



A SOLDIER'S SING-SONG

An impression which appears to be somewhat prevalent is that while the sea from a rich repertoire of past generations of sailors, the soldier has to rely very much upon music ballads or parodies especially written to suit the exigencies of the times.

Tommy Atkins, whether of the old or the new military school, is a more versatile singer than the blues-jack. He sings in the trenches, may even hum an air on picket duty, while on the march he is encouraged to sing—though he really needs little encouragement—the vocal art has long been recognized in the Army as a marvellous fatigue reducer and a splendid physical preparation into the bargain.

Naturally one cannot expect on the march-out to hear the rattle of the old ballads which were an air of romance around the lower deck of the battleship on some moonlit night. But come with us, reader, to a real soldier's sing-song, where the disposition is to give some rattling soldier's solos, over at the expense of the ever-popular chorus if need be. There is no charge for admission, but the hat may go round once or twice on a "tag" collection for the national cause.

Chairman's remarks are not tolerated, so as well set-up fellow possessing a trained voice opens the ball without any ado. It is one of the oldest ballads on the programme, and rings grand and true— "A good word and a trusty hand, And a gallant heart and true; King James' men shall understand, What Cornish lads can do; And they have fixed the where and when, And shall Trevelyan die? There's thirty thousand Cornishmen Will know the reason why."

There are more verses, of course, and the applause is loud and sincere. "Gunner Jones" will give the British song, announced the Chairman, sitting down with a jerk before the words were quite out of his mouth. There was some stir among the Dublin Fusiliers, for the song was a "Belstaff Boy."

"On the green hills of Ulster their flame creeps and grows, And the beacon of war throws its white to the sky; Now the taunt and the threat let the coward endure, Our hope is in God and in Rory O'Moore! Do you ask why the beacon and bonnet of war On the mountains of Ulster are seen from afar? 'Tis the signal our rights to regain and restore; Through God and our Lady and Rory O'Moore."

THE CONVERSATION BOOK

"I've a conversation book; I brought it out from 'ome. It tells the French for knife and fork an' likewise brush and comb. It learns you 'ow to set the 'ome, the names of all the stars, And 'ow 'o order hostess an' 'ow to buy cigars. But there ain't no shops to shop in, there ain't no grand hotels, When you spend your days in dogouts d'ole 'ole made in shells. It's nice to know the proper talk for thes' an' 'at such. But when it comes to talkin', why, it doesn't 'elp you much. There's all them friendly kind o' things you'd naturally say, When you meet a feller casual-like an' pass the time o' day— Them little things as breaks the ice an' kind o' clears the air, Which when you turn the phrase book up, why, them things isn't there! I met a chap the other day a-routine in a trench, 'E didn't know a word of our nor me a word o' French; An' 'ow it was managed, well, I cannot understand, But I never used the phrase book, though I 'ad it in my 'and. I winked at 'im to start with; 'e grimed from ear to ear; An' 'e says "Tipperary" an' says "Sooowner"; 'E 'ad my 'ow Woodbine," 'E 'ad his tin cigar, "Which set the ball a-rollin' so—well, there you are! I showed 'im next my wife an' kids, 'e up an' showed 'em 'is. Them little things as breaks the ice, 'e up an' shows 'em 'is. "Annette," 'e says, "Louise," 'e says, an' 'e tears begun to fall; We was comrades when we parted, but 'e 'ardly spoke at all; 'E 'ad a kiss me if I'd let 'im, 'e 'ad never met before, An' 'e never seen the better side, for that's the way o' war; An', though we scarcely spoke a word, I wonder just the same If 'e'll ever see them kids o' 'is. I never see 'im name."

Miss Cicely Fox Smith, in Punch

FORREST PROTECTION IN CANADA

According to private reports, Sweden proposes to cut off the export of chemical pulp to Great Britain. Naturally, all eyes are immediately turned to Canada to supply the threatened deficiency. The Commission of Conservation has just issued a report on "Forest Protection in Canada, 1913-1914," which is of particular interest in this connection. It contains much information respecting the work of the provincial forest services and of the federal departments entrusted with the care of our forests.

