

will always be the pang, to which most of us are unable to rise superior. So much for the ethics of the thing. As to the actual putting the fish back, Mr. Sheringham in his book, "Trout Fishing, Morals and Memories," gives us some good advice, and I venture to add a few suggestions. Handle the fish tenderly, remember that his nerve centres follow the medial line on either side and are very near the surface, so put as little pressure on him as possible. Disengage the hook from his jaw with more care than force, using a sharp knife or scissors if it's extraction is difficult, and then slide him quietly into the river, tending him until he floats right side up and disappears with a glad flick of his tail. Comes now the question of how best to comply with the laws of different rivers. If fish under a certain length are to be put back the thing is obviously simple. Your landing net handle is, or should be, marked in inches, and all you have to do is measure your fish.

AN UNKNOWN HERO.

(By 11/1275).

'Is name aint on no roll of honour that I've heard of. I've looked at er lot of 'em ter see if it wos, but 'e was a nobody's darlin', an' 'e belonged ter no one.

Yet 'e was a bloomin' 'ero. Nothin' flash about 'm'y understand, just er plain bloke, with the rank an' pay (when it wasn't forfeited) of a trooper. 'E never spoke about 'is folks, 'e was always gettin' inter trouble, often drunk, generally in dink, but, 'e was an 'ero.

'Is conduct sheets wos er disgrace ter the squadron's books; 'is equipment wos dirty and torn and broken, but y' should er seen 'is 'orse! My oath, that bloke could look after er mount if yer like.

When ther rations never come up, e'd get us a feed, e'd get full water bottles when ther place wos as dry as 'ell. If there wos a village 'andy, e'd pinch ther very fleas from the native kids, an' as ter wimmen! Well, I never did let on erbout er clobber an' 'e's gone west now, it aint for you an' me ter judge 'im, 'e wos an 'ero.

'E never got no letters from 'ome or gels, not 'e. A buckshee parcel wos all 'e got now an' then. 'E'd blow 'is pay as soon's 'e drew it, on two-up, or crown an' anchor. 'E got black looks from all the non-coms, an' 'e mostly deserved 'em too, but bein' an 'ero 'e natcherally wos a better man than dozens of 'em. No 'e weren't exactly er criminal, 'e were just an 'ard case.

'E wos once asked by an ossifer, 'ow many times 'e'd been in jail 'fore 'e enlisted. 'E said quite respectful like, "As many times as I got found out, sir," then 'e added, "I wasn't lucky like some blokes." That got 'im 28 days. 'E was an 'ero!

'Ow do I know 'e was an 'ero. Well I'll tell yer. Yer remember ther smakin' up we got at Gaza ther second time, back in April 17 it wos! Well! Ma an' 'im wos on ther right flank of ther screen, an' our flank wos in ther air. Suddenly we rides into a merry little hades, and we signals "enemy in sight," and 'ops off our 'orses and into cover and gives Jacko some 'ell back again. Ther regiment got inter action but we never got no support and our 'orses wos killed and there wos 'im and me carryin' on our own little bloody war. We stuck it there all day and I'd drank all ther water, I had, and was fit ter die of thirst when I stops a smack in ther leg that broke it fer me. 'E fixes me leg with me rifle and 'is shirt, an' goes on scrappin' till sunset.

Then ther firin' stopped an' all ther night we lay there, 'e wouldn't leave me, an' ther next day comes and we didn't know where our coppers wos. 'E 'ad a full bottle of water and 'is iron ration, I 'ad nothin'. We waited all that day an' night came round again. I suffered agonies that night, but when ther dawn came I found 'im gone, but I 'ad 'is haversack with ther tucker and 'is water bottle, as well as my own empty one. 'E 'ad left me 'is rifle and 'is handolier, but 'e'd taken my revolver with ther last cartridge, wot I was hangin' on ter in case of—you know.

The Red Cross found me at mid-day an' took me in. Then they found 'im and buried 'im. 'E 'ad a 'ole in 'is 'ead and ther revolver wasn't loaded when they found it. 'E left me 'is tucker an' water an' died fer me because there wasn't enough fer two. 'E was an 'ero!

