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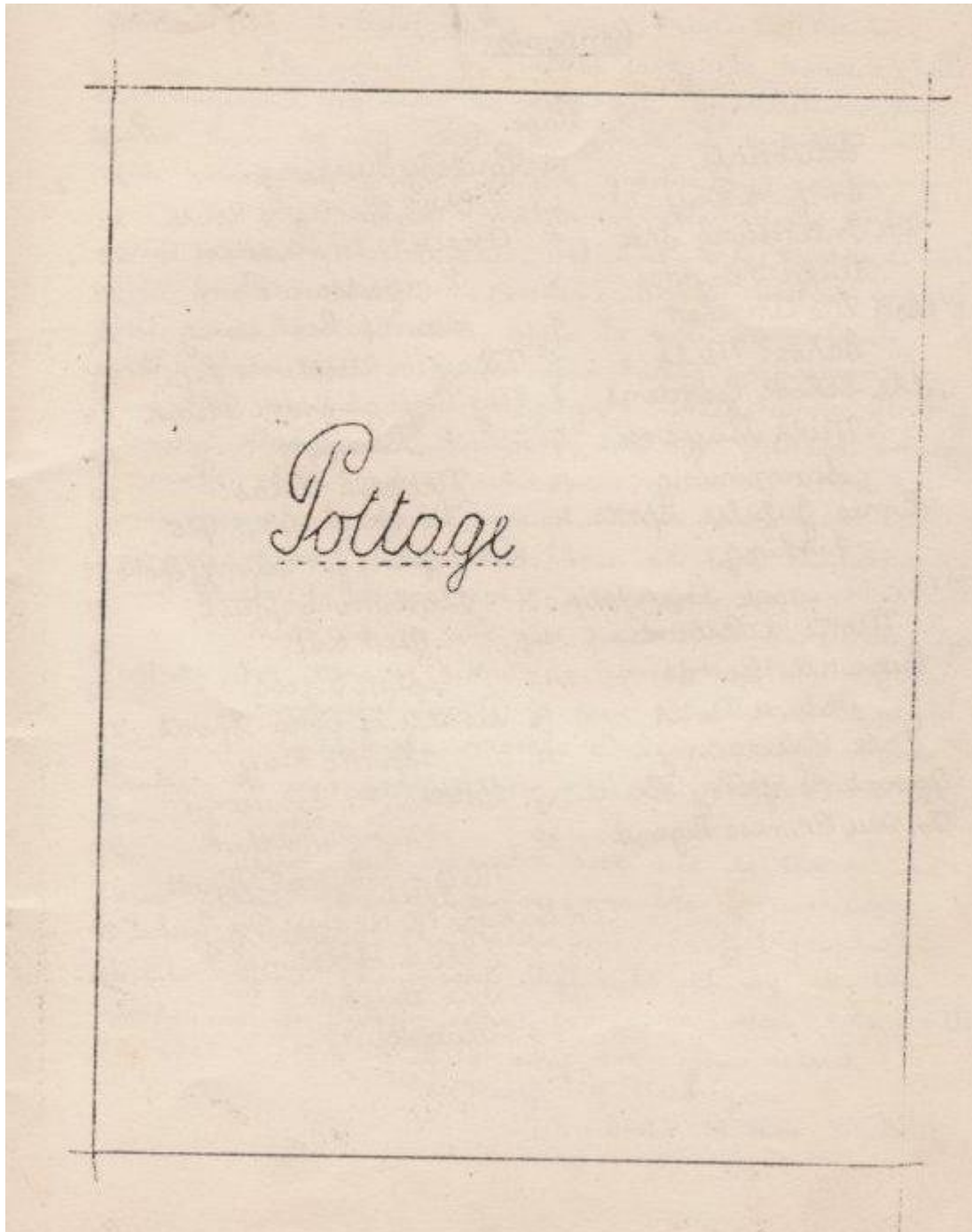
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Apotheca of the STRATTON SENIOR SCHOOL

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It would be rather early to boast that our magazine is now a recognized institution, but it is true to say that the circle of interest in it, and incidentally in us, is gradually widening.

The subject-matter of the articles submitted to our consideration this month has been varied and, on the whole, interesting. It is rather a pity that some contributors' style is not on a level with their ideas. Good ideas badly expressed, must be rejected by a magazine which aims at any literary standard whatever. We are pleased to see, however, that some, who have patiently tried to write something good enough ever since the beginning of our magazine, have at last succeeded. Good luck to those who are still trying!

But where are our poets? O muse, can you inspire no one - even to write a limerick?

Congratulations to our athletes, who could not part with the North Wilts Shield! Best wishes to our competitors in the Police and the County Sports.

Our best thanks are due to those who have made themselves responsible for writing and duplicating the magazine. So few people realise that the most difficult thing in the world is to copy what someone else has written.

But O, Old Pupils, why are you silent?

(Miss) E. Rawley

[Editress of this issue]

Empire Day

Empire Day is kept up on May 24<sup>th</sup>, when all nations witness the celebration in which the whole British Empire joins.

The Earl of Meath founded Empire Day, and since then it has been kept as an outstanding day. It is also Queen Victoria's birthday. All schoolchildren have a half-holiday, some schools have marching and saluting the Union Jack.

At our school we assembled in the hall, and listened in to the Admiral Jellicoe's speech. We then sang some Empire songs, 'England Arise' and 'Children of the Empire', and we all joined in the National Anthem. Finally we marched round the playground and saluted the flag. Then we dismissed for a jolly afternoon in the fields.

It was splendid to feel that we were doing the same as other English-speaking children all over the world.

[Dorothy Edmonds, [?]]

Yes, then came dismissal, dismissal for the fields in May! We dismissed with the springlike of springs, under the serene, azure sky, and were immediately away, teachers and all!

Yes, a clear sky, and the call of the meadows and woods. The Hawthorn at its best domed the hedges, Sticksnot and campion claimed the banks, forget-me-nots in the ditches, and bluebells' eyes, bluebells - were waiting for us, and calling still. We felt the spirit of the echo as he echoed from the oaks that the wood, we were lifted in the swift swoop of the swallow, and were as free as the hissing breezes. Scents alone, scents entrancing and alluring, scents which will come again, these alone could check and dancing out ecstasy, our ship of gay gladness. And the greeting grass, fresh springing everywhere, will it never tire in its sweet, sweet welcome?



