Luke McLuke

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From Ceylon to old Barnegat,
You'll find, in every land,
Good music is one language that
We all can understand.

Utopla. "Where is this place Utopia, any-way?" asked the Old Fogy.
"Utopia is the place, where wages go up faster than the cost of living," replied the Grouch.

No Joke.

Correct.

"Politeness does not cost anything," argued the Philosopher,
"But people are always willing to pay for it," replied the Waiter.

Strange.

These women puzzle me. The dears live every bit as long as you, And as yet it takes them forty years To reach the age of thirty-two.

Paw Knows Everything.

Willie—Paw, what is a cynic? Paw—A cynic is a man who is as tired of the world as the world is of

You Know Him. This Biffkins is a gabby stiff,
His views with you are always shared:

He fears they might grow musty if He didn't always keep them aired.

Meow! A little girl named her pet kitten "Santa." When asked why she had chosen that name she replied: "Because Santa claws."—El-Jay-F"

him, my son.

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WANTED-A VACUUM CLEANER.

HE most expensive domestic regime Canada has ever had seems to be the prospect at Ottawa, unless a wholesale cleaning out of favorites from "soft jobs" is inaugurated. The Advertiser correspondent at Ottawa has briefly given a word picture of the cluttering crowd of office-holders that draw down from \$7,500 to \$5,000 per year. Secretaries and assistant undersecretaries, members pitchforked into "cushy" places that augment their sessional indemnities it has been an orgy of handing out the spoils of office. Blondin and Sevigny hang to their \$7,-500 portfolios, and the other twenty-one of the cabinet are there when pay day comes.

Isn't it about time to get an efficiency expert, a time clock and a vacuum cleaner at Ot-

ington, who has been military critic for the cause he had consumption, and-" Times, and is considered the most able of critics in the old land, has severed his connection with the Northcliffe organ and has joined the staff

Cambrai retirement by the British, with the loss pared to order a floral wreath in the design of of many men and guns, and the subsequent inquiry and report on this disaster. The Government authorized a statement clearing the British higher command of all blame. The Daily Mail article, which brought to a head the irritation, asserted that the Government was hushing up the incident under pressure of the general staff, and added that a particular army clique had

held supreme military control for two years, during which it had failed to fulfil its promises. The Mail, editorially, demanded the removal of Lord Derby, secretary for war, and Sir William-Robertson, chief of the general staff.

Apparently, the Mail's charge is directly in opposition to Col. Repington's beliefs, and it is the attempt by the paper to lay all blame on the general staff instead of on responsible politicians which has caused him to resign his position with the Northeliffe press. To some extent, the statement by Hon. A. Bonar Law that Gen. Smuts prepared a report on the Cambrai affair, which was approved by the cabinet, and was not revised in any way by Earl Derby or any army councillors, and that the decision not to publish the report and that the decision not to publish the report was taken by the war cabinet, appears to support

allegedly powerful military clique which dictated the action of the war cabinet.

British papers not under Northeliffe control, are indignant over the Mail's letter and editorial.

One terms them an attempt at "public assassination," and hints that Northeliffe is the tool of a certain politician. Another calls on the Government to prevent the press from making such at some winds are independent of the war cabinet, but the war will continue. Sir Edward has earned the name of Intame to the war cabinet, but the war will continue. Sir Edward has earned the name of Intame to do? If you had let the mammy stay in them we might have prolonged the party—but, you are all alone—"Ruth shot back a glance of indignation but more of disappointment. She told him she did not think the speech was worthy of him and Julius admitted that he had been rather clumsy. ment to prevent the press from making such at- son will be mighty unpleasant. tacks, and the Morning Post, which Col. Repington has joined, calls the Mail's story a "wild farrago.

What will come from this outburst cannot yet be seen, but there does not seem much gen- militia authorities want to ascertain facts. eral faith in or liking for Lord Northeliffe. It has frequently been hinted that he was totally unfitted for the responsible duties given him by

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Is image frequently been hinted that he was totally unfitted for the responsible duties given him by the Government, and that something other than national interests influenced the attitude of his papers. He has been a power in London during the war, of that there is no doubt; but whether for good or evil is not so certain. It may be that more light will be east on the situation during the next few days.

THE MORALE OF FRANCE.

RANCE has been more persistent than other States to get some of its soldiers to the firing lines at the earliest possible moment. It has appeared, sometimes, as if the French authorities attached more importance to the presence of a few thousand Americans in the war theatre than to all the money and other help the United States could give. The reason for this claimor for men was probably that France knew her people, and realized what an effect the presence of he new allies would have on the army sand nation's morale.

