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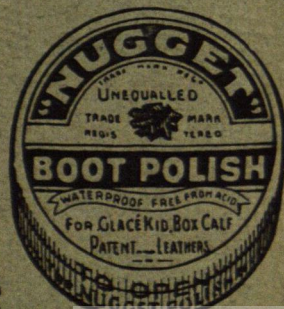
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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1925, was fittingly observed throughout the Army. At least we assume that this was so, particularly in view of the Adjutant-General's Memorandum, No. 46. We have personal knowledge of the military celebration in Dublin, and reports are available of the observance of the festival at the Curragh Training School, and in Collins Barracks, Cork. In addition, one or two of our faithful correspondents have proffered short statements as to what happened in their areas. The fact remains, however, that we are without reports from the majority of the Battalions and Special Corps, and that some important centres are conspicuous by their absence from our "brief abstract and chronicle of the time." And this in spite of Section VI. of the Memorandum already mentioned. In the circumstances we are unable to fulfil our original design of an enlarged "Parade Number" of the Army Journal, but we would like our readers to realise that the fault does not lie with us.

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THEY do these things better in America. The United States Army is a comparatively small body of soldiers entirely surrounded by captious civilian critics, and the local military authorities there have awakened to the vital importance to the Army of proper publicity. The chief purpose of such publicity is to bring home to the American people that there is no such thing as a military caste in their country, but that the Army, from Private to General, is composed of their own kith and kin, and that they are in uniform solely in the interests of the people. In their publicity work American troops are constantly endeavouring to develop the friendly relations existing between the people and the soldiers. And, although this is a new phase of American army activities, it is being handled with all the traditional efficiency of their great country. One thing is certain, if they had been observing a national festival with military display, first-class "write-ups" of their doings would have been properly circulated within twelve hours. Here we wait twelve days and get no reports in the majority of cases.

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IN a St. Patrick's Day address to the troops at the Curragh Training Camp, Major General Mac Eoin said that the soldier, in every little thing he did, should ask himself, "Is this for the honour of my Battalion?" If they asked themselves that question, he declared, they might rely upon it that they would never do anything that would not be a credit to themselves, to the Battalion, and to Ireland. Sounder advice could not be given to any soldier. Loyalty to one's Corps or Battalion is the main prop of *esprit de corps*. Troops

come into their own when the men shed the pronounced individualism of civilian life, and begin to think more of their battalion or corps than of themselves. There are many signs that this spirit is developing in our Army, though, at first, one may find it manifesting itself in the somewhat negative form of criticism of other units. We know of a Barracks containing two Battalions, one admirable, the other by no means all that could be desired. The better unit of the two has discovered that it does not share the defects of the other, and is growing somewhat inclined to brag about it. Not only that, but it is trying to put a bigger distance still between itself and its barracks companion. It is quite a common thing to hear the men of "X" Battalion criticising the style and general appearance of "Y" Battalion. More significant still, the "X" boys are now commenting on the poor discipline of "Y." The latter, hapless crowd, are being held up as the traditional "awful example." "There, but for the grace of God, go we," say "X" Battalion in effect and hasten to spruce themselves up still more. It is to be hoped that "Y" Battalion will be stirred to emulation, and that there will be a keen contest between the two units for pride of place. That is the spirit that makes for contentment, and efficiency. When a man is proud of his Corps or Battalion, he is a soldier of whom the country can be proud.



SOME REASONS WHY WE SHOULD LEARN IRISH.

Language is, perhaps, the most distinguishing feature in the individuality of any people or nation; it is that which points out more clearly than anything else a people's claim to the proud status of nationhood. The loss of a language is one of the surest signs of slavery, because we see that from the earliest times conquerors always sought to impose their language and customs on the vanquished. The conquerors were wise in their generation, because in a people's language is embodied the sentiments, ideals and characteristics of the race, and consequently a nation which adopts the tongue of its conqueror must necessarily adopt his sentiments, ideals and characteristics.

In the Ireland of to-day we sometimes hear people say: "Oh, what is the use of learning Irish: Irish will never again become a spoken language?" and "Irish is no use to anyone outside Ireland." To understand how foolish those statements are, we have but to turn to other countries whose case has been similar to our own. Greece for ages lay under the heel of the Turk. She had adopted the language of the conqueror. In 1830 Greece won her independence, and to-day she speaks the ancient tongue of the Hellenes, yet we never hear of Greece suffering any inconvenience from the fact that she speaks her own language, nor do we hear of any other small nation in Europe being handicapped because it speaks its own language.

Another great incentive to the learning of Gaelic is provided by the memories of the past that cling around it. Gaelic was the spoken language of Ireland's golden period. It was the language of our missionaries and scholars, who evangelised Europe, after the barbarian hordes of the North had destroyed its ancient Roman civilisation. It was the language of Brigid, Patrick, and Colmcille, and hosts of other saints and scholars whose names cast a lustre on the pages of our ancient annals. It was the language of Brian the Great when his victorious army swept the pagan hordes into the sea at Clontarf. It was the language of Seán the Proud, of Hugh O'Neill, and of Owen Roe. In a word, it was the language of our national greatness, and with its passing came our national decay.

Hence, it behoves each of us to make an effort to learn Irish and to have Ireland as Padraig Pearse would surely have her, "not free merely, but Gaelic as well," "not Gaelic merely, but free as well."

DANIEL J. SHERIDAN, Capt. A.C.E.

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THE HISTORY OF COLLEGE GREEN, DUBLIN.

Once an Archery Ground—Auto da Fe in 14th Century—Scene of Election Meetings Four Hundred Years Ago—Epoch-Marking Parades.

College Green, the centre of the military parade on St. Patrick's Day this year, possesses a history of great national interest. In bygone centuries the land here was known as Hoggen Green, from its proximity to the nunnery of St. Mary le Hogges, which was founded close by in the year 1146 by Dermot Mac Murchadha, King of Leinster. The name "Le Hogges," it may be of interest to note, was derived from the word "Hogge" which signified small hills or sepulchral mounds.

This ground in those far-off days was used by the citizen soldiers of Baile-Atha-Cliath as a training ground, and the records make reference to the "Hoggen Butt," where young marksmen contested for the Mayor's prize for archery. Lighter pastimes were indulged in at the "Tib and Tom," a building situated near the archery ground, and here the elder burghers would on occasion disport themselves at the ancient game of nine-pins.

Stern incidents sometimes occurred at Hoggen Green, and one or two of these are noteworthy. A hard, dark-visaged gentleman named Adam Duff O'Toole was here publicly burned, by order of the courts, in the year of grace 1327, for having declared that the Bible story was a fable, and that the authority of the Apostolic See was erroneous. Nearly a century later a messenger from the Mayor of Waterford, who bore the news that the good burghers of that town would not embrace the cause of Lambert Simnel, was publicly executed at Hoggen Green by order of the Earl of Kildare. The records are silent as to the name of this unfortunate wight.

It is pleasant to turn from these deeds of blood and fire to the old-time celebrations of the great Christian feasts which were held on the same ground. In the year 1528, mystery plays were performed here by the members of the various city trade guilds. Election contests were decided at Hoggen Green, and sometimes the aspirant to municipal or parliamentary honours addressed his constituents from a platform on the same spot.

After the dissolution of the monasteries by "that beast, Henry VIII," as Swift designated the monarch of the English Reformation, the monastery of St. Mary le Hogges and the neighbouring lands were seized by those rapacious rascals who constituted the Government of the day, and large parcels of land in Hoggen Green were granted or sold to the Lords of the Pale.

During the closing years of the sixteenth century, one Sir George Carew, Lord High Treasurer of Ireland, built a large mansion on portion of the lands of the suppressed convent. Later this residence became the property of Lord Chichester, and is referred to as "Chichester House." It was to this building one dark evening in 1641 that the semi-drunken Owen

Connolly, brooding over grievances, real or imaginary, came to pour into the affrighted ears of the Lords Justices the story of the proposed Insurrection. Aodh Mac Mahon, grandson of Aodh O'Neill, the hero of the Elizabethan wars was conveyed to Chichester House a day or so later, and there was forced to undergo examination by the officials, who used all the horrible methods so familiar in those days in order to make him disclose his knowledge of the intended rising. Mac Mahon, however, remained steadfast and was thrown into a dungeon in the Castle of Dublin.

The Parliaments held in Ireland after the restoration of the Stuarts, in 1660, assembled in Chichester House, and when the asthmatic Dutchman hunted that sorry humbug, James II., from Ireland he caused a Parliament to be summoned at the same place. In 1723 it was found that Chichester House was in a state of decay, and arrangements were made for the erection of a suitable building for the use of the Irish Parliament. Chichester House was demolished, and the foundations of the new Parliament House were begun in the early months of 1729. Swift, in one of his merciless satires, speaks of the Parliament House of Ireland as being

A building large and lofty
Not a bow-shot from the Colledge,
Half the world from sense and knowledge.

The pile contains
Many a head that holds no brains.

College Green during the later years of the eighteenth century was the scene of many stirring incidents. Here, in 1779, the Volunteers, under Charlemont, held a great parade, and two years later, when the independence of the Irish Parliament became the object of the Patriotic Party, the Volunteers again choose College Green as their parade ground. It was through the serried ranks of the Volunteers in College Green that Grattan walked on that memorable day in April, 1782, when he demanded from the English Viceroy the independence of his country's legislature.

