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EDITORIAL.

During the war nine numbers of the School Magazine were published at irregular intervals. With the cessation of hostilities we hope to pick up again the threads of many of our pre-war activities as the various restrictions and shortages begin to disappear. This number is an abbreviated issue and must be taken as a token number rather than as a specimen of what a School Magazine aspires to be. We are not heralding our reappearance with a flourish of trumpets and a display of banners but it is nevertheless our ambition to make the School Magazine a useful and entertaining vehicle for the spreading of school news and notices, for a record of school achievements, for an opportunity of publishing literary efforts, for the encouragement of our athletes, for the recording of our activities beyond the classroom, and finally for the blending together of all our Old Boys, Parents, Staff, Pupils and other friends of the school in one common centre of interest.

To do all this it will be necessary to enlist the co-operation of all concerned and we appeal to you to give the Magazine your fullest support. We hope you will read and enjoy it, that subscribers and advertisers will continue to support it, that contributions will be sent for publication and that we shall merit the efforts bestowed on it. As soon as possible we hope to return to the full size of issue, complete with the coloured cover and perhaps with illustrations and published at regular termly intervals.

SCHOOL HISTORY.

The following time-table has been provisionally fixed. It is hoped these dates can be kept but like many other post-war arrangements they are subject to emergency alterations.

Term begins, Tuesday, 14th January.

O.B.A. Annual General Meeting, Monday, 27th January.

Half-term, Friday, 21st February.

O.B.A. Annual Dinner, Saturday, 1st March.

Model Exhibition, Thursday, 27th March.

Concert and Prize Day, Tuesday & Wednesday, 1st & 2nd April,

Term ends, Thursday, 3rd April.

Summer term begins, Wednesday, 30th April.

Term ends, Wednesday, 30th July.

Christmas term begins, Wednesday, 17th September.

It is usual to print as a first note of the School History a complete list of the new boys since the last issue. There have been 152 new boys since our last list, two years ago, and as this would occupy a complete page we are reluctantly compelled to omit such a long list, The first instalment of a full list of all boys who have passed through the school is published in this issue. The new pupils for September were:—J. E. Epps, D. Hughes, P. A. Garrod, B. T. Golding, A. R. Baily, P. B. Burbridge, B. W. Robinson, D. A. M. Willis, J. R. Symonds, H. W. Kennett, R. C. Stone, R. C. W. Hagger, D. C. Stockbridge, M. K. Lloyd–Jones, P. Gilmore, J. Martin, K. V. Grove, P. Simmons, M. B. Weller, D. Froud, M. J. Harris, E. D. Good, R. M. Bennett, A. W. Beal, L. F. Beal, I. J. Beal, M. S. Gardner, and R. Crittenden.

A similar comment applies to boys leaving school. The September list is:—D. H. Swan; 10 years at school; Has obtained a post with Corben's, Builders. D. A. Grey; 8 years; Farming. B. O. Baker; 8 years; In father's business. W. J. Manchett; 7 years; Oswald Jones, Electricians. P. R. Cheeseman; 6 years; Head & Co., Builders. A. C. Monckton; 4 years; Rootes' Motors. M. K. Turk; 4 years; County Garage. J. C. T. Page; 4 years; Davison & Sons. Builders. R. D. King; 4 years; On his father's Farm. D. J. Buckle; 3 years; Style & Winch's Office. D. R. Older; 3 years; In father's business. B. White; 3 years; King's School, Canterbury. R. R. England; 3 years; Electrician.

During the last 18 months there have been some changes on the staff. Miss Newman left us to take charge of her own school near Croydon, Mr. Filshie has accepted an administrative post in London from whence he hopes to be transferred to Liverpool, and Mr. Howard has taken a post at Bromley. We have to welcome Mr. M. Shannon, and Mr. W. Plimmer. Mr. Bettle has returned to us after demobilisation. Sgt. Tucker is in charge of the Physical Training. We have to congratulate a former member of the staff, Mr. A. M. Skeffington, upon gaining a seat in Parliament at the last Election. Most boys remember him as Mr. Williams and he was here from 1931 until 1941.