The forests of British Columbia and on Dominion lands in the West have been dealt with in reports containing the results of special studies conducted by Dr. C. D. Howe, the other day, while in the Trent watershed in Ontario, has also received special attention, in a report of an investigation by Dr. C. D. Howe in the townships of Burleigh and Methven.

How to supply fish at less cost. Ottawa, Feb. 21.—How to supply better fish at less cost to inland consumers was the subject of an inquiry conducted by the subject by the marine and fisheries commission under the chairmanship of Clarence Jamieson, of Digby. There were present H. A. Britton, of the Maritime Fisheries Corporation of Montreal; F. T. James, of Toronto; D. J. Byrne, president of the Canadian Fisheries Association, and W. Found, superintendent of fisheries.

Stevenson's Letters Bring Large Sum. New York, Feb. 18.—If Robert Louis Stevenson could have sold his letters in his lifetime at the prices as they brought at their sale here, he could have spent his later years in comfort without having to depend upon his literary efforts. It is stated by the sale of Stevenson's letters, books, manuscripts and paintings, was \$83,116. They were the property of Mrs. Salisbury Field, of Santa Barbara, Cal. The sale was concluded yesterday.

Canadian Almanac A Useful Volume. The "Canadian Almanac" for 1916 makes its twenty-ninth annual issue, and it is a work of reference so well known throughout the Dominion since 1848 that it is almost indispensable in many homes and offices. Yet the new issue has broadened out even on its immediate predecessor in war statistics and facts, for instances, and the almanac has now 544 pages check-block full of just that information that settles doubts and settles disputes.

The Alewives Tale. "I saw something in my breakfast paper," said a man who had been in a fish boat, "that gave an Elizabethan tinge to the eggs and bacon, and the substantial-looking citizen in the cross seat of the subway express. The paragraph told about thousands of alewives that had been washed high and dry upon a sandbar out at Bridgehampton, Long Island. The fish had attempted to swim out of Saggs' Pond, apparently trying to get a taste of salt water. Now, I had always imagined that alewives belonged exclusively to the age of the Mermaid Tavern. I remember once reading in an old 'Book of Days' a bit of verse which caught my schoolboy fancy, for it was the first time I had heard of alewives. 'Lasty we will as we circle the bowl, A murrain on chaplains that frowns! Trenches we bring, women go hang! Alewives are trying brown. 'Brooklyn Bridge' sang out the guard with a clatter of dog levers. 'That's very nice alewife doggerel, Horace,' said the substantial man's friend, 'but I get off here.'—New York Evening Post.

Chatham, Ont., Feb. 22.—The main business port of Merlin village was wiped out by an early fire to-day, which completely razed five large blocks with 100,000. The loss will reach about \$100,000.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 21.—One of the old landmarks of Halifax was almost totally destroyed by fire this afternoon when the four story double building on Water street, occupied by the Clarkson Hotel and four tenants, was gutted, and the space factory of W. H. Schwartz & Co. was hard hit. The damage is about \$10,000 and about three-quarters of the loss is covered by insurance.

BEAVER HARBOR, N. B.

