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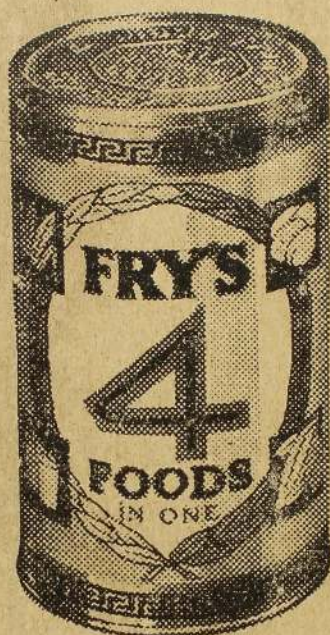
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It is only fitting that so beloved a ruler should make the opening pronouncement at the momentous Conference that meets in London on June 12 to frame plans for rescuing the world from economic chaos, and that his words on that occasion should be broadcast far and wide.

Ceylon's first intimate touch with His Majesty was his visit to this Island many years ago as a young midshipman in the company of his late brother.

The King's desire "to make things right for his men," which always gave him a "happy ship" when he was in the Navy, has been the keynote of his entire career for his intense loyalty, whether to his family, his shipmates, or the nation, has made him loved, as the anxiety over his recent illness has so abundantly proved, not only in England, but all over the world.

It is extraordinarily interesting to follow the account of how His Majesty has trained himself to kingship, for when he started out in life he had little idea that he would ever reach the throne. An example of this is the fact that, as an Army chief, the King started under a handicap, for he had not even enjoyed the military rank and the military command which his high place claimed. A biographer gives one instance:—

"A monarch is essentially, as well as traditionally, a Field Marshal, but it appertains only to the monarch to confer that rank. Yet it was scarcely seemly that on mounting the throne King George should hand the baton to himself, and there took place consequently the unique and almost Gilbertian incident of a bevy of Field Marshals presenting themselves at the Palace, and solemnly requesting His Majesty to include himself in their number."

Again, it is interesting to notice how the King has kept in touch with Foreign Affairs, not so much through the Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office as his father did, but through his own private secretary, who became a liaison officer to Whitehall. Here again we get a glimpse of his extraordinary tact with foreign representatives. On one occasion, when Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador, was unable, through illness, to attend a Court, the King ordered one of the Rules of Ceremony to be waived so that Countess Benckendorff should pass the Presence in the proper sequence held by Russia instead of passing last, as was originally laid down in the book for the wife of the "chef de mission," should the "chef de mission" himself be absent.

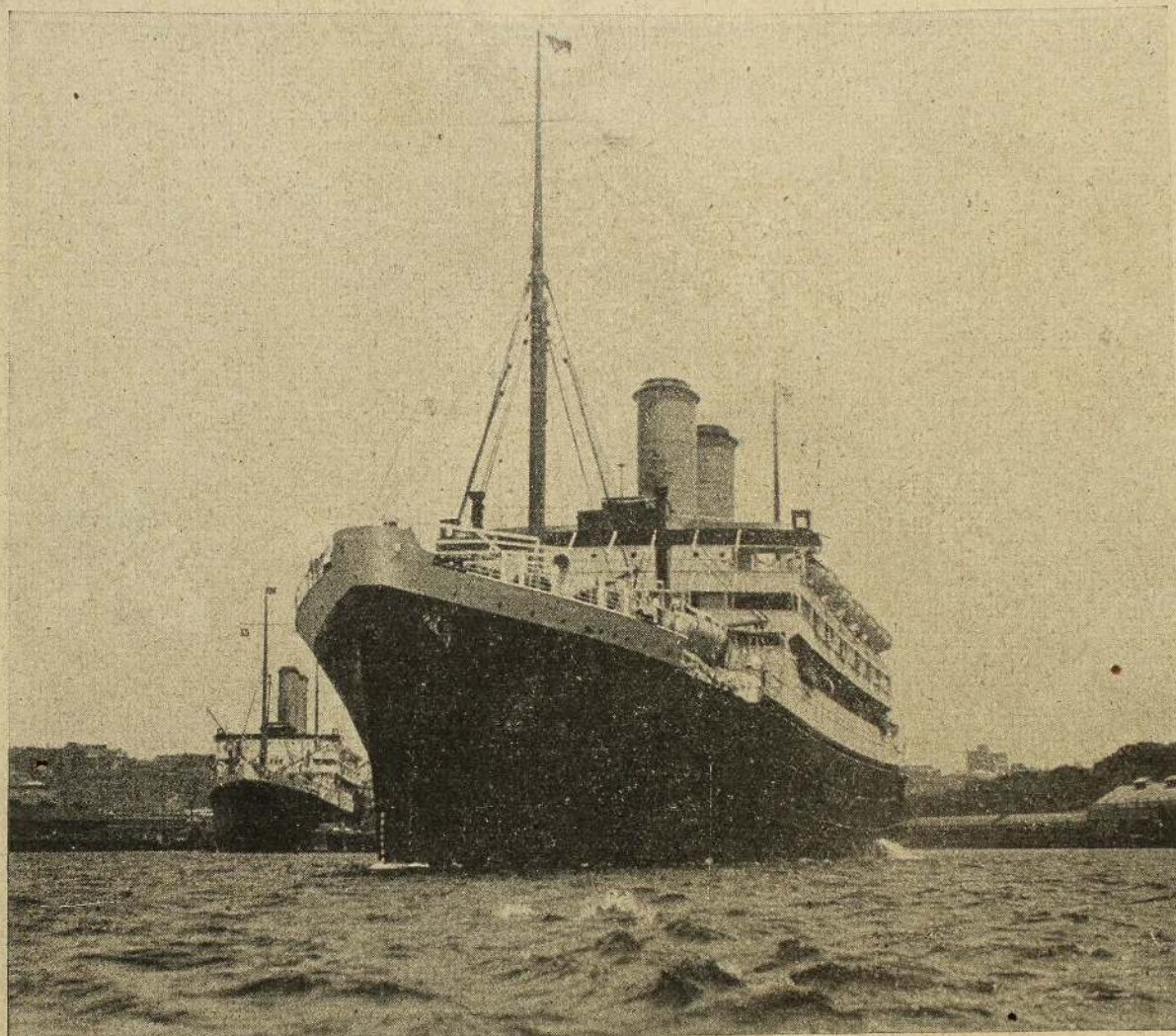
The King cannot be called "a voracious reader, taking books for the information they contain rather than aesthetically," and no writer except Mr. Kipling has been admitted into the inner circle of his acquaintance. The pleasure which could not be derived from literature was reserved from early years for philately.

It has been written of His Majesty:—

"His courage, physical no less than moral, which rises from sheer faith, is founded upon a rock. He need only be a superficial student of King George's public life to mark that life as based on religion in the primary sense of the word, the binding oneself up with God. To those whose work has touched the King's at any point . . . there may have come the conviction that whether to live bravely or to die bravely, God's will was the will of a simple, unpretending Christian."

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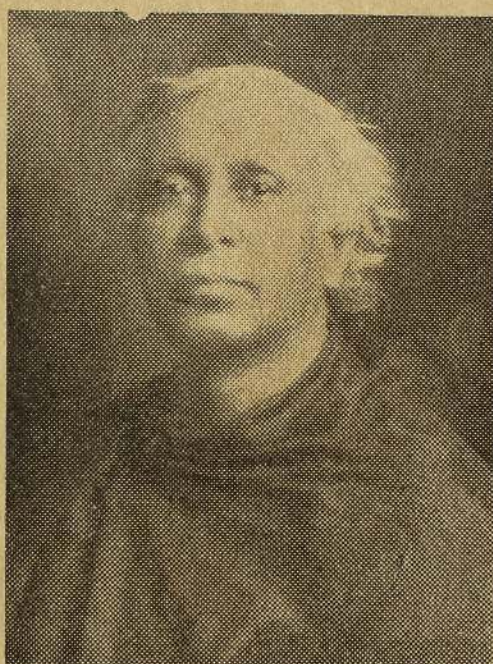
The Editor

READERS will note that *The Ceylon Causerie* has been greatly enlarged with the beginning of the new volume. For this we cordially thank our contributors, subscribers, and advertisers, who have made this enlargement necessary. Among the features of special interest in this number is the first instalment of a paper by the late Mr. Frederick Lewis, who handed over some of his writings to us before his lamented death. Our readers will be glad to have further articles from the pen of so interesting and industrious a worker.

On Sunday the 14th May, the ashes of the Venerable Sri Devamitta Dhammapala were taken to the Maligakande Buddhist temple in procession. Enormous crowds assembled to do honour to the Buddhist missionary who died at Benares after a long life of devoted labour. He was known in Ceylon, the land of his birth, as the Anagarika Dhammapala, and his career was more or less a stormy one. As a young man he entered the Government Clerical Service, but soon gave it up to preach Buddhism. In 1890 he visited India, and the desolated condition of the ancient Buddhist shrines inspired him with the ambition to regain them for the Buddhists. With this view he formed the Maha Bodhi Society, which was the centre of his propaganda work. The Anagarika's activities were probably the chief instruments in the recent revival of Buddhism. He not only stirred up the Buddhists in Ceylon, but he did much to create interest in Buddhism in India and in America. The later part of his life was spent in India, where two years ago he received the full ordination of an Upasampada Bhikku. He died aged 68 years.

That there are people in Colombo, even in the month of May, who

appreciate good English Literature when expounded by a competent and attractive lecturer, was shown by the attendance at the English Association lecture by Father LeGoc. His subject was "Taine on English Literature." M. Taine was a



VEN'BLE SRI DEVAMITTA DHAMMAPALA.

Frenchman, but his was the first complete history of English Literature ever written. It was published in 1863, before the Universities thought the subject worthy of special regard, and it was doubtless the result of the series of lectures he delivered at Oxford. Father LeGoc's lecture was worthy of himself. He reviewed Taine's work, bringing out its essential qualities, showing particularly how a nation's Literature was the expression of its natural genius as modified by its environment.

The Indian Government has now approved the tea-export regulation scheme, including the proviso that tea growing areas are not to be ex-

tended within the next five years except in special cases. The agreement between Ceylon, India and the Dutch Indies, for which legislation will be introduced shortly but will work retrospectively as from 1st April last, is reassuring and will undoubtedly strengthen the position of one of our major industries, which has suffered greatly during the present depression. We should now be able to see the silver lining in one of our darkest clouds.

The Conservative party has so very large a representation in the British House of Commons that one cannot refuse admiration for Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who places country before self and is a loyal supporter of the National Government. Perhaps nothing was so effective as Mr. Baldwin's declaration at a mass meeting of Conservative women at the Albert Hall that he would take the responsibility of supporting the Government's Indian proposal whatever the consequences. Mr. Winston Churchill's policy appears to be attracting very little support.

Mr. Roosevelt's vigorous policy to raise commodity prices in America should have its repercussions on the rest of the world.

In his own picturesque language America was "dying by inches" when he assumed office. We have the authority of Holy Writ for the warning that he that girdeth on his armour should not boast as he that putteth off. But all the same we trust that the new President of the U. S. A. will be able to achieve as much as he hopes to do.

It is not due to lack of effort, particularly on the part of Mr. Justice Akbar that the activities of Crime Prevention Societies have not met with a large measure of success. The public appreciation of Mr. Akbar's efforts won signal recognition at the second anniversary meeting of the Kirilapone Social and Anti-Crime Society, when a Buddhist priest declared that if the learned Judge gave up office and devoted his full time to the cause on which he had set his heart, far greater results would be achieved.



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By E. H. van der Wall.

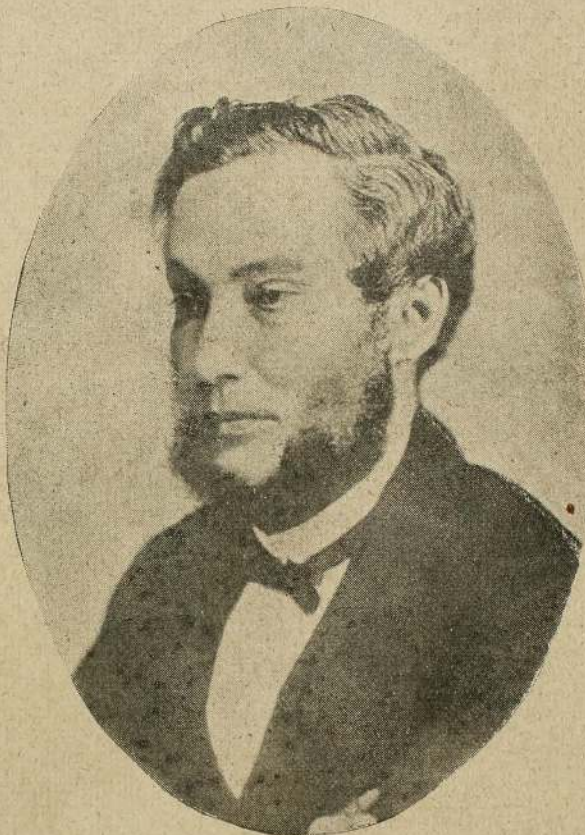
MANY names of places acquire a special significance and interest from their association with the lives of celebrated persons. Stratford-on-Avon would have hardly found a place on the map had it not been the birthplace of Shakespeare. While obscure places acquire name and fame from association with great persons, places that already possess some claim to recognition receive added lustre for the same reason. Kitchener of Khartoum, Arnold of Rugby, The Maid of Orleans and, with due reverence, Jesus of Nazareth, furnish apt illustrations.

When towns or villages in which great persons were born or acquired greatness are thus immortalised a strong element of human interest is furnished by the homes in which they lived and the scenes familiar to their eyes in their daily round of duty.

Matara has many claims to public recognition but none greater than the fact that it is the birthplace of Lorenz. "The greatest Ceylonese of all times" first saw the light of day at "Rose Cottage," which is situated about half a mile from the Matara Fort, on the right bank of the Nilwala-Ganga, and not on the left bank, as erroneously stated by Digby and repeated by several other writers. "Rose Cottage" is a single-storeyed house of moderate size with a fairly large compound reaching to the river, which at this point is bifurcated by Medagoda, the picturesque spit of land on which now stands the town residence of Mr. Edward Buultjens.

Some years later, the Lorenz family moved to "Lodge Harmony," the larger and more commodious two-storeyed house which adjoins "Rose Cottage." "Lodge Harmony" is equipped with a double drawing room and a large number of large, lofty and well-ventilated rooms. A sketch of one of the rooms published in the Lorenz centenary monograph in 1929 explains how "Lodge Harmony" acquired its name, for one

daughter is seen playing on the spinet, the forerunner of the piano, another on the harp, the elder son on the 'cello and the younger son, Charles Ambrose himself, on the flute, on which he was a most skilled performer. The parents are seen listening, the quaint costumes of the



C. A. LORENZ.

period and the furnishing of the room giving an added charm to the picture.

Lorenz's father, who was Sitting Magistrate at Matara for many years, was probably one of the best known officials of that town, as the following incident will show.

The Governor, who was on circuit in Matara District, was coming down by boat from Akuressa to Matara, and had instructed his boatmen to pull up at the residence of the Assistant Government Agent, who was expecting him to dinner. The boatmen, however, passed the Residency, which lay by the Fort Gate and landed their distinguished passenger at "Lodge Harmony," where the Sitting Magistrate lived. Not to be outdone in politeness, Lorenz pere

pressed the Governor to be his guest and the Governor yielded to the request, only when the Assistant Government Agent, who had by this time arrived on the scene, agreed to form one of the dinner party at "Lodge Harmony."

"Lodge Harmony" had once again a distinguished occupant, when J. H. Ernst, a leading Proctor and townsman, and also a kinsman and friend of Lorenz, lived there from 1894 to 1900. At this period, I was a master at the Royal College and regularly spent my holidays at "Lodge Harmony," of which I have the happiest recollections. From the back compound one gets excellent fishing and crab-catching and I have no doubt that these furnished an agreeable pastime to the youthful Lorenz just as they did to me.

To quote from Digby's sketch of Lorenz: "Whenever it was his good fortune to escape from the incessant calls of business and take a holiday, he enjoyed no journey more than one that had a visit to Matara for its object. Returning after an interval of many years, he would walk out in search of the familiar old places and old faces of his boyhood days and with the eager relish of a boy just let loose from school would he revisit scenes and recall memories which seemed to be ever present to his mind."

We may be sure that in these rambles the rooms and the grounds of his old home "Lodge Harmony" had a prominent place.

I am tempted to add a story here to show how strong a hold the historic old house, which bore the name "Lodge Harmony" on its gates, had on the popular imagination.

It was many years ago when I was a school-boy in the good old town of Matara and when teaching methods were not up to the high standard of modern day requirements. "Meaning books" were in great demand and the memorising of synonyms of all kinds of words was not an easy task. The master demanded the meaning of "Lodge" and directed his question at one of my class-mates, who later attained a prominent position in public life. With a ready smile of assurance there came the instant reply "Harmony!"

(To be continued.)

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By F. L. G.

THE English Cricket Season opened in weather fit rather for polar bears, than human beings, as one Cricket writer put it, and the conditions have been most unfavourable for players and spectators alike. There has been an uncomfortably cold snap in the air, while the wickets themselves have, in the main, been soft and dead. These conditions have been totally against the West Indians, who are the official visitors to England, and in their opening match against the Counties, they fared most inauspiciously, and had to acknowledge an innings defeat from so mediocre a side as Northampton. It was a most disheartening start, and too bad to be true, as the West Indians are known to possess a side which on good wickets, and in warm weather, are expected to do very well. The greatest interest centres round Headley, who is regarded as one of the foremost batsmen of the age.

The return of the victorious M. C. C. cricketers from Australia, and the revival of the vexed topic of body line bowling, and the published views of famous cricketers like Jack Hobbs and Larwood, have invested the opening days of the cricket season with a degree of warmth that the cheerless weather has denied the actual cricket.

Ceylon has special reason for interest in the opening of the season, for at Lord's, Dudley Senanayake, the elder son of the Hon. Mr. D. S. Senanayake, covered himself with glory by making a splendid 50 against a strong M.C.C. team, which included the England bowler Peebles. A week later Robert Senanayake, the younger brother, had the rare distinction of playing in the Cambridge Freshmen's Match, thus being the third Thomian, and the fourth Ceylonese, to be awarded the honour. Robert Senanayake has followed in the wake of Shelton de Saram, S. Saravanamuttu and C. T. Van Geyzel. The Hon. Mr. D. S. Senanayake arrived in London on the first day of the match, and despite the fact that he had left Ceylon a sick man, and that he had done

London, 11th May. a 24 hour journey from Marseilles, he went straight away to Cambridge to see his son play in the match,—a strong tribute to his energy and enthusiasm. Robert Senanayake has done splendidly to come into the limelight as a Freshman, and he has had the unique distinction of having



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ROBERT SENANAYAKE.

been invited to the University nets, the hall mark of class at the Universities. He should go far.

Once the weather settles down, there is every reason to expect a good cricket season, as the funds of the County Clubs will receive a stimulus from the allocation of the profits of the Australian tour, which will shortly be divided.

At the Universities, cricket has begun in full swing, despite the weather, and at Oxford two Indians appeared in the Freshmen's match, one of whom, Parasasathy, was in Ceylon last October, with the Madras Presidency College team. As he is also a Hockey player of considerable distinction, we hope to hear something of this young sportsman in the coming years. At Cambridge, Jehangir Khan the All India cricketer, seems reasonably safe to be awarded his 'Blue,' as he is a bowler of a type which either University would be glad to have.

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PROMINENT among the men who "live in deeds, not years" is Dr. Charles Alexander de Silva, who died at the early age of 32, after a short life crowded with great achievement.

Dr. de Silva, who was born at Matale, on the 13th May, 1864, attended the Matale Anglo-Vernacular School up to the age of 12, when he entered the Colombo Academy to finish his education. At the age of seventeen he decided to join the Ceylon Medical College and went to Mr. J. B. F. Cull for his leaving certificate. He was always young in appearance, even for his years, and Mr. Cull looking him up and down observed: "I don't think anyone will call you in as a doctor".

