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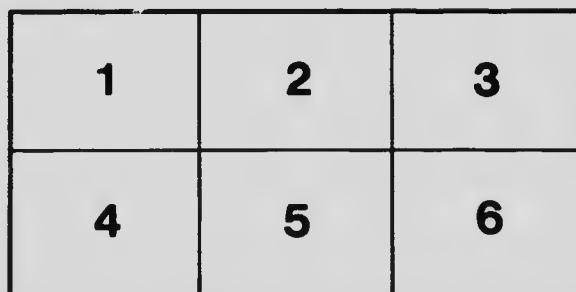
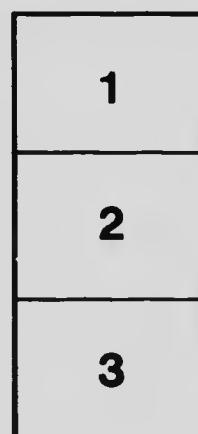
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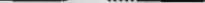
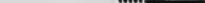
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THE AUTHORS OF THIS BOOK OF RHYME
WILL YIELD TO NONE IN ADMIRATION
OF LADIES WHO GIVE ALL THEIR TIME
TO WORK THAT'S USEFUL TO THE NATION;
AND IF WE SHOW THEM IN A COMIC LIGHT
IT'S ONLY OUR ATTEMPT AT BEING BRIGHT.
IN TRUTH THESE PLEASANTRIES ARE MEANT
TO PLEASE
THE FAIR WAR-WORKER IN HER HOURS OF
EASE.



THE FAIR WAR-WORKER IN HER HOURS OF EASE

WINNIE IS A WINDOW-CLEANER.

AH! HOW OFTEN HAVE I SEEN HER,

WHEN TEMPTATIONS ROUND HER LURK,

PUT HER BACK INTO HER WORK

OR EVEN THROUGH IT.



THE FLAG-DAY GIRL IS DRESSED IN
IN SUNSHINE OR IN SLEET.
 WHITE

SHE IS A MOST ATTRACTIVE SIGHT
WHEN VIEWED ACROSS THE STREET;
BUT DONT YOU GO TOO NEAR THAT
UNLESS YOUR NAME IS
 CHARMING SELLER
RITZ P. R. ROCKËFELLER



MARTHA, A MUNITION-MAKER

MANUFACTURES SHELLS.

MARTHA'S FATHER IS A BAKER:

CAKES ARE WHAT **HE** SELLS.

MARTHA SWEARS THE SHELLS SHE MAKES

DO MORE DAMAGE THAN HIS CAKES.

· · · · ·
PERHAPS.



PANSY RAN A KNITTING PARTY.

OH! THE THINGS THEY KNAT.

PANSY'S MEETINGS NEVER ENDED

AND RESULTS WERE SIMPLY SPLENDID,

I CAN SWEAR TO THAT,

SINCE FOR WEEKS WE USED THE SOCKS
SHE SENT

TO TAKE THE PLACE OF WIRE ENTANGLEMENT.



PENELOPE CHEERED WOUNDED HEROES

WITH DANCES AND AMATEUR **P**IERROTS

SHE'D SACRIFICE BEAUTY

TO STICK TO HER DUTY

AND WORKED UP TO MIDNIGHT

· · · · ·
AT CIRO'S

N.B. I SAW HER THERE TO-DAY

ASSISTING THE Y.M.C.A.



DIANA IS A HUNTRESS BORN
ON HORSES DESPERATELY KEEN
WHO DID HER RIDING WITH THE QUORN.
SHE'S DONNED A MOST BECOMING KIT
(**L**OOK AT HER GAITERS, HOW THEY FIT)
AND NOW SHE IS THE REMOUNT QUEEN
I THINK PERHAPS I OUGHT TO MENTION
THE HORSES DO GET SOME ATTENTION.



LIZZIE LABOURS ON THE LAND.
WHAT SHE DOES I UNDERSTAND,
IS TO MAKE THE CATTLE DIZZY
RUNNING ROUND.

ADMIRING LIZZIE.



