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Sergeant J. BENNETT, Royal Engineers

5 Palace Avenue,
Landaff.

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Lee.-Cpl. A. FRIMWOOD.
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## EMPIRE DAY

UIHEN you read these lines Empire Day will have come and gone. As far back as our memory goes, May 24th has been an institution in Canada. For was not this doggerel continually in the mouth of every schoolboy as Spring followed the long, cold Winter,-

The twenty-fourth of May
Is the Queen's Birthday ;
If you don't give us a holiday
We'll all run away.
We looked forward to the Queen's Birthday with eagerness. The 24th of May was a useful guide for three things at least. The thrifty housewife must have her spring house-cleaning accomplished by that date or be disgraced; every bit of planting must have been done in the kitchen garden ; it was a convenient date upon which to doff the heavy winter ones, and don the airyfairy summer ones. It was a day of Calethumpian processions, and races and sports in Canadian towns and villages. Once we remember seeing a baloon ascension and parachute drop as a most wonderful attraction. Soon after daybreak enthusiastic youth fired their gunpowder tribute to the Queen, and the countryside was awakened by the reverberations of the reports.

Victoria the Good reigned sixty-four years, and the Queen's Birthday became so woven into the life of the Dominion, that when she passed away it was impossible to separate it from the warp and woof, and so Canada has continued to honour her birthday as Victoria Day. It is still the great holiday of the springtime. Edncationists, however, felt that the school-children should have something more than the joys of a holiday, so they proposed exercises, with an Empire flavour, to be held in the schools on May 23rd, and this day has become known as Empire Day. Empire Day to honour the greatest Empire the world has ever seen, Victoria Day to honour the long and beneticent reign of one of the greatest monarchs of that reaim, this is Canada's privilege. When we were boys Queen Victoria meant everything to us, the Empire little or nothing. To-day the Empire means everything. It's component parts are being cemented by the sacrificial blood of their sons upon the battlefield. The leading men of the Motherland and of the Dominions beyond the seas sit around the Empire's Council Board. What a unique opportunity hangs before the British Empire just now. Here's to Empire Day-three rousing cheers !
O. C. J. W.

# CHRONICLES OF JOYOUS JANE 

## A Candid Criticism of the Opposite Sex

By Dorothy L. Warne

(By Request)
There is a lot of talk just now on the superiority of the supposedly weaker sex. Being of that sex myself, far be it from me to suggest that we are not as important as some journalistic people try to make us believe. Why, in fact, argue it at all ? Anything analysed or split into theories becomes dry and boring. But anyway, a man loves to feel his superiority. I'm inclined to think that there isn't a girl living, be she of the bravest independence, but in her heart loves her boy to be a bear. (Pro tem. of course). She may rave at him for his obstinacy, but where she bids him good-bye for ever-for ever being interpreted as the next dayand sweeps haughtily from the room, as the penny-a-liners put it, why stand there at the top of the stairs and watch him go away, smile over his dear masculine perverseness, kiss his photo, and powder the choice of her wardrobe to appear most ravishing in for the reconciliation.

There are so many classes in the male species that it is difficult to catalogue them. The war had done at least one good thing in making obsolete the melancholy artistic man. While I shouldn't be surprised if some girls glory in being the recipient of sonnets that compare them to a slender lily or a budding rose, and while every flapper adorns her room with photos of some longhaired Adonis who paints, or plays, or acts, yet when Miss Joy Flapperton puts up her plaits and lengthens her skirts (sorry! I forgot Dame Fashion's present mood), then her being yearns for something more tangible than soulful eyes and love lyrics.

Lots of men think that all sorts of roads lead to our so-called susceptible hearts,-the bouquet road, the choclate road, the theatre invitation road,-and while I couldn't deny that they are indisputable milestones in many cases, take it from me, boys, they don't by any manner of means get right there. And if the immortal She doesn't say "Yes" the first time, don't get a revolver or take strychnine, because that is only one of our feminine and irresponsible ways of showing independance. Ask her again, and she'll be so afraid of losing you altogether by a second negative, that she bound to accept with buoyant relief.

It won't always be summer-time and roses, so let's gather the rosebuds now ! That's practical advice and a moral too, so I'll quit the subject before I get involved in statements that will cause the poor editor to be overwhelmed with arguments by correspondence.

## Ode to Trench Violets

Claude H. Dodwell

[A tuft of white violets was discovered growing on the trench side at F -. Our boys tended the tiny plants with almost motherly care.]