A great many will still stick with the old ways, but in the home has been stricken. Mrs. Nelson Wright, Mrs. Martin Edridge, Mrs. W. H. Hawkins, while Mrs. Lewis Holter are among those who are seriously ill. Mrs. Joshua Hawkins came from St. John's, where she reports her husband slightly improved. Alvin Dakin, who has been employed in Sydney, N.S., has arrived home to spend a few weeks with his family. On Wednesday evening the Red Cross Society gave an entertainment in Paul's Church, the hall was beautifully trimmed with flags and bunting. A large audience was entertained by the following programme: 1. Opening Chorus. O Canada. 2. Remarks on Red Cross Work. The Chairman, Mrs. Dora Johnson. 3. Recitation, Old John Bull. Mrs. J. L. Stone. 4. Chorus, Best of All Flags on Earth. Mrs. E. A. Daggert. 5. Recitation, The Soldiers Letter. Miss Emma Edridge. 6. Chorus, Where is my Boy To-night, Miss Martha Babcock. 7. Recitation, The Homeland's Call. Mrs. E. A. Daggert. 8. Chorus, Good luck to the boys of the Allies. 9. Dialogue, A Slight Misunderstanding. Mrs. Stone and Mr. Holmes. 10. Solo, Johnny Cannock's the Boy, Mrs. W. G. McKay, and Miss Agnes. 11. Tableau and Recitation, Belgium. Mrs. E. A. Daggert. 12. Solo, Take me back to the Banks of Killarney, Miss Hunter. 13. Recitation, A Soldiers Trust, Miss Dick. 14. Chorus, Soldiers of Canada. 15. Recitation, The Union Jack Miss Jennie Hawkins. National Anthem. Mrs. Carrie Wright was organist, and was assisted by Miss Edridge, Miss Hunter, Dick, Martha Babcock, Millie Wright, Martha Edridge, Mrs. W. G. McKay, Mrs. G. W. McKay, and Miss Agnes. Hayward Sparks and Allen Paul. In the tableau two children, Agnes and Jennie, were dressed as Britannia, was holding her shield over them. Grouped behind them were Miss Edridge, Mrs. E. A. Daggert, and Miss Conley. The Society intended having the entertainment at Black's Harbor at an early date.

CAPE BRETON EDITOR HAS MISTAKEN HIS CALLING

When news is scarce we have but little stock to fall back on. If we try to be "plummy we phall," and if we produce anything containing any merit outside of itemizing we dare not publish it lest our readers say "but the cry of 'calamity' inclined and make some allusions, some how the pith will get punched out and the hold are endless. On Wednesday evening the Red Cross Society gave an entertainment in Paul's Church, the hall was beautifully trimmed with flags and bunting. A large audience was entertained by the following programme: 1. Opening Chorus. O Canada. 2. Remarks on Red Cross Work. The Chairman, Mrs. Dora Johnson. 3. Recitation, Old John Bull. Mrs. J. L. Stone. 4. Chorus, Best of All Flags on Earth. Mrs. E. A. Daggert. 5. Recitation, The Soldiers Letter. Miss Emma Edridge. 6. Chorus, Where is my Boy To-night, Miss Martha Babcock. 7. Recitation, The Homeland's Call. Mrs. E. A. Daggert. 8. Chorus, Good luck to the boys of the Allies. 9. Dialogue, A Slight Misunderstanding. Mrs. Stone and Mr. Holmes. 10. Solo, Johnny Cannock's the Boy, Mrs. W. G. McKay, and Miss Agnes. 11. Tableau and Recitation, Belgium. Mrs. E. A. Daggert. 12. Solo, Take me back to the Banks of Killarney, Miss Hunter. 13. Recitation, A Soldiers Trust, Miss Dick. 14. Chorus, Soldiers of Canada. 15. Recitation, The Union Jack Miss Jennie Hawkins. National Anthem. Mrs. Carrie Wright was organist, and was assisted by Miss Edridge, Miss Hunter, Dick, Martha Babcock, Millie Wright, Martha Edridge, Mrs. W. G. McKay, Mrs. G. W. McKay, and Miss Agnes. Hayward Sparks and Allen Paul. In the tableau two children, Agnes and Jennie, were dressed as Britannia, was holding her shield over them. Grouped behind them were Miss Edridge, Mrs. E. A. Daggert, and Miss Conley. The Society intended having the entertainment at Black's Harbor at an early date.