One Interesting Spot

One of the most interesting spots in the neighbourhood is the Town Gardens, Swindon.

If you make your way down Quarry Road, you will enter the gardens, on both sides of which are various rockery plants; also wallflowers and tulips at this time of the year. I went on through the Rose Garden, where there is not much bloom at present, but all the rose trees are loaded with buds.

From there pass over the bridge, where you will be interested in the putting green and also the bowling green. Turn down a side-walk planted with rockery plants and through the valley, in which I noticed some fine beech trees were growing. Then go and look down the hollow where the floral clock used to be. It is now a mass of bloom. Then go round the bandstand, where I noticed they have planted it out with geraniums, and from there to the centre walk, where you will see hundreds of tulips and wallflowers.

I also noticed the aviary, and the pond where there are lots of very large gold fish. There is a garden, too to be seen, with various box plants in it. This walk will bring you to Westcott Rd, gate 2.

[Thomas Ringham III.]

## Wild Flowers.

Collected by scholars in May:-

- Tufted Vetch - *Vicia cracca* - Leguminosae.  
 White Campion - *Lycnis vespertina* - Caryophy-  
 llaceae. Red-clover - *Trifolium pratense*  
 - Leguminosae. Shining-branes-bill - *Geranium*  
*lucidum* - Geraniaceae. Jagged-branes-bill -  
*Geranium dissectum* - Geraniaceae.  
 Comfrey - *Symphytum officinale* - Boraginaceae  
 Self-heal - *Prunella vulgaris* - Boraginaceae  
 Bock's - *pint drum maculatum* - Araceae  
 Sorrel - *Rumex acetosa* - Polygonaceae  
 Common Tumor - *Tumaria officinalis* - Tumar-  
 iaceae  
 Sainfoin - *onobrychis sativa* - Leguminosae  
 Goats-beard - *Thlaspi pratense* - Compositae  
 Lucerne - *Medicago sativa* Leguminosae  
 Star of Bethlehem - *Omithogalum umbellatum*  
 Liliaceae  
 Woodruff - *Asperula odorata* - Rubiaceae  
 Silver-weed - *Patenella anserina*  
 Yellow. Rattle - *Rhinanthus cristagalli* - Scrophul-  
 ariaceae  
 Germander Speedwell - *Veronica chamaedrys*.  
 Scrophulariaceae  
 Scarlet Pimpernel - *Aragallis arvensis* - Primulaceae  
 Ox-eye-chrysanthemum - *Leucanthemum* - Compositae  
 Mug-wort - *Galium cruciatum* - Rubiaceae  
 Toad Parsley - *Aethusa cynapium* - Umbelliferae  
 [ Supervised by Joan Davis and W. Podd.



## Ask Me Anything

(Answers on Page 22) 7

1. What walks upstairs on its head?
2. What is the best thing to make on a hurry?
3. Why is a road like a hot cross bun?
4. Why are jokes usually like blunt pencils?
5. Which is the warmest day in the winter?
6. From what tree do we get apple tarts?
7. When have horses eight feet?
8. Why is a boiling kettle like a canary?
9. What is the difference between a piano, bank and beehive?
10. What is taken from you before you get it?
11. What is the difference between a millionaire, a piano and a glue-pot?

[Collected by James Miller, II B.]

### School Milk

There has been a great difference in the milk consumption lately, the number having decreased considerably. A few weeks ago there were 105 children having milk, but now there are only 67.

If we do not have milk now, we shall not be quite so fat and jolly when we <sup>grow</sup> up, because milk consists of many things which help to build up our constitutions and to build up our strength and to give us vim in life.

I wonder why some have stopped having this splendid, cheap and nourishing pick-me-up? Can it be that some, who were given money to buy milk with were tempted to buy sweets, and have yielded to the temptation?

### The School Gardens

At the lower part of our school ground is our school garden. In it we have both vegetables and flowers. The vegetables which we grow are potatoes, carrots, radishes, onions, turnips, and so on.

Our class goes gardening every Wednesday afternoon. The vegetables which we planted in March and April are now springing up and growing well. The carrots, radishes, parsnips, and turnips, are being thinned out at present.

We have a large border of nice flowers. In the spring there were clumps of daffodils. Now the beds are gay with marigolds. In the middle of the garden is a big lawn, which helps to make the garden look brighter, and more grand. On the lawn is a sundial. Nearby is a rockery. We have a small strawberry and a fishpond too.

For a long time we have been working on the British Legion ground, making it level for tennis courts. We have almost finished this.

We also have our headmaster's front and back gardens to look after. Since he has fruit and rose trees, we have had the opportunity of learning to prune, and also to learn budding. The gardening lessons we have at school will be useful to us when we grow up and have gardens and allotments of our own.

[Raymond Chaney III]



The following is a full list of<sup>9</sup>  
 all who have paid for milk for this  
 week ~~milk~~ (May 27 to 31)

B. Atkinson	J. Barnes	P. Cooper
M. Hilminster	M. Bushell	J. Hatherall
J. Davis	N. Dancer	H. Ford
D. Sheppard	H. Dunn	E. Fisher
W. Lewis	S. Reynolds	P. Caswell
M. Iles	J. Pratt	J. Greening
J. Guy	G. Lock	M. Barrett
B. Evans	E. Hiett	H. Wright
E. Duck	P. Bowley	B. Hatherall
B. Webb	H. Allart	E. Edwards
L. Dodd	S. Woodgate	S. Lockhead
E. Duchingham	B. Neuman	J. Brigginshaw
E. Lewis	P. Orchard	S. Hall
R. Chamerly	G. Snell	R. Reynolds
J. Ringham	A. Powell	J. Aplin
M. Romain	S. Carter	R. Simpkins
M. Sansum	R. Crane	J. Potter
R. Swepson	B. Davis	L. Turner
W. Townsend	J. Muller	B. Nichols
P. Bullock	L. Starr	B. Ireland
R. Hammons	E. Cooper	H. Blusden
P. Clarke	B. Mundy	J. Acton
Iris Rodway	milk	monitress

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## Our First Visit to the Swimming Baths.

On Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, quite a nice little party of twenty-six, fifteen boys and eleven girls from our school, paid a practice visit, for the first time, to the Swindon Swimming Baths.

First of all, we had some land exercise, in which we practised the breast stroke. This took about twenty minutes, and we were all wondering when we were going to get into the water. Then at last, the instructor told us to jump in, and we formed into four rows.