THE LIFT GIRLS AT A CERTAIN STORE
(THE HAUNT OF ONE CALLISTHENES)

ARE ABSOLUTELY TOPPING:

I USED TO FIND IT QUITE A BORE,
BUT NOW THAT I'VE DISCOVERED THESE
I DO A LOT OF SHOPPING

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ALONE



CLARISSA TELLS YOU WHAT THE **C**lub
CAN DO
TO MAKE TWO COURSES OUT OF SEVERAL
DISHES ,
AND WHEN YOU'VE HALF A MIND TO RISK
THE STEW
ANTICIPATES YOUR WISHES .

SHE NEVER KEEPS YOU WAITING JUST
FOR SPORT,
WITHOUT A HITCH SHE BRINGS THE
GORGONZOLA,
SHE GLOWS WITH PLEASURE AS SHE
OFFERS PORT,
IN FACT, SHE IS A REGULAR TOP-HOLER

SOMETIMES.



BETTY ON A MOTOR 'BUS

COLLECTS YOUR PENNY FARE.

THAT SAGACIOUS SAILOR Gus

EVER SINCE HE SAW HER THERE

HAS SPENT HIS LEAVE AND THIRTY BOB

BESIDES

N **NOTHING** **BUT 'BUS RIDES.**



MAUDIE IS HER NAME, I'VE HEARD,
(I WOULD NEVER RISK ENQUIRING)

WHEN SHE OPE'D THE DOOR.....MY WORD!

I FELT VERY LIKE EXPIRING.

HENCEFORTH I SHALL NEVER DARE
PAY A CALL IN **B**ERKELEY **S**QUARE

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THE FROZEN EYE METHINKS !



AUNTIE FANNIE RAN A CAN-
-TEEN FOR TRAVEL - TIRED TOMMIES .

SUCH A FEAST THEY HADN'T SEEN

WHILE THEY SOJOURNED WHERE THE
LOVELY LADIES LADLED SOUP SOMME IS.
FIT FOR ANY TROCADERO'S .

EGGS AND BACON LOOPED THE LOOP
DOWN THE THROATS OF HUNGRY HEROES;
YOU'D HAVE THOUGHT NO MORTAL MAN
COULD GET THROUGH SO MUCH-SOME CAN!

'SOME' CANTEEN !



DORA DROVE A MOTOR VAN
AND SHE DROVE IT FASTER THAN
ANY ORDINARY MAN
DID DORA .
INTO SOMETHING DORA RAN ;
THUS SHE FOUND THAT PEOPLE CAN
SEE NOT ONLY STARS BUT AN
AURORA

BOREALIS .



DOLLY DOES LEDGERS BY THE SCORE

WITHIN A BANK'S DEPRESSING DOOR.

SHE SPENDS A DULL DULL DAY.

NO WONDER, WHEN HER WORK IS O'ER,

SHE GETS SO VERY GAY.

FEW GIRLS, I TRUST, INDULGE IN SUCH EXCESS

AS GOING ON THE BUST WITH AUNTIE BESS .

LECTURE
ON
WAR COOKERY
—
HOW TO MAKE
2 COURSES
OUT OF
NUT AND A
BANANA.
—

TELL YOUR FRIENDS



CORDELIA IS A CONSTABLE
OF CUNNING AND RESOURCE.
SHE RUNS IN LOTS OF WORTHY FOLK
WITHOUT THE LEAST REMORSE .
IFY YOU SHOULD SHOW A CHINK OF LIGHT
WHILE GETTING INTO BED
SHE RUSHES IN AND TAKES YOUR NAME
AND OH THE THINGS I'VE SAID !

I HATE CORDELIA !



BELINDA IS A **B**ARBER **G**IRL.

BEFORE THE WAR IT WAS A "SWISS"

WH0 USED TO CUT MY ONLY CURL,

BUT NOW IT IS A **M**ISS.

THE TIME HAS COME! **T**HE HOUR IS RIPE!

THRE'S NO ESCAPE! I MUST BE BRAVE.

BELINDA IS THE SLASHING TYPE

AND I AM GOING TO HAVE A SHAVE.

· · · · ·
HELP!



NESTA'S NURSING DOWN OUR WAY

V.A.D.

I MET NESTA YESTERDAY

AND HENCEFORWARD I SHALL PRAY

THAT D.V.

IN HER HOSPITAL I'LL STAY

IF SOME BITS OF BULLET STRAY

INTO ME

NESTA IF YOU SEE THIS LAY

R.S.V.P.