College Green will also be remembered as the scene of the Irish Volunteers' Parade on St. Patrick's Day, 1916.

The amusing statue of King William III, which stands in College Green was erected in 1701, and possesses, among statues, a very unique record for attacks and restorations.

Among the residents in College Green we notice the names of Patrick Byrne, the bookseller friend of the patriotic brothers Sheares, and John Magee, proprietor of the "Dublin Evening Post," famous for his advocacy of national ideals, and his long encounter with the sycophantic Lord Clonmel. The General Post Office was situated in College Green from 1783 to 1816, when the building in O'Connell Street was opened.

J. J.

SAYS THE SEVENTH.

H.Q. Coy. express their regrets at the passing of Con. to "D," but "Good luck, Con." "Mind the white gloves and don't use too much Maypole."

Who is the Jack London of the 7th? When does he intend to publish "My Trip to Klondyke," "Grizzly Hunting in the Rockies," and "With the Canadian North-West Mounted"?

What is the allusion about the "Barque Leaving the Harbour"? Why did the orderly man remark darkly that "If the boat was pushed out" it might give her a start?

What is the general trend of opinion about the new Billiard Table? Who is responsible for the suggestion that "the erection of a net around it" would be a source of great convenience to some of our virile players?

What did "Seorsa" say when the cue parted from the tip, and did his auditors enjoy his rendering of "We parted on the score"?

What is the joke about a certain musically-inclined N.C.O. nearly encountering a watery grave when practising "Over the Waves," and who is the C.Q.M.S. who betrays a penchant for quelling "a concord of sweet sounds" with the aid of tallow and soft soap?

Who was it, who, when returned to duty, well nigh brought tears to the eyes of his Coy. Officer by his pathetic recital of "My castles in the air come tumbling down"?

Who is the "heavy man" of the Battalion? Is there any truth in the suggestion that in his future displays on Recreational half holiday he will be accompanied by a caddie?

Why do some of our embryo harriers evince so keen a desire to return from the cross-country runs via Rathaska?

All ranks join heartily in expressing their appreciation of the "Dixie Minstrels," and trust the time is not too remote when they may be able to again visit the 7th.

AN BUIRANCH.

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7th BATTALION SERGEANTS WIN CROSS-WORDS PRIZE

Mass Attack Captures the Guinea—Another Awaiting a Winner—Further Awards for Correct Solutions of Puzzle No. 4.

There is no sign of diminishing interest in our Cross-Words competitions. On the contrary, the number of entries for both sections of the competitions shows an increase.

The Design Competition has proved a terrible thorn in the editorial side. Fair-seeming patterns which, a first glance cried aloud for the guinea, have proved on closer investigation to be badly punctured in the matter of spelling, whilst the "clues" in many cases have turned out to be hopeless.

In the case of even the best designs submitted, a great deal of time and trouble has been involved in seeing that the "clues" and the "solutions" were worthy of the name and matched each other with some degree of decency. This has actually applied to prize-winning designs.

Three hours were spent in checking one design—only to find in the end that one misfit letter upset the whole bag of tricks. Even the prize-winning design in this issue has involved a very considerable expenditure of time and has required revision. In one or two instances the gallant sergeants of the 7th Infantry Battalion had put the clue amongst the solutions exactly as it appeared in the list of clues, instead of giving the word which should appear in the squares in question. In another place they had substituted "Fuzzy" for the correct word, "Hairy" (only those were NOT the words, clever reader!).

So far no design submitted has reached the high standard of that with which Captain O'Riain carried off the prize some weeks ago—and certainly none has given so little trouble to the hapless Editor. It is a consummation devoutly to be

wished that entrants in future "Design" competitions will take the trouble to check their efforts painstakingly before submitting them. It is comparatively easy to find words to fit the squares and read into each other—the real trouble is to see that proper clues are provided for ALL the words and that the complete solution, as provided, tallies with the original design in every respect.

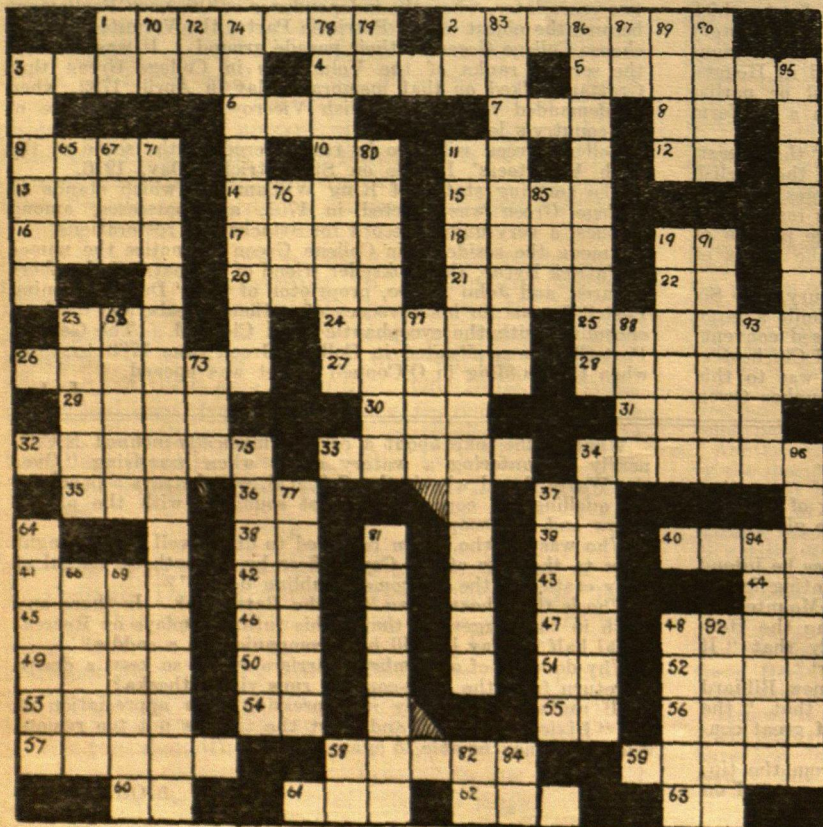
Don't get careless when you have succeeded in filling up all the squares to your satisfaction, Mr. Designer.

The prize of One Guinea this week is awarded to—

BRIAN MacCABA, SAIRSINT,
7th Infantry Battalion,
Naas, Co. Kildare

who forwarded the winning design on behalf of the Sergeants of that Battalion. Despite the one or two little slips already alluded to, it is a very clever performance, displaying considerable erudition. It is to be hoped that the N.C.O.'s of other battalions will be encouraged by the success of the sergeants of the Seventh. We would like to see them vying in the production of the best design.

We are offering another Guinea this week for the best original design which reaches this office not later than Saturday, March 4th. All efforts should be accompanied by the coupon in this issue and envelopes should be marked in the upper left-hand corner "Design."



Preference will be given (all other things being equal) to entries which utilise the diagrams published with puzzles Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Clues and solutions should be written (preferably typed) on separate sheets of paper. The solutions must not be given in the squares, but written separately—a line to each word.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 4.—CLUES.

ACROSS.

1. Used in painting.
2. Struck with horror, fear or disgust.
3. Noxious emanation.
4. Greek author.
5. Descries.
6. Fruit of certain trees.
7. Beard of grain.
8. Used with bread (Irish).
9. An extinct bird.
10. An Ulster organisation (abbrev.).
11. Electoral system.
12. Civil Engineer.
13. Part of theatre equipment.
14. A river in Spain.
15. A fever.
16. Owner of pictures that created an international dispute.
17. Asiatic mountains.
18. To pour or shower down.
19. The soldier's friend (abbrev.).
20. The unit of electro-motive force.
21. Indian coin.
22. Well-known steamship line (initials).
23. Promotes sport.
24. Commanded portion of the Irish Brigade at Fontenoy.
25. Place much frequented.
26. Girl's name.

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27. To surrender.
 28. Norwegian metallic oxide.
 29. Frequently added to *cafe*.
 30. A lough.
 31. Exhausted of moisture.
 32. Sleep (Latin genitive).
 33. A blackbird.
 34. Darkened a bright page of Irish history.
 35. Military officer (abbrev.).
 36. Behold.
 37. Seen at barrack gates.
 38. A deceased monarch's initials.
 39. Expresses assent.
 40. Part of soldiers' equipment.
 41. An arm of the sea.
 42. Preposition.
 43. Military order (abbrev.).
 44. Hound (Irish).
 45. Scottish topographical term.
 46. War zone 25 years ago (abbrev.).
 47. Suffix signifying "to make."
 48. Part of a table. (reversed).
 49. Motion.
 50. A famous character in fiction (initials).
 51. Point of compass.
 52. First four letters of word meaning apples.
 53. Where birds agree.
 54. Same as 51.
 55. An abstainer (abbrev.).
 56. Disturbance.
 57. To pray (Latin).
 58. A word puzzle.
 59. An island in the Levant.
 60. A musical term.
 61. Fifth tone of the diatonic scale.
 62. Printing term.
 63. Young soldier (abbrev.).
- DOWN.**
1. Affectionate diminutive bestowed on paternal relative.
 2. Army dept. in Portobello Barracks (initials).
 3. To bring into a state of confusion.
 11. A four-sided figure.
 19. To a camp (Latin).
 23. A town in Italy.
 34. A weapon.
 37. Source.
 48. Covered with fur.
 58. Aids the destitute (abbrev.).
 64. Has pink eyes.
 65. Pray (Latin).
 66. Public tranquillity.
 68. An agreeable odour.
 69. A very celebrated commander.
 70. Part of the verb to be.
 71. Necessary part of a hospital.
 72. General manager (abbrev.).
 73. Ere-True, Irish Army.
 74. A military operation.
 75. A chant, supplicating mercy.
 76. The camp's daily story (abbrev.).
 77. Much embellished.
 78. Not artificially.
 79. Not cold (Irish).
 80. A 17th century French writer.
 81. A military title.
 82. A personal pronoun.
 83. Records speed of trains (reversed).
 84. Point of compass.
 85. Ruin (beheaded).
 86. A hundred years later.
 87. An English scholarship.
 88. To chide (reversed).
 89. A heroic poem.
 90. An American coin.
 91. A ruddy complexion.
 92. The silver fir.
 93. On horseback.
 94. An animal of the Leopard family.
 95. Draws toward (reversed).
 96. To control and cause to act properly.
 97. Side glance, expressive of some unworthy feeling.

