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to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

EDITORIAL

AS HAPPY AS WE CAN MAKE IT! This is our first issue of this momentous New Year 1940 and it seems almost farcical to wish a happy New Year to you with "That Man" still upsetting the world, but we can resolve to make it as happy as possible. Before we leave this subject, will all members please accept this as an acknowledgment by our President and Vice-President for the marvellous greetings and presents so kindly sent. To each and every one of you they send their thanks and appreciation.

OVER THERE We are including in this issue the first letter received from one of our members serving with the forces "somewhere in France" - J.B. Bowker, which we are sure will be read with interest. Here is an opportunity to show a practical interest in our member. Why not get together in your various districts or separately if you prefer and get those knitting needles going. Or if your time is already fully occupied you can send stamps, or postal orders to us and we will send cigarettes over to the value of any money we collect. We definitely feel that Mr. Bowker should have something to let him know we are thinking of him.

OUR PRESIDENT. Since our last issue our President has completed another film "LET GEORGE DO IT", which will probably be seen around the cinemas about July/August. He is now in pantomime at Leeds playing to packed houses (did you hear the Broadcast?) and will be there for another six weeks. Meanwhile, the home troops are not forgotten for every Sunday he is fully occupied attending camp concerts. At the conclusion of the panto, he will be going across the water to carry on the good work "somewhere in France."

GEORGE'S LATEST HONOUR. Did you know that for the second year in succession George Formby has topped the poll as the greatest British star in films? Not only is he first again but has increased his lead over this and last year's second favourite.

NEW RECORDS. The following new records have been made by our President and are included in the January list of REGAL ZONOPHONE:-

- M.R. 3160. "GOODNIGHT LITTLE FELLOW"
"PARDON ME"
- M.R. 3161 "I COULD NOT LET THE STABLE DOWN"
"I'M MAKING HEADWAY NOW"

All these numbers are in the film "COME ON GEORGE".

No: 935138,
1st Sound Ranging Battery.
1st Survey Regt. R.A.
B.E.F.

Dec.12th 1939.

Dear Sir,

You have no idea how glad I was to receive from home, a few days ago the November issue of the G.F.C. news and read the many interesting articles for the club member! It is receiving such things as this that keeps we "boys" out here in touch with home!

I have been in France since the 19th September and, by now, have got accustomed to the country, the people and the French customs. Knowing a good deal of French previously I have been able to converse with the people quite freely and this has made life much more interesting.

We have, naturally, done a good deal of moving about since we landed - "sojourning" in various towns, villages and other "places" (some agreeable and others just the opposite)!! Still on the whole the adventure, so far, has been enjoyable and we are all hoping that it may continue so!

A few of us have been fortunate enough to see one of these British concert parties that is touring France. Leslie Henson's company it was; and you can realise how much we enjoyed it. I am hoping that if our President should "cross over" or if any of his films should be shown, I shall be fortunate enough to see them. The last time I saw George was last August Monday - a boiling hot day - at Blackpool. I can positively say that "turned out nice again" was the best effort ever of our President - and that is saying something as I have seen all his pictures, Blackpool revues and pantos, including the one at Manchester Palace this year just before he had to "break off" owing to his throat trouble!

My, what a lot has happened since then! At times one or two of us serenade to the rest, after "lights-out", "Cleaning Windows" or "Mr. Wu"!! So you see we are trying to carry with us the G.F.C. spirit and keeping the lads smiling as best we can!!

Well, my best wishes to all the "big family" - let us keep the excellent spirit of comradeship flying amidst all the trouble. If any of the members would care to write to me I shall be very pleased to answer any questions about the "life" out here, I know many at home are interested in our welfare!.

Cheerio to all! All the best for Christmas and the New Year!

Yours,
J.B. Bowker.

Home address: Sea View,
Flookborough,
Carnforth, Lancs.

OUR LETTER BOX

We wish to thank all members who have written to us since the last issue of the NEWS and have pleasure in dealing with some of the letters below. Will those members who require a direct and personal reply to correspondence please enclose a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary.