We now practised in the water the strokes we had learned on land. We each took a partner, one holding the boat, and being supported by the other. Thus we did the leg movements.

After we had practised these in the water, we did them individually; and those who could swim had a chance to improve their strokes. We all enjoyed the fun immensely and are looking forward to next week's visit.

Our headmaster came with us, and for future visits our teachers will come in turns.

[Muriel Heard, III A4]

"When little Sammy Soapbuds went out to take a ride,  
In looking over London Bridge, he fell into the tide -  
His parents never having taught their loving son to swim,  
The tide soon got the mastery and made an end of him."



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Our Jubilee Sports at "The Times"

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May we held some sports in our own field at the times. They started at half-past two in the afternoon. The first event was the senior flat race, which was won by Stanley Kent. The next event was the junior flat race, and then the tiny tots' race. When that was finished, the senior high jump began, and the winner was Percy Clarke, jumping 3ft. 9 ins. Then we all sat down under a walnut tree and had a refreshing drink of lemonade. The next event was the wheelbarrow race, and then the sack race. After that, we went down to tea, which was a special treat.

After tea, the prizes were presented. Mr Head, Chairman of the Committee, presented them. There were even consolation prizes given to those who did not win anything.

The spectators, who consisted of several members of the Committee, and two of our own teachers, were greatly amused by the wheelbarrow and sack race. They seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

[Reginald Crane II B]

Two rarities On June 5<sup>th</sup> a white rabbit, half grown, was seen at Bassett Down. Also, the same day, a dead hawk was found in Mrs Page's garden.

### Fishing

The season for roach, perch, and such like fish being closed, the business of cleaning tackle and rod fills the mind of the amateur fisherman at this time.

Outfits for light river fishing, consisting of a rod, a silk line, a reel, a packet of hooks, a disgorger, and a quill float, can all be easily obtained for about five shillings.

Swindon's best spot for fishing is the Rodbourne Pleasure Lake, Coate Water is a fancied place for older men, who have had experience with bigger fish like pike and tench which, when caught need skilful playing before landing.

Secklade is a fine place for good sport in swift running water. In order to fish at Secklade, one must have a mermil. This may be obtained from a hotel there at the cost of one shilling.

This enables visitors to fish from the second lock to the Round House, for one day only.

Boat-fishing is becoming popular at Coate. The new diving-boiler erected at Coate will no doubt affect people who fish on the embankment or from the boat house.

If there are any boys who have any fishing tackle to sell, I would be pleased to make them offers for it.

Raymond Smith



An Animal Friendship

The keepers at the Zoo could tell us of many queer friendships between animals. But occasionally we see or hear of one between domestic pets, such as cats and dogs, or other animals which are proverbially enemies.

Parrots, however, are often very friendly to other pets.

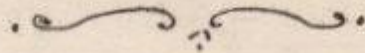
My auntie had a parrot once and one day when she came home the table was laid for tea. When auntie came in the parrot said "Tea's ready! Tea's ready!"

She also had a dog; and when she went away the dog looked after the house and fed Polly each day.

One day while auntie was away a man came and tried to kill Polly; but the dog stopped him. When auntie came home, as a reward he had a bag of biscuits.

Next day he saw the man and gave chase, but the man saw him, too, and he took to his heels and ran. If he hadn't I don't know what would have happened.

[Esther. Bryan III A]



How's the Bible

So all day long those brave young heroes old  
sit in the school-rooms with their heads  
Until the class-room is the laboratory each  
Was strewn with copies of the monthly mag  
Then spoke the writer in the printer's log.  
"It's sequel of our work let others do  
My eyes and arms are aching, I'm half dead,  
My strength is fast, some lets go home"  
Then spoke the printer, hot and out of breath  
"Good morning, you were nowhere near the end  
But you sit up, or else I'll miss the bus  
Why, there it is! I'm off!" And off he flew.  
The others, dawning after, called to them,  
"It is not meet, you wretch, to leave us thus,  
Childless, alone to finish your work"  
Then slowly answered Albert from the bus  
"Why should I have to walk the whole way home  
Be wise and also tie you home like me."  
So said he, as the bus went quickly off  
The others sadly went their various ways.

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Old Pupils Corner

The children, who in Stratton's halls  
Their hubbub used to shed  
Now rest as well outside those walls  
As if their souls were fled!

All old students, please realize that the magazine  
is yours as well as ours, and please help us along  
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## Bigarrette Cards

Collections of cigarette cards are the best hobby a boy could wish for. We can gather a great deal of information from "fag" cards.

Last year "Safety First", "Champions", "Film Stars", "Footballers", "Basketers", "Ships", "Race Horses", and "Wild Bores" all came out. The mission at present is to collect "Kings and Queens of England" from 1485 and "The Reign of King George V" from Wills. We have made a collection of both sorts at school.

"Champions" were in Park Drive; "Film Stars", "Safety First", "Race Horses" and "Wild Bores" came from Stars. "Champions" represented forty-eight men and women taken from every profession. "Film Stars" consisted of fifty leading stars. "Safety First" showed different signals and everything else necessary to intelligent use of the road. The "Kings and Queens" are a series of portraits of the monarchs who have ruled from 1066 to 1935. "The Reign of King George the Fifth" series shows the chief events of our present King's reign.

[Puss Whistle: II A]

Three months heroes and heroines of the duplicator are: Mavis Bae, Betty Tombling, Iris Rodway, Amy Stevens, Eloise Stevens, Denis Chadwick, Ronald Gacher, and Albert Smith.

Nature Notes for the month

Summer is now with us and is almost at the height of her glory. Take a walk through an English country lane and you will find natural herbaceous borders that should thrill the heart of any gardener. Observe the delicate green leaves of the trees, how they have become deeper and darker in colour; notice the lacy effect of the foals - parsley, and the bright yellow clumps of dandelions. You may see a baby rabbit scampering through the hedge, or a frog hopping across your path.

Many young birds are now able to leave the nest and to fly for quite long distances, though there are still some that have only just come out of the egg. We hope that children who go "bird nesting" think of the parent birds, and that they (the "bird-nesters") do not harm the nest, the eggs, nor the young birds.

