

## NOTCH! SCOTCH! POTCH!

BURNS—NOT MUCH ELSE.

(Contributed by "The Groper.")

My bannie noodle's working prime,  
My fancy's yrekit up sublime  
Wi' lassy saunmon,  
Hae ye a leisure moment's time,  
To hear what's comin'?

Truth to tell there is "comin'", or  
forthcoming, as you English chaps prefer.  
However, nevertheless, notwithstanding as  
Harry Lander would say we'll gie ye the  
real McKay, pure and unadulterated fra'  
the land o' oat cakes, whusky and Burns.

Martin Anstey M.A., B.D., London,  
the eminent scholar and Biblical student  
says, "The best commentary on the Bible  
is the Bible itself." So say we of Burns.  
The great Scot, who remarked, as his fatal  
hour neared, that the Psalms of David  
and the poems of Burns would help him  
into the Kingdom was not far from the  
truth. Let prudes, quat-minds, the  
supercilious and the genuine souls who  
sincerely differ, differ. Let them differ.  
What the world wants is truth and the  
man who does not write it has no right  
to be called a genius. The Bible, Shakes-  
peare—aye Burns, if you like, hold sway  
in the minds where they are read and  
understood because they hit one hard—  
they compel one to say—"that harmonies  
with history and my own heart." It is  
true to life.

It is a gross libel on the work of Burns,  
taken wholly, to say that it other than  
edifies. The story of his licentiousness  
and woe told truthfully by Burns him-  
self is no more debasing than the history  
of the whoremongering of Samson or the  
adultery of Israel's greatest King.

Burns, in more homely language than  
that other mighty Scot, who was so Eng-  
lish, as to be ashamed of his mother's  
accent—Byron we mean—concurred in—

"The moth, the caulk, and the rust  
are mine alone,  
I love the virtues that I cannot claim."  
—Byron.

However:—

Hale by your heart, hale be your fiddle;  
Lang may your cluck jink and diddle,  
To cheer you thro' the weary widdle  
O' warly cares,  
Till bairn's bairns kindly cuddle  
Your auld, gray hairs.

For me, I'm on Parnassus' brink,  
Rivin' the words to get them clink;  
Whyles daez't wi' love, whyles daez't  
wi' drink.

Wi' jads or masons;  
An' whyles, but ay owro late, I think  
Braw sober lessons.

Of a' the thoughtless sons o' man,  
Commen' me to the Bardie clan  
Except it be some idle plan  
O' rhyming clink,  
The devil haet, that I sub ban,  
They ever think.

Search where you will Burns is brim  
full of wit and satire.

Here:—

## THE CALE.

To the Rev. Mr James Steven.

On his text, Malachi IV. 2,—"And ye  
shall go forth, and grow up as CALVES  
of the stall."

(The laugh which this little poem raised  
against Steven was a loud one. Burns  
composed it during the sermon to which  
it relates and repeated it to Gavin Ham-  
ilton, with whom he happened on that  
day to dine. The Calf—for the name it  
seems stuck—came to London, where the  
younger brother of Burns heard him  
preach in Convent Garden Chapel, in  
1790).

Right, sir! your text I'll prove it true,  
Though Heretics may laugh;  
For instance; theres' yoursel' just now,  
Guid knows, an unco Calf!

And should some patron be so kind,  
As bless you wi' a kirk,  
I doubt na, Sir, but then we'll find,  
Ye're still as great a Stirk.

But, if the lover's raptur'd hour,  
Shall ever be your lot,  
Forbid it, ev'ry heavenly power,  
You e'er should be a Stot!

Tho', when some kind, connubial dear,  
Your but-and-ben adorns,  
The like has been that you may wear  
A noble head of horns.

And in your lug, most reverend James,  
To hear your roar and rowle,  
The men o' sense will doubt your claims  
To rank among the nowle.

And when ye're number'd wi' the dead,  
Below a grassy hillock,  
Wi' justice they may mark your head—  
"Here lies a famous Ballock!"

