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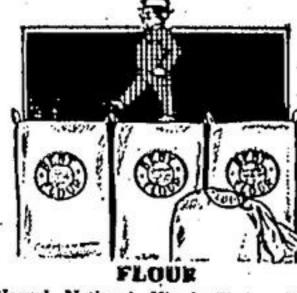
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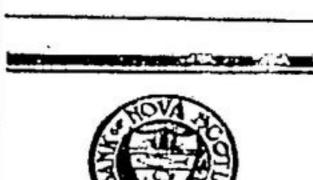
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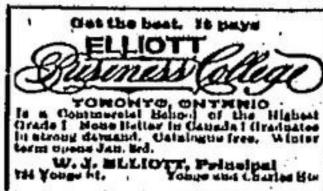
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Poetry.

THE ANSWERED CALL We were lying at case, six miles from

Vares,
Imaginar and loking quite gay,
Discussing if ever a blow we'd deliver At the enemy across the way. light time came down, there was no An we slopt 'neath a starless sky, Intiktwo a.m. a mossage came "Canadiana Htund By !"

We there up and dressed, prepared for the Knowing our chance had come To avenue our dead, who had fought and

On the Plains of Helglum. Eyes quite clear, devoid of fear, We insrched to the battlefield, Where polsonous shell and a very hell: Had made our Allies yield. Away on the right, entrenched out of all We traced the enemy's lines,

Were manned as one to nine. Onward Canadiana!" The Colonel cried, "Onward to Victory !" ted show the Huns how Canada's Bons Are ready - For the Day.

Where countless Huns, with well-trained

Morning broke, the cannons spoke,
A Thousand Oune, not less!
While shot and shell around us fell And mowed us down like grass. Through fields we swept, o'er furrows left While Maxims blessif and rained, Our Comrades fell, and none could tell If they were killed or mamied.

Htill on we spel, the Colonel led . With but a riding cane, Thanking his men, "Hoys at their sgain" Victory we're sure to obtain. The cannons roured, the bullets scared You yards he kept ahead, Through shot and shell and a very hell Herewn with the dead.

But to the end was game, A soldier leave, his best he gave, And he died with a soldier's name And right at the time, made a vow, We distick till the last man fell, True to the bread of the English creed, Who fought at Neave Chappell.

He was wounded twice, some say thrice

As each man thought of the havor wrought,
If let loose those flends of half; To lust and destroy, ravage, kill, and decoy, In a way their past deads tall. No shalter had we, not a bush nore tree, Only that vast open plain, A target to kill for them on the hill,

From whore their ertillery did rain. But we kept them at hay for all that long Though in numbers they did us out-Vet we stood side by side

Against that ever-rolling tide.

Until darkness again came down, And reinforcements strong were brought . along To hold the well-won ground. We left many dead in the sea of red, Poor souls they have played their part ;

Giving their lives, Leaving their wives at home with a broken Their country's best, they stood the test, Comrudes everyone, not one was bought

But in hosour fought, That duty might be done. Oh they played like men, died like men, All of a fighting race. Who takes that stand, for a cause so g And never the flag disgrace. Pte. D. ROONIK

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Belect Yamily Reading

THINGS EVELYN ORCHARD

that was wonder and joy and infinite T the little clearing station behind ready. This must not be taken | Isn't she lovely, dad ?" to signify that they were not always ready. but morely that something more than usual was going on, or likely togo on, in front. The long winter's stalemute was broken

up, and every heart beat a little faster at the prospect of an end being made, or at least a big break, in the trouch warfare

It was a poor little place, an old farm- | getting dark, dad. Is it, is it handling in house with a big bare adjoining, but it the chacks " provided space and semblance at least o

abort, curt direction, or with blooms bands I'm glad now. It's a clean sheet, dad, altering something which did not meet his since I've been out here four months and a approval and relentless aye. He was ablg, half, and I would have got promotion after slack figure of a man, with a slight stoop to-day; nothing sarer. Bay you're glad, about the shoulders, and a long, large | dad." ever set in a human face. Nothing escap- beart of the father, vibrated in his voice. sil their penatrating, steel-like quality, and yet those who looked longest into them

clearing station, smid the din and cost of war, everybody knew) felt that his ourt manner, his swift, compelling movements, and his frequent allence were only excrescenses in the soul of one whom God had not apart to do His work upon the earth. earth. And (lod shall wine away all tears He was not young'; he would never see from their eyes, and there shall be no more ONTARIO lifey and his grey hair would have easured death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither his prompt rejection at the War Office ; shall there be any more pain, for the formbut there were other circumstances which or things are passed away." had pushed Decker Fancourt to the front, and would keep him there till his work was done or he had to man it on to enother. They had tried to keep him from danger because there were mone of like experience, and stretched out his shattered arms of such uncanny intuition, and such won: Fencourt, knowing he could do naught to derful hands, in the whole brigads. But speed the passing soul, since the Angel of they did not always succeed. For there the Lord was already in the room, looked ductor: him a cool invincible courage, and a spirit of adventure. He had never known four

began. When the call came, and one after the star on which his heart was set.