Did you find any of the pond creatures mentioned in last month's issue of the magazine? Several have been found with jabs of string, pieces of wood, and worms, have been busy trying to clear the water ponds of



sticklebacks, which are dangerous creatures, often using their spines to hurt other fish. The life history of the stickleback is a very interesting one. The male builds a nest of water weeds and twigs, weaving the material firmly together with mud. In shape the nest is barrel-like and closed at one end. It is moored to water weeds. The male stickleback can easily be distinguished from the female by his red breast and pugnacious habits. He will fight any creature who dares to venture near the nest and uses his spines to some advantage.

Mrs Stickleback lays her eggs in the nest, often breaking through the closed end and swimming away. Usually several females lay eggs in the same nest. The mother stickleback then leaves father to look after the family of young ones. In the school pond, Mr Stickleback has been seen exercising his paternal instincts very conscientiously. When any young stickleback ventures too far away from home, father stickleback swims after it and severely reprimands it. Later the young sticklebacks are able to look after themselves, and spend much of their time playing games of chase and hide-and-seek, in the bright sunshine.

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### Face Decorating

The use of face powder, lipstick, and cream has been customary for hundreds of years among the females of all nations, but never to the same extent as at present with the modern miss. Why? That is the question! If a girl has a beautiful face, why cover it up with grease and powders? I think that the answer can be found in the fact that ones favourite Film Star, whose success counts a great deal on a pretty face, finds it necessary to use powders and paints, and varnishes and garnishings in general, both on and off duty to attract the heroes. Lipstick of various colours, though never blue or black, is a composition of wax and candlefat, and when it is placed upon the lips too thickly, or is of the wrong colour, it gives the lips a thick and ugly and prominent appearance.

Apart all, are these things necessary or wise? This is a question difficult to answer. I am very doubtful, for if necessary, why tell all the world that you think your natural beauty is poor and wants hiding? Or if I am naturally beautiful - oh, well, I shan't use these artificials!

Lipstick is very attractive because it makes people stare. It may be warm on a cold day, but can it deceive anybody in any way? The only great use of it is its prevention of tanning.

No girl belonging to a gangster would dare to use lipstick.

[ Beryl Russell. III A 11 ]



The Adventures of Roy Keene.

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Chap. 4. A blue.

With a loud crash, down came a heavy board from the top of the hut, and it fell on the detective's head. Roy stumbled, and fell to the ground unconscious.

When he awoke, he was no longer bound and gagged. Looking down on him was a man - the man who had tried to kill him.

"So you're still alive, Keene," said the crook, "but not for long," he continued.

He was just going to shoot Roy, when a shot rang out, which hit the crook on the hand. He gave a startled yell, and he ran as fast as he could across the moors.

Roy looked up again, and this time, to his surprise, he saw Jimmy. Before Roy could speak, however, Jim said, "The brigade has put out the fire, and is waiting to see you. Come quick!"

Roy arose without asking questions, and together they walked to Borston Hall. The policemen saluted Roy as he passed into the manor.

"Where's Lady Borston?" asked Roy.

"In bed, sir," said an officer of the law.

Roy went into the drawing room with Jimmy. All of a sudden he stopped.

"What's up?" asked Jim.

"Listen!" exclaimed Roy.

"Someone running in the wall!" said the astonished Jimmy. Roy laughed. "It -" He stopped, for as

Plainly as could be a scream rang out, as though it came from inside a long picture.

Roy ran over and moved aside the picture. On the wall was a knob. Roy pressed it, and a door, large enough for a man to crawl through, swung open. Roy and Jim together exclaimed, "A hole at last!"

"Hark!" said Roy. The door opened, and a masked man entered.

[To be continued.]

[Roy Fletcher II A]

### An Old Chinese Custom

When a middle-class Chinaman dies, the chief mourners walk behind the coffin under a canopy. The coffin is not the same shape as our English ones: it is oblong.

The relatives are not the only mourners. They use rattlers in cry. Several women sit on a kind of wheelbarrow, which consists of one large wheel and seats on each side, balanced by a strap around the coffin's neck. They will have to sit down and stand up again together. They have strips of sackcloth round their heads, and wear aprons also of sackcloth. These hired mourners clap in clappers, and cry. You can hear them a long time before they are anywhere near you.

[William Laidlaw III A]

Lubey Scamell, who wrote about going in the last issue has now gone back there.



### Poultry Keeping

Poultry in the garden can be profitable to the boy fancier. The chief source of profit is of course the eggs laid by the hens.

One of the quite latest methods is keeping the hens shut up in different houses.

We can divide the hens into two main classes, heavy and light. In the first class we have Orpingtons [white back, and spangled buff] Rhode Island Reds, Brahma [very large], Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, and Luscias. All birds of this type need open air runs.

Boys making a beginning with poultry are advised to go in for Anconas. These birds are light coloured, black and white, and lay large white eggs.

A few hens may be fed on house and garden scraps. The best plan is to put by an old saucepan in which these odds and ends may be collected, and at the end of the day it may be placed on a kitchen range and allowed to simmer. This should be mixed with mash and given in the morning.

Midday meals should consist of green food such as, outside leaves of cabbage or lettuce, and green weeds.

The afternoon meals should be of corn, wheat, and maize.

[P. Kilminster]

Colonel Birley's House.

Colonel Birley's residence is a stately pile of the Tudor period. It is approached through a fine park and stands in its own grounds.

It has twelve chimneys of the usual Tudor design, and mullioned windows. The outside is grey and mellowed with age. Round the house there is a small moat, but it is now covered by the grass.

The ceilings are very high, and some of the older floors have been replaced by modern ones. The door is of stout oak studded with nails.

Just inside the front door there is a large hall, and on each wall there are huge candlesticks, which are used as ornaments. Just inside the front door there is also a room where they play table-tennis. Opposite the table-tennis room there is a room where they have parties.

This manor will be still standing when other more recent structures have crumbled away.

[Eileen Griffin, I.A.]

Answers to Riddles on Page 9.

1. A nail in your shoe.
2. Taste, of course.
3. They both have to be crossed.
4. Because they have no point.
5. Sunday.
6. A pantry (pan-tree).
7. When there are two of them.
8. They both sting.
9. A piano sends out notes, and so does a bank, but a bee-hive is where you get stung.
10. Answer only told secretly by the editors.
11. Your photographs.

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A Visit to Kingsdown Park

On Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, our class, Bg A, visited Kingsdown Park, which is owned by Lt-Col Bury, D.S.O.

