

Hong hustled them out, and conducted them into a room adjoining that of Li Cheng. It was comfortably, but not luxuriously furnished, and had evidently been prepared for them.

They were left alone, and the door locked, so that there was no possibility of escape. They felt in no mood for sleep, and sat up late discussing their position, until, finding no solution to the mystery in which they found themselves, they retired, wearied out, for the night. They were awakened next morning by a loud banging on the door, and rising, they found the door unlocked and Li Cheng waiting for them. The breeze had changed during the night, and when they left the building, it wafted a strong, unpleasant odour towards them.

"Pearl oysters," exclaimed Wenlass, and in a moment the solution of the mystery occurred to them. This Chinaman, Li Cheng, was carrying on an illegal pearling business, and the water which he pumped was used for washing the oysters!

They were conducted round to the side of the building, and there, in a large shed built on to the side of the sleeping apartments, and occupying the whole length of that building, found the machine of which Li Cheng had spoken. They found it to be a much larger engine than they had expected it to be, and were soon busy looking for the defect. It did not take them long to find, and they worked on it all the morning and had the machine working again by 2 p.m.

And so they passed two months on this island, looking after the machinery. The junk came and went periodically, about once a fortnight, and took away the pearls which had been collected during its absence. Whenever the junk was due, the washing process was carried on day and night, and Wenlass and McDonald had to work alternately. When the junk was not at the island, only three Chinamen were there, Li Cheng and his two lieutenants, who controlled the fifty-nine natives employed in the washing and diving. At night, there was always a ring of armed natives placed round the quarters as sentries, making escape impossible, whilst in the day time, it was not to be thought of.

However, at the end of the second month, McDonald had a plan, and communicated it to Wenlass. They sat up late that night, conversing in whispers, and finally agreed to put the plan into action. The junk was due in five days' time, and next day both Wenlass and McDonald went to the engine-shed. This aroused no suspicion, for they were very frequently occupied in overhauling the engine, or in repairing some small defect. Anyway, the engine was their business and nobody, not even Li Cheng, ever questioned what they did to it. This day, however, whilst Wenlass attended to the engine and kept a look out for Li Cheng or either of his lieutenants, McDonald obtained a length of small bore iron piping and connected it to the

steam pipe of the engine. He then bored a small hole in the side of the wall of the sleeping apartments, and placed the other end of the pipe in it, so that it protruded about a quarter of an inch or so inside the native quarters. He then hastened around to the natives' room and knocked the pipe back flush with the wall so that it was unnoticeable, and plugged the end of it. The work of the day was then carried on as usual.

The next day, it was ordered that the washing be carried on day and night. Wenlass worked on the engine all day and McDonald commenced his duty at about 6 p.m. At 8 p.m. the pumps stopped, and McDonald went and informed Li Cheng that something had gone wrong with the engine, and that it would require both himself and Wenlass to repair it. Li Cheng, wishing to lose no time, roused Wenlass and ordered him to help McDonald. Wenlass hastily dressed and went to the shed. The first thing the pair did, though, did not look as if it was likely to set the engine in order again. McDonald obtained a piece of wood, ready cut for the purpose, and firmly plugged the main steam pipe. Then, creeping stealthily round to the native quarters, he entered, and taking care not to wake the sleeping inhabitants, removed the plug from the small bore pipe. He hastily returned to Wenlass, and the steam was sent rushing under high pressure down the main steam pipe, but as this was plugged, was sent shooting with a loud hiss into the native quarters. Those nearest to the mouth of the pipe were severely scalded, and quickly awakened the others with their piercing screams. As the others awoke, hearing the hissing, and faintly perceiving the scalding vapour in the air, they became panic stricken and stampeded. The sentries rushed to see what was wrong and they in turn fled. Wenlass and McDonald, meanwhile, had seized sacks which they had previously packed with food, water and a couple of heavy spanners, as a means of defence, rushed to the shore, and launched a native outrigger. By the time the sleeping quarters were empty, they were half way across the lagoon, and had soon cleared the reef, and, hoisting the sail, they put out to sea, with a fairly strong breeze following them. They would have at least twelve hours start on Cheng, who would have to pacify the natives before he could pursue them. They made good headway and, by dawn, had left the island far behind. But their dangers were not yet over. They had only enough food and water to last them about three days at the most. They sailed on all that day, and, by nightfall, the wind had dropped, and they made hardly any headway all night. At dawn the next day, they looked anxiously behind them for signs of their pursuers, but saw none. At about 10 a.m. they sighted a vessel to the west of them making towards them. They could do nothing. There was no wind, and they would have to wait and eagerly pray that the vessel