help and heal. The Angel of the Lord, who in many guises hovers over the awful battlefields of the present stricken earth, was often in the little clearing house behind the lines, where he made his presence both seen and fall Noticely spoke of these things ; they were part of the day's experience, to some even at alleguate recompense.

heart which was neither faur, nor shrinking, nor apprehension, but merely a strange cortainty-that it was to be a memorable day for him in a sense that he had not yet To his own personal safety he gave no

sums up the whole commerce of a soul with his Maker.) But this new feeling of detuchment did not quicken his pulse nor give him a f tering hearthest, nor-most potent of allmake his strong, fine hands unstandy as he hent to his Christianlike yet weeful work. It was rather a worse of tense waiting for some climar not yet reached. He even once as the sound of horsting shell came nazer stapped outside a moment to those on the watch whether there was any prospect of the clearing-house coming Immediately into the worst danger some. Apparently there was none, and he came lack and went on again, funding low to ble task, unconscious of the ache at his back

it was awallowed up in the sche at handle just as he rushed forward sgain, heart. But on these things it is not wi and with a lock that nearly pulled the rod It was about eight o'clock in the avening and darkness had fallen, and there was some little reseation in the long day's fighting, when Paneourt a mousest pame. Romanus touched his arm, a round-face

second lieutement of the TL A. M. C., wi res one of his right hands "Wall, my line, what last Y' The lad's lip quivered.

"Oh, sir, I'm strail it's Jimmy I thay unt bringing him in." The surgeon's face set in a strang marble-like strength. "Coming," he answered, yet atooned

finish his task of blading up the wounds nother father's son before he west to at Land his own. Then he made his way to the corner where Jimmy Vancourt lay. One glance sufficed. Those who watched him, with vesming which could not be uttered, know

by his face that there was no bone. His signed to two stretcher-bearers, and in want tald them where to put him. Ther he mounted the rickety stair after them and signed them away and closed the door The lay was fer spent, but immediately there came to him that wonderful moment of full consciousness, of immunity from pain, of salf-revealing, which those who

watch by dying bada so often sas. With his own handkerchief Pancour wined the stain and sweat from his son's face, and there was that on his own which no pen, nor yet any painter, would dare set feet three inches to girth of shoulders, and down even if he could.

Forthis hoy-all he now had upon the in circumference. erth-had been ane'er-do-well, and though he was a great surgeon's son he was only a private in the ranks. Father and son had met there on the hattlefields of France—by chance! Oh, no, for there is no such thing. By God's good guiding, so that the poem of life might lack no note of harmony, might rise to stupendous heights of beauty and of sacrifice, before Finis was

written across the page. Suddenly the boy moved, and his lips cesayed to speak. The father bent anxiously down, but presently there was a wide opening of the eyes, a radiance on the A face, something unspeakable and divine

"Yes, mumsle, I'm coming. Ob, it's you father. Where am I-athome? Bedtime. the lines they were getting lun't it? Are you woing to a party, mum Fancourt glanced back into the shadows and his eyes were dark with yearning for the vision which his son could see.

But presently the radiance on the soldier's face was dimmed by one little wave of remembrance. "Oh, yes, I know : it's all up, dad. But it was a plorious scrap. I was trying to through all the glow and glory of the sum- haul somebody out-I don't remember who -when the light went out. Your face is

"Yes, my boy." "All right, ian't it? I'd rather go like Bo far as their resources permitted they this. You're glad, aren't you, dad, that had made it safe. William Decker Fan- | we met here? It was awful that first day court, the surgeon, moved swiftly here and I asw you. I just wanted to get up there among his subordinates, giving a against the nearest German bayonet. Bu

featured, somewhat heavy face, lightened by "I am glad, my boy, thank God !" said deacon resumed his paper with a sigh of could not tell you her name if it were a pair of the keenest blue eyes that were the surgeon, and the soul of the man, the relief. Then it's all right. Say, dad, praying was never much in the Fancourt line ; but knew them to be the mirrors of a soul very say something. All the time out there pure and tooder, very high and near the among that hellish din, I kept thinking of something mumais must have told me in Those who knew (and out there at the the old days-something about a new heaven and a new earth. Bay Ib now." From the bidden wells of his own boy-

hood Fancourt dearred the half-forgotten great care. "And I saw a new heaven and new "A new beaven and a new earth ; but

it's just the old one, after all, dad. Bhe's sides !" come luck-yes, mumale, I'm coming." He releas himself with a beavenly smile