Shortly after Dr. de Silva returned from England and set up as a medical practitioner at the old Clergy House, at San Sebastian, adjoining the Royal College, Mrs. Cull fell ill and Mr. Cull called in Dr. de Silva to see the patient. After attending to her, Dr. de Silva could not resist the temptation of reminding his old Principal of his prophecy, which events had so soon falsified.

At the Ceylon Medical College, Dr. de Silva forced the pace, passing all his examinations at the earliest possible opportunity. He passed his final examination along with Drs. Emmanuel Roberts and Andreas Nell, both shining stars of the Medical profession in Ceylon.

Shortly after qualifying at the Ceylon Medical College, Dr. de Silva left for England where he obtained the qualifications of M. R. C. S. (Eng.) and L. R. C. P. (Lond.) It is interesting to record the fact that while in England, he was attached to the London Hospital in the East End, during the Jack the Ripper sensations.

Dr. de Silva returned to Ceylon from England in 1890 and died on the 4th of January, 1897. During the brief period of seven years, he attained

a practice and a reputation, which have seldom been equalled even by the leaders of the profession, at the zenith of their careers.

His patients were drawn from all sections of the community, but in his eyes they were all the same. It did



DR. C. A. DE SILVA.

not matter to him whether fees were paid for his services or not, and he often went out at an unseasonable hour of the night to visit a poor patient, who could return only gratitude for the service of love he received.

Dr. de Silva held the rank of Deputy Assistant Colonial Surgeon in the Ceylon Medical Service. After serving at Marawila and as House Surgeon at the General Hospital, Colombo, he was appointed Demonstrator in Anatomy at the Ceylon Medical College and later Assistant Physician at the General Hospital and Medical Officer in charge of the Outpatients' Department.

On the 20th October, 1896, Dr. de Silva married Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swan. It is sad to reflect that within three months of his marriage and almost within the echo

of his wedding bells one heard the mournful knell at his funeral.

That so widely popular a man should be cut off in his early manhood, in the midst of his valued and benevolent activities, and so shortly after his happy marriage, roused public feeling to an unusual degree and was regarded as little short of a tragedy.

Dr. de Silva had deep religious convictions and was a loyal member of the Church of England. It was characteristic of the man that he attended the poor church of St. Paul's, Pettah, where he sat under the ministrations of his constant companion, the Rev. O. Beven.

In the midst of his busy life he did not neglect his daily prayers nor the devotional reading of his bible. He made no parade of his religion, but his life was inspired by the principles which guide and uphold a Christian gentleman. Almost his last words were: "I am not sorry I worked so hard and did my duty."

To those who knew him best Dr. de Silva's death was not an occasion for tears. It was a matter for thankfulness that a young man should have made so noble an achievement with his life and left behind him so inspiring an example for the guidance of others.

It was only a few years before his death that he came to Colombo unknown, except to a few of his contemporaries at the Academy and at the Medical College. That he achieved so much and in so short a time was due to no adventitious aid but to his own gifts of personality and character.

A medical friend, who knew Dr. de Silva from the beginning of his course at the Medical College, wrote at the time of his death: "The hearts of all who knew him or heard of him are too sore yet to speak adequately of the very heavy loss they have sustained. But what of the poor of Colombo? They have lost a brother, not a mere friend. His name will never be forgotten, his memory will be ever cherished."

The funeral service took place at the General Cemetery and was conducted by the Bishop of Colombo, assisted by the Revs. F. H. de Winton and O. Beven. There was a very large attendance.



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By Frederick Lewis

THERE were unusual signs of activity about the Governor's House, even such as it was in those days. The day had been oppressively hot, and the very crows themselves showed their feelings by hopping listlessly about with their beaks open, wearing an air of lethargy. A few fruit trees, such as Mangoes and Jaks, afforded a little shade, but most of the vegetation around was of Cinnamon that here usurped what might have been a more artistic garden.

The house was a poor building, and one that but a few years before had been a Powder Magazine, standing not many yards from the Powder mill itself, where the Dutch manufactured this important article. The buildings had been renovated after a fashion, and here a care-worn ruler had made his home. In the offing to the west and south, the sea was clearly visible at no great distance. The sea, slowly heaving, looked hot and oily in the sweltering heat of a December day, while in the open roadstead lay a few sailing ships and fishing boats, that lazily rolled with the ocean swells that came in from the north west. In the Fort there was much more animation, though perhaps the grim Fort walls made the temperature even higher than out on the hill where the Governor resided. There hovered over the place an air of uncertainty, alleviated only by the recent brilliant victory over the Kandians by Pollock, that saved Colombo of the danger of immediate invasion. The Kandyan army had been routed at Hanwella, and the fire-eating Beaver had, with a handful, scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts in more than one tough engagement. But the tragedy of Kandy still sank deep into men's hearts, and they burned to avenge it.

There was reason for depression in all conscience, for our late expedition to Kandy, with all its brilliant advance, had ended in calamitous defeat, that left its after-

thoughts with many, and the sorrow for a solitary man, a prisoner at the mercy of a monster.

The unbearable feeling of defeat and sorrow extended to the Ruler's wretched home, though he, as representing his Sovereign, bore his tribulation with as much fortitude as his august office compelled him to assume. Let us try and picture the situation this man found himself the ruler of. He had to administer a strip of country round an Island, the interior of which was governed by an autocratic and violently hostile Monarch. The centre of this circle was an unknown land as far as we were concerned, and its people were our enemies, whose language, customs, laws, and faith, we then were ignorant of.

A mere path traversed this narrow collar of our possessions, so that rapid communication, even on horseback—then our quickest means of travel—had its obvious limitations. The people of this new territory were not acquainted with British rule, and had but recently been governed by a Government with different methods and with indifferent reputation. Nor was it certain at first that our newly acquired holding of the coasts of a Tropic Island was to remain permanently our property, for the Treaty of Amiens was yet hardly dry, and the great terror of Europe was still undefeated, so that the very sea was a danger to this easily captured land. Finance was difficult; communication with Europe still more so and slow; and within the new administration there were elements of very doubtful loyalty needing ceaseless tact and skill to keep to heel. Such, very briefly sketched, were the conditions that the Hon'ble Mr. Frederick North found around him when he assumed the Governorship of Ceylon, and his difficulties had been immeasurably increased by the disastrous termination of our campaign to the Kandyan capital in June of 1803.

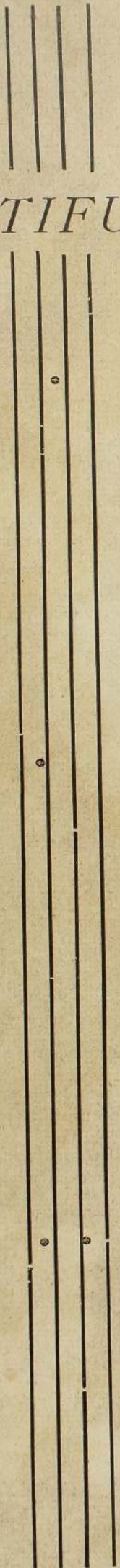
It was during these dark days of his solitary anguish, that Viscount Valentia visited Ceylon as North's guest. That visit supplied us with much historical matter, of which we shall give an outline later.

As already remarked, more than usual activity characterised the movements in Mr. North's residence at St. Sebastian, and preparations were made for the arrival of this august visitor and proud member of a house of the British aristocracy. Rooms were prepared, but in the circumstances of the time these were devoid of any of the luxuries enjoyed by any civilian of the present day. But what was wanting in conveniences and luxuries was more than compensated for by the kindness and unbounded hospitality of Mr. North himself, who spared no pains to render his illustrious visitor as comfortable as the circumstances of the time or the means at hand would admit. At one p.m. on the 22nd of December, 1803, Viscount Valentia arrived, having travelled with his escort all the way from Galle in Palanquins, carried by relays of Sinhalese coolies; one of the party being Mr. H. Salt, an artist, who Valentia had to thank for some exquisite pictures drawn by Salt during this Nobleman's many adventures and travels in the East.

Valentia was an invalid at the time of his arrival in Ceylon, his condition not a little adding to Mr. North's anxieties, for it must be remembered that in those far off days our Medical facilities were few, and suitable medicines most difficult to procure in any form.

North immediately placed his most distinguished guest under the care of Dr. Christie, the Chief Surgeon of Colombo, then a young man of very considerable talent and ability. The patient was pallid, weary with a long journey, and sick in body, though active in mind, with an activity born of a restless nature and a dynamic brain. The Doctor prescribed rest for the illustrious patient, or such as could be gathered midst strange and inharmonious surroundings. It was difficult to find comfort where comfort was a novelty, but the patient possessed that saving gift of philosophy that is the handmaid of health, which

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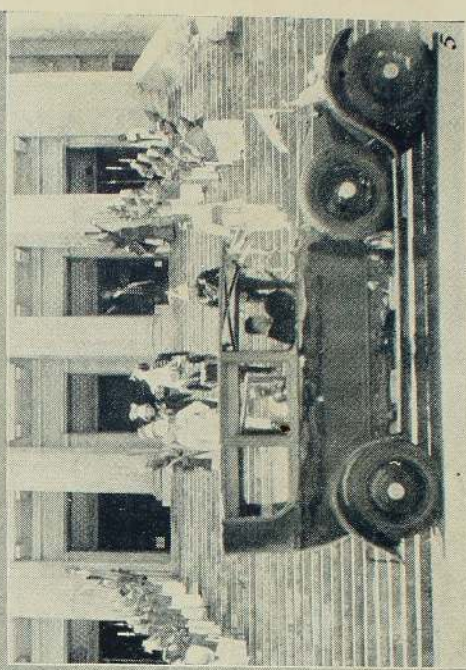
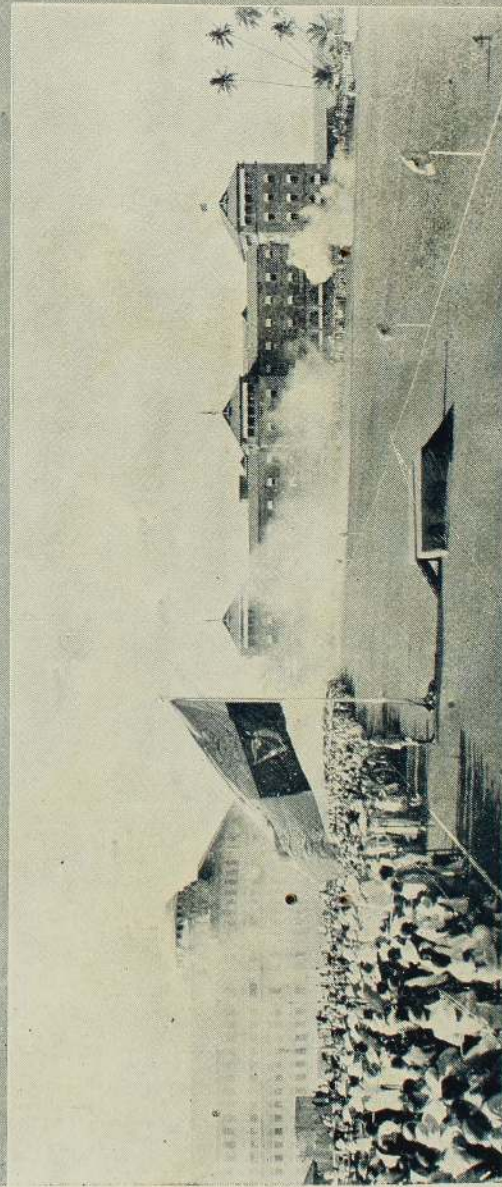
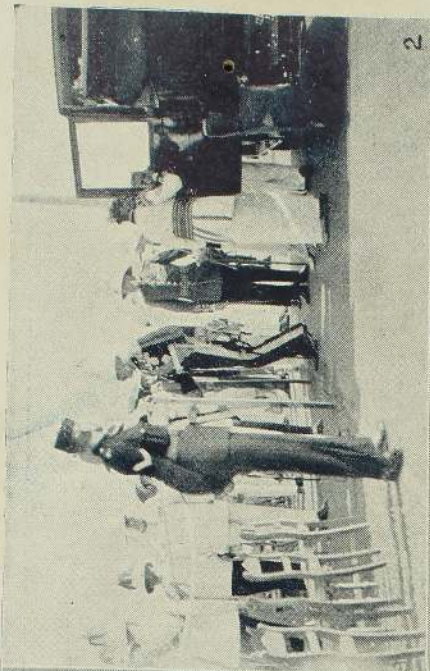
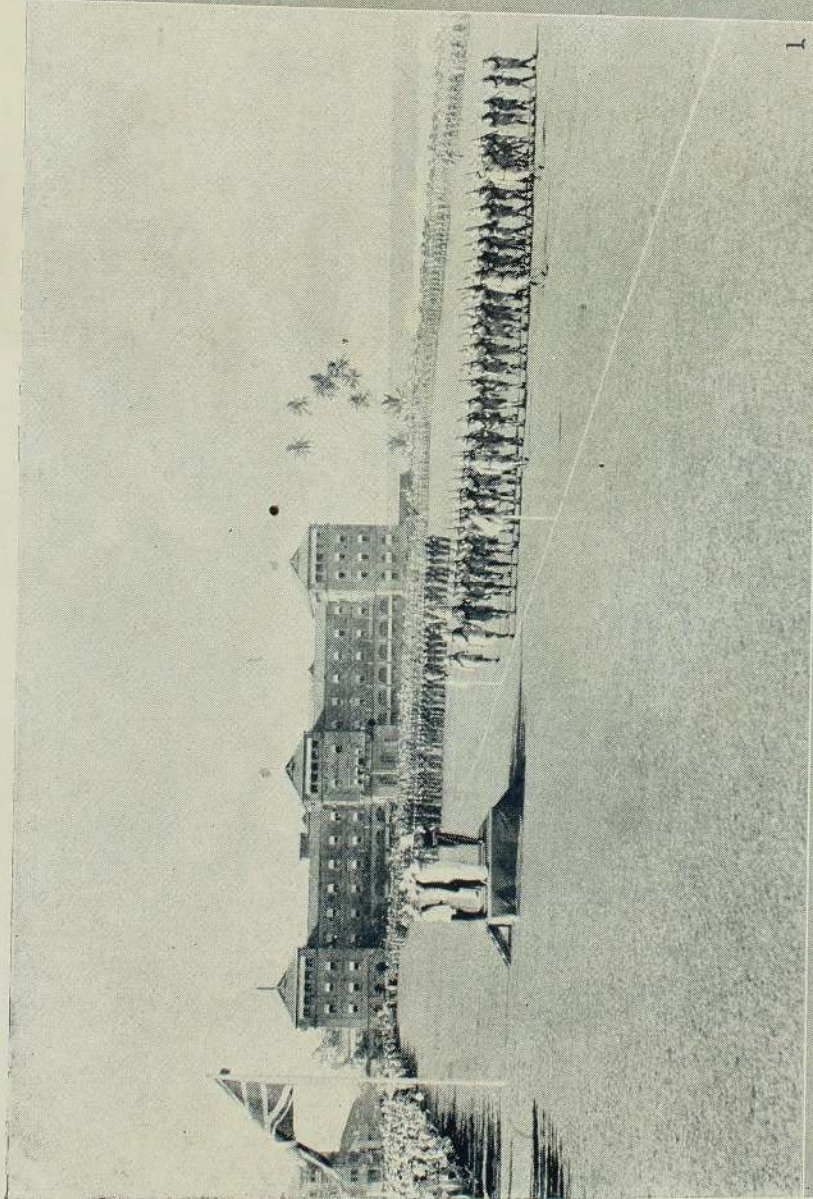
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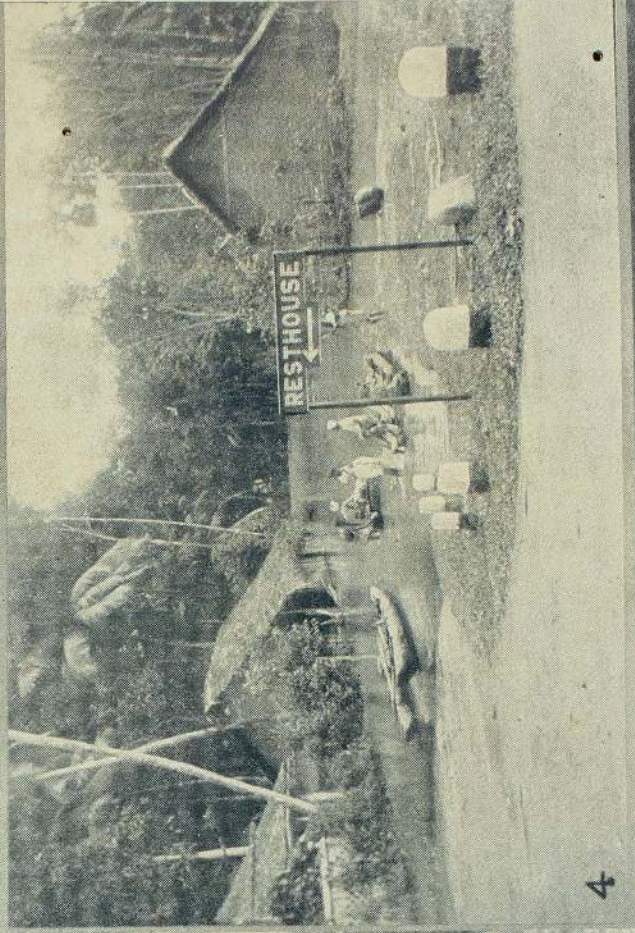
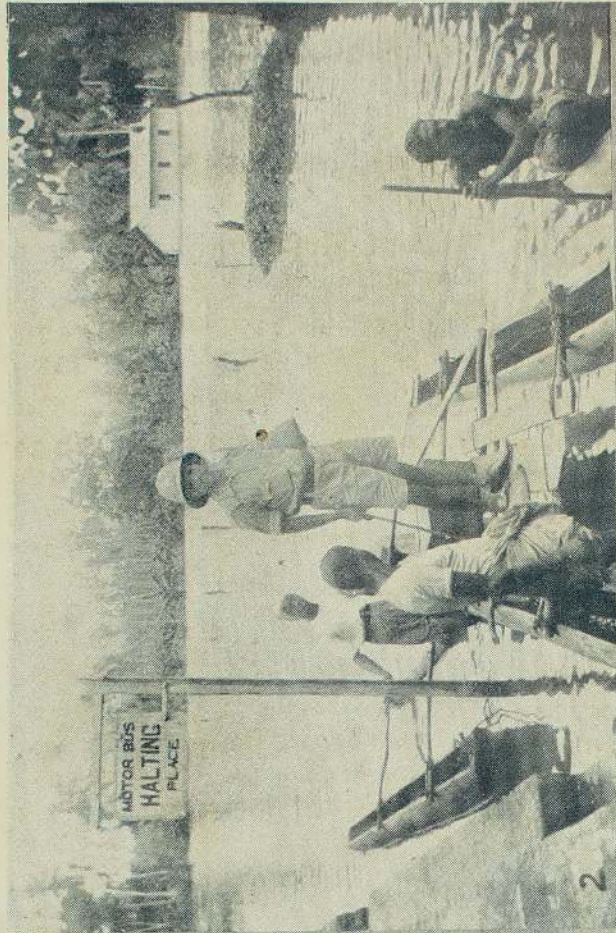
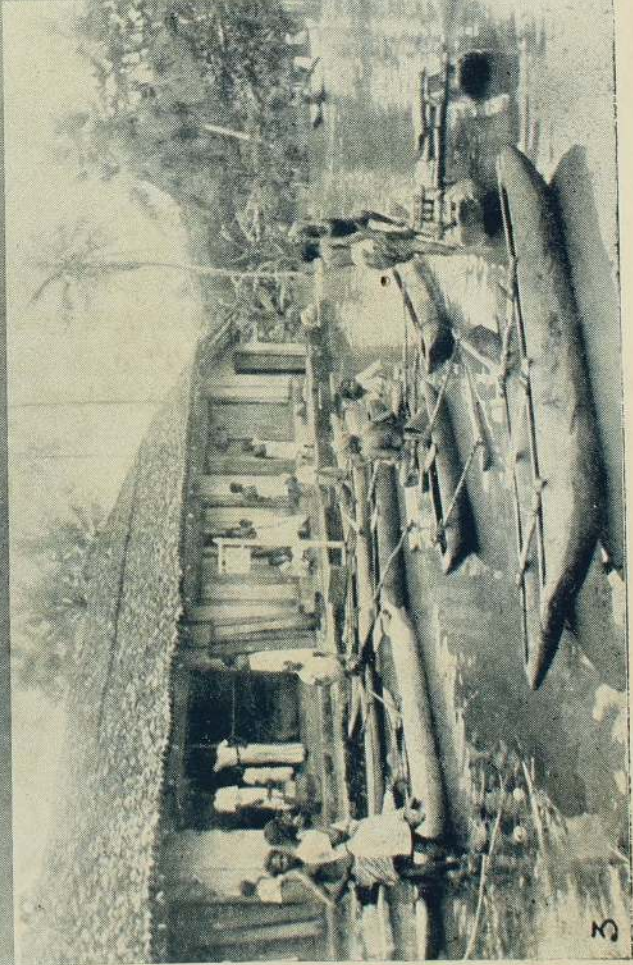
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HUMOROUS AND OTHERWISE

THERE is no official confirmation of the rumour that the Monsoon has arrived.

