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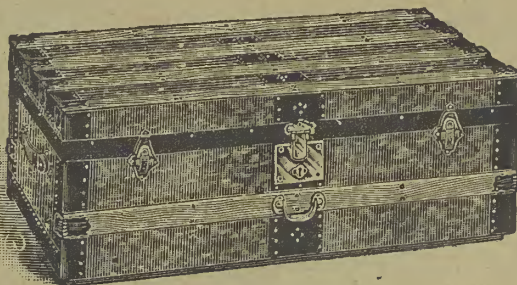
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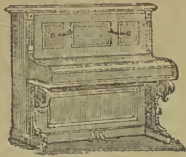
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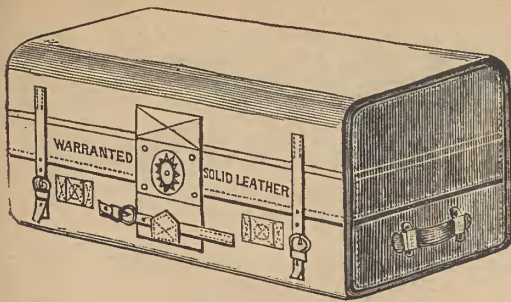
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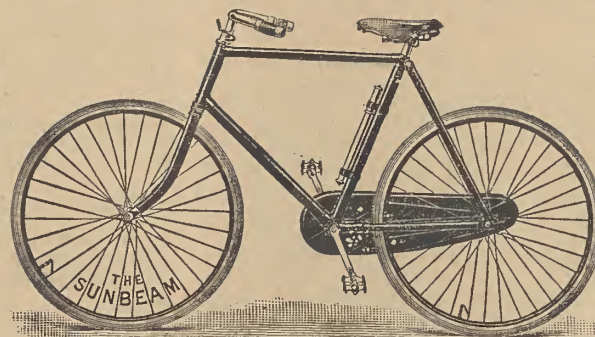
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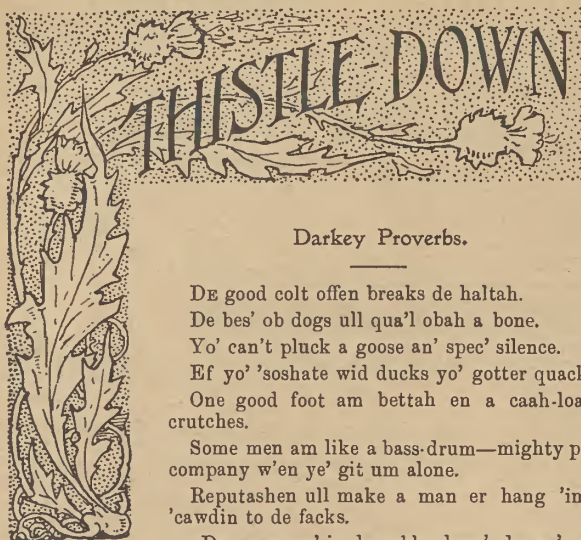
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 De bes' ob dogs ull qua'l obah a bone.  
 Yo' can't pluck a goose an' spec' silence.  
 Ef yo' 'soshate wid ducks yo' gotter quack.  
 One good foot am bettah en a caah-load  
 crutches.

Some men am like a bass-drum—mighty po'  
 company w'en ye' git um alone.

Reputashen ull make a man er hang 'im,  
 'cawdin to de facks.

De wasp-nes' in de gable doan' do yo' no  
 mischuf 'less yo' poke hit.

De man w'o dines wid de gov'nah picks 'is teef in public fo'  
 six weeks.



"WHAT are your charges, doctor?"

"Half-a-crown a visit."

"Well, we don't want you to come on a visit, but just to  
 stay ten or fifteen minutes."



A CREOLE mullatto, Téogénne Ageiole Delahouseyé, once  
 called at a lawyer's office to have a certain piece of business  
 transacted, and the attorney, unfamiliar with the French  
 language, demanded of him how he spelled his name. "Ah!  
*la fait rien, M'sieu.* Poot 'im down widout spell," was the  
 reply.



"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, a great big man  
 like you to be a beggar and a tramp. You ought n't to be  
 afraid of work."

"I know it, mum, but I can't help it. You see, my nurse  
 frightened me once in a dark room when I was a baby, and I  
 have been timid ever since."



HOTEL PORTER (*to gentleman in the wash-room*)—"Are you  
 a guest of the hotel, sir?"

GENTLEMAN (*paying thirty shillings a day*)—"Guest? No,  
 I'm a victim!"



JACK—"Let me shake your hand, dear boy; this is one of  
 the happy days of your life."

GEORGE—"You're too previous, old man; I am not to be  
 married until to-morrow."

JACK—"That's what I say. This is one of the happy days  
 of your life."



STAGE MANAGER—"Look here, nobody ever dies in the  
 way you've been doing it lately. If you can't give a more life-  
 like representation of death, you'll have to go!"



HE—"Jones has such a vivid imagination, hasn't he?"

SHE—"Yes, indeed! He thinks he has a tenor voice."



"THIS coin is no good," said the tobacconist.

"Neither is this cigar," said the customer, retiring  
 hurriedly.



### THE CLERICAL CATECHISM.

*Inspired by the Insch Kirk Session.*

**I**N future when a parson puts his name upon the list  
 Of candidates for any vacant charge;  
 He will promptly be presented with a parchment or a card  
 Upon which the following questions are writ large.

How old were you last birthday, have you still got all your  
 teeth?

Is your hair disposed to curl, and is it brown?  
 Or, is it black and glossy, like the robes you hope to wear?  
 Have you got a fatal bald spot on your crown?

Are you bachelor, or benedict, or widower, or what?  
 Or, if single, are you am'rously inclined?  
 (Several members of the session have daughters come of age,  
 Whom to comfortably wed they've quite a mind.)

Are you blest with all immunity from illness and disease?  
 Have you ever had the measles, or the mumps,  
 Or consumption that is chronic, bilious headaches, or a cough  
 Are you subject to insomnia or the dumps?

Are you musically gifted and well qualified to sing,  
 Or play upon the trumpet a root-toot?  
 To manipulate a Jew's harp have you got sufficient skill;  
 Do you most affect the whistle, fife, or flute?

Are you fond of outdoor exercise at cricket, golf, and bowls,  
 Or the manly (?) game of football and such like?  
 And, in wrestling, is your fav'rite style the Cumberland  
 Scotch?  
 Do you pay your visits scorching on a bike?

Is your pulpit style attractive, do you use impromptu prayer  
 Are your sermons preached extempore, or just read?  
 Do you subdivide discourses into thirdly, fourthly, lastly?  
 Or hold forth for hours upon a single head?

Have you got a winning way with you to captivate the young?  
 Are you apt at mothers' meetings and tea fights?  
 When a child, did you assert your claim to wear the bands and  
 gown  
 By bullying the household well at nights?

Please forward us your photo, with your answers to this list,  
 And mention if it flatters you or not;  
 Peradventure you have blemishes your picture mayn't expose;  
 Pray, state if such disfigurements you've got.

And should your application be attended with success,  
 And your name appear upon our shortened leet;  
 We will catechise you further on momentous points like these  
 When the members of our church you're asked to meet.

ARIEL.



SHE (*sweetly*)—"George, dear! I'm afraid I must make  
 your legs tired sitting here."

HE (*bravely*)—"Not at all! My legs don't feel it. They're  
 asleep!"



WIFE—"Do you not observe that age has not perceptibly  
 changed my beauty?"

HUSBAND—"You always did set a ridiculous value on  
 trifles!"



HE—"But he called me a liar!"

SHE—"No matter, my friend, you needn't bother yourself  
 about that."

HE—"But that is just what he proved!"

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CONSCRIPTION.