There are some lovely trees in the park, including some beautiful horse-chestnuts and beeches, which might be still more beautiful if boys were not so thoughtless. Of these we made some drawings. The park surrounds Colonel Bury's house, and covers quite a lot of land.

When the rain came on, we sheltered for a little while under the trees, and they were so thick that the rain could not come through. It was a pity that we were caught by the rain, for we could not see as much as we should have liked.

Not many of the trees were in bloom when we saw them, but we noticed the smooth bark of the beeches, and the crooked branches of the oaks. Oak trees do not grow very quickly. Miss Cross took a photo of a lime tree, the leaves of which are of a very pale green.

At the upper end of the park, cows were lying about and grazing. Colonel Bury's house can just be seen from one side of the park. In a field near the house were some of his lovely horses. Paths are cut through the fields for people to walk on, and the park provides a lovely walk at all seasons. It is a good place for a summer picnic, and it is open to all visitors, though some abuse their privilege and leave litter about.

[Marie Bartlett, I.A.]

## Stamp Collecting

### Perforation

The question of perforating is probably one of the most puzzling things in our hobby. When postage stamps were first issued, the sheets of stamps had to be cut with scissors to separate them one from another. This method proved very troublesome, and it was not long before experiments were made to simplify matters.

### Rouletting

Early experimenters were aiming to find some method of weakening the paper between the rows of stamps in the sheet so that they could be pulled apart. Even today many countries have not yet solved the problem of perforation. Spain is an outstanding example.

The earliest method of separating stamps was called rouletting. This differs from the other method, perforating, for in the latter pieces of paper are definitely cut out of the sheet of stamps, whereas rouletting only means pricking holes or making cuts in the paper without removing any of it.

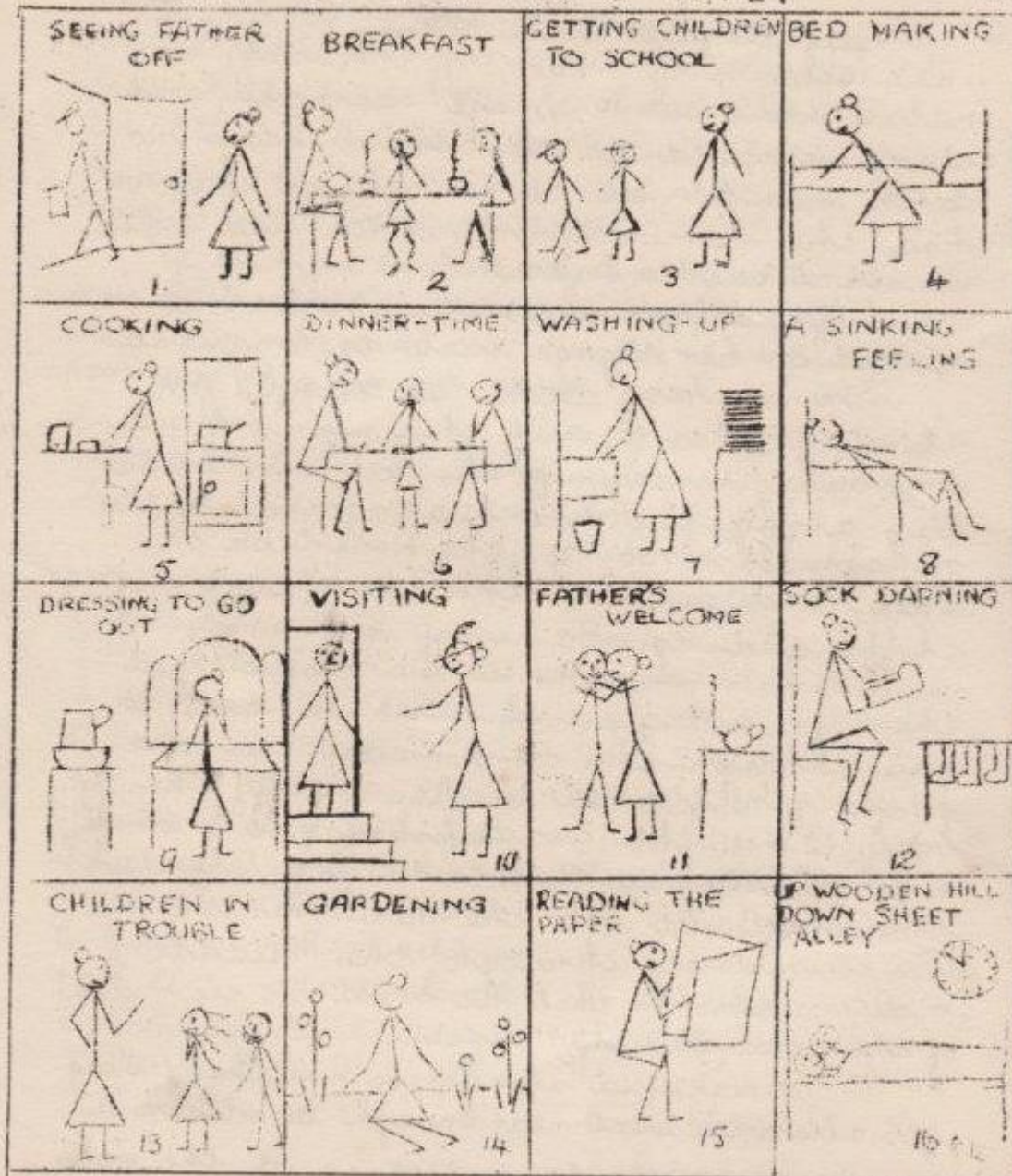
Rouletting was frequent in the early days, but if you want modern examples, you will find them in the stamps of Hejaz, Yugo, Slavia and Greece.

[James Brown III A1]



# A DAY IN MOTHER'S LIFE.

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~~My voyage from ...~~

After being miserably inspected, we had to have our baggage examined, and then we could go on board ship. Our cabin number was 36. We found that we had the same cabin as we had when we went out to India.

After about two hours, the boat started on her voyage back to England.

On reaching Aden, we stopped for about four hours, and then we set out on our journey up the Red Sea. On our way along the Red Sea, we saw Arabs on camels crossing the Desert on one side, and on the other there were big cliffs and towns.

When we came to Cairo we stopped there for a day, and then we had to pass through the Suez Canal. All the passengers flocked to the sides of the boat to see the wonderful sights. We made a short stay at Port Said, and then we launched out into the Mediterranean Sea. Our course lay through the middle of the Mediterranean, so that we could not see much of the land on either side.