would pass close enough to see them. It came up rapidly, and it was apparent that it must have seen them, for it came straight towards them. It hove to about three hundred yards away, and a boat was launched. Now that the ship was so close, they could see that it was a British cruiser. They could not have dared hope for such good fortune. In a few minutes the boat reached them, and, amid questions from the sailors as to how they came to be in such a plight, they stepped into it. They pulled back to the cruiser, and there, McDonald and Wenlass told its commander their story. He questioned them minutely as to details, and then ordered that the cruiser sail full speed ahead in the direction in which he estimated they would meet with the pursuing canoe. Within three hours it was sighted, with its nine native paddling furiously, and Li Cheng and his two lieutenants seated in the bow. They had no hope of escape, and sullenly surrendered, and were immediately put in irons. The cruiser then continued on to the island, and the remnants of the native band were captured, though many had fled from the place. The round-up of the whole band was completed the next day, when the junk arrived, and seeing that if he did not surrender he would be sunk, Hong gave in, and he and his crew were taken without incident. The whole band was tried and met with their just deserts.

—A. Z.



G. Garratt, second in First Year.
Ralph Wilson was first in First Year.



O. Montgomery, first in Third Year.

CLASS NOTES

5A CLASS NOTES

"All the girls have gone away,
To us it seems absurd.
Now the teacher has, in every way,
The free use of all words."

Well, we have altered considerably since the last edition of this paper. You now see us as a band of confined bachelors. No need to shave now, that is to say, we do not have to shave every day; in fact, since the girls have gone, some very respectable beards have grown.

Most of us were at the dance held in the Girls' School, and, while we all admired the wonderful building, yet we still feel that we have something of a higher value. Before the girls can hope to compete with us, they must grow some moss on the walls, and, by the appearance of our specimens, it will take a long time.

But, speaking of the dance, 5A as a body, was so incensed at the conduct of one boy, that they requested their poet Laureate to vent their mutual feelings in verse.

Our poet Laureate has received invaluable help and advice lately from Mr. Gibbes, who places at the bottom of Latin proses such couplets as :

"Neither a borrower, nor a lender be,
From Atkins, Bruce and Alii."

Mr. Gibbes, by the way, evidently, never begins a Latin sentence with "nam."

Clem tells us (and we have never found Clem out in a lie yet) that he is the only boy to have had a shower down at the Girls' School yet.

Our Wally may not be a "Pears" for general knowledge, but he certainly has the inside information about sardines.

5B.

The boys and girls are separated now; loud and prolonged sighs. But never mind, the lobby at the School of Arts makes a good meeting place, and is becoming popular.

Some boys are in the habit of sleeping when sitting up, especially in mathematics periods. The best way of getting out of this habit, according to the talkative gentleman in the room in these periods, can be found in a trigonometry book after 3.30 p.m.

With the football season so close, training has commenced. It is a common sight to see Harry training our prospective lock by

leading him a run around the portables. When the latter decides to take a short cut across the verandah, it suffers, so does the ground when he jumps off.

There was intense rivalry between two of our boys at the girls' dance, over one very attractive little mith who lithps. Which reminds me, there is a law against fraud. Now, why wasn't some action taken against Harry in the Jolly Miller dances at the girls' dances.

The boys enjoy the French periods now with our new teacher

Some of the boys are starting to diet and they look anxiously at the weight cards. No, no, the habit started by the girls (dear little Janet amongst them) has not spread.

Cricket ends soon, and football starts. I might mention that as soon as the weigh-in takes place, the lunches visibly grow in size, and if a boy puts on a pound or two, he smiles, where before he had wept.

The economic boys of 5B are pleased to announce that Norman, our star batsman, ahem, has been appointed to the post of chief debater and questioner. We must say he fills the position admirably.

If any boy desires a cure for insomnia, come to 5B, in mathematics periods. Cure is certain.

They say that Robert has found something to do in maths periods. "Sleep on beloved."

Clem seemed to enjoy himself at the dance. We wonder why!

Our old friend Cicero, seems to be giving a lot of trouble lately, so is Mr. Gibbes.

4AC CLASS NOTES

There's naught in this life sweet,
If man were wise to see't,
But only melancholy,
O, sweetest melancholy!