The next most important hurdle which the school is anxious to surmount is the provision and erection of the School Hall. When this is completed many of our bottlenecks will disappear. The resumption of school meals will become possible, the Preparatory School will have a larger and more suitable class-room, the classes at No. 8 will again return to the fold at the Elms and there will be provision for an assembly hall for concerts and other functions. The cost is expected to be in the region of £750 and we learn that the fund at the moment amounts to £223. The Hon. Treasurer of the War Memorial Fund states that he has received 71 subscriptions since the appeal was launched. Between 700 and 800 letters were sent out and contributions continue to arrive. From these figures it will be seen that about 10% of possible subscribers have contributed an average of just over 3 guineas each. The committee earnestly hope that the remaining potential subscribers will donate their contributions to the fund. Mr. Walsh will be pleased to forward a copy of the leaflet giving particulars to any who have mislaid or not received a copy.

We hope that one of the first meetings to be held in the new Hall will be one to inaugurate a Parents' Association. A few parents who are interested in the idea held an informal social gathering last spring to discuss the possibilities and it was decided to call a general meeting of parents and to appoint a committee of management in the near future. It was felt that it would be wise to wait a little until the Hall was completed and the effects of the war less onerous.

About 20 boys have volunteered for work at the Post Office to assist with Christmas Mails for the last 4 or 5 seasons and letters of appreciation have been received from the Postmaster for the assistance rendered. During the summer holidays many boys have also assisted with the farm work for which appeals have been made by the Kent War Agricultural Committee. The benefit of good health enjoyed the wealth of experience gained and the aggregate of money earned are not the least of the advantages obtained from these activities.

The school has continued with its usual charity collections including the West Kent Hospital, the R.S.P.C.A., the Waifs and Strays Society, Barnado's Homes, British Legion Poppy Day and the Missions to Seamen. Furthermore the National Savings movement has been in operation but we regret that the weekly totals have tended to tail off during the last six months. At the request of the Savings Committee we distributed Painting Competition Sheets, Comics for the juniors and Christmas Cards in support of the movement.

The school is a member of the Maidstone Independent Schools Association, a body which has recently been formed to promote the interests of our schools and all connected with them whether as staff, parents or pupils.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Since our last issue there have been 163 public examination successes and it is quite obvious that our severe curtailment of space prevents giving complete details. Since 1944, we have had:—

London Matriculation. G. C. Cheeseman, A. C. Phillips.

College of Preceptors—Senior; A. J. King, G. V. Wilkinson, A. C. Phillips, R. E. Green, B. Larham, D. H. Swan.

Junior. B. Larman, J. M. Stearn, R. B. Sloman, P. B. Bolas, D. H. Swan, C. T. West, V. R. Craxton, C. E. McGinty, J. C. T. Page, L. M. Woodhams, R. R. Houckham, P. C. Cheeseman.

Preliminary: N. Curl, J. M. Stearn, D. H. Swan, R. B. Sloman, R. L. G. Westacott, P. B. Bolas, D. M. Skinner, P. F. Caporn, D. M. Finn, J. Grigsby, L. Y. Wickens, C. S. Anscombe, D. R. Moore, M. J. Taylor, C. T. West, R. A. Bird, L. M. Woodhams, G. E. McGinty, P. J. R. Burrows, P. C. Austen, J. C. T. Page, B. O. Baker, W. J. Oxley, B. A. Grant, J. T. Lawson, B. T. Philpott, J. D. Branchett, H. J. Latham, G. H. Carey, B. J. Bishop, T. J. Fellowes, R. W. Greig, J. A. Ashby, B. V. Chambers, D. Spry, J. A. Tasker, D. J. Clowes, W. A. Dove, M. G. Lumsden, R. A. Hagger, P. M. Bolas, A. A. Vincent, D. W. Woodger, R. A. Buss, B. T. Holliday.

Lower Forms—J. A. Ashby, R. R. England, C. H. Carey, B. V. Chambers, R. D. King, D. J. Clowes, W. A. Dove, J. A. Tasker, R. L. Marten, P. P. Oyler, M. G. Lumsden, D. Spry, H. J. Latham, P. M. Bolas, R. A. Buss, R. W. Greig, T. J. Fellowes, M. A. Manning, R. Bridger, R. A. Hagger, B. J. Bishop, V. E. C. Morgan, D. L. Woodger, B. T. Holliday, R. J. Lurcock, B. E. G. Skinner, C. E. Skinner, A. A. Vincent, B. J. Bristow, D. W. Rose, W. S. Burrows, D. J. Martin, A. G. Monckton, D.