HIS is the era, and our district is meantime the centre of the region, of the military hero; and whatever he says is necessarily listened to with the greatest attention. And what the hero of the hour—Colonel Macdonald—says regarding the desirability of conscription is the more worthy of remark, as he is echoing the strong desire

of the military official in general. Now we emphatically hold that the worst of all advisers in such a matter is this same official, for conscription is in fact a subject pertaining more to the civil and social than to the military aspect of our lives. And it must always be kept in mind that by far the greater proportion of our wars are wars of aggression on our part.

Which of the armies of our neighbours are we anxious to imitate? Among the nations of Europe, which are we to chose as our model? And what necessity exists for turning the British Isles into a huge camp, as has been the fate of so many Continental nations? None whatever. The cry for conscription merely expresses a pernicious trades union desire on the part of our military officials for the introduction of a system for which there is not a particle of necessity in the needs of our country. There would be no lack of recruits for the army if a higher reward was given to those who join the ranks, and thus cut themselves away for the time from the civil life of the community. The pay of the army is miserable, and the soldier is tricked out of part of his meagre allowance by no end of what is nothing less than subterfuge. And the long-continued and systematic starving of the popular and democratic Volunteer force is on all fours with the treatment of the regular army.

It is a popular fiction that Tommy Atkins gets seven shillings per week, and "all found." But if even that were the case, the happy hunting-ground of the recruiting-sergeant would not need to be where the waifs and strays, the mere riddlings of the population, are to be found. Many of these unfortunates just choose the army because they regard it as a change from greater to less misery. It is all a matter of remuneration and treatment, and the desirable recruit will be as easily obtainable as is a pound of sugar, whenever the authorities offer a proper price for the article they need—as all other employers of labour who desire reliable and efficient service must needs do.

Colonel Macdonald's own case emphatically shows that all is not well in another sense with our army system. Else why should the fact that he has risen from the ranks be blazoned abroad as something unique, and his military career be spoken of on all hands as phenomenal, and as savouring vastly of the romantic, if not actually of the miraculous. In all other callings save the army and the navy, rising from the lowest to the highest positions is the mere common-place rewards of able, honest, and efficient service; and this is only what it should be. But it is not a fiction, but a hard fact, that matters are so arranged in the army that the acquiring of a commission by a "ranker" is one of the very hardest of hard tasks; and that having acquired the coveted step, the officer finds the pay inadequate to meet the expenses of the artificial and luxurious arrangements of his new quarters.

Thank goodness the only way to conscription is through the ballot-box—and there is not a particle of evidence of any desire on the part of the electorate to make us all the bond-slaves of the military official, whose dominance has brought nothing save woe to every nation that has been silly enough to adopt this plan. Like fire—like water—the soldier is a good and necessary servant, but a very bad master. And the first and longest step towards making him master in Britain would be to adopt conscription—and surely that will only be when our countrymen are not mostly (as Carlyle put it) but altogether—fools.



The very cauld Kalendars of May are with us yet in unwonted intensity, but nevertheless those who enjoyed being down the Clyde last year with Mr McGregor, of the Caledonian Railway, and Captain Williamson, of the Caledonian Steam Packet Company, would fain go again. The Captain and Mr McGregor have been laying their heads together, and in due time the arrangements for the forthcoming trip will be announced. Advantage was taken of Captain Williamson's visit to Aberdeen to entertain him to dinner in the Imperial Hotel. A goodly company of his friends assembled, and a pleasant evening was spent. A feast of reason and a flow of soul, and sundry other things as well, were enjoyed, and much pleasant anticipations were indulged in regarding the next "McGregor's Gathering on the Clyde," for all the company had been there, and desired to go again.



A CONTEMPORARY says:—The numerous admirers of Dr George Macdonald's writings will rejoice in the fact that the veteran author has so far recovered as to be able to return to England and take up his quarters at Haslemere.



LAPWING'S NEST AND EGGS.

From a photo taken on the May Holiday by J. T. Pithie, photographer, Union Street.



### Our City Fathers in Counsel.

Too much time and talk were spent over the City Concert deficit of £63.

Mr Wilkie waxed quite pathetic over the fate of the concert promoters, and blamed the Council for taking their living out of their mouths.

Yet this same gentleman had no scruples about extending the Bathing Station, and practically ruining Mr Duff's baths.

We are glad Mr Milne got such a large majority in favour of continuing the Municipal Concerts.

We think, however, that the Committee should arrange livelier and better programmes for next season.

Mr Cooper took the Streets and Roads Committee out of a difficulty when he suggested the laying down of granite chips on the "road" to the south of the Bathing Station.

The ground to the south of the Baths is in a frightful condition just now—black, filthy mud on wet days; black, filthy dust on dry.

We wonder when the piece of railed-in ground to the south of the Baths will be made presentable?

We are glad to see the fountain erected. When will a decent supply of water be get from it?

Is the present trickle-trickle arrangement intended to drive thirsty folks in despair to the refreshment rooms?

Another stretch of Riverside Road is to be laid with tar-macadam. We hope the Burgh Surveyor will have it properly done.

Several members of the Council are against tar-macadam, but we do not think it has got a fair chance in Aberdeen.

If properly laid the new material should last a long time, and *anything* is preferable to the barbarous causeway blocks.

The three members from Woodside would have everything executed in granite.

The discussion that arose over the scavengers' hours took a rather personal turn.

Treasurer Bisset supported the shortening of the hours of labour, and Mr Wilkie insinuated that the near approach of dark November was responsible for the Treasurer's attitude.

Mr Gray interrupted Mr Wilkie's speech by crying, "What about the Bathing Station?"

By the smile that o'erspread Mr Gray's face, he evidently thought that he had given Mr Wilkie as hard a knock as Mr Wilkie had given the Treasurer.

Mr Johnston made some startling statements regarding the way the scavengers were treated by those in authority over them. He said the men could not get away to a funeral without paying some one to take their place.

Mr Glass was able to prove that the men were as well treated as any of their class in Scotland, and a large majority of the Council agreed with him.

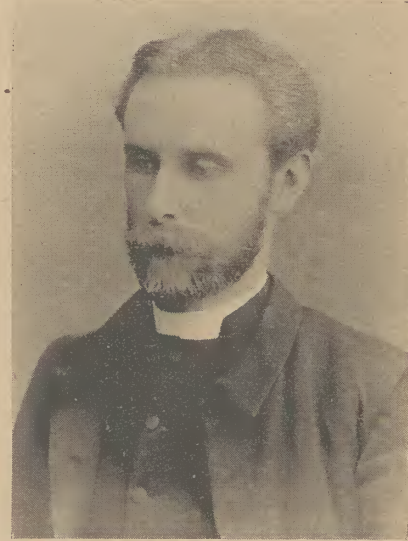
In regard to the opening of the new Fire Brigade Station, Bailie Taylor expressed the hope that the banquet would not be on the lavish scale that characterised the entertainment at the opening of the Union Terrace Lavatory.

Bailie Lyon was able to re-assure the Council on this point.

Dr Beveridge read Mr Kendall Burnett a rather severe lesson for making "personal and insulting remarks" against two members of the Council.

The Council evidently thought that Mr Burnett had gone a little too far.

Mr Watson proved conclusively that the city clocks are all to sixes and sevens, and don't behave themselves even on Sundays.



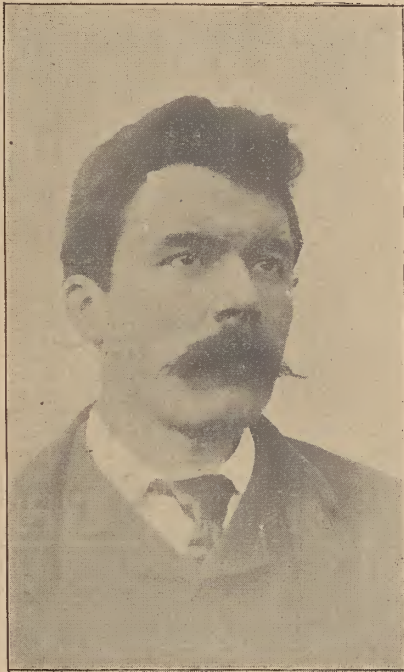
REV. GEORGE WALKER, EAST PARISH CHURCH.