This is not the product of the fertile brain of one of our bright specimens, but it is quite safe to say that the poet was in the 4th year when he composed it. After enduring the tortures of Caesar for twelve long, weary, tiring months, we were looking forward eagerly to that fabled year of peace and sleep—4th year.

But lo! when we attain this so called haven of rest, we find the elements have stirred the waters into a storm of industry.

But we are now resigned to our fate, we know all our teachers' idiosyncrasies, and are able to anticipate their every word. Only one thing is left open to controversy, that is: what would Mr. G. say if we asked him to excuse us for not doing our homework. Would it be "certainly," or "if 40 boys asked me—" or would there be an

explosion. But we have no martyrs to science, no one will experiment.

But let us not complain, let us talk of our cricket successes, two of whom are worthy to follow in Oldfield's footsteps at a very respectable distance. They let 40 byes go between them in one innings. But you should see Mac's eye!

Parkes is the real wonder. He guarantees not to get more than 400 runs or 20 wickets in one game. He says "its tiring," his opponents agree.

It seems that the industrial depression is not the only one in Newcastle. You should see our boys. They do their hair in vain now, the girls are far away, and always we have a congregation hanging over the wall gazing longingly at a certain distant building. No wonder the girls' dance was rushed.

Sh!! I overheard a callous teacher saying, "let's hope they (the boys) drown their sorrow in some solid and serious study."

Thank goodness barracking is not prohibited at a cricket match. The staff is going to have a hot time of it, especially from 4A. The staff wicket-keeper is going to hear from us. We'll make "Poppa" our willing spokesman.

Boys of 4A are leaving sausages alone for a few weeks because one of our respected class left his fingers in a sausage machine. We can't tolerate these people who attempt profit in such an under hand way.

The class mathematicians are working out what it costs Hobbs to keep his hair slippery for Mr. M's benefit. We are now wondering should we levy an amusement tax on the class in order to defray the cost, or should we make a contribution toward buying a certain lad an alarm clock. He comes wandering in and spoils the effect of Mr. N's heartfelt appreciation of the wild west wind. We all feel sure that when Monty is put in the Z class for English we will enjoy ourselves immensely.

4C CLASS NOTES

As we gaze out of the window of our sumptuous apartment, sitting comfortably on our plush seats, we see—oh! how the view staggers us—16 iron palings, about 25 wooden palings on a wooden fence which is situated on the other side of a broad highway, also a dilapidated rest for the weary wayfarers.

A fair damsel approaches up the narrow pathway—but this is getting away from our subject.

What we mean to say is that our room is not of the best although we can boast of having one mirror (uncracked, although all the boys have a look in it as they come in) nine taps and basins and one press with one door missing.

To the L.T. Brigade we have a new member, who made his debut on the 24th March, in this year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty years, any dominoes. Nevertheless and notwithstanding we are not progressing so badly as we all practically know Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," to say nothing of "Surds" (which things are entirely ab-surd.)

This being the first year at this school for many of us, we find it rather difficult to write up these class notes, as we do not thoroughly know one another yet. But we hope to be able to present to you something somewhat better in the next edition.

3A CLASS NOTES

Having sailed peacefully through the vacation of six weeks, we now face the storms of third year.

With our 3A banner flying, we hope to gain good passes in the Intermediate. Being the most intelligent class in third year, it is naturally expected of us, but still, there are some teachers who think differently.

Our Admiral is so well cultured, that very often he is able to correct our honourable French teacher, who has seen "his sort before."

Nor is he only an expert in French, but he really does his homework in maths sometimes.



A. Brown, 1st in 2nd Year.



W. Kable, 1st in 4th Year.

Having progressed rather favourably in cricket, we are now looking forward to football. In grade cricket we have had good representation, and Edmunds in the class team is our brilliant Bradman.

Our royal stock, William I and William II, more commonly known as Maud and Mutt," still rule 3A, and that very ancient man, Adam, has not yet found his missing rib.

We appreciate all our teachers, but there is one old friend who stands supreme.

3B.