R. Older, W. J. Manchett, M. Cuneen, P. R. Owen, D. W. Shaw, M. Sutton, J. W. Youngs, P. J. Chittenden, M. Neate, J. B. Hunt, P. A. Lindsey, B. L. Riccomini, C. F. Brown, J. Y. LeGrove, J. N. LeGrove, A. J. Randall.

London Chamber of Commerce Handwriting Certificates-

A. C. Phillips, H. D. L. Budge, R. G. Barham, P. F. Caporn, B. M. Goss, D. M. Skinner, C. T. West, P. C. Austen, J. M. Stearn, B. T. Philpott, B. A. Grant, R. Bridger, C. E. Skinner, L. M. Woodhams, R. L. Marten, M. Cuneen, R. R. Houckham, P. J. F. Robinson, B. J. Bristow,

Pitman's Typewriting Certificates—P. F. Caporn, D. M. Skinner, L. Y. Wickens,

Associated Board of Music.—D. W. Rose, L. M. Woodhams, F. E. M. Piper,

M.N. Training Entry.-J. L. Taylor.

R.N. Entry.—A. J. King.

HOUSE NEWS.

In spite of the difficult conditions we have managed to keep the house competition going and the activities have only suffered minor restrictions. The football and cricket matches have all been completed but some other athletic interests have been curtailed, among them being Boxing and Swimming.

In 1944, St. Nicholas proved to be the cricket champions with 5 points, School had 4, St. Augustine had 2, while St. Peter failed to obtain any. The following season saw School as champions with 6 points, followed by St. Nicholas 4 points, St. Augustine 2 points and St. Peter nil. The full table for 1946 is:—

| House. St. Nicholas St. Augustine School | Played 4 4 3 3 3 | Won. 3 2 1 0 | Lost. 0 1 2 3 | Tie. 1 1 0 0 | Points. 7 5 2 0 |
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| St. Peter | | CONTRACTOR S | | | |

The football competition returned St. Augustine as champions for 1944 and St. Nicholas for 1945. The full 1946 table is:—

| St. Augustine St. Nicholas St. Peter | Played. 6 6 6 6 | Won. 5 4 2 1 | Lost. 1 2 4 5 | Goals for. 63 19 15 14 | Against 13 30 28 40 | Pts. 10 8 4 2 |
|--|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| School | 0 | | | | | |

At the Athletic Sports St. Peter took the championship with 221 points, followed by St. Augustine 197, School 166, and St. Nicholas 153.

If possible we hope to be able to include a full range of competitions in 1947 for the houses. The sections are:—Football, Cricket, Good Work, Athletic Sports, Swimming, Chess, Tennis and Boxing.

FINAL POSITIONS FOR 1946.

The points gained were:-

| House. | Football. | Cricket. | Sports. | Tennis. | Good Work. | Total. |
|---------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------|
| St. Augustine | 40 | 35 | 27 | 16 | 61 | 179 |
| St. Nicholas | 32 | 49 | 21 | anto he s | 51 | 154 |
| St. Peter | 16 | 0 | 30 | 6 | 56 | 108 |
| School | 8 | 14 | 22 | 2 | 32 | 78 |

ATHLETIC NEWS.

The Tennis Tournament last Summer produced entries from the following players:—Knight, Youngs, Houckham, Brooker, Woodhams, Heslop, Greig, Finch, Grant, Court, W. Burrows, Lane, Marten, Spooner, Cheeseman, Bishop, McGinty, and Thomas. The semi-finals saw Houckham beat Greig, 6—4, 6—3, and Cheeseman beat Burrows, 6—1, 6—2, while in the final Houckham secured the challenge cup by beating his opponent, Cheeseman, 6—4, 6—6, 7—5.

The Swimming has been well attended at the Maidstone Baths and classes have continued from May until October. Many boys have learned to swim and we hope that next year will see our pre-war arrangements again in full swing. Badges will shortly be available for those who qualify by the ability of swimming one length of the baths and we hope to arrange work embracing diving and life-saving. The Senior Swimming cup was won by G. E. McGinty and the Junior cup by P. R. Owen. We are pleased to hear good reports of Old Boys of the school who have continued their swimming successes in county swimming events and in a wider sphere than school swimming. Swimming remains voluntary but we find that about 80% of the boys over 10 attend the baths regularly.