"Ne too! Lucy, me too!"

they were more than usually busy, at the forth, and he saw the face of his wife, the clearing station, but only before the work | mother of his boy, the angel of his dreams, another he took the cases in hand, he was Impossible? Oh, no! Already for those so calm, so strong, so fine, that he exacted who lieve awakened there is a new heaven the heat from everybody-even from the and a new earth, and the former things poor sufferers whom his hands sought to have passed away,-liritials Wookly.

exciting Pibhing One can easily imagine that after feedir for many weaks upon hippopotamusateaks the flesh of elephantis and other course foor of that nature, fish of almost any variet would form an agreeable and pleasing change. Buch, at all events, was the opinion of Sir Samuel Haker, who, after Vancourt himself was conscious that long march in Africe, through a wild and of some new quality in his own mind and dangerous country, errived upon borders of a broad river. He took his fishing-rod, and wandering up the atleans cast his line over the water to the hope of

entiong some beauty of the deep to take laus with him. I put on a large bait and threw it about thought ; that was a matter of no moment forty yards into the river, well up the since he had long made his peace (dear. stream, and allowed the float to sweep the pregnant, old fashioned phrase, which water in a half circle, thus taking the chance of different distances from the

> For about half an hour nothing mov-I was just preparing to alter my position, when out rushed my line, and striking hard, I believe I fixed the "old gentleman" blussif, for I had no control over him whatever. Holding him was out of the question.

The line flow through my hands and out them till the black flowed, and I was obliged to let the fish take his own way. This be did for about sighty yards, when he suddenly stopped. This unexpected halt was a great calamity, for the real overren itself, having no check-wheel, and the slack colle of the line caught the

from my hands he was gone. I found one of my large books broken short off. The fish was a monster. After this bed look I had noran again unti the evenlay, when, putting on a large hait, and fishing at the tall of a rook between the stream and still water, I once more had

a grand rush, and booked a big one. There were no rocks down stream. was fair play and clear water, and away in west at racing pass straight for the wildli of the river. To chack the pace, I greaped the line with the stuff of my loose trousers and present to between my flugire so as t act as a brake, and compal blm to labor fo every yard ; but he pulled like a horse and nearly out through the thick cottor cloth, making straight running for at least a bundred yards without a balt.

I now put so severe a strain upon him that my strong bamboo bent nearly doub and the fish presently sofar yielded to th pressure that I could suforce his running in half-circles instead of straight away. I kept gaining line until at laugth I led him into a shallow bay, and after a gree fight Bachest subraced him by falling upon him, and clutching the monater with hands and kness, he then tugged to the

shore a magnificent fish of upwards of sixty For about twenty minutes he had fought against such a strain as I had never before used upon a fish. He measured three feet sight inches to the root of the tail, and two and the head measured one foot tan inches

DISARMING PATE "I notice Mrs. Simmons is having a new porch put on to her house," 'said Descoo | hurrals for the Union Jack, who is unmar-Wood, polishing his glasses.

money was to have one." fully for a moment, then remarked :

many flowers, isn't she? She keeps get puff-who is willing to lot his country go ting seed catalogues at the post-office." "Yes," replied his wife, "her heart's been set on a posy gentlen a good many always thought flowers was such a foolish

waste of time and money." For a time the deapon was silent, then elacker. be said, "Wasn't that a new rubber-tired buggy that I saw. Prunello White in you "Yes," said his wife, with animation, "and I'm glad she's got it a last. She rode

around for years in an old farm waggon, though Leander could well afford a decent buggy for her and the girle, but if he'd a lived they'd never have had one." For a time the deacon remained sunk in thought, then he saked :

"It you had a considerable sum money to do just what you wanted with, Mandy, what would you get ?" "I'd have me a hardwood floor in that kitchen," said his wife firmly.

fingers full of alivare." new floor to-morrow morning." And the when I began calling her 'mother.'

