

## SCOTCH! HOTCH! POTCH!

(Contributed by the "Groper.")

## TO A LOUISE.

ON SEEING ONE ON A LADY'S  
BONNET, AT CHURCH.

Ha, where ye gann ye crawlin ferlie!  
Your impudence protects you sairly:  
I caanna say but ye strunt rarely,  
Owre gauze and lace  
Tho' faith, I fear, ye dine but sparely  
On sic a place.

Ye ugly, creepin', blastit wonner,  
Detested, shuin'd, by saunt an' sinner,  
How dare you set your fit upon her,  
Sae fine a lady!  
Gae somewhere else, and seek your dinner  
On some poor body.

Swith, in some beggar's haffet squattle:  
There ye may creep, and sprawl, and  
sprattle  
Wi' ther kindred, jumping cattle,  
In shoals and nations;  
Where horn nor bane ne'er datur unsettle  
Your thick plantations.

Now haud you there, ye're out o' sight,  
Below the fat'fells, sung an' tight;  
Na, faith ye yet! ye'll no be right  
Till ye've got on it,  
The vera tapmost, tow'ring height  
O' Miss's bonnet.

My sooth! right bauld ye set your nose  
out,  
As plump an' gray as onie grozet;  
O for some rank, mercurial rozet,  
Or fell, red sneddum,  
I'd gie you sic a hearty doze o't,  
Wad dais your droddum!

I wad na been surpris'd to spy  
You on an auld wife's flannen toy;  
Or aiblins some bit duddie boy,  
On a wyliecoat;  
But Miss's fine Lunardi! fie!  
How daur ye do't?

O Jenny, dinna toss your head,  
An' set your beauties a' abroad!  
Ye little ken what cursed speed  
The blastie's makin'!  
Thae winks and finger-ends, I dread,  
Are notice takin'!

O wad some Power the giffie gie us  
To see oursels as others see us!  
It wad free monie a blunder free us  
An' foolish notion;  
What airs in dress an' gait wad lea'e us,  
And ev'n devotion.

"The Groper" is not consciously acquainted with "Jacques" who pens so many admirable paragraphs for this journal. There can be no harm, therefore, in expressing our concurrence with his remarks on Joseph McCabe. We have known McCabe slightly for some years. The Conan Doyle-McCabe debate is not the only thing in which the chief protagonist of the R.P.A. has fared badly. McCabe is just about the biggest bubble ever blown in the pipe of rationalism. McCabe is of a type common enough in Scotland and Ireland—broad browed, thick set, and pugnacious. His learning is considerable and his reading extensive. His modesty is only exceeded by that of "The Groper." Judging by his work McCabe seems to be the last word in science, history and philosophy—a rather big brainful for 1920, A.D. However (we must be Scotch occasionally, those who want to see McCabe at his best had better read "The Bible in Europe." This done read "Christianity and Slavery," by Arthur H. Tabung. "The Groper" thinks you'll agree that McCabe needs the towel badly.

Marshall and Kirk's treatment seem to be without a friend at court. Dr. Valentine's health department has no use for a hydropathy in Invercargill. Marshall has orders to close forthwith—I'd do it too if I were Marshall. Doubtless if the

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greet's you—  
The pleasant little smile upon his face—  
The way he shakes your hand,  
Make you fully understand,  
How he has so many friends about the  
place.

As digger—well he needs no advertising,  
As pedagogue, he's thorough through  
and through;  
As citizen and sport  
He is just the proper sort,  
And the verdict of the court is: "He  
will do."

It's like paying  
two butchers

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DIGESTS THE DISH

hydro. proprietor stirs the porridge pot he will find "Verity," or the pungent odour of "Eucalyptus" at the bottom. If there is another controversy in "The Times" the "Gay Gordon" is sure to be there. Peculiar that the "whisky loving Scot" should use "cold water" to cure "a cold."

Archbishop Mannix is at pains to explain his position in the "Ventura incident." Napoleon remarked to his sister: "One day in the heat of battle I noticed a butterfly light on a cannon." The sister: "Oh! and what became of the butterfly?" The master of terse speech: "It was too insignificant to be noticed." Such should be the attitude of good Catholics and other sane people to those who are sufficiently disloyal to refuse a courtesy which would hurt nobody.

The Rev. Burridge holds sway in the pulpit of Dr. Gibb, the Pope of Presbyterianism. The Rev. Hector McLean is to fill the pulpit of Dr. Waddell at St. Andrew's, Dunedin. Waddell is a prophet, poet and saint, grown old in the service of humanity. Further, he is one of the finest characters this country has seen. We trust that McLean's gifts and scholarship will enable him to worthily uphold the traditions of the best brand of Presbyterianism. Doubtless the call of the Lord has been duly heard. We hope the young men will keep as free from the "Dollar Fever," as, at least, Waddell did.

## MARKET NOTES.

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Furniture.—Our furniture warehouse in Spey street, carries full stocks of household furniture and bedding. We have a special line of linoleums and sea-grass chairs. We invite inspection.

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three-speed kick-start late model motor cycle, £100. One Douglas Motor Cycle, £25. All these motors are in tip-top condition, and are guaranteed by the owner. Any trial will be given.

Land and Property.—We have for sale a five-roomed house in Gladstone, price £750; also a four-roomed house in Barrack street, price £700. We have several farm properties for sale and exchange.

## SOCIAL NOTES.

Mrs MacGregor, "Mount Linton," is the guest of Mrs Wylie, Esk street.

The Invercargill Golf Club held its annual ball in the Victoria Hall, on Friday evening. Great praise is due to the secretary (Mr F. H. Tucker), and his able assistant, who worked so hard to make the brilliant success it was. Over a hundred guests were present. Some of the guests noticed among the crowd: Dr. and Mrs. McCaw, Mr and Mrs Gabites, Dr. and Mrs Macdonald, Mr and Mrs Hodges, Mr and Mrs Dickens, Mr and Mrs Handley, Mr and Mrs J. L. Watson, Mr and Mrs Gilmore, Mr and Mrs Crickshaw, Mr and Mrs C. Jones, Mrs Morton, Mr and Mrs Morton, Mr and Mrs Crammond, Mr and Mrs Hazlett, Mrs Morrah, Mr and Mrs Hazlett, Misses Bews, Henderson, Tucker, Broughton, Collins, Washer, Morrah, Lett, Brown, Prain, Callender, Logan, Messrs Cameron, Watson, Tucker, Hobbs, Palmer, Alexander, Broughton, Gilmore, Dr. Gow, Irving, Prain, Anderson, Callender, Wilding, Saunders, Christian, Dr. Hogg, and Hazlett.