SOLUTION OF PUZZLE No. 3.

Puzzle No. 3 seems to have been very much easier for our readers than its immediate predecessor. The seventh envelope opened contained the correct solution and another winner followed swiftly. A great many of the competitors fell down on No. 80 Across—"Any opinion maintained as true." The correct word was "Tenet", but "Trust" was a hot favourite and one entrant offered "Tract."

By a strange coincidence the first correct solution discovered came from this week's winner of the Design Prize,

**BRIAN MacCABA, Sairsint,
7th Infantry Battalion,
Naas, Co. Kildare.**

The second envelope found to contain a correct solution was forwarded by

**M.F.O. MORDHA, Maor-Shairsint,
Pay and Accounts Sub.-Dept.,
G.H.Q., Dublin.**

Cheques for half-a-guinea each will be sent to these two non-Commissioned Officers this week.

The correct solution of Puzzle No. 3 is as follows:

ACROSS:—(1) Essay. (3) Irish. (7) Felon. (9) Ode. (10) Needed. (14) Tennis. (18) Olga. (20) Read. (21) Bid. (22) Tense. (25) Top. (27) Unit. (29) R.T.O. (30) Mile. (31) End. (33) Not. (35) Duc. (36) Too. (38) Do. (39) Agnes. (40) Welsh. (42) R.N. (43) S.I. (44) S.A. (45) A.C. (46) A.B. (47) D.I. (49) Maims. (51) Alarm. (53) O.S. (55) Inn. (57) R.L.S. (59) She. (60) Age. (61) Alms. (63) Its. (65) Yard. (67) Pea. (68) Items. (70) Cos. (71) Amir. (73) Echo. (75) French. (77) Rapids. (78) A.S.U. (80) Tenet. (81) Otter. (82) Goose.

DOWN:—(1) Extended. (2) Yielding. (4) Rod. (5) I.D. (6) Set. (7) Fanatics. (8) Napoleon. (11) Eoin. (12) D.G. (13) Eat. (15) Ere. (16) N.E. (17) Idol. (19) Into. (21) Bud. (23) Er. (24) So. (26) Pet. (28) Tonsils. (30) Mulcahy. (32) No. (34) Teams. (35) Deals. (37) Or. (39) Aim. (41) Ham. (47) Distinct. (48) In. (50) Armament. (52) Reaching. (53) Og. (54) Sentence. (56) Nap. (58) Step. (60) Ads. (62) Lear. (63) It. (64) S.M. (66) Rood. (68) I.R.C. (69) Sea. (72) In. (74) C.P. (76) Hat. (77) Rue. (79) St.

Two Prizes of Half-a-Guinea each are offered again this week for the first two correct solutions of Puzzle No. 4, which appears in this issue. All entries must reach this Office not later than Saturday, April 4th, and must be accompanied by the coupon which will be found on this page.

ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED IN THE UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER "SOLUTIONS."

UNKNOWN WARRIOR DISCOVERED.

We are pleased to state that we have discovered the absent-minded soldier who sent in a correct solution of Puzzle No. 2, but forgot to enclose his name. He is PRIVATE J. GALLAGHER, ARMY SIGNAL CORPS, WIRELESS STATION, COLLINS BARRACKS, CORK, and, in the course of an amusing letter, he says: "Having gained a certain amount of notoriety, and having, no doubt, been the subject of speculation in the Messes of all ranks, it is with a certain amount of reluctance that I 'come up to scratch' with the missing information. . . . As my oversight has doubtless been the cause of yet another Editorial worry, I apologise for any annoyance the matter may have caused. My only excuse is that I was reading 'portobello-ings' when cutting out the coupon—and that's that!"

He then proceeds to somewhat peculiar manner in which he filled in the coupon and addressed the envelope, and has completely satisfied the Editor that he is the "Unknown Warrior." We are, therefore, forwarding a cheque for half-a-guinea to him this week.

<p>4</p> <p>COMPETITION COUPON.</p> <p>One of these Coupons must accompany every entry. State which Competition in small square above.</p>	<p>Competition</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN DUBLIN.

Citizens flock in thousands to witness Military Parade—Minister for Defence takes the Salute in College Green—Summer-like weather favours fine Display by Troops.

Brilliant weather favoured this year's military parades on St. Patrick's Day. It was like a day in early summer: the sun shone from a blue sky flecked with cotton-wool clouds, and the mild warmth was welcomed alike by the troops participating and the huge crowds that gathered to watch the soldiers of Ireland march through the streets of Ireland's capital.

What a contrast to the last two occasions on which there were military displays in Dublin! It will be remembered that on the occasion of the Griffith-Collins Commemoration on Sunday, 17th August, 1924, heavy rain fell during the entire proceedings. A torrential downpour also marred the military tournament in the Fifteen Acres on Wednesday, September 24th last year. We felt that it was about time the Clerk of the Weather changed his attitude towards us, yet we could hardly believe our luck when he handed us a mild June day for the 17th March.

Perhaps it was the unexpected geniality of the weather that acted as a stimulus; perhaps it was our own big strides towards complete efficiency—the fact remains that the troops on St. Patrick's Day set a headline in punctuality, for the nation in general and the citizens of Dublin in particular. People read in their newspapers that the Parade would pass the saluting base in College Green at 11 a.m.

"Ah" said Patrick Citizen, to the bhean-a-tighe, "that'll give us nice time to get eleven o'clock Mass, and see the troops. If we don't get to College Green in time, at least we will see them marching through the streets."

So thousands of Dubliners and visitors, assuming cheerfully that nobody could expect anybody to be punctual on a holiday, strolled into the heart of the city at 11.30 or later and waited for the troops to pass. They were waiting in O'Connell Street until nearly one o'clock in the afternoon. When the people who had arisen earlier informed them that the military parade was over long ago they found it very difficult to believe the statement.

As a matter of fact we beat the clock by a minute or two, though that is a fact that we don't want to emphasise. The Advance Guard was due to reach the City Hall and debouch into Dame Street at 10.55 a.m., but it was barely 10.56 by the clock of Trinity College when the troop of Mounted Infantry came abreast of the saluting base. At 11.17 the Rear Guard had passed.

On the platform at the saluting base, which had been erected to the right of the old Parliament House, in front of Foster Place, were Lieutenant-General Peadar MacMahon, Chief of Staff; Major-General MacNeill, Adjutant-General; Major-General Cronin, Quartermaster-General, and Mr. Peadar Hughes, T.D., Minister for Defence, who took the salute.

The Guard of Honour at the Saluting Base consisted of six General Staff Officers under the Chief Staff Officer; six Officers of the Adjutant-General's Department, under the Assistant Adjutant-General (Colonel Magauran), and six Officers of the Quartermaster-General's Department, under the Deputy Quartermaster-General (Colonel Seumas O'Higgins), the whole Guard being commanded by the Chief Staff Officer, Colonel Seumas Woods.

The Parade was composed as follows:—

- Advance Guard—1 Troop, Mounted Infantry, A.T.C.
- Colour Party, 3 Subalterns, 4 Sergeants.
- G.O.C. and Staff, Eastern Command, comprising G.O.C., A.O., Adjutant, Q.M., 1 Orderly, 1 Trumpeter, (all mounted).
- No. 1 Army Band with Pipers.
- 1st Infantry Battalion.
- 21st Infantry Battalion.
- No. 2 Army Band, with Pipers.
- 23rd Infantry Battalion.
- 27th Infantry Battalion.
- No. 1 (Eastern Command) Company, Army Signal Corps, (with Signalling Flags).
- No. 1 Field Artillery, Artillery Corps.
- No. 1 (Eastern Command) Company, Armoured Car Corps.
- 6th Brigade Company, Army Transport Corps, (4 Crossley Tenders and 4 G.S. Wagons.)
- No. 3 (Eastern Command) Company, Army Medical Services (with two Ambulances).

Rear Guard.—Depot Company, Military Police Corps (with rifles).

The parade moved off from Collins Barracks after 9 o'clock Mass in the Garrison Church, proceeding along the Northern Quays, Grattan Bridge, Parliament Street, Dame Street, College Green, Westmoreland Street and back along the Northern Quays to Collins Barracks where it was dismissed by the G.O.C., Eastern Command.

