

SEAS UNITE, AND DO NOT SEPARATE

through Them the British Empire Is Held Fast Together
AN APPEAL
For Recruits in Canada For the Royal Navy

It is a mistake to say as we do that the seas separate. It is a wrong conception. They unite the British Empire; for without them its parts are too far asunder. The British navy has made its power felt all over the world, because the oceans are its highways. The great relief that has spread over the Empire is wholly due to the fact that the waters that cover the sea combine and weld together its various states, so that each can do its part for the common cause.

The frontiers of that Empire are not the coasts of Great Britain, but the shores of Germany, Austria and Turkey. Their navies remain pent up within their ports and venture out only to retire in haste and confusion. Canada has had her shores guarded, not upon this continent, but far across the seas. This is an impressive fact. And when the war is over and we come to consider our future, we must never lose its inspiration. At present, the Atlantic is free to us, and it will remain so while the British navy is supreme. In the Pacific different conditions will confront us. There we have now a strong ally. But Australia, New Zealand and the Straits Settlements suggests to us a naval alliance that is satisfying. Each of the island powers, for such they are, and the British dominions in China and Malaya, will contribute their quota, and with them Canada must unite to keep the Pacific ocean free for our commerce. What a mighty fleet will the combination produce to make that ocean in fact, as it is in name, the Pacific.

Let us respond eagerly to the invitation now extended to us by the British navy to supply men for its new super-Dreadnaughts, so that when it becomes our duty to seek the union upon the sea with these brave sister nations and communities,



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we will be able to man our coming fleet with Canadian tars. The seas, broad as they are, will then become a bond not a barrier, and will cement the alliance so happily begun upon the Fields of France and Flanders.

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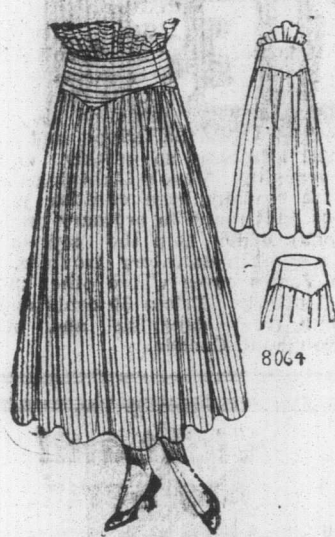
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With a waist in the same color as the material employed in making the garment, this skirt will make a pretty afternoon costume, especially with the heading—or it may relate with a practical blouse, for general utility wear. Silk, satin, serge, wool checks, stripes and mixtures are some of the desirable weaves for developing. The combination of style, fit and value all to your liking may be had, if you will copy the model from the pattern.

The pattern No. 8,004 cuts in sizes 24, 32 waist. To make in size 24 requires 2 3/4 yards 54 inch material.

To obtain the pattern, send 10 cents to the office of this publication.

SIDE TALKS

BY RUTH CAMERON
KLEPTOMANIC

How many kind of thieves there are in the world besides those who steal gold and silver and other material things!

A friend of mine called me up the other day to tell me that she would not be able to go out for the sunset walk we had tentatively planned.

The reason was that the schedule of her day had been completely upset by another friend who had been twenty-five minutes late to an appointment in the morning. That delay had made it necessary for her to change another appointment from morning to afternoon, and so our walk was crowded out in an illegible hand.

"What made her so late?" I asked. She Didn't Realize How Late It Was.

"Oh," she said, "she didn't realize how late it was until almost time to start, and then some one called her up while she was dressing, and then she missed a car—you know what she always says."

"And she took twenty-five minutes of your time when she knows it's limited, and upset your whole day, just because she didn't realize how late it was!"

"Oh, well," she said, "you know what Grace is." "Yes," I said, "I know she's a kleptomaniac of other people's time."

They Think It's Amusing
Which is just what she and all the other people like her who seem to think that complete irresponsibility



Rippling Rhymes

THE SUN PHEASANT
"Humph!" said the Sun who was sometimes a little jealous of the Moon. "So the Moon Goddess has made a bird of moonlight, eh, and called him a silver pheasant! Well, I'll send for the Bird Spirit and we'll make a bird of sun-light."

