

when General W. Kitchener had occasion to reprove a young Colonial for some offence.

"Look here, who are you, anyhow?" indignantly demanded the Colonial.

"My name is Kitchener," replied the general.

"Chuck it!" cried the man. "I may be from the backwoods, but if you think I don't know Kitchener's face when I see it you are quite mistaken. Why, we had him pasted up in our hen roost for years and you ain't a bit like him! Don't talk rot."

The general then explained the situation, but, possibly because of the "picture in the hen roost" let him off.

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Vocal Vengeance

A rather brutal thing was said un-awares at an evening party. Shortly after midnight a gentleman was pressed to sing. Very thoughtfully he put forward the excuse that at the late hour the next-door neighbours might object.

"Oh, never mind the neighbours," cried the young lady of the house. "They poisoned our dog last week."

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A Sea Song

Said Davis unto Swettenham,

"Your place is such a sight:
My men have landed in the town,
We'll fix you up all right.

"You'll need some help in hospital,
Likewise to guard the street;
We know just how to do it all,
And clean you up so neat."

Said Swettenham to Davis bold:

"You're really very kind.
And yet this earthquake is our own,
I'd have you bear in mind.

"Your lads in blue are very smart
In their own place, no doubt;
But really you would much oblige
If you would just get out."

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A Hero's Sketch

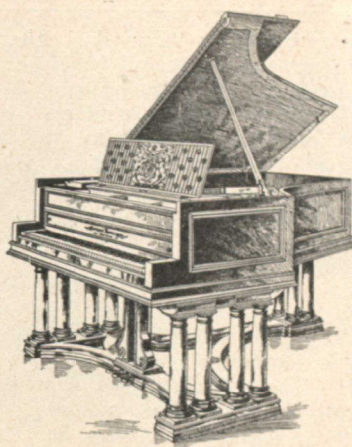
An English raconteur says: "The other day I met Baden-Powell, who told me that he and Kipling had come over from South Africa together. Baden-Powell, as is well-known, thinks himself something of an artist. He is an assiduous member of the London Sketch Club, and to see him there struggling with pencil and water-colours, you would think he cared more for artistic than military renown.

"Well, what do you think?" said he, 'I am the recipient of a great honour. Kipling has written a poem on one of my pictures.'

"Splendid," I said: 'I congratulate you! It is certainly a great honour for a picture of yours to have stirred the muse of Rudyard Kipling. Where can one see the poem?'

'I have got it here,' said Baden-Powell, and he took from his pocket a paper on which two matchless verses were written. One of them read as follows; I don't remember the other one.

"This is the ocean bright and blue
With the Dunedin Castle ploughing
through;
But if you turn it upside down
It is the veldt so bright and brown."



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