

tell us what the Earl of Shorthorn did on Wednesday in Piccadilly, and hint at a strange happening befalling Lady Esprit de Corps in the near future.

Nobody knows them. Nobody has any interest in them except the tuft-hunters who affect an interest in these things, hoping thereby to be recognised as having some association with them.

Dopey nuts, who imagine themselves second-lieutenants, and foolish flappers who like to read the tosh, then sit back and dream of eternities of bliss in the arms of the commissioned ranks, may enjoy it. Undoubtedly they do.

What allowance is to be made by the intelligent broad-minded soldier so that the rubbish may be palliated? Why should three hundred millions be insulted for the pleasure of the upper ten thousand and the delectation of the Committee of Forty? The patronising attitude adopted by the English press towards the stories imported from the Western Hemisphere suggests an unpardonable egotism. If it is to maintain its fancied superiority it must drop the affectations of the second-lieutenant and other ranks above the stars, and

give a ring of truth to their stories by placing the N.C.O. in his proper position. The private will automatically come into his own.

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Mere Colonial.

There was a young lady named Maude,
Whose conduct by all was deplored;
In Public I'm told
She was haughty and cold,
But on the back stairs—Oh! my Gawd!

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We are indebted to the *Daily Sketch* for the delightful soubriquet, the "Twinkling Twentieth."

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Once more the cithera!
When we're out in the Ditch
Getting badly mussed-up,
We all learn a few little wrinkles,
So take it from us,
There'll be a dust-up
When the Old Score starts in and twinkles.

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