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One at a Time

Two Irishmen were employed on a dump barge. One day the waves ran high near shore. The tug's old towing cable parted. The barge rolled into the trough of the sea and the two Irishmen were washed overboard. One swam to the shore and after a short rest was about to start back toward the other man, who was still wrestling with the waves.

"Why, what are you going back into the water for, Pat?" inquired a bystander. "Why, Oi had to save meself first," said Pat, "and now Oi'm goin' back to save Meike."—*Monarch Messenger.*

The First Great Battle of Namur, 57 B.C.

History is repeating itself in the European war. Almost 2,000 years ago the Romans, under Julius Caesar, attacked the Belgian fortifications at Namur just as the Germans did in 1914. The catapult, the most powerful engine of war known in Roman days, was the forerunner of the great siege howitzers of the Germans. Supported by this artillery, the Roman soldiers rushed the Belgian defences in their famous "testudo" or "tortoise" formation, closely massed and with shields overlapping to form an impenetrable defence against the spears and darts of the enemy. The captured Belgians of Namur were sold into slavery.

Vegetable Immigrants

Celery originated in Germany.
The onion originated in Egypt.
The citron is a native of Greece.
Oats originated in North Africa.
The poppy originated in the East.
Rye came originally from Libertia.
Parsley was first known in Sardinia.
The pear and apple are from Europe.
Spinach came from Arabia.
The sunflower was brought from Peru.
The mulberry tree originated in Persia.
Walnuts and peaches came from Persia.
The horse chestnut is a native of Tibet.
Cucumbers came from the East Indies.
The quince came from Crete.
The radish is a native of China and Japan.

Peas are of Egyptian origin.
Horseradish is from Southern Europe.
—*John Hancock Satchwell.*

A class in one of our Sunday schools was asked if they knew anything about Goliath, and a little girl said he "was a great big giant," and then she added, "and—and he was a Philippine."

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