A certain amount of time has been devoted to Boxing for those boys who are keen on it. Sgt. Tucker, the P.T. Instructor, will be pleased to assist and help any boys who wish to participate further in Boxing. There is a possibility of arranging a competition next summer.

We have many boys who have taken up Running, Walking and Jumping both at school and since leaving. At least three have achieved a county reputation and one, at least, of these will probably go a good deal further as he gets older. Several parents have expressed an interest in the training and performances in this field and Mr. Spencer gave some useful advice to the entrants at the Annual Sports. Here again we are planning further developments.

Football and cricket still remain the major interests in the athletic sense and we hope to see a full attendance every Thursday afternoon at the Maidstone Athletic Ground. The P.T. work is also conducted here; in wet or cold weather the training is given in the Pavilion by the qualified instructor but when conditions are suitable some of the work is undertaken in the open air. There has been a noticable improvement in the physical development this term.

It is quite impossible to give details of the three sports days since our last issue. It must suffice to say that full results were published in the local papers and that the events were completed according to programme. Good performances were put up but bad weather interfered on two occasions and few records were broken. It seems that a majority of those concerned prefer our innovation of making it an evening rather than an afternoon event. We hope to include relay events against other schools in 1947. It may be possible to organise a combined sports day for the Independent Schools in Maidstone. Alternatively the day may be split into two and both Senior and Junior Sports days may be arranged.

OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION.

This page of the Magazine will be devoted to news and notes of all old boys, and old girls also, who have passed through the school. It is perhaps natural that most of it will be concerned with the O.S.A. but those who are not members of the O.S.A. can regard this page as their central notice-board. The ideal situation, of course, would be for all of them to join the O.S.A. We anticipate a good deal of activity in the coming season and shall be glad to welcome new members. There will be an opportunity for cricket and football as well as social events and debates and indoor games. The Annual General Meeting takes place at School on Monday, 27th January, at 7.0 p.m. and we hope it will attract a large attendance. A number of important decisions will require to be taken at that meeting. The Dinner has been arranged for Saturday, 1st March, at the Star Hotel, and we are preparing for a record event this year. As we have not been able yet to hold our usual social events the committee decided that for 1947 ladies should be invited to attend. Whether this is to be a precedent remains to be seen. Opinions are strongly divided

at the moment. If you have a viewpoint about the matter your best plan is to attend at the A.G.M. and give your vote on that occasion. Among the officers of the Association who will be pleased to give you further information are:—The Principal and Staff at the school, Messrs. H. Gilbert, J. W. Solman, V. Brett, B. Finn, W. J. Beale, A. M. Skeffington, W. A. Gibbons, M. F. E. Betts, G. H. Goodchild, R. Green, H. Gosling, R. W. Westbrook, J. H. Piper, M. Turk, and P. F. Caporn. The officers for 1947 will be elected at the A.G.M. Space forbids any account of the adventures and doings of the scores of O.B.'s who have recently been demobilised. Many have written or called at school and we hope in later issues to give accounts of many of them. Correspondence is invited from all old scholars or staff of the school in whatever part of the world they may be and a selection of the news concerning them may be expected as a regular feature of future numbers of the School Magazine.

THE COUNTRY SIDE.

As walking through a wood one day, Amongst the flowers so fair and gay, I saw a bird perched in a tree As fine a bird as one could see. Its plumage was of lovely shades, The insect world had known his raids.

Sitting on a mossy bank,
I noticed ants in file and rank,
Marching down the sloping bank
Towards their sandy hills.
A little lizard bold as brass
Went running through the tufts of grass.

I wandered by the whispering brook, Where some folks stop to look. As dusk draws on a moorhen screams While on her way to neighbouring streams, And as a bat goes fluttering by It tells me night is drawing nigh.

C. T. W.

UNFORTUNATE INSPIRATION.

Mr. Wells was getting so tired of living in the town. He wanted to live in the country and get away from the neighbours who spread untrue scandal about him.

His ideal was a beautiful little house tucked away in a secluded village some 50 miles away, owned by a friend of his, and the fact that he wanted to sell it quickly made it imperative for Mr. Wells to do something about it—and immediately. He knew he hadn't the necessary money, and there was no chance of selling his own dark, dismal house because of its reputation of being haunted. The situation appeared to be hopeless.