## SOLDIERS ONLY.

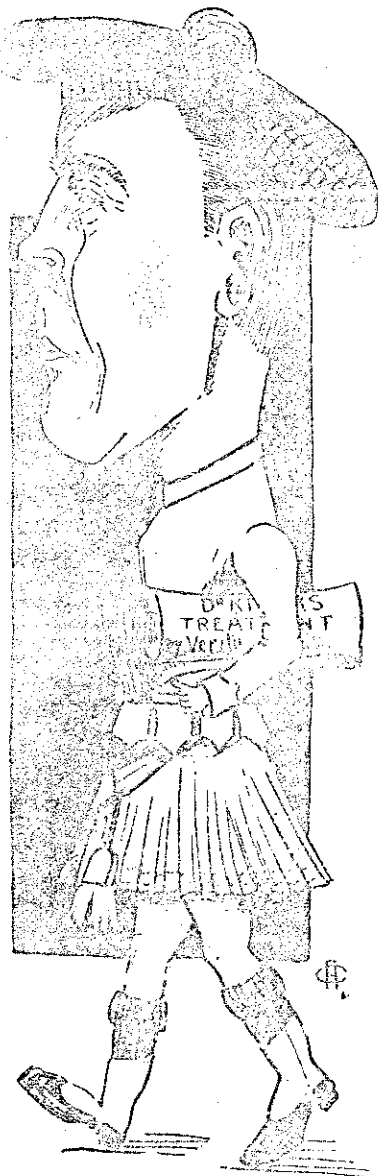
Resolved:—

That "Jock" Cuthill late Captain  
N.Z.E.F., now of Invercargill, grain  
broker, competitions secretary, and late  
secretary Housing Society and of golf  
fame, be requested to refrain from knock-  
ing "seven bells" out of respectable tony  
Gladstone. We know you want the  
chicken coops. We know you like roast  
"chookie," but really building chicken  
coops and storming Seddul Bahr are two  
different operations. Take the tip and  
Colin McDonald will take the carburettor  
to pieces.

That "Denny" Hunt be asked not to put  
all his "hoot" under the P.O. clock. Billy  
Mitchell of W.S. and Co. has a good  
"apce" for him.

That the land agents should combine  
thus:—

Belling Wilson and Haut-away Traill,  
L.L. In a close finish on a deal  
Stewart could Rout them. He is "per-  
petually" on it and has a Fortune.



The Gay Gordon

He can sell you a house,  
He can buy you a farm,  
He can make your sides ache;  
With a good old Scotch yarn.  
A disciple of Kirk;  
Well known about town;  
Our champion reciter,  
The "Gay Gordon Brown."

## RETURNED SOLDIERS CONFERENCE

## EFFICIENT DEFENCE SCHEME.

WELLINGTON, June 1.  
At the Returned Soldiers Conference to-  
day Mr J. D. Harper, on behalf of the  
Wellington Association moved: "That this  
Association considers an efficient defence  
scheme is essential to New Zealand as  
part of the Empire." He said he did not  
think war was done with. The League of  
Nations had achieved all that was  
expected of it, and in the interests  
of the future of the country we  
must be prepared and ready to defend it.  
At the same time it was the duty of the  
country to consider an efficient recon-  
struction scheme which should be possible  
with the experience gained. There was  
a League in the country now which had  
been formed for the purpose of  
urging effective future defence. He  
did not know whether the Association  
was prepared to offer its assistance to the  
Defence League, the constitution of which  
had been widely published. However,  
he threw this out as a suggestion.  
Mr McPherson seconded the motion,  
which was carried unanimously.

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## LAND FOR SOLDIERS.

WELLINGTON, June 2.

The Returned Soldiers Conference de-  
cided to urge the Government to put in  
operation forthwith clauses of the Acts in  
force relating to the compulsory ac-  
quisition of land; that where practicable  
payment for land so acquired should be  
made by Government securities (bonds  
etc); that more stringent steps be taken  
to enforce the provisions of the Acts re-  
lating to the imposition of the graduated  
land tax with a view to forcing large  
land owners to place their land in the  
markets.

## THOSE OTHERS.

(By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.)

Where are those others?—the men who  
stood  
In the first wild spate of the German  
flood,  
And paid full price with their heart's  
best blood,  
For the saving of you and me:  
French's Contemptibles, haggard and  
lean,  
Allenby's lads of the cavalry screen,  
Grunners who fell in Battery L,  
And Guardsmen of Landrocs?  
Where are those others who fought  
and fell,  
Outmanned, outgunned, and swart of  
shell,  
On the deadly curve of the Ypres hell,  
Barring the coast to the last?  
Where are our laddies who died out  
there,  
From Poelcapelle to Festubert,  
When the days grew short and the  
poplars bare  
In the cold November blast?  
For us their toil and for us their pain,  
The sordid ditch in the sodden plain,  
The Flemish fog and the driving rain,  
The cold that cramped and froze;  
The weary night, the chill, bleak day,  
When earth was dark and sky was  
grey,  
And the ragged weeds in the dripping  
clay  
Were all God's world to those.  
Where are those others in this glad  
time,  
When the standards wave and the joy-  
bells chime,  
And London stands with outstretched  
hands  
Waving her children in?  
Athwart our joy still comes the thought  
thought  
Of the dear, dead boys, whose lives  
have bought  
All that sweet victory has brought  
To us who lived to win.  
To each his dreams, and mine to me,  
But as the shadows fall I see  
That ever glorious company,  
The men that bide out there.  
Riflemen, Highlander, Fusilier,  
Airman and Sapper and Grenadier,  
With flaunting banner and wave and  
cheer,  
They flow through the darkening  
air.  
And yours are there, and so are mine,  
Rank upon rank and line upon line,  
With smiling lips and eyes that shine,  
And bearing proud and high.  
Past they go with their measured  
tread,  
These are the victors, these the  
dead!  
Ah, sink the knee and bare the head  
As the hallowed host goes by!