At the moment of writing, a minor flood is imminent.

But the weather authorities have tactfully decided to grant it "Major" rank.

Nuwara Eliya has had its heaviest deluge since 1916.

But it is not true that the Turf Club were contemplating a Regatta on the Racecourse when the rains ceased.

There is much talk about an Air Mail Service between Colombo and Madras.

In fact, everything is "in the air" except the 'planes.

"Trade Follows the 'Phone," says a Post Office slogan.

But it often seems to get the wrong number.

Chilaw is jubilant over the abolition of the water rate.

Towns that were recently flooded felt like asking their Urban Councils to abolish water.

"Over payment at Bank," says a headline.

Somebody must be generous these days, even by accident.

The wind velocity in Colombo recently was reported to be 53 M.P.H.

And what were the Traffic Police doing all the time?

Somebody has predicted that the world will end on June 12.

So, why worry about not having won a prize in the Irish Sweep?

Boutiques on wheels are becoming a nuisance.

The only good thing about them is that they can be made to move on.

Mr D. R. Jardine has confessed that body-line bowling is meaningless to him.

Harold Larwood, of course, refused to explain it.

An evening paper reminds us that fifty years ago, a Ceylon planter was poisoned by wearing a bright pair of socks.

And it was only the other day we saw a tie whose pattern was positively poisonous, but its wearer is still alive.

We shall soon be able to telephone to London from Colombo.

That is, if the operator does not put us through to Timbuctoo instead.

A Jaffna politician has discovered a leopard that trims its sails.

That is going one better than merely changing its spots.

In some parts of America until recently, drinking water was actually sold.

In most parts of America at present it is not even drunk.

A thief got away the other day with 2,000 cigarettes.

Evidently a coupon collector.

A Dress Reformer says that the ideal hat for a soldier would be of light floppy linen.

And what about dinky white sun-bonnets for Sergt.-Majors?

Talking of body-line bowling, a man who faced a local Larwood

claims to have scored four leg byes with his left ear.

Anti-betting cranks can sometimes go to extremes.

We know one who even refuses to back his car—into a garage.

Lord Rothermere has found Ceylon full of "warnings."

Why didn't somebody warn him not to come here?

Talking of heavy rainfall, a dear old lady exclaimed: "What's 10 inches after all? Not enough to drown a rat!"

An advertiser interested in "strictly economical living" invited suggestions.

Has he tried lunching three times a week on one hard-boiled egg washed down with a cup of lukewarm water?

The latest rumour from Amsterdam is that Dutch rubber-growers are beginning to think that it would not be a bad idea to consider whether they ought to think out a plan for restricting the number of restriction schemes. What?

Two fellows in the club were having a slight argument. "Look here," said one, "you've got no will-power when it comes to gambling. You couldn't chuck punting for a week, no matter how hard you tried." "Oh, couldn't I?" replied the other warmly. "What do you bet I couldn't?"

In a certain mixed amateur orchestra a number of marriages resulted. It was observed that those who paired off never played the same instruments. "This is a fortunate circumstance," said a speaker, alluding humorously to the happy events, "for any professional jealousy will be obviated. I shudder to think for example, what might happen if a lady conductor married a gentleman conductor." "Oh," said a witty member of the platform party instantly, "that would undoubtedly be a case of misconduct."

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The subject of this sketch was great grandson of Abraham Joseph, who came out to Ceylon with the Regiment de Meuron and served under the Dutch from 1790, up to the capitulation of Ceylon to the British. On obtaining his discharge, he settled down in the Island and was the founder of the Joseph family in Ceylon.

The next Abraham Joseph, who sought a military career, was Abraham Orlando Joseph, one of the best known Proctors and Notaries of his day, who was appointed 2nd. Lieutenant of the Ceylon Light Infantry Volunteer Corps, established in 1881. His son, Col. E. H. Joseph, V. D., rendered much distinguished service to the Island as Officer Commanding the Ceylon Garrison Artillery.

The Joseph family made their contribution to the Great War, in which Lieut. Rory Joseph of the Royal Flying Corps made the supreme sacrifice and Halford Joseph of the same Corps was wounded.

Capt. S. P. Joseph, V.D., began his military service at the very bottom

of the ladder, as a member of the Cadets in the Royal College Corps. As such he was present on parade in



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CAPT. S. P. JOSEPH, V.D.,

1889, when Major-General Dunham Massy complimented the Cadets on their smart turn out and steadiness on parade.

When Capt. Joseph enlisted as a private in the Ceylon Light Infantry in 1890, he was still a boy at the Royal College. He retired early this year after a period of over 42 years

of active service, 17 of which were in the Ceylon Light Infantry and 25 in the Ceylon Medical Corps.

Capt. Joseph is one of the pioneers whose experience of military camps dates from the first camp held at Urugasmanhandiya, in 1890. He had the distinction of being a member of the Ceylon Contingent, which attended the coronation of King Edward VII.

He put his visit to Europe to good practical use for he proceeded immediately from London to Edinburgh, where he obtained his British qualifications, and on his return to Ceylon started his career in the Medical Department.

His Medical record is as creditable to him as his military record, for joining as a House Officer, he moved steadily up the line of promotion till he reached the responsible post of a Provincial Surgeon. From the time of the great Dr. W. G. Grace there has been a link between cricket and the medical profession and the names of Van Geyzel, Raffel, Foenander, Gunasekera and Joseph have maintained the Ceylon tradition.

Captain Joseph will be remembered by posterity as one of the famous eleven brothers who furnished a cricket team which defeated the Bloomfields Club and was equal to the best. As an old member of the Colombo Colts Cricket Club, Dr. Joseph holds an enviable record and has established a claim to enduring fame.

Soldier, surgeon, sportsman, we wish him the very best in the eventide of his life which must afford him so many opportunities for happy retrospect.

WE congratulate Mr. P. B. Rana-rajah on his election at the Galagadera by-election to fill the seat in the State Council, rendered vacant by the continued absence of Mr. P. B. Nugawela, Dissave.

Mr. R. Sri Pathmanathan, who has been chosen as Ceylon's trade representative in Egypt should be able to do a great deal in pushing the case for Ceylon in the ancient land of the Pharaohs. Mr. Sri Pathmanathan, who was educated at Oxford and was called to the Bar

at the Inner Temple, speaks several languages with facility. He served as a member of the old Legislative Council and has accumulated much experience which should be useful to him in his new sphere of work.

Mr. F. J. S. Turner of the Forest Department, or "Father Turner" as he is affectionately known among his friends, has retired after 28 years of service. He is still below the usual age of retirement and should find a useful outlet for his energies

in the homeland or elsewhere. Like many men who have experienced life away from towns, Mr. Turner has an excellent opinion of the Sinhalese villager, the Simon pure, uncontaminated by urban civilisation. "The Sinhalese villager" he says "never deserted me when I was in great danger, and that was not unfrequent." The fact that during the whole of Mr. Turner's residence in Ceylon he had the same Sinhalese servant, is not merely a testimonial to the character of the servant but of his employer as well.

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Current Topics

By Vigilant

THE Hon. Mr. Peri Sundaram, the Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce, undoubtedly made out a good case for a closer association between Ceylon and her big neighbour, in his recent important mission to India. The interests of the two countries are so closely interwoven that a dispassionate examination of these interests should clear the way for an understanding in trade, which should be of the greatest benefit to both. The cold light of self-interest will be naturally the basis on which proposals will be formulated, for sentiment, valuable as it is in human affairs, will have very little place in such practical matters.

India has an enormous export trade with Ceylon in rice, curry stuffs, cotton goods, etc., and also secures in Ceylon a welcome outlet for its surplus population, who find employment on our estates and elsewhere. This is all to the good so far as India is concerned. What Ceylon asks for is some liberality in regard to the Indian customs duties on coconuts, once our gilt edged security but now struggling for a bare existence on the scantiest margin of profit. If the words of the Hon. Mr. Peri Sundaram have not fallen by the way side, the recent negotiations in India should yield valuable results.

Sir H. L. Dowbiggin has made so conspicuous a success of the Ceylon Police Force during his able and vigorous administration that his suggestions regarding the efficient maintenance and the contentment of that Force are entitled to a respectful hearing. Breaking down an edifice that has been patiently constructed for years by able hands is a simple enough matter. The work of reconstruction, when better times come, may not be easy, especially if the hand of the master builder is not there. The public will have full confidence in the Governor's intervention to get the Police their just dues in this matter of "paramount importance."

In accordance with a scheme to attach to the Colonial Office in London, Law Officers of the Crown from different parts of the Colonies, Mr. R. R. Crossette-Thambiah, Crown Counsel, Ceylon, is now working in London. At various times some of our Doctors, Engineers and



THE HON. MR. PERI SUNDARAM.

Teachers have worked in the British Isles. I wonder that a scheme for periodical exchange of duty between officers in the British Isles and the Colonies has not suggested itself to the authorities. The advantages offered to Colonial officers, who work in the heart of the Empire, are obvious. But the Colonies have their advantages to offer as well. A British law-officer would learn how the law is administered in the Colonies, the British doctor would study tropical diseases at their home centres, the British engineer would leave the problems that apply to construction and maintenance work under new conditions and the British teachers would learn practical lessons from the geography and travel outside the homeland. A twelve-month scheme of exchange under proper control and direction would serve an excellent purpose.

The proposed experiment in Excise work of handing over to village headmen the detection of illicit sales

and tapping has much to recommend it. The duplication of official activities in rural areas, where the headmen can easily exercise their jurisdiction, defeats its own purpose. For these headmen, shorn of power, can follow a course of passive resistance which can bring to naught the best laid plans of rival officials.

If the character of village headmen has not been always high, the same is unfortunately true of some officers of the Excise Department. The experiment is certainly worth trying both in the interests of efficiency and of economy.

Responsibility exercises a sobering influence and there can be very little doubt besides that the fierce light which modern democracy throws on village activities will produce a type of headmen who are entitled to public confidence. A good deal of work of a minor character in rural areas can be gradually entrusted to village headmen.

Should these headmen be elected by popular vote? There is something to be said for this method of election, but in the present stage of our development, universal suffrage has its defects and the ideal village election is one in which the popular verdict should be subject to the veto of the Revenue Officer in charge of the district. It is not impossible for a thoroughly undesirable man so to influence or to terrorise the people that he is returned at the head of the poll. Three dangers are inevitable in dealing with a democracy which is largely illiterate, and must be balanced by the calmness and the judgment of a tried and experienced officer of Government.

The French Socialist paper "Le Populaire" attempts to furnish a reason for the sequence of Cambridge wins in the Boat races. Says "Le Populaire,"—"Oxford is the temple of aristocratic youth, whose sluggish blood provides athletic talent far below that of Cambridge, which is recruited from men of more humble origin." It strikes us that the imputations are hardly deserved either by Oxford or Cambridge, particularly by the latter, who will vigorously dispute the fact that the triumphs of their ancient University depend on any more plebeian blood than there flows in the veins of the Oxford undergraduates.

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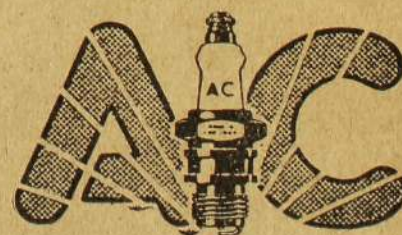
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St. George's Day.

THE day of England's Patron-Saint brought us a well-varied interesting and, needless to say, patriotic programme, arranged and lent by K. B. O.

The Bands of the Coldstream Guards and the Grenadier Guards were respectively heard in some excellent Records of Patriotic and Old English Airs, and the New Light Symphony Orchestra's performance of the "*Henry 8th Dances*" by German was especially acceptable. German is essentially English in his compositions. Elgar too, our foremost composer, was appropriately represented by his great song—"*Land of Hope and Glory*."

I wonder if there is a Record of that fine little work of Elgar's—for Chorus and Orchestra, entitled—"*The Banner of St. George*." It is a most inspiring composition that never fails to rouse our finer patriotism. If there should be a Record I hope we may hear it on another St. George's Day.

Noel Coward.

It is always said that there is no criterion that the possessor of a good *speaking* voice can sing, and *vice-versa*, some singers' speaking voices are not exactly pleasant. As heard on the Wireless, Noel Coward has a charming speaking voice, vibrant, and when required, with quite tender inflections. These attributes are very noticeable in that Record of the emotional dialogue taken from—"*Private Lives*," in the hotel-scene with Miss Gertrude Lawrence. But Mr. Coward should never, never sing! His voice, rasping and raucous, resounded with ear-drumming strength throughout the bungalow. The only reason, surely for such a Record must be that it was a burlesque on the present style of certain comedian-vocalists of the day. However, in that same morning the "Selection" kindly provided us with an antidote—an excellent Orchestral rendering of a Japanese Inter-mezzo, entitled "*Almond Blossom*." This was as charming, dainty and colourful as its title.

One Sunday Morning.

After a period of atmospheric interference, Sunday, May 14th gave us a perfect reception of a really first rate programme, full of good things, from Colombo.

Among so many plums it's difficult to eulogise. Possibly the most impressive one was Paul Robeson's rendering of—"*There is a green hill far away*." His voice is wonderful, and though he may lack the finer grades of the vocalist's equipment, he takes high rank for the emotional quality of his singing. His restraint in the opening bars of this great but quite simple song was marvellous, and few artists could compare with him in the manner of his singing the phrase. "*He died that we might be forgiven*." It seemed to express the pathos of the whole world.

The Instrumental Trio—"Benediction," for Violin, Cello, and Piano, with Beatrice Harrison and her sister playing the two former instruments (I failed to memorise the pianist's name) came through particularly well, especially successful being the subdued *Obligato* provided by the organ and choir. Included in this same programme was another Instrumental Trio. *The Nightingale* very melodious and with no obtrusive "imitations" of that long-suffering bird! *En passant* it is stated that De Groot is retiring shortly, that is, from his public position as a Violinist and Conductor of Orchestras. But he intends to devote himself to composition. It is hoped that he may occasionally make a new Record. His playing has always been noted for a delightful purity of tone and delicacy of treatment. And in concerted playing he ranks among the best of our secondary *virtuosi*. Mark Hambourg was heard in Schumann's "*Slumber-Song*," and for lighter music a very cheerful Record of "*Merry Vienna*." "Of course!" criticises some one. In reply, Vienna can still supply the brighter and certainly more tuneful of Light Opera, and also Dance-Music.

"Hot Jazz-Pie" is such a lively title, it must be mentioned; especially

as it was not a medley of the usual order. This item was included one evening in a little Surprise Programme, evidently put on from the B. B. C. Studio in place of part of the advertised one. The pie contained some new short vocal items of a humorous nature, the title of one of these being—"The Hotel-Porter's Love-Song Chamber-maid."—

The London Zoo on the Indian Zone!

How the children must have adored it! Even here, in the Ceylon Hills some "grown-ups" thoroughly enjoyed this Relay, from Colombo, of a visit to the London Zoo. The animals, the birds, and even the sea-lions were most amenable in responding to the overtures of the Microphone. Possibly the Blatt-naphone-process had something to do with the ultimate success. All the same, it was a *genuine* collection, direct from the throats of the Zoo's marvellous inhabitants. Most thrilling the roaring and snarling of the lions. As for the hilarity of the laughing-Jackass and the laughing-spotted Hyena, it appeared to be side-splitting and was really infectious. The Sea-Lions, who were just about to be fed, had evidently been trained to bark for their food, and their efforts came through quite powerfully. The Bird-House was a real joy, and the "star" Cockatoo with his re-iterated remark of—"Hullo! Cocky!" was most amusing; his perfect imitation of the human voice being strongly coloured with a good, Old Cockney accent!

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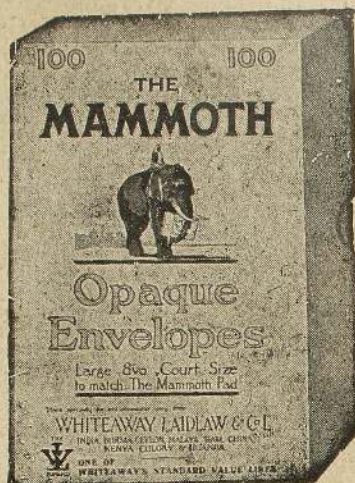
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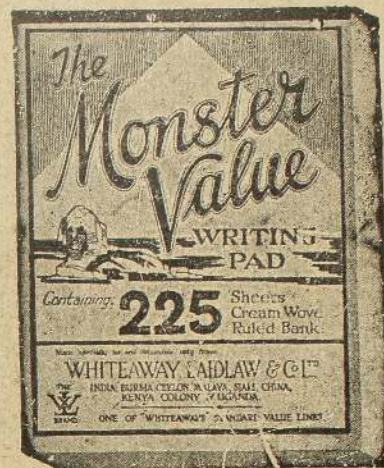
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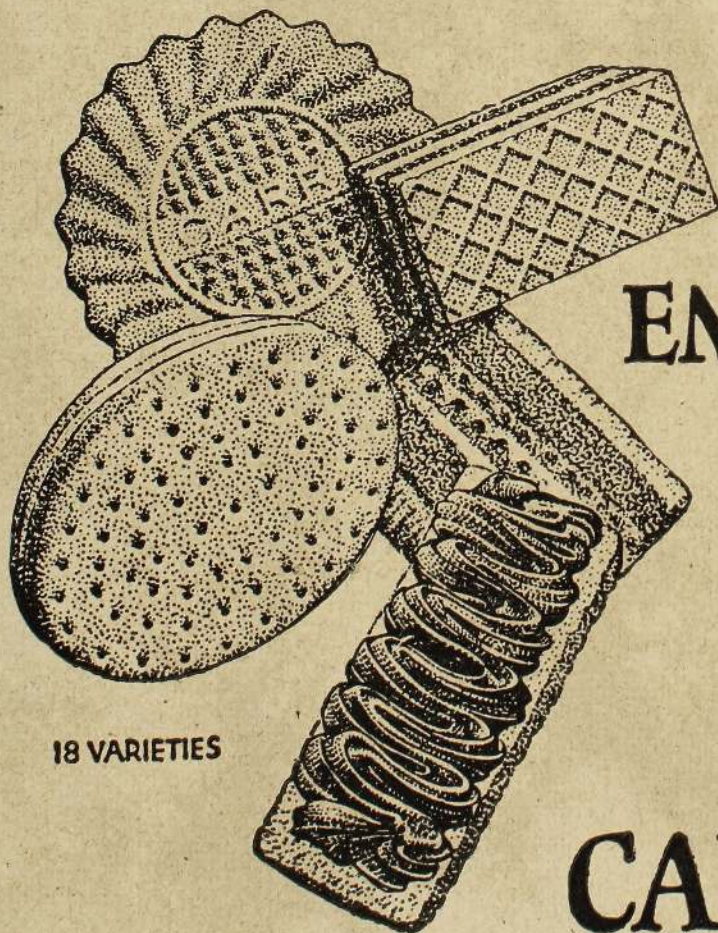
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KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

WELL merited recognition of valuable services rendered to Ceylon is conveyed in the Knighthood conferred on Mr. Thomas Lister Villiers by His Majesty the King. "Sir Tom," as he may come to be popularly known, has long been an outstanding figure in the local European community. His connection with the Island is short of half a century by only four years. During that period he has made his mark in planting, mercantile, political and social circles. After nineteen years experience as a planter he joined the firm of Messrs. George Steuart & Co. As a prominent official of the Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the Tea and Rubber Traders' Associations, he rendered invaluable services and greatly enhanced the usefulness of these important bodies. Keenly alive in his civic responsibilities, Sir Thomas represented the Fort Ward in the Colombo Municipal Council for several years.

