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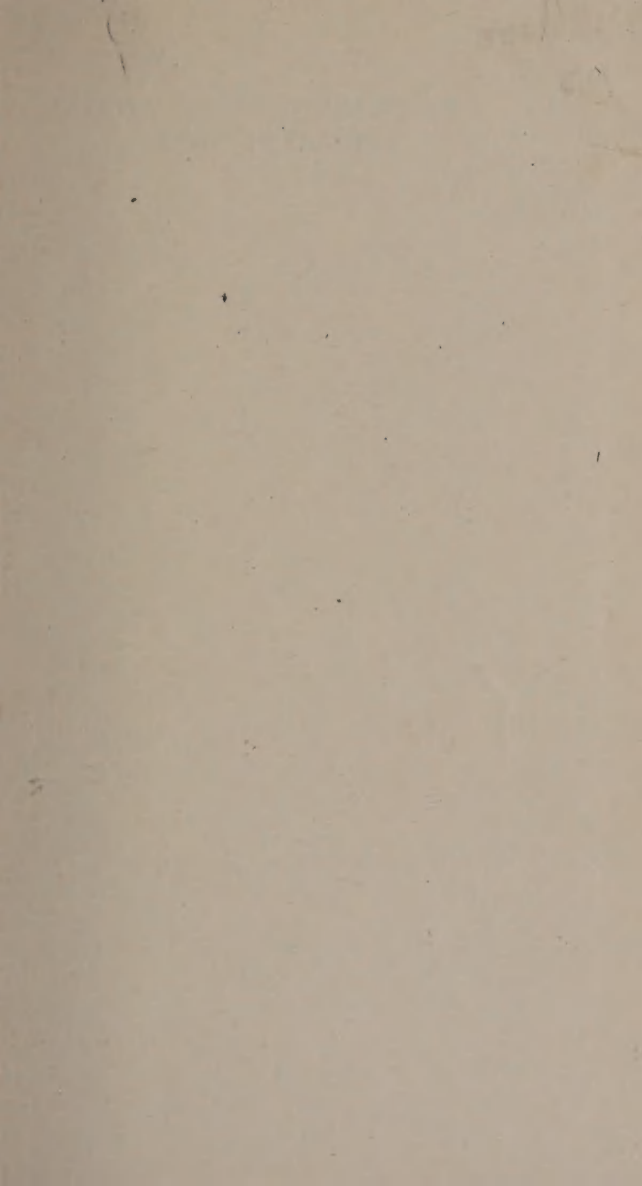
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"Let us eat, drink, and be merry, Sir Algernon, for it's here today and gone for export tomorrow."



“That’s right, you old masochist, turn on the news and let’s have ■ real good laugh!!!”



"But, Lady Littlehampton, this is all wrong—I should be drinking out of your shoe!"



“Darling, you were *too* marvellous, and showed us all just how right Mr. Bevan is!!”



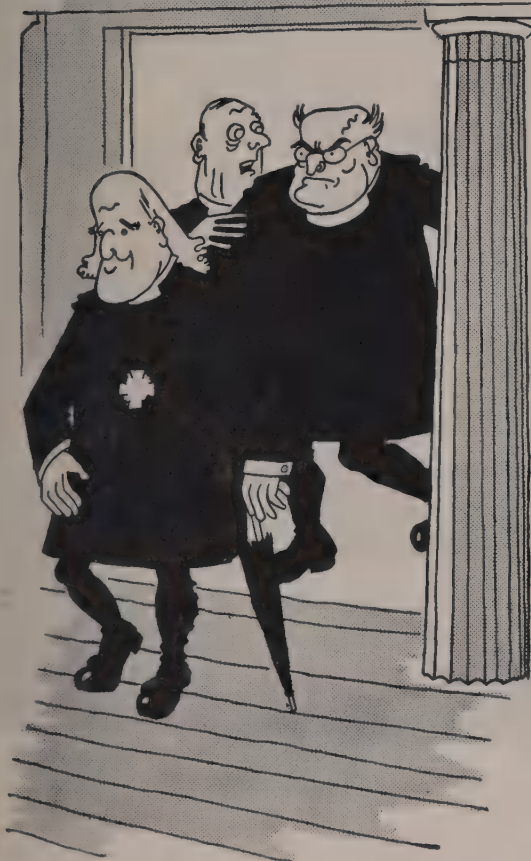
“Allow me to remind you, Miss Maltravers, that if Michelangelo had knocked off work every time there was a trifling power cut the Sistine Chapel would never have been finished!”