As we sped along, we suddenly saw Gibraltar. We went near enough to obtain a view of it but not right up because of the rocks.

[Roy Thomas]

(To be contd)



Badgers

There are two breeds of badgers - quadrupeds and bipeds. The former is plantigrade: the latter high-grade. Neither breed turns tail to trouble: each "faces the music," even if it be jazz. They have stout legs, and stout hearts. Badgers work while others sleep.

Of the biped badgers, only two classes are known to us in this locality: the common, or light blue, and the rather rare dark blue. Unlike their four-footed prototypes, they are not strictly carnivorous in habit, for they very cleverly "carry off the plums," which are the so much coveted by the widespread wishbone family.

We have only three dark blue sets so far. Their names are William Laidlaw, Roy Fletcher and James Brown.

The following are the light blue badgers,

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|-------------|--------------|------------|
| J. Winer    | W. Thompson  | John Davis |
| D. Lawrence | M. Barrett   | D. Edmonds |
| J. Tuck     | F. Moulden   | M. Head    |
| J. Hobbs    | J. Thomas    | E. Bryson  |
| J. Rodway   | M. Kilmister | D. Watkins |
| A. Bunter   | A. Scroott   | P. Smith   |
| E. Hurl     | R. Fitchener | J. Pender  |
| J. Hill     | S. Mulcock   | R. Wheeler |
| B. Johnson  | J. Glead     | J. Miller  |
| G. Titcombe | B. Russell   | E. Griffin |
| J. Eagles   | H. Kilmister | R. Llane   |
|             |              | J. Ringham |

### Netball! - Alas

We finished playing Netball about a month ago, for summer was coming on. We had been trying all through the year to win the Netball Shield; but we were unlucky. It was not decided who had won the shield until we played our last match against Highworth.

When we played them the first time we had our tigger girls, but there was a gap in the team when these left, so we had to look around and find someone to take their places.

Then the team became more settled, and we played a few more matches. Then came the Saturday when we were due to play the Highworth team again. This caused great excitement, for of course we were anxious to win the shield. We played in a gale, so the shooting was not reliable, and we became discouraged and careless in our play.

The first half went well for us, and at half time we were winning by about four points. But alas, in the second half we seemed suddenly to get ~~very~~ tired, and the shooting was worse, also the throwing. Highworth came rolling up and overtook us and we were left behind.

We then looked at the points, and to our dismay found that Highworth had beaten us and won the shield by one point. We felt very sad about it of course; and so much more so, when we knew of our boys' success with the Football Shield; but we hope not to disgrace them next year.



We were all very sorry for Miss Chappell who must have been very disappointed, after all the work and encouragement she had given us. We thank her sincerely for all she has done, and for the time she has sacrificed to us.

[Barbara Watkins, IIIA]

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,  
But in ourselves, that we are underlings"

Football. 1934-1935.

The North Wilts School's Football League shield was presented to us by Col. Birley, D, 5, 0 at the Area Sports Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

We won the shield without difficulty, for we had one of the best teams in the history of the school. The boys who played in most matches were Fred Martin, John Painter, Stanley Mulcock, Raymond Smith, Denis Chidwick, Clifford Titcombe, Rundle Whale, Eric Ponting, Albert Smith, Reginald Black.

As in previous years, our greatest struggles were with Purton, a school we are always pleased to meet and we were lucky to beat them this year.

We are grateful to Mr Smith for the interest he has taken in our football, and for the time he has spent with us on Saturdays.

[John Painter II B]

Competitors for the County Sports

The following competitors are going from Stratton Senior School to represent the North Wilts Area.

Girls

11-13 Shipping, E. Griffin 13-14 Relay M. Jones and  
 Jumping P. Rodway " " A. Thompson  
 13-14 150 yds M. Townsend Circ Relay M. Townsend  
 A. Thompson A. Thompson  
 High jump. A. Stevens.

Boys

11-13 100 yds P. Bullock 13-14 Long jump E. Porting  
 Hurdles P. Bullock S. Mullock  
 Relay P. Bullock Hurdles E. Porting  
 S. Hatt R. Whalle  
 13-14 100 yds R. Smith W. Wheeler  
 E. Buckingham Relay R. Smith  
 220 yds E. Buckingham E. Buckingham  
 High jump R. Smith Circ Relay R. Smith  
 E. Porting E. Buckingham

Herring Trust Prize Winners

Boys

- (1) Edward Whitehead,
- (2) Albert Gubb,
- (3) Colin Davis
- (4) Ivor Sansum

Girls

- Betty Millward,  
 Irene Strange,  
 Irene Lewis  
 Maryvina Kilminster

The presentation was made by Mrs Franklin and Mr Miller on Wednesday June 5th. Unfortunately the Chairman of the Comm the Rev. B. D. R. Sharpe, was unable to attend.



## The Herring Trust

The Herring Trust has existed for so many years that there must be old scholars in all parts of the country - nay, all parts of the world - who have benefited by it. It has also been in existence for so long that few people know either the origin or the history of it. We hope to give an account of it in our next issue.

It only remains for us to say that those who choose the prize-winners have a very difficult task, as there are so many boys and girls to choose from - boys and girls who have quietly and conscientiously done their best all through their school life. Those who receive a prize are agreeably surprised. Those who do not are not disappointed - they never dreamed of having a prize just for doing their best.

"This is the word that year by year,  
While in her place the school is set,  
Every one of her sons must hear,  
And none that hears it dare forget.  
This they all with a joyful mind,  
Beat through life like a torch in flame,  
And falling, fling to the host behind,  
'Play up! Play up! And play the game!'"  
[Henry Newbolt.]

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Our cat

Our cat is a fine old tabby,  
And his long fur droops quite low.  
He never gets all shabby  
And never wears a bow.

He is full of fun and playful  
And he eats a lot of fish.  
He hunts when he is able  
Though we always fill his dish.

He spends the night a-prowling,  
When the mice are round about,  
Though he hides and starts a-growling  
When we go to put him out.

[Kathleen Dunn II B]

[Note. We thank Kathleen Dunn and Sabina Eagles for their poems. These were written in response to a special appeal at the last minute. The muse has decided to favour us after all. Let us hope that she will continue to smile upon us. Ed.]