Few European Urban Members of the old Legislative Council have more worthily filled that seat than Ceylon's new Knight. His nomination to the State Council came as a matter of course. His sound advice based on wide and varied experience and on a profound study of this country's problems stood the reformed Legislature in good stead. It was with keen regret and much reluctance that he decided last year to resign his seat and live in retirement in his beautiful country seat at Haputale. A high tribute was paid to him last December by the Associations representing the interests he had so zealously and efficiently served.

Sir Thomas has taken an abiding interest in Church affairs and is a member of the Board of Governors of St. Thomas' College. All communities will heartily congratulate him on the distinction that crowns a career of tireless labour for the public good.

Dr. Paul E. Pieris, C.M.G., is another distinguished name in this year's King's Birthday Honours list.

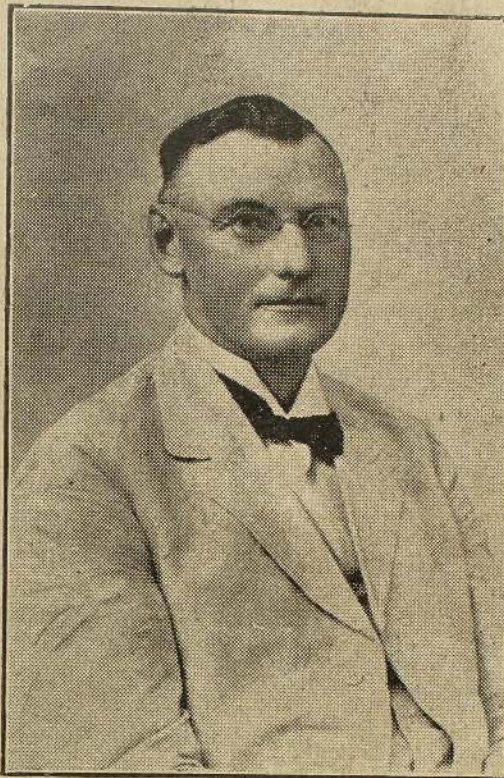


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SIR THOMAS LISTER VILLIERS.



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DR. PAUL E. PIERIS, C. M. G.

The senior Civil Servant has a brilliantly successful record to look back upon, and has not let the cares

of office narrow his sphere of interests or cramp his activities. An old Thomian and University scholar, he occupies a prominent place in the intellectual life of this country. He is the author of a number of widely read and much discussed books on Ceylon history. Both as a lecturer and writer he has always something to say that commands attention or provokes controversy. The arts and literature of the country have a warm corner in his heart. Ceylonese culture as well as meritorious official service have been honoured in the distinction the King has conferred on Dr. Paul Pieris.

Many other bright ornaments of the Public Service figure in the Honours List. Gate-Mudaliyar A. G. Tillekeratne, the Assistant Postmaster General, is one of them and few officials more deserved to be made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. The Imperial Service Order has been well earned by Mr. A. E. Daviot of H. M. Customs, while Mr. W. H. D. E. Pereira, the retired Accountant of the Medical Department, one of the new Justices of the Peace, has displayed conspicuous ability and devotion to duty. Mr. A. Morley Spaar, so well-known is Kandy, has had his good services recognized with a similar distinction, and so has Mr. Vivian Pereira, the Acting Treasurer of the Colombo Municipal Council. The two new Members of the Order of the British Empire are both officers of the Ceylon Light Infantry. Captain Gwynne Griffith, M.C., who has won the honour in the Military Division, is well-known in sporting and mercantile circles, while Major Stanley Fernando, the Municipal Engineer, has done much for the improvement of the city's amenities. The new Mudaliyars, Muhandirams, and other recipients of Ceylonese ranks may be few this time but have all been chosen for sheer merit and loyal service.

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Stage & Screen

MADAME Zorina, the eminent Russian Dramatic Soprano, formerly of the Imperial Opera House of Petrograd and a great friend of Chaliapine and Paderewski was in Colombo last month on her way to Europe where she will appear in the leading Theatres of the Continent and London. Accompanied by the well-known Australian impressario, Mr. Hugo Larsen, she is on her way to Paris where she will be the guest of Joseph Szigeti and his wife in Paris. While in Colombo Madame Zorina was the guest of Mr. S. P. Foenander, a t whose residence she gave an informal private recital before she resumed her voyage to Europe on the "Oronsay."

Our esteemed correspondent "Thespian," who is on a holiday in England, sends us the following interesting notes:—

"Whilst such masterpieces as "Cavalcade" still fill the house twice and three times daily, seven days in the week, already a fresh batch of star pictures are being shown in that vast shop window, London.

"One of the most sensational is "King Kong," which is supposed to be one of the wonders of trick photography. Vast prehistoric animals, huge and loathsome, preponderate in the picture, pigmyman being a very minor matter. Those who dream o' nights, or whose imagination is at all vivid are not recommended to patronise this picture.

"A production of quite a different character and one which will be released for distant picture houses, at an early date, is one in which Ronald Colman stars with beautiful Kay Francis his opposite. This picture "Cynara" shows the eternal triangle from a very different aspect and demonstrates that man is not always the despicable hunter he may be depicted, however much the evidence is against him. A truly delightful picture—Ronald Colman I have never liked better. He

is for once—away from his semi romantic role and displays his histrionic art nobly and well.

It is difficult to imagine Tom Walls without that extraordinary cast of laughter makers around him. Yet in his new picture "The Blarney

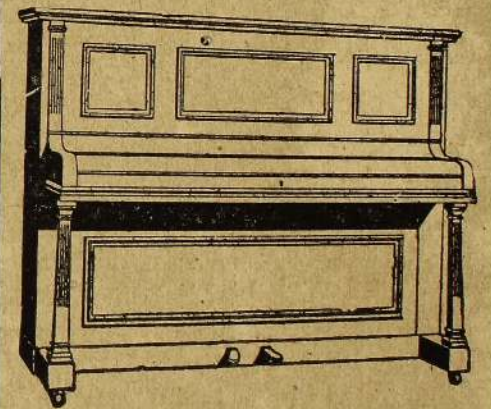


MADAME ZORINA.

Stone" his superlative acting enables him to carry almost alone, the honours of a most excellent picture. His peculiar type of humour causes all patrons to ask on leaving the house "is he an Irishman?"—oh, *must* be one and I believe, I am right in saying he is not. To those who enjoy Comedy let me recommend (they may have already been shown in Ceylon) two most amusing pictures. Chevalier and Jeanette Macdonald in "Love me tonight" are great. The former I often do not like, but in this picture his portrayal acting and marvellous personality sweep all by the board. Maurice is truly a *great* actor with simply astonishing personality. He can't sing, yet in five minutes he has you humming his songs. For Jeanette she is as clever as she is lovely. Can I say *more*? The other comedy is Sydney Howard in "It's a King." This actor in my opinion has put over one or two very stupid

and hardly funny pictures. To use an American expression some have been definitely "bum," but in *It's a King* he surpasses anything he has done since "Almost a Divorce." The picture too is a most lavish production and must have cost a lot of money, so it does not suffer as so many British Films do from sheer paucity and poverty of expenditure.

Walt Disney, that wonder producer of "Micky the Mouse," has branched out into some wonderful little pictures in colours. They are simply brilliant in conception, and scintillating in humour. His latest "Babes in the Wood" gives to old and young alike the greatest of pleasure and amusement. I hear he is to make a full sized picture of "Micky," with human stars therein. It is bound to be the very greatest success. Other coloured pictures of Walt Disney—"Neptune" and "Trees and Flowers" and "Only a dog" are being shown in practically every big picture house in London.



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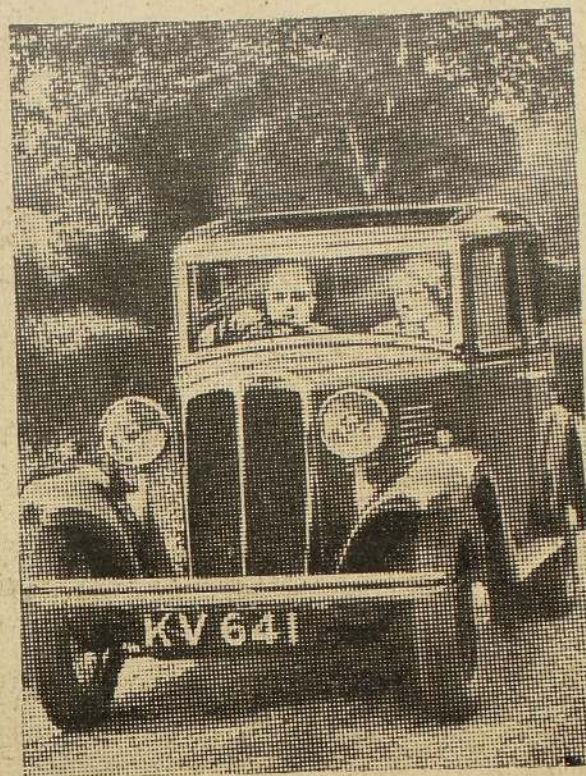
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The Ladies' Golf Championship.

For the second time in her Golfing career Mrs. E. J. Mott has won the Ceylon Ladies' Golf Championship. At Nuwara Eliya early this month she defeated Mrs. Napier Clavering very decisively, 7 up and 6. It was a pity that the entries this year were so small and that two such good golfers as Mrs. C. G. Thornton and Mrs. Travers, the holder, were unable to play. The former stands in a class by herself in Ceylon Ladies' Golf and has won the title every time she took part in the contest. Mrs. Travers had entered this time, but owing to illness had to stand down at the last moment. Of those who took part in the competition Mrs. Mott was quite the best and her victory was thoroughly well deserved.

Young Ceylon in English Sport.

D. H. Gunasekera, son of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Gunasekera of West Hampstead, and a nephew of Dr. C. H. Gunasekera, the All-Ceylon Captain, is cricket captain at Downsend Preparatory School at Leatherhead this season. Young Gunasekera possesses all the family aptitude for the game, besides being liberally endowed by nature. He has been watched by Hendren and Durston and goes up to Charterhouse this autumn. With a birth qualification for Middlesex he should go far in cricket. It is interesting to mention that G. T. S. Stevens, the All-England and Oxford cricketer, was a former cricket captain of Downsend School.

Return of Dr. O. L. F. Senaratne.

Dr. O. L. F. Senaratne, the well known Bloomfield and All Ceylon cricketer, who was away in Europe for eighteen months on study leave, has returned to the Island and resumed duties at the Victoria Eye Hospital,

Colombo. He will be heartily welcomed back in cricketing circles. While prosecuting his studies in London, Dr. Senaratne frequently turned out for the Indian Gymkhana and met with a fair amount of success, playing several innings of over fifty and on one occasion capturing 6 wkts. for



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DR. O. L. F. SENARATNE.

10 runs against the London University. He batted well against the M.C.C. at Lord's and also played against the All India Team.

Distinction for Ceylon Cricketer at Cambridge.

Robert Senanayake, last year's Captain of S. Thomas' College and younger son of the Hon. Mr. D. S. Senanayake, who played in the Freshmen's match at Cambridge was chosen to play in the Etceteras v. Perambulators match, which is a trial for those on the fringe of the 'Varsity eleven. Senanayake was also awarded his Crusaders' Colours, which is highly creditable at so early a stage in his career. The only other Ceylon man to play in the Etceteras v Perambulators trial as a Freshman was S. Saravanamuttu.

Death of a Famous old Thomian.

MR. F. L. GOONEWARDENE.

THE sad news of the death of Mr. F. L. Goonewardene, in London, reached us at the time of going to press, and we can do no more than express our terrible grief at the passing away of one for whom we had the greatest admiration and respect. Mr. Goonewardene's loss to St. Thomas' College is immense, for no old boy of this famous institution showed greater loyalty and enthusiasm for the old school and a deeper interest in its welfare than he did. Mr. Goonewardene was an institution at Kandy for more than a quarter of a century, and his reputation as a sportsman and lawyer was well known. It will take a volume to deal with all he attempted and achieved for the good of his fellow creatures, and we can vouch for the genuine interest he always manifested in the welfare of his friends who were legion. He had a magic personality and wherever he went he made friends.

Cricket was an obsession with Mr. Goonewardene and from his youth he was a rabid enthusiast. He played for St. Thomas' and captained the eleven and later represented the Colts. On his last visit to Ceylon he showed that his interest in the game was as keen as ever and he did everything in his power to improve the standard of cricket at St. Thomas'. The results of his labours were evident in the form shown by St. Thomas' in the last contest with Royal.

Mr. Goonewardene's hurried return to England in April was due to the serious illness of his daughter, Lorna, and the latter's critical condition in recent weeks weighed very heavily on him.

A few days ago we received a letter from Mr. Goonewardene in which he informed us of the serious nature of his daughter's illness, but he wrote, as he usually does, in a very hopeful strain.

His death at the early age of 53 will be widely and universally regretted, and we tender our sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

The Ladies' Golf Championship of Ceylon.

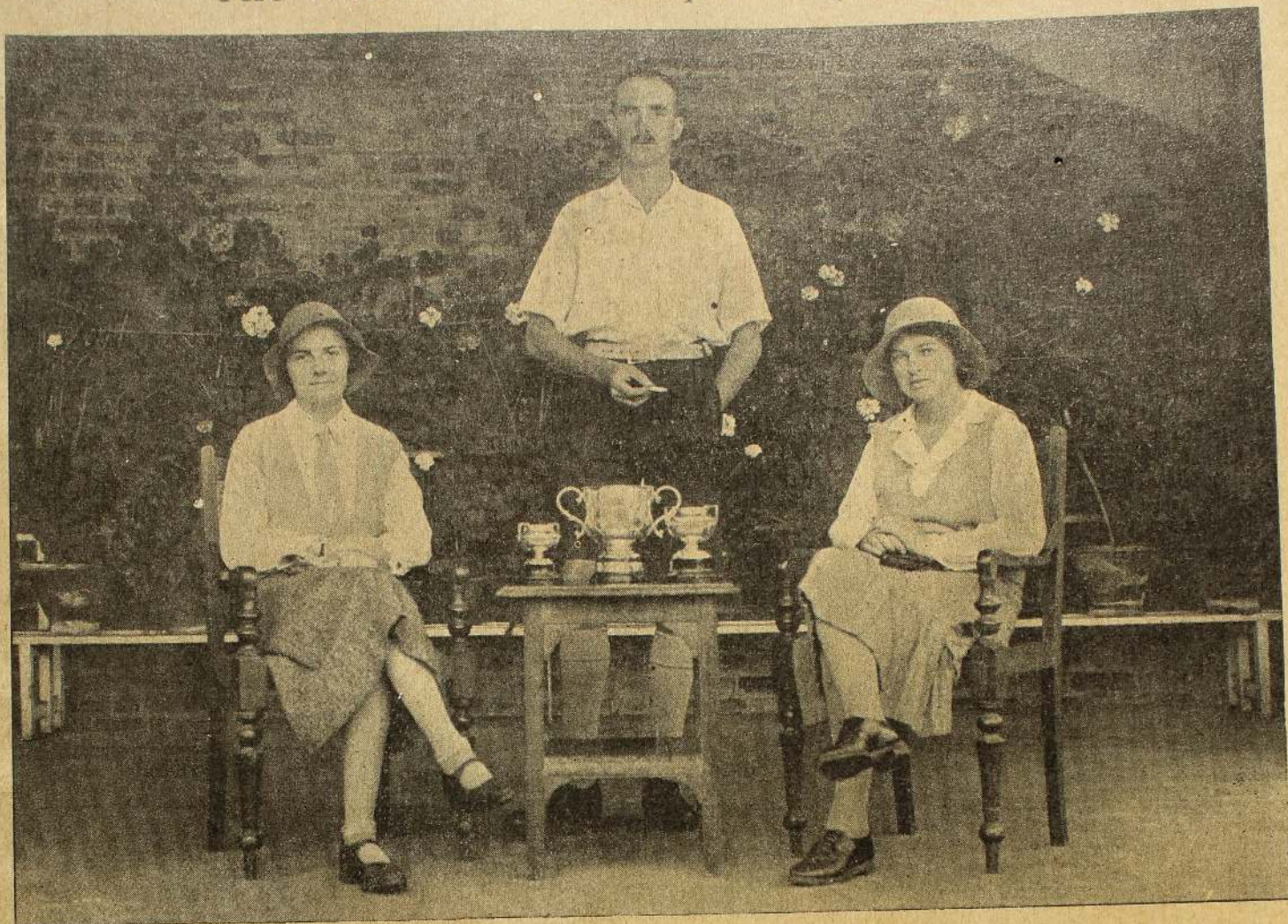
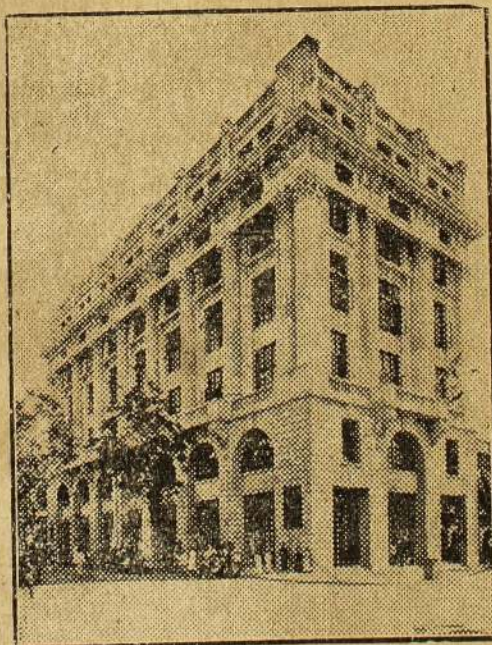


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STAND-IN GIRLS OF HOLLYWOOD.

By Mackenzie Winter.

HOLLYWOOD has some strange jobs to offer. Most people are unaware of the existence of many of them. They are jobs peculiar to films and have no parallel in any other profession.

For instance, have you heard of Hollywood's stand-ins? Now and then they creep stealthily into the news; but, for the most part, they are unknown even to the most ardent film enthusiasts.

A stand-in has one of the most thankless tasks in Hollywood. It is gruellingly hard work. It means long hours. It rarely leads anywhere—although there have been exceptions. Generally speaking, though, the stand-in is not likely to become a star, for the simple reason that he or she is chosen because of a close similarity to an existing star and a "double" of a famous player stands precious little chance of making a hit on the screen.

A stand-in's work is to take the place of a star while cameras line up and focus for the next scene; while microphones are carefully adjusted; while blazing arc lights are moved from place to place until the best positions are found.

