

SWAT! SWAT!

Ten little flies
All in a line,
One got a swat!
Then there were
Nine little flies
Grimly sédate,
Licking their chops,
Swat! There were
Eight little flies
Raising some more—
Swat! Swat! Swat! Swat!
Then there were
Four little flies
Colored green and blue;
Swat! (Ain't it easy!)
Then there were
Two little flies
Dodged the civilian—
Early next day
There were a million!

—e. w. j.

MORE, JOCK!

It was a famous story, proclaim it
far and wide,
When Bold Jock Ewing the Fear-
less set forth on his great ride,
"From Cabul to Candahar boys,
it's all the same to me,
"I don't care where I get to when
I mount my old Gee-Gee.
"The Afghans we were out to
smash regardless of the price,
"The General says to me, "Look,
Jock, we'll have them in a
trice,
"So get your wits a'working and
tell me your device."
Old Jock gut busy thinking and
worked him out a plan,
Where he would trick the dauntless
and wily old Afghan,
He dressed up as a native and
reported to his chief.
"My brave Bold Jock," the General
cried, "My tears will show my
grief,
"Should you return successful, I'll
grant you six month's leave!"
"A boon I crave before I go,"
cried Jock our hero brave,
"Should I fall in this adventure,
please put this in my grave,
" 'Tis the button from Noah's
haversack I prize it very
highly,
"So carry out my wishes, Sir, ere
I meet the Afghan wily."
Jock paused in this old story; "My
mem'ry's not so good
"I cannot tell a story as well as I
once could
"I need some lubrication, I am not
feeling well,
"I'll go and strafe a few big beers
at the National Hotel;
"And then you'll hear a story
worthy of the telling,
"Of how I pinched the Afghan
Chief in the midst of his
hordes yelling,
"And should I get a little mixed
in times and dates and places,

"Forgive me for my memory poor
and just fill in the spaces."
Jock hied him down and bought
some beer and says, "I'm
feeling better
"I'll tell that ruddy story and I'll
tell it to the letter,
"When I was in the Engineers
a'servin of the Queen, Sir,
"I was a famous soldier as ever
you have seen, Sir,
"The glory of my regiment, my
Colonel's pride and joy,
"Believe me in those times, Jimmy,
I was some soldier boy,
"Smart as a ruddy buttonstick on
parade and in canteen,
"I've served my country every-
where, there's nowhere I aint
been.
"Now get on with that story, Jock,
and cut out all that stuff,"
Says Jimmy Boyd instructor, "I've
nearly heard enough."
"I need more lubrication," says
Jock with stricken look:
"Four beers is what will start me
givin' extracts from my book,
"So once more to the pub, Jim,
whilst I think out a text."
We'll leave Jock lubricating—Con-
tinued in our next.

A mother objected to a punish-
ment given by the teacher to her
boy, and calling upon the teacher,
asked in tones that were icy:
"Miss Harrington, I wish some in-
formation on the outrageous pro-
ceeding. Kindly tell me just what
end you had in view in punishing
my son."
The teacher replied sweetly:
"Why, I had the same end in view
that anybody would in spanking a
little boy."

A Sapper was trying to cut a
piece of choice beef and remarked
to the Orderly Officer, who was
passing at the time,—“Sir, I can't
cut this piece of meat; they should
take it back!”
O. O.—“No, they can't take it
back.”
Sapper.—“Why, Sir?”
O. O.—“Because you've bent
it!”

“Some Sapper”.

A Negro who had just contri-
buted twenty-five cents to the Red
Cross was accosted by a lady who
asked him if he had done his bit
towards the Red Cross. “Yes
mam,” replied the darky, “I'se
just done my 'two bits'.”

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