AMUSES THE HORSES

He was a raw recruit just surolled in a crack davalry regiment, says the Bristol full name written on a slip of paper. Times, and he was paying his first visit to the riding school. "Ere's yer horse," said the instructor. The recruit advanced, took the bridle gingerly, and exemined his mount with

"What's it got this strap round is fort" he saked, pointing to the girth. "Well," explained the instructor, solemuly, "you see, all our horses 'ave a keen sense of humor, an' as they sometimes 'as audden fits of laughter when they see the recruits tryin' to rkie, we put bands

ALL THROUGH WITH HIM The professional point of view is rarely that of the humanitarian. 'A paheenger on's London omnibus, calls out to the con.

fallen off the bus !". "All, right I responds the conductor. cheerfully. "E's wild his fair

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1898. Mr. A. P. Bymon has moved his Jewelry Store to Second's block on Mill Street Mr. John Hymon will open a stock of hard ware in part of the store.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore hospitably entertained the members of the Chautauqua Oirole on Vriday evening. Mr. W. H. Walker has the contracts for

painting the new houses of Mesers. J. J. Modrail, and H. Swackhamer, Acton, and Mr. A. Appleyard, 7th line, Esqueeing. Rev. J. E. Howell'ssermonon "Tolupco, its use and effects," on Hunday night, at tracted a large congregation in the Metho-

dist Church The golden wedding of Richard Hemstreet, of Trafelgar, and Heliecoa Vodden. of Acton, who were married at the home o the bride's father, Dec. Oth, 1845, was celebrated at their home in Miltonon Monday. A large part of Mr. Homstreet's life was spent on the old farm in Trafalgar to which his father moved from Pennsylvania in 1921. Mrs. Hemstreet came from England at the age of three years and after a few years in Miramichl, N. B., the family settled on the second line below Acton, or the farm now occupied by Mr. Arch. Mo-Pharson, their house heing near the site of the present new brick house of Mr. Martin

McDowat.D-In Namagawaya, on Decemler 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDon-

ald, a daughter. MARRIED GEDDER-ARING-At the home of the livide's father, on December 4th, by Rev. Thos. Aray, Mr. C. A. Gedder, of Paris, to Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. Yogh Akins, Nassapawaya.

THOUSEN-At Corletton, on December 6th, Elward Thompson, father of Mrs. IL Mckinnon, Acton, aged 76 years. Mittant-In Acton, on Ilecember Sib, Jemima May, wife of Thomas Miller, aged 47 years, 11 months and 24 days.

A CORDIAL INVITATION

Men who are "good mixers" may be as reluable so they are rure. There can be no question that a certain preacher in one of the large cities of Indiana fulfilled alt the requirements, as the following story shows. He was the pastor of one of the leading churches of his city. His motto was that of the late Henry George : "I am

to chat with the workmen. During the visit a ficrid-faced man of prosperous appearance came into the abop. He and the minister began chatting, but neither knew the other's occupation. They became good friends in a few minutes. Finally the florid-faced man produced als card, which announced that he was

in the saloon business on West Street. "Come down to my place any time," said, "and I'll give you a good time." "All right," replied the minister, "and

by the way, I'm running a pretty good place myself. Come and see me and give you a good time." "I'll sure do that," said the other, "but by the way, where is your joint ?" "My joint," was the reply, First Presbyterian Church. Just inquire

for the pastor, and I'll be at your service."

WHAT'S A "SLACKER" Wall a typical elacker is a chap wh ried, and who has no one but a Sunday "Yes, said his wife, she always wanted girl depending upon, who is over eighteen one clear across the front of the house but whose father and mother are supporting Biles never would build one, so the first him, who is not too strong to work, but it thing she did with some of the insurance strong enough to play a game of ball, who weare a sickly smile, patent leather boots softly. The descon looked at his paper thought- and a cigarette, who hasn't enough grit in him to make a mud ple, who never uses "The Wilder Davis is setting out a good powder except in the skape of a powder your cheek." bang so long as he gets three meals a day. and weers repor creased mente and a white choker, set off with an elecmargarine hair years but I should almost think 'twould out. Incidentally some slackers have been make Jed Davis turn over in his grave. He known to snear at both the king's men and the uniform. The latter is the most con-

