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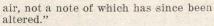
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altered."

His later song, "Laddie in Khaki," strikes a catching note, but "'Till the Boys Come Home" remains the favourite, in fact, there is no escaping it. Of this song Lady Tree wrote to Novello thus: "It must be a great pride to you to see the soldiers' delight in your music. How splendid of you to have written the war song! That half glad, half wistful song haunts one now wherever one goes and it will echo all over the world."

The Scrap Book

A Nasty Trick.—Old Lady (to wounded soldier in hospital)—"And did the shell burst?"

Tommy—"No, mum, it crawled up be'ind me w'en I wasn't looking—an' just bit me like, in the leg!"

He Went on Wanting.—The average boy is not a wonder of wit and wisdom, but most of them know a good thing when they see it. Also the contrary. Not long ago one of them saw a notice in front of the shop, "Boy wanted." He was looking for something of the wanted." He was looking for something of that kind, and walked in. There was nobody in sight and he stood gazing. Presently the proprietor, a somewhat ill-natured person, appropried peared.

"What do you want here?" he in-

"What do you want here?" he inquired.
"Well," replied the boy, disturbed by the man's manner, and hesitating, "do you want a boy here?"
"That's what the ticket says, don't it?" snapped the man.
"Yes," responded the boy, getting his second wind.

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"Then we want a boy."

"All right," grinned the boy, backing away; "you git one; you can't have me," and, his thumb being placed in conjunction with his nose, he wiggled his fingers at the man, and retired his fingers at the man and retired with some haste-

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Big Enough for an Officer.—A man from Carnoustie presented himself at a Dundee recruiting office, and told the sergeant he wished to enlist. The sergeant surveyed him critically, then said—"But you're too small."

"I'm no sae wee as yon mannie ower ere," answered the patriotic one.
"But," said the sergeant, "he is an

"Weel," replied the son of toil, "I'm no awfu' pertickler. I'll be ane tae."

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"Music Hath Charms."—When bat-tle lines extend continuously for three or four hundred miles, almost anything maay happen somewhere along the way. The following pretty incident is one thing that happened according to a letter from a soldier in Belgium that is minited by a conformation. gium that is printed by a contempor-

ary.

It was a miserable night. A heavy rain had filled the trenches. Suddenrain had hied the trenches. Suddenly out of the darkness came a voice. It was singing a Welsh ballad called "Hob y deri dando," and it was a fine tenor voice. It was the cheeriest sound I had ever heard. At the end a round of applause came down the trenches; but imagine our surprise to hear clapping and calls for more in hear clapping and calls for more, in good English, from the German trenches. Thereupon the Welshman gave "Mentra Gwen."

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Meantime we realised that not a shot had been fired by either side during the singing. We had forgotten all about war. So a bargain was struck with the Germans, that if the Welshman would give us another song neither side would fire any more until darlight. daylight.

The third song was "Hen Wiad fy Nhadau." It was probably the first time that the stirring Welsh anthem was ever heard on this dismal Flemish



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