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the little rhymes are by Edward Lear

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No matter what you do to it,
The Flump you'll never rile.
You tickle or say "Boo!" to it,
And it will simply smile.



THE FLUMP

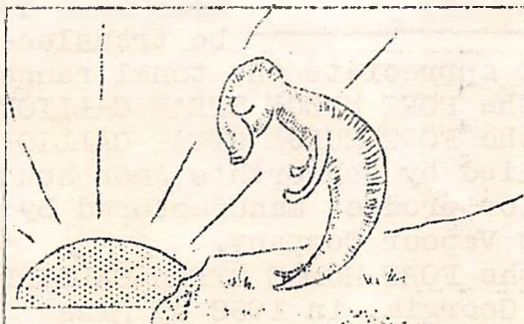


of the Torbay Happy Fan and Lampshade Makers
Society

Our membership has now been increased to four. Apart from your Leader and his Popsie there is Mike Wallace, of Hull, and Cecil (Ron Bennett's pet elephant) of Swillington, nr. Leeds. Mike, in his inaugural speech, made the following observations:

"It gives me great pleasure to be elected a member of this noble fraternity, and I trust that others interested in deep-sea Tuna fishing off the end of Staddlethorpe pier will also be kind enough to give this most deserving cause their support. Due to the extensive shipments of pickled onions from Constantinople in 1874, the supply position for Porto Rican platypus eggs (the small, spotted yolkless ones in particular) is rather difficult, and most farmers are having to make do with ordinary barbed-wire. But then what has the hanging or humming of kippers got to do with semi-absorbant waterproof roofs?"

ThankYOU . . . Mike Wallace. Your Leader has recently been elected an honoured member of the Romiley



THE WOPPLE

Fan Veterans and Scottish Dancing Society following the clearing up of a foul charge laid against him by Harry Turner. I am NOT, never HAVE been, nor ever INTEND to be a member of the dreaded Fan Dancers. Harry had been confusing me with my twin brother and song-writer extraordinaire

That it is right to be polite
The little Wopple thinks
And every night ere fades the light,
It bows as the red sun sinks.

"Spider"
Lindsay.

The first issue of our clubzine brought forth the following enquiry from the FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE CO of Downtown Fort Mudge, Georgia (Overseas Representative Walter A. Willis of Belfast, N. Ireland):

"Dear Mr. Lindsay,

Mr. Willis greatly enjoyed your recent publication and was keenly interested to learn of the formation of the Torbay Happy Fan and Lampshade Makers Society. He has asked me to obtain from you a quotation for the supply (ex works) of 6 (six)(half a dozen) Happy Fans with a view to their use during recitals by FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE. We have unfortunately been faced recently with claims for compensation from the relatives of music lovers who succumbed during performances of STEAM CALLIOPE chamber music.



Unfortunately we can find no immediate use for the other product of your society since we gather from your brochure that the lampshades would be of materials of insufficient fatigue-resistance to withstand constant exposure to steam. Any lamp-

The Tut, when young, is always shy.

(Praps you already knew it?)

This one's been told to "Kill that fly,"

But can't think how to do it!

shades used in the calliope would also have to be translucent

ent to allow the audience to appreciate the tonal range of the colours produced by the FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE. As you are no doubt aware, the FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE uses Coloured Steam as supplied by Ashworth's Amorphous Abstracts and not the inferior product manufactured by the so-called Bulmer Aqueous Vapour Company.

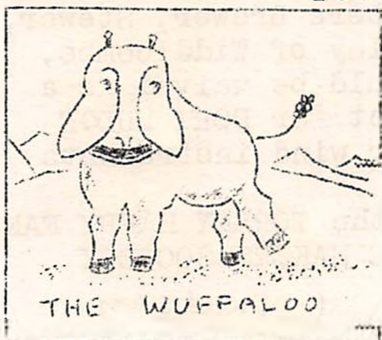
For your information, the FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE CO was founded in Savannah, Georgia, in 1952 by Miss Hoffman and Mr. Willis. References as to the COMPANY's high standing may be obtained from our Solicitors, Messrs Harris, Harris, Snoopwhistle and Harris, of Rainham, England; or in Scotland, Messrs. Caledonia, Sterne and Wilde of Glasgow. The COMPANY is the sole manufacturer

of that peerless musical instrument, the FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE and is a pioneer in the enrichment of our culture through the steam calliope. We have recently obtained from the Atomic Energy Commission (as a result of our help in designing a siren for the U.S.S. Nautilus) a licence for the use of heavy steam, a development which will we trust not only bring to an end the long-standing dispute with the obstructive so-called Bulmer Aqueous Vapour Company, but will be a landmark in the development of the steam calliope as an art form. Incidentally I am to enquire whether your Society would be in a position to produce heavy duty Happy Fans to cope with the problems involved by the use of heavy steam?

For and on behalf of the FORT MUDGE
STEAM CALLIOPE COMPANY

M. Monroe

Private Secretary to Mr. Willis



The yellow grape-tailed Wuffaloo
Is up to every trick.
Don't stroke its back, for if you do
Maybe you'll get a kick

Your Leader, without further ado, replied as follows

"Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your esteemed order for six Happy Fans. Regretfully I have to inform you that I am the only Happy Fan in the Torbay area and consequently we are unable to supply you with any ex works. Nor do Miss Highwater and myself possess a licence to breed same.