We are newcomers to this school, but are determined to make ourselves known by honest means. First of all, let us state our intentions of passing the Intermediate Exam. If anyone of us fails, you can rest assured that it will not be from lack of trying. Although we have changed our place of abode (we came from Cook's Hill) we have lost few of our mates. We are without "Bill" Hunt and were nearly without Harry Roxby, because of appendicitis, but are pleased to say that he has now completely recovered. We are still represented in sport by "Izzie" Boardman, Jack Meillon, Jack Quinn and Ken Taylor, who are in the third cricket team. In class cricket by Horace England, our cricketer with more lives than a cat. "Skitch" Rodgers and Jack Findlay have been playing well of late. "Skitch" has created a record for winning the toss. Take note, ye captains of senior teams. We also have hopes of being represented in the football teams.

2C.

We are now a mixture of 1C and 1A, but as usual, the 1C boys dominate these new recruits in sport and work. H. "Jew boy" Rudd, the youthful aspirant at the last sports carnival is at present on a trip to Queensland with the Newcastle under 15 team. A sale of Mr. M—'s patents took place last week, brother Nunns being the auctioneer. He was offered one penny for all the patents and he presented them to the bidder without hesitating, for fear he would take back his bid. Mr. M— must have conducted a sale amongst the staff, for several members are using his impot system, much to our discomfort.

2D.

2D boys are we,
As merry as can be;
Always working, never shirking,
2D boys are we.

We were shifted recently from Cook's Hill, and we are now established at Newcastle. We are now endeavouring to show ourselves worthy of its honour.

Mr. G., our Latin master, is endeavouring to teach us a new style of spelling, e.g., "there haint knun."

We were discussing typhoons during one period when our inexhaustable phonographs "S" and "B" tuned up with "After the storm is over," etc.

We have a veritable Noah's ark in our form, namely, "Horsey," "Snakey," "Strawb," "Chook" and "Porky."

Roach, Rennie and Rundle, are our three "R's" who keep up our reputation in English, while Moore and Jenkins produce the classes's best Latin.

1A CLASS NOTES

This is the first time we appear in the "Novocastrian," and it won't be the last, unless the senior classes are so lazy that the magazine will have to be discontinued.

We will have to work our hardest now, both in work and sport.

We are all glad when the Latin period is over, and we give three silent cheers. Our scholar, G.L. will tell you all about that.

Mr. W. says that we stand out from all other Latin classes (being well in the rear.)

Before the new time-table was arranged, we had Mr. M. for French and copying out ten times the present tense of "avoir" was a favourite and popular imposition of his.

He often gave us 20 seconds to get out of the room—impots would fly if we didn't.

We are all eager to know who wins out of the staff and the school.

1B.

We are recently formed, and are 32 in number. At first the frequent changing of teachers seemed strange, but we soon grew accustomed to it, and learned to make the most of the few minutes between lessons.

French is welcomed with shouts of joy, for every lesson entitles us to one or more of the delightful high school privileges, i.e., an imposition.

Who put the ink on 1A duster. Ask the professor.

We are progressing satisfactorily with Latin in spite of the endearing terms bestowed on us by the teacher.

There is a marked decrease in weight and energy, owing to the slight incline in the approach to the school.

1AC.

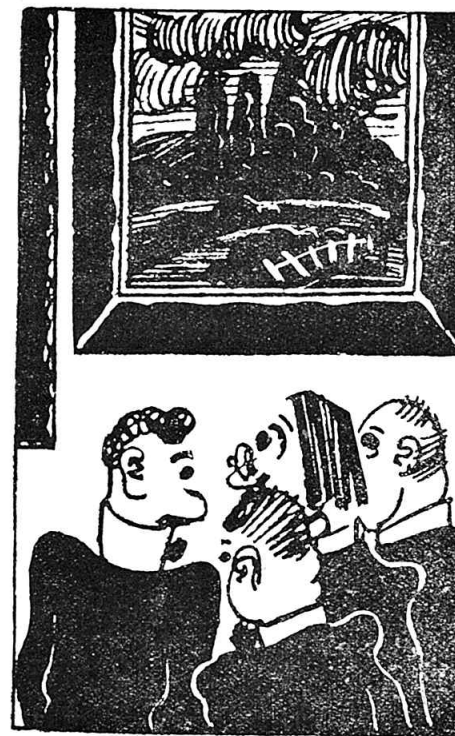
During the short period from the commencement of the year, the class has done well in sport. We have the honour of not being beaten yet, and are quite confident of a good showing in cricket.

We have the help of some notable figures of last year who, becoming tired at Latin, in which they had to work hard, turned over

to commercial subjects. There is a warlike spirit in a few members of the class who, gathered in a band, consider annoying other people of the school a great joke.