Simple, you think? Just try it!

The lights are terribly hot. And it is fatiguing work standing in one position for perhaps half an hour or more at a time. When several scenes are being shot in one day, it is not unusual for a stand-in to take her stance on the set for practically the whole day. While the star is acting in one scene, technicians may be preparing the next one, and the stand-in gets no rest at all.

The stand-in has to resemble the star to a marked degree. She must have a similar figure, and her colouring must be the same. Otherwise the focus might be out and the lights hopelessly wrong for the star's colouring.

As a rule, the stars have stand-ins of their own. Occasionally, two players in one studio find that their

figures and colouring are so similar that they can share the one stand-in except sometimes when they're both busy at the same time, when one or other may have to find a substitute.

In this way, Myrna Loy, and Ann Harding share the services of the same stand-in. These two, though you may not believe it, are almost identical in proportions. They are of the same height—5 ft. 5 in.—and their other measurements tally to an almost extraordinary degree. The only difference is in the colour of their hair. So the stand-in merely puts on a blonde wig when taking Ann Harding's place and the transformation is complete.

The most famous stand-in in Hollywood is Jeraldine Dvorak, who is Greta Garbo's "double." Because of her startling likeness to the Swedish star, Jeraldine stands very little chance herself of becoming a screen player; but she has appeared in films, nevertheless. She has frequently "doubled" for Garbo in long shots and even, it is whispered, in close-ups. *In fact, one Hollywood rumour has had it that she is Garbo in some pictures!*

Jeraldine Dvorak has also doubled for Garbo outside the studios—sometimes intentionally, sometimes by accident. Inquisitive sightseers, keen on catching a glimpse of the famous star, have frequently seen Jeraldine, and have gone home completely satisfied that they have indeed seen Garbo herself!

Another well-known Hollywood stand-in is Jessie Le Sueur, who doubles for Peggy Shannon. The name strikes a familiar chord? Yes, Le Sueur was Joan Crawford's name. Jessie Le Sueur is the former wife of Joan Crawford's brother.

A few years ago, Gertrude Robinson was a well-known name; to-day she is a stand-in to Betty Compson.

A firm friendship exists between many of the stars, and Douglas Fairbanks, jun., was recently concerned in a touching incident in connexion with his stand-in. Doug. has had

the same "double" for many years; a little while ago, this stand-in began to suffer with his eyes. The powerful arc-lights had affected them. It soon looked as if his eyesight would be seriously threatened.

A stand-in, remember, is not highly paid. This one couldn't afford the best medical attention. Doug. Fairbanks could, however, and he sent his "double" off to hospital, obtained for him the best doctors in the town and paid every bill.

The stand-in is better now. You needn't ask for *his* opinion of Douglas Fairbanks!

Another time Barbara Stanwyck noticed that her stand-in was looking tired. As she stood in front of the boiling arcs, she almost collapsed; but she made no attempt to give in. She said nothing and stuck to her job. A few minutes later, this stand-in was told by Barbara that she wouldn't be wanted any more that day and off she went.

As a matter of fact, there was a hard day's work to be done. By sending this girl home, it meant that Barbara Stanwyck had to act as her own stand-in for the rest of the day.

In case you don't realize the full significance of this, let me tell you exactly what it meant. It meant that not only did Barbara have to stand-in for focussing, and so on, but also that she had to enact the scenes immediately on top of doing so.

At the end of each "take," she was cornered by photographers. Before these photographs had been finished, the assistant director was waiting for Barbara to stand-in while lights and other equipment were fixed for the next scene.

When everything was ready, it meant that the set was prepared for the actual shooting of the next scene. Before doing this, however, Barbara had to rush to her dressing-room, change into the necessary clothes, and have her face remade-up. Then, without a moment's rest, she had to return to the set and do her stuff before the camera. After this, she had to stand-in again before enacting the other scenes.

Now perhaps you'll understand just why a stand-in is necessary!

The C. L. I. Cricket Team.

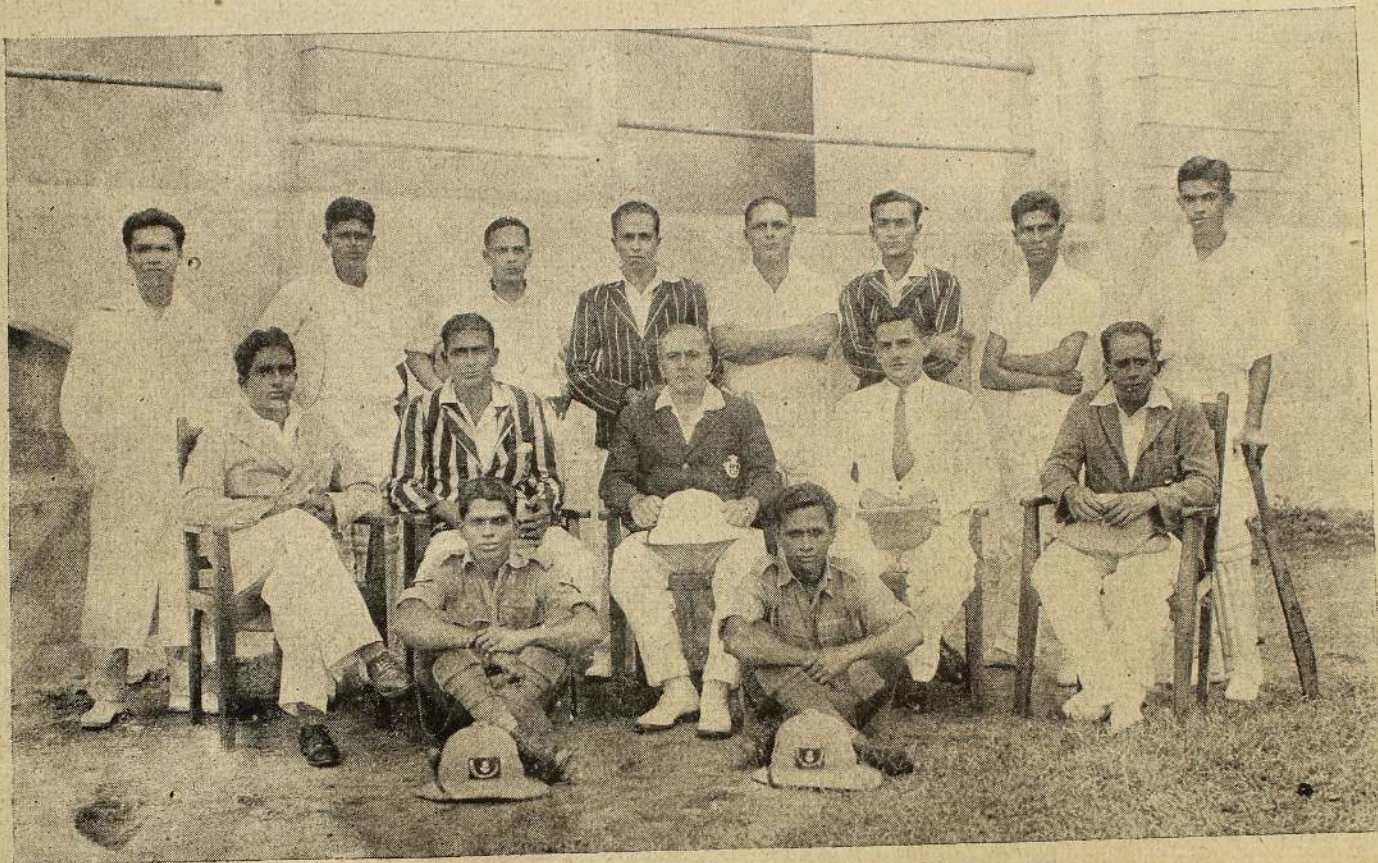


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Thanks to the tremendous keenness of their popular Officer Commanding, Lieut.-Col. J. G. Vandersmagt, V.D., the C.L.I. cricket eleven have in recent times shown that they are capable of giving a very good account of themselves against the best Club sides. In the old days, particularly in the nineties, the C.L.I. were a power to be reckoned with in Ceylon cricket, and no wonder with such famous players as Dr. Allan Raffel, Dr. S. P. Joseph and other distinguished cricketers in their ranks. A good cricketer in his younger days, Colonel Vandersmagt achieved a great deal of success as Captain of the second eleven of the Non-descripts, and often as a member of the first eleven too he figured prominently as a bowler. On one occasion he had the distinction of capturing all ten wickets in an innings.

Recently the C.L.I. played the Sports Club, on Galle Face, and won comfortably, and the photograph appearing on this page shows the team that did duty for them on that occasion.

HINTS ON BEE-KEEPING.

I.

By C. Drieberg.

THE Honey-gathering bees of Ceylon belong to the genus *Apis* and are of 3 species, viz: (1) *A. indica* (S. mee-messa), (2) *A. dorsata* (Sin. Bambara), and (3) *A. florea* (Sin. Danduwellmessa). A fourth honey-bee, *Melipona iridipennis*, commonly called the "Dammer bee," is known in Sinhalese as "Kanaya."

A. indica is the common honey-bee of the East, which can be domesticated, and induced to live and work in a frame-hive. Like the honey-bee of the West, (*A. mellifica*) it constructs parallel combs which in the natural state, are built in cavities and recesses in trees and rocks. The Eastern bee is smaller than the honey-bee of the West.

A. dorsata, which is known as the giant-bee of the East, or the rock-bee, is much larger than the common honey-bee. It builds a series of combs of enormous size in the open, generally attaching them to the branches of lofty trees, or beneath bridges or ledges of rock, and is very vicious. The honey, though plentiful, is dark and coarse. This bee cannot be made to settle down in a frame hive.

A. florea is smaller in size than *A. indica* and of a mild disposition. Like the giant bee it builds in the open, constructing its single comb round the branches of cinnamon or other trees. Its honey is of the finest quality; but the bee cannot be persuaded to work in a frame hive.

The dammer-bee builds no combs, but stores its honey in little sacs. It is very tiny and practically stingless. The honey it produces is scanty and only employed medicinally. The bee uses dammer in the construction of its "nests."

The only honey-bee, therefore, of any importance is *A. indica*, which may be reared for pleasure and profit,

although it does not produce anything like the quantity of honey that the Western bee yields.

The honey of wild bees is obtained by bee-hunters by driving them away with the aid of smoke or fire; a cruel practice that results in considerable loss of bee-life.

The first attempts at domestication in Ceylon were by attracting bees to build their combs in a clay pot; but this did not allow of the honey being taken without much damage to the bee colony.

In England, till comparatively recently, bees were kept in dome-shaped straw hives, or skeps, which Milton calls their "straw-built citadels."

The modern wooden frame-hive is the result of slow evolution, to which many apiarists—British, American, and foreign—have contributed. It is made up of a lower chamber or brood box, containing frames, and an upper chamber or "super," also furnished with frames.

Between the upper and lower chambers is placed a perforated zinc sheet, which while it allows the workers (and drones) to enter the super, keeps the queen out; so that breeding goes on in the lower chamber and only pure honey is stored in the super.

The frames in both brood-box and super are placed at regulated distances from one another, and are moveable; so that they can be lifted out and put back without injuring the bees or disturbing them very much.

The super is put on when the brood-box is nearly fully occupied, and the honey season is approaching. This enables the bees to construct "virgin comb," free from eggs and grubs and pollen, filled with pure honey. The honey stored in the brood-box should be left for the use to the bees and their young.

(To be continued.)



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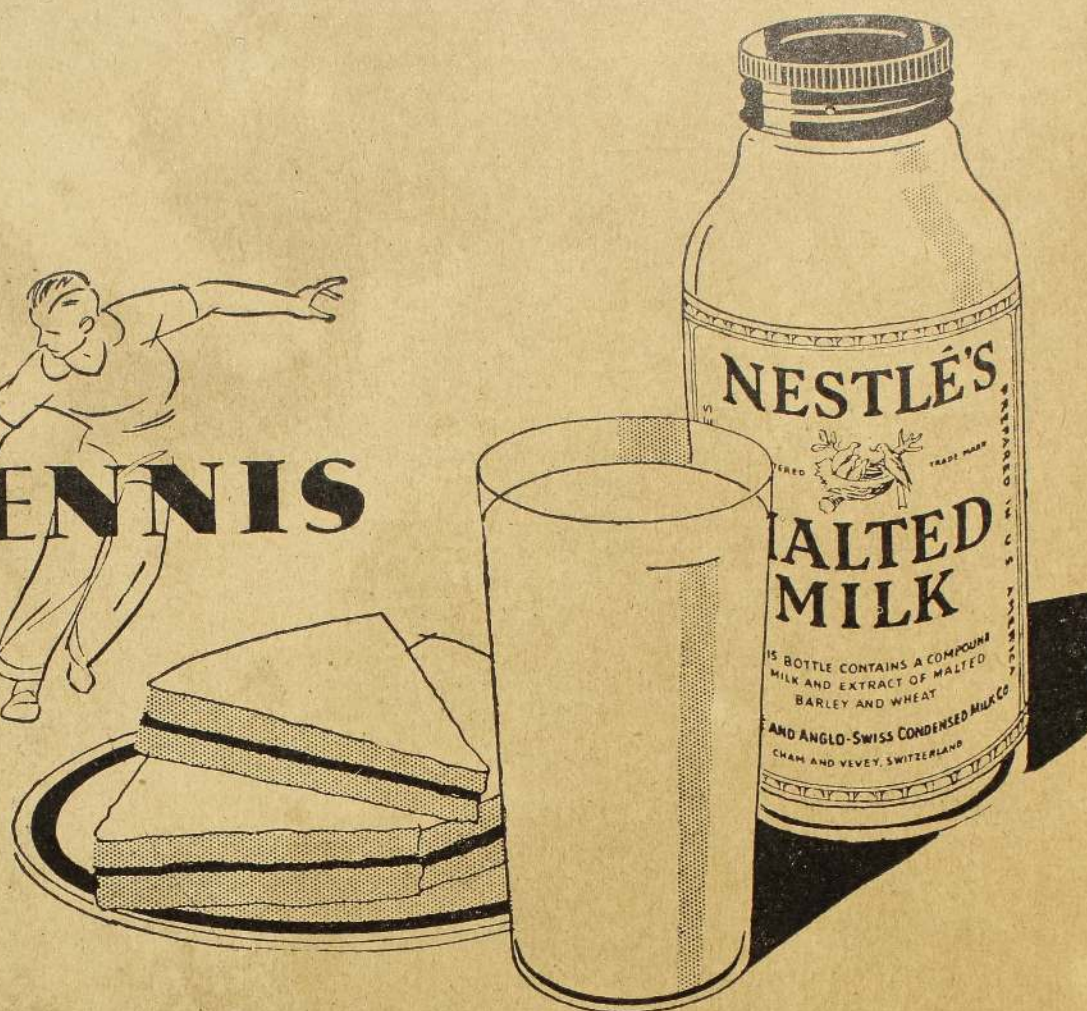
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THE STORY OF A LITTLE DOG.

By Joyce Kingdon.

TOPPO was a little white Sealy-ham. She had a little black nose and the loveliest brown eyes you ever saw. She could almost talk, and understood everything that was said to her. Little Bobbie adored her, and she belonged to him. This is how she came.

One day, Mrs. Sinclair, Bobbie's mother, went out to tea with some friends on the next tea estate. Bobbie was left at home with ayah, and I fear he wept long and loudly because Mummie did not take him with her!

When Mrs. Sinclair had finished her tea, her friend, Mrs. Brown, said: "You must see my little Sealy-ham puppies. They are just too sweet." She called to the "boy," and told him to go and fetch "Rags" and the puppies. Rags was the mother dog.

Suddenly there was a sound of yelping and barking, and a little white dog came running across the lawn, and behind her were five little fluffy snowballs, the puppies.

Mrs. Sinclair jumped up and caught one of them up in her arms.

"Oh! what darlings they are! This one is just too adorable."

"It's funny you should have picked up that one," laughed Mrs. Brown, as we have decided to give her to Bobbie. You must take her home this evening."

"Oh, thank you ever so much," said Mrs. Sinclair, "Bobbie will be enchanted, I am sure. Have you given her a name yet?"

"Yes, we call that one Topsie."

Mrs. Sinclair took Topsie home. She was a pet, but rather difficult to carry as she kept wriggling about

and trying to lick her new mistress' face.

When Mrs. Sinclair reached her bungalow, she called out to Bobbie's Daddie to come and help her.

"What have you got there, my dear?" he said.

"The darlingest little puppie for Bobbie. Just look at her; isn't she sweet?"

Bobbie came running out and took the puppy in his arms; and Topsie was in danger of being hugged to death.

"I don't care much about the name, Topsie," said Mr. Sinclair, a few days later; "let's shorten it to Tops."

"Yes, I like that better than Topsie," said his wife.

But after a while the appu and boy, who could not say Tops, used to call the dog Toppo; and Toppo she remains to this day.

Toppo was a splendid ratter, and never afraid of anything. She would go through the house after dark, and stop and sniff behind an almirah or cupboard, and growl and growl until Bobbie's Daddie came to look. "By Jove," he would say, "another rat! Bravo Toppo!" and he would get a big stick and knock it down; and Toppo hardly ever missed it.

One thing Toppo hated, and that was to draw Bobbie's cart or engine along the passage. Then she looked the picture of misery. When she got a chance, she would escape and hide under Mummie's chair; and if Bobbie tried to drag her out she would give a little growl, but never bit him. Oh no, she was much too loving and faithful for that!

One Christmas eve, when Bobbie

was five years old, Daddie said at breakfast: "Bobbie, I have a great treat for you to-day."

"What is it? What is it?" said Bobbie eagerly. He adored treats. "Tell me quickly please, Daddie."

"Well a great big podwallupping Jumbo is at the factory laying pipes, and I will take you and Mummie to see him."

"Oh! How lovely! I'd love to see the pod... pod... what is that funny word? Podwallupping elephant," laughed Daddie.

"Can Toppo come too, Daddie?"

"No, poduwallupping elephants don't like small dogs," said Daddie. "I think we'd better leave her behind."

But Toppo thought differently. She hid under the table, and as soon as they had started, she popped out and ran after them.

"Here is Toppo," said Bobbie, "Naughty Toppo go home," and he tried to shoo her away. But Toppo would NOT go home. She rushed by Bobbie and gave a little bark. She had such a fascinating little bark too. Bobbie said that she tried to talk and it sounded as if her mouth were full of cotton wool.

When they reached the factory, they saw the great podwallupping jumbo. He was huge and had two tusks and great flapping ears. He waited till the coolies tied a chain round the great iron pipe, then he took the chain and put the loop of it on his tusk with the end of his trunk, and lifted it up. If it did not exactly balance, he put it down again, and waited for the coolies to adjust it; then he tried again, and if it balanced well, he slowly moved off carrying it, and put it down exactly in its place by the other pipes.

He laid the last few pipes, while Bobbie and his mother watched him. Then the mahoot, who as you know is the man who looks after the elephant, slipped off his back and went away to get a rope to tie him up.

It all happened in a moment. Mrs. Sinclair went towards the factory to speak to her husband, who had gone inside. Bobbie with a plantain, fearing nothing, went up to give it to the jumbo, and as he afterwards explained to his Mummie, he

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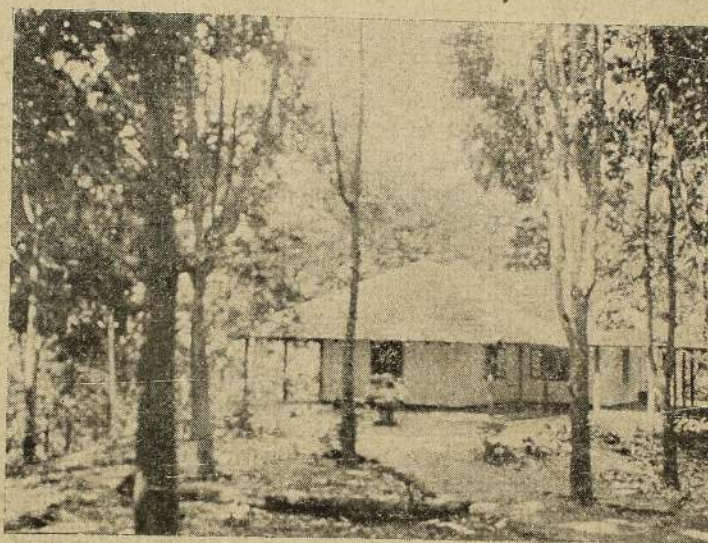
THE BUNGALOW BUILDERS.