At the abortive Greyfriars conference held the other week, reference was made to the part taken in the negotiations with the kirk session of Greyfriars by a gentleman who had all along shown an active interest in the Extension Scheme, and who has been mainly responsible for the getting up of the latest and best plans for the extension of the University and the building of a suitable church for the congregation of Greyfriars. Lord Provost Fleming, Treasurer Bisset, and several others expressed an eager desire to know the gentleman's name, and, when Mr Tulloch's name was given, they said that he had nothing to do with the extension scheme. Now this simulated ignorance of the part taken by Mr Tulloch in promoting the latest extension plans is passing strange, when we consider that several weeks before the meeting Mr Tulloch received a letter from Lord Provost Fleming himself authorising and encouraging him to do his best in London to raise money for the carrying out of the Extension Scheme on the lines suggested. It is hardly fair to encourage Mr Tulloch to give his services, and then throw him over in this cavalier fashion. We should not be surprised though more is heard of this the latest phase of the extension imbroglio.

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MR A. WALKER'S indictment of our schools is a formidable one. It is not exactly what he says as the nasty way he says it that will rankle in the hearts of our educational authorities, for he seems to be a past-master in the art of using "gibes, and flouts, and jeers." His reference to the rural mind that takes a pleasure in hanging gaudy chromo advertisements on the school walls is simply delicious; and the passage in his report in which he describes the inspector as "pacing a floor still wet from its annual scouring and reeking with the concentrated ammonia of a twelvemonth's filth," is a literary *tour de force* that should make the average country school board member "wonder where 'e are." Not for many years has the self-complacency of Aberdonians, both in town and country, received such a shock. When they have sufficiently recovered, we trust for the credit of the city and district, our educational authorities will see to putting their houses in order.



THE LATE MR ALEXANDER MACDONALD.

MR ALEXANDER MACDONALD, one of the passengers reported missing from the "Loch Sloy" wrecked on Kangaroo Island on April 24th, was a native of Aberdeen, and served his apprenticeship as a carver and gilder with Messrs Hay & Lyall. He emigrated to Buenos Ayres in the Spring of 1888, but arrived at a time of political storm and stress. His fortunes were not of the brightest, and, shipping home, he was wrecked on the coast of Brazil. After various adventures in the bush he reached a port where there was a British Consulate, and was sent home to Aberdeen. He then became Laboratory Assistant to Professor Hamilton at Aberdeen University, and the museum at the Pathology classrooms contains many examples of his skill. Four or five years ago he took up process engraving in Edinburgh, and two years ago joined Mr M. Kincaid, Renfield Street, Glasgow, as half-tone worker. A severe cold left signs of consumption, and after treatment at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, he sailed on January 7th on the ill-fated "Loch Sloy," hoping to find renewed health during the long voyage. He is missed by a large circle of friends, several of whom were his class-fellows in the old Mechanics' Institute and Gray's Art School. His artistic abilities were of no mean order, and his pictures have been exhibited in the Royal Scottish Academy and also in our local art exhibitions.

Banqueting, Banqueting, Banqueting Onward.

HIGHLAND leagues, Highland leagues,  
 Highland leagues pondered  
 How best to honour Mac  
 When he came homeward :  
 "Get swords of honour made,  
 He is the man," they said  
 Who from the Mahdi's spears  
 Saved those who flounder'd !"

Leaves he his Black Brigade—  
 Though in his heart dismayed  
 Fighting Mac somehow feels  
 That he has blundered ;  
 When he would rather fly,  
 He'll have to make reply  
 At feasts and banquets high  
 To crowds that number far  
 More than six hundred !

Banquets to right of him,  
 Banquets to left of him,  
 Banquets in front of him—  
 "D— it," he thunders,  
 "I'd face the Nile campaign  
 Rather than drink champagne  
 And 'take the cake again,  
 With 'Hielan' hunders !"

Flashed knives and forks all bare,  
 Flashed as they carved the hare,  
 Haggis there was to spare  
 To feed an army, while  
 "Auld Scotia" wonder'd ;  
 Right through the sav'ry smoke—  
 What could withstand the shock ?  
 Roast beef of England  
 Fell 'neath the carver-stroke  
 Sliced up and sunder'd—  
 All round the "dead men"  
 The floor encumber'd.

Bottles to right of him,  
 Bottles to left of him,  
 Bottles all round him,  
 Popped by the hundred ;  
 They toasted "Fighting Mac"  
 Till he wished he was back  
 In the wild desert track,  
 Facing the jaws of Death,  
 Leading his heroes black  
 'Gainst foes unnumber'd.

"When shall I on my bed  
 Pillow my splitting head ?"  
 Fighting Mac wonders ;  
 For he'd have sooner led  
 His glorious Black Brigade  
 'Gainst the fierce Arab's blade  
 And battle's thunders. THE JESTER.

THE *Journal's* opposition to the purchase of the wooded bank at Craiginches is easily seen through. The *Free Press* is inclined to favour the purchase of the property, and, of course, this is enough to drive the Broad Street organ into the opposite camp. We are pleased to see that Shoremaster Meff is taking an interest in this question. We hope that Mr Robertson will get the support of the Town Council when the proposal to purchase the property comes up for settlement. If the price is at all reasonable we are sure the Council will not lose the chance of acquiring this beautiful little wood. The *Journal* stands alone in its desire to see hideous tenement houses erected on this picturesque part of the river.

The City House for good yet cheap Umbrellas for Ladies & Gentlemen is SEIVWRIGHT'S, where also Umbrellas are re-covered on the premises in a few hours' notice.



## OUR LADIES' PAGE

### The Queen's Birthday.

THE celebration of the Queen's eightieth birthday grows in importance. As many members of the Royal Family as can be present in England will go to Windsor on the 24th to congratulate

Her Majesty, and a large family dinner party will take place in the evening before the gala performance of "Lohengrin" in the Waterloo Chamber. The combined chorus are practising for the serenade to the Queen, which will include the Bishop of Wakefield's Jubilee Hymn, with a special verse written, at Her Majesty's desire, by Mr Arthur Benson.

It will interest our lady readers to know that when the Queen is travelling unofficially she assumes the name of the "Countess of Balmoral."

THE Duchess of York had no fewer than seven day and evening gowns made by one firm in Dublin during her recent visit, including a dress of "Tyrolean" green poplin which was specially woven for her in Ireland.

THIS week, at the Albert Hall, London, there is to be a Patti concert. This is the first appearance of the *prima donna* since she became the Baroness Cederström.

THE following is an American story:—"Much interest is taken in the discovery of a striking series of coincidences in the life of Mrs Oliver Coombes, an old lady residing in Long Island, calling to mind the career of Queen Victoria. Mrs Coombes was born on the Queen's birthday, and married and lost her husband on the same dates as Her Majesty. There is, moreover, remarkable similarity in personal appearance, build, and height. The features resemble those of the Queen of England to an extraordinary degree. Mrs Coombes is regarded, in fact, as a living model of Queen Victoria."

THE Post-Office employs nearly 30,000 women as clerks, telegraphists, sorters, etc.

IN the United Kingdom there are nearly 130,000 women engaged in teaching—almost three times the number of men.

IT is said that in some of the large towns in France female bootblacks are increasing in numbers; they dress something like sisters of mercy.

PALE blue is to be the colour of the season. Dresses in this colour are invariably effective, whether seen in company with white or black hats.

SHEPHERD check skirts are being worn in zephyr as well as in silk, but nearly always with blouses or Eton jackets—not so often with bodices to match.

THE smartest sailor hats have narrow ribbons, and the brim is in some styles edged with braid.

### YVETTE GUILBERT,

The Famous French Music Hall Artiste.