The total number of names on the new jury list for Lambeth amounts to 17,384, of whom no fewer than 3492 are women.

Apart from the big London hospitals, 2,000,000 patients in Britain receive treatment during a year.

NIBBLES FROM RUDYARD KIPLING

(From "Letters of Travel," by Rudyard Kipling).

When England stumbles the Empire shakes.

All things considered, there are only two kinds of men in the world—those who stay at home, and those who do not. The second are the most interesting.

In Madeira once they had a revolution which lasted just long enough for the national poet to compose a national anthem, and then was put down. All that is left of the revolt now is the song that you hear on the twangling natchettes, the baby-banjos, of a moonlight night under the banana fronds at the back of Funchal. And the high-pitched nasal refrain of it is "Constituci-oun!"

"Some men when they grow rich store pictures in a gallery." Living, their friends envy them, and after death the genuineness of the collection is disputed under the dispersing hammer.

A better way is to spread your pictures over all earth; visiting them as Fate allows. Then none can steal or deface, nor any reverse of fortune force a sale; sunshine and tempest warm and ventilate the gallery for nothing, and—in spite of all that has been said of her crudeness—Nature is not altogether a bad frame-maker.

What is the matter with the English as immigrants in Canada? The answers were explicit: "Because the English do not work. Because we are sick of Remittance-men and loafers sent out here. Because the English are rotten with Socialism. Because the English don't fit with our life. They kick at our way of doing things. They are always telling us how things are done in England. They carry frills! Don't you know the story of the Englishman who lost his way, and was found half-dead of thirst beside a river? When he was asked why he didn't drink, he said: "How the deuce can I without a glass?"

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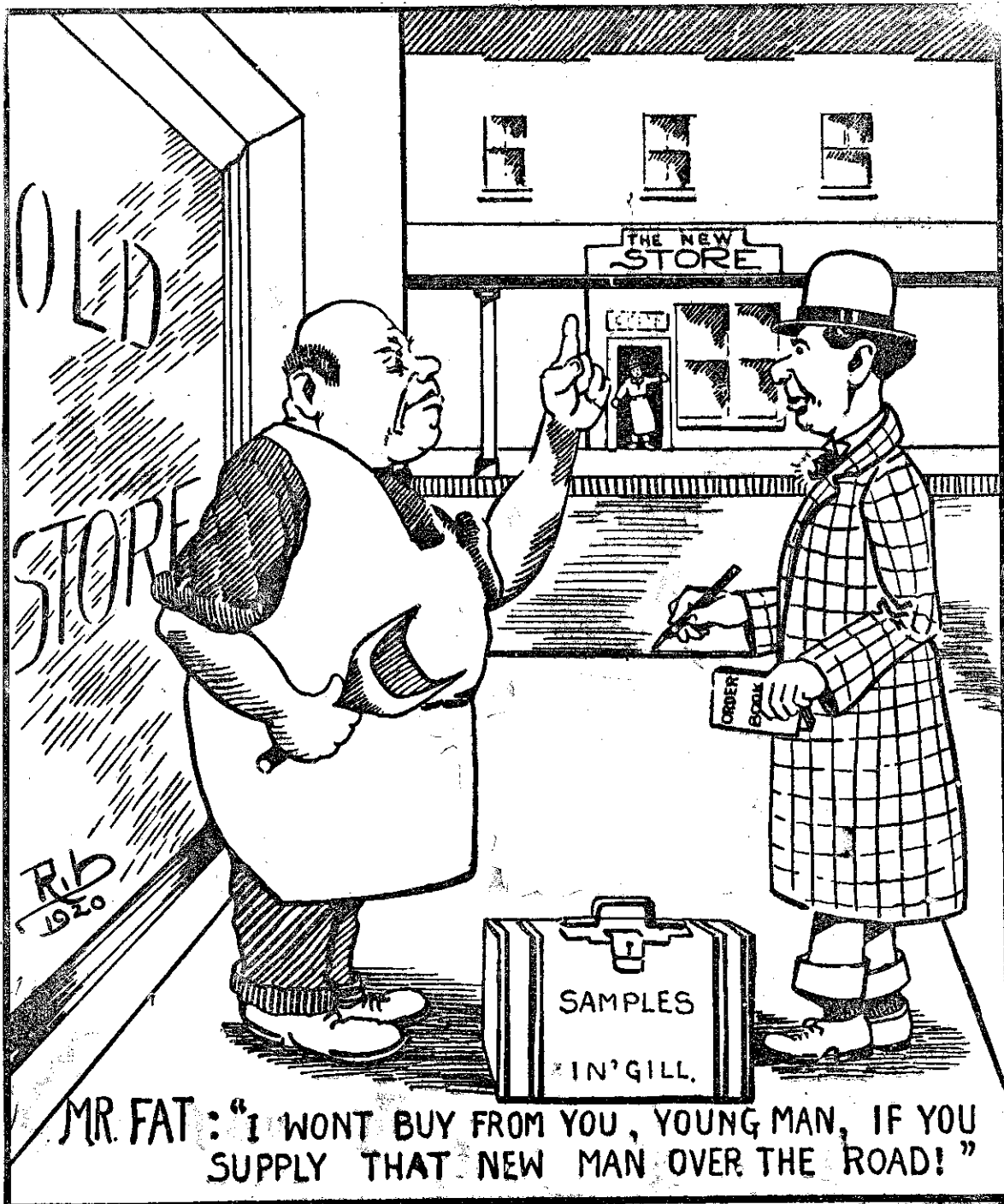
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A MATARUA INCIDENT.

