

GRENADIER GUARDS CHEER DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.



Photo shows the Grenadier Guards cheering the Duke of Connaught, former Governor-General of Canada, after he had inspected them on Wimbledon Commons, England.

FIFTY-EIGHT FIFTY

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It did not look like a good investment that Hilda Caruthers had made. No, Hilda had not taken a flier in copper, oil or motors. She had simply bought a dress.

Clothes being a necessity, the purchase of a dress when one is needed is an investment. But Hilda was fairly well supplied with wearing apparel that was pretty enough, but suited only to everyday wear.

The reason the dress in question did not look like a good investment was that she wanted it for one special occasion, and it cost \$58.50 of the \$90 she had in the bank.

It seemed like downright foolishness but she just had to go to Anne's wedding, and as Anne's wedding was to be an event of stellar social importance common clothes would be out of place.

Anne was the best girl friend Hilda ever had. They had been chums in school and had been together so much they were taken for sisters, and even began to feel that way themselves.

In their senior year at high school the two girls became separated when Anne's parents moved with her to a near-by city. However, the two girls corresponded regularly and were as good friends as ever, spending most of their vacation periods together.

Hilda was graduated from high school, took a business course and became a bookkeeper in a department store. Anne took a position as stenographer in a broker's office.

Three years later came the surprising news from Anne: "I'm going to marry a millionaire!" It seemed that Anne's employer fell in love with her and she with him, and there could be only one natural result. In the midst of preparations for the wedding the Moorehouse home burned to the ground, and plans were upset for a short time.

Then Anne got the idea she would like to be married in the little church she used to attend in her old home town; so the two families most concerned motored thither.

It was to be an elaborate function, and consequently when Hilda received an invitation she knew it behooved her to adorn herself suitably for the occasion.

The wedding was set for eleven o'clock in the morning, and at nine Hilda set out for the church. It had been raining hard, but had cleared off, and the sun was shining brightly.

Two blocks from the church she stopped at a corner to let a big coupe roll past. The machine was closer to her than she had calculated as she stood on the walk, and the rear wheel churned up a sea of mud and hurled a tidal wave at Hilda.

As the auto vanished round a corner a block away the girl stood and with her fists rubbed wet dirt out of her eyes and looked down at her dress to see that it was ruined.

Hilda realized that as far as her presence was concerned the wedding might have been on Mars. She simply could not attend in that mud-bespattered costume. There was only one thing to do—retrace her steps, take off the \$58.50 worth of ruined goods and spend the day in misery in her room.

As she walked dolefully toward her home, trying vainly to brush the clinging mud from her, a feeling of rage gradually rose within her. She remembered how she had seen a young man driving the coupe, and she recalled that he had smiled at her as he drenched her with mud.

For a moment the smiling face had attracted her and she had wished that she might know the young man. Now she had the same longing, but for a different reason. She would like to present him with a slice of her mind.

Fretting and fuming, Hilda wended her way homeward, while the wedding guests crowded the church, and the bride-to-be, with the assistance of a maid, got into her gown in her room at the hotel, and the groom-to-be sat in his room with his father and smoked black cigars to steady his nerves.

In the midst of these preparations the telephone in Anne's room summoned her, and when she turned from the instrument she displayed excitement.

"Get mother," she ordered the maid. "Gwendolin has had a nervous collapse and can't act as bridesmaid. Anybody would think she was going to be married, instead of her cousin. I was afraid she'd do something like that, she's so high-strung. Mother insisted on having her, though. Now maybe she'll consent to Hilda Caruthers, if it's possible to get word to Hilda this late, and if she'll consent to playing second fiddle."

So Mrs. Moorehouse fluttered onto the scene, and when she had been made acquainted with the situation she fluttered to the young man who was about to become her son-in-law. The latter's brother, who was to act as best man, had just driven up in his machine.

"Fred," directed the prospective groom, "take a run up to the church and yank Hilda Caruthers out of the audience and bring her here. She can wear one of Anne's dresses." She can wear one of Anne's dresses.

"I don't know her," Fred objected. Mrs. Moorehouse fluttered back to her daughter and returned with a picture of Hilda. Fred's face took on a queer, elated expression as he studied it.

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HISTORY IN NAMES.

Traces of Vanished Peoples Survive in Names of Places.

In the earliest days of the human family, all known persons, places and groups of human beings must have had names by which they were recognized.

The study of these names and their survival in civilization enables us often to ascertain what races inhabited districts now peopled by those of entirely different speech.

The names of mountains and rivers in many parts of England, for instance, are Celtic.

Ancient local names are, as a rule, purely descriptive. A river is called by some word which merely signifies "the water," a mountain may have a name which means "the peak."

English place names, generally, state some simple fact, and often denote no more than property; the name of a town or hamlet being formed by adding "ton" or "ham" to the name of some early landholder.

Quite often a bit of even half humorous description will survive in such a name, as when a stony, starved and weedy district is called Starvacre.

The English race carries with it the ancient names of an older people into every continent, and titles given to places in the British Isles may be found in America, Australia, Africa and the islands of the furthest seas.

Touching personal names, we find that among most uncivilized races a name, commonly derived from some incident or natural object, is given at the time of birth by the parents to each child.

In some cases names of the earliest races denote some phenomenon of nature. No names are more common among North American Indians than those derived from sun, moon, stars, clouds and wind.