As the No. 1 (Irish Speaking) Battalion passed the Saluting Base, the Commanding Officer, Captain Fogarty, gave the order: "Battalion—By Companies—Eyes Left," in Irish.

Among the Battalions participating in the parade the 27th, had marched from the Curragh Training Camp to the capital on the previous Saturday. They left the Curragh at 8 a.m. and reached the Hibernian Schools, Phoenix Park, where they were billeted at 8.15 that evening. En route they halted at Kill for dinner, and at Rathcoole for tea, an hour's rest being allowed at each place.

The battery of artillery which took part in the parade came by road from the Curragh with the 27th.

The troops marched at attention with their bayonets fixed and their appearance and bearing won unstinted praise from all the civilian spectators. The scene as they swung steadily along with bayonets glittering in the sun was strikingly picturesque.

While the parade was in progress a number of aeroplanes from Baldonnel manoeuvred over the city. They were in charge of Major T. J. Moloney, O.C., Army Air Corps, who was on a De Haviland 9 Machine. The other pilots were Captain Crossley (De H. 9), Captain Fitzmaurice, and Lieutenant Russell (Martinsyde Scouts). Photographs of the parade were taken from the air by Captain Crossley.

"The smart turn out of all ranks" (says the "Irish Times"), "was the subject of favourable comment all along the route. The artillery especially upheld the traditions of efficiency on parade of the senior military arm. The new scarlet cap bands of the military police, all big, soldierly men, gave the relieving splash of colour. Old soldiers admired the skill of the armoured car drivers in keeping the regulation intervals."

PORTOBELLO-INGS.

Schools of Instruction, impending exams., and all were forgotten in Portobello on St. Patrick's Night.

This lapse was caused by an epidemic of smoking concerts in Barracks.

Talk about getting into a mess; some of our guests and artists got into two messes.

Imagine the spectacle, as seen through civilian eyes, of a man wrapped in a table cloth standing on a soap box, in the Sergeants' Mess, trying to frighten a "policeman"—**Shades of Shakespeare!!!**

Of course, the piece was impromptu, so much so that all our efforts to supply a suitable name have so far been in vain.

Nevertheless, a "Keen" sense of humour goes a long way.

At 7.30 p.m. a loud speaker was **tuned in** in one Mess; at 10.30 37 other "**Loud Speakers**" were tuned up in the same Mess.

I wonder did they hear "G.H.Q. Calling."—We didn't.

The fact that they were troubled with atmospherics is not to be wondered at.

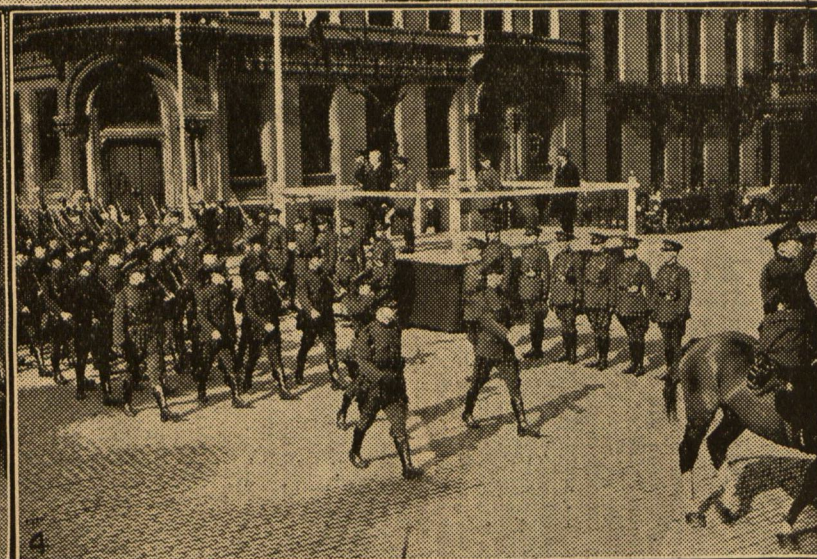
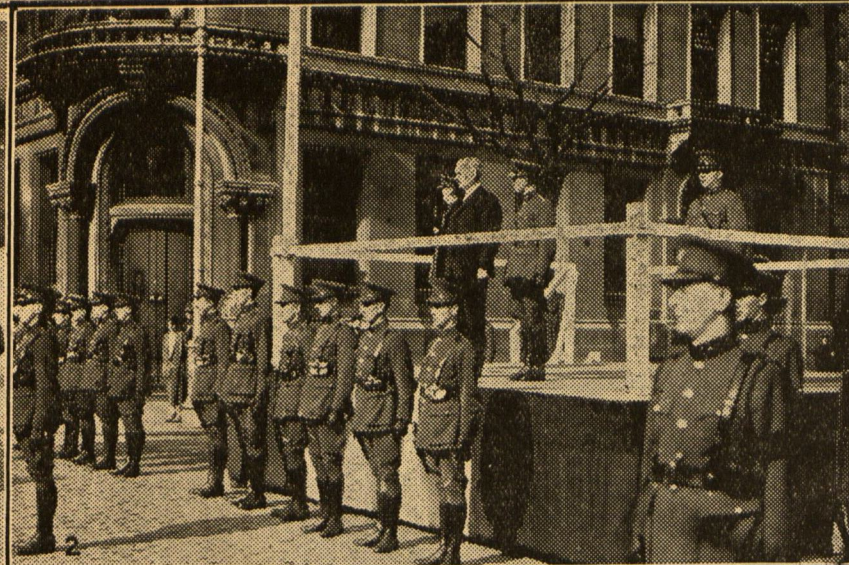
I notice two gentlemen who are "well in the swim" doing some extraordinary contortions with the aid of a Eugene Sandow Outfit.

Again the whole-hearted efforts of Father Casey were responsible for a very interesting and enjoyable entertainment in Barracks the other night. His lantern lecture on the Passion Play was highly appreciated by a large audience.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN HISTORIC COLLEGE GREEN.

March, 28 1925.

An t-ósláic.



(1) Artillery passing the Saluting Base. (2) The Saluting Base. On the platform are the Chief of Staff, the A.G., the Q.M.G., and the Minister for Defence. On the extreme left is Chief Staff Officer Commanding Guard of Honour. (3) Section of crowd watching the troops marching down Dame Street. (4) The March Past. Inset—Colour Party passing Saluting Base.

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NATIONAL FESTIVAL AT THE CURRAGH.

Mass Celebrated in the Open Air—15th Battalion Present Flag to Major-General Sean MacEoin—Review by the G.O.C.

Two outstanding features marked the observance of St. Patrick's Day by the troops at the Curragh Training Camp—the celebration of Mass in the open and the presentation of a Flag to the General Officer Commanding by the Officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the 15th Battalion. A temporary Altar had been erected underneath the veranda of Gough Barracks Square, and here Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Mahon, Assistant Chaplain to the Camp, at 10.00 hours. The Troops attending were:—

15th, 5th, and 26th Battalions;
Battalion from the Reception and Training Depot;
Composite Battalion composed as follows: (1) One Company of Student Officers from the School of Instruction; (2) One Company of Student N.C.O.'s from the School of Instruction; (3) Headquarter Company composed of Headquarter Clerks, Camp Commandant's Staff, Mechanical Transport and Fire Brigade; (4) One Company Artillery Corps;
Detachments from (1) Armoured Car Corps, and (2) Horse Transport, Army Transport Corps.

Rifles were carried only by the 15th Battalion, which marched on to the Parade Ground with bayonets fixed.

The Escort to the Flag consisted of one lieutenant and two sergeants of the 15th Battalion. During the Mass the Flag was uncased and rested on the drums which were piled in a central position midway between the altar and the front line of Officers. Four buglers from the 9th Brigade formed up in single rank behind the Escort when the latter took up their position two paces to the rear of the Flag.

At the Elevation of the Sacred Host, the 15th Battalion presented arms and the buglers sounded the General Salute.

In the brilliant sunshine which filled the Square the ceremony was strikingly impressive and edifying.

PRESENTATION OF FLAG.

Immediately after Mass the Celebrant blessed the Flag as it lay on the piled drums.

The Officer Commanding then raised the Flag from the drums and placed it in the carrier worn by the Officer in charge of the Escort, who then advanced to within two paces of the General Officer Commanding.

The Parade was called to attention, the 15th Battalion presented arms and the Officer Commanding made the presentation, whilst the buglers sounded the General Salute.

Major-General Sean MacEoin, having accepted the Flag, replaced it in the carrier and delivered a short address to the troops.

REVIEW BY THE G.O.C.

Subsequently the Troops of the Curragh Training Camp were reviewed by Major-General MacEoin, who was accompanied by the following Staff Officers:—Colonel M. Hogan, Colonel J. McLoughlin and Colonel J. J. O'Connell.

Colonel M. Dunphy, Administrative Officer, who commanded the Parade, had as Staff Officers Major S. MacCabe, Major E. J. Cooney, and Major J. P. Hunt.

The ceremony took place on the General Parade Ground, North of Command Headquarters, at 11.30 hours, and the Troops participating were the same as those attending the open-air Mass.

