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## The CRESCENT PICTURE PALACE

A LAUGHABLE BUNNY COMEDY TO-DAY

### "AN INNOCENT DELILAH,"

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"THE SMUGGLERS SISTER"—A Selig melo-drama.

"FLEEING FROM FLEAS"—A roaring comedy with Ruth Roland and John E. Breman.

"BUNNY BUYS A HAT FOR HIS BRIDE"—A comedy with immitable John Bunny.

"THE OLD FLUTE PLAYER"—A great Vitagraph 3 part drama on Monday.

## The Kiel Canal

At the moment the Kiel Canal is serving to the full the strategic objects with which it was built, and enables the German navy the freest access to the North Sea and the waters of the Baltic. This great advantage is somewhat minimized by other circumstances over which the builders of "The Key Canal" have no control, but these in no way detract from the wonderful nature of the work itself. The London contains an interesting account of this great waterway by J. Shepstone, who remarks that the Germans have been very reserved in giving the world details of the recent improvements, which were nothing short of a military measure to make herself master of the seas of Northern Europe. The canal is sixty-one miles in length, and, begun in 1857, was completed in 1895, and established the following records:—

The canal was opened to traffic promptly on the date originally fixed, not a pound of additional appropriation—£8,000,000—being required to complete it, and not an accident of consequence occurred during the entire eight years which its construction required. The cost per cubic yards of dredging was also the lowest of any of the world's great canals, being 1s. 6d. as compared with 4s., 5s., and 2s. at Suez, Manchester and Panama respectively.

The total volume of excavation for the original channel was 104,630,000 cubic yards. Here it may be added that to carry out the recent improvements an additional 200,000,000 cubic yards of material had to be excavated. This means that the total excavation at Kiel equals that of Panama, where it was necessary to cut through a range of mountains.

The writer pays a deserved compliment to the energy with which the widening was effected:—  
As the reconstruction was commenced in the summer 1909, it has meant five years of labour, and the great expenditure amounted to just over £12,000,000. The increased cost was entirely due to the feverish rate at which the work was pressed forward during its later stages. By October, 1910, an army of four thousand men had taken up their abode along the canal banks, working at no less than twenty-two distinct points. Later this number was considerably augmented; indeed, at one time as many as fourteen thousand men were engaged, the whole sixty miles of the waterway being virtually one continuous workshop.

When it is stated that the existing locks were enlarged, the channel deepened and widened, the bridges across it replaced with new structures, the curves considerably reduced, and a new lighting installation completed, without in any way interfering with the passage of vessels over the waterway, one has to admit that here was organization of the highest order.

Naturally, the most difficult and costly part of the whole scheme was the rebuilding of the locks. They are the largest structures of their kind in existence. There are four—two at each entrance. Each measures 1,150 feet in length, 148 feet in width, and 40 feet in depth.

By pumping the water out of them, the Kiel Canal locks can be used, it need be, as gigantic dry docks. Thus, with a closed canal, or even a partially closed channel, the German fleet has at its disposal four massive dry docks, two at each end of the waterway.

Following this article, which appears in the special "German Defence Section" of the London, Fred T. Jane contributors a paper on "The Doomed

larger. There are not two fellows on the steamer can eat a meal with me. I have two courses of everything and I am getting fat as a bear.

You can tell — that I am very thankful to her for the cigarettes. We had sports on Friday, composed of Tug of War, Potato race, Cigar contest, Cock-Fighting and Shipping match, and it ended up on Saturday night by the distribution of prizes.

All the boys had a slice of the cake and wanted more. I still have the cigarette case Mrs. Barrett gave to me and wishes to be remembered to her, and to her — that we enjoyed the apples fine, and also tell Mrs. — that I enjoyed the oranges she so kindly gave to me.

You can tell — that I was sorry I did not have time to see her before I left. Give my love to all the children. Billy Cullen says he will send you his picture when gets them taken. Tell Allan I still hold Harry Howe firm y' don't mind. There is not much more to say, so I will finish now by wishing you all good bye for the present.

Your loving son,  
ARTHUR BRISCOLL,  
Battery Road, March 29th, 1915.

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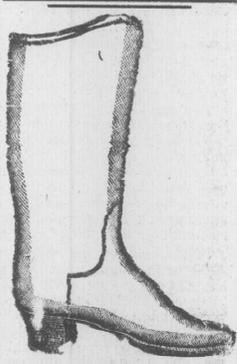


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## Fishermen!



