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1912—January, 26; February, 49; March, 259; April, 228; May, 154; June, 208; July, 153; August, 277; September, 618; October, 119; November, 277; December, 278.

1913—January, 75; February, 138; March, 362; April, 192; May, 204; June, 189; July, 162; August, 346; September, 317; October, 112; November, 288; December, 113.

1914—January, 87; February, 11; March, 91; April, 200; May, 138; June, 74; July, 210; August, 425; September, 83; October, 34; November, 142; December, 361.

1915—January, 145; February, 31; March, 69; April, 188; May, 215; June, 278; July, 196; August, 277; September, 484; October, 207; November, 122; December, 278.

1916—January, 340; February, 111; March, 6; April, 280; May, 254; June, 211; July, 227; August, 328; September, 618; October, 417; November, 314; December, 447.

1917—January, 97; February, 160; March, 141; April, 156; May, 379; June, 297; July, 230; August, 425; September, 298; October, 311; November, 258; December, 122.

1918—January, 125; February, 99; March, 239; April, 257; May, 379; June, 285; July, 228; August, 400; September, 235; October, 214; November, 288; December, 122.

1919—January, 18; February, 254; March, 148; April, 280; May, 254; June, 211; July, 227; August, 163; September, 259; October, 153; Total, 1908, 29,608; 1910, 29,541; 1911, 36,011; 1912, 23,132; 1913, 22,381; 1914, 19,135; 1915, 24,830; 1916, 36,771; 1917, 28,221; 1918, 26,311.



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"You have yet to throw me to it," was the defiant answer. "If you have any hope of escape," said the President earnestly, "I counsel you to cast it from you. The Sons of Nothing know not mercy."

"The Annandales know not fear of despair!" was the retort. The President shrugged his shoulders. "It matters little," he said. "At the end of that stream which you see beneath your feet is a grating. The top of it is level with the surface of the water. Half-an-hour after your body is tossed into the stream the grating will be lifted. To-morrow the corpse of a young man may be found in the river or on the shore. You will not know, and we shall not care."

"Hound!" cried Annandale. "You judge and condemn me, but I would rather be where I am than sit in your seat of office. You murdered your friend Caffata; you have murdered—yes, murdered—an innocent girl to shield yourself; you would end by murdering me," said the President, coolly, and when Annandale kept silence he went on, raising his voice.

"The Sons of Nothing strike once and for all; but they do not strike at private persons without assigning their reasons. You know why the lodge—not I, but the Lodge—has condemned you; first of all, because you were on the scene of the secret of the death of Giuseppe Caffata, and we held it unsafe to allow, even to an Englishman and a fool, the chance of stumbling upon the truth; secondly, because we cannot tell how much of the secrets of the Brotherhood you may have overheard, while we believed you to be drugged and senseless. The Brotherhood makes no mistake in its kindoms, and the life of one man is as nothing to us. Did our creed allow us to feel remorse or regret your death would leave us unmoved. What is death? The passage to that Nothing, which is the parent of all, and the end of all, the womb and the grave of existence.

"You see above my head those two shields? We who hold the threads of all being in our hands have taken that old symbol of the outworn crime and folly of chivalry, the heraldic device, to typify our beliefs. The black shield stands for the eternal Nothing, and the Red Flame that is next to it, floating over a blue field, is Life—not merely the life of man, but life in general, from that of an empire to that of the meanest thing that crawls. It is red because all the blood that must be spilt to sustain it; it is a feather because it passes and is gone across the blue of illimitable space and time.

their place was instantly taken by the iron grasp of the hands of four men. "Lift him!" He was snatched from the ground, and held close above the aperture. It was useless to struggle. He could not move. There was dead silence for some seconds. It almost seemed as if the Lodge were waiting to hear some cry of fear, to see some ineffectual struggle. There was none. It might have been a dead man that was thus poised above the rushing water.

The silence was broken at last by a sound like that of a body of men moving; and Annandale knew that the ceremonial was in progress. A low voice began to chant in a hollow and awful monotone. "From Nothing you came, to Nothing you return. From the hills of life to the peace of death; from the woe of That which is, to the eternal sleep of That which is not. Go in peace."

The chant ceased. There was another pause. Then the silence was broken again. "Brother," said a voice, "we wait your word." And again there was silence. A sudden crash seemed to shake the room from end to end. A voice cried, "Save yourselves!" The door burst open. Another voice cried loud and high, "There! At the table! Catch him!" Then came a scurrying of feet. Annandale suddenly found himself dropped, not, as he had expected into the water, but on to the wooden floor. A light and rapid footstep approached him. A sharp stab of pain stung him near the heart. He heard a loud cry of "By—we've got him! After the others!" Then he knew no more.

CHAPTER XXIX.—OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH. When he came to himself his only complete idea was that his chin was tickling. He tried to move his left hand to rub it, but a sharp pain in his chest warned him to desist. He tried his right hand. That hurt a little, too; but he contrived to reach the point of irritation; but when his fingers came in contact with the scaly growth of hair he muttered, "Good Lord!" and concluded that either he was mad or else had grown a beard, which was the worse alternative he had not strength to think.

He began to look about him. The room seemed familiar. Surely he had seen that wall-paper before, and that boot rack, and that photograph. He succeeded in noticing these things, and a fact that the sun was making on the floor of the window blinds. Then he fell asleep.

He was awakened again by whispering voices close to his bedside. "Will he pull through, doctor?" "Yes. He's all right now." "Bless my soul! What a constitution!" said a man, and a woman answered: "Oh! Thank God! Thank God!" "But he'll be a shocking wreck for months yet. Look at him, though, sleeping like a lamb!"

He opened his eyes and said: "I'm awake." "The deuce you are! Then just you come out of this, my dear young lady!" "Oh doctor, let me stay!" "Not for the world!" By his bedside stood a stout man and a girl. "I've seen that girl somewhere," thought the invalid, and instantly remembered who she was. "By George!" he said feebly, but aloud. "Angela! Here! I say!" "But the only answer was a whisk of skirts through the doorway. "What a shame!" thought Annandale, and promptly fell asleep once more.

voice that made her jump, so strong and hearty did it sound. "What is it?" said the nurse, running in. "A barber!" said Hubert. "Send for a barber at once!" The nurse laughed and withdrew. When the door was shut Angela stooped again. "You know that wasn't the reason," she murmured, as she kissed him once more, at this time the kiss was not on his forehead.

"That's much better," said he. Then again his eyes sought hers in dumb interrogation. She seemed to understand, for she nodded her head. "It's all right?" he asked. "How long ago?" "A week." "A week! Then how long have I been here?" "A fortnight, nearly." "Good Heavens! I say, do tell me all about it." But at that moment the nurse came back, saying, "Time's up, Miss Milford."

The comment that came from the invalid made both the nurse and Angela smile. "Capital!" said the nurse. "I always know that my patients are doing well when they begin to swear." "I'm sorry, really," said Annandale. "But you must confess it's hard luck." But the time came at last, when, seated over the fire in the sitting-room, the invalid was allowed to hear the whole story from Angela's lips.

The news that had appeared in the papers regarding the supposed confession of the dynamitard who had been arrested in Brussels, was all true. He had confessed, and his disclosures had enabled the Belgian and the English police together to track the moving spirit of the bomb outrage, the man whom Hubert knew both as Carlo Micani and George Fothergill. They had followed him that Sunday night to a house in a part of London which neither Hubert nor Angela knew anything, but which the papers described as standing close to the river in the far east. They had broken into it at the very moment which was to have been Annandale's last; but Fothergill had captured Fothergill. "What became of the rest, though?" asked Hubert.

"They all got away. It appears that the room was panelled. Those panels were so arranged that they swung open at need, and led into a passage, which communicated directly with the river. They had a boat moored there. For some reason or other the river police were late in getting to the rendezvous, and these men must have rowed right past them. It was a foggy night." "But how came Fothergill to be caught?" "Because he stayed behind to stab you! You don't know, of course, that the dagger, or whatever it was, was poisoned. That's why you have been all so long."

"And what became of him?" "He was killed. He poisoned himself somehow, they can't make out how, in prison." "Dead! Poor chap! I can't help being a bit sorry for him. He was a wonderful man. But you—I want to hear how you were—" "Released? I knew nothing about it till the order came. Then I went straight home and saw Mr. Stanley. He was clearly neither horn nor sheep, and a comb between his teeth was a huge cigar, at which he puffed while he talked.

The object of this comfortably-arranged bargain was not, as might have been imagined, a filly, or a dumb animal of any kind, but a girl who, unseen in the growing darkness, was crouching beneath the verandah and overheard every word of the conversation. "Right!" said Dick Fawcett. "I'll count out half the notes in ten minutes, before the other half when the girl is handed over." He spoke with a strong Australian twang. His companion's accent was only slight, which showed that he was not a native of Australia. "And that'll be to-morrow evening," replied the "owner" of the "gal." "You'll marry her, Dick?" "With a touch of anxiety in his tone, Fawcett said, "Oh! I say, I'll marry her right!" he said, as if he were yielding to some harmless whim. "Save your conscience, eh, for selling."

solemnly. "She knows nothing now. But I want to talk of the future. You remember what you wrote to Magdalen?" She blushed and lowered her eyes. "I meant it then," she said. "But now—" Her arms were about his neck, and her lips murmured close to his. "My Hubert! I love you so!" "Thank Heaven!" said he. The door opened, and Sir John came in. Angela, scrambled to her feet and pretended to be desperately busy pulling down a blind.

"Oh! I said Sir John. 'Better, Hubert? I fancy you were taking a dose of medicine when I came in, eh? The best medicine in the world!'" "What news from Rodney, Sir John?" asked Angela, to cut him short. "Brave news! Magdalen's engagement to Stanley. It came off yesterday. It'll be a capital match!" "Sir John," said Angela, shyly, "how much of my father's money is there left?" "Only about £3,000, I'm afraid. Why?"

"What to make Magdalen a good wedding-present. You know she's got nothing now, and Mr. Stanley isn't rich. Magdalen's always been accustomed to having plenty of money, and I was thinking I should like her to have that £3,000." "My dear child!" said Sir John. "I agree!" cried Hubert. "Then I shall be able to marry a girl without a sixpence. I'm so rich that I think it's only fair!" "Very well," said Sir John. "Have it as you will. And I'll see that you are no loser, Angela. By the way, does Magdalen know the story?" "Not a word of it," said Angela. "And I don't want her to be told. Then she will think that the money is hers by right."