By Kathleen Hawkins

IT is a truism that a planter has to be Jack-of-all trades: but though, in those days when young relatives were anxious to come out to Ceylon as Creepers, the conscientious P. D. might have advised a preliminary course of book-keeping or banking, or perhaps a few terms at an Agricultural College, it was not often suggested that a study of architecture would be of use to the budding superintendent. Now-a-days such a suggestion would, of course, be futile; for, like everything else, building has become so specialized that, whether it be cooly-lines, factory or bungalow which is to be erected, the Colombo firm is called in; and the man on the spot has merely to take over the finished building. But of the older generation there are few men who have not, at some time or another, built a bungalow; and known the thrill of watching their own homes rise to their own design.

"A poor thing, but mine own," might well have been written over some of these first efforts. "Bungalows, that is houses built of bamboos," was the definition given by an early traveller, and the home of the junior planter of early days was not far removed from it. There had to be some place where a worker could eat and sleep; but as in times of development cheapness was a great consideration, and transport was difficult, only local materials were used in its construction. The late Mr. Lewis, in his book "Sixty Four Years in Ceylon," gives a description of his childhood's home at Balangoda which might make the most junior employee of the most bankrupt company of to-day shiver with horror. "A four-roomed building, with straw roof, mud walls and sand floor. The windows boasted no glass, the doors were simple thick-planked articles that were bolted with a bar." But back in the Coffee Days the owner of a flourishing estate would do himself well; and the few bungalows which remain from that period have a certain charm of spacious rooms, ceiled with white-

washed "ceiling cloth", and rendered cool by the thickness of their walls. Even some of those much more numerous old-time homes which have disappeared have left behind them pathetic memorials of a care for the graces of life: a tangle of struggling rose bushes blooming still amongst the wild citronella grass which covers the spot where somebody once tried to make a garden; or a tiled pavement which floored an imposing entrance hall though now nothing but the



Old Style Bungalow.

tangles of lantana come between it and the sky.

But the reign of King Coffee has already retreated into an half-legendary period; it is the bungalows first built on newly-opened tea estates that hold a place in the memory of present-day Old-timers. As the bushes neared the productive stage, directors began to talk of superceding the mud-hut by the permanent bungalow. If the man in charge had foresight, he would already have marked the spot where he wished this to be put. He might be guided by several considerations; the first of which, and here the directors had their say, was convenience for working of the estate, and nearness to the factory-that-was-to-be. The second consideration was accessibility by a road that was either an existing fact, or, much more probably, a future hope. The matter of a healthy situation was generally put about third in the list

of importance; but occasionally seems to have been forgotten altogether, or there would not have been so many bungalows planted on edges of mosquito-haunted paddy fields, just at the foot of a slope, the crest of which is cooled by fresher winds. Fourth, and very much last, was put the aesthetic consideration of view; but, as beauty has strewn her gifts here with open hands, it was seldom, until the days when rubber trees spread their green twilight over an estate, that any bungalow dwellers denied some gracious prospect. The man who took thought to get the best outlook possible over the distance was usually the same man who had managed when timber-felling was going forward, to preserve a few fine old jungle trees to lend grace to his foreground, and so save his garden from that flat, villa-plot effect which hampers those who would plan out a new garden in Ceylon.

The site fixed, the plan had to be considered; but not very deeply; as one design, with a few very minor variations, seems to have served most people. A sitting-room entered directly by the front-door, which, in a large number of cases was placed to face squarely towards the fury of the South West monsoon; a dining-room behind it, fully visible through an open arch, a bed-room and bath room on either side, and a kitchen apart at the back. There was also usually a small store room, which was frequently the hottest spot in the building. It must have been because there was often no woman at hand to be consulted that cupboards were "nothing accounted of"; and it must have been because there was nobody who, spending a large part of her time within the house, yet liked to be able to look up from her work and see the garden, that windows were often placed so high up in the walls that no one sitting inside could see more than the upper branches of the trees against the sky. The same lack of housewifely superintendence also probably accounted for the fact that the old-time kitchen was frequently a black hole, through which was seen the glow of an open

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fire behind two bars near which was an oven made from an old kerosine tin. But if the dimness hid things into which it was as well not to pry too closely; out of it there came, by some miracle, those wonderful curries and those perfectly cooked snipe which the "Bachelor's boys" of past times seems to have possessed the secret of producing.

The site for the bungalow having been chosen, and the plan decided on, the collection of building materials was the next thing to be attended to. Obliging Nature often so ordered it that by the time tea-bushes, coming into bearing, promised money for the building of a house; the timber which had been felled to make way for their planting, was sufficiently seasoned to be used in its construction. And much of it was wanted: thick timbers for rafters and king-posts, lunamidella boards for ceilings, where the local baas could let his fancy run riot in stars and geometrical designs. Any jak that was available was kept for doors and window frames; and the windows would be fastened or kept open by wooden latches and bars. In those days when transport was difficult, lime was often obtained by burning local stone; and roofs were covered with the half-round tiles of the Low-country or with wooden shingles, according to their position; the whole material of the building came from the soil on which it stood; the door-hinges being perhaps the only pieces of "foreign metal" introduced into the construction; so it was perhaps not altogether unfitting that, when the village baas who had helped in the work, saw that it was finished, he should think fit to sacrifice to some local god of the house, by killing a cock upon the doorstep before the place was considered fit for habitation.

But the age of metal was coming. Tagarams first; hot when the sun shines, noisy when the rain falls, but, on the whole more efficient in keeping the bungalow waterproof than their more picturesque predecessors. The brass window fittings came next; they were comparatively easy to bring from Colombo; but the long line of coolies, lifting great

H-irons from the padda boat which had brought them up-river, and carrying them for miles upon their heads through twisty jungle paths, were the forerunners of an entirely new conception of building, a conception which has spread until today many estate homes would look quite in place if seen in the most favoured "residential districts" of an English town. Asbestos roofings and ceilings, foreign timber and cement, lime and stone walls; all make for comfort and cleanliness. And inside there will be fixed washbasins and sanitation, Icyball or Frigidaire, and electric light, to keep their inhabitants better washed, fed and lighted than their predecessors had ever dreamed possible. They should, of course, also be more contended; but if the modest bungalows of the past and the fine estate home of today could compare notes on the evidences of this quality on the part of their inhabitants, it is to be doubted on which side the verdict would lie.

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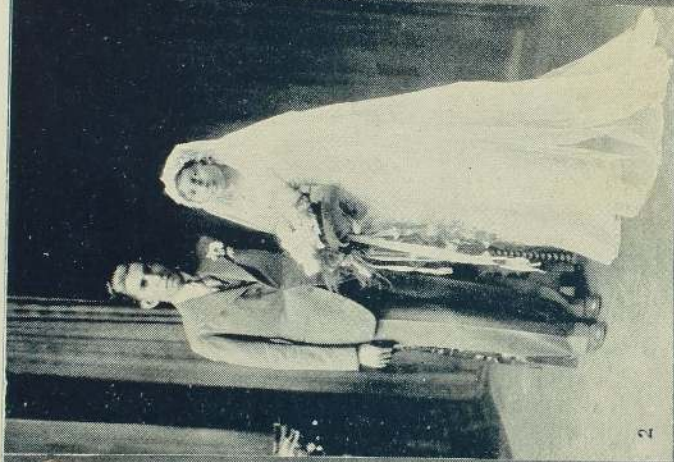
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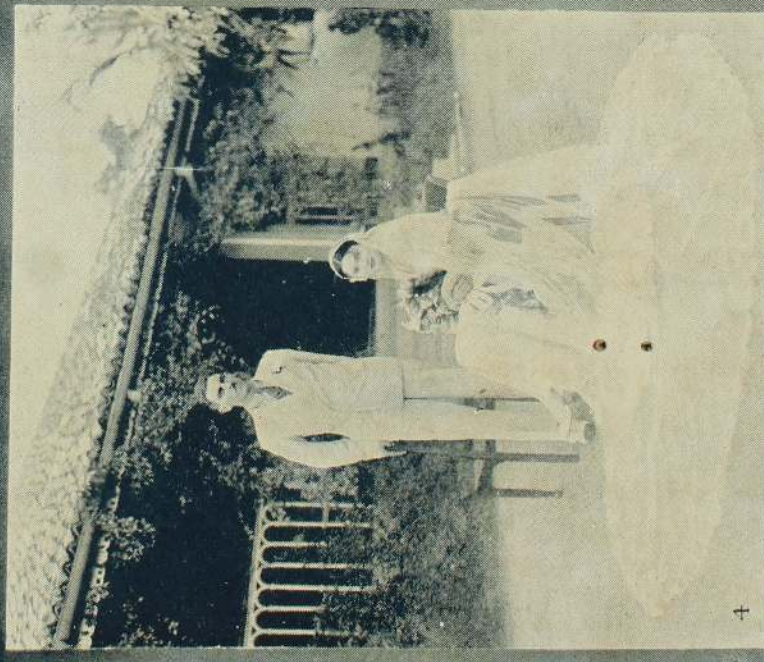
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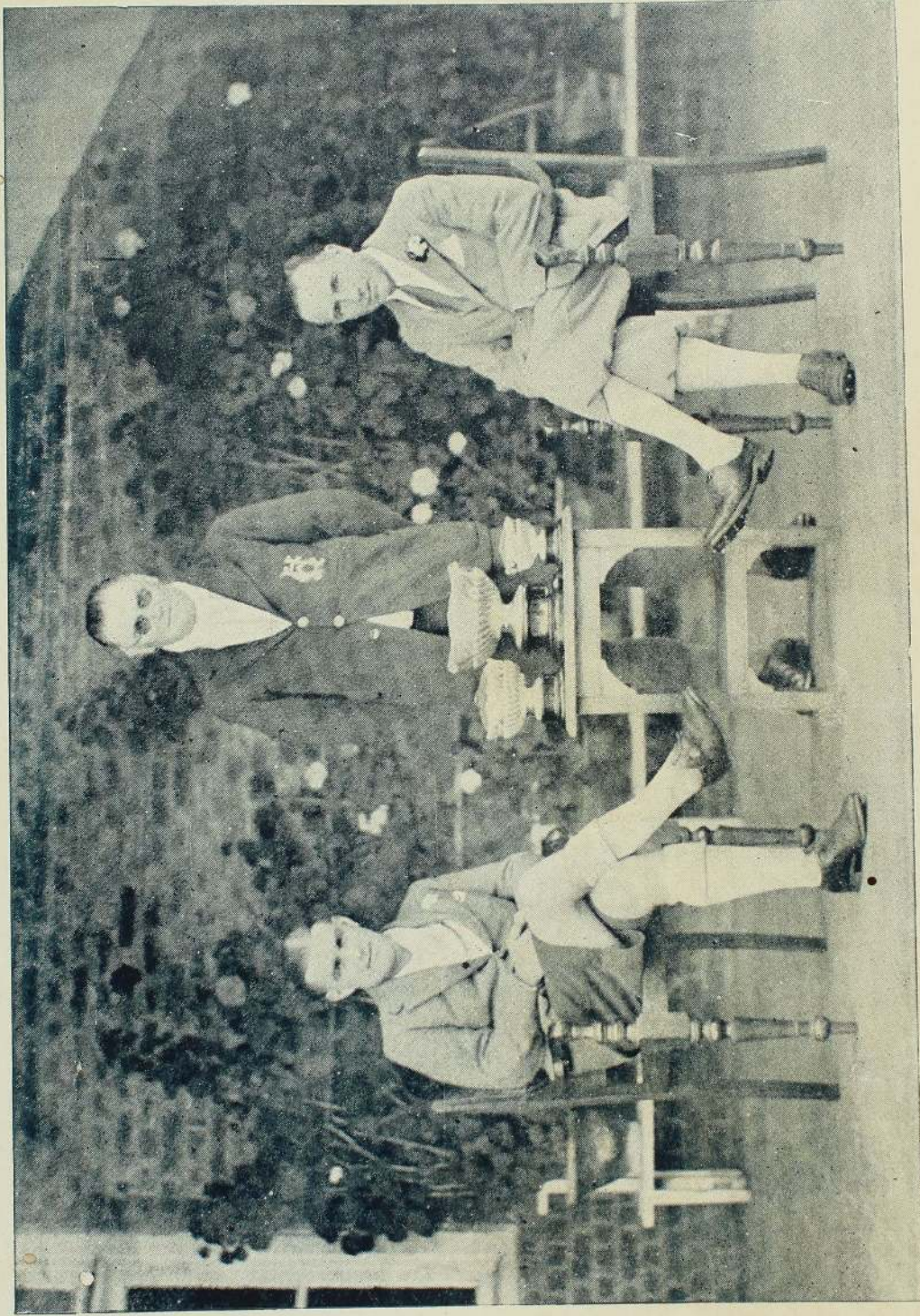


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The Amateur Golf Championship of Ceylon.



E. S. DANKS,
(Winner.)

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D. F. FITZ GIBBON,
(Runner-up.)

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The Amateur Golf Championship of Ceylon.

RARELY in the history of the Men's Amateur Golf Championship of Ceylon has the standard of play been so high as in the one recently decided on the Nuwara Eliya course, when for the second year in succession the honour fell to E. S. Danks, one of the finest exponents of the Royal and Ancient game Ceylon has ever had. Though there were a few notable absentees, the most prominent being W. S. Burnett, a previous champion and runner-up to the present holder in 1932, the entries this year included no less than five ex-champions in A. R. Aitken, A. E. Williams, M. P. Davis, Timothy de Silva and E. S. Danks, and other outstanding players like D. F. Fitz-Gibbon, M. H. Lushington and F. H. Creasy, three previous runners-up. Apart from these, there were several other formidable players competing, including two visitors from India, and everything pointed to a highly interesting tournament. C. A. S. Booth's brilliant showing in the preliminary canter—the medal round—raised high hopes amongst his admirers, but after a close match in the first round in which he beat A. N. Paine on the eighteenth green, he succumbed to that fine golfer, M. Gardner, who had previously shown his mettle when he met and defeated R. Mann, after a gruelling struggle. While Gardner continued to impress in his passage into the semi-finals—his victory over A. R. Aitken in the third round after an indifferent start was a remarkable effort—three other golfers were carrying all before them, Danks, M. P. Davis and D. F. Fitz-Gibbon entering the penultimate stage after displaying form that fully entitled them to share the distinction of being semi-finalists.

Danks had a very hard match at the outset of the Championship, Timothy de Silva stretching him to the utmost in the first round. The Ceylonese player struck his best form to lead at

one stage and Danks had all his work cut out to get there in the end. The golf was very exciting right up to the finish, and Danks' victory in this game made him an early favourite for the title. Danks had another hard struggle to get past R. K. S. Murray in the second round, but when he put out M. H. Lushington



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E. S. DANKS.

in his next match by 7 up and 6, there were few who doubted his ability to overcome the rest of the opposition. Fitz-Gibbon had a fairly soft passage till he ran up against M. Gardner in the semi-final, and here he had to produce his best golf to gain the verdict on the 19th green. This was one of the closest matches witnessed during the tournament, and Fitz-Gibbon deserved great credit on defeating so dogged a player as his opponent, who has probably never exhibited such consistent form as he did in this championship. Danks having beaten M. P. Davis in a very evenly contested match by 2 up and 1, was now left to contest the final with Fitz-Gibbon. Judging by the form they had already displayed, Danks was generally expected to win, but even his staunchest supporters never for a

moment anticipated that at the end of the morning's round on Saturday, the Colombo man would have such a substantial lead as to rob the rest of the match of a good deal of its interest. Such a tame ending was not thought possible when Fitz-Gibbon negotiated the first nine holes in 38 to stand "all square" with the holder. Up to that stage there was little to choose between the two players though there was every likelihood that Danks, as the younger and fitter golfer, would make the pace hot for his opponent in the journey home.

That Danks meant to get a move on was evident very early in the rest of the morning's play, and reproducing form that was a revelation to the large gathering following the match, he left Fitz-Gibbon so badly behind that when they finished up, the Up-country man was 5 down. To secure this convincing lead, Danks came home in 33, and his score was the result of downright good golf, unaided by freak putting or anything bordering on luck. With the rain falling heavily in the afternoon, the Committee controlling the Championship decided to postpone the second half of the match for the following morning after the first two holes had been played—the first of which was halved and the second won by Danks. When play was continued on the Sunday morning, it had been decided to cancel the previous afternoon's play and so they started off at the first tee. It did not take Danks long to add to his big lead and eventually he was left winner by the substantial margin of 8 up and 7. Having witnessed nearly every Championship played in Colombo and Nuwara Eliya since 1902, I could say without the least fear of contradiction, that no previous Champion of Ceylon ever produced a classier exhibition of golf in a final than Danks. His steadiness was uncanny and there were occasions when he made the most amazing recoveries, to either halve or win a hole, with such apparent ease that the crowd were left gasping. There can be no question as regards Danks' greatness as a golfer, and we take off our hats to one who has proved a worthy Champion of Ceylon.

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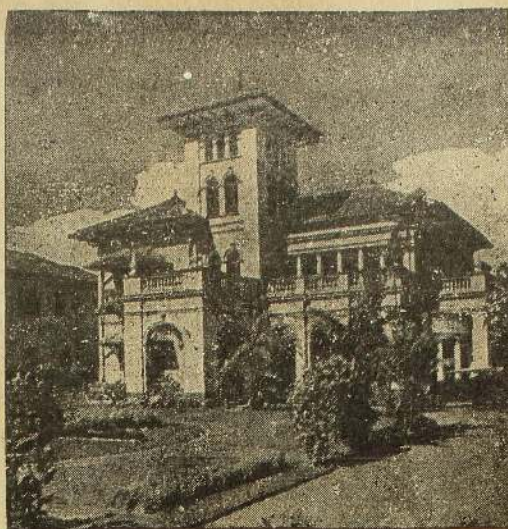
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ANECDOTAGE.

By E. H. J.

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PERHAPS an incident or episode or two of Camp life may interest my readers. Here is one. Among the officers of the Corps undergoing training at what used to be Flagstaff Battery, were a senior Government medical man, whom we will call H and the head of an important Government Scientific department, whom we will designate J. They were both three star men, on their shoulder straps, I mean. On the morning after a special night before—a big guest Night—the latter entering the Mess hut for breakfast with his head between his hands, and looking the picture of abject misery, was disgusted and also envious to find H tackling his bacon and eggs, as though he had been a staunch example of temperance the previous night. It was H's boast that he could never afford to take sufficient on his own account of anything with alcoholic content, to bowl him over, and had not yet discovered anyone hospitable enough to treat him to that required quantum. And it was no idle boast. To proceed with our story, J addressing the hearty trencherman, in lugubrious tones, said: "I say H you are a doctor aren't you?" Capt. H looked at Capt. J. glaringly, and after swallowing his mouthfull of bacon and eggs, shouted with well feigned anger, "Can't you let bygones be bygones?"

J:—"Sorry old man, I did not mean to offend, but I always understood you were an eminent doctor."

H, apparently somewhat appeased:—"Well, suppose I am, what then?"

J, ingratiatingly:—"I only wanted to ask you to give me something for my head, which is splitting."

H:—"Your head, where do you keep it?"

J:—"Don't be an ass H. Give me something to put me right."

H:—"Your head!" Let me see, I suppose you mean that blob

on your neck, between your shoulders. I do not call that a head. I call it a pimple. If you poultice it enough, it may come to a "head."