Many names have been inscribed on a certain note book and this is a warning to other members of the class to be careful. Some might not like being detained in the afternoon to four o'clock.

AU JURY DE PEINTURE



- Je trouve que ce paysagiste a la peinture triste
- C'est le Bossuet de la peinture
- Pourquoi le Bossuet ?
- A cause de ses horizons tenebres.



CRICKET

The cricket season has been particularly successful. There have been 22 teams in action, including 3 grade teams playing outside competition with Maitland High and Broughton Grammar, and six teams from third, fourth and fifth years, 5 teams from second year and 6 from first year.

The first eleven played Maitland twice for one win and one defeat, and they defeated North Sydney twice. The comfortable wins over the Sydney School show that the standard of our first team is particularly high.

The second eleven lost to Maitland and North Sydney, but defeated Broughton.

The 3B eleven defeated Broughton and were defeated by 3A.

Results of class competitions for senior school show fifth year leading, followed in order by fourth year and 3C.

In the second year competition, 2B and 2D are together, with 2AC next.

1AC is leading the first year competition, with 1B2 next.

The school has reason to congratulate Rudd of the first eleven, who was the leading batsman with the N.S.W. School boys in Queensland.

1st XI v. North Sydney at North Sydney—North Sydney batted first, making 135 runs (Owen 60, Campbell 23. Bowling: Hogan 6 for 68, Hills 2 for 19).

Newcastle compiled 148 for the loss of six wickets when stumps were drawn (Beattie 58, Walters 50).

1st XI v. North Sydney at Newcastle—Newcastle total 181 (Charge 73, Walters 58; McLachlan 4 for 40, Davenport 3 for 43).

North Sydney first innings, 49 (Hills 4 for 6, Hogan 3 for 17, Walters 2 for 3).

North Sydney, second innings, 4 for 61 (Lush 27 not out).

2nd eleven v. North Sydney at North Sydney. North Sydney batted first, making a total of 121 (Walker 20, Chalmers 27; Nelson 4 for 22, Parkes 3 for 23).

Newcastle made 87 (Felton 25 not out, Brown 19; Lord 3 for 24, Walker 3 for 18).

We have been lucky in getting from other schools, three such excellent cricketers as Walters, Beattie and Hills.

Beattie is probably the best and most promising batsman in the team, though Walters, thanks to his superior physique and hitting power, is likely to prove an ever more prolific run-getter in school matches, as well as being a good bowler.



Hills has already met with considerable success with the ball and is possibly the best bowler we have.

Of the older members of the team, the most successful have been Charge with the bat, and Hogan with the ball.

STAFF v. 1st XI.

This match was played on the 16th April, at the Sports Ground.

I am unable to say how many similar games have taken place, but an old issue of the "Novocastrian" shows that the first was played in November, 1913, when in response to the masters' score of 140, the boys made 285 for 4 wickets. On that occasion the highest score, 137, was made by Mr. Harvey who again top scored in this match with 56. I notice that in 1913 Mr. Harvey took the trouble to win the toss before batting, but in 1920 he dispensed with such preliminaries. He said he was going to bat, and he did. Unfortunately he could not persuade his colleagues to follow his example; they went in to bat, but they didn't. The umpiring was in the hands of Messrs. Forde and Gibbs, the only two participants in the match who made no mistakes. Neither wore a white coat. One because if he did, he was frightened of being mistaken for a waiter, owing to his haughty expression, while the other dreaded looking like a member of the Toronto Yacht Club.

The bowling was opened by Charge and Walters, to Messrs. Harvey and Golding. In the first over the direction of both bowlers was poor; they could not hit the bat at all. In his second over, however, Charge managed to hit the edge of Mr. Harvey's bat and the ball flew low to Hills at first slip. The fieldsman, who was engaged in scratching his shin, side-stepped quickly, but could not quite avoid the ball, which struck his fingers. He promptly put them in his mouth and kept them there for the next two overs, explaining that he had left his "dummy" at home. Thereafter, both bowlers found Mr. Harvey's bat without fail, both coming off it with considerable velocity and Walters turning sharply from the leg stump to the square leg fence. With Mr. Golding they were not so successful; he had a nice bat and did not want it knocked about. Once or twice they managed to hit the edge of it, but generally speaking, he was too quick for them, and got it out of harm's way. When Hogan came on to bowl, however, this batsman was less fortunate. A ball hit his bat just as he was pulling it out of the road and went up slowly to Rudd at mid-on. The fieldsman covered his face with his hands and it was just as well he did so, for the ball hit them before reaching the ground. A glance in a pocket mirror and an application of a comb repaired Rudd, and the game continued.