Miss Terry Pearson of 154, Links Road, S.W.17., has made a study of character reading and on another page you will find her forecast of Beryl and George Formby taken from their handwriting. She has very generously offered to give a character reading to any member who cares to send her a specimen of their writing. We are sure most of you will be only too eager to take advantage of her generosity.

"Dear Fellow Members----- I have quite a number of autographs including those of: Tommy Farr, Lord Baldwin, Lord Halifax, Mr. Chamberlain, Sir John Simon, Sir John Anderson, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr. Winston Churchill, Lord Chatfield, Reginald Dixon, Sidney Lipton, Gordon Richards, Eddie Phillips, Eric Langton, Frank Varey, Eric Boon, Peter Kane, Flanagan & Allen, Duggie Wakefield, Lupino Lane, Pat Kirkwood, Tommy Handley, Maurice Winnick, Ted Denver, Claude Dampier, Sydney Howard and Billy Cotton. I would very much like to exchange the signatures of the following - Sidney Lipton, Tommy Farr, Gordon Richards, Peter Kane, Frank Varey, Eric Langton, Eddie Phillips, Jessie Matthews, Lord Halifax, Flanagan & Allen, Duggie Wakefield, Lupino Lane, Pat Kirkwood, Tommy Handley, Maurice Winnick, Ted Denver, Claude Dampier, Sydney Howard and Billy Cotton and autographed photographs of Reg. Dixon and Arthur Askey. In return I would like signed photos or autographs of radio celebrities, film stars or statesmen, particularly of Arthur Danahar, Boris Karloff, Robert Taylor, Peter Lorre, Paul Robeson, Will Hay, Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong. I would also exchange the autographs of Manchester United F.C. and well-known cricketers.

Would any member caring to reply to my offer write to:-
MAX WIBBERLEY, WARD E., THE ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, OSWESTRY, SHROPS."
Now then, you autograph fans, see what you can do for Max and at the same time help your own collections.

"I have seen people's autograph collections in the G.F.C. News and I would be grateful if you would publish mine. It is - Bing Crosby, Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable, Leslie Fuller, Ivor Moreton & David Kaye, Edmund Gwenn, Western Bros., Florence Desmond, George Robey, Max Miller, Billy Bennett, Gordon Harker, Ronald Frankau, Albert Burdon, Lupino Lane, Billy Reid, Gracie Fields, Norman Long, Harold Ramsey, Al & Bob Harvey, Layton & Johnstone, George Jackley, Flotsam & Jetsam, Sir John Martin Harvey, Sybil Thorndike, Marie Burke, Enid Stamp-Taylor, Stanley Holloway, Phyllis Dare, Sandy Powell, Harry Lauder, George Arliss, Mabel Constanduros, Elizabeth Welch, Hughie Green, Florrie Forde, Percy Marmont, Mary Ellis, Yvonne Arnaud, Ivor Novello, Elsie & Doris Waters, Leslie Banks, Syd Walker, Phyllis Neilson-Terry, Ralph Lynn, Crazy Gang, Stainless Stephen, Bertram

OUR LETTER BOX continued:

Mills, Harry Welchman, Reggie Dixon, Arthur Tracy, Irene Vanbrugh, Lilian Braithwaite, Billy Mayerl, Teddy Brown, Gina Malo, Jim Emery, Stanelli, Henry Hall, Nat Gonella, Tom Mix, Fay Compton, Owen Nares, Henry Kendall, Clifford Mollison, Evelyn Dall, Richard Goolden, Stanley Lupino, Scott & Whaley, Carl Brisson, Max Bacon, Leslie Henson, Ernie Lotinga, Jack Payne, Jack Hylton, Rene Ray, Binnie Hale, Emlyn Williams, Paul Robeson, Claude Hulbert, Bobbie Comber, Lilli Palmer, Vic Oliver, Jack Hulbert, Cicely Courtneidge, Tommy Handley, Ambrose, Hugh Wakefield, Seymour Hicks, Anona Winn, Deanna Durbin, Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch, Evelyn Laye, Diana Churchill, Harry Tate, John Mills, Geraldo, Albert Sandler, Tom Walls, Joe Loss, Zena Dare, Tommy Trinder, Jack Jackson, Dorothy Hyson, Luise Rainer, The Three Stooges, George Formby & Beryl, Eric Boon, Tommy Farr, Len Harvey, Aston Villa F.C., Arsenal F.C., Wolves F.C., Portsmouth Cup winning team, Clyde Cup winning team, Sheffield W. F.C., Blackburn F.C., Chesterfield F.C., Millwall F.C., Southampton F.C., Newport C. F.C., Coventry F.C., Norwich F.C., Manchester C. F.C., Yorkshire C.C., Middlesex C.C., New Zealand C.C., Colin Blyth, Les Ames, Les Todd, Gimblett, Barnett, Andrews, Valentine. Most of the stage and screen stars are autographed photographs." WILLIAM JACKSON. "BRECKLANDS". BRANDON RD. THETFORD. NORFOLK.