Well known to Matarua residents who we understand are loyally standing by the returned soldier.

MARKET REPORTS.

As far as outside business is concerned matters in the oat market are absolutely at a standstill, and there is practically nothing to report. The only movement is in shipping to the Old Country. The Shropshire, has left Bluff with a considerable cargo, and she is to be followed by the Port Caroline in a few days, and her departure will materially reduce the stocks held in the district.

There is a fairly good demand for chaff, due mainly to the fact that not much is offering from the country, but nevertheless value have receded, and it is doubtful if merchants would care to exceed on trucks to-day for prime quality.

The local demand for ryegrass for sowing down still holds good, and there has been virtually no demand for either the North Island or Australia. Owing to the recent bad weather in the north burning off operations are likely to be retarded so it is hardly likely that a demand will arise much before the end of the next month.

During the past week the stock market has remained practically unchanged, store cattle having a slight tendency to ease also there is very little demand for store sheep, with the exception of ewes with lambs, which maintain fair values. Fat cattle are in fair demand, and at last Wai-lacotown sale there was a good entry, prices being well maintained. Fat sheep still maintain good values, but butchers seem keener to buy sheep out of the wool, owing, of course, to the large drop in skins and the uncertainty of the wool market. Prices may be quoted:—

Fat cattle.—Extra prime bullocks, £28 to £30 5s; prime, £24 to £26 10s; unfinished, down to £15; extra prime cows, £13 to £15; prime, £11 10s to £12 2s; cows, £13 to £15; prime, £11 10s to £12 10s; unfinished, down to £10; extra prime heifers, £13 10s to £15 10s; prime, £11 10s to £12 10s; unfinished, down to £9.

Store Cattle.—Three and four-year-old steers, with plenty of condition, £12 10s to £13 10s; average, £11 5s to £11 15s; two-year-old steers, £6 10s to £7 10s for good sorts; yearlings, £5 10s to £4 10s.

Fat Sheep.—Extra prime wethers, 42s to 45s; prime, 40s to 42s; unfinished, down to 38s; extra prime ewes, 38s to 40s; prime, 35s to 37s; unfinished, down to 30s.

Store Sheep.—Four, six, and eight-tooth ewes, with lambs, 22s 6d; full and failing, mouthed ewes, 15s to 17s 6d; extra good lambs, 20s to 24s; wethers in good condition, 32s to 35s; average, 28s to 30s; extra good mixed-sex hoggets, 25s to 26s; average, 23s to 24s; unfinished, down to 20s.