#### JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

In Character Sketches

mette, one of the best known men in New Trier township by virtue of his didn't hit the comrade who was carrymany years' service as Township Col- ing him, and so he knew nothing of lector, is the author of Character it until the captain came riding across the field and said, 'Say, what are you which will appear frequently in issues of going to do with that thing?' The which will appear frequently in issues of WINNETKA TALK.

Mr. King comes by his enthusiasm for Riley quite naturally since he is a native of Indiana and the son of one of the poet's most intimate friends. Mr. King's father was associated with the Indianapolis Journal-where Riley was a familthe first volume of the first edition of Riley's poems, a work now in possession of Mr. King. "As a boy I often saw Mr. Riley," says Mr. King, "though I LEG!" did not know him intimatley. I have always prized his works and have made the north shore."

ment committee appointed to receive and closed his eyes in final sleep. the two authors. He left to Nye the Immediately words of sympathy beburden of being entertained, seeing the nent citizens and listening to stories bur D. Nesbit: badly told. The man who couldn't tell | "Where is he gone? The lengthening a funny story, but did, was frequently the bore in the committee. With this in mind, Riley made up his mind when Nye returned, to tell him another stale story. As they went in to dinner, Riley began telling him, with much seriousness, the oldest story he knew. He had first heard a clown tell it in Robinson & Lake's Circus when he was a boy. No one knew how old it was before the clown used it. Riley dragged the story out, told it in the forgetful fashion of an old man with confused memory, spoiling the point several times before he came to it. Nye declared it the best thing he had ever heard Riley do and begged him to put it in the program and he did. In outline, the story is like this:

"I heerd an awful funny thing the other day. I don't know if I can get it off to you er not. It's a story about a soldier-a soldier in the war. He went to the war when the army broke outthe soldier did and he was in the army and one day he got into a big fighta big battle, you know, and the soldier was in it-

"Well, in the course of the battle the soldier got his leg shot off, but retained his presence of mind and called a comrade over to carry him off the field, explaining that he had gotten his leg shot off by a cannot ball. The comrade started to carry him across the field with the injured fellow's head

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Ballard announce the birth of a son, Ernest S. Ballard, Jr., July 27. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard and their family are at their summer home at Chebeague island,

Maine.

Editor's Note-Hoyt King of Wil- hanging over his shoulder. Just then a cannon ball came along and took the fellow's head off, sure 'nough, but fellow thought it was a funny ques-tion, but answered his superior officer like a private will, respectful-like, and says, 'Why, this here fellow got his leg shot off by a cannon ball and I was taking him back to the rear.' And the captain says, 'Why,' he says, 'that fellow's got his head shot off!' And upon iar figure for many years—and purchased that the soldier let the body slide down to the ground and he seen how it was and he says to the captain, 'Why,' he says, 'he-he-told me it was his

On Sunday, July 23, 1916, the Hoosier world awoke to see the startling headquite an exhaustive study of his career. line in black type across the morning I hope these brief character sketches may newspaper, "James Whitcomb Riley be of interest to other Riley lovers on is dead!" On Saturday morning he had had a severe stroke, but under the During the Nye--Riley combination ministration of his physician was on the road at Macon, Georgia, in the thought to be in no danger. The fam-Lanier House, Riley polished up the ily had retired for the night. At 10:50 Old Soldier Story. Riley, being tired, Mr. Riley asked the nurse for a glass of escaped the reception and entertain- water, then reclined upon his pillow

gan to pour in to Mr. Eitel. We quote, sights of the town, meeting the promilin closing, the words of his friend, Wil-

> miles Have lured him to the afterwhiles,

And there he fare's down aisles of bloom,

That thrill the air with their perfume, Yet still his song forever sings, This man, who sang of common things."



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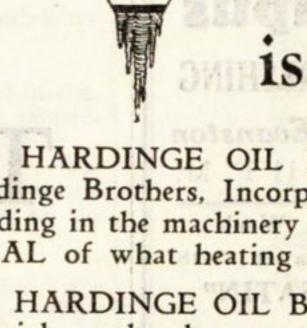
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