Goodness gracious, we thought we would never come to the end of this amazing list. It just doesn't seem possible that one person can collect so many autographs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LILY ROBERTSON ON HER RECENT MARRIAGE TO MR. BEAN. ON BEHALF OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS WE WISH THEM EVERY HAPPINESS.

"Here is my list of autographs and autographed photos - mainly cinema organists:- Stanley Tudor, Dudley Savage, Sandy McPherson, Ena Baga, Florence de Jong, Carmelita, Horace Finch, Hubert Selby, Max Gerald, Eric Spruce, Sydney Gustard, Jack Helyer, Phil Park, Reg. Dixon, Reginald Foort, H. Robinson Cleaver, Robin Richmond, Henry Croudson, Donald Thorne, Kenneth Bygott, John Madin, Cecil Chadwick, Reginald Porter Brown, Stuart Barrie, Edward Farley, Edgar Peto, Lloyd Thomas, Felton Rapley, Harold Ramsey, Fredric Bayco, Dudley Beaven, Elsie Monks.

Other autographs include Robert Donat, Claude Dampier, Frank Formby, Sonja Henie, Troise and his Mandoliers, Billy Cotton, Jack Doyle, Teddy Joyce, Gloria Brent, Lorna Martin, Arthur Tracy, Webster Booth, Steffani and his Silver Songsters, Elsie & Doris Waters, Tommy Handley, Roy Cooper and his band, Gene Autry and two of the "Great George". Not too bad for three months collecting!"

OUR LETTER BOX continued:

LAWRENCE MORLEY, 1, WEST ROW. STOKESLEY. MIDDLESBORO. YORKS.
We most certainly agree with you Lawrence and dare we enquire
whether you are an organist fan?

Now don't all rush when you see the following offer from
Lawrence Morley, address as above:-

"I am doing away with a collection of foreign stamps. If any
member would like to have them, would they please write to me."

"Perhaps some members would be interested in my collection of
autographs etc. I have autographs of - George Formby, Turner
Layton, Tubby Turner, Richard Murdoch, Max Miller, Billy Cotton,
Caryll & Mundy, Revnell & West, Tom Walls, Harry Roy, Duggie
Wakefield, Renee Houston & Donald Stewart, Gordon Harker,
Teddy Brown, Tommy Trinder, Stainless Stephen, G.S.Melvin,
Robertson Hare, Alfred Drayton and many Lancashire County
Cricketers. Among my autographed photographs I have - Jack
Payne, Arthur Askey, Charley Kunz, Vic Oliver, Will Hay, Gracie
Fields, Jessie Matthews, Bobby Howes, Leslie Henson, Mills Bros.,
Western Bros., Sir Seymour Hicks, Henry Hall, Anna Neagle, the
Two Leslies, the Crazy Gang, Claude Dampier, Claude Hulbert,
Alastair Sim, George Arliss, Errol Flynn, Sabu, Gary Cooper,
Reg. Dixon, Conrad Veidt, Sydney Howard, Tommy Handley and Joe
Loss."

N. LESLIE ROBINSON. 3, CROFT RD. CHEADLE HULME. CHES.

This Letter Box is beginning to look like an autograph collectors'
dream.