THE following extracts are taken from the *Westminster Budget*:—

On the stage a willowy feminine figure swathed in mauve silk, relieved by a white face set almost to grimness, a daring *décolletage* and the famous black kid gloves. Across the footlights the usual jostling, cosmopolitan crowd. . . . But, for a few moments, this vast heterogeneous mass is hushed almost to silence. This is Yvette Guilbert's "turn" at the Empire.



YVETTE GUILBERT,  
By Herself.

It was to learn something of the famous *diseuse's* emotions when confronted by this sea of unfamiliar, sometimes recalcitrant, people that I called on her during her brief stay at the Hotel Cecil. The same love of the *bizarre* characterises her in private life, a dazzling green brocaded silk setting off the wonderful head of bronze red hair.

"It makes me pleasure to be in London again," says Mademoiselle. "But, uff! your English weather, it does not please me. A week ago, la belle Paris and blue skies; to-day—!"

"My audiences at Empire? They are too indulgent, too kind. Yes, it is hard for me—as hard as for your Sir 'Enery Irving at Paris."

I insinuate a comparison between English and French music halls. For a moment courtesy struggles with truth, but only for a moment. "It is so different. In Paris poets . . . write for us in the *café-chantants*. In London who is there? You have great songs, but you do not use them, and you do not care for gestures. I have heard one song, 'The Song of a Shirt,' by—" "Tom Hood." "Juste, Tom 'Ood! C'est vraiment superbe. But no one sing it here. . . . And you have no great artistes. Pardon! I forgot your Chevalier. He is the one. One tells me he is no longer the great London favourite. . . . Which is the great favourite now?"

I mention Dan Leno. "I have seen him, too," says Yvette; "he is amusing, but not the great artiste like Chevalier, C'est très drôle. What a lesson to ourselves, we pass or die."

"All save Yvette Guilbert." "A thousand thanks, cher m'sieu!" A mocking curtesy, and the ironic tones tell me that Yvette is insensible to flattery.

The sketch of herself, reproduced above, was done by Madame Yvette Guilbert for the *Westminster Gazette* in 1895. It was a real *instantanée*, done while the interviewer waited.

SARAH BERNHARDT objects to having her name introduced in music-hall ditties, and no matter how respectful, or even laudatory, the allusion may be, she generally finds means to secure its being struck out by the author before the song is sung in public.

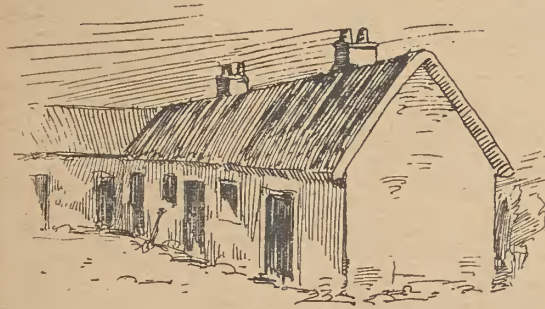
FLEXIBLE bracelets retain their popularity, and so pretty as well as convenient are they, that there seems no reason why they should lose it.

IT seems likely that ear-rings will ere long be restored to their old position in public favour.

FROM STABLE BOY TO BRIGADIER.



**S**PEAKING of Brigadier Macdonald's "thrilling ten minutes" at the battle of Omdurman, Mr Bennet Burleigh, in his newly-published book on the campaign, says:—"Had the brilliant, the splendid deed of arms wrought by Macdonald been done under the eyes of a sovereign, or in some other armies, he had surely been created a general on the spot. If the public are in search of the real hero of the battle of Omdurman, there he is ready made." As the day of Macdonald's public recognition has come, it cannot fail to be of interest to sketch one of the most remarkable military careers of the time, if not in the annals of the British Army. A common ranker at 20, a brigadier at 46—each step upward he gained through sheer or dauntless courage. . . . He is a Scot; as his name implies, a Highlander. The son of a Ross-shire crofter, born in 1852 in the humble dwelling of which the accompanying sketch is a faithful illustration, he went out into the world to fight his battle with no backing but his own dauntless pluck. His parish school education was interrupted by periods of cattle herding. He was in his early "teens" when he became stable-boy to a hotel-keeper at Dingwall, his native county town. At the age of 17 he went further afield, and arriving in Inverness, the Highland capital, became apprenticed in one of the great tartan warehouses. Here he served for a couple of years, when, finding the occupation distasteful, and becoming enamoured of the colours and the sight of the kilted lads from Fort-George, who daily paraded the streets, he in 1870 took the shilling and became a private in the Gordon Highlanders—the old 92nd.



BRIGADIER MACDONALD'S BIRTHPLACE

"Oh, Hector, Hector, what made you 'list?" exclaimed an old woman to him when he went north to his native parish in all the glory of his new uniform. The reply was prophetic: "Oh, the army's not such a bad place as ye think, maybe. There is plenty chances of promotion to those who do their duty, and I don't intend to be a common soldier all my days." The youth quickly passed through the lower grades. He had discharged the duties of sergeant-instructor and pay-sergeant, and held the rank of colour-sergeant when he went with his regiment to Afghanistan to take part in Robert's second Afghan campaign. It was here his first chance came—and his service was performed under the General's own eye. On that occasion General Roberts . . . was attacked by about 2,000 Mangals and Ghilzais, who had been lying in ambush. As the ambush had been expected, Zemindar Shere Mahomed Khan, with 45 Sikhs, had been sent forward to reconnoitre, and soon became engaged. The Sikhs were promptly followed by Colour-Sergeant Macdonald and 18 of the Gordons. On overtaking the Sikhs Macdonald took over the command of the whole, and with his little force tackled the enemy in earnest, . . . and did not retire till he had cleared the pass. Then and there Roberts noted him as a man of promise.

In his division order Roberts speaks of "the above non-commissioned officer, and a native officer who with a handful of soldiers drove before them a large body of Mangals who had assembled to stop the road." . . . In his despatch from Cabul, dated five days after the one just quoted from, the following passage occurs:—"Colour-Sergeant Hector Macdonald, a non-commissioned officer, whose excellent and skilful management of a small detachment . . . was mentioned in my despatch of the 15th inst., here again distinguished himself." In addition he was sent for by the General, who personally congratulated him upon his achievements, and told him he was to be recommenced for a commission in his own regiment. The General further presented him with an inscribed sword; . . . his comrades of the Gordons, with pipers playing, carried him round the camp, and needless to say his health and promotion were toasted in "mountain dew."

His foot being planted on the first step of the ladder, a man of Macdonald's calibre might be trusted to quickly raise himself higher. In 1885 he joined the Egyptian Constabulary. . . . From the constabulary he joined the Egyptian Army, and made himself conspicuous at the defence of Suakim. . . . For his "distinguished conduct at the battle of Tokar" the Queen appointed him a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order. In this affair he had his horse shot under him. He was Major Macdonald during the Soudan Campaign of 1896, and led the Soudanese. In the late expedition he was appointed by the Sirdar to the command of the Soudanese Brigade with the local rank of Brigadier-General, and it was in the concluding phase of the battle of Omdurman that the climax of his career was suddenly forced upon him. The battle was supposed to be over, and a general advance of the whole British force had been ordered. But the Dervish strategy had not been fully appreciated, and suddenly the spectacle was displayed to onlookers of 10,000 of the Khalifa's warriors advancing to attack Macdonald in front, while an equal number under the Sheikhs El Din and Khamil were hurrying forward to attack him in the rear. Burleigh, who looked down from the Surgham hills, feared he "was about to witness a catastrophe." . . . To attempt retreat before a foe so numerous, so fleet, and so daring meant annihilation. All his daring, dogged, warrior nature was roused, and he faced the situation with grim determination.