## White Violets

Growing on the parapet.
Fair, scented lovliness
Crowning the ugliness;
Saying "God is with you yet,"
Lest men forget.
Frail Flowerets
Laboured o'er with loving zeal ;
Where all is desolate
With blooms immaculate
On the crest God sets his seal-
White Violets

## Meditation

By Lynn C. Doyle

How dear to my heart are the signs in our ward-rooms Where the late Granville owner presents them to view, The matches, apenta, the sanitas fluid,

The corsets, pianos, and bath mustard, too.
Ah, why should we care for a glimpse of the Channel,
A look at the cliffs, or the broad distant view,
In place of apenta or sanitas fluid,
Or corsets, pianos, and bath mustard too ?

- In fond (?) recollection I'll cherish the pirate

Who put up these sign cards to vie with the view ! We've matches, apenta, and sanitas fluid.

And corsets, pianos, and bath mustard, too.

## CHATS FROM CHATHAM

Who is Scout Castle's Barber ?
No Mable, none of the Instructional Class are Baseball Instructors.
Our Dispatch-Rider is not afraid of Friday the thirteen but ask him about Blue Monday.

What was the real cause of the sudden attack of diciplinitis in the Instructional class?

The 101 Ranch is overlooking a bet; Pte. Ossa the distinguished linguist still resides in No. 13 tent.

Several patients have written the News to inquire as to Lc.-Corp. Lill's occupation in civil life; they all seem to think he was a tailor.

The C. of E. Home and the Maple Leaf Club complain of a slump in trade during the past week. But how are they to know that "Spearmint" has been quarantined.

Corp. Lawton's family motto according to acting-supernumary-provisional-unpaid-Lance-Corporal Gallagher should be "Sanitas, Izol, O-Cedar Mop."

We understand that a very interesting and instructive study of bird life is shortly to be published by Lill, Harrison and Co. It is entitled, "How to Raise a Young Thrush."
X. Y. Z. We referred your query as to the best way of raising turnips to that eminent authority Lc.-Corp. Sugg, who suggests that you take hold of the tops and pull.
" We are having a splendid time in France wrote an A.P.C. to his mother. We wash in pails-one pail of water to eaeh ten men. When the bugle sounds we fall in."

## H O C K EY

The Canadian Hospital News, has presented 6 beautifully engraved medals to the following members of the G. C. S. H. Hockey Team. Lc.-Corp. H. G. Lill, Pte. A. J. Balfour, Pte. T. Smale, A. R. Forbes, Bglr. F. Carr and Bglr. C. E. Stepler. These boys thoroughly deserves the prizes as they played consistently good hockey and had to fight hard to win. With the medals the News wishes to express heartiest congratulations.

## WANDERINGS OF A CANADIAN BY LAND AND SEA

## How He Came to the Granville

The following interesting narrative was told me by Pte. Edward Monté. He comes to the Granville by a circuitious route, and is clearly entitled to talk like Othello " of most disastrous chances ; of moving accidents by flood and field."

I enlisted with the 13th
 Scottish Light Dragoons at Waterloo, Quebec, four days after war broke out, and arrived in France with the 14th Batt., on February 12th, 1915. I was sent back for a couple of days after getting the gas at St. Julien on April 22nd, and received a seven-inch bayonet wound and a shrapnel wound on April 24th. This brought me "blighty" alright, then Canada, and I was given my discharge in Quebec on 31st October, 1915. I then secured the position of Quartermaster on the troopship Crispin, and was torpedoed in Bristol Channel, landed at Barry, proceeded to Liverpool, joined the troopship Anthony, and was again torpedoed off Funchel, Madiera. We were picked up by the P. \& O. Liner Orduna, and once again was landed at Liverpool. With as little delay as possible I signed on with my old boat, the Mauritania, for I had been on the "Mauri." in peace times. The same night I went ashore and became slightly " estaminated," which being interpreted means "inebriated," but arrived back on the job in the morning. I was working in the wheel house when a civvy tapped" me on the shoulder and said, "You look eligible for the army." "Oh, no," I replied, "I'm a discharged soldier from the Canadian Army." "Is that your signature," he asked, showing me a paper. Well, to tell the truth, it did look awfully like my writing, but even now I can't tell how it came there. "Why you are just the man I have been hunting for, you signed up last night at the recruiting office, for five years' service with the South Irish Horse, Imperial Regulars. You had better come with me, I will fix things here." The same day I was dispatched to my regiment at Cahir, Tipperary. I wrote to the Canadian Pension Board, and a week later I was sent to the Granville Canadian Special Hospital, where I have plenty of time to think over the odd little time I have had since the outbreak of the present war."

## GRUNTS FROM GRANVILLE

A busy day for Dispatch Rider Sutton-one killed, two wounded, several missing.