On the arrival of Major-General MacEoin at the Saluting Base he was received with the General Salute. Accompanied by Colonel Dunphy and the Staff Officers he then inspected the troops, who presented a very smart and well-disciplined appearance. During the inspection the band played selections.

The March Past followed and afforded further proof of the perfection of training reached by the troops concerned. Headed by the band they marched past the Saluting Base in column of companies. On arrival at the Saluting Base the band wheeled to the left and, taking up a position there, continued to play until the last company had passed by.

After returning to their original positions the troops again advanced, this time in Review Order, and came to a halt in front of the Reviewing Officer. Major-General MacEoin delivered a brief address.

The General Officer Commanding congratulated the officers and men on the splendid manner in which they had carried out the various manoeuvres. It was fitting, he said, that such a display should be held on the festival of the National Saint in the training headquarters of the Army. They had shown very clearly that the training they had received had not been given in vain.

He exhorted all present to be as careful in their ordinary actions of everyday life as they were on the field. In every little thing he did a soldier should ask himself: "Is this for the honour of my battalion?" If they asked themselves that question they might rely upon it they would never do anything that would not be a credit to themselves, to the battalion and to Ireland.

The troops afterwards marched back to barracks by units independently.

It is interesting to note that a rehearsal of the Parade was held on the previous day. This undoubtedly must have contributed to the clock-work precision and general smoothness which characterised the actual parade on the National Festival.



THE MARCH PAST AT THE CURRAGH ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1925.

(Photo by Charles Donnelly Swift, Curragh.)

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OPEN-AIR MASS IN THE SQUARE OF GOUGH BARRACKS, CURRAGH TRAINING CAMP, ST. PATRICK'S DAY,
(Photo: Charles Donnelly Swift.)

COLLINS BARRACKS, DUBLIN.

Excursion to Dundalk.—Forthcoming Birthday Celebrations.—Boxing Tourneys Abandoned.

By the time these notes have appeared H.Q. Battalion and 21st Battalion will have decided their Football and Hurling League Fixtures. Both sides were confident of victory, and much cash will have been lost and won.

The 21st are due to meet the 24th Battalion at Dundalk on April 2nd, in both Football and Hurling League fixtures, which will be further teasers. Arrangements are being made to run an Excursion that day, and anyone desirous of taking advantage of cheap fare should immediately make application to the 21st Battalion Sports Secretary.

The 21st are looking forward to April 3rd, this being the date last year on which the Battalion was formed. A Review, together with Battalion Sports and Smoking Concert will form part of the day's programme.

Capt. Sean O'Riain very kindly presented his "An t-Oglach" Cross-Word Puzzle Prize to the Amusements Committee for the men's weekly "Whist." May he continue winning.

Sergt. Steve Henessy, of Supplies, has also been fortunate, and secured a prize for his splendid Cross-Word Puzzle design. Good old Collins Barracks!

The "Menu" and other items arranged for April 3rd may be the means of preventing the "Out Sleepers" from leaving barracks that night.

Heard in a certain barracks from the tongue of a well-known N.C.O.: "Walk off the Square Easy."

Soldier replying to 'phone call recently (no, it didn't happen here): "This is one of the Orderly Room clerks speaking." Just a second, HOWL on for a minute."

The Boxing Tournament promoted by the Boxing Committee attached to Collins have had some good shows for the last six or seven Friday nights, but the latest was not up to the usual standard. As a result, the activities of the Committee are to be suspended for the present, and there will be no boxing tournament until further notice.

The Corporal in charge of the Recreation Room at Collins has taken up himself the Hockey Game (just fancy!). He was seen to be much interested in a local final recently. We are getting on.

"C" Company, in their new football attire, have been labelled the "Fire Brigade" team.

A well-known local gentleman was so much interested in a recent Route March of the Boys from Collins that he hired a side-car and accompanied the Boys the whole way "there and back."

Many habits have ceased since Ash Wednesday. But why did a certain officer give up "Players" recently?

A certain Company Commander is not letting the grass grow under his feet. But what was the idea the other day with the "Tug of War" stalwarts?

Messrs. Crotty, the well-known sports outfitters, are to be congratulated on the fine set of medals presented to the Battalion for the Tug-of-War Inter-Company matches at the forthcoming sports meeting.

Sergt.-Major McCamley, Sergt.-Major O'Connor, and Sergt. Chas. McAlinden are all now back from the "Plains." The former will have his hands full as Mess President, and the latter has taken over the "Hard" Boys.



CORK CELEBRATIONS.—(1) Parade in the Square of Collins Barracks. (2) Ladies of the Cumann na mBhan presenting shamrock to the soldiers. (3) Major-General Brennan, G.O.C., Southern Command, inspecting the troops.

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ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Date of Annual Convention—Meeting of Executive Council—Boxing Disappointment at Collins Barracks, Dublin—G.H.Q. League Table.

TRAINING NOTES (Continued).

HURDLE RACING.

DESCRIPTION OF RACE.—The distances run are 120 and 400 metres, and the event is regarded as a sprint with obstacles. In the 120 metre race each competitor has ten flights over hurdles, 3ft. 6ins. high. There is a run up of 15 metres to the first hurdle, ten metres between each flight, finishing with 15 metres run in to the tape.

METHOD OF RACE.—The present-day style is known as the "straight leg," due to the fact that the front leg is raised to the hurdle, but is not allowed to lock at the knee. It is more in the nature of a stride; the rear leg is bent sideways from the thigh.

HINTS ON TRAINING.

FIRST STAGE.

ROAD WORK.—Walking and gently running practice (two days). Three miles at the rate of four miles per hour with a 200 yards gently run in each mile.

TRACK WORK.—Sprinting on the track (two days) 100 to 150 yards twice, with a ten minutes rest between, run at half speed.

HURDLE PRACTICE.—By doing exercises daily as laid down.

SECOND STAGE.

TRACK WORK.—Sprinting on track (three days). Do a couple of fast 60 yards at top speed. Vary the above about twice a week with a 300 yards run at three-quarter speed.

HURDLE PRACTICE.—Practice with two hurdles and increase the number as perfection is attained with three strides.

THIRD STAGE.

TRACK WORK.—Sprinting on track as laid down in sprinting. Perfect these:—

Getting off mark quickly.

Sprinting to first hurdle.

Three paces between hurdles.

HURDLE PRACTICE.—Practice run over ten flights. When the above is done with perfect balance, race in company with others.

HURDLING EXERCISES.

1. **HIGH KICKING WITH LEADING LEG.**—Lunge the body forward in this exercise.

2. **SIDE KICKING WITH BENT LEG.**—Grasp the bent leg below the knee and pull it sideways. (Later do this without assistance.)

3. **SITTING POSITION. LEGS AT RIGHT ANGLES.**—Sit on the ground with leading leg straight out to the front, but not locked at the knee, the rear leg in position as for taking a hurdle. Bend the body and arms forward. Try and touch forward knee with the face.

4. **WALKING OVER HURDLES (2 FOOT).**—Raise the forward leg until the toe of the foot clears the top of hurdle. Bend the body and the opposite arm well forward. Land on the opposite side, bring the rear leg over by raising the knee sideways sufficiently to clear the top of hurdle.

5. **WALKING OVER HURDLES (2 FOOT 6 INS.).**—**REAR LEG PRACTICE.**—Take up position as above at the side of hurdle (right leg leading stand at right side; left leg *vice versa*). Raise forward leg and stride forward clear of hurdle, bring the rear leg over the hurdle in the style stated above.

6. **FIRST HURDLE.**—Practise taking first hurdle in style mentioned above.

7. **FIRST HURDLE.**—Practise taking first hurdle with 10 strides, working down gradually to 8.

8. **TWO HURDLES.**—Practise three paces between hurdles with control and balance.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Date of Annual Convention.—Portobello Seeks Handball Alley.—Non-Return of Cups.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at General Headquarters, Parkgate, on Friday, February 27th, Major-General D. Hogan presiding. Also present:—Rev. Fathers Feehily, Pigott and O'Callaghan, Major McGrath, Captain Lohan, and Comdt. Colgan.

Arising out of the Minutes of the last Executive Council meeting, the Secretary informed the meeting that he had sought legal advice in reference to the non-return of Cups, 1923 Championships. The opinion of the Legal Officer is, that except in the case of the Independent Services' Cups, no action could be taken. In reference to the latter, it was decided to write Lieut. O'Hanlon and the Quartermaster-General for further information.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the information as to location of Tailteann Badges and report re Premier Cup Competition, 1923, promised by the Curragh delegates, had not been received.

Comdt. Kingston promised to have reports furnished.

It was decided to have copies of Minutes distributed to delegates and Command Secretaries.

The first business on the Agenda was consideration of letter from Secretary, Motor Cycle Club, General Headquarters. It was decided to write the Secretary, informing him that the matter was one for consideration in the first instance by the General Headquarters Command Council.

A long discussion as to the holding of the Medical Services' and Chaplains' Cups Competition took place, and it was unanimously decided to defer the holding of the competitions until after the Convention.

It was decided to withdraw the funds from Bank of Ireland and open the Association Account with the National Land Bank.

An enquiry from the Eastern Command Council as to rail facilities and expenses from Central Funds for athletes travelling from home venues was considered. The Secretary was directed to reply that railway vouchers were available as in the past.

An application from the Golf Club for permission to hold the Army Championships in the early summer was granted, subject to sanction by Convention.

