

COMING ROUND THE BEND

with Denis Glover

"PLEASE behave like a gentleman even if you are at home."

HE makes a lot of money as a land agent. The smell of the earth is in his nostrils, provided the earth is for sale. He deprecates war, because the H-bomb is likely to ruin real estate values.

MEAT is usually 'over-cooked, with all the love in the world. Or is it that men are usually over-late to eat it?

THOSE who follow sport too closely are letting others run their lives for them.

I LIKE the man who never knows the time. He says he is hurrying towards the grave without an expensive wrist-watch to tell him how fast.

REAL crooks are quickly found out. But people with good intentions can go on forever doing damage with a smile.

NOW with everything in the world so crazy, so worrying, who on earth would go into a shop and buy puzzles?

RABBIT shooting: when rabbits can shoot back it will be a man's sport.

SO many people have talked to me for their own good.

I HAVE to thank my typewriter: it wrote "A fool and his money are soon parted."

I THOUGHT he spoke brilliantly, and cannot forgive the woman who said, disloyally, "He uses more words than a woman making a cup of tea."

DYING is a serious matter: it takes a lifetime to get round to it.

IT'S a mercy writers of epigrams aren't required to take out a second-hand dealer's licence.

Outback Tales

RATHER more than 30 years ago Cotsford Burdon left the army and came back home, where he immediately fell a victim to "the bland enchantments of the landscape and the engaging qualities of my fellow countrymen." Here, indeed (he thought), I must live and die. But to what should he turn his hand? With farming in his blood (and malaria in his veins) he tried a brief spell at school mastering before, convinced that he was neither pedagogue nor policeman, he took up a sheep farm, far up a valley and 30 miles from the nearest post office. Some aspects of his sojourn there are discussed by Mr. Burdon in *Back Country Medley*, six talks now running from 1YC and 3YC and later to be broadcast from the other YC stations. Mr. Burdon's talks are in light-hearted vein, as listeners will know who have already heard in his first talk his accounts of the journeys of the "Virgin Queen," the Model T in which he visited his friends, called on his banker, his wine merchant, or, indeed, any tradesman who would give him credit. From 3YC this Sunday (May 15) Mr. Burdon will discuss some of his experiences with horses, and from the same station on May 22 and 1YC on May 17 he will talk about rivers.

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