COMMON SALT

The variety of uses to which table salt can be put for the person and the household are endless. To keep the teeth in good condition an excellent plan is to rinse the mouth regularly with a little salt and water. Salt in solution inhibited, though unpleasant at the moment, is an excellent remedy for cold in the head. A little salt on the tongue will stop bleeding at the nose. Damp salt, applied to burns, kills the pain. Salt and vinegar will remove stains from discoloured tea-cups. Salt thrown on a coal fire when grilling steak will prevent blasing from the dripping fat, whilst coal saturated with salt and water lasts double its usual time. Salt and soda are effective for bee-stings and other insect bites. A pinch of salt added to starch will prevent the iron from sticking. A tepid or warm salt bath makes a good substitute for a sea-bathing, and a handful of wet salt rubbed briskly on the skin will be found most invigorating.

A BIT LATE

A hand in a mill near the town of Preston, Lancashire, went to live with a workmate of his, a somewhat older man. On going to bed the first night the young man noticed the absence of blinds on the window. He called to his wife and said: "I've no blinds for 't' windows, Bill?" "No, I never trouble about blinds; but if 't' art a particular about it I'll blacklead 't' windows for thee." "All right. So 't' blacklead the windows— During the night the young man awoke, and finding the room in darkness, he went to sleep again. This continued in turns until the elderly man said: "I say, Jack, get up an' make a letter. I'm sure we're going to late for work." To their amazement they found it was 7:30 A. M. "Now we've done it, we're late. We've bet 't' get up, an' make a letter. I'm sure we're going to late for work." To their amazement they found it was 7:30 A. M.

ST. GEORGE, N. B.

Mrs. Wm. McClaughlin, 76 years of age, died on Wednesday night after a short illness. She leaves a husband, three sons, Mrs. Wm. Henry, Mrs. M. C. Leach, living here, and Mrs. Albert McClaughlin, of Woodville, Mass., and one son, living at home, two sisters, both over 80 years of age, also survive. The funeral will be held on Friday. Patrick Waters died on Wednesday, and will be buried at the Rolling Dams on Friday. Mr. Waters has been ill about a year. He resided about twenty miles from the Magalloway river, and was a widely known and respected citizen. He was the son of Gregory, a daughter, Rose, and sister, Nellie, all residing with him.

WILSON'S BEACH, CEBELLO.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Brown returned on Saturday from a pleasant visit with their relatives at Wilson's Beach, Pembroke and Denbysville, Me. Mrs. William Gamble left here on Thursday for Back Bay, on route for her home in St. George. Four of our soldier boys were home for a short visit recently, Thaddeus and Wm. H. Lambert, Wesley Anthony and Sumner Newsum.

GRAND HARBOR, G. M.

The Knights of Pythias held their 27th annual banquet last Monday evening. A goodly crowd was present and a good time was enjoyed. The Pythian Sisters presided on the affair in the most efficient manner. The Pythian Sisters of the 104th Battalion, returned to St. John on Monday, after spending a few days with their mother, Mrs. S. J. Johnson. Private Owen Ingalls, of the 115th Battalion, who had pneumonia while in St. John, is home on leave. Rev. J. E. Gossline spent a few days in St. John, with returning by steamer on Wednesday evening. The Knitting Bee met with Mrs. Frank Lakeman on Wednesday evening. Mr. E. A. Daggert, who has been spending a few weeks with friends and relatives, returned to his home in Okapeks, Alberta, this week. The Women's Institute will hold their annual meeting in the Institute rooms, Monday, Feb. 28. Wesley Newton, of the firm of Newton and Gossline, spent a few days last week in Calais, Me.

SEAL COVE, G. M.

Schr. Trilly, Capt. Rowland Cheney, of the Seal Cove, returned from Halifax, N.S. Mr. Stewart Brown, who has been ill with grip, is improving slowly. F. S. McLaughlin left on Saturday, Feb. 25, for Ottawa. Private Harry Grey and William Joy, of the 115th Battalion, spent a few days last week with their friends here, returning to St. John on Monday. Miss Clair Henderson, of Grand Harbor, spent a few days of last week with relatives here. The Red Cross Society is still standing out the good old socks to our Soldiers. The Writing Workers of the Baptist Church of Seal Cove, held a Colwell Party in the hall on Tuesday night of last week. A good sum was realized for the proceeds of the party for the Red Cross. Miss Beulah Ingalls, of Grand Harbor, is visiting friends in this place. Mrs. Scott Woodier, of Grand Harbor, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Benson.