In the normal way, Mr. Wells was a very quiet sort of man, content to conduct his own affairs in his own way, and with very little interest in other people. In this casual fashion, he accepted a lodger to augment his meagre income without even troubling to ascertain his profession.

For some days, Mr. Wells spent most of his time in deep concentration. He thought of many ways of making money, both fair and foul, but to each there was some objection.

Then, at last, he appeared to have hit upon the perfect plan. If his house in the town was burnt down, the insurance money would enable him to buy his friend's house in the country! In high spirits he made his preparations, obtaining cans of paraffin, moving his most valuable possessions, and dropping very tactful hints to his friend that he would like to buy the house.

The lodger, however, was becoming suspicious, and Mr. Wells decided that he must leave, but in order to avoid trouble from that source, a considerable amount of Mr. Well's hard earned savings was handed over as an encouragement to forget what he had seen.

The next night, Mr. Wells carefully soaked the furniture in the back rooms with paraffin, and set fire to it. This done, he walked off, quite satisfied, to watch the fire from a distance. As far as he could see, his troubles were over!

It was a pity the lodger was the Insurance Inspector-

PAUL M. BOLAS.

THE SCHOOL ROLL.

We hope to publish a full list of all those whose names are on the school roll. An earlier list has been published of those who attended under the late Mr. McCabe. Unfortunately these records have been proved incomplete and a number of omissions have come to light. The following list is authentic and complete. The information given is correct at the time of publication as far as we are aware. Anyone able to furnish information of addresses will help by sending in full particulars. The list starts as the school existed in September, 1930 immediately after the death of Mr. McCabe.

| No. | Name and last known Address. Da | te at School. |
|-----|--|---------------|
| 1. | Lynn, Gordon, 27 Charles Street, Maidstone. | 1928-1931. |
| 2. | | 1925–1931. |
| 3. | Ashby, Ronald, H., 87 Old Tovil Road, Maidstone. | |
| 4. | Finn, Bernard, W., 82 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone. | 1924 1932 |
| 5. | Randall Fred N. 595 Loose Road Maidstone | 1928_1930 |
| 6. | Randall, Fred. N., 595 Loose Road, Maidstone. Tolputt, Fred, H., 278 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone. | 1924 1933 |
| 7. | Reynolds, Stanley, 49 Campbell Road, Maidstone. | 1923–1932. |
| 8. | Beale, Walter, 'Wanda' Ashford Rd, nr. Maidstone. | 1923-1932. |
| 9. | Langley, Morley, A., Hayle Mill House, Maidstone. | 1927 1932. |
| 10. | Bradford, Harold, A., Deceased 1941. War Service | 1028 1031 |
| 11. | Bowler, Edward, B., 349 Loose Road, Maidstone. | 1927–1932. |
| 12. | Elbourne, Jack, 91 Old Tovil Road, Maidstone. | 1925–1933. |
| 13. | Harman, Frederick, 353 Tonbridge Rd, Maidstone. | 1026 1031 |
| 14. | Hinton, Philip E., 36 Mote Road, Maidstone. | 1928–1931. |
| 15. | Apps, W. G., The Cottage, Chapel Lane, Bearsted. | 1028 1032 |
| 16. | Bodiam, Robt. W. H., 211 Winifred Rd, Maidstone. | 1930–1933. |
| 17. | Pearce, Leonard, H., 41 High Street, Maidstone. | 1927–1930. |
| 18. | Harman, Arthur, Wlm., West Street, Harrietsham. | 1924–1931. |
| 19, | Burgess, Geoffrey, M., Moon's Farm, East Farleigh. | 1924–1931. |
| 20. | Bushby, Roy E., 14 London Road, Maidstone. | 1924–1931. |
| 21. | Welsh, Wlm. J. S., 85 London Road, Maidstone. | 1921–1931. |
| 22. | Morgan, Leslie Chas, 25 Sheals Cres't, Maidstone. | 1925–1930. |
| 23. | Morgan, Kenneth Alb., 25 Sheals Cres't, Maidstone. | 1928–1934. |
| 24. | Morgan, Leslie, 56 Upper Stone Street, Maidstone. | 1928–1934. |
| 25. | Reale Stanley 40 Royston Road Maidstone | 1930–1935. |
| 26. | Beale, Stanley, 40 Royston Road, Maidstone. Beale, Leslie, 'Tyhurst,' Tyland Lane, Maidstone. | 1930–1935. |
| 27. | Beale, James W., 12 Lower Fant, Maidstone. | 1928–1935. |
| 28. | Harle, Robert, J. 27 Grecian Street, Maidstone. | 1929–1933. |
| 29. | Butler, Edgar J., H.M.S. Goshawk, G.P.O., L'don. | 1929–1932. |
| 30. | Croucher, Arthur S., Burgess Cottage, Leeds. | 1928–1933. |
| 31. | Haywood, Gordon S., 48 St. Luke's Rd, Maidstone. | |
| 32. | Maskell, Jeffrey A., 41 Linton Road, Maidstone. | 1929–1931. |
| 33. | Barker, Jack S., 48 Osprey Avenue, Gilingham. | 1939–1933. |
| 34. | Philpott, Harry, Elmscroft Gardens, West Farleigh. | 1030 1032 |
| 35. | Spurgeon, Walter S., 107 Loose Road, Maidstone. | 1929–1932. |
| 36. | Vidler, Fred. H. E., 42 Goldsmid Road, Tonbridge | 1929-1932. |
| 37. | Wills, Kenneth C. A, Neipcar Lodge, Wroth'm H'h. | |
| 38. | Brooker, Norman O., Dover Court, London Road, | 1930-1931. |
| 50. | West Malling. | 1930–1932. |
| 39. | | |
| 40. | Whibley, Kenneth H., 66 Hastings Rd, Maidstone. | 1930–1933. |
| 41. | Pandall Daniel William 505 I D. M. I. | 1930-1936. |
| 42. | Randall, Ronald Wlm., 595 Loose Rd, Maidstone. Goodchild, Gordon H., 'Norbry,' New Hythe Lane, | 1929-1934. |
| 72. | Larkfield. | 1020 1026 |
| 43. | | 1930–1936. |
| ٦٦. | Piper, Jesse H. E., 'The Elms,' London Road. | 1930–1937. |
| | Maidstone. | 1930-1937. |