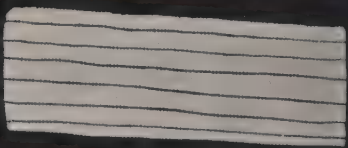
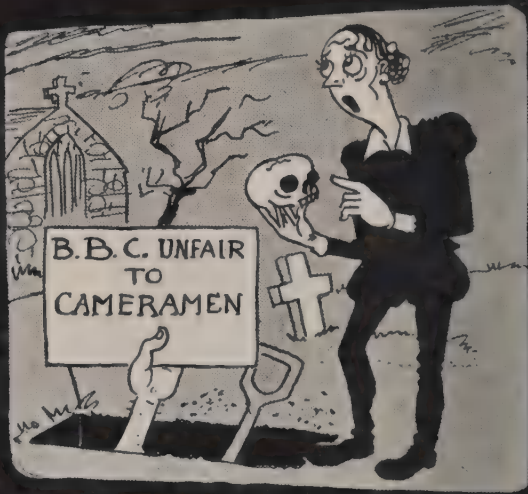
“Isn't it extraordinary, Willy, that no matter how bad the news is when one goes away, it's always worse when one comes back?”



# ATHENÆUM



“Have a care, Fontwater!—we’re not in White’s!”





“Thérèse, ma chère, Milady Littlehampton wants us to create for her something terribly severe, but just a teeny-weeny bit defiant, that she can wear in the evenings during the coming crisis.”



“Bravo, my dear Irma! In that frock no physicist will be able to resist you—but where on earth are you going to conceal the formula when you’ve got it?”



"Immediately after the Nine o'clock News, Mr. Isaacs will speak on 'The menace of unofficial strikes'."



“Mummy, isn’t it wonderful? Trudi and the housemaid insist on a closed shop, so I can’t make my own bed anymore!”

# GIANT PROTEST MEETING



TAXICAB DRIVERS  
OF LONDON  
*UNITE!*



“Before starting on the agenda may I ask just once more—is there no one present who can let our chairman have change for a pound?”



“Darling, guess what! Little me’s been offered a seat on the National Steel Board!”





“Willy’s being *too* stuffy—he says if I accept this seat on the Steel Board I shall be taking a peerage out of the mouth of some deserving ex-Communist!”



“Put him down at once—you’ll bruise his psyche!”



“Now if only they’d arrange Royal Visits to coincide with the Lord Mayor’s Show and the Opening of Parliament one could abandon all thought of moving and spend the day quietly in bed!”



“Mabel, dear, are we not, perhaps, in some danger of forgetting that our Lenten fast is undertaken in the hope of spiritual rather than physical benefits?”







“Oh, by the way, darling, I quite forgot to tell you—  
the doctor says I’ve got a slipped disc!”



"Is this the Rhine Maiden wot's not got a union card?"





“Wouldn't it be wonderful if just for once in one's life one could go to a party without somebody saying: 'Après nous le déluge!'?”



"But, Hercules darling, you must remember him—he's the one who said such awful things about you in his memoirs!"



"My dear Maudie, if you don't soon stop worrying about National Foot Health Week, we're never going to get to Ascot!"



“For once in a way, Miss Runcorn, rightly will the papers announce on Tuesday morning that this has been a great week-end of sport.”



"I'm warning you, driver—if I've really got the decimal point in the right place I can't afford to go farther than the corner of Curzon Street."



“By jove, but it’s a small world, Tatters!—do you know I distinctly remember seeing that old mare out with the Pytchley a couple of seasons ago!”



“The last time I brought the children, Torquil cut himself badly on a Brancusi and poor little Jennifer got her head stuck in a Henry Moore for simply hours!”



“Honestly, I’ve not managed to work up a queue like this since I was quite a tiny calf!”