Having delivered himself of this combined *jeu d'esprit* and *jeu de mots*, H., with great satisfaction to himself—he was our acknowledged humourist, whose clever quips would fill a volume—took pity upon his friend—they were almost inseparable pals in Camp—and prescribed for him, with, I believe, startling success.

Another yarn about J. He was irrepressible and always bubbling over with hilarity, but a good keen soldier. The officers of the Corps, these not the Battery on duty with the detachments, had taken up a position on the green at the foot of the old Flagstaff, giving a commanding view of the Battery across the road, and of the firing which was to take place from the six-inch guns there. The General had arrived and ascended the Flagstaff, by the spiral staircase, accompanied by the O. C. of the Corps and the Staff. The officers grouped below came on to the verandah to await the return of the General, who, after an interval was observed to descend, wearing overalls and shoes. Suddenly the hush was rudely awakened by a stage whisper from J:—"Good Lord! he has on odd socks." Tableau. So he had, dressing probably in the semi darkness—these were the days before electric lights—he had put on one foot a blue sock and on the other a brown one—I cannot remember the exact colours, but these are sufficient for our purpose. The contrast was striking, when once drawn attention to. I am not sure that the General himself had not heard the remark, but his A.D.C. did—in those days Generals had their A. D. C.'s—for he was preceding the General downstairs. There was a big rumble of almost irrepressible laughter among the waiting officers, who were with J.

and it was all they could do to bring themselves up to "attention" in a smart and soldierly-like manner to meet the General.

The incident passed happily, but the A. D. C. tackled J afterwards about it. He got no change out of him, for he was told that he had been guilty of a gross dereliction of duty in bringing his General on duty improperly clad. And that was that.

One more yarn about camping life. It was in the good old days at Urugasmanhandiya. I had almost forgotten to spell the name, but it can always be recalled by recalling "Ta-ra-ra-boom-deay," that old song which was at one time on everybody's lips, and to which the name of the old Camp was set to rhyme in a camp song. To the younger generation a reference to the Urugasmanhandiya Camp must seem synonymous with a reference to "The Flood," or at least to "The Old Coffee Days." It was some centuries after the former and a few decades after the latter. *Revenons a nos moutons*. At Urugas, to use the abbreviation known to all in those days, the Camp was a combined one, each Corps having its own quarters in different parts of the encampment, with a combined Officers' Mess, all the buildings being thatched with cadjan, with mud and wattle walls and earthen floors. The various Corps had their own guest nights, the N. C. O's and Men's Messes being utilised for the purpose, and the officers of other Corps being invited as guests. The best spirit of *camaraderie* prevailed amongst the different units. The C. M. R. Mess hut was situated on top of a hill, with a steep gravel pathway leading up to it. On one hilarious guest night there, a keen Rugger match was indulged in after dinner, play being between the fixed rough mess tables. How that match ended deponent knoweth not, nor did anyone else I reckon, but that is a detail. After the match the Adjutant of my Corps, whose appetite for out-of-the-way deeds of derring-do was insatiable, challenged all and sundry to roll down the gravel path to the bottom of the hill. The challenge was accepted by one or two undaunted spirits. The Adjutant led the

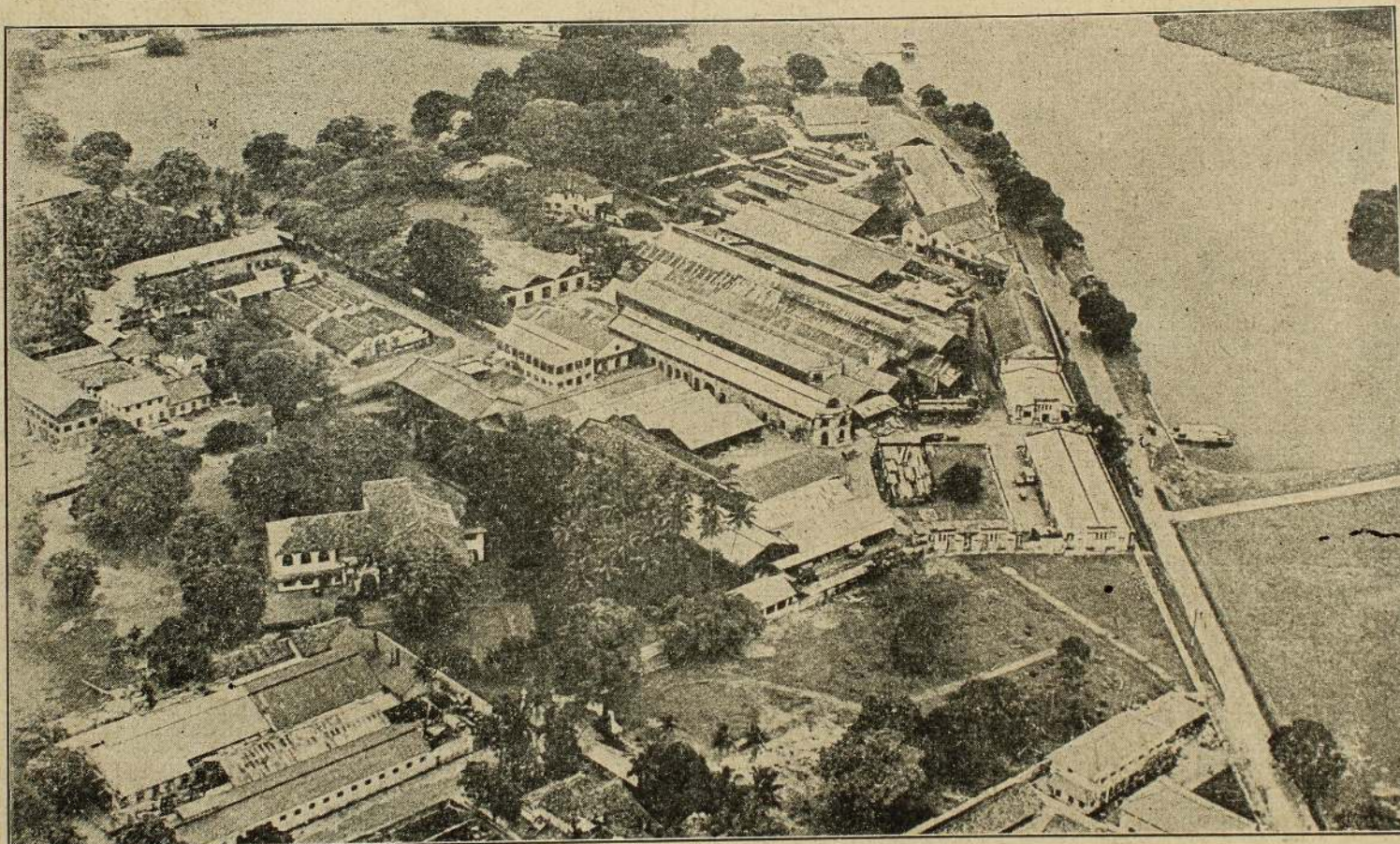
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THERE would seem to be considerable interest aroused in Kurakkan (the Indian "ragi") as a secondary food product, and in some instances, as a regular diet in certain ailments. Kurakkan is one of the millets, known botanically as *Eleusine Corracana*. In response to more than one request for an analysis of this grain, I give below, what is even more interesting, viz., a comparative estimate of the composition of our commoner local food-stuffs both cereals and legumes. For this I am indebted to Mr. A. W. R. Joachim, Government Agriculturist Chemist, who, in sending them, says "it will be understood that these figures will vary with different samples."

	Moisture	Protein	Oil
Kurakkan	11.3	9.4	4.9
Rice (polished)	11.5	6.3	.4
Country rice	13.2	7.4	.7
Maize (Indian corn)	11.4	9.7	4.8
Amu	8.8	8.0	4.6
Tana-hal	10.0	10.4	4.3
Green gram	10.4	21.2	1.1
Dhal	8.1	19.4	1.3

	Carbohydrates	Fibre	Ash
Kurakkan	60.1	6.7	7.6
Rice (polished)	80.8	.3	0.7
Country rice	77.6	.3	1.0
Maize (Indian corn)	70.6	1.4	1.9
Amu	65.2	7.4	6.0
Tana-hal	65.3	6.0	4.0
Green gram	59.6	4.1	3.6
Dhal	61.4	5.9	3.9

Mr. Joachim also furnishes the following interesting remarks on the above:

It will be noted that Kurakkan, Amu, Tana and similar dry grains contain higher amounts of protein and oil and ash than rice. On the other hand rice contains much more carbohydrate material. Country rice is preferable to polished rice as a balanced food. Maize approximates the dry grains in its composition, so far as protein and oil go; but it has slightly higher carbohydrate, and appreciably lower ash contents than

the latter. Green gram and Dhal are in a class by themselves being pulses, and hence richer in proteins than Cereal grains.

One of the factors in flowers that serves as an attraction to insects is *Scent*, as is evidenced by the great number of insect visitors received by many sweet-scented but inconspicuous flowers. We have to remember that our own sense of smell is limited, and must not conclude that, because we cannot smell a flower, it has no fragrance. Bees can smell flowers which to us appear scentless. On the other hand the vile odour of certain flowers repels all insect visitors except the carrion-loving flies, by which alone these flowers are visited and pollinated.

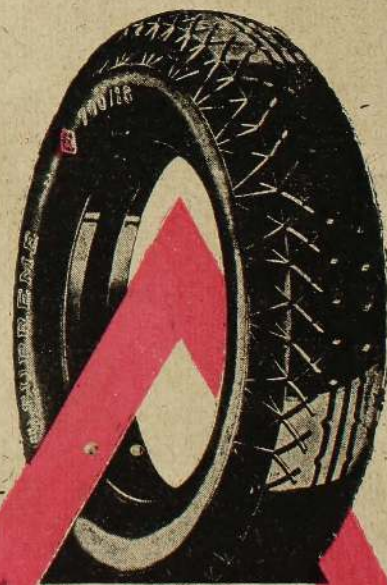
Willis tells us that the "Rain Tree" is so-called because of the legend that it is always raining under its branches. This is the common roadside shade, called botanically *Pithecolobium Saman*, and known by the vernacular name of "Inga saman." The dropping of liquid matter from the tree is attributed to the ejections of Cicadas.

A similar phenomenon is formed in the maple (*Acer*) which harbours aphides that exude drops of "honey dew" after sucking the juices of the plant, and give the impression of a fine rain to those passing beneath it.

"Tea Cider," about which most people have a very hazy idea, is described by Dr. Gadd of the Tea Research Institute, as a pleasant, slightly acid, effervescent, refreshing drink. It is made from a sweetened infusion of tea, and has a bouquet and flavour, not unlike, the Cider made from Apples. It is, however, not a new drink, since it was introduced into Germany in 1911, from Russia, having probably come over from Japan or some other part of the

Orient. For its preparation a starter consisting of a mixture of organisms is required. In Dr. Gadd's opinion, the two most important organisms are a yeast (*Saccharomyces Ludwigii*) and a bacterium (*B. xylinum*). The process of manufacture is simple, and the Tea Research Institute is able to supply the culture on application to those who desire to prepare this beverage, if the Excise authorities will permit them. The alcohol present rarely exceeds one per cent.

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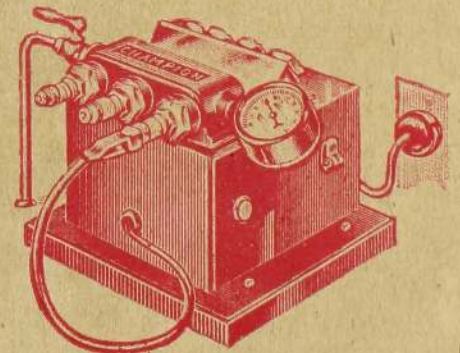
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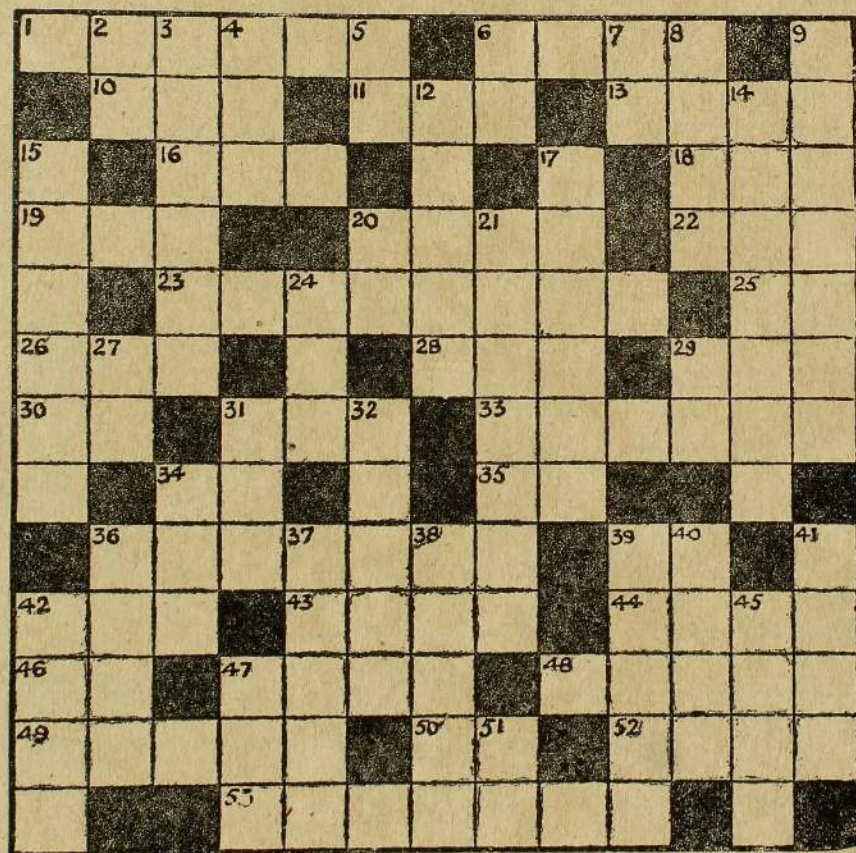
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Rugby Football.

THE Rugger season is now well on its way and, from the matches played so far, promises to be a very interesting one despite the fact that all districts, with the possible exception of the C. R. & F. C., are suffering from the lack of new talent. Some of the planting districts, however, have benefitted at the expense of others.

In Colombo both the C. R. & F. C. and C. H. & F. C. have started their inter-district fixtures, the former with a win against the K. V. and two defeats sustained against Kandy and the C. H. & F. C. The C. H. & F. C. have only played one match, defeating the C. R. & F. C., on the Racecourse, and they were unfortunate in having their match against Uva scratched owing to the floods.

When one remembers the promise displayed by the C. R. & F. C. last year, particularly when they were only beaten by the C. H. & F. C., the Champion district side, by the narrow margin of two points, it is very disappointing to see that they have lapsed again into their old faults, high tackling, refusal to open up the game, and last but not least, their tendency to get off-side. This latter fault was particularly noticeable in the match against the C. H. & F. C. They started the season quite well, being beaten by Kandy, who appear to have a strong side this year, by the only three points scored in the game, and one hoped that the form displayed against the K. V. was too bad to be true. It would be difficult to imagine a worse exhibition of Rugby Football than was seen in this game and while one can forgive the K. V., who are to be admired for their keenness in producing a side in spite of their difficulties, there is no excuse for the inept display given by the C. R. & F. C. They are, however, a young side and there is no reason why they should not, under Gratiaen's able

leadership, develop into a useful team provided they can control their over-eagerness.

Turning to the C. H. & F. C. the selectors were faced with the problem of replacing seven of last year's pack with the slender resources at their disposal. How well they succeeded the match against the C. R. & F. C. showed, as the forwards on that occasion played really well and appear to be as good a pack as the C. H. & F. C. have had for some years. They dominated the game and while the heeling at times was not as clean as could be wished for, in the loose they were magnificent, and the forward rush from their opponents' kick off, which resulted in a try, will long be remembered.

It would be invidious to pick out any individual when all played at the top of their form, but a special word of praise should be given to Tatham, a new comer, who was one of the standout players on the field and who played a really intelligent game. The halves, however, were not so satisfactory as Cameron and Pelly Fry never seemed happy together. For this, Cameron was largely to blame as he was standing too far away from Pelly Fry, with the result that the latter in trying to get length on his passes, lost accuracy. As a result, the whole of the back division was slowed down. This no doubt will improve with practice and if they can work smoothly together, the C. H. & F. C. should again go through the season unbeaten. They should also remember that they have exceptionally fast wings and if they would get the ball out to them quickly instead of playing about in the middle of the field, more tries would be forthcoming. This was clearly proved in the match against the C. R. & F. C. when both wings scored practically every time they got the ball.

The other district sides, except the K. V., have not yet been seen in action in Colombo, but from all

accounts Uva have a stronger side than usual and to have led the strong Dimbulla side at Radella at half time, although they were eventually defeated, was a very creditable performance. On their home ground they later easily defeated Kandy who, although they appear to have a workmanlike side, are no doubt feeling the loss of their two halves, Harvey and Galloway, who for the last two or three years have been a thorn in their opponents' flesh.

Little has been heard of Dickoya, who will sadly miss Ewart who is home on leave, but they should be able to turn out a useful side. Dimbulla, who have an exceptionally strong pack of forwards, should again be the pick of the outstation sides, their only difficulty being to find two wing three quarters to replace Paulet and Strong. They are due to play the C. H. & F. C. in Colombo, on the 3rd of June, and the match should be productive of some good football and will be worth seeing.

A. C. C.

Two Famous Ceylon Golfers.

TWO golfers who have enjoyed extraordinary popularity in Ceylon during a period of nearly three decades are W. H. Smallwood and A. R. Aitken, both of whom came out to the Island with splendid reputations, the former arriving in Colombo 27 years ago as a comparative youngster but rich in experience as a golfer, having made his mark as a member of the Enfield Club, London. It did not take Smallwood many weeks to prove that he was a golfer of the first flight, and we can recall some of his earliest achievements on the Ridgeway Links, where he carried all before him, notwithstanding the fact that at the time the Club counted among its ranks several outstanding players. Smallwood proved to be Colombo's best golfer during the seven years prior to the outbreak of the Great War, and during the time A. R. Aitken and A. H. S. Clarke were the two stand-out golfers Up-country.

A. H. S. Clarke, who had been champion of Glenalmond, was the most successful golfer competing in the Amateur Championship of Ceylon before the war broke out, winning the title oftener than any other Ceylon golfer. He was invincible at Nuwara Eliya and Smallwood at his best was never able to lower his

colours there. But in Colombo Smallwood always held the upper hand over his formidable Up-country rival till 1914 when he went under to Clarke in a memorable final, which ended on the 36th green.

Aitken's triumphs came after the period of the War when he established his claims to be regarded as one of the greatest golfers that Ceylon has ever had. He won the Championship both in Colombo and Nuwara Eliya, and no more popular golfer ever won the coveted distinction. His fame as a golfer is not con-

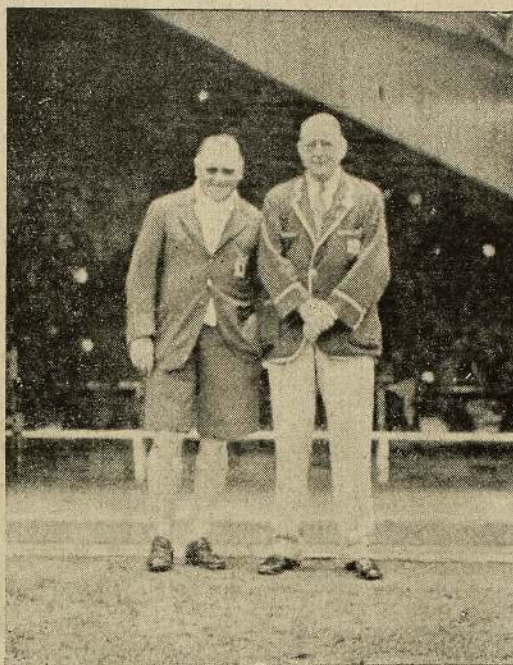


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A. R. AITKEN & W. H. SMALLWOOD.

finied to Ceylon as he had distinguished himself as an International player long before he came to this island. He is well-known at Prestwick and other famous golf centres in Scotland and he still contrives to make regular appearances in the British Amateur Championship. His reputation as a long hitter is well known and on his day one could rarely wish to see a finer exponent of Ye Ancient Game.