- S.Hush !-Have you seen the new Barrack Room-The Cave Dwellers had nothing on it. $\qquad$
Important-The Window Cleaner was discovered cleaning one of the windows.-Great excitement!

What was the Sergt. Instructor doing when he was told "You are only wasting you time Jimmie. "

Is it true that one of the personnel was punished because he refused to wash pots? "Couldn't Potts wash himself ?"

Our piquet from the Granville was agoing on its round On the gentle slope to Westcliffe, lo! this is what we found:
A lot of spoony couples, though that is nothing strange.
We tried to hear their honeyed words but couldn't get the range.
We do not know the regulation dress of the original 234th Battn. but this is how we saw one of that Battn dressed when coming out of church last Sunday. Scotch cut-away tunic with a red cross on his arm, "yeller" gloves, Charlie Chaplin walking stick on one arm and a lady on the other. "Some Knut."

One of the boys was making remarkable improvement under Captain Bedford's electrotherapy, hydrotherapy, mechanotherapy and last but not least speech-a-therapy, and the other day asked the Officer if he thought he would ever be able to twirl a ball with his crippled right. "Why are you a ball player," he exclaimed enthusiastically, "Whysure, you will be able to play in a few weeks, we will keep you here on our team. " Thanks Doc., "Thanks awfully Captain, I knew you were a marvel, you see I was never able to play ball before."

## Prisoners of War

On Saturday, May 19th, by kind permission of L+.-Col. J. T. Clarke, I had the privilege of taking a collection at entrance of the football field in aid of our prisoner's of war in Germany. I wish to thank all who contributed. I was able to hand over the sum of $£ 3-1-0$, which has been forwarded to Canadian Red Cross Society, Prisoners of War Department.

## THAT FIRST STRIPE



Private J. Davis (Taffy) has been promoted to Lance Corporal First Official Photograph

## PATTER FROM PATS

A certain symptom of Beri-Beri is an inclent for a new hat.
The "Stripped Speeditus" is the latest addition of our flower garden.

The too frequent use of Soldiers Friend produces "Bright(s) Disease."

Private Brown says that the more he sees of human nature, the better he likes his dogs.

We've heard of pewter pots being substituted for prayer books, but never K. R. \& O.

Our early morning devotions at 6 a.m. are delightful. So bright, brief, and brotherly, don't you know.

The eighth wonder of the world:-A train going 70 miles an hour is faster than one going at 60 .

What is there in the architecture of High Street that is so attractive to certain officers? It's "curves" and it's "lines ?"

What we thought was another bombardment the other night, after everybody had got to sleep, was merely the sergeants going to bed.
"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage." Of course not. In Austria, and a few other places, they simply "stop the passes."

Some of the patients at the "Pats" think that our police are so slow that they don't need a pass. One of them says, "the only thing to do is to walk backwards coming in, and they think you are going out."

What is the difference between old King Canute and a certain S.-M.? Canute went down to the sea and commanded the waves to go back. And they didn't. The waves came up to the S.-M. and commanded him to go back. And he did.

The Kaiser is decorating his cooks with Iron Crosses, we are quite certain that if the hamburger steak was brought to the attention of the All Highest, one member of the kitchen at least, would bring fame to the 4 th.

## SPORTS AND PASTIMES

## Football

Last Saturday afternoon The Nuts again had as their opponents the Northumberland Fusiliers, and, as on the previous meeting of these teams, a splendid game was witnessed. Both elevens played good, clean football, making it pleasant to watch. They were very evenly matched. and as a result both sets of defenders had to be continually on the alert. Kingston, as usual, kept a splendid goal, gave nothing away, and once more kept his slate clean, although at times he was hard pressed. Dave Crighton played a dandy game, and was of the utmost value to his side. Staff Towler was again in splendid fettle, always on the spot, and from amongst a bunch of green jerseys got the ball and scored a peach. Berrett also did some excellent work, and on more than one occasion gave the Fusiliers' goalie a fright. Strutton played well, feeding his forwards to great advantage, and only missed scoring by inches. No further tally took place in the first half, the teams crossing over The Nuts leading $1-0$.

The second session was even faster than the first, and although the Imperials tried their hardest they could not get the ball past Kingston. Sergt. Horne played his usual lively game, and several times just, missed scoring. A run down the field took the ball to Kingston, who sent the leather up to Sammy, slipping it to Tootell he in turn passed out to Forbes, and "Red" gave it back to Tootell who scored the second point. Give and take play was next in order. Then a lovely piece of combination by Berrett, Tootell, Horne, and "Then there's the other," Dicky Longworth, ended in the latter notching No. 3. Several brilliant touches of the passing game was given by the Fusiliers. Eventually the game was called -Canadians, 3 ; Imperials, 0.