When Mr. Harvey mis-hit Hogan to Bruce at point, who gave a startle! yelp and side-stepped just in time as the ball was coming straight at his face.

Next Mr. Golding walked down the pitch after Hogan had delivered the ball in order to discuss the matter of an Honours Maths class with Mr. Harvey, and had just arrived at the other end when the wicket-keeper removed the bails at the fifth attempt.

Neither Mr. Mason nor Mr. Austin had a long stay, but the latter's habit of taking two steps in the direction of square leg and then thrusting his bat sharply towards point and the seat of his trousers towards the square leg umpire made his innings most interesting.

Joined by Mr. Judd, Mr. Harvey continued to clout the bowling hard and often. One very high drive to straight hit might well have caused an accident, as there was time for at least three fieldmen to have got under it, had they wished, but none were tempted. At last he hit a full toss from Hogan to Peate at square leg, who held it.

After his dismissal, there was little of interest. Mr. Judd was shaping nicely when he dragged a ball into his wicket. Mr. Roberts hit two nice fours in his 24, but his score was mainly due to his position as Master in charge of cricket. When he finally hit all across a ball from Walters and was bowled, the unfortunate trundler assured me that Mr. Roberts always had had a set on him, and that there was nothing left for him but swimming next summer.

Mr. Jurd stayed some time, fleeing to the square leg umpire for protection as each ball was bowled. At length, discarding these tactics, he decided to seek refuge with point and was out l.b.w.

Hogan got rid of the next two men with successive balls, and the innings closed for 140. Mr. Moroney, who was not out, shaped nicely.

The school opened with Rudd and Charge to the bowling of Messrs. Roberts and Mason. Charge tried to turn the fourth ball of Mr. Roberts' first over to leg, but mis-timed it and the ball flew high straight behind the batsman. Mr. Mason strolled across from first slip, got well under the ball, sank to his knees, clasped his hands, and opening his mouth, turned his face prayerfully to heaven. The blessing fell, on the grass. Inasmuch as Mr. Mason shortly afterwards caught Rudd, who seemed to think his bat was a broom, off his own bowling, one is tempted to think—

Joined by Beattie, Charge hit the bowling hard; he also hit Mr. Jurd on several occasions. Beattie was batting beautifully and Masters, when asked to bowl, were displaying maidenly coyness. Mr. Austin valiantly volunteered, and bowled with great variety; he came slowly off the pitch, fast off the bat and sharply off the fence; he hit his own toes, the pitch and every picket, but met with no success.

At last Mr. Gillings reluctantly consented to try. Charge went in his first over, and Beattie should have gone in his second. Hills, who took Charge's place, began by using his bat as a trowel and ended by employing it like a pitchfork. He, too, fell to Mr. Gillings, as did Beattie soon after.

Walters, alone of the others, was able to make a stand, but he succeeded in knocking off the necessary runs before time, and added to his sins by frustrating Mr. Roberts' attempt to catch him in the out field.

STAFF.

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| Mr. Harvey, c. Peate, b. Hogan | 56 |
| Mr. Golding, stp. Yates, b. Hogan | 9 |
| Mr. Mason, bowled Walters | 0 |
| Mr. Austin, c. Rudd, b. Hogan | 0 |
| Mr. Judd, bowled Hills | 11 |
| Mr. Roberts, bowled Walters | 24 |
| Mr. Jurd, l.b.w. Bruce | 10 |
| Mr. Moroney, not out | 5 |
| Mr. Gillings, l.b.w. Walters | 6 |
| Mr. Black, c. Rudd, b. Hogan | 0 |
| Mr. Henry, c. Rudd, b. Hogan | 0 |
| Sundries | 18 |
| Total | 140 |

Bowling : Walter 3-19, Charge 0-24, Hogan 5-46, Hills 113, Bruce 1-13.

SCHOOL.

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| Charge, bowled Gillings | 33 |
| Rudd, c and b. Mason | 9 |
| Beattie, bowled Gillings | 37 |
| Hills, bowled Gillings | 16 |
| Walters, not out | 42 |
| Evans, bowled Roberts | 7 |
| Yates, run out | 5 |
| Peate, bowled Harvey | 2 |
| Jones, not out | 6 |
| Sundries | 2 |
| 7 wickets for | 150 |

Bowling : Mason 1 for 21, Roberts 1-47, Gillings 3-28, Black 0-11, Austin 0-21, Harvey 1-19.