"A capital idea!" said Sir John. "And now, let's sit down and be cosy. It's just tea-time. Come and kiss me, my dear; and then go and give Hubert another dose of medicine. I'll look the other way!" (THE END.)

STRANGELY WON. A THRILLING TALE OF LOVE AND ADVENTURE.

By Ina Leon Cassilis. "Two hundred and fifty—not a penny more." "She's worth more than that, Fawcett." "Bah! She's handsome, I'll allow—uncommon handsome; but she's got a temper 'll need breaking. Besides, I can't afford more."

"Very well, then—the assent was given rather sullenly—two fifty, and done." Two men were seated in the verandah of an Australian timber-built house, the elder a grey-haired, hard-visaged man about sixty, roughly dressed, but with a suggestion about him of having originally belonged to a better class than that which his present attire and surroundings indicated. His companion was not more than three or four and thirty, and though fairly good-looking, was clearly neither horn nor sheep, and a comb between his teeth was a huge cigar, at which he puffed while he talked.

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he was not. And now she was to be handed over, body and soul, to this wretch! Appeals to her uncle, the girl knew, would be in vain; there was no help to be had; the house stood alone in the bush; escape was impossible on foot: the country was open plain or impenetrable forest; and there were two men on the premises besides old Burwood, the gillaroo, who would certainly give no aid to a helpless woman that would expose them to the vengeance of Dick Fawcett and his "gang" of cattle-raiders.

"There's one escape," Nora said to herself, with glittering eyes and bloodless lips, "and that I'll take before I'll fall into Dick Fawcett's hands. I can kill myself!" Presently Dick came out, whistling; passed through the bar with a "Good night, my dear," to Nora, who made no answer, and vanished. Her uncle entered the bar the next moment, and was in the act of drinking some whisky, when the stroke of a horse's hoofs without made him pause, and a clear, ringing voice calling in crisp English, "Anyone within there?" caused him to drop the glass.

"Good Lord!" he gasped, "Wilmot Grahame's voice, as I live!" In through the open door strode, with clanking spurs, a tall, handsome man of perhaps thirty, deeply bronzed, with brilliant dark eyes and fine, clear-cut features. He looked picturesque enough, too, in his long tan riding-boots, light, loose coat, and combing the little curls on his head with a couple of revolvers. His eyes went straight to the girl with a flash of undisguised admiration, and his head was instantly bared. "Good evening," he said, courteously. Then he saw Burwood, and his countenance changed. "By Jove!" he added, with a laugh. "You out here, Jack Burwood! You owe me two thou, over the last year."

"Nora heard and set her teeth; but, without a word she carried the supper into the little parlour adjoining the kitchen. Grahame watched her covertly, with deepening interest; but he was silent. "We can have a flutter with the cards, if you like, by-and-by," said Burwood, turning to the door. "All right!" "I'll join you presently." He went away, and Nora came in to clear the supper things, and asked to see her face hidden; and more than once her champion unconsciously pressed her closer to him. The stakes were his happiness as well as her honour.

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Without a word more he led Nora into the adjoining room. "Go quickly," he said, "and get together a few things you may want. Come back to me here, but I'll be waiting." "No, no; the danger—to you!" "Hush! I make for Stanhope Town; then we can think what to do!" Nora left the room and speedily returned with a small bundle in her hand. Then Grahame led her out to the stable and made her stand in the shadow while he saddled and bridled his horse. In a minute he had mounted and swung Nora up before him, holding her firm with one arm. A wild sense of triumph, a delicious sense of possession, swept through him as he clasped the slight form to him. Riding slowly until they were clear of the house, Grahame then broke into a swift trot. He could have wished the moonlight less brilliant, for some reason or other, but it enabled him to discern the track more clearly, and for the rest, Nora was his guide; she knew the country thoroughly. Half an hour passed in silence; the hearts of both were too full for speech. Suddenly Nora, able from her position to see the track behind them, said, hurriedly: "There's a horseman riding after us. It must be Dick Fawcett."

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could outbid Dick Fawcett.") They played in silence for a few minutes. The stakes were not high, but Grahame won. "You'll clean me out!" said Burwood hoarsely. "And then you'll give me my quietus and get it all back, eh?" "I'm not an assassin!" "You're none too good for most things, Jack Burwood. By the way, your niece is a beautiful creature."

"You let her alone!" "I'm head over ears in love with her." "Fudge!" "Fact! See here!" He bent forward. "I'll play you fifty pounds and the forty pounds I've won from you!" "You're mad!" "I'm in sober earnest." As he spoke, Nora entered the room, and paused. "How dare you," cried Burwood, in affected indignation, "make such a vile proposal?" "Vile, is it?" Grahame rose, and stretched out his hand to the girl. Dick Fawcett the cattle thief, and me!"

Burwood fell back in his chair; Nora let Grahame draw her within his arm. There was a minute's pause as the two men faced each other. "It's a lie!" Burwood stammered, at last. "It's as true as you are false, you cursed villain! You see, she has made her choice she can trust my honour, at least. Now, make your choice. I'll give you a chance to win ninety pounds, and do the business quietly, and you can get off with your dastard life, but if you refuse my terms, I'll simply empty one of my revolvers between you and your larrikins, and take your nice away without more ado. Will you play?" "Livid and trembling, Burwood gasped out. "But—if you lose—?" "I mean to win! I'm always lucky the girl's mine, whatever happens."

"I understand!" said Burwood, with a savage sneer. "She's overheard, and told you, and you've fixed it, so that she'll have a claim on you!" "Silence!" said Grahame, fiercely. "or I'll play you for her with bullets instead of cards." Nora had recoiled, covering her burning face; but Grahame caught her hand and drew her to his side. The manner, the touch, were chivalrous. The girl felt that, whatever his claim might be, he made none. Then the play began. Burwood was agitated, Grahame sterner cool. Nora knelt with her face hidden; and more than once her champion unconsciously pressed her closer to him. The stakes were his happiness as well as her honour.

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talk over matters. And by-and-by Nora came to her knight-errant in the hotel parlour. Her cheeks flushed, her eyes drooped as he took her hand; but he tried to ignore her night, and asked her if she had any friends or relatives in England, or elsewhere. She knew of none, she said; but maybe she could get something suitable in the way of employment in Stanhope Town. In colonies questions of caste don't count as much as they do in the old country.

But Grahame shook his head. "I couldn't leave you here," he said. "And I can't bear to think of your doing hard work. Besides—Nora, you weren't friendless, so unprotected, I would be silent; but I can't now. No, no!" as she half recoiled, "it isn't pity or generosity; I love you, you must have known it last night!" Her hand was in his again, she did not resist, and so he took her right into his arms and kissed her on the lips, not once, but many times, Nora still yielding. "The went 'home' together—hand and wife; a brief wedding, truly, yet neither ever repented the day they met so strangely, on which Wilmot Grahame won a wife at cards."

"The world never knew the whole romantic truth; for John Burwood lay dead on his own verandah on the eventful night of that thrilling ride, and Dick Fawcett was found, days afterwards in the bush, with a bullet in his heart.

Sylvia and Cynthia found themselves seated next to each other at the dinner party and immediately became confidential. "Molly told me that you told her the secret, that I told you not to tell her," whispered Sylvia. "Oh, isn't she a meaning thing!" gasped Cynthia. "Why, I told her not to tell you."

"Well," returned Sylvia, "I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me—so don't tell her I did."

Two directors of a railway company were travelling in the suburbs of London, when a railway porter shouted out at Acton Station, "Haction! Haction!" One of the directors smiled. A little farther on, arriving at Hanswell, another porter shouted "Anwell! Anwell!" The director turned to his companion and said, "You see how difficult it is to get the right man in the right place. We must have that Acton porter brought here, and we'll send this Hanswell fellow to Acton!"

"Tommy," said Mr. Figg, sternly, "I hung a motto in your room to the effect that little boys should be seen and not heard." "Yes, sir." "What did you do with it?" "I took it down to the deaf and dumb orphan asylum."

No. 2195 SOLDIERS WELCOMED BY LODGES.

At the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, Tuesday night, 2nd inst., the three local friendly societies tendered a combined friendly home, in the form of a bined night, to their returned soldier members. There was an attendance of 67 members (including 26 returned soldiers), and the function proved a very enjoyable one. Mr W. R. Glover, president of the friendly societies welcome home committee presided and read apologies for non-attendance from Messrs Ferguson, G. Rogers, W. Cheseman, T. Morley, G. C. Bennett, C. Whitfield, C. Newey, Harman, and W. H. Halpin. The caterer was Mr J. Glover, who provided an appetizing repast. The hall and supper tables were nicely decorated by a number of ladies, who also acted as waitresses. During the evening notices were given by Messrs V. J. Parson, L. Smith, A. H. Sands, and G. Pringle; Mr J. Meany contributing a song and Mr R. Holdsworth, violin solo. The secretarial duties were well carried out by Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson.

The toast of "The King was loyally honored." In proposing "The Fallen Members," Mr A. H. Sands said he did so with feelings of deep regret, for many of their members would never return. Out of 380 lodge members here, 60 went away, 11 of whom would never come back. These members died noble deaths for the Empire, and for the privileges they as a people enjoyed to-day.

The toast was drunk in silence. Mr L. Smith (president A.N.A.) proposed "Returned Members." He remarked that nothing he or any speaker could say would adequately express their appreciation of what these brave fellows had done for them, and the great sacrifices they had made. They could not fully realise the hardships their soldiers put up with. It was an exaggeration to say the Australians won the war, but the Australians' efforts went a mighty long way towards winning it.

Messrs A. Chick (N.G. of the M.U.L.O.F.), R. Sitter (chief ruler of the I.O.R.), G. Pringle (ex-vice I.O.R.), M. Dames, and A. H. Sands (A.N.A.) briefly supported the toast, which was enthusiastically drunk with musical honors and cheers.

Mr Gil. Smith (president of the Ripon branch, R.S.S.L.A.), in responding expressed appreciation of the fact that the boys who had been at the front were not being forgotten. There were something like 31,000 casualties in the A.I.F., and 53,000 of the best of their lads would never return. Those who did passed away satisfied that they had done their duty, and made no complaint. All who had gone abroad realised that it was their duty to go out and try to prevent the common foe from coming into their midst in Australia. Those who had been in the lines knew what the nations abroad had suffered. The grit banded down to the Australians by their forefathers was responsible for their fine fighting spirit, to which he attributed the high death rate in their army. They were the lucky ones here to-night, and knew the fine old people they had left behind were trying to show their appreciation of the little lads had done. 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SOLDIERS WELCOMED BY LODGES.