FAIRHAVEN, D. I.

Sunday was one of the coldest days of the season, but in spite of the cold Rev. Mr. Wason filled all his appointments, by applying the correction indicated, which is to be subtracted in each case: Grand Harbor, G. M. H. W. L. Seal Cove, G. M. 30 min. Fish Head, 11 min. Westport, Camp, 9 min. Eastport, Me., 8 min. 10 min. L'Etang Harbor, 7 min. 13 min. Lepreau Bay, 9 min. 15 min.

LEONARDVILLE, D. I.

Pte. Chester Johnson, of the 115th Battalion, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Johnson, of Seal Cove. He returns to St. John Wednesday, to continue the training course, before leaving for overseas duties. Miss Nina Field visited her home in St. Andrews on Saturday last. The Ladies Aid Society met at Mrs. Loring's on Tuesday evening last. Mrs. Margaret Simpson, of St. Andrews, spent Sunday with her parents here. Miss Gienna Little is spending a few weeks at Fairhaven.

BOCABEC, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCarron, of St. Andrews, visited friends at Bocabec recently. Owing to the storm on Sunday last there was no service in the Methodist church. Mr. Wm. Reed spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Dunbar, at Pennfield. Mr. McCabe, of St. Stephen, was through Bocabec on business last week. Mr. Max Groom spent last Sunday at his home. Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan entertained their friends on Wednesday evening last week. Patriotic songs and games were enjoyed all night. The games were served, after which all returned to their homes thoroughly pleased with the good time enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Starr was over-Sunday guest of Mr. John Kerr, Bocabec Ridge. Miss George Rourke returned home after spending a few days at her uncle's, Mr. Howard Reid. Mr. Randall Flander has gone to Eastport to spend a few weeks.

CAMPELLO

The following is a list of articles packed and shipped by the ladies of the Red Cross Society during the past week: 15 suits pyjamas, outing; 28 slings 9 night shirts, 26 pairs socks, 1 lung protector. Owing to the fact of Miss Elizabeth Wilkins' departure for St. John for a brief visit, the Society which had been in the habit of convening at this lady's home, met on Thursday evening last with Mrs. J. Alexander, and were warmly welcomed. The Thimble Club met on Wednesday evening with Mrs. G. A. Gossline. Miss Hilda Townsend spent Sunday with friends at West Isles. Miss Eva Malloch spent the week-end with her relatives at Lubec, Me. Mr. Clarence Calder went on Monday to St. John, where he became a member of the 115th Battalion. Mr. Lester Newman, of the 115th Battalion, spent Sunday at his home here. Miss Estelle Lank, who has been visiting friends at Wilson's Beach recently, has returned home.

LORD'S COVE, D. I.

A new preacher arrived to-day to take charge of the church at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lord are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby girl. At a recruiting meeting held in T. L. Treacren's Hall Saturday evening by Pte. Chester Johnson, of the 115th Battalion, of St. John, Mr. Edward Camille visited. Later it was learned that Willis Doughty, of North West Harbor, enlisted. The prospects on the island are very good at present, a number of other young men are expressing themselves as willing to enlist. The heavy falls of snow last week have made it very convenient to those getting out wood and ice. The remains of Mrs. Thomas Lord of Lambertville, were laid to rest in the Richardson cemetery on the 10th inst. Rev. Mr. Lambert, Baptist minister, of Eastport, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, of Eastport, are spending a very pleasant week with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grey. Mr. Harry Leonard entertained her Sunday school class on Friday evening, about twenty-five being present. All kinds of social games were played, after which candy, cake and punch were served. Mr. Leonard for the effort of the day had put forth about ten o'clock after thanking Mrs. Leonard for the efforts of the day in making their meeting a pleasant one. Miss Helen Lord entertained a number of her friends Monday evening with vocal and instrumental music and games. Treat was served and the company departed after spending a very pleasant evening. Miss David Stuart expects to go to Boston on Thursday, 24th, where she will spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Blancha. To Capt. Wm. P. Cook, of Red Beach, Me., his many friends on Deer Island wish to convey their deepest sympathy in the loss of a loving father, Mr. Edridge Gilman Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heron expect to go today to Machias, Me., where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jensen. Miss Emily Stuart, of Stuart Town, gave a party to a number of her young friends Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. A. Grant Stuart spent Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Charles Rogers, of Leonardville. Mr. Lincoln Stuart, now deck-hand on the steamer 'Viking,' spent Sunday with his parents.