"Would any members care to send me some autographs as I want to
start a collection. I want Tommy Handley, Robert Taylor, Arthur
Askey and any others which can be spared."

MASTER FRANK WOMBY. 65, ACK LANE, CHEADLE HULME. CHESHIRE.

Won't some of you listen to this plaintive plea and help this
young lad?

"I have enclosed my list of autographed photos, each signed by
the star themselves - George Formby, Will Hay, Gordon Harker,
Robertson Hare, Sydney Howard, Sandy Powell, Claude Dampier,
Max Miller, Will Fyffe, George Robey, Bobby Howes, Leonard
Henry, Stanley Lupino, Ernest Sefton, Herman Bing, C.Denier
Warren, Florence Desmond, Evelyn Dall, Ralph Lynn, Hugh Wakefield,
Billy Milton, Basil Rathbone, Leslie Banks, Raymond Massey,
Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Sir Cedric Hardwicke, C. Aubrey Smith,
Desmond Tester, Leslie Perrins, Jimmy Hanley, George Merritt,
W.H. Berry, Gibb McLaughlin, Mark Daly, Basil Sydney, O.B.
Clarence, Barry Mackay, Lilli Palmer, Nancy O'Neil, Rene Ray,

OUR LETTER BOX continued:

Merle Oberon, Nova Pilbeam, Anna Lee, Veronica Rose, Sydney Fairbrother, Ferdinand Gottschalk, Robert Nainby, Ernest Thesiger, the late Paul Graetz, the late Morton Selten, the late Ted Healy, Harry Richman, Ian Hunter, Wallace Ford, David Niven, Kent Taylor, Bela Lugosi, Boris Karloff, Dick Foran, Gene Raymond, Lyle Talbot, Robert Montgomery, Henry Wilcoxon, Robert Taylor, Ben Lyon, Richard Arlen, Ricardo Cortez, Tullio Carminati, Buddy Rogers, Hugh Williams, Herbert Marshall, Preston Foster, Mickey Brantford, Walter Connolly, Guy Kibbee, Andy Devine, Walter Catlett, Hobart Cavanaugh, Claude Rains, Ward Bond, Esmond Knight, Mackenzie Ward, Hartley Power, Alfred Drayton, the late Fred Duprez, Mary Treen, Henry Stephenson, Samuel S. Hinds, Nat Pendleton, Victor Jory, C. Henry Gordon, Lionel Stander, Craig Reynolds, Carol Hughes, Jean Gillie, Anna Neagle, June Clyde, Robert Barratt, Dorothy Dare, Robb Wilton, Diana Churchill, Syd Crossley, Muriel George, Flanagan & Allen, Roy Emerton, Dudley Digges, Henry Armetta, Otto Kruger, Allen Jenkins, Hal Gordon, Barton MacLane, Henry Mollison, Wally Patch, Edward Everett Horton, Robert Young, Georgie Harris, Marie Wilson, Joseph Crehan, Vince Barnett, Graham Moffatt, Norma Varden, Henry O'Neill, Alastair Sim, Walter Huston, John Turnbull, Warren Hull, H.F. Maltby, Noel Madison, Glenda Farrell, Douglas Montgomery, Helen Vinson, Luis Alberni, Hal Walters and Franklyn Pangborn."

JESSE E. JOLLY. 19, Tynemouth Rd, South Tottenham. N.15.

As we have already advised Mr. Jolly, this is the most complete selection of artistes we have ever seen. We shudder to think what he must have spent in postage to secure this magnificent collection.

FREDA FAIRE of 20, MACHON BANK, SHEFFIELD. 7. YORKS is a comedienne and banjoist and is anxious to arrange social evenings and parties for local members. Will anyone interested please drop her a line? We are sure her offer will be greatly appreciated by Sheffield members and with your co-operation many delightful gatherings can be arranged.

This is our biggest LETTER BOX since the inception of the Club and we hope the various offers contained herein will prove of benefit to members.

PEN PALS

Donald Macintosh,
40, Hillcroft Road,
Wallasey, Ches.