At the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Tuesday night, 2nd inst., the three local friendly societies tendered a combined welcome home, in the form of a smoke night, to their returned soldier members. There was an attendance of 67 members (including 26 returned soldiers), and the function proved very enjoyable one. Mr W. R. Glover (president of the friendly societies' welcome home committee) presided, and read apologies for non-attendance from Messrs Ferguson, G. Rogers, W. Thompson, T. Merley, G. C. Bennett, C. Whittell, C. Newey, Harriman, and W. J. Halpin. The caterer was Mr J. Glover, who provided an appetising repast. The hall and supper tables were nicely decorated by a number of ladies, who also acted as waitresses. During the evening recitations were given by Messrs V. J. Parnell, L. Smith, A. H. Sands, and G. Pringle; Mr J. J. Meany contributed a song, and Mr R. Holdsworth a violin solo. The secretarial duties were well carried out by Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson.

The toast of "The King" was loyally honored. In proposing "The Fallen Members," Mr A. H. Sands said he did so with feelings of deep regret, for many of their members would never return. Out of 350 lodge members here, 60 went away, 11 of whom would never come back. These members died noble deaths for the Empire, and for the privileges they as a people enjoyed today.

The toast was drunk in silence. Mr L. Smith (retired A.N.A.) proposed "Returned Members." He remarked that nothing he or any speaker could say would adequately express their appreciation of what these brave fellows had done for us, and the great sacrifices they had made. They could not fully realize the hardships their soldiers put up with. It was an exaggeration to say the Australian soldier was the best of his kind, but he was a mighty long way towards winning it.

Messrs A. Critch (N.G. of the M.U.I.O.F.), R. Sierk (chief ruler of the I.O.R.), G. Pringle (secy. I.O.R.), M. Dames, and A. H. Sands (A.N.A.), briefly supported the toast, which was enthusiastically drunk with musical honors and cheers.

Mr Gil Smith (president of the Ripon branch, R.S.S.I.L.A.), in responding expressed appreciation of the fact that the boys who had been at the front were not being forgotten. There were something like 314,000 casualties in the A.I.F., and 59,000 of the best of their lads would never return. Those who died passed away satisfied that they had done their bit, and made no complaint. All who had gone abroad realized that it was their duty to go out and try to prevent the common foe from coming into their midst in Australia. Those who had been in the lines knew what the nations abroad had suffered. The grit handed down to the Australians by their forefathers was responsible for their fine fighting spirit, to which he attributed the high death rate in their army. They were the lucky ones here tonight, and knew the fine old people they had left behind were trying to show their appreciation of the little they had done. Many of the local lads had been wounded, but quite a small percentage had been killed. In the little "stunts" they had had since their return to the district, they had found the helping hand extended to them. Quite a number of returned "diggers" craved for an open-air life on the land, and he felt they had the support of the right-thinking people in Beaufort. They had tried to advance their closer settlement policy here, and it had borne fruit, and in the near future they would have a decent little town here. In addition to settling their own boys, they must look to the great immigration coming from other countries. Here they had set an example, and while only one or two stations would go now, others would have to go in the future to settle desirable immigrants from overseas, who had also helped to defend Australia and the Empire.

Mr A. J. Saph also thanked them for the way they had received the toast. Hitting out from the shoulder, he noticed a good many were absent who should have been here this evening. Some who were in a better position than those who went to fight seemed to stand back or sit on the fence. As to the holding out of the helping hand, he did not agree with the remarks of Mr Smith. There were a lot who, when they were away, were going to do this and that for them, but when they came back they found it the other way.

Mr T. B. Prentice said he was pleased to add a few remarks in appreciation of the efforts of those who had arranged this function. Though not so much had been done for the soldiers, they had the majority of the people with them in their land movement, and also newspapers near and far. They only wanted what was fair and reasonable, and did not desire to run over other people. Their opponents would find in the near future, that his influence was greater than they had imagined in regard to bringing about land settlement.

Mr N. S. McLeod endorsed the remarks of previous speakers. On the land question they had put up a great fight, and in the near future they would meet with success, he was sure. He did not want assistance himself, but a lot of their comrades were unable to look after themselves, and it was up to everyone to show a little practical patriotism. They had had too much flag-wagging in the past—pocket patriotism being what they wanted. (Applause.)

Messrs E. S. Buchanan, L. Scott, and C. Crowswell also briefly responded. Other toasts honored were—"The Ladies" (proposed by Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson, and responded to by Mr P. George); "The Artists" (proposed by Mr Dames, and responded to by Mr Meany); "The Friendly Societies" coupled with the name of Mr W. R. Glover (proposed by Mr T. B. Prentice, and responded to by Messrs V. J. Parnell, L. Smith, A. H. Sands, and G. Pringle); Mr J. J. Meany contributed a song, and Mr R. Holdsworth a violin solo. The secretarial duties were well carried out by Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson.

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Two dentists supplied me sets of teeth; had to discard them. Ones you fitted satisfactory from start. (Signed) A. SMITH, 2/10/1919. Miram.

Three sets of teeth, but I could not eat. Cost several pounds. Plates from W. E. Thomas chew any food. (Signed) J. E. FARMER, 7/11/1919. Narricoorte.

Two full upper and lower sets; dozen visits to a dentist some miles from Nhill. I couldn't eat. Cost ten guineas. Teeth continually breaking off. Used over pound's worth suction powder trying keep them position. Mr. W. E. Thomas made new plates. I can masticate any food. (Signed) J. J. RILEY, 7/11/1919.

Full sets your system. I can eat anything from the start; very different from the other dentist, which cost me ten guineas. (Signed) C. G. HOFFMAN, 18/11/1919. Victoria South, Horsham.

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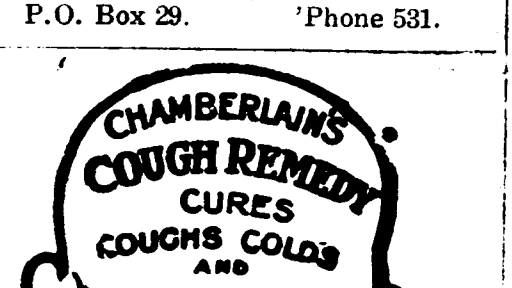
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W. H. HALPIN has been favored with instructions from the Administrator in the Estate of GILBERT A. KIRKPATRICK to submit to auction on the above date as follows:—

LAND AND PROPERTY SALE. WATERLOO. SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1919, at 2 p.m.

W. H. HALPIN has been favored with instructions from Mr. W. E. FINCH to sell, on above date, as follows:—

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COMPLETE SHORT STORY.

MY LADY TOPPER.

By Hilda F. Moore.

CHAPTER I.—THE SCARECROW.

Henrietta, usually known as Harry by her innumerable friends and relations (more the former than the latter, it must be stated, as she possessed but four—i.e., an uncle and his wife, with whom she lived, and two brothers, one in the Navy and the other in the R.F.C.) was sublimely unaware at first of being observed by a professional observer when she commenced her usual fruit-picking campaign in the long, well-trimmed nursery belonging to her uncle, and was overlooked by the big grey house with the copper beech trees opposite.

The strawberry beds came in for first attention. A day or so before, the refreshing rain of the big green berries, in connection with the real hot June day that followed, an old gardener, who hobbled with rheumatism, but put in an immense amount of work none the less, had stuck up a most realistic scarecrow in the centre of the beds.

It stood erect, a good six feet, with zeppolins arms and a fine shiny top hat on its well-stuffed head, and, no doubt, gave the thieves of birds heart attacks from one end of the nursery to the other.

When the observer first beheld the scarecrow he, too, started, as he'd been dozing when its erection took place.

He started, when he reached out to a thin brown hand and picked up a somewhat battered pair of binoculars from off a table by his lounge on the shady upper balcony.

"Deuced good, by Jove!" he exclaimed, focussing the scarecrow. "I should have sworn it was somebody walking across the garden. Give the birds a scare without a doubt."

Then he smiled—rather a twisted little smile. It was a bit "off" wailing enthusiastic over a scarecrow; but even a scarecrow was a novelty in these days, dragging dead-alive days of convalescence. After months of dashing work out in France it was sickening to be mewed up like this.

"With care, now, you may observe and fly again," had said the dry-looking Scotch doctor; "meanwhile, you'll have to go slow." "I said this man of wisdom with full emphasis. Of course, the observer was quite aware that it was nothing short of a miracle that he and his pilot had lived to tell the tale, after that fearful doubling cropper that had, eventually, transported them both back to Blighty.

Poor old Higgs was still in hospital; he, the observer, was lucky to be allowed home convalescent. In the new house, his father had recently invested in a bargain going cheap on account of the war.

"Never let an opportunity slip, my boy, has ever been my motto." And his grin widened in acknowledgement.

Of course, it was unnecessary for the father to tell him that, when the fact was so very obvious to all but the most uninitiated. Another of the good old father had had his welfare at heart to rig up such a fine little corner of it ready for him—and this upper balcony was a masterpiece.

A few days later he made a distant acquaintance with the girl of the strawberry bed. ("The distant" on account of his being on the balcony and she in the nursery garden belonging to her uncle.)

She wore a red overall and no hat. Her hair was a pretty, crinkly dark brown, her eyes were large and dark, and creamy skin, particularly around the bridge of her straight little nose, was liberally sprinkled with freckles.

His binoculars brought these facts quite closely to him.

He chuckled merrily when he saw her, after ten minutes' steady picking in the straight row, walk across to the scarecrow, take off its tall hat, and stick it on the back of her own head.

THE HUN OFFICER AND HIS MEN

CHAPTER II.—THE APPLE OF HIS EYE. Through his father he became acquainted with her name. He (the father) knew her uncle—met him occasionally. Why, yes, he'd bring him along some time, if he (the observer) would care to see him. He was a very busy man, though.

"Henrietta, is she?" mused the observer, as the father picked up a newspaper and collapsed into a big armchair. "Known as Harry, well, it suits her jolly well!" thought he. "But why couldn't he get to know her quickly? How she would buck a fellow up! Ah, if he was only well enough to get up! He'd pretty soon scale that low wall and help her to pick the strawberries!"

Each day he fretted her darning. He waved his hand, flattered his hanky, he whistled, practising different birds' calls—he even called out. She heard him right enough—he knew that, for his useful and much-used binoculars detected the blushes.

She was an aggravating girl, for not the slightest encouragement did she give to these advances, which, he was perfectly aware, he had awful cheek to make; but how, otherwise, could he get her to remember he was there?