Our English ancestors had for personal names compound words, as, "Noble Wolf," "Wolf of War" and so forth, the names testifying to a somewhat primitive and fierce stage of society.

Later came vulgar nicknames, as "Long," "Black," "White," "Brown," etc., other names were derived from the occupation of the person to whom they were given as "Smith," "Fowler," "Saddler," etc.

Yet other names are derived from places, the noble and landowner was called "of" such and such a place, equivalent to the German "von" and the French "de." The humbler man was called not "of," but "at" such a place, as in the name "Attewell" (at well), or merely by the local name without the "at," as "Wells."

Following are the origins of the names of some countries: Europe signifies a country of white people, given because the inhabitants wore of a lighter color than those of Africa and Asia.

Asia mean "between," given because geographers placed it between Europe and Africa.

Africa, which formerly was celebrated for its abundance of grain, was given this name, meaning "the land of corn."

Siberia signifies "thirsty" or "dry."

Italy signifies a country of pitch, because it once yielded great quantities of black pitch.

Britain means "the country of tin." Sicily denotes the "country of grapes."

Hibernia means "utmost" or "last habitation," for beyond this, westward, the Phoenicians never ventured.

Gaul, modern France, signifies "yellow-haired," from the light hair of the Gauls.

Some very strong words about hymns have been said by Rev. J. H. Hopkinson, son of the former vice-chancellor of Manchester University.

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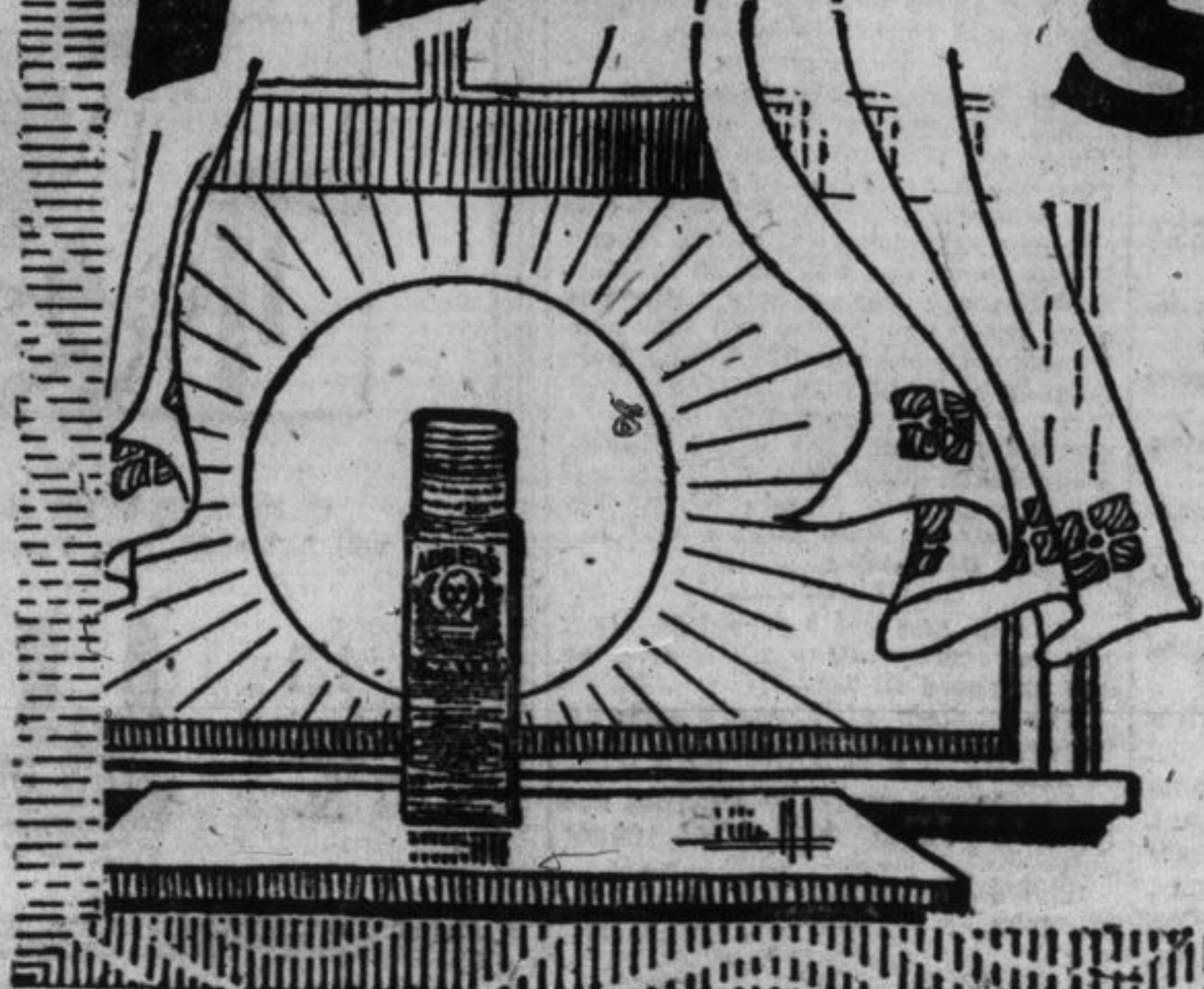
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