(would like a boy or girl pen pal
(aged 16, interested in ukeleles
(and George Formby songs and records.

Peter Womby,
65, Ack Lane,
Cheadle Hulme, Ches.

(is anxious to correspond with any
(girl member age 10-12, interested
(in films, art, sport and stamp
(collecting.

Sheila Hutt,
20, Meadway,
Forest Hall, Newcastle on Tyne.

(would very much like a pen pal,
(preferably a male, about her own
(age (17) who has been called up in
(H.M. forces.

Alex Pickup,
54, Booth Crescent,
Waterfoot,
Rossendale. Lancs.

(would be pleased to have a pen pal
(in Scotland and one in the Straits
(Settlements, about his own age, 15.
(He is very interested in science
(and wishes to become an engineer.

Mr. E.M. John,
47, Southminster Road,
Penylan. Cardiff.

(would very much like to correspond
(with either girl or boy member. He
(is 16 and interested in films.

Donald Macintosh,
40, Hillcroft Road,
Wallasey, Cheshire.

(would like a pen pal interested in
(ukeleles.

Max Wibberley,
Ward E,
The Orthopaedic Hospital,
Oswestry. Salop.

(would like to correspond with a boy
(about 12-14 years of age, who is
(interested in sport, films and the
(collecting of autographs and
(signed photos of famous people.
(Also if any other member would
(write to him occasionally he would
(be extremely grateful.

Stella Temple,
19, Sugarwell Mount,
Meanwood. Leeds. 7.

(would very much like a pen friend
(interested in autograph collecting
(and films. She is 17 years old.

CLUB ACCESSORIES

TIES

For the benefit of new members, George Formby Club ties are available in diagonal stripes of maroon and silver. These are suitable for both male and female members and are offered at ninepence each.

Send your postal orders to the Organising Secretary.

BLAZER BADGES

We have a very small quantity of blazer badges in the shape of a shield, with maroon material background, silver embroidered border and the letters G.F.C. in silver in the centre - price 2/6d each.

Postal orders should be sent to the Organising Secretary.

SOLUTION TO THE LAST CROSS-WORD PUZZLE ISSUED

ACROSS.

- 1. George.
- 7. Two.
- 9. Flounder.
- 11. Cells.
- 12. Vim.
- 14. Pie.
- 15. Teens.
- 17. H.T.
- 19. Borrow.
- 19. Main.
- 21. Incorp.
- 24. Sli.

DOWN.

- 27. At.
- 28. Oolitic.
- 30. B.S.A.
- 31. Dare.
- 32. Immediate.
- 1. G.F.C.
- 2. Elephant.
- 3. Oolitic.
- 4. Rule.
- 5. G.N.S.
- 6. Ed.
- 7. Trier.
- 8. On.
- 10. Every.
- 13. M.N.O.
- 15. To.
- 16. S.W.
- 19. Miami.
- 20. Noose.
- 22. Road.
- 23. P.L.
- 24. Stat.
- 25. Lire
- 26. Ice.
- 29. Ida.
- 30. B.M.

The answer to Don Coates puzzle in the last issue is : A WATCH.

THIS MONTH'S PRIZEWINNERS FOR
BEST CONTRIBUTIONS ARE:-

BARBARA DAWSON of
BASFORD NOTTS for
an excellent drawing
of our President.

WINNIE WORPOLE
STRATFORD.

MISS C.M. WINDER
LIVERPOOL.

F. WHITAKER
ST. ATHANS.

Here are three houses with three different mains.



What you must do is to get the Water, Gas and Electricity into each of the houses without crossing the lines. This is not so easy as it looks and we will award an autographed photograph of Mr. & Mrs. Formby to the senders of the correct solution.

Submitted by BARBARA MARTIN of FALMOUTH.

Character readings of MR. & MRS. FORMBY'S handwriting by TERRY PEARSON of 154, LINKS ROAD. S.W.17:-

GEORGE

He is modest and unassuming with no affectation - a "take me as I am" sort of person - very plain-spoken - has a temper but does not bear malice though he is inclined to sulk a little if very put out.