Then, one evening, her uncle came in with his father, and the observer admired him immensely.

It was a big, well-made, grey, curly-haired giant of a man, with a fine, rolling laugh and a most genial personality.

Evidently "Harry" was the apple of his eye—his "little girl," as he fondly termed her—the orphan daughter of his only brother.

The observer, his thin, brown face alight and animated, gave a manly confession of his interest in Harry, and how much he would like to know her—personally.

The giant stroked his smooth chin reflectively, and gave a funny little smile.

"So you're the mystery young man, are you?" he said. "Ah! I didn't know someone else bestowed nicknames as well as yourself!" He had chuckled mightily over "My Lady Topper." "It strikes me you had better see Harry, and get her ideas of you first hand—if she'll give it, that is. We've heard a good deal about you, if that's any encouragement. But—well—"

"Well, my boy," he said, as he was on the point of departing, "we must see if we can't help to make the time pass a little more quickly for you. I can understand it's pretty slow work for you just now."

"Perhaps," said the observer, as he gripped the big, generous hand, "perhaps you'd tell My Lady Topper that she's helped the time on pretty considerably for me the past week or so."

"I will," said the uncle, with extreme heartiness—and the observer knew what a champion he had found.

"There's a lot more fruit in the garden yet, isn't there?" inquired the observer—adding, rather pathetically, "Goodness knows how long I'm going to be tied here, you know."

"Tons of strawberries, you know," he ran off on his fingers, "raspberries, currants, cherries, logans. By the time we get to the plums—the later variety, then—with a shrewd look at the thin, boyish face and long form—it strikes me we shall have you strolling round to have a look at how we're getting on with the gatherings."

RICHES IN FISHES.

Great Government fish hatcheries are to be found in many parts of the U.S.A. There are also many on private estates conducted by individuals whose hobby is fish farming.

At the risk of great unpopularity I intend to dissipate some of these false impressions. And I claim the right to speak with some little authority on the subject; for, during a stay of several years in Germany, I attended the annual "Kaiser Manoeuvres" for three successive years, and was frequently a guest at German messes.

The German Army is a machine. The whole relationship between officer and man is contained in that phrase. For it is a mighty machine, highly organised, and controlled by such iron discipline as the intelligent liberty-loving Briton has no idea of.

In that machine any man may spend quite a congenial life, provided he submits without question and without complaint to carrying out the part allotted to him.

This life, for the ordinary, well-disciplined young German, is neither irksome or unwanted. Military service is as much a part of his 'sojourn' in this world as birth at its opening and death at its close. Service with the Colours is honourable, and nothing is spared to make the uniform attractive and showy, and to foster esprit de corps and tradition in every little one of Germany's innumerable regiments.

The ordinary young German, then, submits to the hard training to which, as a recruit, he is subjected, knowing that it is inevitable. The men that suffer in the German Army are the individuals who are in any way out of the ordinary.

In a great and intricate machine every cog must conform to the standard pattern; the slightest divergence will check the machine. But even in Germany there are men who are not cast in the usual pattern. Maybe they have an unduly strong personality of their own; maybe they are over-passionate or less intelligent than their fellows; perchance they may belong to one of Prussia's subject races—Poles, Danes, or Alsace-Lorrainers (and we know how Prussia makes her subject races feel towards her!).

These are the victims of the great army machine. The mechanism conspires to revolve, and the cogs that do not run smoothly with the rest are crushed and bruised in the wheel-work. These men are the hapless butts of the bestial savagery which enormous responsibility, weighing upon a not very intelligent or refined character, is so apt to produce.

If it is they who are reviled and tormented and even tortured by the non-commissioned officers upon whom, under the German Army system, below the rank of captain, the whole responsibility for the maintenance of discipline and efficiency in the ranks devolves.

I have watched the German Army machine at work. The German regiment consists of three battalions, which almost always remain together under the command of a lieutenant-colonel, the battalion commander.

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SHOULD PARSONS FIGHT?

A NOTED FREE CHURCH MINISTER ANSWERS THE QUESTION. By the Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., D.D. This question has been propounded for my consideration—

Suppose a minister and a layman were walking together along a lonely road and were suddenly attacked by footpads, what would be the duty of the minister? Would it be right for him to say to his companion: "This is not my business; it is within your sphere to do the fighting, not mine?"

That is the question, and not for myself alone, but for everyone with an ounce of manhood, I should say that, whilst it would be quite within the province of the minister to parry, to remonstrate, to show the wrongness and evil of the robbers' act, if they still persisted, it would surely be his duty, if possible, to arrest them in their wrong-doing, and secure them for the constable, the magistrate, and the court.

Their evil career, if pursued, would bring a world of misery and suffering in its train to weak and helpless persons, and when the law is not there to take its own measures it is the duty of every good and honest man, minister of religion or not, to interfere in the interests of the well-being of the community, and bring the wrong-doers to justice. Of course, he would incidentally preserve his own property, but that would be less of a consideration than the welfare of others and the right ordering of society.

If, in the company of the minister and his lay friend, there happened to be a woman and child, whom the footpads roughly handled despite of sex and tender years, the call would be all the more urgent; and if the clerical attire and stock impeded his action, our ministerial friend would not hesitate to put them off, rather than give the marauders the slightest chance of robbing an orphanage.

This illustration certainly throws light on the present situation. Hundreds of ministers of religion would be glad to serve at the Front without a word of remonstrance or complaint, and their churches would be proud to maintain their families in the meanwhile.

It is realised that this war is not for revenge, or even personal rights, but for the sake of the ordered constitution of the world, the rights of the defenceless and weak, and the safeguarding of woman's virtue and childhood's innocence.

Would not a minister of religion be absolutely unworthy of his position as a teacher and leader of men who should stand quietly by whilst the German or Turk treated his wife and girls as they have been treated in Flanders and Armenia? And if he must withstand the brutal violence, to which our enemies have accustomed us, on his own doorstep, is it not right to withstand it before the menace reaches it?

Is it not better to fight in France (Heaven help her!) than in Britain, if we have the choice?

There are thousands of clergymen and ministers in our country who are feeling their anomalous position very keenly, and who would welcome compulsion in order that all difficulties with church authorities might be brushed aside. According to my way of thinking, the number of Conscientious Objectors among the clergy and the ministers of the Free Churches would not be in greater proportion than among the laity.

After all, the minister is a citizen of two kingdoms, the Kingdom of Christ and the Kingdom of King George. Even if the call were one purely of patriotism, I should still hold that its warrant was sufficient.

As a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven, I think the call to fight is compelling, for everything for which Christianity stands is at stake in this gigantic conflict. It is literally a fight for the souls of the world. If our eyes could be opened we might actually see that it is, in the spiritual plane, a grim fight between Good and Evil, between God and Satan.

The issue is abundantly plain. The rights and wrongs of the matter are so well marked. Not one Briton in ten thousand has a doubt of the justice, necessity, and rightness of the cause. So I go out to all right-thinking minds that the great free Democracy of America has flung herself into the fray against every dictate of expediency and tradition.

The cold fact is that no man who is a man, and is fit and whole, can, or ought, for any reason soever, to stand aside at this juncture. Christ said: "He that hath no sword let him sell his cloak and buy one." It seems to me that we are just at that tragical moment now when even the clerical cloak must be pawned and the sword buckled on. We must yield to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, as to God the things that are God's.

And cannot you see the Master, His face ablaze with indignation, with the whip in his hand, overtaking us as He goes the round of the money-changers and hucksters, cleansing the Temple from the pollution of those who have desecrated it? Remember that, if the Hun win, the Temple of the World is desecrated and if the Servant of Christ must not take a scourge in his hand now, in the very Name of the Master He serves, as a Holy Crusade against the powers of evil, then, it seems to me his power for good and his figure will shine. He will have no message for men. He will be an alien whose language they do not understand.—"Tit-Bits."

FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

CANNY KING JAMES. Soap used to provide King James I. with a comfortable addition to his income.

That canny monarch granted the Company of Soapmakers of Westminster the monopoly for the making of soap in England in return for a payment of £5 a ton on all soap produced.

The importation of soap was prohibited, and officers were appointed to deal with illicit soap boiling, its manufacture, even in private houses for domestic purposes, being punishable by heavy penalties.

Moreover, a proclamation was issued that "the soap made by the company is good, sweet, and serviceable for our people." The annual revenue derived by the King from this source amounted to about thirty thousand pounds.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S DAY. Mr. Wilson's programme of daily action is well defined. He is most methodical in everything he does—setting aside time for work, time for exercise, and time for recreation.

Mr. Wilson devotes the morning to exercise. He rises at seven o'clock, and is ready for breakfast at eight. At half-past eight a driver or two drives to take him to a match with Mrs. Wilson, herself a golf enthusiast, or with his doctor.

The President usually reaches the White House again about ten or eleven o'clock, and begins his duties. From that time until luncheon, which is served at one o'clock, he has an opportunity to read the large mass of letters and despatches piled on his desk and the newspapers.

He rarely receives callers until the afternoon. On Cabinet days the sessions begin at half-past two o'clock and continue for several hours. On these days he receives few callers.

PRIZES FOR VILLAGE BRIDES. Prizes for the shortest, the tallest, the youngest and the oldest brides married in a parish church during the year sounds somewhat Gilbertian, but it is true.

This custom obtains in the village of St. Cyrus, in Kincardineshire, and has been observed with unflinching regularity since the year 1847.

In 1846, Mr. Orr, of Bridgeton, a local laird, left a legacy of £1,000, which was invested in Consols. The interest from the funds, it was stipulated, had to be divided into five portions, and, after one portion was set aside for the poor of the parish, the remaining four were to be awarded—one each to the youngest bride, the oldest bride, the shortest bride, and the tallest bride.

This strange benefaction came to be founded in this way. The laird was driving in his coach one day when the wind was driving a snow-storm before it, the fine powdery snow threatening to block the road.

Overtaking a young couple making their way, as best they could, in the teeth of the gale, he stopped his coach and entered into conversation with them. He found it was the old, old story of a lover and his lass, and they were footing it through the snow to the kirk of St. Cyrus, there to be married.

Mr. Orr was astonished to find that though poor in a worldly sense, they were taking the eventful step on the security of their ruddy health and their mutual affection for each other. So much impressed was he, though at the time, Scotsman-like, he gave them nothing more than his blessing that he left the legacy on his death for such as they.

VISIONS AND PORTENTS. The disturbed state of the popular mind in Ireland is reflected in the stories of miraculous happenings, of visions and apparitions that are being circulated.