So the Sun sent for the Bird Spirit and together in a golden pot they melted up a lot of sunbeams.

"I," said the sun warmly, intend to make a beautiful bird of gold and better natured than the silver pheasant from the moon. Myself I think he's pretty cranky". And indeed he was.

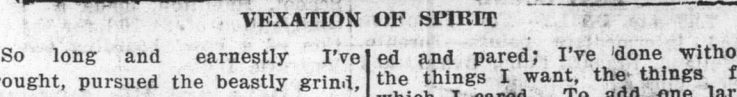
Now the sun was so busy chattering above the golden pot when the smoke poured from the golden pipe that he never noticed it had begun to rain, until with a flash and sizzle some raindrops fell in the golden pot. And you know and I know what happens when a sunbeam breaks through a raindrop. It lets out all the rainbow color that the fairies pack in every drop.

The Sun sent a message for the pretty gloomy, "I shan't have a golden bird,"

he told the Bird Spirit. "It will be Rain to stop and it did, but he felt the color of the rainbow and the Rain will claim it even perils the Rain."

"Put in more sunbeams," commanded the Bird Spirit, "and it will be gold enough for anybody!" So they melted more sunbeams in the golden pot, and still more, and when again the smoke was pouring forth in a cloud the Bird Spirit waved his wand and from the bubbling gold pot upon the golden fire spigot a beautiful bird, his feathers were like sunbeams but his head was all colors, yellow and green and blue and orange—just like a shimmer of them, as if the sun were shining through a drop of rain.

As the sun was bigger than the moon, so was the golden pheasant bigger than the silver one. Just as the sun was warmer than the moon, so was the disposition of the sun bird warmer and bladder, and just as the silver pheasant wasn't all sunlight, for the crankiness of a wicked old dame had tumbled into the one pot—the rain into the other.



God's Word

By Leona Delompi
VEXATION OF SPIRIT

So long and earnestly I've sought, pursued the beauty grind, I've ringed on my dome of thought, and spavines on my mind. The ghostly fear of evil times, or poverty when old, has kept me humping after dimes, for gold and still more gold. I have a package put away, where none can jar it loose; and sometimes at the close of day, I wonder what's the use. When I have left this busy sphere, where only man is vile, some able lawyer will appear, and gather in my pile. Throughout this weary worldly jaunt I've skimmed and sav-

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Morley Pettit Pleads "Not Guilty" in Simcoe

(From our own Correspondent)
Simcoe, Dec. 29.—Much to the surprise of the Crown, Morley Pettit pleaded "not guilty" to the charge preferred against him in the police court here to-day. A recess was given to allow Acting Crown Attorney Agar to produce documentary evidence, but H. P. Innes, K.C., who has charge of the case in Pettit's interest, secured a postponement, although the Crown pressed for summary trial. Pettit has asked for trial by jury. A legal battle royal with sensational developments as to some of last winter's recruiting tactics, is expected. Owing to other matters that have cropped up since a recent assurance that Pettit would be allowed out on bail, the Crown to-day refused to allow Pettit to go at large, though bondsmen were on hand.

Mr. Innes, however, had the best of the first round. Court opened before Squire Earl, but Magistrate R. B. Ganton was called and took charge of his first case since his recent appointment.

On Wednesday night, Mr. W. J. Jackson and Mrs. Langford, their Sunday school classes, Mr. and Miss Hodson, Miss Haddow, reader, and

