

SCOTCH! HOTCH! POTCH!

(Contributed by the "Groper.")

"A pagan kissing for a step, of Pan,
The wild-goose's hoof print on the
loamy down,
Exceeds our modern thinker who turns
back,
The strata . . . granite, limestone,
coal and clay,

Concluding cockily with, "Here's law,
where's God?"

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

The quest of the Eternal has been the quest of the choicest spirits of the races of men in all climes and in all ages. That no one of the world's teachers has succeeded in establishing a universally accepted creed signifies but little. The reward of virtue, knowledge and devotion is by implied necessity antecedent to death. If all men could but realise this and make the best of things in this beautiful and wonderful earth there would be no need for a future heaven. The fact that man does not in all cases attain the end for which he was given existence—that on occasions he becomes less than a brute—is no argument against the ideal, but strongly argues for it: "For man doth not live by bread only but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." It will be perceived that we believe man to be the better of having "a star." This conclusion has been arrived at by a study of the lives of men who have "done things." The choice of the "star" is the thing that matters. We are thus obliged to conclude that the faith of such giants as Shakespeare and Milton, Newton and Kelvin, is no mean thing. But if the simple creed of Christ satisfied these departed great ones it does not please Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who have appointed themselves the "Chief Priests" of the "New Revelation" spiritualism.

Having thus preambled "The Groper" would ask: Is this Spiritualism beneficial? The great burden of evidence, medical and otherwise is emphatically against it. Spiritualism is not a "new Revelation," but an ancient heresy revived. Those who have any doubt on this point are advised to read: "Earth's Earliest Ages," by G. H. Pember, M.A., or the "Radford Lectures for 1915." Whether the mediumistic power used emanates from the subliminal self, or from disincarnate demons, the end is the same—Satanism! Here are a few opinions culled from hundreds:—

Bernard Vaughan writes:—

"I think a law should be passed forcing Spiritualists to build their own asylums. It is not fair to ask the public to pay rates for people who shut their eyes and open a door which they cannot close."

Dr Charles Mercier writes:—

"I know from my own medical experience that the pursuit of the cult leads to a morbid frame of mind, and tends to render those who are at all predisposed to insanity an easy prey of the disease."

Similarly Dr G. M. Robertson, superintendent of the Royal Asylum, Morning-side, Edinburgh, writes:—

"I desire to warn those who may possibly inherit latent tendencies to nervous disorders to have nothing to do with practical inquiries of a spiritualistic nature. Inquiries into spiritualism sometimes lead to insanity in the predisposed."

Dr Fobes Winslow:—

"I express the conviction that a large proportion of patients in lunatic asylums are cases of possession not madness."

Once again, Colonel R. H. Elliott, the eminent medical specialist and chairman of the Occult Committee of the Magic Circle, did not hesitate to say the other day that:—

"To stop the kind of thing that is going on and to get people back to sanity is a national work. Once a person gives way to temptation of thinking that he sees things he passes from illusions to the stage of delusions. That is the danger, and a very distinct danger."

Silly, stupid people who do not stand upon their own feet or think with their own minds argue that if Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle are the devoted advocates of spiritualism and make it their proud boast that they can introduce their clients to the spirit world, there must be something in it.

"The Groper's" position is a simple one. We argue that man is a physical being in a physical world—placed here to do the best he can with the things he finds at hand. His mental and spiritual nature must find expansion but not at the expense of the surrender of will and personality to an unknown power. This fatal condition is not demanded by any scientific or religious necessity. We would say

then, leave "spookology" alone. "The Groper" would sooner be an "Atheist clean," to quote the immortal Robin, than a deluded "spookite."

With gratification we notice in this week's cables Cardinal Logue's denunciation of the horrible destruction of human life so prevalent in Ireland. The prelate says: "No end, however high, no plea, however plausible could justify such an outrage. I will be told that it is an act of war, and that it is lawful to shoot anyone wearing a policeman's uniform. I prefer to call it by the sterner name of cool and deliberate murder. Anyone who plans, encourages, abets, or even sympathises in such acts participates in the guilt before God."

That's the talk Cardinal. We want more of it!

"Who can tell me," asked the Sunday school teacher, "what became of the swine that had the evil spirits cast into them?"

