

# ODDS AND ENDS

## Capone Free

With £87,500 piled up in taxes during his term of imprisonment, Al Capone last month came out of prison in the U.S.A., the country which had chased him for years and finally could only convict him for evading income tax.

Beneath a review of Capone's career, the magazine "Time" tactlessly prints a picture of Edward J. O'Hare, president of Sportsman's Park racetrack, which was once owned by Capone. O'Hare is riddled with bullets and looks a bit messy. "In Cicero," says "Time," of Capone's old hunting-ground, "they had not forgotten how."

## Twice Lost

"The Man Who Lost Himself," a new film, has been held up because the leading actor, Leslie Howard, lost himself in a black-out, and suffered a broken jaw when his car collided with another.

## In the Red

"I'm no glamour girl, even though I'm a blonde," said Gracie Fields, when she confessed to wearing red flannel next her skin. Gracie has been feeling the rheumatism, and was convalescent in Capri when war broke out, and persuaded her to disobey doctor's orders, because she says she's longing to go out every night and give concerts to soldiers.

## PUZZLES

SINCE our last issue was published, we suspect that Mr. Hamer, of Foxton has been having a quiet laugh for with the answer to the SALOME word sum we printed two alternatives sent by him. They looked tough, and they must have been tough—for all readers who failed to test them with the number 142857. That was the answer to the original problem. Mr. Hamer simply developed it for the longer alternatives.

As for Mr. Busy: It was really quite simple, although working out how he caught the tram could be tricky, even with the use of diagrams. Mr. Hamer's answer is:

### CHEAP BEER

A man had fivepence, and wanted a sixpenny beer. He went to a pawnbroker and pawned the fivepence for fourpence. Of course he had a lot of trouble explaining himself to the pawnbroker, but he managed in the end. Nearby he met a friend. "Here," he said, "I've a bargain for you." He persuaded the friend to buy the five-penny ticket for twopence. Then he had sixpence. Then he bought his beer. And why not?

"Mr. Busy began to walk away from the tram. Since the tram stops were 240 yards apart, and our hero was 90 yards from the stop, the next stop was 240 minus 90, or 150 yards away. But Mr. Busy could do 160 yards to the tram's 480 (or 80 to 240). So he caught his tram with time to spare."

The little one about the pairs of socks was easy (aren't they all?). If readers are ever in the same position, all they will need to do is take out a total of socks one greater than the total of varieties of socks in the drawer. Then there is bound to be one matching pair.

### Ten Contrary Sheep

Just to keep things moving in the New Year, the Headaches Department has remembered an old one about ten contrary sheep.

Required: Ten matches, and a chess mind.

Recipe: Take the ten matches. Divide them into lots of five. Take the first



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five and lay them out head to tail: heads all pointing one way. Take the second five and lay them out with the heads pointing the other way, in line with the first five, but separated from the leader of the first five by the length of one match. Now you have five sheep pointing one way; a gap the length of one sheep, and five sheep facing the first five. These sheep are in a very narrow alley. There is room in the alley for only one sheep, sideways. That's why they are so strung out. The difficulty is that the first five have to pass the second five, and vice versa. They obviously can't go round, and these particular sheep (fat Southdown's from flat pasture), can jump no further than their own length. However, it is possible to pass one five over the other five. How is it done? Remember that sheep do not permit themselves to be pushed backwards.

### Mothers and Fathers

L.D.A. has sent the answer to his query about the male mothers and female fathers. He seems quite shameless. Evidently, because a man who catches rabbits is a rabbit, a man who chases moths is a !!!!! And a lady who is stout is a !!!!! L.D.A. should read John Dennis for our opinion of a man "who could make so vile a pun."

## HOW MUCH DID YOU KNOW?

These are the answers to the questions on Page 27.

SUNDAY: John Barbirolli (2YA at 9.25 p.m.)

MONDAY: Mary, Queen of Scots (2YA at 9.25 p.m.)

TUESDAY: "The Broken Melody" (4YA at 8.8 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." Written by Browning for Macready's boy. (3YA at 8 p.m.)

THURSDAY: "The Woman in White" by Wilkie Collins (3YA at 8 p.m.)

FRIDAY: John Charles Thomas, baritone (4YA at 8.44 p.m.)

SATURDAY: Harry Tate, comedian (3YA at 8.45 p.m.)

## BOXING NOTES

BILLY PARRIS, brilliant welter-weight, who has been resting during the past three months, is expected to be back in the game at the beginning of the new season.

Maurice Strickland struck trouble when he was knocked out recently by Lee Savoldi

In Australia Ron Richards is considered the greatest boxer-fighter since Ambrose Palmer held the heavy-weight championship.

At Sydney recently, Richards knocked out the U.S.A. boxer Atilo Sabatino in the ninth round of a fight that "sizzled" in oppressive heat.

Les Cotter, Blenheim boxing referee, has had a long connection with the game. A boxer himself in the days gone by, he is now better known as a boxing referee.

An old-timer recently said that the American style of boxing to-day is a combination of slapping, cuffing and mauling. He believes that the men boxing to-day have no science, and that these "streamlined go-getters" would have been mere water bucket attendants in his day. Caustic criticism!

A recent chat with Henry Seff, manager of "Playland" at the Exhibition, elicited the information that Max Baer is a very fine type, and far from the boastful fellow we have been led to believe.

Mr. Seff was present at a dinner given to Baer after Baer had been beaten by Tommy Farr. Baer, he said, had an abundance of high spirits, but was "just a fine fellow who liked everybody and everything, and was high in his praise for the manner in which Broadribb guided Farr through the contest."

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