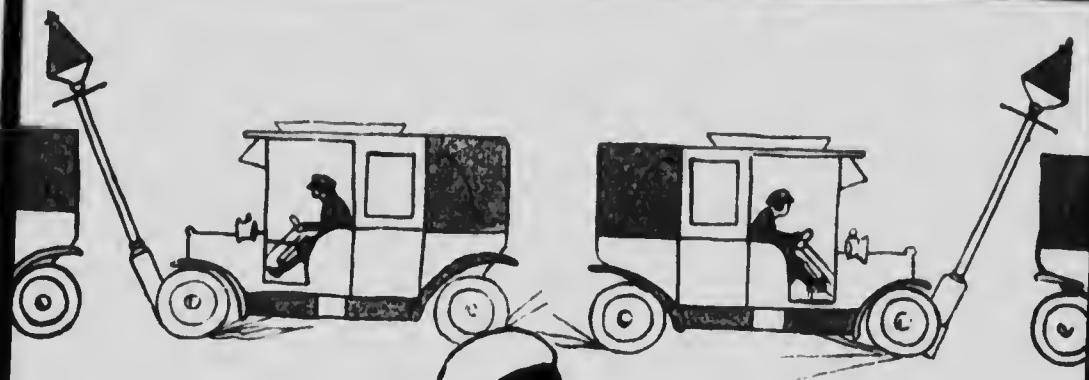


EILEEN, I HEAR, HAS COME TO TOWN.

SHE DRIVES A TAXI UP AND DOWN
WITH FASCINATING 'SWANK'.

ALREADY SHE'S BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH
(**F**IVE LAMP-POSTS AND A BROKEN CLUTCH)

THAT NOW SHE'S CALLED THE **TANK**!



THE WOMENS VOLUNTEER RESERVE

PARADE THE STREETS AND DO DESERVE

OFICIAL RECOGNITION.

MYSELF, I STRIVE TO RECOGNISE

MY AUNT IN MILITARY GUISE,

AMAZING APPARITION !

BUT UP TILL NOW I'VE MET WITH NO SUCCESS.

I WISH I COULD REMEMBER HER ADDRESS

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I WANT MY PUTTEES BACK



A CHEEKY BOY IT USED TO BE
WH0 BROUGHT THE WIRE TELLING ME
THAT THE HORSE I FANCIED MOST
FAINTED AT THE STARTING POST.
· · ·
NOW IT IS THE PERKY PAM
WH0 BRINGS THE FATAL TELEGRAM
THOUGHTFULLY INSTRUCTING YOU
“**E**MBARK TONIGHT FOR TIMBUCTOO”



MIRANDA MIXED WITH ALL THE **N**OBSES;
HER DEPOT MADE A MILLION SWABS
(WAR HOSPITAL SUPPLY).

"**I**T WAS THE GOOD HARD WORK," SHE SAID

"**T**HAT TURNED MY HAIR THIS VIVID RED.

NEVER, MY DEARS, SAY DYE."



IF YOU WANT TO DROWN YOUR AUNT
NOWADAYS YOU SIMPLY CAN'T.
THRONGING EVERY COUNTRYSIDE
STRUTS THE MEDDLESOME GIRL GUIDE
SAVING LIFE'S ALL VERY WELL,
BUT WHY REVIVE AUNT ANNABEL ?



THIS IS THE
END OF THE LINE
NO THIS EVER

TRIXIE TAKES YOUR TICKET WHEN
YOU'RE TRAVELLING BY TRAIN.

IT MUST BE VERY BORING AS A HABIT.

THOUGH A LITTLE MILD FLIRTATION

MAY RELIEVE THE SITUATION

I'D RATHER STAY AT HOME AND MIND

THE RABBIT !



FAIRIES IN ST JAMES' PARK!

FAIRIES IN WHITEHALL!

SEE THE LITTLE LADY CLERK

REIGNING OVER ALL!

AND THE FAIREST THAT I'VE SEEN

HOLDS HERSELF LIKE ANY QUEEN

TRIM AND SMART AND VERY KEEN

· · · ·
IMUST PAY A CALL.



O.H.M.S.

"I DONT KNOW WHAT DISPENSERS DO,
BUT DAPHNE DOES IT ALL DAY THROUGH.
NO MAN HER SKILL DISPUTES.
SHE DOES DISPENSE WITH SKILL, I GRANT,
BUT, NATURALLY, WHAT SHE CAN'T
DISPENSE WITH ARE - - HER BOOTS!"







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