Little Johnny raised his hand: "Please ma'am they was all made into devilled ham."

"You Americans say we have no humor," said the loyal Britisher, "but I'll have you understand, sir, that English jokes are not to be laughed at."

"What little boy can tell me the difference between the 'quick' and the 'dead,'" asked the Sunday school teacher.

Willie waved his hand frantically.

"Well, Willie?"

"Please ma'am the 'quick' are the ones that get out of the way of automobiles, and the ones that don't are dead."

"Now how do you suppose Noah spent the time in the ark during the flood," the Sunday school teacher asked.

"Prayin'," suggested Willie.

"Fishin'," ventured Dick.

"Hump!" grunted Willie contemptuously. "Twould be fine fishin' wid only two worms."

COUNTRY FOOTBALL.

CENTRAL DISTRICT FINAL.

WAIANAWA DEFEATS OTAHUTI.

A POPULAR WIN.

The large crowd that assembled at Wai-anawa football ground on Saturday afternoon was a striking testimony to the keen interest taken in the district competition. Settlers from far and near were present to witness the final match of the season, between Otahuti and Wai-anawa, and an exciting contest was anticipated. Both the contesting teams had a good record, each having been defeated only once. Apart from the presence of a sou'-westerly breeze which blew diagonally across the field, the prevailing conditions were favourable to a good exhibition of football, and a fast and open game resulted.

The Wai-anawa captain won the toss and elected to play against the wind. Otahuti launched a brisk attack from the onset and kept their opponents busily defending for a considerable time. Rallying, however, by means of determined forward rushes, they soon shifted play into safer quarters. The wind was of considerable assistance to the Blue backs and Anderson got in some good line-kicks. During the latter part of the spell Otahuti were confined pretty well to their own territory and vigorous attempts to break through their defence proved of no avail, half-time sounding without score.

As the Wai-anawa players had quite held their own in the previous spell many anticipated that they would succeed in winning by a comfortable margin, now that they had the additional advantage of the wind. Nevertheless, though with the exception of occasional bursts, Otahuti were practically confined to their own 25 during most of this spell, yet their defence was equal to the occasion, and time after time when hard pressed by the opposing forwards, they managed to get clear. Though Wai-anawa possessed the weightier pack the Blues got more than their share of the ball. Time was now wearing on and it appeared as if a drawn game would result. However, shortly before the end, J. Ewart placed a difficult goal from a penalty kick, Wai-anawa 3, Otahuti nil. This success was received with great applause on the part of the numerous local supporters. The men from the ridges made desperate efforts to equalise matters and for a time put Wai-anawa on the de-

