

## Hibernian Defence Cadets, Dunedin

The report which was presented at the annual meeting of the Hibernian Defence Cadets, Dunedin, stated that the affairs of the corps were in a very satisfactory state. The efficient strength of the corps on August 6 was 41. During the year Captain D. S. Columb resigned, owing to his departure from Dunedin, and the vacancy created was filled by the appointment of Lieutenant J. S. Columb. Captain Columb's resignation was very much regretted, as he had done much to further the interests of the corps. The vacancy created by the promotion of Lieutenant J. S. Columb was filled by the election of Color-Sergeant Keligher to the post of lieutenant. At a military competition in physical drill, open to all Defence Cadets, the company entered a team, which won the silver cup. The corps went into camp with the other cadet companies at Dunedin at Otago Heads during the Easter holidays, and had the honor of having the strongest muster—42 all told, whilst the work of the corps did not suffer in comparison with the others. The uniforms are in good order, and belts and leggings are in full supply. In order to further the interests of shooting among recruits, an air rifle was purchased for in-door practice, with the result that the marksmanship of many has been greatly improved. At the cadet shooting match Sergeant McKenzie and Cadets Simpson, Lefevre, and McKeefry were very successful. The attendance on the whole has been very good, the three members showing the best attendance being Sergeants Sweeney and Salmon, who had not missed a parade during the year, and Sergeant McKenzie, who had not missed one for four years. During the year the corps attended three battalion parades, and were inspected three times, the inspecting officers expressing their entire satisfaction with the company. The secretarial work is satisfactorily performed by Sergeant McKenzie, who also attends to the storeroom. The want of an orderly room is much felt by the corps. The finances are in a healthy state, there being a credit balance of £28 at the end of the financial year. Captain Columb's report on the camp at the Heads at Easter was also read. In the course of his report, Captain Columb stated that the camp, although it lasted only four days, was the means of teaching the officers, non-commissioned officers, and cadets more in the way of military duties, camp routine, and other classes of field work than could be taught or explained in the course of a whole year in the drill hall. He was pleased to say that, with the exception of one or two who suffered from colds, there was no illness in the camp. Captain Columb then gave details of each day's work, to show that the cadets had not been overworked at the camp.

At the conclusion of the reading of the reports, Captain J. S. Columb, Lieutenant J. B. Callan, jun., and the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., addressed the members, congratulated them on the work of the past year, and gave them good advice and words of encouragement as to the future.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Committee, officers and non-commissioned officers; treasurer, Captain J. S. Columb; hon. secretary and store sergeant, Sergeant McKenzie; auditor, Mr. T. Deehan.

The corps gave an exhibition of the various company movements, physical, rifle, and bayonet exercises, at the conclusion of which the Rev. Father Coffey presented the shooting and other prizes gained by the members during the year. The following is the prize-list:—

Shooting.—Special Match—Corporal McKeefry, 1; Corporal McKenzie, 2; Sergeant McKenzie, 3. Handicap Match—Corporal Lefevre, 1; Corporal McKeefry, 2; Cadet McKeefry, 3. Captain Columb's Match—Cadet J. McKeefry, 1; Cadet E. Nolan, 2; Cadet F. Marlow, 3.

Attendance.—Sergeants McKenzie and Sweeney and Cadet Salmon, who attended every parade during the year, received prizes; also Sergeant Salmon, Corporal McKenzie, Cadets Meade, Layburn, O'Brien, McKeefry, Kennelly, Thompson, McKeefry, J. Marlow, Nolan, Lefevre, Callery, Butcher, F. Marlow, Taylor, Dougherty, O'Sullivan, and Wood.

Recruits (special).—Cadets D. O'Connell, J. O'Connor, L. Graham.

Neatness.—Cadets McKeefry and E. Salmon.

Special, hon. secretary and store sergeant.—Sergeant McKenzie.

Efficient N.C.O.—Sergeant Salmon.

A bright young Kaffir, just for fun,  
Sneezed down the barrel of a gun;  
And just to see how things would go,  
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## Domestic

By MAUREEN

### New Linoleum.

New linoleum should be rubbed regularly with paraffin oil; it darkens and preserves it at the same time, but be careful not to have it done under the mats, as it makes them slide under the feet in a most dangerous way.

### A Use for Candle-Ends.

In most households there is an accumulation of candle-ends. These if saved will come in very useful. Scrape them up into shreds, put in a jar, and melt in the oven; then add enough turpentine to make a soft paste. This makes a splendid paste for linoleums.

### Lamp Burners.

Boil the lamp burner occasionally in soda-water, soak the wicks in vinegar and dry them well. This will prevent them smoking. A little salt put in the receiver or a little camphor helps to give a better light; it also saves the oil. Lamps should be trimmed with great care, and should always be done in the morning.

### To Economise in Coal.

Have a clear fire of coal or coke; get two or three old newspapers and soak them in clean cold water. Squeeze them out and make into fair-sized balls. Pack these tightly together on top of the red-hot coals, and the fire will last for a good two hours. In addition to saving coal, this plan is a splendid way to get rid of the litter caused by old papers.

### Preserved Rhubarb.

Take 1lb rhubarb, 1lb sugar, rind of half a lemon, 1 tablespoonful water. Into a white-lined pan put ingredients. Allow to boil until it is quite set. Test by pouring some on a cold plate; if it sets in a few minutes it is cooked. Remove scum that rises on surface, and pour into a jar. Cover with paper to keep out air, and put in a dry place. This jam will keep good for 12 months.

### Jam Pots.

Jam pots have a trick of disappearing in very mysterious ways, as is regularly proved on the return of the preserving season. Where the supply is limited the following method may be adopted satisfactorily:—Take an ordinary bottle, and after thoroughly cleaning, tie round it at the wide part below the neck a piece of worsted steeped in kerosene. Set a lighted match to the worsted, and when the flame is out put the bottle immediately into a pan of cold water. The neck will then fall off, leaving a clean-cut bottle.

### Insect Stings.

The fact of death occasionally resulting from the sting of insects such as bees and wasps is responsible for the species of terror which these insects bring upon many persons. Some people endure the sting with impunity, others develop alarming symptoms, such as blood-poisoning, the effect of the sting depending to a great extent upon the condition of the individual. A good remedy, and an old-fashioned one, is to apply immediately to the part stung the juice of a raw onion. The sting, however, if it remains in the wound, should be extracted, and the puncture dressed with a little weak ammonia, and afterwards a little bromide of ammonia may be added, which frequently serves as a sedative.

### Worth Knowing.

When peeling potatoes, put them into hot water before boiling, and the skins will come off quite easily.

To clean wall-paper take about four handfuls of flour, mix with water into quite a stiff dough, proceed to rub the walls, and all dust and dirt will be removed.

Use coffee-grounds for pincushions. Needles and pins will never rust in a cushion filled with coffee-grounds. Pour the coffee from the grounds, rinse them in cold water, and dry them thoroughly; they will then be ready for use.

To prevent moths from getting in carpets wash the floor before laying them with spirits of turpentine or benzine.

To avoid the front seam splitting in the machining of the new tight blouse sleeve, stitch a very narrow tape up when you sew it.

*Maureen*

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