"MOTHER'S" WAME

A deed was being drawn for a certain furmer to sign. All went smoothly until delighted smile beamed over his face as he the lawyer asked him his wife's name. explained a "Oh, yee, of course. My wife's name. Very necessary, to be sure," said the farm-

his face, he looked troubled, and finally turned his back and looked out of the win-"What do you think of that !" he sx "I never claimed, as he turned slowly round. scrub that old floor but what I run my simply cannot remember her name. You is contracted. see, they used to call her Pet when she "Mandy," said her husband with fervor. I was a girl at home, and that was her nam "you il see the corporters at work on the with me until two years after our marriage capital offense not to do so. S'pose i wouldn't do to call her l'et in the dead ! It would not do : so he hurrled away.

and in an hour came back with his wife's KERLING WE EAR ON ARE ARE

The prisoner was charged with so trivia an offense that the judge told him that i he would plead guilty he would let him of with a fine. "Before we plead guilty," replied the man's lawyer, "wo'd like to know wha

the fine will be." "Isn't it rather unusual to attempt to barrels with the court " saked the judge. "Perhaps it is, your honor," replied the cattle. There should always be a hottle of lawyer, "but in this case it is important. it in the bouse. round 'em to keep 'em from bursting their You see, the prisoner has only twelve dollars, and as my foe is ten dollars, we can't afford to pload guilty if you intend to fine him more than two dollars."

"Kra, there! Who! There's an old chap had noticed some one using the big telescope. Just then a star fell. "Bogorra," said the watchman, folly sure is a track shot."

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And fallure oft obscure the

I know! -Plorenco Enrie Coales. The morns are meeker than they

The larry's check is plumper: The rose is out of town. -Emily Pickinson Hlow It now. Make hearts happy, roses grow.

Let the friends around you know

The lave you have before they Abow It now. - - Charles M. Skinner.

He noblo-that is more than Do right-that is more than -George Macdonald.

time, and receiving all sorts of answers to her simple questions. The little girl who lived in a boarding-house was a year older than any of the others. "We have learned that years are divid-

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MAKING LOVE Dr. Charles H. Parkburst in his witty in New York :

beans ; and Bunday, obloken."

a rose garden on a soft March evening at " 'Is your love true !' the girl asked

"'As true," the man answered in low. essionate tones, 'as the delicate flush on "'Oh-er-ah,' the girl atammered.

NEFUSED TO BE FOOLED There is no fooling a man who loves fool-

The October bride in beginning to un

learn a few things she didn't know. The debt soonest paid is the one that

And a wise bachslor always hikes for the tall timbers when he hears a girl say that she intends to be an old maid. The hours we pass with happy prospects

The Oil for the farmer. - A bottle of Dr. Thomas' Kolectric Oil in the farm house will save many a, journey for the doctor. It is not only good for the children when taken with colds and croup, and for mature people who suffer from pain and schee but there are directions for its use on sick

Could Hardly Live for Ashma --Writes one man who after years of suffering has found complete relief through Dr. J. D. Kellogu's Asthma Remedy, Now he knows how needless has been his suffer. afflicted with anthms. Inhaled as amoke or vapour it brings the help so long needed. Every dealer has it or our geb it for you from his whalstellier.

rom Our Issue of the Pree Press of

Britain's some will raily at her call; Britain's pride will never let her exult ; But we'll never let the old flag fall.

Hut when we start we'll fight, fight,

Britain's sons would die to show they love lier-

And we'll never let the old flag fall.

BRILLIANTS. Vet, though my progress be but

1. tuo, victorious at last, Blintt reach the louged for light.

The units are getting brown;

One day he stopped in a blacksmith shop KNEW YHE CALENDAR They were little girls, so small that the teacher was telling them about divisions of

> ed into months, months into weeks, and weeks into day," said the teacher. "Now can any one tell how the days are divid-

house relead her hand, and was saked to "Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beel," she said glibly! "Friday, fish; Saturday, corned best and

war on coametics said in a recent lecture "A girl and a man sat under a palm in

burrially, 'isn't the-er-don't the rosse smell sweet?"-New York Tribune

temptible slacker of them all. Don't be a ling. Some one, on that alguificant date. April lat, sent Henry Ward Beecher a letter containing just a sheet of paper with the two words, "April Fool," says the United Presbyterian.

Mr. Beecher opened it, and then a

"Well! I've often heard of a man

writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name to it, but this is the first case of a It was plain to be seen that he was not man signing his name and forgetting to prepared to answer. The blood rushed to write the letter."

> He who stops just one heart from bleeding has not lived in vain .- Nichola People who baven's anything else they can spare, can usually give advice.

In valw are more pleasing than those crowned with fruition. The man who pays as he goes usually has enough to purchase a return ticket

A new night watchman at the college ing. This remedy gives sure belp to all

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But we'll never let the old flag fall.