On Tuesday evening the "Fragments from France" faced the Royal Engineers, from Margate, in a friendly game. Amongst the numerous spectators were Lt.-Col. Clarke and a number of the officers. From the kick-off it was soon observed that the R.E.'s were well versed in the tactics of football, consequently The Nuts pulled themselves together, took the game in hand, and kept it. The first half was productive of splendid football, and from a nice run and dandy centre by Berrett, Sammy Horne scored the first goal. Dicky Longworth is always good for at least one goal every match, but on Tuesday night he would have netted about six, if the goal-posts had been 40 feet high. But Dicky retrieved his laurels, for after Horne and Dispatch-Rider Sutton had each added another point, he secured a beauty. Forbes had hard luck on two occasions. A most enjoyable match, both from the players' and spectators' points of view, ended in a win for The Nuts by 4-0.

## YAPS FROM YARROW

Is Corp. Crosby taking the advice given to him by the little lady at the Margate Hippodrome ?

Oh dear ! Pte. Cram you do ask some nasty questions. What does Psychogenetic mean? Wly, walking with a cane when your not lame.

A certain Staff Sergt. complains that this is a beastly life. He can't look at a girl for fear she'll run after him and if he don't look, the fair damsels are cross-Rotten, isn't it ?

The following came in as a Grunt but we f eel certain its a Yap:-
" Do not forget there is still one place of amusement where wounded boys and all service men get a square deal. That is the Broadstairs Cinema, High Street and they deserve credit."

Slacker (holding forth on the way the army should be run):"And this medical examination, that's another useless idea." "Well," said a sweet little typist close by, "It might discover whether you are really a man."

## Cricket

A meeting of the Cricket Club was held on Monday, Capt. C. G. Armour, president, in the chair. There was quite a represenative gathering of cricketers. The following were appointed as officers: Captain-Capt. Preston ; Vice-Captain-Sergt. Dive.

On Tuesday a match was played by teams representing the Army and Navy, on the Chatham House ground, when the Navy beat the Army by 21 runs. Scores:-


## DOINGS AT THE RANGE

Pte. H, W, H. Smith

On Tuesday 15th, the Granville Rifle Team shot the return match with Maidenhead, winning by the respectable margin of 34 pts. and a match with Stourbridge, Worcestershire, by only 6 pts.

The Teams and Scores as below:-

## canadians v. stourbridge

| Pte. H. Smith | 97 | Mr. Carden | 100 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| Pte. Heathman | 97 | Mr. Duley | 99 |
| Le.Corp. Graham | 97 | Mr. King | 97 |
| Pte. Fry | 98 | Mr. Tooley | 96 |
| Pte. Le Sauvage | 97 | Mr. Burley | 95 |
| Pl, Tomson | 97 | Mr. Hill | 95 |
| Sergt. Travers | 95 | Mr. Thomas | 93 |
| Sergt. Morrison | $\frac{95}{773}$ | Mr. Waldron | $\frac{92}{767}$ |

## CANANIANS v. MAIDENHEAD

| Pte. H. Smith | 97 | Mrs, Lennard | 97 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pte. Fry | 97 | Mr. Wheeler | 95 |
| Lc.-Corp, Graham | 97 | Mr. Eddy | 94 |
| Sergt. Henderson | 94 | Mr. Drummond | 93 |
| Staf. Sergt. Flimn | 94 | Mr. Smith | 92 |
| Lc..Corp. Larman | 93 | Mr. Harris | 90 |
| Pte. Field | 92 | Mr. Wilder | 90 |
| Scout Nichols | 91 | Mr. Handon | 90 |
|  | 755 |  | 721 |

Sergt. Morrison with highest score of 97 pts. in match with Thetford, wins the Silver Spoon which is now given for the highest score in each match. This week we have a particularly heavy task in shooting against the Royal Scots of Glencorse, N. B. From Monday 28th, to Thursday 31, May, the monthly competition for the Floor Cup will be shot off. We hear that Yarrow is sending a strong team for the Cup this month. Wednesday of this week we shoot a match with Shanklin and another which will be a decisive match with Thetford. All patients and personnel are invited to practice on Granville Rifle Range, with a view to betterment of team and to help Canadian prestige.

For information of fresh patients the price of ammunition is 1 d . for 8 shot.

## Track Athletic Club

On Thursday, May 17th, at 2 p. m., a meeting was held in the Patients Recreation room of those interested in Basketball, Volley Ball, Running and Jumping.
It was decided to form a club for the promoting of these sports, and the following officers were elected:-

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The appointment of committee was left over.