It was decided to hold the Convention on Wednesday, April 15th, at General Headquarters, commencing at 11.30 a.m. sharp.

A letter from the Portobello Institute Committee was read, asking for the support of the Council in having a handball court erected within the Barracks. It was decided to have the matter considered at the next meeting of the Standing Committee, the Secretary to write the Quartermaster-General on the matter also.

The accounts of the All-Army and Scottish Boxing Tourneys were read by the Secretary.

The Secretary promised to see the Boxing Instructor Re Rentons' Account.

COMMAND COUNCIL MEETING AT G.H.Q.

A meeting of the Command Council was held at G.H.Q., Parkgate, on 23rd inst. Major T. McGrath (Chairman) Presiding. Also present: Comdt. D. Mackey (Vice Chairman), Comdt. P. Ennis (Hon. Treas.), Capt. Sean O'Beirne (Hon. Sec.), Baldonnel, Captain Delamere (Portobello), Lieut. Kavanagh, S. M. Woods, C.S.M. Roche (Artillery), S.M. Commins, Gunner Walsh, (G.H.Q.), Sergt. Glennon, Cpl. O'Neill and (Gormanston) Sergt. Keogh.

The explanation forwarded by Gormanston *re* their inability to fulfil a fixture on the 4th inst. was read and accepted.

Affiliation Fees in respect of G.H.Q. "C" football team and Portobello hurling and football teams have not yet been received. Arising out of Lieut. Kavanagh's explanation the Chairman made

"Ní dhéanfaidh Éire aon mhaith go bráth, muna bhfuil misneach is muinghin aice aiste féin, rud nach féidir muna bhfuil teanga, béasa agus seanchas Gaedheal aice, ní h-íad teanga, béasa agus seanchas aon mhuintire eile ar domhan." (Risteárd de Hindeberg.)

an order that Portobello group should furnish a detailed report concerning their funds and general management. This report will be considered at the next meeting.

Annual Convention. In view of the General Convention of the A.A.A. being held on the 15th April it was decided that Group Secretaries forward on or before 4th April to Command Secty., points and motions they wish to bring up at the Convention for consideration.

League Fixtures.

The following fixtures were made.

HURLING.

G.H.Q. "A" and G.H.Q. "B" 2.30 p.m., 25th March, at Phoenix Park. Referee, Cpl. T. Hayes.

G.H.Q. and Artillery, 2.30 p.m., 1st April, Phoenix Park. Referee, Major McGrath.

FOOTBALL.

Baldonnel and Artillery, 4 p.m., 25th March, Baldonnel. Referee, Lieut. Kavanagh.

G.H.Q. "C" and Gormanston, 3.30 p.m., 25th March, Phoenix Park. Referee, Sergt. Morgan.

G.H.Q. "C" and Portobello, 2.30 p.m., 1st April, Phoenix Park. Referee, Sergt. Hanlon.

G.H.Q. "A" and Portobello, 2.30 p.m., 8th April, Phoenix Park. Referee, Lieut. O'Brien.

Artillery and Gormanston, 2.45 p.m., 8th April, Phoenix Park. Referee, Major McGrath.

Points Awarded.

The following points have been awarded, referees' report having been received:

FOOTBALL.

To Baldonnel—4 points in respect of matches against G.H.Q., and Gormanston.

To G.H.Q., "A"—2 points for their match against Gormanston.
To Artillery—2 points against G.H.Q., "A" points awarded on objection.

HURLING.

To G.H.Q. "A"—2 points in respect of their match with Portobello.

Objection.

The objection lodged on behalf of Artillery Corps in the Football League against G.H.Q., "A" being awarded the match played in Kildare on March 4th was upheld (League Rule No. 9, Page 133 and Club Rule 13, Page 31). The player in question was reinstated at the request of Artillery and allowed to finish the League with "B" Team.

G.H.Q. LEAGUE TABLE (FOOTBALL).

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	Points
Portobello	3	3	Nil	6
Baldonnel	5	3	2	6
Artillery	2	2	Nil	4
G.H.Q. "A"	3	2	1	4
Gormanston	4	1	3	2
G.H.Q. "C"	1	—	1	—
G.H.Q. "B"	4	—	4	—

HURLING.

G.H.Q. "A"	1	1	Nil	2
Artillery	1	1	—	2
Portobello	2	1	1	2
G.H.Q. "B"	2	—	2	—

Next Meeting.

The Committee decided to hold their next meeting at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 6th April, at G.H.Q.

BOXING AT THE CURRAGH.

The Curragh Boxing Sub-Committee staged another very successful Boxing Tournament on the 4th, 5th and 6th inst. It was originally intended to hold the tournament on the 5th and 6th only, but so numerous were the entries for the Novices' Competitions that it was found necessary to open the proceedings on the evening of the 4th. On that date the number of bouts totalled 44. The quality of the boxing was up to the standard of former Curragh Tournaments.

A unique venture, which proved thoroughly enjoyable, was the holding of the Stable Boys' Competition. In this, as in the military bouts, the material on show was excellent.

The Gymnasium was packed on each occasion, Major-General Sean McKeon being an interested spectator each evening. Amongst the spectators we also noticed Messrs. Coyle, Rogers, Coombs, Count V. Boerke and Herr Heckier. The latter two gentlemen, who were visiting the Curragh Training Stables, presented prizes, as also did the other gentlemen named.

At the conclusion of the programme Major-General McKeon presented the prizes to the winners, and congratulated the Boxing Sub-Committee on the success attained, the Stable Boys for their magnificent display, and the Gardai boxers and officials who kindly gave their services.

A special word of praise is due to Major J. P. Hunt, to whose untiring efforts much of the success of the Tournament is due.

Another very pleasing item was the presence of the Gardai Officials. Suptd. Comdt. McCarthy gave great satisfaction in his new role as Timekeeper.

The whole Tournament reflects great credit on the Organisers and Officials, and should once and for all kill the idea which evidently exists in some minds that it is only the chosen few who are capable of officiating at such functions. The contests in many instances were very close, yet so well did the officials perform their duties, that not once were their decisions disputed.

RESULTS:—

Six Two-Minute Rounds.

Gd. Healy, Civic Guards, beat Pte. McAlinden, P.A., Dublin, on points after a very spirited bout. Healy won on his superior boxing abilities.

Pte. Smith, Curragh, beat Pte. Treacy, 22nd Bttn., Dublin, on points. This proved a very good bout, Smith winning by a small margin.

Pte. Fulham, A.M.C., Dublin, beat Pte. Nolan, Curragh, on points after a very good display.

Pte. Donohue, 22nd Bn., Dublin, beat Pte. Hegarty, 15th Bn., Curragh, on points. These pair were well matched and gave an excellent display.

Pte. McCullagh, Curragh, beat Pte. Metcalfe, Curragh, on points. A very exciting contest, McCullagh showing some brilliant work.

Pte. O'Halloran, A.M.C., Curragh, beat Pte. Ryan, 22nd Bn., Dublin on points after a hard gruelling fight. The decision met with a mixed reception.

Pte. Buckley, Curragh, beat Pte. Smith, Curragh, on points. During some very smart hand and foot work the former was declared the winner by a narrow margin.

Four Two-Minute Rounds.

Sgt. McAlinden, Curragh, beat Gd. Conroy, Civic Guards, on points, McAlinden proving the cleverer boxer.

NOVICES COMPETITIONS.

Heavyweights (Final).

Pte. Jordan, Curragh, beat Pte. Flusk, Curragh, the latter retiring in the 2nd round.

Middles ((Final).

Pte. McConville, Curragh, beat Pte. Sullivan, Curragh. The latter retired in the 1st round owing to an injured hand.

Welters (Final).

Pte. Thomas, Curragh, beat Pte. Doherty, Curragh, on points. Thomas is a promising young boxer.

Lights (Final).

Pte. Leahy, Curragh, beat Pte. Whelan, Curragh, on points, after a very evenly contested bout.

Feathers (Final).

Pte. Daly, Curragh, beat Pte. Usherwood, Curragh. Usherwood was knocked out in the last round.

Bantams (Final).

Pte. Stark, Curragh, beat Pte. McAleavy, Curragh, on points after a very good show. There will be more heard from these two in the near future.

Flys (Semi-Finals).

Pte. Swords, Curragh, beat Pte. McHugh, Curragh, on a foul. McHugh struck his opponent rather low in the 2nd round.

Pte. Hayes, Curragh, received a "walk over" from Pte. Brady, Curragh, who was pronounced medically unfit to continue.

The final of the Flys is yet to be decided, owing to Swords being unable to continue. The A.M.C. (on behalf of Hayes) refused, under the circumstances, to accept the first prize.

"STABLE LADS" COMPETITION.

9st. 7lb. (Final).—B. Kirk, of Parkinson's, beat C. Byrne, of T. Coombe's. This was a ding-dong fight from start to finish.

8st. 7lbs. (Final).—C. Mallin, of Parkinson's, beat A. Baker, of Rogers', Baker being knocked out in the 1st round.

7st. 7lbs. (Final).—T. Brown, of Fordred's, beat J. McGough, of Coombe's. Won on points after a very good show.

6st. 7lbs. (Final).—P. McGalíe, of Parkinson's, beat J. Brand, of Coombe's, on points, after one of the finest and gamest struggles witnessed for a considerable time, both lads fighting themselves to a standstill.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL CONCERTS AT PORTOBELLO INSTITUTE.