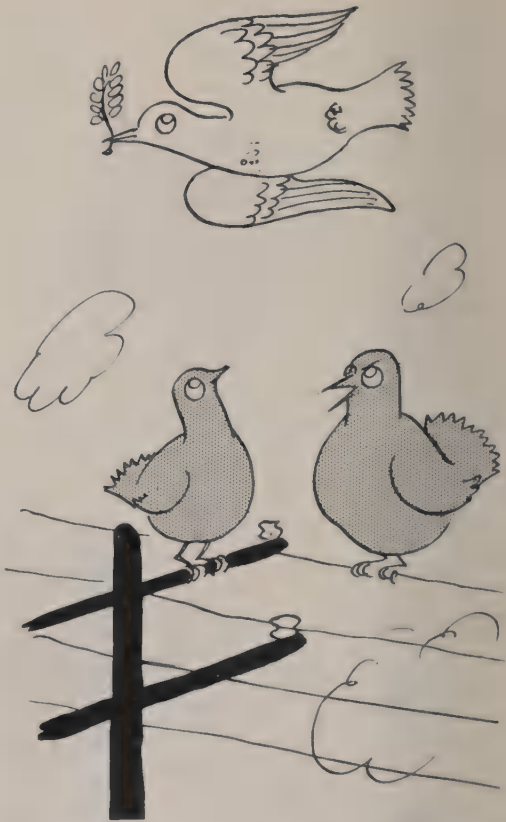
“I assure you, my dear Flora, that the moment he opened his mouth I realised he was an American.”



“Lady Littlehampton sends her love and please do you think the Russians will move before Goodwood?”



“Furthermore, I feel strongly that we should consider very carefully before attempting to legislate against any particular form of psychic manifestation as being, *ipso facto*, fraudulent.”



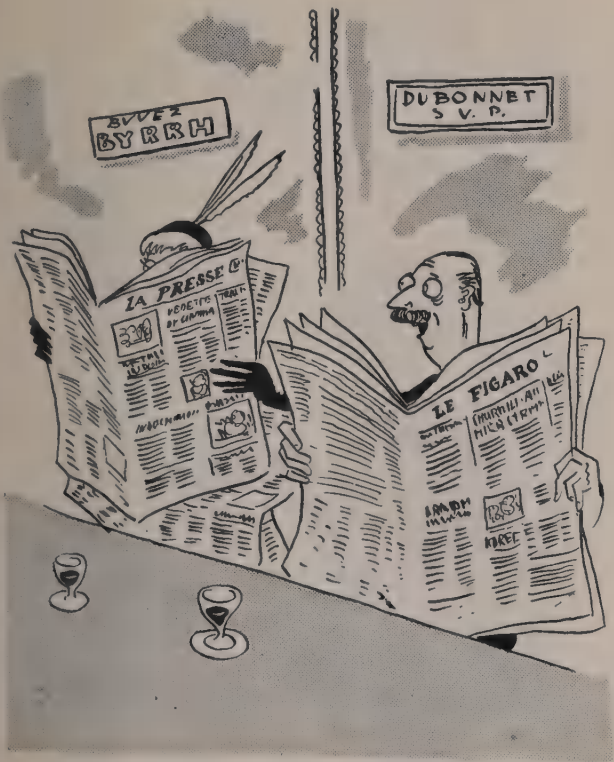
“My dear, she’s no more a dove than I am—  
just a fellow-travelling pigeon with an arti-  
ficial olive-branch.”



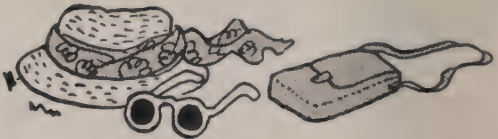
"Darling Mr. Wackenbacker, how can I ever make you believe that really and truly I'm not an impractical Socialist idealist building planned Utopias on borrowed money?!!"



“But Bugsy, darling, if we were nationalised it wouldn't matter how much money we lost and no one would dream of cutting our salaries, 'cos we'd all be civil servants!”