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## Granville v. Chatham House

Under the smiling countenance of Old Sol, the popular patron of baseball, Lt. Col. J. T. Clarke, sent over the home plate the first ball of the Inter-Annex Pill-slinger's League of the Granville Canadian Special Hospital.

The umpire called strike and the batter was fooled by the submarine drop. Chatham House Annex was first up to the bat and during the first inning things looked bad for the Bedfordiles. With two men on bases Sergt. Simonson drove a fly out into right field to the great confusion of the umpire and untold disgust of Dispatchrider Sutton. In the ensuing melee the two men each scored and the progeny of American Baseball pulled off a home run. Somehow or other the bats and balls had live charges of electricity and the consequent repellant force prevented the experts from Granville from ever seeing the first base.

The second innings was scarcely fruitful to either team. The "Walloppers" from the cliff chalked up one run. The playing was loose on both sides. Errors were made by everyone not from lack of keenness or want of skill but from the want of use of that skill. Practice alone will produce results startling to even the most hopeful of baseball fans.

What will be accomplished by these aspirants to baseball honours was amply illustrated in the fourth imning by the followers of the electrical expert. The Chatham boys scored one run and took to the field. Then the electrical currents began. Light Massage put three runners on bases. Then followed a series of high frequency waves into various parts of the outfield. Heavy Massage and Manipulation developed under the radiant heat of success into a merry-go-round. Each batter faced the Scotch douche twice, but after permitting twelve runs by their oponents the Chatham boys applied the alternating current and prevented further scoring.

The game was umpired by Capt. Gould to the entire satisfaction of almost all the spectators. It is rumoured that several fair onlookers however threatened to take violent measures to have him ejected from the field.

The score ended in favour of the Granville who scored thirteen runs against eleven by the Chatham boys'.

The players in order of batting were:-
Chathain House
Sergt. Heatherington,
Pte. McCormick, -
Sergt. Howe,
Sergt. Simonson.
Sergt. Slater,
Sergt. Davies,
Corp. Smith.
Sergt. Dives,
Sergit. James,

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## ENTERTAINMENTS

The fifth of the series of Illustrated Lectures on "Lessons of the War," was given on Sunday evening by Capt. O. C. J. Withrow, the topic being "Honour." About 40 lantern slides were thrown on the screen, and appropriate musical items were rendered. Mrs Mansell was the soloist of the evening, and scored a great success in her sympathetic rendering of Mendelsohn's "O rest in the Lord." There was a large audience. Another series follows.

On Monday night Mrs. Duckett's Party gave one of the most enjoyable concerts of the season. Lc.-Corp. Sellar, a new artist on the Granville stage, simply brought down the house with his musical monologues and humorous recitations. Pte Goodman again delighted the audience with his splendid rendering of "Invictus," and Tosti's "Parted." Master Arthur Welsh was in good form, his favourite items being "Recipes," and "We'll all have a holiday." A pleasing feature of the programme was the dancing of little Myrtle Cash, her Spanish dance being very prettily and gracefully executed. The scena "Jack and Jill," and "Mary quite Contrary," were excellently performed by other of Miss Collias's pupils. Miss Marjory Coleman was especially good in "Mountain Lovers," and the duets by the Misses Olive Jeffery and Marjory Coleman deserve special mention.

On Tuesday and Saturday nights strong programmes of movies were given, the three part film "The Culprit" shown on Saturday night being responsible for a crowded house. Mr. Paulding ably operated the cinema machine.

On Thursday evening Mr. Boyland's "Carry On" party again drew a large audience. Mr. Bodilly's violin solos, especially his rendering of "Berceuse" from Jocelyn, were well received. Miss Olive Harvey's numbers, "Break o' day" and "I know a lovely garden," were sweetly sung. Miss Winifred Bryan was in splendid voice and carried off many laurels. Mr. Shaw gave selections on the oboe, which found instant favour. Mr. Boyland's monologue "Who carries the gun?" was greatly applauded. Our own commedian, Pte. Wray, caused nncontrollable laughter with "Our 'appy little 'ome " and "Has anybody seen my brother Charlie." Our Miss Dorothy L. Warne presided in her usual excellent manner at the piano.

Mr. Fred. Gill, F.R.G.S., was the lecturer last week, and for an hour and a quarter held the rapt attention of his audience as he took it by picture and description, a trip of 700 miles up the Nile.
coming events at the granville
Sanday, May 27, Illustrated Lecture, "Our Favourite Hymns," and sing-song. Tuesday, May 28 , Cinema Show.
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