Under the auspices of the Portobello Barracks Institute two successful Smoking Concerts were held at the Sergeants' Messes, 22nd and 23rd Battn., on St. Patrick's Night.

The Mess Rooms were tastefully decorated with the National colours, bunting and evergreens. B.S.M. Jones and B.S.M. Farrell were efficient M.C.'s. The attendance included Rev. R. J. Casey, C.F., and the Brigade and Battalion Staffs.

The thanks of the Institute Committee are due to the following artists, who by their contributions helped to make the evening so enjoyable:—Messrs. Holland, Prologue from "Pagliacci"; O'Flanagan, "Sirs, Your Toast" (Toreador Song from "Carmen"); Stanley Wright, comedian; King, Lawless and Smith, humorists; Murphy, old Irish ditties; Mortimer Sheehan, piano solo; O'Carroll-Reynolds, "The Old Shako"; Lieut. Quane, "Ave Maria"; the "Flower Song" from "Faust"; Sergt. Mullen, Recitation—"The Dying Man's Confession"; Rev. R. J. Casey, C.F., "Mother Machree"; "Dear Little Shamrock"; B.S.M. Jones, "Mary of Arzyle"; Sergt. Kelly, "Juanita"; Sergt. Sanfey, "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes"; Finale, "The Soldiers' Song."

BOXING TOURNEYS AT COLLINS BARRACKS.

DISAPPOINTING PERFORMANCE ON 20th LEADS COMMITTEE TO STERN DECISION.

Weekly Tournaments to be Suspended for Present

The Committee in charge of the weekly Boxing Tournaments in Collins Barracks, Dublin, have decided to suspend these fixtures for the present.

The Committee's decision—which will be regretted by many, for the tourneys had become very popular—follows on the heels of a very disappointing performance witnessed in the ring at Collins Barracks on Friday, 20th inst.

The bouts took place in the Recreation Hall, and the Portobello Boxers under the guidance of Tancy Lee made short work of the opposition from the local Unit in almost all of the fights staged.

Few at the start would have predicted such a fiasco, considering the many fine bouts already put before patrons in the Collins Barracks tourneys. Colonel McCorley and Captain J. Keogh were probably the most disappointed of those present and as Captain Keogh, M.C. announced at the end that many of the Boxers from Collins could have put up a better show. It is not satisfactory to any one concerned when Boxers adopt the "Ca canny" policy and put forth their best only when an easy passage is assured. The decision of the painstaking and energetic Committee will not come altogether as a surprise in the circumstances. With the exception of Walshe and Clifford none of the Collins men put up a fight.

The officials were as follows:—M.C., Captain J. Keogh; Judges, Comdt. T. Duffy, A.P.M., and Comdt. Sean Cunningham. Time-keeper, Lieut. J. McLoughlin. Referee, Mr. Tom Moloney.

The programme consisted of five contests, each of six two-minute rounds. Details:—

BANTAM—Cpl. Clifford "A" Coy., Collins, v. Pte. Bailey, "B" Coy., 23rd Battalion, Portobello. Bailey was slow in the opening round and Clifford in the 2nd round played on Bailey's damaged ear. The 3rd and 4th rounds were spoiled by clinching. The fifth round consisted of aimless boxing by both and a draw seemed inevitable and about represented the performance given but Bailey came out winner on points.

FEATHER WEIGHT—Pte. Walshe, Signals, Collins Barracks, v. Pte. McDonnell, "B" Coy., 23rd Battalion. Walshe was the aggressor in the opening round and had matters much his own way. He failed, however, to come up for the next round. It was explained that Walshe was still suffering from the effects of the hard gruelling he received in his previous encounter when his opponent was disqualified for using the kidney punch. McDonnell was awarded this contest.

LIGHT WEIGHT—Pte. Spittle, Signals, Collins, v. Pte. Reilly, "C" Coy., 23rd Battalion. This was the first fiasco of the night. After a fierce mill Spittle retired at the end of the first round. Spittle has done well all along and might have given a better exhibition.

WELTER WEIGHTS—Pte. Doyle, "C" Coy., 21st Battalion, Collins, v. Pte. Malone, G.H.Q., Coy. Doyle had always travelled well in these tournaments until this night and Malone was undoubtedly a dark horse but shows much promise. He played at will on Doyle's ribs right from the first bell and Doyle retired in the 1st round. Doyle complained of being unevenly matched, but appearances in the ring would not suggest justification of this complaint.

WELTER WEIGHTS—Pte. Cronin, Collins, v. Pte. Morgan, "C" Coy., 23rd Battalion. The Portobello man rushed matters straight away and Cronin went down (or to be correct "lay" down) for the full count in the 1st round. It was the last fight of the night and Captain Keogh, M.C., made no secret of the fact that he was entirely disappointed with the course matters had taken. He was, he said, very sorry, and on behalf of the Committee expressed regret that the boys from Collins did not give of their best.

Cpl. Clifford was awarded a special prize as the best loser of the night.





"Vearc an Sâirsint Rúa air le iongnab. Águs ó'n bpeácaire sin dá uctuávar ar a
 céile tuig cáic náic réitceócláir an dá Rúa le céile, oile maic
 na dona.
 "Álód an Sâirsint Rúa chúise ar mo vúine. Céistní s'é é :
 "Upuil tú i n-ann ól a déanamh ?" ars an Sâirsint Rúa
 leis an Rúa eile.
 "An oiread le fear ar bit," ars mo vúine, águs punneamh
 u-a-ílór.
 "Ní déanpáid tú ól annseo," ars an Sâirsint Rúa águs
 rinneamh uile Sáirid nór éaríní an Sreann leis an bfeair nua.
 Sílteá só raib ponn crowsa air.
 "Upuil tú i n-ann céol a déanamh ?"
 "Píobaire críofaigíte mé."
 "Águs vaimsa ?"
 "Snoéaigearas chíis thúais déas áf péisearnaib anuraid."
 Ureathnaigearna uile ar na cossabí camra spagáca a bí paor.
 Rinneab Sáirid actuar paor ruo nar éaríní leis, nio náic
 iongnab. D'íoras v'airthe air só mba vúine é a vóanpab
 crowsa dá mbéabó Sábab le crowsa. Da mhíoe ár meas air an
 c-eólas sin.
 "Cosrair mé leac," ars an Sâirsint Rúa só leamhabáde, "an
 é an éaol sár fás an polc breáí Rúa sin orc, nó an é a vátá vó
 rinneab ?"
 "Vearc mo vúine air. Focal níor labair sé, act a casós a
 cáiteamh vó, munillí a léime a búrlab suas águs seasamh i
 scunna crowsa ós comhair an cSâirsint Rúa amac. . .
 * * * * *
 "Uearaib mé aon leatnóméar aham vuit le haíí leitséál
 a Sábáíl liom, águs mara mbeánpáid tú i Scearc é béao áf
 Sábáíl orc só mbéabó Sác cnaíh 'ó corp salac brisce."
 An saisióidhir nua a labair. D'i glionnair oraim uile—béab
 spóirar águsam ar aon cna. An mbéab an Sâirsint Rúa n-a
 fear crowsa cóm maic is bí n-a sgeálairé ?
 "Upuil an leitséál le pááíl ágam ?" ars an saisióidhir
 nua.
 "Níl," ars an Sâirsint Rúa, "act Sgeobair tú rúsgab maic
 u-a-íonannó."
 Cosáigéab ar an crowsa, águs ní masab ar bit crowsa a tábair
 air. Ann a bí an rúsgab águs an leavab. D'i an saisióidhir
 nua cleacáca ar ar an oonraíl, águs muna raib sé cóm láidre leis
 an Sâirsint, bí sé níos mire ar na cosa, (ruo dá vóacair vó
 vúine a chreivéavaim, águs na cosa camra spagáca a bí paor),
 águs bí an Sâirsint Rúa áf ctabairt pola sróna sán aon ácar.
 D'i "spagac" ("spagac" an levasaim a bí ágaim air
 ó tús)—águs an uile actnós a tinnrab sé vó'n Sâirsint Rúa,
 v'fásab sé rian na clocóige sin air.
 D'i an Sâirsint áf eiríse crowsa paor i am seo. Is cuimneac
 leis an léitceóir naic fear ós a bí am, águs dá crowsa calma é
 ní raib aon sóir aise ar an bfeair a bí Sâ leavabó só m-
 tneacairéac. Aon actnós aham leis an Sgeóig vabalca sin
 ós cionn an crowsa, águs bí an Sâirsint Rúa n-a luíse ar cnaíh
 a throma !
 Da sím veirre leis an crowsa.
 * * * * *
 Cnocab suas an Sâirsint Rúa. D'i an móc am águs sin a
 raib. Cusab uisge vó le n-ól. Slanab águs veisigéab a
 tneáca só clisre.
 [Ar lean a leac. a 16]

NOTES FROM THE NINTH.

New Hurling Team.—St. Patrick's Day.—“Passing on the Kick from the Curragh.”

There is a regular epidemic of hurleys and footballs every Wednesday afternoon now, and nothing is left undone in the line of recreation. Rumour has it that the formation of a first-class hurling team is in progress under the able guidance of Lieutenant E. Tierney. More will be heard of it in the near future.