"Retire! I'll not do it. I'll see them damned first. We man just fight." The enemy were 20,000 to 30,000 black troops, but Hector Macdonald was undismayed. Let Burleigh tell the rest—"With a tact, coolness, and hardihood I have never seen equalled, Colonel Macdonald manœuvred and fought his men. They responded to his call with confidence and alacrity begotten of long acquaintance and implicit faith in their leader. . . . All of them knew him; they were proud of him. Unmistakably the Khalifa and his son, the Sheikh El Din, thought that their fortunate hour had come—that in detail they would destroy first Macdonald, then one by one the other Khedival brigades. . . . Happily the onslaughts did not quite synchronise, and Macdonald was able to devote virtually his whole firing strength to the overthrow of the Khalifa's division before rapidly turning about first one then another of his battalions to deal with the Sheikh El Din's unbroken columns. Steady as a gladiator, with what to some of us looked inevitable disaster staring him in the face, Macdonald fought his brigade for all it was worth. He moved quickly upon the best available ground, formed up, and stood to die or win. He won practically unaided."

And so the brave Highlander is being recognised as the real hero of the occasion, and he has been called home to receive the acclamations which his brilliant achievement and his remarkable career so well deserve. No fear that he will be spoiled by flattery. . . . At 46 he has still a future before him, and, with opportunity and immunity from shot and shell, the Ross-shire working lad may aspire to any height within reach of the profession of arms.—By James Crouch, in the "Sunday Chronicle."

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At the Play.

Her Majesty's Theatre.

OLD-FASHIONED PLAYS AT THE THEATRE.

OLD-FASHIONED playgoers, it appears, still like "Ingomar." There is nothing in it to appeal to anyone except sentimental young women. Nevertheless, the two parts—for there are only two—suit well enough Mr William Calvert and Miss Clara Cowper, though Miss Cowper looks scarcely young enough to suggest the fascination of Parthenia. The company includes Miss Elspeth Dudgeon and one or two other intelligent players.

Miss Elspeth Dudgeon, a young actress who did good work as a member of Mr Osmond Tearle's company in spring, is an Edinburgh lady. Miss Dudgeon was for some years a public reciter. She adds singing to her other accomplishments, and a few years ago sang at a St Andrew's Night in Aberdeen. It was whilst she was playing as an amateur actress in Edinburgh that Mr Tearle saw her, and invited her to join his company. Miss Dudgeon is already doing excellent work.



"SWEET BRIER."



MISS FANNY HARRIS.

Next week this musical comedy is to be played at the theatre. When I saw it last year, I thought that "Sweet Brier" had qualities unusual in this invertebrate kind of piece. Especially it had a gleam of romance which was very welcome. It is sentimental and humorous, and these things should secure for it some popularity. There are several new people in the company. These include Miss Fanny Harris, who now belongs almost of right to Aberdeen.



Mr Francisque Sarcey, the theatrical critic of the *Temps*, is dead. He was familiarly known in Paris as "Uncle" Sarcey. Mr Sarcey had great influence with critics and playgoers too, an influence that it is difficult for any one except a Parisian to understand. He had a journalistic duel the other day with M. Coquelin the elder who is playing Napoleon. "Uncle" Sarcey made short work of the angry actor.

Mr Norman Forbes's play, "The Man in the Iron Mask," has had a very successful run at the Adelphi Theatre. This is good news, for every one who has met Mr Forbes is charmed by his courtesy and kindness. On Monday he will begin a tour of the London suburbs with his play.

One of the finest pieces of acting seen in London just now is Mr H. B. Irving's melodramatic villain in "In Days of Old." Mr Irving's resemblance to his father is startling, if one may judge by the drawing in last week's *West-End*, which is now, perhaps, the best of the weekly illustrated papers.

"Ma Mie Rosette," one of the pleasantest comic operas of the last ten years, has been revived at Mr Arthur's London theatre, the Princess of Wales's. Miss Flora Macdonald, who used to sing so charmingly in the D'Oyly Carte company, is the Rosette.

Mr Robert Arthur's production of "Woman and Wine" at the Princess's, in London, is sensationally successful. The *Stage* says that twenty-three seats have been booked by a cablegram from America for a single performance.

Mr Arthur has made a number of interesting engagements for the autumn. They include a visit from Mr Edward Terry, whose provincial tour will begin in July and last for several months. By the way, "Sweet Lavender" will run to the end of his London season. After his winter season at his own theatre, Mr Terry, it is said, will make a tour of the world which will last for a year.

Playgoers will be glad to see Mr Edward Compton once more.

Mr Montefiore's stock season will make the summer an enjoyable one at Her Majesty's. Miss Lucy Wilson, his leading lady, is a clever actress. Her Mrs Tanqueray will be specially interesting to those of us who have seen Mrs Patrick Campbell in that notorious part. I am glad to see that another member of the company is Mr Courtenay Thorpe. It was Mr Thorpe who played so brilliantly with Miss Achurch in Aberdeen.

Mrs Kendal and Mr Clement Scott have kissed, in a Pickwickian sense. And meantime the actress has had a good advertisement.

Dr Walford Bodie has been doing big business at Leicester. The *Midland Free Press* says his entertainment is one of the best on the "variety stage."



We are thankful that there is one small patch of silver lining in Mr Walker's gloomy report on the schools in Aberdeen and district. He gives great praise to Mr. Litster and his staff for the excellent work they are doing in the teaching of singing in the public schools. Mr Litster will no doubt see to the carrying out of Mr Walker's suggestion that only songs with words worth learning should be sung by the children.



MR ALEXANDER THOMSON, grocer and wine merchant, 212 King Street, has at present a very novel display in his windows. This consists of a variety of articles of Indian fancy work—principally in gold and silver table covers, mantel borders, cosies, cushions, silk dresses and handkerchiefs, slippers, etc.—all worked by hand by the natives of Northern India, whence Mr Thomson has imported the articles direct. The conception and execution of the work—its artistic elegance—is simply amazing. What an amount of time and patience each of those pieces of cloth must have cost in the production! Some of the articles will be on view during this week in Mr Thomson's window, and ladies desirous of viewing the finer silks will be welcomed at his residence where Mrs Thomson will be pleased to show them these rare specimens of the handiwork of their sisters in India.



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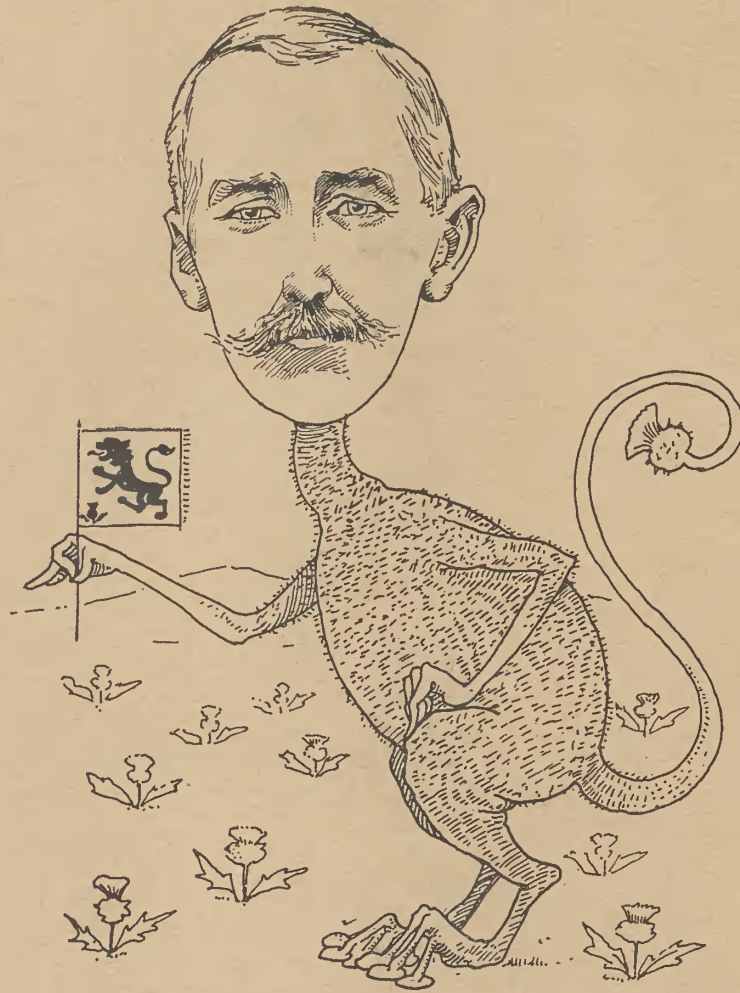
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## CRICKET.

