

it was that it would be disbanded. There were instrumentalists of the calibre of Leon and Sidonie Goossens, Rudy Starita, David Wise, and Bill Shakespeare, all together in an orchestra that might never be heard again. One day I met Eric Maschwitz, B.B.C. director of variety, and within five minutes of earnest discussion the orchestra was as good as booked for the first broadcast."

### BIRTH OF A SONG

IT was while Clara Butt was a student at the Royal College that she met a fellow student, Samuel Liddle. Composition was his subject, and a year or two later, the great contralto learned he was doing hack work—playing the piano for so much an hour. Knowing

him to be a sympathetic player, she asked him to become her accompanist. One day, he rose from the piano and said: "Miss Butt, I can feel your voice in my fingers." She believed him, but to make him take up his true work—composition—she replied laughingly. "I shall not believe that until you compose a song for me." Two days later he produced his great song, "Abide With Me," which for years has given her wonderful opportunities.

### Sayings of the Week

I AM not on my last legs.—Mr. Baldwin.

IF a man has no worries he degenerates to a chrysalis state. Give him

worries and his brain keeps active and he hasn't time to droop away.—Mr. George Robey.

I SPENT my youth in shilling theatre pits.—Sir Dennison Ross.

IN the words of the old proverb—we must all hang together or hang separately.—Lord Derby.

IS everybody a coward excepting me? —Lady Houston.

ALWAYS do what you can't afford.—Miss Nancy Price.

EVEN the famous British armchair is nothing but a substitute for the lack of natural upholstery on the British body.—Dr. Theodore Seibert.



### PUZZLE PIE NO. 93



### RESULT OF "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 91.

The winning competitor in this contest is—

**MRS. E. SMITH,**  
9 Oxley Street, Christchurch.

Her solution, containing only one error, was the most nearly correct one received, and THE PRIZE OF £75 IN CASH is therefore awarded to her.

Prize money will be posted on Monday, May 20.

## Can You Solve This Simple Puzzle?

Don't miss this splendid one-week competition! It is just a short and easily-worded paragraph about Guns, which appeared in a New Zealand newspaper some time ago, and has now been put into puzzle form by our artist. The opening words, "There seems..." will tell you what it is all about—and for the rest, the wording is simple and the sense of the sentence will help you. Each picture or sign may mean part of a word, one, two or three words, but not more than three. Errors are calculated on the basis of the number of words wrong.

Solve the puzzle carefully and write your solution IN INK on one side of a sheet of paper. Add your name and residential address, and post the entry to:—

"PUZZLE PIE," No. 93.  
BOX 950, G.P.O., CHRISTCHURCH.

### READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

All entries must be postmarked not later than TUESDAY, MAY 14.

The First Prize of £75 will be awarded to the competitor whose solution of the paragraph is correct, or most nearly correct. In case of ties, the prize-money will be divided, but the full amount will be paid.

Scaled Solution and £75 Prize-money is deposited with "Truth" (N.Z.), Ltd. A postal-note for 1/- must accompany each initial entry and 6d. each additional entry. Stamps not accepted. Any number of attempts may be sent on plain paper. Alternatives in single entries will be disqualified. Post Office addresses not accepted. Results will be published on Friday, May 24.

### SOLUTION TO "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 91.

Paragraph from the "Otago Dairy Times," April 12, 1910.

"A gang of masked brigands at Guardix murdered a banker named Diaz and two servants. They then robbed and fired the house. The police pursued and killed two and wounded six of them."

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