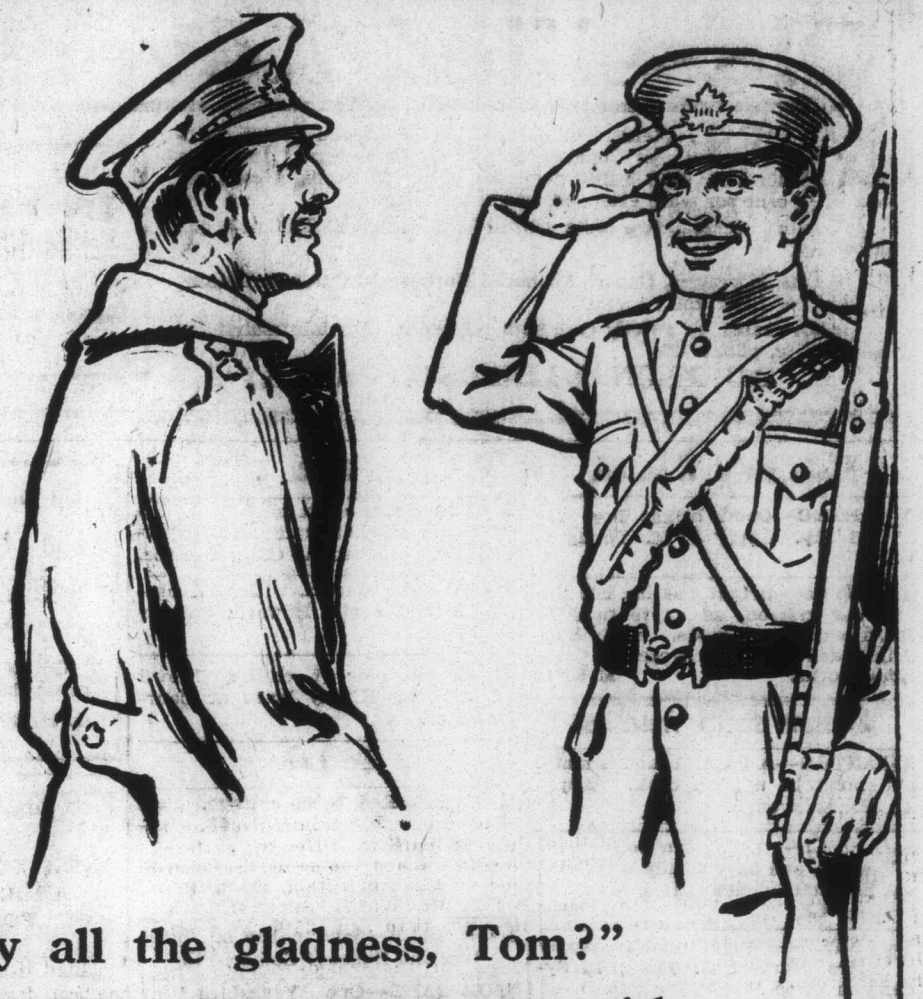
Miss Hurley, soloist, gave a concert at the County home, and took out a "Sarta" remembrance to each member of the family. The concert offering was highly enjoyed, but the visitors had nothing on a violinist among the audience, nor on a lady in keeping, who gave an exhibition of step-dancing.

With no hockey in sight, season tickets for the rink are going at a rate which speaks for a good winter's skating. Manager Cross has put the ban on smoking cigarettes elsewhere than in the dressing rooms, and the general atmosphere has cleared up. Red Cross skating parties will likely have quite a run this winter. The sentiment against slackers makes hockey impossible, except for youths.

The Waterford council, the Houghton reeve, Middleton and Woodhouse are the only scenes of municipal conflict in the county. Victoria is quite seriously stirred up over their police commissioners' election.

A young lad from down Victoria way, aged about fifteen, and well known about town as a messenger boy from the E. H. Jackson store and C. P. R. Telegraph office, is said to have attended and accepted in the 215th. The signing up of such youths is looked upon locally as a waste of time and money, and is held in general disfavor. We have heard considerable unfavorable comment concerning the case in question.

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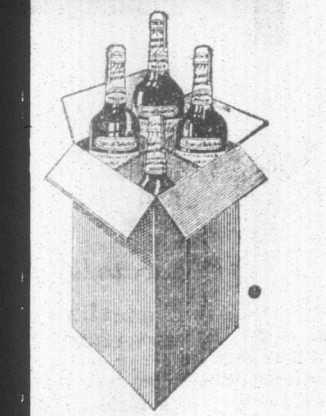
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