

An elderly lady had been to hear her nephew for the first time, and she thought it a very poor sermon.

Later that day she asked: "James, why did you enter the ministry?"

"Because I was called," he answered.

"James," said the old lady anxiously, looking solemnly at him, "are you sure it wasn't some other noise you heard?"

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In the early part of the aerial "blitz," when daylight raids were taken more or less seriously, a young man and a pretty girl took refuge in a gloomy public shelter. After three-quarters of an hour or so, the couple came back into the daylight on hearing the "all clear."

"Do you know, darling," the young man whispered tenderly, "if I'd known we were going to be so long down there in the dark I'd have kissed you."

The girl raised a surprised face to his.

"Oh, wasn't it you?" she remarked casually.

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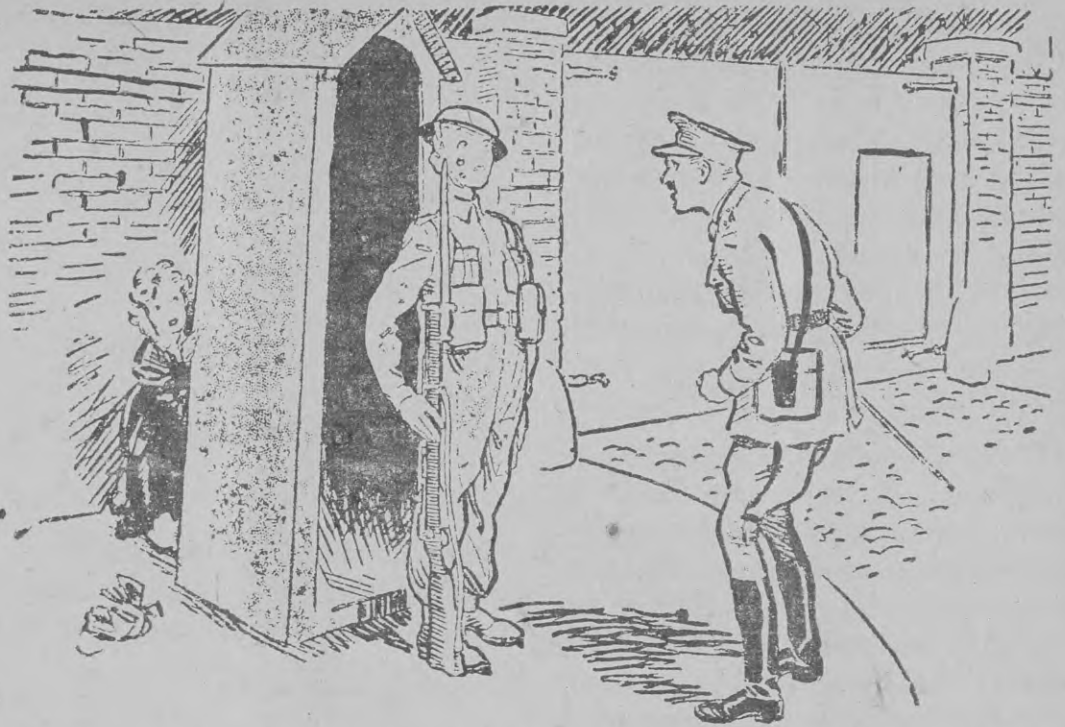
An Armed Forces Appeal Board, considering the case of an employee in a corset factory, strayed off into the question of whether or not fairies wore corsets. One member suggested that corsets would be very cumbersome to fairies during their gambols. Perhaps he confused Titan and Titania.

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Instructing a parade of the Women's War Service Auxiliary in a New Zealand city, the other evening, a male sergeant-major ordered the trainees to put thumbs to the seams of their trousers when they were standing at attention. Blissful man!

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Uncle Sam, the new warder of the East.



"I was caught unawares from the rear, sir, but the enemy fled at your approach."

"Auckland Weekly"

TOLL-CALL.

By long-distance telephone:

"Hullo, Muss! Where were you when those English swine bombed Taranto?"

"Speak up Adolph! I can't hear you."

"And, Muss, that was terrible at Sidi Barrani!"

"What's that, Adolph? You seem a long distance away. Your voice is very faint. Ar you speaking from London, Adolph?"

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A man called on a friend who was a member of the A.F.S., and found him standing on the hearthrug with his back to the fire.

They discussed the weather, Hitler, garden pests, etc., and presently a spark flew out and landed on the seat of the A.F.S. man's trousers. He took no notice.

"Your trousers are smouldering," said his friend.

"Yes, I know," replied the A.F.S. man, "but this is my day off."

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Yugoslavia's new attitude to Germany: Yugo-to-blazes.

"Papa.—On April 5, at Malolo Hospital, Helensville, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Papa, Haupai, a son."—Birth notice in "N.Z. Herald." Congratulations, Papa!

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The German bombing of Belgrade was carried out with characteristic thoroughness. With true nobility they observed the slogan: "Women and children first."

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"I took my lassie home late last night and that dog of hers is a menace to life and limb."

"Go on, his bark is worst than his bite."

"Don't I know it? It was his bark that woke her father up."

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Newly-appointed non-com. (examining first print from the negative): "Isn't there some way to make my moustache show a little plainer?"

Photographer: Yes, you might wait a few years and then come again.