Stop Press

Upper Stratton Senior School girls won the shield for the Relay Race at the Police Sports on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>.



Results of the Area Sports

The following schools took part: Highworth (H) Purton (P)  
Warborough (W), Stratton Bassett (S)(W.B.C), Stratton  
Bassett B of B (W.B.C) Upper Stratton Senior (U.S.S) Upper  
Stratton Junior (U.S.J) Lower Stratton Junior (L.S.J) Lydiard  
Tregozel (L.T).

Winners

Boys

- |            |                          |               |                              |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 60 yds     | 1. G Bowles (L.S.J)      | H. jump       | 1. M. Wiltshire (L.S.J)      |
| 7-9        | 2. W. Black (H)          | 9-11          | 2. L. Topham (L.S.J)         |
|            | 3. P. Kirk (W.B.C)       |               | 3. B. Marchant (S)           |
| 80 yds     | 1. D. Heat (U.S.J)       | H. jump       | 1. D. Hardwick (H)           |
| 9-11       | 2. W. Smith (H)          | 11-13         | 2. A. Hacker (W.B.C)         |
|            | 3. D. Goslyn (H)         |               | 3. J. Watts (H)              |
| 100 yds    | 1. D. Hardwick (H)       | H. jump       | 1. R. Smith (U.S.S)          |
| 11-13      | 2. M. Bishop (W.B.C)     | 13-14         | 2. E. Ponting (U.S.S)        |
|            | 3. P. Bullock (U.S.S)    |               | 3. J. Goslyn (H)             |
| 100 yds    | 1. R. Smith (U.S.S)      | L. jump       | 1. H. Green (H)              |
| 13-14      | 2. L. Keene (W)          | 11-13         | 2. M. Bishop (W.B.C)         |
|            | 3. G. Buckingham (U.S.S) |               | 3. J. Ricks (P)              |
| 100 yds    | 1. G. Sheppard (W.B.C)   | L. jump       | 1. G. Ponting (U.S.S)        |
| 14-15      | 2. W. Wheeler (P)        | 13-14         | 2. G. Schwill (P)            |
| 220 yds    | 1. G. Buckingham (U.S.S) |               | 3. J. Mulcock (U.S.S)        |
| 13-14      | 2. L. Keene (W)          | 880 yds       | 1. W. Wheeler (P)            |
|            | 3. W. Davis (H)          | 14-15         | 2. G. Sheppard (W.B.C)       |
| 75 hurdles | 1. D. Hardwick (H)       | 320 yds       | 1. Lower Stratton J.         |
| 11-13      | 2. P. Bullock (U.S.S)    | relay         | 9-11 Stratton Bassett (of e) |
|            | 3. D. Waugh (W.B.C)      |               | 3. Upper Stratton J.         |
| 75 hurdles | 1. G. Ponting (U.S.S)    | 400 yds relay | 1. Highworth                 |
| 13-14      | 2. R. Whale (U.S.S)      | 11-13         | 2. Upper J.S.                |
|            | 3. W. Wheeler (U.S.S)    |               | 3. Stratton B. C of B        |

400 yds relay 1. Upper Stratton S.  
(10-14) 2. Purton  
3. Wootton Bassett  
4. Stanborough

50 yds 1. D. Davis (H)  
(7-8) 2. J. Townsend (H)  
3. L. Payne (W.B.C.)  
60 yds 1. M. Seymour (P)  
(9-11) 2. M. Woodford (P)  
3. E. Webb (P)  
100 yds 1. M. Perry (W.B.C.)  
(11-13) 2. P. Brown (W.B.C.)  
3. D. Walker (W.B.C.)  
150 yds 1. G. Wilkins (H)  
(13-14) 2. J. Skull (L.T.)  
3. G. Smith (H)  
100 yds 1. J. Thompson (H)  
(14-15) 2. D. Bye (P)  
150 yds 1. G. Wilkins (H)  
(13-14) 2. J. Skull (L.T.)  
3. M. Townsend (W.B.C.)  
H. jump 1. M. Cox (U.S.J.)  
(9-11) 2. T. Noyce (L.S.J.)  
3. J. Smart (U.S.J.)  
3. G. Webb (P)  
H. jump 1. N. Priddy (P)  
(11-13) 2. J. Higgs (H)  
3. J. Fuller (U.S.S.)  
3. J. Rodway (U.S.S.)

400 yds relay 1. Upper Stratton S.  
2. Purton  
3. Highworth  
4. Wootton B.C.

H. jump 1. J. Kibbwhite (H)  
(13-14) 2. A. Stevens (U.S.J.)  
3. M. Watkins (H)  
80 yds 1. B. Curtis (H)  
skipping 2. M. Seymour (P)  
(9-11) 3. D. Hanks (W.B.C.)  
100 yds 1. P. Brown (W.B.C.)  
skipping 2. E. Ely (H)  
(11-13) 3. J. Higgs (H)  
220 yds 1. Lower Stratton J.  
relay 2. Purton  
(9-11) 3. Wootton Bassett B.  
4. Upper Stratton J.  
400 yds 1. Upper Stratton J.  
relay 2. Wootton Bassett B.  
(11-13) 3. Highworth  
4. Wootton Bassett B of B.  
400 yds 1. Highworth  
relay 2. Upper Stratton J.  
(13-14) 3. Wootton Bassett B of B.  
400 yds 1. Highworth  
circ relay 2. Upper Stratton J.  
(13-14) 3. Purton  
Champions: Upper Stratton J. - Senior.  
Lower Stratton J. - Junior.



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### Sports Day

On Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, many schools in the North Wilts Area competed at the Sports, which were held on Messrs. Yarvards' Sports Grounds. There was a nip in the air, but on the whole the weather was suitable for the occasion.

Our senior boys were the best on the whole, while the next most outstanding group was the Highworth girls. Every group present was well trained and keen.

The uncertainty for a time as to who would win the shield only served to add to the zest with which the spectators were following the events.

Upper Stratton School was most happy to retain the Senior Shield, and we are delighted that our younger brothers and sisters at Lower Stratton won the Junior Shield. We congratulate them heartily.

Praise is due to the judges for the fair way in which they allotted places, to the starters also; and to the Relay people.

Miss Scott-Baker from the County Education Office, and Mr Darling, Mr Reuben George and Mr Maskins, members of the County Council, were present.