Both Aitken and Smallwood were pretty golfers whom the crowd always delighted to follow and even in his most recent appearance in Nuwara Eliya, Aitken had the largest following till he succumbed in the third round. While Aitken officiated as Referee in the final, W. H. Smallwood, as Chairman of the Championship Control Committee, made a capital speech in congratulating the new champion, E. S. Danks, on his brilliant showing.

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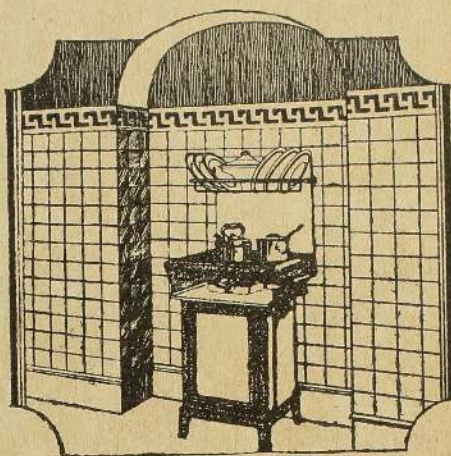


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This fact was revealed by the driver, Mr. Alan N. Cooper, a Kenya coffee planter, who has just arrived in England and completed the final stage to London of an 8,000-mile journey, commencing seven weeks ago from Nairobi.

Mr Cooper purchased his Morris—a 1931 side-valve model—second-hand, the car having already accomplished a considerable mileage, and set out from Nairobi with one companion, Mr. Walsh. The route taken led through Uganda, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Belgian and French Congo, Cameroons, Nigeria, the Sahara, Algeria, Morocco, Spain and France. The trip across the desert between Gao and Reggan—over 800 miles—was accomplished in four days; an average of over 200 miles a day—splendid going in view of the fact that a severe sand storm was encountered and the correct route frequently lost.

Morris In Shanghai.

STATISTICS published in the Chinese press reveal that Morris is far and away the most popular British make in Shanghai.

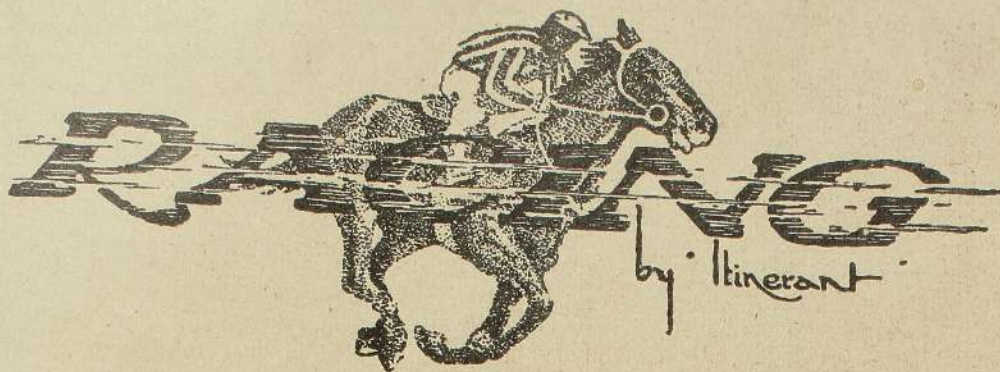
Morris were second in total International Settlement registrations at the end of 1932, with 652 units—196 ahead of the next British make. Morris were also second in the total of International Settlement and French Concession registrations at the same date, with 1094 units—this time 426 in excess of their nearest British competitors.

Steady Progress.

OVERSEAS orders received by the Morris Factory for the first seven months of the season show a continuation of the progress long associated with Morris export business. The following presentage increases (compared with the corresponding period of last season) are quoted as examples:—

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Some interesting official figures have been forwarded by the Morris Distributors for Nigeria and the Gold Coast, Compagnie Francaise de l'Afrique Occidentale. Out of 400 cars imported into Nigeria in 1932, 116 were of Morris manufacture—52 ahead of the next make. Morris also topped the list of cars in circulation in the Gold Coast at the end of December 1932, with a total of 623 out of 2026. Their nearest competitors were 330 units behind.

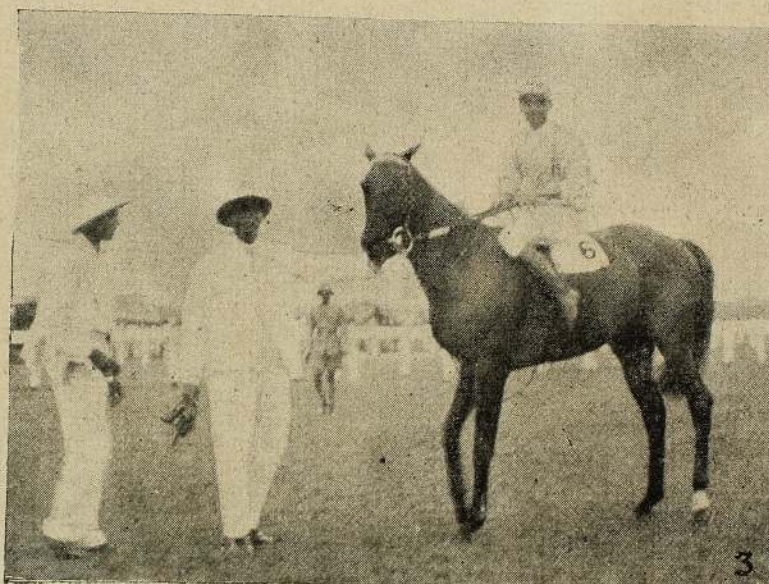


ALTHOUGH prior to the running of the first two days' races in connection with the May Monsoon Meeting the weather threatened to mar the success of the sport, rain fortunately held off and the racing was consequently as interesting as it could be, even with comparatively small fields. A feature of the first two days sport was the continued success of Trainer Coomber, who followed up the victories gained by his string in Nuwara Eliya with 8 more successes, that is four on each day. On the first day Trainer Coomber saddled Swindler, May Queen, Saver and Kamal Beg, and on the second day Trickster, Saver, Passion and Swindler. It will be seen that Saver and Swindler each scored a double, the former enhancing his remarkably fine record by raising his winnings for Mr. W. B. Bartlet to a little over Rs. 20,000 in less than two years. Saver has had a wonderful career in Ceylon, having won ten races and five of them in his last seven outings. Coomber is fortunate in having so fine a collection of high class animals in his stables and deserves to be congratulated on the results he has got out of them.

Swindler has also added considerably to his reputation and well rewarded his owner Mr. A. C. Abdeen.

On the first day of the Meet the first Double on May Queen and Firtashanar paid out the splendid dividend of Rs. 460 for Rs. 5. The Rs. 2 Treble on Mealagh, Dabbler and Kamal Beg paid out a dividend of Rs. 352. On the second day the Treble on Passion, Flitter Mouse and Swindler paid a dividend of Rs. 358. There was not a single

three figure dividend paid out on the first two days by the Electric Tote. On the first day the largest winning dividend was Rs. 69 on Kamal Beg. On the second day Flitter Mouse gave each of his backers Rs. 83. The final success of Saver in winning the two big races on the first two



MRS. SEVERNE'S THE SULTAN.
Winner of the Dundee Stakes, on May 27th.

days was another feature of the meet. The success of Firtashanar who carried 9.2 in the Simla Handicap and beat Black Pearl and Mozan was also notable. In Manshad Mr. Selvaratnam owns another excellent pony like Black Pearl, who gained a winning bracket on the second day. One dead heat was recorded on the first day when Miss Carpathian and Mealagh divided the honours in the Hatton Handicap.

Balakumar, who gained a victory in Ceylon in his debut in Colombo made an excellent impression by the way in which he won the Carragh Stakes. This son of King Sol is a huge animal with giant like strides. The success of Passion on the second day was also noteworthy. It was

her second success in successive outings.

The third and final day of the Monsoon Meet was attended by tropical monsoonish weather unlike the conditions on the first day and as a result the going was slow and slushy and several startling upsets were provided. In spite of the wet weather there was a fairly large gathering of punters who saw some huge dividends declared. The biggest upset of the afternoon was provided by Raham, ridden by a newcomer, Bell. This pony gave his backers the dividend of Rs. 350, while old Louvello proved that he is not yet a back number by winning a mile race to pay out Rs. 210. Mr. A. E. de Silva's former cup horse dead heated with Lady Sylvia at the last Easter meet in Nuwara Eliya and is still a horse worth backing. Young Edwin Silva deserves credit for his clever riding of the son of Louvois. Swindler just failed to score a hat trick, being beaten by Raham. In the big race of the day Mrs. Severne's The Sultan gained a capital victory over Blissful, Chatternach, Dee Street, Gabelonne, Yuwill and Aroostook, last year's Governor's Cup winner. To Jack Rosen, who rode an admirable race on The Sultan, much credit is due. Coomber did not have a single winner on the last day, but Trainers A. Selvaratnam and P. Don Amaris each saddled two winners.

There were three three-figure dividends paid out during the afternoon and only one favourite, Manshad, obliged his backers. The large sum of Rs. 2,363 has been carried over to the Treble on June 10, as no one was able to pick the Trio correctly.

There will be three days' racing this month on June 10th, 17th and 24th and punters will be making their calculations for the two principal events of the year, the Governor's Cup and the Roberts' Cup. There will also be three days' racing on July 8th, 15th and 22nd, prior to the inauguration of the big August Meet on Thursday, 3rd August.

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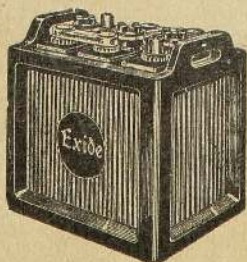
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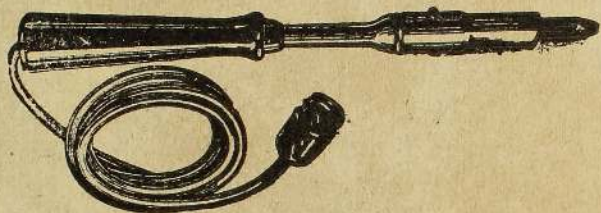
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BRITAIN'S MOTORING INDUSTRY.

By "Highwayman," in *The I. S. & D. News*.

IT is foolish as well as obvious to make comparisons between our own blessings and our neighbours' misfortunes, but without seeking to crow over the United States or do aught but sympathise with them, one cannot but feel pride in the extraordinary way our motor industry is emerging from the bad times, a veritable triumph which shows up the more strongly in contrast to the experience of the same industry across the Atlantic. Except in the Dominions and a few other countries British and American cars are not now in direct competition, and, anyhow, the export trade generally speaking is of no great moment to the American manufacturer in comparison with his home market, though offering great promise to the Briton. Besides, any inclination to cheer over beating a trade rival is quickly dashed by the reflection that our rubber fetches a beggarly threepence a pound simply because America is making and selling so few cars. The biggest car manufacturing concern in the States, a concern which built two out of every five cars sold there last year, made a profit for the year of £32,000, compared to £23,000,000 in the previous year; just about the same time it is announced that both Rolls-Royce and Morris made bigger profits last year than in 1931. But General Motors is not exceptional. Every American car maker has suffered; in many instances millions of profits have been turned into millions lost. Four million cars were sold in the States in 1929; last year only just over one million. Cars with world-famous names have almost disappeared from the market; the sales of others have been divided by six or eight or ten since the slump began.

Almost Booming.

On our side we are already climbing out of the depths which never were as deep. British car production and sales were higher last year than in 1931. Since the autumn there has been almost a boom, so that sales at the end of the year were a record, better even than in the boom year of 1929. And, though it is true that a larger proportion of the

sales have been small cars, "tens" and the like, there is at the same time a definite revival of the demand for luxury cars, those costing, say, £600 and over. Rolls-Royce are really busy—cars as well as aero engines; if you order a chassis now you won't get delivery till July. Daimlers are busier and employing more hands than at any time since the war, and the bigger models are beginning to be in demand again. The specialist coachbuilders are doing good business; one firm, building only for large and costly chassis, has more orders on hand than it can fill. On these facts some observers base statements that the worst is definitely behind us and confidence returning, and no doubt, there is justification for that belief. There are other influences at work. People had put off buying a new car until it could be put off no longer. Other people, I have discovered, are giving up cigars or cutting down the wine bill or going without new furs in order to afford new cars—which is good for the motor trade but not so good, of course, for other trades. But whether it is more money or returning confidence or just the feeling that whatever else we do without we must have a decent car, cars are being bought as freely as ever they were, and there is a visible tendency no longer to be content with anything, provided it is low in cost and economical in upkeep. The well-to-do are once more ready to think in terms of large and lordly limousines, instead of throwing up their hands at the mere suggestion. Humbler people are willing to pay a little more, even if still afraid of anything that pays a lot to the Treasury, to get better performance than the average, or better coachwork or more room. In fact, we are beginning to cheer up, and pride of ownership is returning.

The New Car Feeling.

That feeling is never sweeter and pleasanter or stronger than when the new car has just arrived at the front door, and how nice it is to think that at this hour, the height of the season of the new car, there is again the full normal number of proud owners. At least the new cars are out, and

the rate at which the new three-letter registration marks are being used up testifies that their name is legion. Possibly the proportion of owners who have acquired that blessed status for the first time is smaller than it was in, say, 1929, for undoubtedly one of the reasons for the great burst of car-buying experienced since December has been that so many people had gone without new cars for so long—until, in fact, the new car could not be gone without any longer. So it may be that in those brand-new vehicles you will see this week-end there are few breasts palpitating with that first full heart-gripping rapture that goes with one's very first car, never to be recaptured in quite the same blissful intensity. But all the same there is some thrill in every one of those cars. It may weaken by repetition, but I can hardly imagine anyone (except perhaps the millionaire who never drives himself, and he, of course, is not worthy to be called a motorist) who feels no stirring of the blood as he starts up and moves off in his new car for the first time, even if it be his tenth or twentieth new car. It is now rather late in the day for a dissertation on how to treat the new possession, but I believe there are one or two remarks which are worth my making and your reading, supposing you to be one of the lucky ones; if you know the truth about running-in, perhaps the colloidal graphite idea may be new to you.

Gently Does It.

As to running-in, the secret of that is not keeping down to a set speed for a set mileage, so much as a style of driving. Imagine that you have a highly sensitive and nervous creature under your bonnet. Never do anything suddenly; never make a heavy call on its heart or muscles. "Gentle" your engine until it has settled down, until the car, like Kipling's ship, has found itself. Much more important than keeping the speed down to 25 miles per hour, is keeping one's foot light on the pedal. If the car wants to run along up to forty miles an hour for a mile or so, let it, but don't press the pedal down more than quarter way, and especially don't imagine that because that so long as she is moving slowly it doesn't matter that she is pulling hard. She must not pull hard if

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way starting with a somersault, and reached the bottom of the path still alive. No one else, I believe, completed the circuit. The next morning, or to be more accurate that morning, was the last parade before the break up of Camp. The Adjutant was awakened by his "Boy" for the parade, with the customary cup of tea. The "Boy" did not greet his master with his usual bon homie. His face was very grave and disapproving. Handing his master his tea, he said in solemn tones: "Master coming last night with mess suit all torn and dirty. Master losing one gold stud, one gold links and one "gold" spur. I very ashamed. I cannot stay with Master, I giving notice!" The temper of the Adjutant was distinctly frayed, as may be imagined. Ordinarily that 'Boy' would have had a very spate of vituperation poured on him, for that Adjutant was noted as a pastmaster in expletive. He was, however, so taken aback that he could only stare at his faithful servant in dumb amazement. The "Boy" stalked out of the cubicle in majestic dudgeon. I do not know what happened later between master and servant, but I believe the latter was with the former till the end of his service in Ceylon. Probably a handsome *santosum* solaced his feelings. Be that as it may, I only know that during one of the stand-easies of the Parade, I saw the Adjutant seated on his horse, with the reins loose on its neck, and the rider with helmet off picking bits of gravel from his head! I doubt whether he again essayed to act the part of an amateur road-roller.

For the benefit of any Paul Pry among our State Councillors who may seek to take as his text, for an onslaught on the Auxiliary Forces Votes, these instances of junketings in Camp, as indicative of the small amount of Military training performed, I may say that these episodes enacted off duty, only served to give greater zest to the amount of work performed, the proof of which is to be found in the acknowledged efficiency of the various Units since their formation.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

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got frightened at the huge beast coming towards him, changed his mind and ran away.

The elephant gave a loud snort, and with its trunk upraised, started to chase him. Bobbie ran faster, shrieking out, in his terror.

"Mummie! . . . Mummie! He's chasing me, come quickly—quickly!" Mrs. Sinclair turned round and saw her little son running down the road and the elephant following him.

She shrieked to her husband, and started to run to Bobbie. But before either of them could reach him, a little white ball (Toppo) rushed in front of the great brute barking loudly and fiercely. Brave little Toppo was afraid of nothing that was going to hurt her little master.

Now elephants you know hate little dogs, and the huge brute stopped running, and tried to get at Toppo with its trunk. In a moment Daddie reached Bobbie, seized him in his arms and ran up the bank into the tea. The mahoot rushed to the elephant, gave him a jab with the little spear he carried, and soon quieted him with words that only an elephant understands.

Toppo did have a lovely time that Christmas. Oh! she was spoilt. She had a chop, and some sugar biscuits in her stocking, which was one of Bobbie's, tied to her kennel.

Everyone made such a fuss of her! Bobbie gave her a piece of turkey and even a small bit of Christmas pudding, although Daddie said that Christmas pudding was DREFFUL bad for little dogs.

A Viscount's Visit to Ceylon.

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ministers with tenderness when other aid is not at hand. The kindness of Mr. North was incomparable; the skill of the Doctor was no less its supplement, but still it was difficult to keep visitors away who most naturally desired to meet and converse with one of Valentia's standing. The news of his arrival was talked of in the Bazaars, where it was alleged that a King had come to the coun-

try, at a time when the country was still enshrouded in the gloom that followed the events of a little earlier in the year. The village gossip of course magnified the event, placing upon it the wildest construction, and the most fanciful surmise.

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you want to avoid piston slap and unduly heavy oil consumption, and as it will be difficult to tell by ear or feel whether she is pulling hard, you must make it your rule to use all the gears in starting, and to change down for every corner and slope; never to open the throttle suddenly nor more than quarter way, and to do all your driving quietly and decorously. It is a tantalising business, particularly with a car which you have bought for its snappiness, but it is unquestionably worth it in the long run and the five hundred or thousand miles will pass more quickly if you think of yourself as easing her through the teething stages than if you set out grimly to stick to a set 25 miles per hour.

Oil For Salvation.

As to lubrication, there is much talk nowadays among the knowledgeable about colloidal graphite. This is not a new discovery, but more people are taking it up. Graphite is a fine lubricant but in its usual forms it is dangerous for an engine because of its liability to choke up oil channels and grooves. In the colloidal form it is suspended in oil in so fine a form that it cannot do any choking, because it does not settle. What it does do, they say, is to form a very thin coating of graphite on bearings and cylinder walls, which prevents metal-to-metal friction even if the oil fails to circulate or is washed away by excess petrol. "Running-in compounds" containing this colloidal graphite are now marketed by several of the oil firms for use in the sump and gearboxes of new cars. Whether they are really necessary opinion is divided. Some car manufacturers I know think that ordinary lubricants properly used are quite adequate. But about upper cylinder lubricants with or without colloidal graphite there is now practical unanimity.