THE 100-MILE GUN.

The German long-range gun which bombarded Paris from a distance of at least 65 miles in no way astonishes constructors of artillery. That such a gun was possible has long been common knowledge.

The Bunnell gun is the invention of Charles Beecher Bunnell. Mr. Bunnell describes his weapon as being 375 feet long, weighing 39,277 tons with mountings, having a bore of 60 inches and capable of throwing a shell 264 feet long, weighing 100 tons a distance of seventy miles at twenty degrees elevation, or 100 miles at forty-five degrees.

The carriage weighs 98,192.5 tons without the gun. It is practically an automobile car resting on 250 soft iron wheels, each of which is two feet wide and two feet in diameter, with twelve grooves in the rims for the rope tyres.

The explosion of the shell sixty feet from an ordinary ship would swamp it, says Mr. Bunnell, in a "Popular Science Monthly" specification, and thereby prevent firing of the ship's guns. The concussion alone would destroy the crew and leave the men dead without mutilation.

One shell from this gigantic weapon would annihilate Essen and make the Krupp works look like so many heaps of emery powder. Another would make the whole district a valley of death for thirty days after it fell.

One form of shell is exploded by chlorid of nitrogen. The second shell would be aimed at the same place and fired as quickly as possible to get the same atmospheric advantages, whereupon it would begin after landing to vomit innumerable small shells containing osmium and hydrocyanic acid, cyanogen, etc.

"The silent death produced by osmium would make an ordinary graveyard lame and a commonplace; for the osmium that can be piled on a ship will kill 1,000 persons."

Ten tons of powder in twenty-six prisms propel the shot, which encounters an atmospheric resistance at the muzzle of 10.45 tons, which fades off to zero at the first point of impact. Ignition is reversed: the powder commences to burn at the breech-plate and works back to the muzzle, so that the air is not filled with burning powder grains, as is usually the case. Fired point blank, the shell travels twenty-one miles parallel with the earth's curvature which would permit the shot to perforate two German fleets side by side.

At a seventy-mile range the gun's possible destructive area is 15,000 square miles; at the 100-mile range, 31,000 square miles.

The weight of the shell fired by this gun is always uniform, no matter what form of explosive is employed. Its nose is ellipsoidal for the reason that a round shot goes to the left and down, while the conical shot goes to the right and up of any gun's axis. The nose of the Bunnell shell is the mean between these two extremes.

The power required to operate the gun is furnished by its own recoil. The gun automatically assumes the position for firing.

The first part of the recoil is absorbed by compressed air cylinders connected with a series of glycerine cylinders. At the end of the recoil the gun is locked in a horizontal position through compensating gear, and is ready for automatic cleaning and loading, after which it automatically elevates itself and fires.

The gun is started and stopped by a foot pedal. The elevation is recorded by a left-hand wheel operating three dials—a degree dial, a second dial and a minute dial, while the point of compass is controlled by three other geared for degrees, minutes and seconds. Since harbours can be ruled off into imaginary numbered squares, it is merely necessary to telegraph the officer in charge of the gun that the hostile fleet is in square 23 or 64. The operator places a pantographic pointer on a metallic map at the position designated, and the gun does the rest. The area of each square is coincident with the shell's own destructive area, while the whole metallic map is coincident with the gun's destructive area.

The inner tube of any big gun is no stronger than any flax which it may contain. To make a tube in one piece is like putting all your eggs in one basket. The inner tube of the Bunnell gun is designed to take care of the stress developed parallel with the major axis only. It consists of sixteen strips of steel, each 375 feet long, 2 feet thick, 22 1/2 degrees wide, each locked with the next, making a tube 375 feet long, 9 feet in diameter, with a 5-foot bore.

To take care of the stress at right angles with the gun's major axis, Mr. Bunnell shrinks upon this segmented tube 750 steel rings each 1/2 inch thick, 12 feet in diameter with a 9-foot hole. These rings are of compressed steel made when in a semi-fluid state and subjected to the greatest pressure that can be developed. Upon these rings a series of steel sleeves are locked and shrunk. Lastly, the trunnion and breech are placed in position. The gun is proportionately 40 per cent stronger parallel with its major axis and at right angles to it than a sixteen-inch gun of the same size would be.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

Mr. W. E. Thomas, Dentist. A couple of testimonials that speak for themselves.

Burra, Kooronga, March 10, 1914. Mr. W. E. Thomas, Dentist. I had a very severe toothache. Twelve of your teeth were quite painless. Twelve of your teeth had sets of teeth from you, and I have greatly benefited in health since wearing the artificial.—M. G. GILLET.

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Calendar. With this issue we have pleasure in presenting our subscribers with a calendar for 1920.

Police Court. There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort police court on Monday.

New J.P. Appointed. Mr. A. O. H. Sands, of Beaufort, has been appointed a justice of the peace for the Southern District.

Services Appreciated. At the last meeting of the Ararat branch of the Returned Soldiers' League...

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School Examinations. At the recent examinations conducted by the Education Department, the pupils of the Waterloo school have again done well, as all the pupils (six) presented for the merit certificate succeeded in passing...

New Stationmaster. Mr. W. Fitzpatrick, of Clunes, succeeds Mr. H. E. Russell as railway stationmaster at Beaufort.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From secretary Seaside Soldiers Club, St. Kilda, forwarding books of the Fifth Division's "Glory," forwarding advertising matter for club-rooming, and inviting literary contributions to an advertising circular re Sal. The secretary of the Victoria branch mentioned that the local ladies had arranged to have a "diggers' dinner" from ready taken headquarters for Victoria, leading branch for its loyal support re war gratuity.—Received. From same, re arrangements for carrying bonds, and arrangements for forwarding parcels.—Received. From same, forwarding proposal of constitutional amendment re fee of £10/10/0, submitted by N.S.W. branch. Mr. Maher has agreed to the matter up to £10/10/0.

No many soldiers, on motion of Messrs W. Lewis and Maher. From Messrs W. Lewis and Maher. From same, re 1920 coupons for badges.—Received. From same, re boundaries of constitutionally amended. The secretary also telegraphed that the Association had been elected to the position of the Premier from the Progress Association and Ripon district returned soldiers had arranged for a meeting on Wednesday, 17th inst., at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Smith gave an account of the proceedings at the recent conference between the Ripon branch and the Ballarat progress association, and mentioned that magnificent samples of oats, etc. grown in the district (procured by Mr. Young) were exhibited. He also mentioned that same were exhibited in shop windows in Ballarat, one sample of oats 8 1/2 high having come from land that produced 70 bushels to the acre. He also referred to the hospitality shown to the local delegates. The Progress Association meeting was held in accordance with the Ripon branch's action. He felt certain the forthcoming deputation to the Minister, backed up by the Progress Association, would have a good result. Lieut. Young moved that Messrs Smith, J. Millar, J. Ellis (who had worked portion of Trawalla, D. R. Hannan, (president) Repatriation Committee (D.R. Hannan), South Wales (applicant for land here), and all district members of Parliament attend the deputation to the Minister on Wednesday, 11th inst. Seconded by Mr. Saph, and carried. From Closer Settlement Board, stating that matter of acquiring Mt. Mitchell would be considered, and branch advised as soon as possible.—Received. From Beaufort Repatriation committee, stating that Messrs Saph and Young had been added to the general committee, and as Mr. R. A. D. Sinclair had resigned, one of them would be immediately appointed to the executive.—Mr. Smith thought two of their members should have been placed on the executive at once, as promised. He had been accused of being "bored" because he gave the strength of the conference with the repatriation committee at their last meeting, but he always spoke his mind in public and would continue to do so. Lieut. Young said he was away from the conference with the belief that two members of the committee would resign at once, and two soldiers would be appointed. He said that the president had been slighted by being left off, it was up to this meeting to say whether he (Mr. Young) should accept the position, if appointed. Mr. Smith said they had done him a good turn by leaving him off, as he had too much to do, and he did not altogether feel that he had been slighted. He had taken exception to the other members names not being instructed to the general committee. Mr. Saph moved that the repatriation committee be again requested to add the other four names suggested by the branch to the general committee, seconded by Mr. N. McLeod, and carried. Mr. Cowling said Mr. Robertson, of Mt. Mitchell, had said he intended throwing open land and would have done so in any case, but owing to the war he had not. He said the soldiers he would have nothing to do with it. Lieut. Young said there was no threat in the letter. Mr. Cowling said if Mr. Robertson intended to give them land, it would be better to suggest to go on with the compulsion "stunt." Mr. J. McErvale—He won't give it to you. The president remarked that he had supported subscription, and these people had backed him up those days. He was now supporting taking land compulsorily for the "diggers." Mr. Cowling said the Lexton sub-committee had carried a motion instructing the president and secretary to interview Mr. Robertson and see the letter. If he gave them land, they would get it so much quicker. The president simply complied with your request and got no reply, and until we get a further reply from the Closer Settlement Board, can do nothing further. Mr. Cowling—You understand that you have our support in the other "stunt" here. Mr. McLeod—He knows we have been waiting 12 months for land. Why didn't he come to light before? From a member, complaining of his assistance money not being stopped, while he is waiting for land and is medically unfit to do hard work. The president of the branch and the secretary of the repatriation committee to make enquires at headquarters on Wednesday in regard to this case; and also to urge that special cases of local business and desiring vocational training be attended to.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The president said Messrs Rolle and Willian, proprietors of the cinema pictures, were desirous of the members co-operating with them in running a dance on Boxing night after the picture show, and proposed that the matter be decided. It was decided that a dance be held in the hall after the entertainment, as suggested; and a sub-committee was appointed to act in conjunction with Messrs Rolle and Willian in making arrangements for music, etc. They said they could arrange to screen slides, at their picture entertainment every Saturday evening, and that the soldier settlement movement be the subject of the next meeting. Rolle and Willian, and the matter was left in the secretary's hands to arrange.

Lieut. Bennett's notice of motion re holding fortnightly meetings was allowed to stand over till the New Year, at his own request.

