet all who live are born to die. Somewhere the solemn courier calls With every hour that passes by.

Yet are we brave and are we true, And would we try to please our dead. We must not mourn the long days through, But by our faith be comforted.

The loneliness is hard to bear, The silence seems to chill us through, And missing them that were so fair, There seems no joy in all we do.

No speech can lift this weight of grief, As solemnly the church bells chime, Now must we turn to our belief, We shall be comforted in time.

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Frank Lavender, a young London artist, and his chum, Capt. Ingram, are touring Ireland, and the magnificent scenery of the island of Borva appeals so much to Lavender that they decide to spend a few days there. The particular attraction however to both of them is Sheila, daughter of Con O'Grady, known as the king of Borva. Lavender succeeds in winning her affections greatly to the disappointment of Capt. Ingram. The second act shows Lavender's apartment in London a few months afterwards, where, due to the sneers and chicanery of Ingram, the husband begins to chafe about the lowliness of his wife's birth and her utter lack of interest in the doings of the smart set. They are visited by Lavender's eccentric but very rich old aunt upon whom he is dependent. She is at once charmed by the beautiful simplicity of Sheila's character, and when Lavender in a fit of anger cruelly wounds the tender heart of his young wife, the old aunt comes to her rescue and refuses to have anything further to do with her nephew. Sorrowful and repentant, young Lavender enlists in the navy as an ordinary A.B., and an evil fate finds him assigned to the same ship of which his pseudo-friend Ingram is captain. If Lavender is disposed of, Ingram sees his opportunity of winning Sheila and the fortune which the old aunt has willed her. How he is thwarted by Teddy Rilly and his sweet-heart Nora (who furnish the comedy) gives a thrilling climax such as is not usually witnessed in modern dramas. "A daughter of Erin" is a play full of heart throbs, thrills, and mild provoking situations which will delight capacity audiences on St. Patrick's afternoon and night at the Casino.

And They Still Believe It.

An expedition is planned at Truro, Nova Scotia, by two local aviators which promises to revolutionise, if successful, the whole sealing business. This expedition will leave Montreal in the spring for Newfoundland, carrying two airplanes, capable of carrying five passengers, a pilot, a mechanic. The outfit will also include lighter-than-air machines which were used so successfully during war for "spotting" submarines. The aviators will join the seal hunters in Newfoundland. It is claimed that from the planes seals may be "spotted" much more readily than is done at the present time by being located in the rigging of vessels. The plan is for the plane to descend the ice after the "spotting" and to patch the seals with pump guns. The skins of the animals will be packed in a big bundle about the base of the pole, to which a flag will be attached and when the ice breaks up, vessels will go out and pick up the bundle which have been left behind. The planes will assist in locating the seals and signalling to the vessels.—British Dominion Trade Journal.

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CTOR GENERAL ENGINEER'S REP

Inspector Genera March Evening Telegram. Mr. Editor.—I not of proceedings meeting of the City Council in reply to the City Engineer's report on the water supply. The water supply has been with pending an is statements. As per did not see fit the statements of before publishing to see why my com has been in the Co Tuesday last, should ver, and I would the publish same in I enclose a copy of

Yours sincerely, CHAS. H. HUNTER, Inspector General

Goaling, Esq., Mayor.

I have read with interest, but with some doubt, the report of the City Engineer on the water supply. I regret to find that you have not included him on his practical experience and knowledge in fire fighting to congratulate him to "slam" the Department, by the endeavours to prevent an attempt of professional firemen in their duties."

The last paragraph of your report has been a conflict between the Departments. The acting together of results, etc." I found that this committee gathering of fact from the Officers of the Department but adopted a characterization of his report there has been conflict between the Departments. I would much rather submit to Officers of the Department on points on which they have gained a home fires or other technical men are called and frequently have would like to point out your incorrect statements.

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