SWIMMING

Teams from the school completed in the open events at the Hamilton I.H.S. Carnival, and also in the Combined School's Carnival, held on March 26th.

Atkins won the 100 yards championship at the Hamilton Carnival and our team, Atkins, Brown, Deed and Charlton were also successful in the 200 yards relay.

At the Combined Carnival, our seniors were not well catered for owing to the non-appearance of senior swimmers from other schools, but our juniors carried off the Newcastle Surf Club Cup, after a keen contest. In this section we gained first place in the relay, our team consisting of Hingst, Cane, Underwood and Massey; in the diving championship was won by Massey, and the 50 yards breast stroke by Edgar.

Classes will be formed during the winter months to practise land rescue, release and resuscitation drill, so that members of the school may be able to qualify early next season for the awards of the R.L.S.S. These classes will be held during the physical training period.

Dans sa chétive maisonnette de la banlieue londonienne, le pauvre John Binks voit entrer un homme qui lui demande :

— Vous êtes bien monsieur Binks ?

— Mais oui répond-il aimablement. Prenez une chaise.

— Oh! j'en prendrai plusieurs, réplique le visiteur. Je suis l'huissier, je viens saisir !

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OUR TUCK SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Winney are still endeavouring to meet the wishes of boys in the matter of their mid-day meals. Almost immediately they propose to connect portion of the "arches" into a small restaurant for the winter months. Provision will be made for boys to sit down and eat the following :—