President Smith said that at last Ripon Shire council meeting they were practically accused of being cads and doing caddish things, and that was in referring to a dead man in none too favorable a tone. There was no need for him to tell them that they as a body did not make such reference, but a councilor said they must have been entirely in sympathy with the speaker or they would not have passed a vote of thanks. This cropped up when an appeal from the war memorial committee came before the council. He did not think the time was ripe to introduce this. The shire president had said people did not like the way the soldiers or Mr. Boyle spoke. None of them endorsed some of the things Mr. Boyle said, but it did hurt some of these people to hear a few home truths. What ever he had to say he was going to say straight out, he did not endorse the whole of Mr. Boyle's remarks, but they could, for instance, be in sympathy with most of the planks in the platform of the National Federation, and even if they did not agree with some, they could still vote for them. He happened to be the chairman of this "stunt," and if the speaker who introduced this at that public meeting had been in his right place, he would have been in the chair at that public meeting, instead of being away. (Hear, hear.) He also condemned that councilor for allowing it to go over the council meeting and waiting until he got good support before introducing it. He said it was a nice thing to get about that the "diggers" ignored the speakers up to the hilt that night, but if he did get about the shire president was the main one responsible for advertising it. They would have noticed that a vote of thanks was certainly omitted at the hall, but when they passed the vote of thanks here they had the meeting to support them. They might have been in sympathy with most of it, but they were not with the lot they talked about the soldiers doing caddish things, but he said these people did a caddish thing in penalising a memorial to the dead soldiers for what they did not do. The people were asking for contributions to a memorial to their fallen comrades. These people practically refused their support simply because of this speech made from the platform. Lieut. Young (who had left the meeting) wanted to say something, but he had not returned. It was only fair, as they had been slated, that he (the president) should make some reply. It was a public meeting that night, and picture-show was first arranged with three-minute speeches in the interval, but they found out that the picture plant was not going to work, and turned it into a public meeting. Mr. Sinclair should remember that these gentlemen came to their assistance, and as a leading citizen he was not present at that meeting. If Mr. Sinclair had been there, he would probably have been voted to the chair, and could have prevented anything like that happening. Only three minutes was allowed each speaker originally, but they allowed to go on longer, and one wandered a little bit. One of the speakers did take exception to it, and he (Mr. Smith) would have done so had not that gentleman got in before him and said they did not entirely agree with all that had been said. These people saw fit to use their action to cut out support to this memorial, and he did not think that fitting at all, and they did not show much tact. It was unfortunate Lieut. Young was not here, as he had moved the vote of thanks. He knew they did not agree with what had been said in the council chamber concerning their actions. They were not justified in showing the blame on the returned soldier, and he did not see why this man should suffer because one man got a little out of his track. As to being cads, he was not one, and he knew the men he represented here were not. The amounting to £6/18/5 were passed for payments.

The president asked if members had any special business they wanted brought forward at the State conference. Mr. A. J. Saph said there were a lot of eligibles in the Defence Department. Returned men had come back and were given positions as temporary clerks. Eligible men here were all the time in uniform drawing pay from the rank of corporal to warrant officer. The R.S.S.I.L.A. had put the case to the Department and got a reply that the staff was being reduced and the permanent staff would carry on. They should ask that some definite steps be taken. If they must keep the staff on, they should not put on permanent and the other men put on as temporary clerks? It would be better if the returned men were even put in uniform and placed on the same rate of pay as the others, at any rate.

The president promised to bring Mr. Saph's complaint up at the conference, and asked him to put it in writing. Copies of the Riponshire Advocate, containing an article on the Ripon soldier settlement movement and a small copy of the map of district estates circulated by the branch, were distributed.

CRICKET.

Buangor cricketers visited Beaufort on Saturday and played an enjoyable single-innings match with the locals at the Shire Hall. The game resulted in a win for the visitors, although the issue remained in doubt until the closing stage. Beaufort having an off day in the district competition, saw a weak team into the field. McLean captained Buangor, and Hay was the local skipper. Beaufort batted first, and the whole team was disposed of for a total of 128 runs. Hay, who was in good form, was caught out after making 70 (which included no less than 13 fours). E. Muntz (13) and J. A. Harris (11) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures. Bowling—Wilson, 7 for 8; Gardner, 3 for 33; W. Murray, 10 for 13; McLean, 0 for 26; J. Murray, 0 for 26. When the stumps were drawn at 7 p.m. Buangor had completed 35 runs for the loss of eight wickets. W. Murray, who batted well, was top scorer with 39, and Wilson was responsible for 27. Orde made 16. J. Murray 14, Gardner 12, and McLean 10. Bowling—E. Muntz, 5 for 43; Hay, 2 for 46; Nicholson, 0 for 11; Hayward, 0 for 22. Scores—Beaufort—Hay, c and b Gardner, 11; Muntz, b Wilson, 13; Gardner, c and b Wilson, 9; Nicholson, c and b Wilson, 7; Hayward, b Gardner, 4; Betheras, b Wilson, 0; Newey, b Gardner, 2; Martin, not out, 7. Buangor—Gardner, b Wilson, 0; O'Sullivan, c Gardner, b Wilson, 0; sundries, 5; total, 128. Buangor—McLean, b Muntz, 10; W. Murray, 39; Gardner, 35; Muntz, 4; Wilson, c Hay, 0; Muntz, 27; Orde, run out, 16; J. Murray, b Hay, 14; Broster, b Muntz, 12; McGuinness, b Muntz, 4; F. Anderson, not out, 2; sundries, 7; total, 135 (eight wickets). Beaufort have another bye in the district competition to-day (Saturday).

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

Although the Federal elections passed off quietly at Beaufort, a good deal of interest was evinced in the contests and a fair vote polled. The three parties worked with a will on polling day to arouse the indifferent to consciousness of their obligations and cast clearly for him to tell them that they as a body did not make such reference, but a councilor said they must have been entirely in sympathy with the speaker or they would not have passed a vote of thanks. This cropped up when an appeal from the war memorial committee came before the council. He did not think the time was ripe to introduce this. The shire president had said people did not like the way the soldiers or Mr. Boyle spoke. None of them endorsed some of the things Mr. Boyle said, but it did hurt some of these people to hear a few home truths. What ever he had to say he was going to say straight out, he did not endorse the whole of Mr. Boyle's remarks, but they could, for instance, be in sympathy with most of the planks in the platform of the National Federation, and even if they did not agree with some, they could still vote for them. He happened to be the chairman of this "stunt," and if the speaker who introduced this at that public meeting had been in his right place, he would have been in the chair at that public meeting, instead of being away. (Hear, hear.) He also condemned that councilor for allowing it to go over the council meeting and waiting until he got good support before introducing it. He said it was a nice thing to get about that the "diggers" ignored the speakers up to the hilt that night, but if he did get about the shire president was the main one responsible for advertising it. They would have noticed that a vote of thanks was certainly omitted at the hall, but when they passed the vote of thanks here they had the meeting to support them. They might have been in sympathy with most of it, but they were not with the lot they talked about the soldiers doing caddish things, but he said these people did a caddish thing in penalising a memorial to the dead soldiers for what they did not do. The people were asking for contributions to a memorial to their fallen comrades. These people practically refused their support simply because of this speech made from the platform. Lieut. Young (who had left the meeting) wanted to say something, but he had not returned. It was only fair, as they had been slated, that he (the president) should make some reply. It was a public meeting that night, and picture-show was first arranged with three-minute speeches in the interval, but they found out that the picture plant was not going to work, and turned it into a public meeting. Mr. Sinclair should remember that these gentlemen came to their assistance, and as a leading citizen he was not present at that meeting. If Mr. Sinclair had been there, he would probably have been voted to the chair, and could have prevented anything like that happening. Only three minutes was allowed each speaker originally, but they allowed to go on longer, and one wandered a little bit. One of the speakers did take exception to it, and he (Mr. Smith) would have done so had not that gentleman got in before him and said they did not entirely agree with all that had been said. These people saw fit to use their action to cut out support to this memorial, and he did not think that fitting at all, and they did not show much tact. It was unfortunate Lieut. Young was not here, as he had moved the vote of thanks. He knew they did not agree with what had been said in the council chamber concerning their actions. They were not justified in showing the blame on the returned soldier, and he did not see why this man should suffer because one man got a little out of his track. As to being cads, he was not one, and he knew the men he represented here were not. The amounting to £6/18/5 were passed for payments.

The State of parties is as follows:—Nationalists, 38; Farmers, 9; Labor, 28. The following are the leading candidates:—Balaclava—Watt; Ballarat—Kerby, 13,028; McGrath, 12,823; Batman—Brennan; Bendigo—Hughes; Bourke—Ansty; Cooyah—Schuchka—Hill; Pawker—Maxwell; Flinders—Bruce; Gippsland—Wise. Grampanis—Jowett; Henty—Boyd; Indi—Harington; Koober—Bost; Maribyrnong—Fenton; Melbourne—Maloney; Warrong—R. J. Tudor. Returns are incomplete. (A. M. Parker, Neill Street, Beaufort.)

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The Prime Minister declares that there is ample sugar available for all requirements. Beaufort and Lexton cricketers will play a match at the Beaufort Park to-day (Saturday). Clause 132 of the Health Bill, which allows parents on conscientious grounds to refrain from having children vaccinated, was agreed to without discussion when the measure was considered in committee in the Legislative Council on Thursday evening. In consequence of the number of cattle forward being large at the Ballarat stock market on Tuesday, competition was not keen and late prices were hardly realised. Prime bullocks sold from £25 to £25, and extra prime to £26/7/6. Prime cows made from £18 to £20, with extra prime to £25. The best of the calves penned made to £15/18/6. Competition for sheep was keen, and prices about equal to last week's values. Prime crossbred wethers sold at from 26/ to 28, and extra prime to 33/6; and prime crossbred ewes from 22/ to 25/ with extra prime to 25/4. Lambs were easier, prime (woolly) selling at from 19/ to 21/ and extra prime to 25/10.

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HIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE. Notice to Advertisers. Owing to the Xmas. Holidays interfering with our usual publishing arrangements, our next issue will appear on WEDNESDAY afternoon. To ensure insertion, advertisements should reach us the previous evening. There will be NO ISSUE of "The Riponshire Advocate" on Saturday, 3rd January, 1920. A. PARKER, Proprietor.

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BEAUFORT DISTRICT FARRIERS' ASSOCIATION. ON and after 1st January, 1920, prices of Shoeing will be as follows:—Ponies, under 14 hands, 6/; Hack or Buggy, 7/; Delivery, 8/; Draughts, 9/; Tack Toes, 9/6; Toes and Heels, 10/.

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W. H. HALPIN has received instructions from the Administrator in the Estate of the late WILLIAM PANTHER to sell, on above date, as follows:—LAND.—All that piece of Land, being a lotment of Parish of Raglan West, County of Ripon, containing 12 acres 3 rods 39 perches, on which is erected 4-roomed W.B. House, detached Kitchen (part iron roof), Stable, Chaff-cut, etc. Single and Double Washstands, Cheffonier, Couch, Tables, Chest of Drawers, Chairs, Looking Glass, Sewing Machine, Scales, Cherry Churn, Separator (almost new), Tubs, Saucepans, Colonial Oven (in good order), Kitchen Utensils, and other Sundries too numerous to mention. Also about quarter acre growing Potatoes.