## THE MATCH OF THE WEEK.

ST. RONALD v. BRAEMAR.

For the first time in their history the Braemar have defeated the St Ronald. Ever since a memorable cup tie, fought about two years ago, the Braemar have been waiting their opportunity for revenge. On Saturday their cup of joy was filled to overflowing. I looked for a close game, but I never imagined such a run-away victory for the Braemar. How the St Ronald are going to explain away their defeat I am not concerned about, I leave that to their selecting committee. The Saints had a good team, in fact both sides were thoroughly representative. This makes the Saints' downfall all the more unexplainable. That the Braemar are a better team I deny. They may be on an equality, but no more. Sooner or later every club has a day off. The Saints had theirs on Saturday—but isn't it some early in the season for off days? What honour the Saints had by their display belongs to E. Gibb, who, for his side, played an invaluable innings, his contribution falling one run short of half their total, 36. The third of the same family to carry the Saints' colours, E. Gibb, bids fair to outrival his brothers as a cricketer. J. Banks (who, I hear, has thrown in his lot with the Braemar) was the leading scorer for that team, 32 being his contribution. But in point of merit his exhibition fell short by a long way that of W. Smith's and G. Anderson's—who practically won the game for the Braemar. The decision that Smith was out was, I think, an error, and my opinion was shared by a few, who like myself, were in a position to judge. Umpires are only human, however, and we are all liable to make mistakes. After the winning hit was made it was an easy matter scoring, and the Braemar rattled merrily on till all were out for 98, thereby winning by 62 runs. Both sides fielded well, though there was room for improvement. The Braemar on the day's play deserved to win—the St Ronald would, I am sure, be the last to admit otherwise. With Captain Robb in his place, the Braemar's team will do, but I can't say the same about the Saints. There are a few weak places in their team, and the sooner they are occupied by more reliable men, the brighter will be the prospects of the Saints retaining the cup—for that no doubt is the goal to which they are looking forward to.

POINT.

The game at Mannofield between the 'Shire and Stoneywood was not one to get enthusiastic over.

Nothing brilliant was done by either side, if we except a 27 not out by Mr K. Burnett. It is strange that an old player like Mr Burnett should be showing the way to the younger players.

W. S. Brown also had a fair share in the victory, scoring 13, and being responsible for 4 of the Stoneywood's wickets.

Bolton, so far as the season has gone, has disappointed his friends.

The Stoneywood's innings was mediocre, Kitson and C. Stephen alone doing themselves justice. The remainder of the team were all out (if the expression can be used) before they went in.

What a powerful team represented the University at Stonehaven.

It seems like old days when we read that the University scored 287 for 7 wickets.

The natives of the village could hardly believe their eyes when they saw their pets' bowling being laid about. They got a grand object lesson in hard hitting. May it do them good.

A. L. Wood has once again donned the flannels, and scored 13 out of the Stonehaven's colossal score of 16.

What Stonehaven would be without that prince of cricketers would not be pleasant to contemplate—at least from a Stonehaven point of view.

CRICKETERS.—All going to DAVIDSON, Tobacconist, Bridge Street, to secure finest old year's Bats, Best. Cheapest in Scotland,

The Caley seem to be under the impression that 7 men are quite equal to cope with 11 of the other clubs. They never get out with more.

By the way, they have commissioned a local poet to write a new version of the poem "We are seven."

At Kintore, J. Watt showed that he is one of our most promising young bats,—his 34 was a masterly display.

The match was left drawn at a very interesting stage, the Kintore being 51 for 8 wickets to the Caley's 61.

We are heartily sorry for Captain Barrett of the Caley for the poor support he is receiving from his club.

What has come over the two inseparables—Bob Smith and Bill Adams?

We hear that Bob is busily training for the novice race at the cycle sports next week; while Bill prefers an afternoon's shooting on his Deeside estate to playing for the team he captained last season.

The Clifton seemingly mean to be as successful seniors as they were juniors.

Kittybrewster Mechanics were no match for them on Saturday, being defeated by 28 runs.

While congratulating the Clifton, we cannot but sympathise with the Kitty in what seems to be a run of ill luck.

It is hard on a club which has done so much for cricket in Aberdeenshire to be always on the wrong side. The Mechanics, it may be noted, were hardly at full strength. Low, for one, was at Arbroath helping the Orion to bring the league flag to Aberdeen.

What we saw of the Garrison XI. on Saturday did not impress us favourably.

The Crescent are by no means a powerful team (though there seems to be an improvement from last year), yet they easily accounted for the soldiers. The latter should cultivate a quieter manner when fielding.

We nearly forgot to condole with the Asylum on their defeat. It was hardly fair of the Grammar School to be so inconsiderate.



## JUNIOR NOTES.

The 2nd St Ronald have not had to wait long for their match, and we fancy they did not think it would come from the quarter it did.

Low scoring ruled on both sides, but for a team to score over a hundred one week and twenty-nine the next is, to say the least, astounding.

But then it was not juveniles they engaged on Saturday.

Up to about the last of the Rose's innings it was anybody's game, but by an effort on the part of J. Thom and F. Morley, the Rose managed to annex the points.

It is seldom that games end so closely as the one between Eldon and Fountainhall did.

The game was purely a bowler's one, and the honours were easily carried off by Hill, of the Eldon, who took 6 wickets for 2 runs. This phenomenal bowling performance will take some beating.

It is not every club that can beat the Hawthorn at Inverurie. Cults's performance is therefore all the more meritorious. G. McKenzie batted in fine style for his 20 runs for Cults, Jamieson playing best for the Hawthorn with 18.

The Mugiemoss put the 2nd Crescent out for 15, and replied with 50. Which shows that the Mugiemoss are a team not to be trifled with.

The 2nd string of the Kittybrewster Mechanics were, like their seniors, on the wrong side on Saturday.


The 2nd Kitty are made of the right sort, however, and can take a beating. Stick in to practice and you will be surprised at the difference it can effect.

Cornwall's Apprentices had a pleasant game with the deaf and dumb C.C., whom they defeated by 51 runs to 36. The Apprentices have some open dates—William Smith, 38 Urquhart Road.

The St Andrews made amends for their defeat by Balmoral by thrashing the Royal Oak on Saturday.

It was too close, however, to be comfortable, only 8 runs separating the teams.

We fancy the St Andrews will not be far from the top of the League, when the time comes for totalling up the points.

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Junior Notes—(Continued).

The Ionic, last year's champions, had to knuckle down to the Thistle on Saturday.

This was another close game, the Thistle pulling the match out of the fire by 3 runs.

The more we look into the form of the clubs engaged in the Bon-Accord League, the more we are convinced that there will be a great fight for the top rung of the ladder.

For here you have the Cattofield just scraping through their engagement with the Balmoral by 2 runs.

It is this sort of game that makes cricket matches interesting. The Brighton have got their good record broken, Westburn beating them on Saturday.

The 2nd Clifton were more than a match for the Argyll Harriers. The Harriers could only run 946 yards to 1430 by the Clifton. Work this arithmetical problem out, and you will discover the runs of the respective clubs.

While the Stoneywood were at Mannofield, their second string were entertaining the Varsity Wanderers, and beating them too.

The 2nd Steenies, if they can keep up to form of Saturday, should give a few clubs a hard game this season.

But with such an ideal ground, one is not surprised at the Steenies being so difficult to beat.

Local Fixtures for Saturday.

MAY 20.—Braemar v. Kittybrewster Mechanics. Crescent v. St Ronald. Varsity Wanderers v. Grammar School. 2nd Clifton v. 2nd Stoneywood. Stoneywood v. Kintore. Thistle (Stonehaven) v. Orion. Imperial v. Gordon Highlanders. Banchoy v. University. Turriff v. Fraserburgh. Peterhead v. Fountainhall. Mugiemoss v. Culter. Hawthorn v. Balmoral. Asylum v. Rose.