The same feeling was evidenced in August, 1914, when Britain declared herself against Germany. Six Frederick Smith. English attorney general, told a Toronto audience of the eagerness shown by France at that time to have British troops cross the Channel immediately. The French ambassador in London said to Sir Edward Grey: "If you can send to so nothing less seen was the band of your Grenadier Guards."

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to be unscrupulous, which had proven too strong for her in the past. Had it had no fears of the result, the French nation would have been superhuman. 'Britain's promise was obtained, but the actual sight of British soldiers was required to give confidence. Now, after three years of constant fighting and fearful sacrifice, a new ally joins her, and again the sight of the new friend's

met on a treeless desert and there was nothing else around to bore they would bore one another. And operating with this philosophy a few of the sad wags who drop into the cigar store arranged that Mr. Eight-Day Talker, a native of our city, should make the acquaintance of Mr. Fuller Bunk, who has been most everywhere. The innocent bystanders had suffered long enough. And it was believed when the two conversational gimlets met, the pressure would be relieved. The usual procedure was to isolate the theatre. Perhaps it was note to the theatre. Perhaps it was not to the theatre. Perhaps it was note to the theatre. Perhaps it was a likher in know you've just been teasing me like the radius was a flowered dressing gown," she said. "And I didn't in the least want to refuse after all I'd said. Why have you been so unfair to me?" "Because I was a little jealous—" "Because I was a little jealous—" And before they had reached Amy Nair's studio that night Ruth. like the frank little girl that she was, had told Julius that she loved him and had consented to be his wife. jolly the thing along and enjoy a little unconscious comedy, but even the best of plays can become wearisome, especially when it is "Chin Chin," perpetually.

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Enter, Mr. Eight-Day Talker. A few bright old-young age when he had convinced himself that flirting was a great wast then a plunge into the big tank of war specula
She was in large measure still a specific sp tion, coal supply, village scandal and the high mystery to him and so he was doubly please, when she asked him to "come cost of socks. Register joy as Mr. Fuller Bunk comes on the scene. Preliminary flourishes. Bewhiskered platitudes. They clutch. "I know your boss' brother, Ignatz. He likes Swiss cheese." Is that the kind they make from goat's milk?" "No, I should say not. Say, don't you hease. Beyond for eight o'clock so that both he and Ruth might dispose of their day's occupation before the little spread. know they make Roquefort cheese from goat's milk?" "Well, I know a man who imports Swiss cheese, and he tells me it's made from goats," ination of every accessory or orna-THE BRITISH TEMPEST.

B ELIEVING that army officers of high standing have been sacrificed to cover up mistakes made by British politicians, Col. Repington, who has been military critic for the cheese, and he tells me it's made from goats'

of the Morning Post. The fact that he has taken little sparrier, they are into a discussion of high parted. "I thought we could be cozier if we of the Morning Post. The fact that he has taken this action immediately after an attack by another Northeliffe paper, the Daily Mail, on the Earl of Derby and Sir William Robertson, is taken to mean that he thoroughly disapproves of the Northeliffe policy, and connects it with the support of certain politicians to the detriment of the army and navy officers.

Col. Repington's arraignment of the Government is severe. He first declares that he resigned on public grounds, and as a protest against intrigues by politicians against the army. He follows this by saving that the Government has saulted for years by one of these yoral hold up to the street costume of most rather than the first glings of the description of high art, then quoting personal friends of "Doug" then place. Amy won't be back till all hours. Then as she led him into the studio he got the first glings of her dress, about classical music and cornmeal mush. If one goes after the food controller, the other supports him. One insists that ex-Mayor Stevenson never had any calamity like the recent storm during his term as mayor, and the other says no, but the new mayor is going to reduce the tax rate. This makes Fuller Bunk snort, and he devotes ten minutes to conducting the city.

It works. When you have been verbally assaulted for years by one of these youal hold up the street costume of most rather more modest. Julius had to administration that the flower ment has saulted for years by one of these youal hold up the street costume of most rather more modest. Julius had to administration to the definition the studio ment the got the first glinder. Then as she led him into the studio ment the got the first glinder. Then as she led him into the studio ment the got the first glinder. Then as she led him into the studio ment the got the first glinder. Then as she led him into the studio ment the got the first glinder. Then as she led him in

follows this by saying that the Government has saulted for years by one of these vocal hold-up follows this by saying that the Government has lost the confidence of the people, and will wreck the fighting organization if it does not give up hiding the truth from the nation, and that the shifting of responsibility from the politician to the soldier goes on without end.