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District Handicap (Resisted under V.A.L., for residents within 10 miles of Beaufort post-office for best time prior to Boxing Day, 1919). 100 yds.—25. 1st, £5; 2nd, £11/0; 3rd, 10. Nomination, 2/; acceptance, 1/.

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Flag Race on Horsecreek—22.100. 1st, £2; 2nd, 10. District Trot (for horses or ponies owned by residents within 20 miles of Beaufort post-office for at least one month prior to Boxing Day, 1919). One mile. 1st, £10/0; 2nd, £10/0. Post entry, 2/.

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The cavalry wear hats of black leather, the infantry yellow, the artillery red, the engineers and sappers blue, the ordnance blue and sappers blue, the signal corps red, and the medical corps orange and white. General officers wear gold hat cords, all other officers wear gold and black.

The uniform is also marked by the crossed swords on the breast, the quality of the crossed swords, the sign of the crossed swords, the artillery, the medical corps, the medical service, and the red of the Académie.

BEAUFORT RAINFALL.

Jan. 181	113	255	614	462	107	8	61	80	213	
Feb. 189	201	331	80	202	241	126	94	106	51	9
Mar. 274	407	108	158	149	73	96	357	59	180	187
Apr. 298	320	101	12	446	71	114	38	369	18	252
May 195	431	151	94	229	330	335	242	205	236	275
June 414	359	361	355	301	404	298	339	125	409	238
July 100	100	138	163	355	189	753	255	317	126	1491
Aug. 277	468	289	194	117	325	159	107	302	210	673
Sept. 189	297	410	250	307	182	283	361	114	884	176
Oct. 261	131	264	130	295	329	278	433	115	291	141
Nov. 352	91	56	7	840	213	76	469	180	173	163
Dec. 19	81	88	45	257	16	26	42	429	70	117
Total	29	23	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22

1910.—January, 141 points; February, 55; March, 518; April, 78; May, 363; June, 290; July, 912; August, 225; September, 465; October, 257; November, 194; December, 183.

1911.—January, 47; February, 742; March, 491; April, 307; May, 381; June, 286; July, 122; August, 28; September, 620; October, 285; November, 42; December, 291.

1912.—January, 28; February, 40; March, 259; April, 228; May, 154; June, 236; July, 155; August, 176; September, 633; October, 119; November, 257; December, 273.

1913.—January, 75; February, 193; March, 362; April, 192; May, 204; June, 189; July, 162; August, 346; September, 317; October, 112; November, 288; December, 119.

1914.—January, 86; February, 11; March, 91; April, 200; May, 150; June, 74; July, 210; August, 48; September, 83; October, 35; November, 132; December, 361.

1915.—January, 115; February, 31; March, 60; April, 138; May, 215; June, 278; July, 166; August, 277; September, 384; October, 205; November, 122; December, 24.

1916.—January, 140; February, 111; March, 65; April, 220; May, 54; June, 214; July, 327; August, 200.

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Pour a large bowlful of warm water into a jug and in it dissolve three tablespoonfuls of treacle or honey and four tablespoonfuls of sugar. (If treacle or honey are not on hand use double quantity of sugar.) When cool, add two tablespoonfuls of vinegar and a phial of Heenzo, and pour into a large, clean, tightly-corked bottle, ready for use as required. Full directions for taking will be found with the Heenzo, which may be obtained from any chemist or store for 2s. As the above recipe produces a fairly large quantity of mixture, which, if bought in a lot of little bottles, would cost anything up to 30s., according to quality, it will be readily seen that a big saving is to be effected in making Heenzo Cough Mixture. As Heenzo does not contain any paregoric, laudanum, or other opium extracts, it may be given to little children without fear of harmful effects.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1919.

The Season's Greetings.
 We take the opportunity of wishing our readers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Returned Soldiers.
 Messrs H. Bending and F. Tomkins, former residents of Beaufort who recently returned to Australia after

School Holidays.

The State schools in Beaufort and district broke up on Friday, 19th inst., for the Xmas. vacation (five weeks).

Land Sale.

Mr W. H. Halpin, auctioneer, Beaufort, reports that he held a successful clearing sale at Waterloo on Saturday, on a/c. of Mr W. E. Finch. Seven acres of land brought £7/9/6 per acre, the buyer being Mr Bert Russell.

Xmas. Window Displays.

Most of the Beaufort shopkeepers have made attractive window displays for Xmas. The children are greatly interested in a model farm on view in one firm's window, and also in a working model of a steam engine (made by Mr "Mac" Smith) a Waterloo return-

PROPOSED BOWLING CLUB.

A meeting of Beaufort residents interested in the formation of a bowling club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday night, 18th inst. Eight townsmen were present, and Mr W. H. Evans was voted to the chair. The chairman, in the course of a few introductory remarks, emphasised the desirability of making another attempt to get a local club going. An apology was received for the non-attendance of Mr J. R. Wotherspoon. Mr Hains said Mr Muntz estimated that it would cost £200 to put down a four-rink green, 92ft. by 120ft., in Mr J. R. Wotherspoon's paddock, opposite the State school. The ground could be rented

WEDDING.

LONIE - BROWN.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated on Tuesday, 4th November, at the Burnbank street Methodist Church, Ballarat, when Miss Alice Emily Brown, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T. J. Brown, of Fairfield, Mount Rowen, was married to Mr Walter Lonie, late A.I.F., of Beaufort. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. H. Williams. The bridal and wedding marches were played by Miss Williams. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of white crepe de Chine, trimmed with tucks and silk fringe. She also wore the usual wreath and veil, and carried a beautiful

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late Mrs John Pearce, of Urquhart street, Ballarat (a former resident of Beaufort for many years), took place on Saturday. A beautiful collection of floral tributes was received from friends. The remains were interred in the Beaufort Cemetery. The coffin-bearers at Ballarat were Messrs T. Quayle, D. Manson, F. Morton, and R. James; and at Beaufort Messrs J. George, Jas. Ball, Wm. Pearce, and Wm. Peacock. The pall-bearers were Messrs H. J. Buchanan, Geo. Glenister, Stan. Holdsworth, E. Seaton, Geo. Pringle, J. Downs, E. George, and E. Buchanan. The Rev. Ernest Smith, of Pleasant street, Ballarat, officiated at the house

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POETRY OF ADVERTISING.

An advertising man, who has recently returned from the Orient, says the Japanese merchants and manufacturers who have chosen to make use of their ink are not disposed to limit themselves to dull, prosaic statements concerning the excellence of their wares. Among the entertaining bits that the traveller noticed in the study of Japanese advertising are these:

"Goods dispatched expeditiously as a cannon-ball."

"Paris done up with such loving care as to bestow upon her husband."

"The print of our books is as clear as crystal, the matter charming as a young girl."

"Customers are treated as politely as by royal steamship companies."

"Our silks and satins are as good as a lady's cheeks and coloured like the rainbow."

DOCTOR'S HIGH FEES.

High fees were paid to State doctors under the old Boer Government. Dr. Hans Sauer, who was medical officer for the Johannesburg district thirty years ago, says he was entitled under law to charge £10 for every post-mortem, and he held as many as ten a day. The attendances at hospitals at the jail were even more remunerative. The fee for attendance at each hogging was £1 for each person brought in, the punishment was inflicted on as many as a hundred persons on a single day the fees accruing amounted to a good deal at the end of the month.

CONCRETE SHIPS IN COLLISION.

Ferro-concrete ships would not be so easily smashed like earthenware vessels if they came into collision. It was ferro-concrete vessel travelling at high speed ran into another vessel of the same class bow on, damage would naturally result, but the mischief would be much less than that which would happen to two steel ships, owing to the greater capacity possessed by ferro-concrete for the absorption of shock. The only instance on record of a collision of two concrete vessels was furnished during the flooding of a dock basin at Balboa, on the Panama Canal, when two concrete pontoons, 120ft. long by 28ft. broad collided violently without suffering any damage.

HAVE YOU A ROUND NOSE?

QUANT JARGON USED IN ENGINEERS' WORKSHOPS.

The above query, addressed to an engineer, would, instead of referring to his physique, be a request for a chisel with a round point. Equally misleading to the uninitiated are a few other names applied to tools in our engineers' workshops, a brief extract of which is given below.

A "big" is not a dance, but is an apparatus for drilling holes accurately.

A "feather bed" is a groove cut in a steel shaft for the piece of steel appropriately called a "feather" to rest in. A "bolster" is a block used for a stamping-machine.

A "trade" is a support hollowed out in the shape of its name.

To "ask for a collar" would not result in being directed to an outdoor shop, but to a request for a circular piece of iron or steel used to act as a stop for a wheel.

A "screw" would provide for a piece of metal for a wheel to revolve on, a "nut" is a piece of "screw" steel used instead of a bolt, a "washer" is used to fit on top of a gilder, a "flange" is the strip of leather used to protect the two ends of a leather band, a "cap" the top half of a bearing, a "chuck" the outer covering of a lathe, and a "brace" a tool used for drilling.

A "carrier," in addition to being a public conveyance, is a part of a lathe, a "carriage" a bearing for shafting to revolve in.

"Mick, Jack and Jennie," instead of being the Christian names of three people, are respectively an instrument for measuring to an individual point, an appliance for lifting heavy weights, and a merchant's tool for marking out the position of holes.

"Bases," in addition to being the principal part of the projections on a casting or forging, is "chained" is the groove cut within a hole for lubrication. A "dead-eye," although ghostly-sounding, is merely a solid bearing for a spindle to revolve in. A "bob," instead of spending, you can use to grind metals on.

A "false nose" is a piece of metal used in a surgical operation, but is a piece of steel to connect an article to a lathe.

Engineers seem to favour outfitting terms for describing their tools. You can never judge their implements by their names.

THE BLYTHVALE ESTATE.