Is clear headed and never muddles things - gets things done quickly and in a straight-forward manner - deals with facts rather than fancies and when he gets an idea he pursues it to the end. Is affectionate but not foolishly sentimental. Is determined and even obstinate if sure he is right.

BERYL

Of an extremely artistic temperament with plenty of self-confidence - appearances matter a lot to her - she is dainty and full of artistic ideas. Optimistic by nature and very intelligent, with an excellent head for business matters. More demonstrative than George and an even sharper temper but she would flare up and then cool off just as quickly and would never sulk. She and George are of distinctly opposite natures.

CONUNDRUMS

1. What is that which plays when it works and works when it plays?
2. Which is the coldest river?
3. What is the difference between a burglar and a man wearing a wig?
4. Why is poultry farming always profitable?
5. What is it that stands on one leg and has its heart in its head?
6. Why is a horse cleverer than a fox?
7. Why did the cart wheel?
8. Why is the letter W like scandal?
9. On which side of a jug should the spout be?
10. What is the difference between a jeweller and a jailer?
11. When are eyes not eyes?
12. When is butter like Irish children?
13. What is worse than pouring cats and dogs?
14. When are the streets most greasy?

JUGGLING WITH MONEY

A certain sum of money, when written down in pounds shillings and pence, uses exactly the same figures and in the same order as the number of farthings which go to make up the amount. What is the sum?

FOUR NINES

Write down four nines so that they make a hundred exactly.

A MISER

A miser had three times as many pennies as halfpennies.
He had half as many shillings as pennies and halfpennies added together.
He had half as many florins as pennies and shillings added together.
He had half as many pounds as shillings and florins added together.
He had 258 coins altogether.
How many had he of each?

TOWNS

Each jumble consists of the letters which form towns. Can you decipher them?

RTYAUHMO.	SELDE.	EKETSFNLOO.	GSTAMAER.	NBIOTRHG.
ELAD.	MTEAGRA.	ORNGBO.	YCEBRIANRT.	

Can you replace the stars by letters and make dictionary words across, but not down. Compound or double words are allowed.

C x x x x x M

H x x x x x x U

R x x x x x x x T

Y x x x x x x x x T

A x x x x x x x x R

S x x x x x x x x x E

L x x x x x x x F

S x x x x x Y

This is a coded sum which brings in the four rules of arithmetic. See if you can supply the figures.

	P Y F	
	_____ P	multiplication
	G P G Y	
	_____ F A	addition
	G P T A	
	_____ L E	subtraction
F	G F Z G	division
	_____ T G A	

SOLUTIONS TO BE GIVEN NEXT ISSUE.

An attendant at the museum was showing an old lady Lord Nelson's waistcoat.

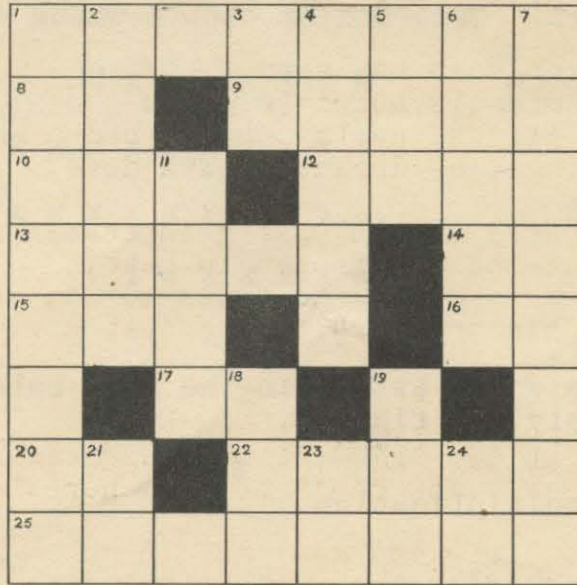
"Now that," said the attendant, pointing to a hole, "is where the bullet went through that ended his life!"

"Oh, how awful!" said the old lady, "now, had that hole been mended before it went through it might have saved his life!"