We especially thank Lt. Col. Birley, D.S.O for presenting the shields and certificates. His speech was greeted by clapping and cheering. The crowd left the field pleased with their day's outing.

[ Betty Atkinson, WEA ]

Solution of last month's crossword



The following have brought sports money every week since Easter:

- |      |       |               |     |             |            |       |            |
|------|-------|---------------|-----|-------------|------------|-------|------------|
| IIA  | Boys  | G. Brown      | IIA | Girls       | S. Gurn    | IA    | Girls      |
| "    |       | R. Smith      |     |             | M. Isles   |       | M. Barnett |
|      |       | G. Grant      |     |             | E. Stevens |       | B. Hobbs   |
|      |       | E. Ponting    | and | D. Grey     | W. Jones   |       |            |
|      | Girls | M. Cox        | and | B. Pike     | E. James   |       |            |
|      |       | M. Kilminster | II  | Boys        | B. David   |       | B. Staples |
| IIA  | Boys  | W. Scidlaw    |     | J. Miller   | III        | Boys  |            |
|      | Girls | S. Boulton    | II  | Girls       | L. Caswell |       | J. Porter  |
| IIIB | Boys  | M. Romain     |     | P. Bowery   | II         | Girls |            |
| IIIB | Girls | D. Lawrence   |     | M. Dunlop   | II         | Boys  |            |
| IIIA | Boys  | P. Kilminster |     | S. Reynolds | Kilniglit  |       |            |
|      | Girls | B. Embling    | IA  | Boys        | none       | II    | Boys       |

We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do. What if ye have done less? [Luther]



### Our Cartelaker

A cartelaker's work, if he likes, can be remarkably easy, if he does not brook about others. If he chooses, it can be a very hard task, tedious and tiring, but others will profit by it.

It does not take long to guess which class Mr. Wheelst belonged to. He not only did his work to the best of his ability, but he also took an interest in the school and scholars. He did not complain of our wrong-doing half so often as he might have done, as he might have "got the children into trouble" - which he was anxious not to do. We have missed him very much since he died so suddenly a few months ago.

[John Painter IB]

### Metereological Report - May, 1935

This was the coldest May we have experienced for many years. Throughout the month, with the exception of the 6<sup>th</sup>, we had cold NE winds, and on several days, severe frosts. The oldest people living cannot remember a May so cold, not frosts so severe.

An appreciable amount of rain fell on 3 days, the heaviest fall being 7 1/2 ins. on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

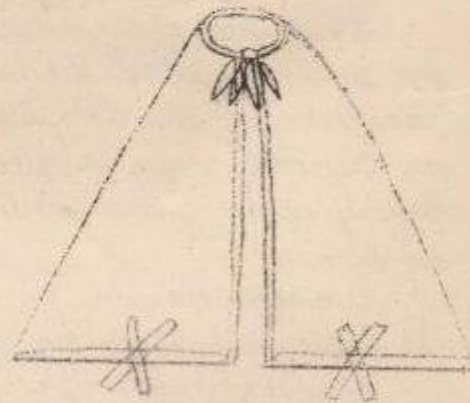
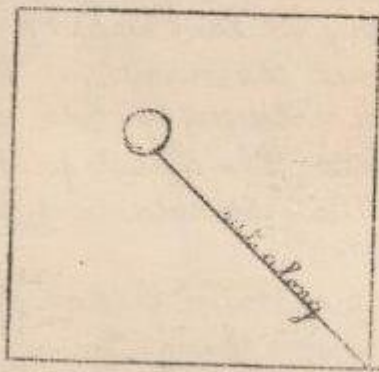
The warmest day was the 6<sup>th</sup> (Jubilee Day) on which we had marvellous weather, with a temperature of 70° Fahr. The coldest days were the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, with a temperature of 38° Fahr.

[From Form IB. Records.]

An Easily Made Dressing Jacket  
 1 yard of voile or silk 36 ins wide  
 + 6½ yards of baby ribbon to match. The  
 material will be an exact square.

Fold it cross ways and crease from  
 corner to corner. Open out and cut along crease to  
 centre. At the centre cut out just enough to go  
 round the neck. This gives a four-pointed  
 jacket. One point at the back, and one over  
 each arm. Bind all edges with ribbon. Face the  
 neck with a crossway piece. By catching the arm  
 pieces together about 12 ins from the point  
 sleeves are formed.

Cost :- 1 yd 1.6  
 6½ yds ribbon 6.6  
2.0½



How to form  
 sleeve.



Salad Dressing.

$\frac{1}{2}$  lb. butter or marg.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. milk.

$\frac{1}{2}$  lb. sugar.  
1 saltspoon pepper & salt

Put into saucepan and heat over fire.

2 tablespoons cornflour.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. milk.

2 tablespoons mustard.

Mix carefully in basin, add to the saucepan, and stir over gentle heat until it boils - boil 5 mins. Allow to cool and then add 3 eggs, yolks and whites beaten separately. When quite cold add breakfast cups of vinegar, stirring well. Put into bottles and cork.

"When mother's making pastry,  
She gives me the corner bit,  
And while she's doing hers I make  
A pie or cake of it  
I slap it well and pat it,  
Next I take the rolling pin,  
And roll and roll and roll it,  
Then I push the cuttants in.  
I take my time about it,  
I'm as careful as can be,  
But all the same there's one odd thing  
That always puzzles me:  
We make out pastry just the same,  
Same rolling-pin, same dough,  
Why's mine a different colour?  
That's what I'd like to know"

The cuckoo

The cuckoo sings in yonder tree,  
 and all the world is glad and free,  
 His merry notes all fill the air,  
 and you can hear them everywhere.

His eggs are in another's nest  
 and that's why we don't like him  
 best.

The cuckoo is a greedy bird,  
 that's a thing we've always heard.

[Sabina Bagles]  
 III B

Rumours.

Biscuits are being sold in school: as  
 one of the teachers remarked "Oh, crumbs!"

The young lady who so kindly hunted  
 up the names of badge-winners for  
 publication in this number, included  
 the name of Rupert Brooke. Is William  
 Shakespeare also to be decorated?

Innumerable tadpoles went down the sink  
 the other week. Have they committed  
 sewer-side?

We are told that a subscription is being  
 raised among the schoolchildren in  
 the village so that a school may  
 be built for their grandchildren.

Shakespeare lived at Stratton on Avon a bright  
 boy  
 "and so to bed" - Samuel Pepys.