An inquiry board held a sitting at Ararat on Thursday, 18th inst., to deal with applications from returned soldiers (invited by the Closer Settlement Board) for blocks of land on the Blythvale Estate. The board consisted of Mr E. Burgess, district officer, Lands Department, Melbourne, Mr Smart (relieving officer at Hamilton), and Cr. G. Vanstan (president of the Shire of Ararat). There were 19 applicants. The whole estate consists of 3524 acres, and is situated about three miles from Minnera. It has been subdivided into nine allotments, varying in area from 356 acres to 475 acres, and ranging in value from £2270 to £2350. The following were the recommendations made by the board:—10, 356 acres; capital value, £2314.—W. R. Peacock, Buangor, 26, 359 acres; capital value, £2316.—A. V. White, Newmarket. Allot 3, 360 acres; capital value, £2286.—J. A. McLeay, Rossbridge. Allot 4, 400 acres; capital value, £2305.—W. S. Flanner, Westmere. Allot 5, 416 acres; capital value, £2292.—A. E. Timms, Strathgum. Allot 6, 385 acres; capital value, £2315.—J. E. Best, Elmhurst. Allot 8, 367 acres; capital value, £2300.—J. McL. Thomson, Nerrin.

Make your District Known.

Concerning some parts of the district news comes but seldom. This is not entirely our fault; we have no miraculous power of knowing what is happening at all the places within our area of circulation. It is the fault of residents in the silent places.

Will some man or woman take the matter in hand and cause the silence to cease?

If no one else is doing it for your district, will you try on these lines?

Send accounts of public and social events in your township and neighbourhood, such as weddings, deaths, accidents, concerts, matters touching district industries, etc.

Write the names of persons very distinctly.

Don't bother about grammar or spelling; it's the editor's work to look after those trifles. The barest skeleton is enough.

Write only on one side of the paper. Give information; but let criticism alone.

Write your name and address on some corner—not for publication, but to prove good faith.

IS IT SAFE?

The making of a gas-mask is a very delicate matter, and a great responsibility rests on the workers for the tiniest leak or the smallest imperfection may result in the death of the soldier who is ultimately destined to wear it.

Not that there is much chance of such a thing happening, however, for the system of inspection is very thorough. Each part, no matter how minute or seemingly unimportant, is carefully examined before it is sent to the worker, and after the mask is finally completed it is taken to one of a row of little dark closets, which look exactly like a dark-room, for final inspection.

This is performed under a powerful electric light by women who have been chosen for the purpose because of their exceptionally good eyesight.

With all this care there does not seem to be one chance in a million that an imperfect gas-mask can be shipped from the factory.

Nevertheless, before being issued to the troops, every individual mask is subjected to a last conclusive test by being actually worn in a room filled with poison gas of a strength and density many times greater than that which is likely to be met with in any circumstances on the battlefield.

RECOGNITION MADE EASY.

A French soldiers' paper, "Nuit Temp", prints some amusing hints on how to tell an officer:—"First look at his right shoulder. If you find nothing there, look at the lower part of the upper right arm. If no chevrons are seen he is a general, for generals wear their insignia on their hats. If he has no insignia on his hat he is a private, unless he has wings, in which case he is an aviator.

"Then pass to the left arm, and count chevrons there, omitting the first, which goes with the uniform. Next subtract number of chevrons on his right arm, and multiply by number of stripes around his hat. If the result is under thirty-six he is a Portuguese third lieutenant. When the total is over thirty-six try again, count chevrons on both arms, and multiply by two. If total is between fifty and fifty-six, then the object of your interest is a captain, unless in conversation he tells you he is a major.

"The top of the hat has important meaning. Red signifies infantry, and blue with gold braid cavalry. If he wears no hat, he may be a Serbian colonel without his hat."

"On Sundays, the after-dinner nap is my favourite hour of the whole day."

"I thought you never slept after dinner."

"I don't; but my wife does."

Before frying bacon, soak it in water for a few minutes. This will prevent the fat from running and will make the bacon go farther.

"Are you doing any patriotic work?"

"I should say I am. My wife and my five daughters all use me to wind wool on!"

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

BOXING DAY SPORTS' HANDICAPS.

The following are the handicaps for the above Club's Boxing Day Sports. Sheffield beats start at 10.30 a.m.

Underhand Woodchop (15-inch logs), £15. Acceptance, 2/6. Standing Chop (14-inch logs), £10. Acceptance, 2/.

Uddh. Sidg. Secs. Secs. Weston, C. Lyonville... 20 bid 24 bid

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E. W. ROBINSON Handicapper. East St. Kilda, 15/12/19.

One Mile Bicycle Race, £8. Acceptance, 1/.

Two Mile Bicycle Race, £5. Acceptance, 1/.

Half-mile Bicycle Race, £3. Acceptance, 1/.

Handicap, 1/6. Mile. 1/2-mile. Yds. Yds.

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A MESSAGE FOR ALL—A MESSAGE OF ECONOMY.

Xmas. is coming.

The great festive season of joy and gladness—to the old and young a time of goodwill and happiness. In anticipation of your wants, we have gathered together from all parts of the globe a beautiful and useful selection of articles. These are being unpacked daily, and we now invite you to visit our grand

XMAS FAIR.

No trouble has been spared to make Xmas. shopping a real pleasure. In our Store will be found something to please everybody.

Special Star Bargains in our Drapery Department at our Xmas. Fair. Special Star Bargains in our Men's Clothing and Mercery Department at our Xmas. Fair.

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Mark us down for December. Your Christmas expenditure will purchase more in value than ever before. Inspection cordially invited.

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LOST 3 medium draught Horses—bay Mare, like XL; black Mare, JO. Seen near Beaufort last month. Good reward for information leading to recovery.

CONSULTATION with Mr. GEORGE GOE TONG, of Peel St., Ballarat, may be made every fortnight, commencing from Wednesday, January 7th, 1920. Hours: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. All diseases carefully and successfully treated.

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ARTHUR JAMES, V.A.L. Handicapper, Kyneton. The handicaps of H. L. Spurrell (Sandamers) and H. Smith (Collingwood) are withheld until conditions are complied with.

DIARRHOEA. Diarrhoea attacks all ages, and is equally fatal in young and old. Serious results are generally due to the lack of proper treatment at the first stages of the disease. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy is a reliable and effective medicine, and if given in time will prevent serious results. Don't be without it. For sale everywhere.

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BEAUFORT DISTRICT FARRIERS' ASSOCIATION. ON and after 1st January, 1920, prices of Shoeing will be as follows:—Ponies, under 14 hands, 6/; Hack or Buggy, 7/; Delivery, 8/; Draughts, 9/; Steel Toes, 9/6; Toes and Heels, 10/.

AMUSIC PICTURES. RUN SOLELY BY RETURNED SOLDIERS. SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT. DEC. 26, Xmas. Night—MARY PICKFORD in "THE FOUNDLING." ALSO HAROLD LOCKWOOD in "THE LOVE ROUTE."

DEC. 27, Saturday Night—SESSIE OYAKAWA in "THE WHITE MAN'S LAW." Splendid Accompanying Programme. PRICES—1/7, 1/1, and 7d.

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AUCTION SALE. MONDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1919, at 2 p.m., on the Premises, RAGLAN.

LAND, BUILDINGS, CATTLE, SHEEP, FURNITURE, POULTRY, &c. W. H. HALPIN has received instructions from the Administratrix in the Estate of the late WILLIAM FANTHILL to sell, on above date, as follows:—

LAND.—All that piece of Land, being Allotment 5A, Parish of Raglan West, County of Ripon, containing 12 acres 3 roods 39 perches, on which is erected 4-roomed W.B. House, detached Kitchen (part iron roof), Stable, Chaff-house, etc. Also 5 acres, adjoining the above. Title freehold to both lots, which may be inspected at the office of S. Young, Esq., Solicitor, Beaufort. Buildings on above will be sold separately for removal or otherwise.

HORSES.—Medium Draught Mare, Chestnut Buggy Mare, Hack, all perfectly quiet.

COWS.—3 Cows in full milk, 3 Yearlings, 2 Calves. SHEEP, ETC.—5 fat Lambs, 2 Pigs, 40 Poultry.

FURNITURE & SUNDRIES.—Tip Dray, Spring Dray, Gig, Double-seated Buggy, 3 sets Buggy Harness, Reaping Machine, Hand Churn, Butter, Chains, large quantity of Fencing and other Tools, Wheelbarrow, Harrows, Grindstone, Shovelling Troughs and Cradle, Windlass, Rope, Bellows, Sycle, Hand Saws, Shovels, Forks, Rabbit Traps, Steadyers, Gentle's Bicycle, Bedsteads, Single and Double Washstands, Chiffonier, Couch, Tables, Chest of Drawers, Chairs, Locking Case, Sewing Machine, Scales, Cherry Churn, Separator (almost new), Tubs, Saucepans, Colonial Oven (in good order), Kitchen Utensils, and other Sundries too numerous to mention. Also about quarter acre growing Potatoes.

As Mrs. Panther is leaving the district, everything is for positive sale. FURTHER ENTRIES INVITED. W. H. HALPIN, Auctioneer.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. Grand Athletic Registered SPORTS MEETING. To be held in the BEAUFORT RECREATION RESERVE ON BOXING DAY, FRIDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1919.

Admission—11/; Children under 10 years of age, 7d. £140 IN PRIZES £140. Splendid Entries. For most Feds. & Avenen. DISTRICT ENTRY EVENTS.

District Returned Soldiers' Handicap (for members of Ripon branch, R.S.S.L.A., reading within 10 miles of Beaufort post-office for at least one month prior to Boxing Day, 1919, one mile—1st, 45/; 2nd, 41/0; 3rd, 37/0; 4th, 33/0; 5th, 29/0; 6th, 25/0; 7th, 21/0; 8th, 17/0; 9th, 13/0; 10th, 9/0. Post entry, 2/.

District Handicap High Jump (for residents within 20 miles of Beaufort post-office for at least one month prior to Boxing Day, 1919, one mile—1st, 45/; 2nd, 41/0; 3rd, 37/0; 4th, 33/0; 5th, 29/0; 6th, 25/0; 7th, 21/0; 8th, 17/0; 9th, 13/0; 10th, 9/0. Post entry, 2/.

District Trot (for horses or ponies owned by residents within 20 miles of Beaufort post-office for at least one month prior to Boxing Day, 1919, one mile—1st, 45/; 2nd, 41/0; 3rd, 37/0; 4th, 33/0; 5th, 29/0; 6th, 25/0; 7th, 21/0; 8th, 17/0; 9th, 13/0; 10th, 9/0. Post entry, 2/.

ENTERTAINMENT AT NIGHT IN SOCIETIES' HALL, BY CONDUCTING WITH AMUSIC PICTURES. "THE SQUAW MAN" Will be screened, with other fine Films. SOLOS BY MR. W. BIS

