

OFFICIAL ENGLISH.

A new version of the Trafalgar signal as a Government official of to-day would write it:

"England anticipates that, as regards the current emergency, personnel will face up to the issue and exercise appropriately the functions allocated to their respective occupation-groups."

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A Japanese learning English is credited with the following thesis on the banana:—

"The banana are great fruit. He are constructed in the same architectural style as sausage, difference being skin of sausage are habitually consumed, while it is not advisable to eat wrappings of banana.

"The banana are held aloft while consuming, sausage are usually left in reclining position. Sausage depend for creation on human beings or stuffing machine, while banana are pristine product of honourable Mother Earth.

"In case of sausage both conclusions are attached to other sausage; banana, on other hand, are attached one end to stem and opposite termination entirely loose. Finally, banana are strictly of vegetable kingdom, while affiliation of sausage often undecided.

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A TOOWOOMBA DISTINCTION.

"Air Forcemen, Soldiers and Gentlemen. The Ladies of Toowoomba Heartily invite You to Spinsters' Ball, Show Pavilion Tonight."—Advt. in "Chronicle," Toowoomba, Q.

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STILL UNAFRAID.

"As to his own future, Captain Dibbern, who is a German, was quite prepared to admit that it rested with the Government. He knew that he faced possible interment."—"Daily Mail," Hawke's Bay.



"With 800 hours' solo flying, is this all the experience you've had?"  
"Observer"

KEPT HIS TAIL UP.

"During the Balkan war, he went out in an old tub of a cruiser to face modern Greek destroyers. He gave as good as he got, and returned to the Golden Horn with his stern awash, but the crescent and star flying over it."—"Sun," Sydney.

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BOTTLED FEELINGS.

A beer strike means that people are thirsting for revenge.

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DOWN IN THE MOUTH.

He didn't mind swallowing his pride, but what annoyed him was that he also swallowed his teeth.

EGGSACTLY!

"They believe it operates in France, and is probably a secret transmitter used by Frenchmen who don't care two hoots for the Nazi yolk over their heads."—"Herald," Melbourne.

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AH, VERIL!

"I've only a bare idea of life," said the artist's model.

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MONEY SAVER.

"How to save gas."—Household hint. Don't open the door to canvassers.