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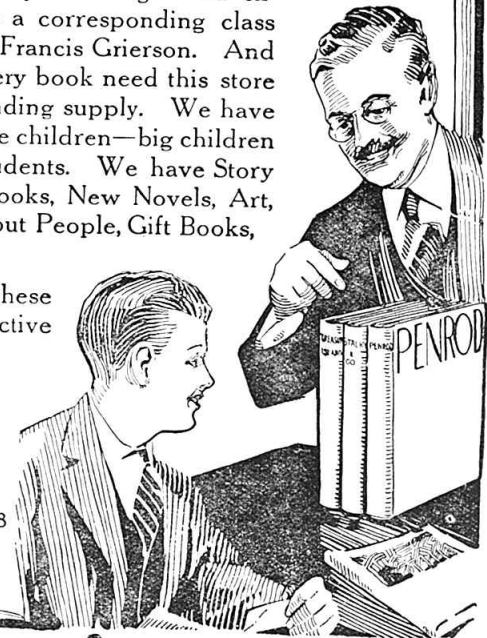
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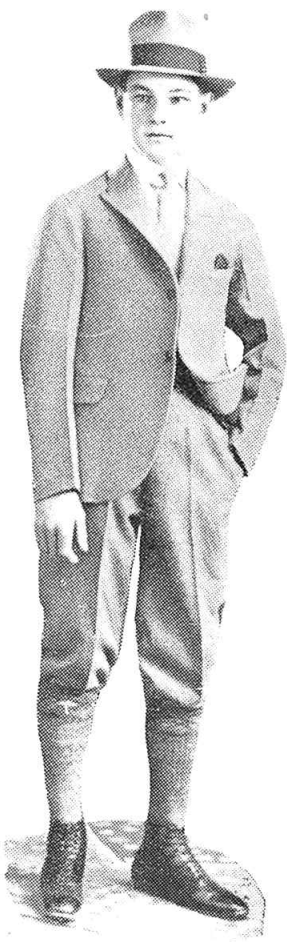
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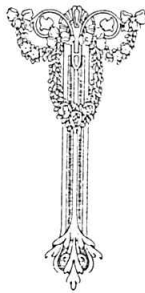
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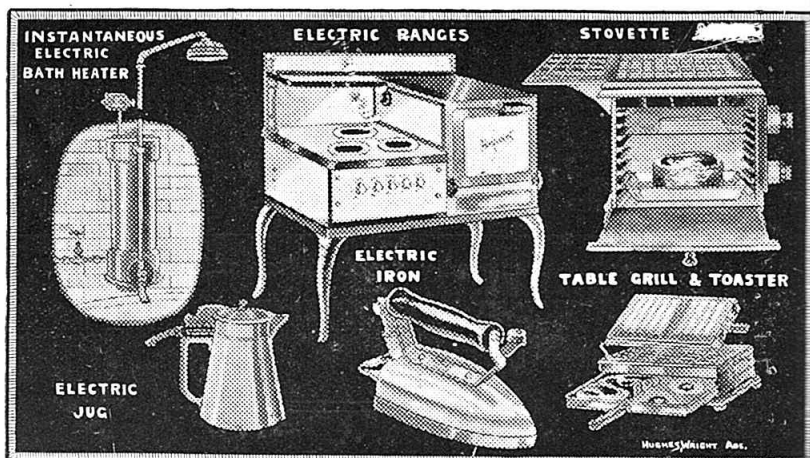
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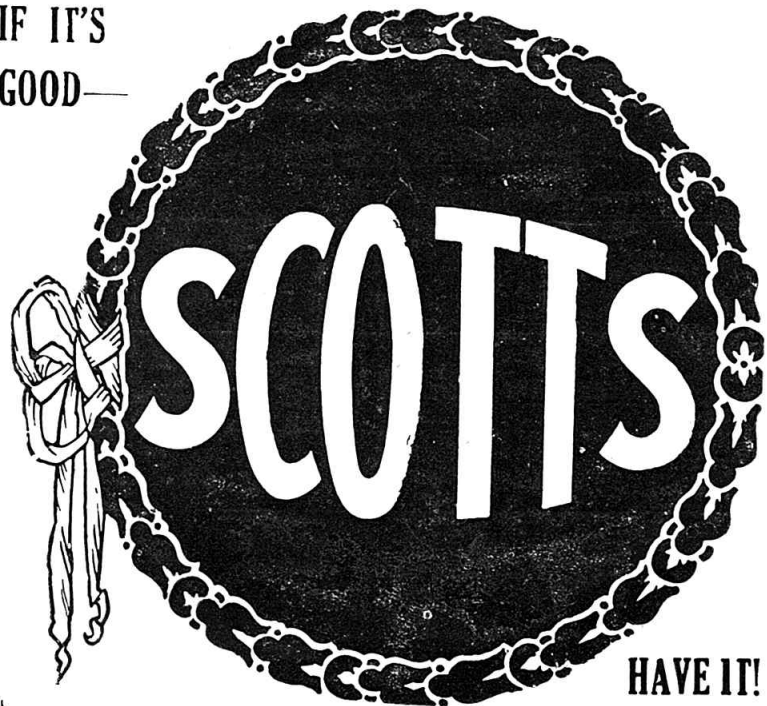
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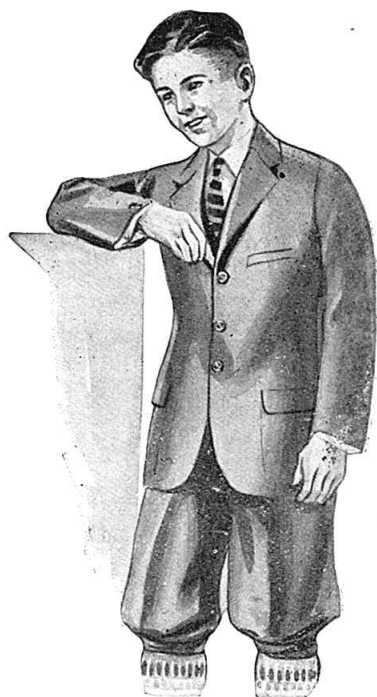
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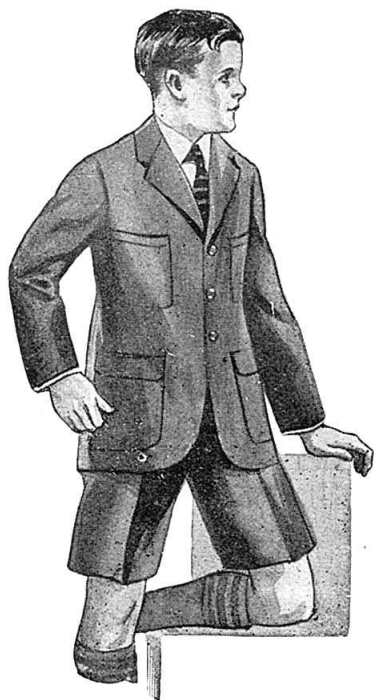
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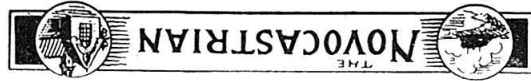
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