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Ships That Pass In The Night.

The steamer had just arrived and had cast anchor outside a well-known port. The captain gave orders to the watch to allow no one to come on board. After a while a pinnace came near, and a voice shouted out:

"Hullo there, lower your ladder."

The watch replied:

"You can't come aboard tonight, sir."

The voice from the small boat said:

"I'm the Admiralty Pilot, you silly ass."

"Can't help it; I don't care a rap if you're Pontius Pilate, I've got my orders."

The Greatest Lie.

A captured German Officer, who seemed to have an idea that the British shoot all their prisoners, offered a fine gold watch to his captors, if they would spare him.

The captors—two jolly Irishmen—took the watch, but as they could not decide who should have it they decided that the man who could tell the biggest lie should keep it. Proud of their skill at story-telling, they told the Bosche that if he could beat them he could have the watch back.

The first man spun a terrific fabrication, and the second man did so well that it looked like a tie. Then the Bosche commenced:

"There was once a Prussian gentleman——"

"That'll do," said one of the Irishmen, "you've won; here's your watch!"

The Sooner The Better.

The Peace Crank was gathering quite a big audience by reason of his extraordinary lung power. He was tremendous and waved his umbrella to punctuate his sentences.

"Unity is strength!" he yelled. "We keepers of the dove of peace must all hang together——"

"Yes and the sooner the better," murmured a wounded Tommy at the rear.



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