Had any Rodeo champions been in Buncrana last week they would certainly “have felt in the shade.” It is “ass”-umed that there will be many entries for the coming Horse Show from this particular area.

A certain gentleman has only recently discovered the cross on an ass's back.

On the whole, things have been very quiet in Buncrana recently. The only outstanding features have been that of “somebody” on the G.S. Wagon.

On St. Patrick's Day the whole Battalion marched to Mass, which was celebrated in the old Sailor's Rest. The men presented a fine appearance and all were sporting the National Emblem. The remainder of the day was devoted to hurling and football, and everybody seemed in good humour—even Tracey.

Since some of our old N.C.O.'s returned from the Curragh there is a considerable stir all round. Every day from morning till night there is a regular din on the “Field.” It is no small boast to state that our Batt. H.Q. has gained the name of the “Curragh of the North.” “Loud speakers” go leor.

I have every reason to believe that Larry Ryan was highly delighted over the fact that he was mentioned in despatches. Several copies of “An t-Oglach” were sent to various parts of the world by him, and he is eagerly looking forward to the next issue. He still maintains that “D” Company is THE Company and that strength is everything.

We had a visit from MAC sometime ago. He pulled (I mean he NABbed) some “beauties.” There was no noise during the operations, and he didn't use gas “ether.”

“Page” and a few others went out in “civvies” last Sunday. The remainder of the day passed off quietly.

It is said that on St. Patrick's Day Buncrana was like the Sahara. However, I know one or two gentlemen that found an “oasis.”

Since the arrival of the new billiard table at Ardavan House several “dark horses” have come to the fore in the shape of Ptes. Hayes and Fitzmaurice. Breaks of 40 and 50 are not common around our district. They both stated that “that was nothing.” So between hurlers, footballers and billiardists the Ninth is going to make things “hum.”

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Thaigh a bí sé i n-ann eirge n-a sheasam, shuabal sé anonn go dtí an áit a raib “Spasac” n-a shuíde ar an talam, agus sín sé amac a lám eirge.

“Fear tú,” ar sé, “agus fearaim fáilte róimac sa tóin seo.”

Cráiteadur lám le céile go brátharó.

“Rinne tú troir maic,” arsa “Spasac,” “agus marac gur mé féin a bí ‘oo comne beao an buair agat, beao sin.”

Fearao fionraom fáilte roim an saighiúir nua dá ruaróe, dá mí-cumta, dá spasaig é mar cruaig sé go raib sé i n-ann troir a déanam agus ó som i leit, níl aon beirt ar an saogal níos cáirdeamla le céile ná an dá Rua sin a tús leoraó maic dá céile i tósaic.

(San gcéad uimhir eile: XV.—Séal ó “Spasac.”)

“COOKIE.”

The Quarter bloke he comes to me to see about the grub, He started off a-grouing at the niff from the Swill-tub. The Orderlies they grinned at me and me temper rose on high, I ups and lets em have it, an' to the Quarter bloke sez I:—

“Oh! its Cookie this and Cookie that—the ever hungry crew; But its ‘Cookie if you please’ no less when the ‘Cookhouse’ call is blew, When the Cookhouse call is blew, me lads; the Cookhouse call is blew, Its ‘Cookie, please, some more buckshees, of potatoes and the stew’.”

The Quarter told me off and said he'd put me in the “clink,” For giving him too much ould lip and having too much drink, Then up jumps I and sez to him, as civil as could be, “If ye put me in the ‘Digger,’ Sir, the ‘Batt.’ will soon miss me.”

For its Cookie this and Cookie that,—“You boss-eyed greasy gink,”

But its Cookie sends them extra grub, when the boys are in the clink.

When the boys are in the clink, me lads, the boys are in the clink, Its Cookie smuggles in their fags, when the boys are in the clink.

Yes, they're sneering at the Cookie, and the Cookie's sloppy way, But its “Thank ye kindly Cookie” for Revielle cup of tay, When the “Sargens” in the morning come to cure their pay-night heads,

Its the Cookie-man's the duty-man, when the rest's asleep in beds,

Oh! its Cookie this and Cookie that, “You couldn't cook for nuts” But is “Cookie, dear, what blinking cheer?” when they want to fill their guts,

When they want to fill their guts, me lads, they want to fill their guts,

Its some say “good old Cookie” who should be eating nuts.

It's queer and very funny what some expect and say: Its “chefs” they want, me honey, for a half-a-crown a day, For half-a-crown a day, me lads, half-a-crown a day. They expect a table d'hote, Peach Melba and Caviare.

Oh! its Cookie this and Cookie that—(Its a Portobello way!) But its “Cookie, please don't give me fat, I want ‘Sargen-Majors’ tay”

Yes, Sargen-Majors' tay, me lads, yes, Sargen-Majors' tay, They're “QUEER HAWKS” in the ‘Bello, but it's Portobello way.

There's Records and the Signals, and the Arrears of Pay, The 23rd and twenty-twoth with the Portobello way, Contracts and Disposals, “Allowance” and Q.M.G.'s. And taking them together they are blinking hard to please, When they grouse and grouse and grouse me lads, if their cha shows spots of grease.

Oh! its Cookie this and Cookie that, when the Quarter spots the dishes,

It's Cookie's snort when the ration's short,—they expect “the loaves and fishes”

The ‘loaves and fishes’ stunt me lads, when you're short of mate and tay,

They expect a buckshee helping—it's the Portobello way!! “ME LARKIE.”

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Who is the acting N.C.O. who says that with the help of Providence, and G.R.O. 79, he will be in Rathfarnham in a fortnight?

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Who could tell the Ration Store Corporal the correct rate of depreciation in a mile of Black Puddings, when issued out in one and a half inches?

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Who is the gentleman attached to the Third who devotes much of his week-end time to Art, and who might be termed a Painter of no mean ability?

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Who is continually in danger of having his Block chopped off about the Billiard Room, or who has threatened to do it?

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The Battalion Butcher still keeps on running, and says he can run faster than the young fellows yet.

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Thanks to the efforts of Corporal Kelly our budding cyclists will have a chance of displaying their prowess in the near future. The recent Election Patrols have confirmed his opinion of the Boys. The Battalion Barber fancies his chance.

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Other people are saying so much about S/Kipper of late that he has made up his mind to say nothing about himself for the present.

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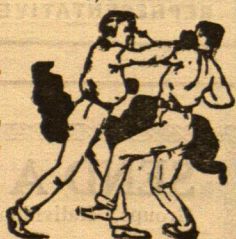
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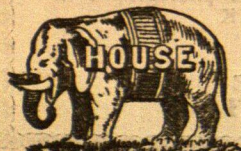
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An mbeir aḡ toul in don áit anocht ?
ní dóig liom ḡo mbeao. beao ar tuité

An mbeiró tú saor an tráchnóna so ?
beiró mé.

An mbeiró sib ar an bparáto imáireac ?
Creirim ḡo mbeimíó. ní beimíó.

An dóig leat an mberó Seán is Liam ann ?

is dóig liom ḡo mbeiró. ní beiró.

Táimíó aḡ toul ḡo tóí an amarlann.

An mbeimíó in am ? is easal liom ná
beiró sib.

beiró sib in am.

An bfeicfin beaoar anocht ? cífeao.

Abair leis ḡo bhuaras an litir úo.

An abrócair sin leis. tuisiró sé
pém é.

Déanrao sin leis aḡus pálte a mic ó.
Fan ! an ḡuinpió tú an litir úo sa póst.

An ndéanraio sé an ḡnó nuair a beao aḡ
toul amac ?

Déanraio sé sin an ḡnó.

Tá ḡo maic mar sin, cuinpeao 'sa póst é.

PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION.

Un merra dhulla nain awt un nuckth ?
Nee dhoel yum gum medh. Bedh err due
tay.

Meh thoo sayer at thraw noena su ?
Beh may.

Un meh shiv erra bor rauda maurack ?
Kredim gum memeed. Nee vem meed.
Un dole yath a meg Shawn iss Leeum oun ?

Iss dole yum gum med. Nee ved.
Thaw meeda dhul gud deen nourklunn.
Mem meed in noum ? Iss oggul yum naw
beh shiv.

Beh shiv in noum.

Vickir Padhir an nockth. Heefudh.

Obbir lesh guv vooruss a littir oodh.
Un obb roer shin lesh. Thigga shay fain ay.

Dairhudh shin lesh iss faulta vick yoe.
Fon ! un girra thoo a littir oodh suff uth.

Un nainha Shain gun noe noora vedh a
dhulla mock ?

Dainha shay shinnag noe.

Thaw gum wah mor shin kirhudh suff
uth ay.

THE FUTURE TENSE.

Will you be going anywhere to-night ?
I don't think I shall. I shall be on
duty.

Will you be free this evening ? Yes,
I shall be.

Will ye be on the parade to-morrow ?
I believe we shall. We shall not.

Do you think will Sean and Liam be
there ?

I think they will. They will not be.
We are going to the theatre.

Shall we be in time ? I'm afraid ye
will not.

Ye will be in time.

Will you see Peadar to-morrow ? I
shall.

Tell him I got that letter.

Will you tell him that. He'll under-
stand it himself.

I'll tell him that and welcome, my son.
Stay ! will you put that letter in the
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Will it do when I'm going out ?

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