"Daily Express."

Tin farthings and half-pennies were  
issued in England in the reign of James  
II.

Each inspiration flows divine,  
Like liquid gold from heavenly mine;  
Genius may then its soul impart,  
But patience is the source of art,  
Persistent effort linked with skill  
Commands success and always will—  
When septic forms of cold mature,  
Persist with Woods' Great Peppermint  
Cure.

## POULTRY NOTES.

## EGG-LAYING COMPETITION.

The following are the returns for the  
Southland Utility Poultry Club's fifth  
annual test for the sixth week ending  
23th May, 1920:—

Heavy Breeds Test.		Daily Week's Grand	
		Laying. Total.	Total.
Enterprise P.F.	0000000	0	—
Stevens & Hunter	1122112	—10	43

Light Breeds Test.		Daily Week's Grand	
		Laying. Total.	Total.
Andrew Love	5563356	—33	179
E. Williamson	4455436	—31	173
Miss H. King	5353544	—29	166
D. F. McDougall	6555532	—31	159
Mrs F. Gorinski	5444526	—30	154
§E. G. Munnings	4434244	—25	146
Mrs M. A. King	4563445	—31	143
P. Nelson	4143444	—24	136
P. A. Williams	3333323	—19	133
J. E. Anderson	3644553	—30	129
Wilson Bros.	4355524	—26	126
Oxford P.F.	4224134	—20	119
R. Preston	3444254	—26	117
W. Allison	2122021	—10	116
J. H. Uren	4444234	—27	116
P. W. Shacklock	5354333	—22	105
Waitotai S.D.	3533033	—20	96
T. E. Davis	2243135	—20	87
H. S. Woodnorth	4041322	—16	85
W. Rogers	3433443	—24	84
Mrs C. Thomson	1244134	—19	81
Mrs Kelly	4534256	—31	76
Stevens & Hunter	1111111	—7	75
R. H. Dempster	2221122	—12	61
A. Walker	4314324	—21	50
Chas. Thomson	1011101	—5	43
T. J. Horan	1111132	—10	41
H. T. Stratton	1222222	—13	41
A. Provan	2122112	—11	35
§R. J. A. Clarke	1021132	—10	21

Barred Plymouth Rocks.	Island Reds.	§ Buff Leghorns.	† Rhode
643	3136		

## Single Birds.

S. L. Beer	1110111	—6	37
D. F. McDougall	1101111	—6	36
A. Provan	1011111	—6	35
Mrs F. Gorinski	1111111	—6	35
G. Preston	1110111	—6	33
Mrs A. Provan	1110111	—6	32
S. A. Faircloth	1101110	—5	31
W. K. Hamilton	0111011	—5	31
E. Williamson	1110101	—5	30
C. Thomson	1110111	—6	30
Mrs King	1011011	—5	29
A. Walker	0011111	—5	27
Master Faircloth	1101101	—5	27
W. Allison	0011011	—4	26
P. Nelson	0101010	—3	26
Mrs Kelly	1011011	—5	25
Waitotai S. D.	1110111	—6	24
Smart Bros	1010100	—3	24
J. E. Anderson	0110110	—4	25
P. W. Shacklock	1111011	—6	23
R. H. Dempster	1110111	—6	23
J. H. Uren	1101010	—4	21
Andrew Love	1010100	—3	21
T. E. Davis	0110000	—2	21
** Oxford P. F.	1010000	—3	21
R. Preston	0110111	—5	21
H. T. Stratton	0100000	—1	18
Mrs C. Thomson	0000000	—0	18
Stevens & Hunter	1110100	—4	18
A. E. Morris	0000000	—0	18
H. S. Woodnorth	0110110	—4	16
Wilson Bros.	1001011	—4	15
† W. E. Rogers	1110100	—4	12
Mrs S. A. Faircloth	1010101	—4	12
§ E. G. Munnings	0000000	—0	11
Mrs John Stevens	1101010	—4	7
Stevens & Hunter	0000011	—2	2
† Miss H. King	0000000	—0	—
Enterprise P.F.	0000000	—0	—
R. J. A. Clarke	0000000	—0	—

† Silver Wyandotte.	* Barred Plymouth	Rock.	§ Brown Leghorns.	† Buff
Leghorn	** Black Minorca.			
153	861			

## Ducks.

** J. C. Wilson	2222222	—14	62
A. Pearce	2222222	—14	62
R. J. Clarke	0000000	—0	—
T. A. Swale	0000000	—0	—
H. McDougall	0000000	—0	—
Stevens & Hunter	0000000	—0	—
C. H. McDougall	0000000	—0	—
W. T. Green	0000000	—0	—

## \*\* White Indian Runner Ducks.

Singles	153	861
Grand Total	824	4121

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burglary cases as against only 25,000 in  
1914.

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