| 44. | Wood, Ronald Jas., Deceased. January, 1938. | 1930–1934. | |
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| | Jones, William, Deceased 1939. War Service. | 1930–1934. | |
| | Spencer, Phillip F., 25 Holigrave Road, Bromley. | 1929–1932. | |
| 47. | a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a | 1929–1932. | |
| 48. | Pierce, John D. Deceased, March, 1938. | 1930-1935. | |
| 49. | Randall, Peter, Deceased. 1941. War Service. | 1930-1935. | |
| 50. | Horn, Alfred E., 14 Lion Road, Bexley Heath. | 1930-1932. | |
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(To be continued).

FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

Jones: I know a certain cure for insomia.

Smith: Oh. What is it?

Jones: Sleep on the edge of the bed. You are sure to drop off.

Small Child: I learnt my twelve times table to-day, Grandad.

Grandad: And what's twelve times thirteen?

Small Child: Don't be silly. There isn't such a number.

North: What made you leave your lodgings after living there for two years?

South: The Landlady told me there was no bathroom.

Mike: What's the date, Bill?

Bill: There's a newspaper on the table; that'll tell you.

Mike: That's no good. It's yesterday's

Reggie: I say, old boy, that girl you spoke to looks a bit thin.

Ronald: Thin! I should say so! When she drinks tomato juice people ask me why I take a thermometer with me.

Office Boy: May I have the day off to-morrow?

Manager: The day off? Why?

Office Boy: My Grandmother is being demobbed to-morrow.

Artist: You see this picture that I painted?

Friend: Yes, Why?

Artist: I painted it to keep the wolf from the door.

Friend: Then why don't you put it where the wolf can see it?

First inmate: Who is that letter for that you are writing?

Second ditto: It's for myself. First Inmate: What's in it?

Second ditto: How do I know till the postman brings it?

Paddy: Shure, I'm worried. My sister Bridget has just had a new baby.

Mike: You ought to be pleased. Is it a boy or a girl?

Paddy: That's what's worrying me. I don's know whether I'm an aunt or an uncle.

"Don't do that," said the passer—by to the man about to jump into the river. "We'll just sit down and talk things over quietly instead," he added sympathetically. Five minutes later they both jumped into the river.

Tom: Jack has a glass eye. Bill: Did he tell you?

Tom: No, it just came out in conversation.

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