MAY 20—BON-ACCORD LEAGUE.—Royal Oak v. Cattofield. Thistle v. St Andrews. Kittybrewster Mechanics v. Argyll. St Clements v. Ionic.

MAY 20—ABERDEEN JUNIOR LEAGUE.—Stewart Park v. 2nd Braemar. Rose v. Fountainhall. Cults v. 2nd St Ronald. Balgowrie v. 2nd Crescent.

Howell's Bowling Feat.

The Tenth Australian team appeared at Kennington Oval on Monday to play Surrey, who, as our readers know, were all dismissed for 114. This was due to the fine bowling of William Howell, who delivered 23.2 overs for only 28 runs, and took all the ten wickets of his opponents—a feat which has never been done by an Australian on tour in England before, although S. M. J. Woods took the ten wickets of C. I. Thornton's team at Cambridge in May, 1890. George Griffen is also credited with a similar distinction in his own country in 1884. Many English bowlers have secured the ten wickets in an innings since 1848, Tyler being the last to do so in August, 1895. With Noble's century at the "Palace," and Howell's ten wickets at the Oval the Colonists are making some extraordinary debuts.

Mr Gordon Duncan and Mr William Trail have been appointed captain and vice-captain respectively of the Grammar School Cycling Club.

Just as we go to press we hear that Sam Martin, Langlands, and Duncan are going to compete in the amateur events at the sports next Friday.

Who is the Champion Sprinter?

The above question is exercising the minds of a number of men engaged in a local coach-building establishment. The question arose out of the 100yds. race which Wallace of the Thistle Club won last season. A few of those interested in running matters doubted the time in which Wallace did the 100yds.; while others assert that Angus Fraser, Argyll Harriers, will beat Wallace over the same distance. Might we suggest to both the Thistle and Argyll that they arrange a match between their budding Downers, and get matters finally settled who is best man. Those who insinuate that Wallace did not run the 100 yds. in 11 secs. are circulating, to put it mildly, an untruth. We witnessed the event and never saw a fairer race run; the timekeeping being in most competent hands.

At athletic meetings on Saturday, we see that that thorough sportsman, W. E. Lutyens, won a 1,100 yards race at Stamford Bridge in 2min. 20 2-5sec.—which is very fair time. Alfred Tysoe carried off the half-mile championship of the Northern counties once more.

In the pedestrian world Wilkins is seeking a match with Downer, but he wants more start than the Flying Scotchman cares to give. We hear, however, that T. F. Kane will concede Wilkins one yard in 120yds. for £50 aside.

VOLUNTEERS.

The Prince of Wales will review the London Volunteers on July 8, in commemoration of the Volunteer review held by George III. on his birthday, June 4, a century ago. The march past will take place on the Horse Guards' Parade, and as London counts 35,000 Volunteers in her forces, the review promises to be a fine spectacle. When King George reviewed his Volunteers they mustered no more than 8,500 men.

A new fuse for the Lyddite shell, which has been tested at Lydd, has been approved, and will eventually supersede the one at present in use.

Not content with the church parade, the sermon, etc., two sergeants of the Kilted Corps (1st V.B.G.H.) did a march-out on Sunday last to the Mill Inn, Culter, where their uniforms attracted great attention. The return journey was made in the course of the evening, the warriors reaching town about 9 p.m.

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The programme of race meetings must now bear the registration number of amateurs.

The racing season in Aberdeen commences next Friday, 26th May.

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The events are:—2 miles novice scratch; 3 miles amateur handicap; five-a-side football match; 1 mile flat handicap; ½ mile amateur scratch; 5 miles amateur handicap.

The syndicate have wisely decided to have nothing to do with professionals on this occasion.

We have only one fault to find with the programme, viz., 1 mile flat handicap. Half-a-mile is quite long enough for flat events.

The entries close on Monday, 22nd May, with Mr W. G. Duncan, hon. sec., Ash-Lea, Elmbank Terrace.

The Aberdeen are to hold their first meet for the season on Friday, 9th June, and the N.D., S.C.U. on Wednesday, 14th June.

A little more discrimination might, we think, have been shown in the fixing of dates.

While the track has been in repair a few local racing men have been making the Duthie Park their training ground.

Speaking about the Park, we would wish to draw attention to the persistent scorching that goes on there all day. Those silly people who think the Park is a racing track, will be the means of getting the permission to cycle in the beautiful grounds withdrawn altogether.

The Granville had a teetotal run to Potarch on Saturday last. Perhaps the new bugles had something to do with it, the blowing of the brothers Foote being splendid.

They fairly surprised the natives of Banchory, who evidently thought that a circus or menagerie procession was coming. They were all at their doors and windows when the club passed through the town.

The game of polo as played on bicycles, not in the acrobatic style that has proved an attractive feature at the music halls, but with clubs, and on a more suitable and extended area, had its origin many years ago in Dublin, and of late it has enjoyed a more extensive patronage. The Irish capital, however, still seems to be the headquarters of the game, which is managed by the Irish Brigade Polo Association. In a charity match held the other week, no fewer than eight teams of four had entered, and the skill displayed by the players showed that the game has been so developed as to be entitled to rank as an established form of competitive recreation. The rules which have been drawn up make the risk of collision very remote. During a three-days match at Dublin only one accident occurred.

## Club Runs.

SATURDAY, MAY 20.

CLUB.	DESTINATION.	MEETING PLACE.	TIME.
Aberdeen.....	Insch.....	Club House.....	3-30
Granville.....	Ellon.....	King St. Barracks.....	3-15
Thistle.....	Stonehaven.....	Wallace Statue.....	3-15
Victoria.....	Open.....	.....	3
Bon-Accord.....	Open.....	Golden Square.....	3-15
Abstainers.....	Banchory.....	Skene Terrace.....	3-7
Y.M.C.A.....	Tarves.....	King St. Barracks.....	3-15
Haddo Shepherds.....	Inverurie.....	Golden Square.....	3
Grammar School.....	Kincairdine O'Neil.....	Queen's Cross.....	12

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

Granville.....	Netherley via. Mill Im.	Justice Mill Inn.....	7-15
Thistle.....	Culter via. Skene.....	Wallace Statue.....	7-15
Victoria.....	Newmachar.....	Wallace Statue.....	7
Bon-Accord.....	Whitestripes.....	Golden Square.....	7-15
Weltgn Wed. Sec.....	Laurencekirk.....	Broomhill Road.....	3
Wellington.....	Stonehaven.....	Broomhill Road.....	7
Abstainers.....	Midmar.....	Skene Terrace.....	3-7
Y.M.C.A.....	Dunocht.....	Golden Square.....	4
Haddo Shepherds.....	Bourtriebush.....	Golden Square.....	7

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W. H. Lister was born in Manchester about 22 years ago, stands 5ft. 6in., and turns the scale at about 10st. 6lb. He learned to swim when as a scholar he attended the baths from which his club, the famous Osborne, takes its name. He ranked as a prize winner before he reached ten years of age, and from that time has regularly competed in all classes of races, from championships downwards, and has succeeded in winning no fewer than 200 prizes.



W. H. LISTER, OSBORNE S.C.

His first important effort as a youngster was made when he swam second to J. H. Derbyshire, his club mate, at Newcastle-on-Tyne in August, 1892.

for the Challenge Cup, open to boys under 16 years of age. In the years 1895-6-7 he won the Hugh Oldham Challenge Shield, the trophy becoming his own property in the last-named year. Probably the best race of his life was when he swam third to Tyers and Derbyshire in the 100 Yards Championship at Burslem three years ago. Tyers established a record, and Derbyshire only gained second position by a few inches, Lister getting inside 63½ seconds. As an open water swimmer he has good claims, having occupied second position to Derbyshire for the 400 Yards Northern Challenge Cup, and swimming third for the Mersey Championship, probably then the youngest swimmer who ever occupied the position. Last year he was second in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards Championship.

