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# Our Live Letter Box

## COMPLIMENT.

"Soapy," Devonport, writes:—  
Talking of compliments, there's one  
I still keep something very precious.  
It was: "You're lovely, but the thing  
I most like about you is that you al-  
ways smell as though you've just had  
a bath."

Answer: And had you?

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## BIG QUESTION.

"Narrow Neck," Auckland, writes:—  
What is the psychological reason  
for the fact that man is nearly al-  
ways attracted by and looks for phy-  
sical beauty rather than beauty of  
character in the gentler sex?

Answer: Knock-knees may conceal  
a lovely soul, but it's the well-turned  
ankle that turns the head.—Old Chin-  
ese proverb

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## WAR DATE.

"Sargeant," Trentham, writes:—  
Words of wisdom needed.  
One bright shilling will be won and  
lost after you publish date of Boer  
War.

Start and finish, of course.

Answer: October, 1899, to May, 1902.  
Like a flash.  
Didn't even have to think.

## FLASHBACK.

"Achilles," Auckland, writes:—  
A violent argument exists amongst  
several of us as to who sunk the Ger-  
man cruiser Emden in the last war.  
What ship encountered her and was  
the C.E.R.A. a Mr. L. A. Sayer?

Answer: The Emden caused a lot of  
trouble in the first few months of the  
last war.

Stationed out in the Far East, she  
made for home on the war's outbreak,  
under Captain von Muller, and sunk  
many ships, including colliers whose  
cargo she took, while cruisers every-  
where searched for her.

With the aid of a dummy funnel,  
however, she escaped them.

At last she was caught in the  
Cocos Islands by the Australian  
cruiser H.M.S. Sydney. After a six-  
hour battle the Emden, a blazing  
wreck, was run ashore.

As for her C.E.R.A. (Chief Engine  
Room Artificer, we imagine), we can't  
help you. Perhaps some survivor can.

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## EDUCATION.

"Know All," Trentham, writes:—  
A chap I know wants to tell me that  
he learns officers in the Army to drive  
lorries.

He is only an ordinary private, and  
I say that no private in the Army  
learns the officers anything.

Answer: That's what the officers  
think, maybe.

## TRY A SMILE

### ARMY FORMS.

"Now," said the instructor, who was  
taking an Air Force trainee on his  
first flight, "we are going to rise to  
20,000 feet. If anything should go  
wrong, you have only to jump out, pull  
the rip cord of the parachute trapped  
on to your shoulders, and you will  
float safely to earth."

"But," ventured his pupil, rather  
nervously, "supposing the parachute  
doesn't open?"

"In that case," said the instructor,  
smiling reassuringly, "all you have to  
do is to fill in the prescribed form for  
complaints and present it to the officer  
of the day."

Boss: That boy of yours is a good  
worker, Hori!  
Hori: Yairs, poor boy! He bin a bit  
soft in de plurry 'ead!

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Old Officer: So you'll be carrying on  
the Dad's work, eh?  
New Digger: I hope so, sir—he was  
a two-up king!

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"Dear Jim," wrote the fond mother  
to her son, who had joined the Army,  
"I hope you'll remember to be punc-  
tual in getting up in the morning and  
not keep the battalion waiting break-  
fast for you."



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