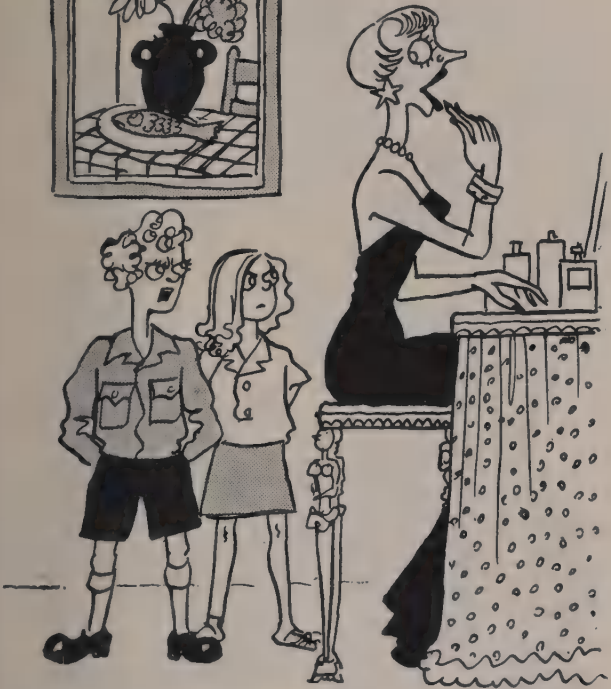


"I say, Maudie, do you remember how we used to laugh at foreign newspapers for being so flimsy!!"

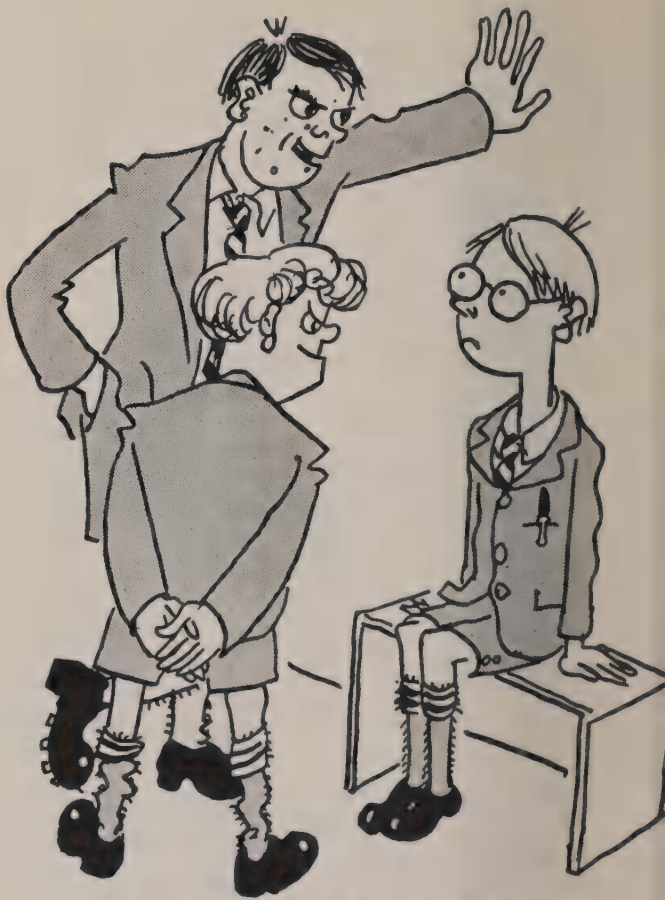


“Goodness gracious, Mbongo, how many times have I told you that if we wish to do our bit to help the sterling bloc we can no longer expect to have our tourist trade and eat it?”





“Mummy darling, will you promise that the next time you and Daddy part you’ll take us with you so we can be snatched back like other children?”



“By the way, Thorogood, I hear the Under-Fifth shop stewards want to have a word with you about those 16 extra lines of Virgil you so kindly volunteered in Prep. last night.”



“Surely, darling, there’s not such a shortage of up-to-date, contemporary crises that they have to start staging revivals?”

NOW SHOWING

FRANK!  
FEARLESS!  
OUTSPOKEN!

A FILM WITH  
A MESSAGE!

SEATS  
A7 1/9.2k.



“Is this the one about life in a criminal lunatic asylum in occupied Naples, or the one where the heroine catches leprosy?”