As a polo player Lister can claim to have served an apprenticeship, for as far back as 1893 he took part for his club in the Manchester and District Junior Championship. Since then he has assisted his club to win the National Championship on three occasions. In 1897 that coveted title of International was awarded him, and his play justified the confidence of the Selection Committee. He has this season been elected the captain of the Osborne Swimming Club, an honour fully deserved. Rumour has it that this year may find Lister making a bold bid for the short distance championships.

The following is taken from a Melbourne paper:—"Lane's visit is bound to be of service. Before he had left the water, almost, I saw several trying his style of swimming. He uses the trudgeon, or double-over-arm stroke, turning the body to left and right as he brings his arms forward, but keeping his head out the whole time. Physically, he is small and light, but well-knit and muscular. Quiet and unassuming, I do not wonder at his popularity in Sydney, and since his visit Victorian swimmers will watch the cables for his doings in England with an added interest and hearty wishes for his success."

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A SPLENDID reception was accorded the first public appearance of this well-trained orchestra of youthful musicians on Friday last, in the Ball Room, Music Hall. Considering that this is the first season of the orchestra, Madame Patti Hicks has simply worked wonders in the training of the youthful performers, whose ages range from eight to fifteen years. The orchestral selections played were:—"March in G" (*Fabian Rose*), "Bohemian Girl" (*Balfe*), "Der Freischutz" (*Weber*), "Waltz" (*Petrus*). All these pieces were played by the orchestra in a way that reflected great credit on teacher and pupils alike. Several members of the orchestra were heard to great advantage in both violin and flute solos. These were taken part in by Miss Jeanie Brown, Master John McGregor, Miss Mabel Garden, Mr Horace Sheldon, Master Corbett Sheldon, Miss Minnie Mutch, violinists; and Mr Vere Stephenson, flautist. Mr Horace Sheldon and Master Corbett Sheldon acquitted themselves so well in their respective parts that they had both to respond to *encores*. Miss Carmen Hill and Master

Charles Milne (silver medallists City Concerts), gave several pleasing vocal numbers, and a violin obligato to Miss Hill's first song, "Dreams" (*Strelezki*), was played with feeling and sympathy by Mr Ernest Lumsden. Miss Hill's second song "Adieu Marie," met with an enthusiastic recall. The various accompaniments were played by Madame Patti Hicks, Miss Mina J. Gordon, and Master Bertie Sheldon. The concert was thoroughly successful from first to last, and Madame Patti Hicks deserves to be congratulated on the wonderful progress made by the pupils under her care.

On Thursday evening, at the last practice previous to the concert on Friday, Mr Horace Sheldon, in a few well-chosen remarks, presented Madame Patti Hicks with a handsome silver-mounted baton from the Juvenile Orchestra, as a token of their esteem and respect for her as a conductress. The baton bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Madame Patti Hicks from the members of the Juvenile Orchestra. 1899."

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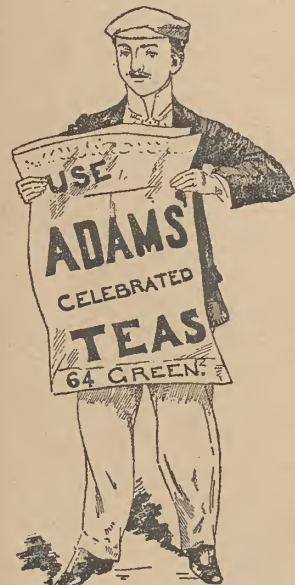
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EAR MAISTER EDITOR—My heart wis sair for my auld freen' Kornal Macdonald. I ken bit ower weel what it is to be feasted an' entertained as the hero o' a hunner fechts. I've been through it a' time and again—an' the fechtin's naething tae the feasting, I can assure ye, weel a wat. Fechtin's worth ca'in' wark—grim wark—exercisein' a yer faculties thegither. For gin ye wad keep a heed on yer shouthers ava, ye maun be supple lim'd and supple witted. I'm a' that an' mair, as is weel kent. But, heh, sir, that's neither here nor there, for it disna behoove Peter Birse tae blaw his ain horn ower lood—it mak's ordinar' folk about sae dooms sma'.

Weel as I wis sayin' fan I was interupit, I wis gae sorry for my freen the Kornal in his present plisky o' sufferin' frae being a hero at hame, an' facin' sic an onslaught frae the unlocked jaw o' the hale county, that seemes i' the noo tae enterteen the notion that the tongue is michtier than the sword, an' that eatin' an' drinkin' an' speakin' wis the hale dooty o' man. Nae doot Mac can haud's ain wi' the best o' them wi' the aye weepin' as weel's the ither—tho' he wad at a' times be mair at hame swingin the ane than waggin' the ither.

But my respect for a man o' siclike pairts as I hae mysel'—nae tae speak o' auld freenship—took me doon by tae the station among the rest. Oot steps the Kornal, an' sic a booin' an' scrapin' an' han' shakin' saw ye niver in yer life afore. I keptit modestly in' the backgroun', jist ahin the Provost, for I'm nae ane to pit mysel' for'ard at sic times. But I wis spied oot at ance, an' afore the hale assembly the Kornal steps briskly my way, wi' a Foo's a' wi' ye, Maister Birse, an' foo's Kirsty, an' far's yer sneeshin' mull?—jist in the same aff-han', hame-ower-why he eesed to hae when a strappin' loon learnin' his dreel up by at the barracks at the Castle Hill.

Then turnin' tae the Provost, says he—It's nae ordinar' pleasure for me to meet my auld an' honor'd freen Maister Birse; for to nae ane am I mair behadden for my success than to him. Fan i' the barracks here he instruckit me in a' the tricks, an' they are mony, o' this war trade o' mine—an' fat Maister Birse didna' ken wisna' worth kennin'. I can aseer ye; for, like Goliath o' auld, he his been a man o' war (which wis the better for me) frae his youth, an' unlike the Philesteen he has keptit his heed a' through. Wif that the procession starts, front rank three abreest; the Provost, a prood man, on aye side o' him, an' yours truly, a prooder still, on the ither.

Haith, Peter, says Mac, in a whisper, if ye'r as conceetit o' yer scholar as he is o' his maister, there's a mighty magazin o' vanity stow'd awa between the twa o's. Bit I'm langin' for a quaet crack wi' ye, an' I'll rin awa' first chance I get.

Dod, I'm thinkin, says I, ye never ran awa' afore, and I'm seer I never learned ye that manoeuvre.

Ye sly dog, says he, pokin' my ribs, I see yer jist as blyth-some as ever ye were, an' richt gled am I to fin' it sae. Bit between me an' you, Peter, I'm heart sick o' this galavantin, an' wis I was safe aff to India again. Na but I'm awfa prood o' a' the attention I'm gettin'—

An' ye deservit it a', said I, an' pleased I am to be spared to meet ye ance mair. It jist maks me young again. Bit there's the Provost ettlin' to hae a' wurd wurd wi' ye. For ye see, sir, we were gettin' that thrang about auld times, an' new times, an' times comin', that we were baith nearhan' misbehavin' by forgettin' about oor dooty tae the company we were in. Bit ye see, Hector wis aye ane o' my fav'rites, for nane o' the mony young chieftains that my precept an' example hae made famous, hae pit my teachin' to better purpose. A byous prood man this day is

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Your brow the lily's hue;  
Your arching neck is like the swan,  
Your eyes are tender blue;  
Your hair is like the sunshine  
On autumn's golden grain;  
No hue or grace can equal thine,  
Oh, Lily of Balthaine.

'Tis not because your handsome face  
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But for thy gentle, modest self,  
Oh, Lily of Balthaine.

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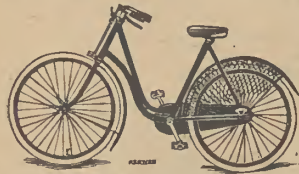
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