These two excellent pages of puzzles were submitted by
WINNIE WORPOLE of STRATFORD. E.15.

Jack had been sent to the firm's doctor. "How did you get on Jack?" asked his employer. "All right sir, but I didn't go to your doctor; 'he 'ad 10-1 on his brass plate; t'other doctor opposite had 9-5 on 'is, so I went to 'im - the oddds were so much better."

MARGARET WINTERTON.
MIDDLESBROUGH.



CLUES ACROSS:

1. G.F.C. members get this.
8. East Central (abbrev.)
9. A fruit.
10. She goes backwards.
12. "-- on the landscape."
13. Next above the bass.
15. Girl's name.
16. When you are undecided you say this.
17. Police Constable (abbrev.)
20. You must have plenty of this if you want to get on these days.
22. A Bible name.
25. The first word of the title of a song that George's father made famous.

CLUES DOWN:

1. Councils hold these.
2. What the jockey probably did after the fall.
3. Mother backwards means to be
4. A rather uncommon animal.
5. Few people like being this.
6. Used to catch wild animals.
7. Coming in.
11. A sharp break
18. Some people get their milk in this.
19. A trio without its ending.
21. A preposition (reversed)
23. Not B.C.
24. A preposition.

Submitted by MISS C.M. WINDER
LIVERPOOL.

HITLER'S DREAM.

Here is a story strange it may seem
Of Hitler the Nazi and his horrible dream
Being tired of his Allies, he lay on his bed
And among other things, he dreamt he was dead.

He was all straightened out and lying in state
And his little moustache was frozen in hate,
He had not been dead long when he found to his cost
That his plans and his passport to the next world were lost.

On leaving this world to heaven he went straight
And proudly stepped up to the big Golden Gate,
But Peter stepped out and in voice loud and clear
Said "On your way Nazi, you can't come in here."

So he turned on his heels and away he did go
At the top of his speed to the regions below,
But the look-out angel was well worth his hire
And got through to Satan and gave him the wire

"Now look here, chaps, I give you all warning,
We're expecting Hitler the Nazi this morning,
Now get this straight and get it clear,
We're too blasted good for that rotter down here."

"Oh Satan, oh Satan," Herr Hitler replied,
"I heard what you said, I was standing outside,
Oh give me a corner, I've nowhere to go,"
But Satan said, "No, no and a thousand times no."

He kicked Hitler back and vanished in smoke
And just at that moment poor Adolf awoke,
He was lying in bed all covered with sweat
Crying "Doctor, oh doctor, it's my worst dream yet.
To heaven I can't go, I know that damned well,
But its ruddy hard lines when you're kicked out of hell."

F.WHITAKER. ST. ATHANS. GLAM.

Rag-and-Bone man. "Any rags or old iron to sell, sir?"
Man-of-the-house. "No, no - my wife's away."
Rag-and-Bone man, (hopefully). "Any bottles then, sir?"

MURIEL HOLMES,
BASINGSTOKE.

G E O R G E F O R M B Y
is always just the same,
a bright and cheery lad.
E ven if there's "Trouble Brewing"
and things look very bad.
O ft he gets in many scrapes
when he's "Cleaning Windows"
R unning up and down the ladder
while girls in bed repose.
G leefully he sings a song
and makes us all forget
E very worry, strife and care
which doth us all beset.

F ame and fortune he has won,
on radio, stage and screen.
O ld and young and rich and poor,
even the King and Queen.
R evel at the quips and jokes
he rattles out with ease.
M ay this "Easy Going Lad"
continue without cease.
B eside him always may he have
his wife her help to lend.
Y ou and I will do our best
and keep the best of friends.

JOHN HOLMES.
WHITCHURCH. READING. BERKS.

The Opportunist

A traveller called at the door:-
"Good morning, lady," he said, "Would you like to buy any
hairpins, notebooks, pencils ---"
"I don't want anything", declared the lady, "and if you
don't go away I shall call a policeman."
"All right, lady," came the ready reply. "Here you are,
police-whistles, sixpence each."

DOROTHY HOLMES.
UTTOXETER.

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