The occurrences which seem to have brought about the semi-crises in British affairs were the about the semi-crises in British affairs were the a month to talk each other to death and be pre-"The Jaws Ajar."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Peat and heat rhyme pretty well, but the connection is not all in the name.

Windsor's magistrate succeeded in taking some of the "tin" out of the Katinka company.

ernment employ.

them in your pockets. This will prevent unpleasant experiences in the streets when the

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[Simcoe Reformer.]

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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uniform is needed to hearten the people. The Americans have arrived in France, and optimism and assurance of victory have increased by leaps and bounds. That intangible morale has received the required stimulant.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE WAGGING JAW.

WE SUPPOSE if two human woodpeckers met on a treeless desert and there was nothing else around to bore they would bore one another. And operating with this philosophy a few of the sad wags who drop into the sophistication.

"But I'm not quite sure I do," standmered Julius, and then as Ruth stood off and pivoted on her oriental slipper for his full inspection he honestly admitted that it was extremely becoming—"only hardly conventional."

There was supper, and after supper Ruth carried off the supper tray per Ruth carried off the supper tray and brought back the coffee in a Turkish brass outfit that even Julius was connoisseur enough to admire. From the folds of her remarkable house gown Ruth drew out a little metal cigarette box and opening it metal cigarette box. re several other sorts in the

rather than as a young woman wishing still further to try her charms on a man whom she knows to be her

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Get your exemption papers ready and keep as an experiences in the streets when the litia authorities want to ascertain facts.

admitted that he had been admitted that he had been stated admitted that he had been and the had been and the lessel will be as an experience in the streets when the litia authorities want to ascertain facts. show people that morality and decency don't depend on a few stupid and antiquated conventions. Amy Nair is as virtuous as my own mother and yet she does things every day that would make people like you condemn her." Tulius tried to make some stand for self and mumbled something about the impossibility for a girl so pretty the product of the self-and mumbled something about the impossibility for a girl so pretty the product of the self-and mumbled something about the impossibility for a girl so pretty the self-and mumbled something about the impossibility for a girl so pretty the self-and se

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he said, so he could give Ruth a sample of his cooking and after supper he donned an apron and cleared away the dishes, and remained long enough in the kitchen to tell Ruth that he had been washing the dishes. He doted on that sort of thing, he told her, as fully glad to have you here," he told her, making no move to go and don his coat and hat to see her home. It was a very brutal scene.

Thanx!

Miss Irene Dillard of Lynchburg, Va., has discovered an official peacemaker for the Club. She is Olive Branch of will come and spend an evening with a man like this. I hope you'll come Miss Irene Dillard of Lynchburg, Va., has discovered an official peacemaker for the Club. She is Olive Branch of Beattyville, Ky.

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The Weaker Sex.

Rags says that a member of the weaker sex will go down town in zero weather dressed in a kneerlength thin had a choice between hanging and

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Therese, Que., new, but slightly shopworn, Boston fall, full length music desk, 3 pedals, 71-3 octaves, 4 feet 6 inches high, \$250.00 Is a bargain at No. 4 .- Upright Piano, made by Stuyvesant of New York, ebony finish, 4 feet 4 inches high, turned

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nut finish, turned-up fall.

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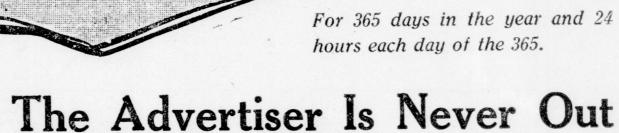
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of Touch With World News

Kipling said that the hours of the newspaperman, like the physician, were from 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.

He sleeps, but as he sleeps some other newspaperman is handling his "trick" of the 24 hours. The wire services are perpetual. When the "day wires," which carry the news to the evening editions, have closed, the "night wires" have opened. And every member of the staffs of both editions is on constant call, like the

The great division between newspapers is the morning and evening fields. Some newspapers watch the world for twelve hours and then suspend for the next twelve. They are out of touch with the world until they get down in the morning or evening and see the editions which they do not publish.

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The Advertiser serves as the world newspaper, giving all that is best in the news, and by watching the whole of its own field harmonizes in a certain degree the whole rommunity and gives to it a definite Western Ontario interest and

