

of greatness; and after all, we have, too, in our tradition the diverse figures of Kupe and Cook. We have no need to be ashamed of Tasman who in his thirty-ninth year added our west coast to the world map. He may stand in our history for what his century and the next were used to call the "tarpaulin"—the solid, practical sailor, smelling probably of oilskin and sweat, with no nonsense about him; good enough as a leader to command a fleet of eight or nine ships against the Spaniard, but not great enough to create a legend; good enough as an explorer to be sent out as "skipper-commander" of two important expeditions, though not to be numbered among the very select band who made maritime discovery a branch of human genius. He did not have the sort of sixth sense that seemed to belong to Cook. But among the skippers of the seventeenth century, he was a man of first-rate professional competence, he did his job well; as the "old man" he probably earned the respect of his crews, as he certainly did of his "owners" and if, after a bout of celebration one night in the Babuyan isles, he nearly hanged a sailor with his own hands, he does not seem to have been guilty of any of the meaner sins. About that, indeed, we can't positively say. Let us think of him, anyhow, as a good solid person—of the sea, marine, as other good solid persons are of the earth, earthy, tough; well-salted; a good foundation for the European history of this land. And let us think, too, of Frans Jacobszoon the pilot-major, and the other skippers and the mates and the ordinary sailors of those two ships. Great voyages don't take place without the work and endurance of common men; and New Zealand, this country of the "common man", should remember them, amid the spray and the dirty weather, three hundred years ago.

SIMPLE STORIES

GUARANTEE OF AUTHENTICITY

"WELL, it must have been written by Lord Nelson himself, because it was addressed 'My dear Emily,' and it was dated October 20, 1805, and was unfinished. He must have broken off to go and fight the battle of Trafalgar."

But this was not the statement of a child of nature; it was overheard at a meeting of business men in one of our chief cities. The men were discussing items for the Churchill auction.

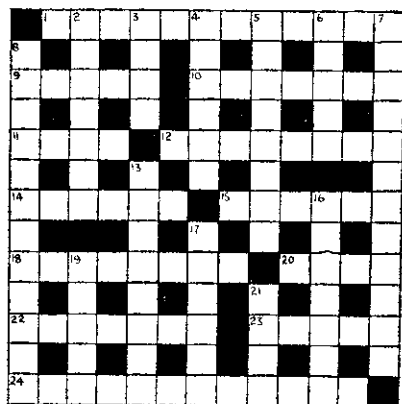
"We have been given a watch that Nelson gave one of his captains. It is dated 1805. I also know where there is an original letter written by Lord Nelson to Lady Hamilton, though it is unsigned."

When he was questioned about the authenticity of the letter, this astute business man, most successful in his own line, which may or may not be auctioneering, gave the above guarantee.

(Contributions are invited. Send us something printable and brief, and if we like it, too, and print it, you will receive one guinea (less tax). But 200 words is the limit.)

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(No. 121: Constructed by R.W.C.)



Clues Across

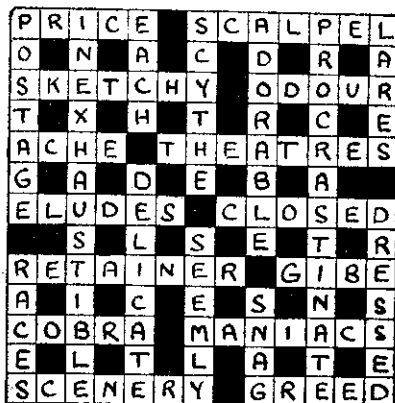
1. Paul, Robert and Ma get together and make this for the baby.
9. Scope.
10. Old Moore's is perhaps the best known.
11. Otherwise.
12. Of the sick bed.
14. I mad? Nol (anag.).
15. A sign of the Zodiac.
18. Anger with Roy in a fruit plantation.
20. A fishy form of arch.
22. Pieced together.

23. He made a golden calf out of the people's ear-rings.
24. Titular peace (anag.).

Clues Down

2. Embrace.
3. Behaves.
4. Bad eel (anag.).
5. Need malt (anag.).
6. In cot you find medicine.
7. Refusing co-operation with arctic rental.
8. Do papers ever conceal one?
13. Status of a king.
16. Come into.
17. Good repute.
19. I can't (anag.).
21. Hit it on the head, but avoid your own.

(Answer to No. 120)



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