TRAVEL

FRONTIER LINE. Leave St. Andrews Thursday at 8:15 a.m. for Calais and Intermediate Landings. Return, leave Calais Monday at 9:00 a.m. Leave St. Andrews 11:00 a.m. for Eastport. INTERNATIONAL STAR. S. S. NORTH STAR. Leave St. John Thursday at 9 a.m. for Grand Manan, via St. John, Eastport and Boston. Return, leave Central Wharf, Boston-Monday at 9 a.m. MAINE STEAMSHIP LINE. Between Portland and New York. Steamer "Norman" (Herman Winter). Reduced Fares, Reduced State-room. Schedule disturbed. Informations upon request. P. R. CHADWICK, Agent, Calais, Me. A. H. LEVITT, Sup't., Eastport. C. B. BRANSTON, Commercial Agent, Eastport, Me. CHANGE OF TIME. Grand Manan S. S. Company. Grand Manan Route—Season 1915-16. After October 1, 1915, and until further notice, a steamer of this line will run as follows: Leave Grand Manan Mondays at 7:30 a.m. for St. John, via Eastport, Campbell and Wilson's Beach. Leave St. John, Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. for Grand Manan, via Wilson's Beach, Campbell and Eastport. Leave Grand Manan Thursdays at 8 a.m. for St. Stephen, via Campbell, Eastport and St. John. Return, leave St. Stephen Fridays at 7:30 a.m. for Grand Manan, via St. John, Eastport and Campbell. Leave Grand Manan Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. for St. Andrews. Leave St. Andrews at 7:30 a.m., calling at Campbell and Eastport both ways. Atlantic Standard Time. E. C. GUTTLE, Grand Manan.

Advertisement for Dr. Wilson's Hairbalm. At this time of the year Dr. Wilson's Hairbalm is especially valuable. The blood is apt to be clogged with impurities which are the cause of dandruff, itching, and other scalp troubles. Dr. Wilson's Hairbalm is a pure, natural preparation which cleanses the scalp and restores the hair to its natural condition. Dr. Wilson's Hairbalm is a pure, natural preparation which cleanses the scalp and restores the hair to its natural condition. Dr. Wilson's Hairbalm is a pure, natural preparation which cleanses the scalp and restores the hair to its natural condition.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

NEW BRUNSWICK. South coast—Bay of Fundy—Cape Spencer—Fog alarm building destroyed by fire; and fog alarm temporarily discontinued. Former notice—No. 56 (148) of 1908. Position—On Cape Spencer. Lat. N. 45° 12' 57", Long. W. 65° 34' 35". Fog alarm building burnt down. Cape Spencer fog alarm building was destroyed by fire on 4th of February, 1916. No fog alarm will be in operation at this station until further notice.

Readers who appreciate this paper may give their friends the opportunity of seeing copies. A specimen number of THE BEACON will be sent to any address in any part of the world on application to the Boston Press Company, St. Andrews, N. B., Canada.

On February 11th and until further notice the S.S. "Felix" and S.S. "Casco" will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warholme Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. for Grand Manan, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay or Little, Deer Island, Red Head, George, Returning leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St. John, calling at Little or Back Bay, 7:30 a.m. Leave Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor, tide and weather permitting.

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