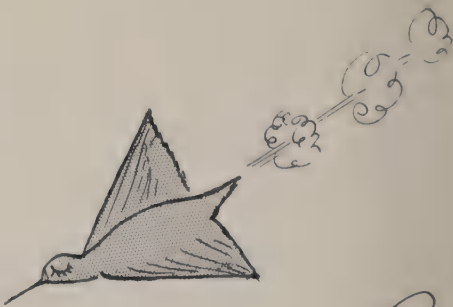


“Your uncle has been much cheered by the Gower’s report, your ladyship. He says that if the committee’s recommendations are carried out there’ll be no further danger of the old place becoming a lunatic asylum.”





"Darling, is a 'week of destiny' the same as an 'eleventh hour', only longer?"



"I told you we shouldn't have to wait long to see smarty Beatrice in the New Look!"





“Another time perhaps you’ll deign to listen when I tell you there’s a zebra crossing !!”



“There you go, never giving a thought to listener reaction—now I ask you is this the time or place for ‘In a Persian Market’?!”





“Come now, Pomfret, let us make a big effort and try to put the television cameras right out of our minds!”



“Now if only we can find a Zebra, we can sit down and relax!”



“Some of you who have been privileged to hear Canon Fontwater may have been asking what makes his surplice whiter than the Archdeacon’s.”

# PETER PAN

BY  
JAMES BARRIE



“I suppose if I’d told you it was by Sartre you’d have thought it wonderful!”



“Oh, do stop grumbling, Willy, and try to remember that we’re not doing this for our own pleasure, but purely for the sake of the Waifs and Strays!”





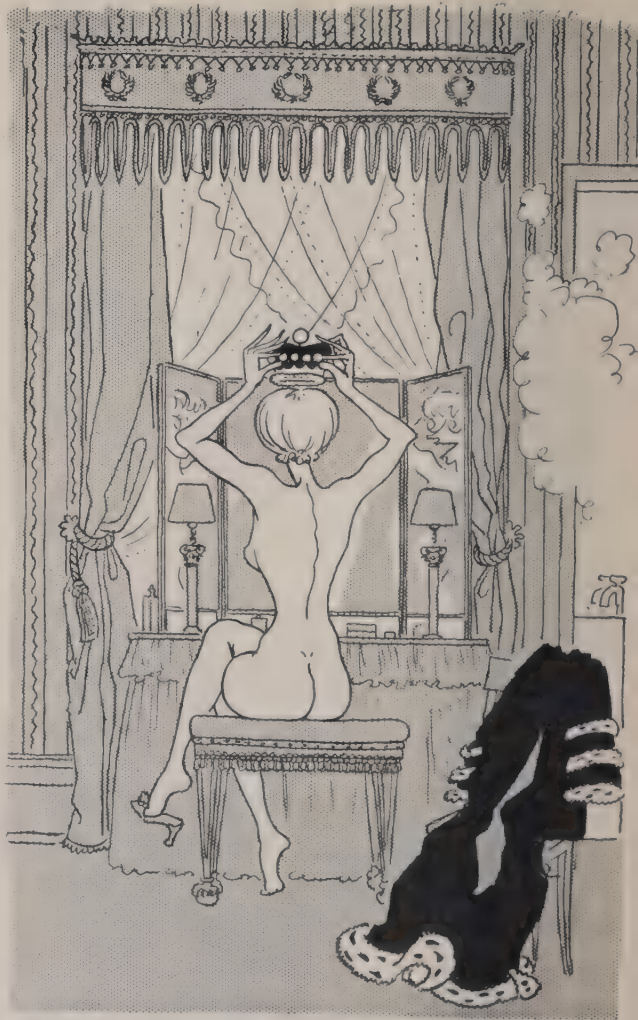
“But, darling, I promise you that Father Christmas won’t even notice whether it’s nylon or lisle!”



“— and Samson said unto Delilah ‘There hath not come a razor upon my head; if I be shaven then my strength will go from me and I shall be like any other man.’”



“Willy dear, how about that frank, quiet little talk you were going to have with Torquil?”



“Willy, darling, come and see how I’m going to look in the Abbey!”







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