### Cheerful Letter From the Front

"Cannon to right of him!  
Cannon to left of him!"  
March 22, 1915.  
In a little hole in a cabbage patch, somewhere in France.  
"My dear Mr. Drayton,  
Well, I have got to France, and the front, in fact a little more so. I am at present 350 yards ahead of our firing line in an advanced post of observation. I am hid in a large cabbage patch close to the German line, taking it all in, and I don't miss much. I got here before daylight and can't leave before dark, being so close to the Germans. If they knew I was here they would turn a machine gun or two loose and proceed to make sauerkraut out of the whole cabbage patch, and I would be mixed up in the salad. This might be dangerous, but it is great sport. The shells and bullets from both sides are going over me, machine guns rattle right and left, but only periodically the shells from our own guns burst right in front of me in the German trenches,

and I sit up and take notice of the fact, then something goes zip! bang! and I dodge and the cabbages shake their heads. I see some of the leaves close to me have been punctured. I will try and get a piece of one of them for a souvenir. The heavy guns are now busy and the detonation shakes my cabbage patch, a perfect din. Yesterday there were several aeroplanes getting shelled overhead, but none were hit. We have lost several killed and wounded, but I have not been punctured yet. I always ask the Lord to make me as thin as a knife blade, and being that the Lord won't help those that don't help themselves, I don't eat much. I am as crazy about Paris as ever, but Paris evidently don't worry about me much. But I am going to see beautiful Paris again when the row is over. There is a little lark singing merrily above me. I hope that none of Kaiser Bill's big shells will stop the song. My 101 Regt. has been used to reinforce the 1st brigade, and I am the only 101st officer at the front. I am at present attached to the 3rd Battalion. Write me on receipt of this. Remember me to your wife and sisters, as ever yours,  
P. ANDERSON,  
Major.

### Likes the English Girls

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
H. M. S. Prince Edward,  
March 29th., 1915.  
Dear Sir,—A few days before leaving Devonport Barracks some of our boys received the Mail and Advocate from home and we see by it you are still fighting hard and giving our Nfld. Government its proper medicine. In looking over it I saw an item referring to how the Government are treating us Naval Reservists.  
While the soldiers were at St. John's they were getting \$1.10 per day. But what did they give us—nothing—W. didn't join the navy for the sake of what money we were going to get, we thought it was our duty to do so, and defend our King and Country.  
At the same time we should like to get a square deal from our Government and be treated the same as the soldiers. We are all over here for the same cause. The soldiers will endure some hardships when they go to the front; but it's not all sunshine on the North Sea.  
I will give one reason why we are

treated different from the soldiers and that is because we are fishermen. The day is coming when the Government we have in power now will have to lie low, and those who are fighting so hard for the fishermen will take their places and see that they will get fair play. There is ten of us Newfoundlanders together and all are enjoying good health. We would rather be on board the ship than in Barracks at Devonport. We get leave to go ashore an odd time, to see the little English girls. They are fair beauties. Some of the boys reckon they will take one home with them when the war is over. I long for to get some papers from home to see how things is going. I received a letter from some of my relations a while ago saying they were sending me the papers but I haven't received them yet. In a case I may be trespassing too much on your space I will bring it to a close by wishing the Editor and Advocate much success.  
Yours sincerely,  
W. H. GARDNER.  
R. N. R.

### Just Like a Skiff But Larger

R. M. S. "Ordnan,"  
March 29th., 1915.  
Dear Mother and Father—Just a line to let you know that I am well, hoping you and all the family are the same. We had a great trip across. I was not a bit sick, she is a big steamer, 15,600 tons, and has on board this trip 719 passengers. We got the best of grub to eat, and accommodation is of the best kind.  
Yesterday was Sunday, and we passed three steamers, the first since we left Halifax. As I write this we are passing by the coast of Ireland, the place where my grandfather's oftweils are, that you saw in the papers. It is a grand sight. In another few hours we will be well on the way for Liverpool, where we will pass the Lighthouse called the Fastnet, just off the Irish coast, built out in the ocean on a rock. All the boys are well, our officers are very kind to us. The cake was splendid. I have just started on it. This steamer is just like our fishing skiff only a bit