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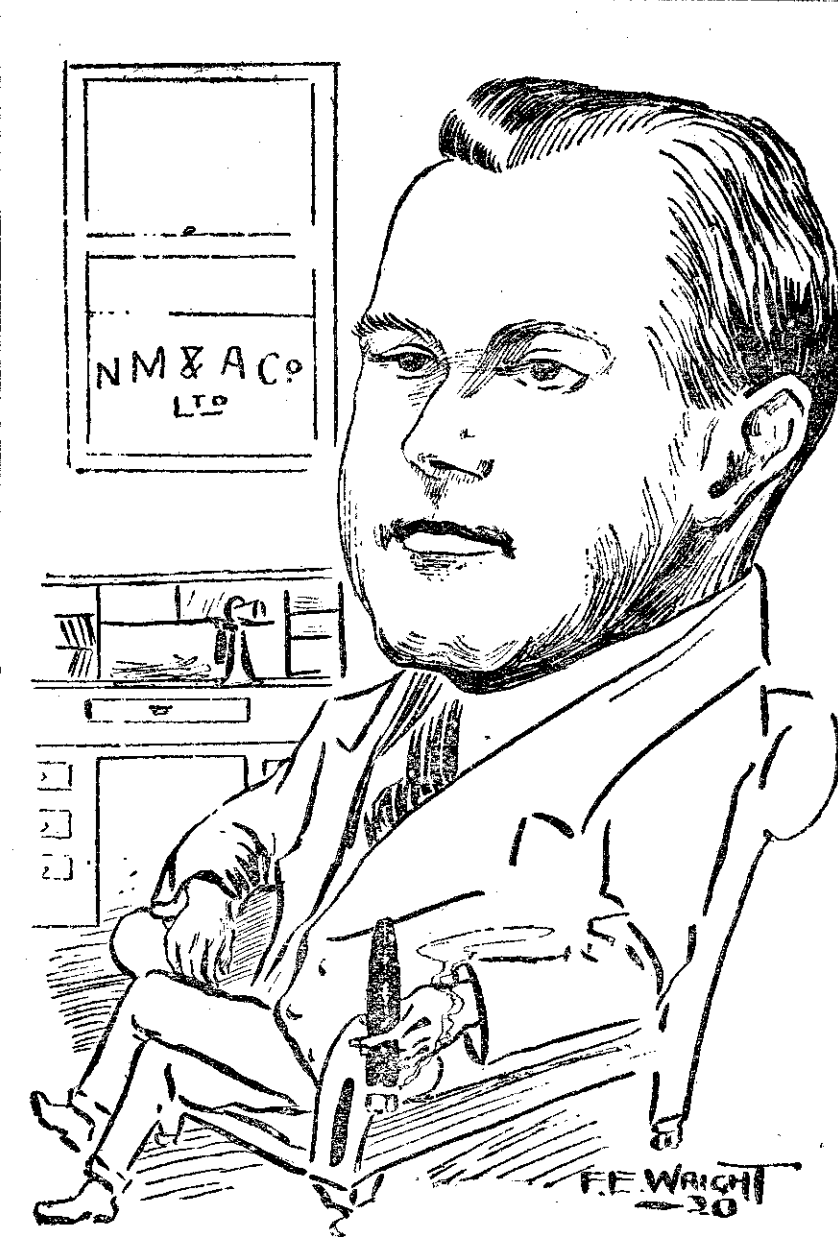
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WATTY!

"Tis said it will take nine tailors to make good

A good man—but it must be confessed That the saying is not, since we know that in Wat,

One Taylor makes one of the best.

fensive. Time sounded very shortly afterwards without any alteration in the score.

For Otahuti, Anderson, A. McLeod, and Rogers, were always prominent; while Eric Galt, J. Ewart, D. Wilson and C. Brown, made a specially good showing for the local team. The closing stages of the game were full of incident and on the play, without doubt the better team won, only the sound defence of Otahuti preventing a bigger score. The teams are greatly indebted to the referee, Dr Crawford, who controlled the game to the complete satisfaction of one and all. After

the game a welcome cup of tea provided a fitting conclusion to an eventful day.

FINAL FOR CENTRAL RUGBY UNION COMPETITION.

	Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Flag points.
Otahuti	9	7	2	0	14
Wai-anawa	9	8	1	0	15
Calcium	8	2	5	1	5
Drummond	8	2	5	1	5
Wright's Bush	8	0	6	2	2

MARKET NOTES.

Messrs Bray Bros., Ltd., Auctioneers Fruit Salesmen, Dee street, Invercargill report as follows:—

Produce.—Potatoes: We have had large supplies lately. The demand has been heavy and our stocks are low. can do with further consignments of quality "table." Seed Potatoes.—2 varieties are in demand, and consignments are recommended. Onions.—Best quality Canterbury 15s per cwt. Oats.—2s 6d to 27s 6d per bag. Chaff.—Prime 10s per ton. Discoloured to 26s. Chaff to 27 10s per ton, s.i. Baled Straw 25 10s per ton. Meggitt's Linseed 30s per bag. Meggitt's Calf Food, per bag. Outdust, 6s bag. Maltese 21s per cwt (12s 6d per tin).

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During 1919 more than 140,000 teachers or about one out of five in the United States, dropped out of the profession.

The multiplicity of newspapers has given rise to many new titles "Advertiser" is the favourite. There are 12 newspapers of that designation in the United Kingdom. "Times" comes next with 150; "News" with 149; "Chronicle" with 128; "Chronicle" with 120; "Herald" with 119; and "Journal" with 104. The "Expresses," "Gardians," "Observers" muster over fifty each. There are forty-eight "Standards" and only thirty-eight "Telegraphs."