However, we are willing for a suitable consideration (say £600) to attempt this illicitly, but let it be clearly understood that this is not to be regarded as a precedent, and is only undertaken out of our profound respect for FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPEs, Mr Willis, and other wind instruments generally.

On receipt of a 30/- deposit I will approach Miss Highwater with a view to commencing production. The first batch should be ready for delivery some time

in January 1956 and you will have the added advantage of being able to train them from a very early age.

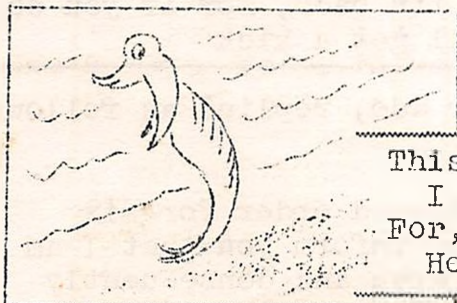
We don't altogether understand what role the Happy Fans are to play at the FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE recitals, but no doubt you know your business and will treat them kindly.

Regarding the question of heavy duty Happy Fans, I regret that Miss Highwater is not the heavy duty type. It is understood however that Mr Willis's Private Secretary is the heavy duty type, and I would suggest that she be brought to our headquarters for processing by myself.

My pedigree is beyond reproach and may be inspected at the offices of our Solicitors, Messrs Brewer, Stewer, Gurney, Davey, Widdon, Hawke and Cobley of Widdicombe, Devon. In this event my stud fee would be waived as a token of goodwill and profound respect for FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPEs, Mr Willis, and other wind instruments generally.

For and on behalf of the TORBAY HAPPY FAN
& LAMPSHADE MAKERS SOCIETY

N. Lindsay
Leader



This is a Twiddle-twoddle-twee.

I rather pity him,

For, though he twoddles by the sea,

He's never learnt to swim.

Alas, I put my big foot in it, as you will see from their reply:

"Dear Mr Lindsay,

Mr Willis has asked me to say that he is disappointed with the terms of your letter of 11th ult. Apparently your society, which represents itself as makers of both Lampshades and Happy Fans, is unable to supply the latter in quantity within any reasonable period of time. Unless you can arrange for Miss Highwater to expedite delivery...and in this connection we are willing to make allowances for labour difficulties ...we regret we are unable to do business.

There is another more serious matter. It appears from your letter that the manufacturing process you propose to employ in the case of at least one of your products is the reproductive method known as SEX. I am to enquire whether you are aware of the fact that in so doing you are infringing the law and leaving yourselves open to heavy damages. I should explain that at a recent conference between representatives of the FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE CO and the Bulmer Aqueous Vapour Co held at the Tresco Apple Orchards & Cider Works, the research experts of the two Companies discovered that SEX had not been patented. They accordingly formed a Company to exploit it commercially. A patent application was accordingly drawn up, complete with working



THE QUIPSET

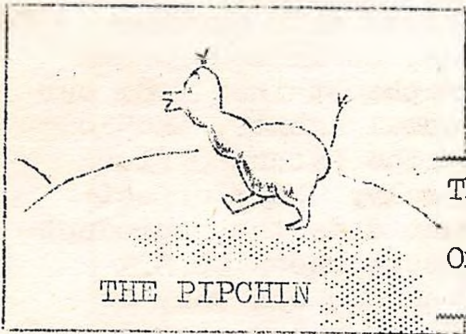
The Quipset, wicked little imp,
Is looking aught but shy,
And hopes to captivate a shrimp
If one should happen by.

diagrams, scale models and photographs obtained from our Continental agents, and lodged with the Patent Office immediately. With effect from that date the reproductive process known as SEX (Pat. Pending) can only be made use of under provisional licence from the patentees, Sexploitation Inc. We shall be grateful if you will break this news to your

married friends. Henceforth licences for the use of SEX (Pat. Pending) may be obtained only from the patentees and not from any civil or religious organisation. Nor can SEX (Pat. Pending) be referred to or described in any published matter or drawings or public entertainment or notices affixed or displayed in public places without the authorisation in writing of the patentees, on payment of the appropriate fees. (An application for a blanket authorisation has already been received from the London Circle.) The parent Companies are convinced that SEX (Pat. Pending) will prove very popular and may even rival the FORT MUDGE STEAM CALLIOPE in importance.

Applications for licences should be addressed to our Solicitors, Messrs Harris, Harris, Snoopwhistle & Harris of Rainham. I understand that as representatives of Mr Thomas Pearce they have already had contact with your solicitors in the matter of the hiring of one mare, grey, and subsequent claims for deterioration of same. Thank you for your invitation to myself personally to visit Torquay; I hope to take advantage of it shortly since Mr Willis has nominated me to undertake a tour of England to demonstrate our new line. I shall be interested in your processing techniques; the cheese used in our "cheesecake" advertising line has not been processed.

Assuring you of our bust at all times,



M. Monroe

Confidential Secretary
to Mr Willis

The Pipchin fat and chubby grew,
And of his plumpness boasted.
One day it died of Spanish 'flu;
It was delicious roasted!

Part II B I A S E D B I N D I N G S

Helen reviews the fourth OMPA mailing

Nigel has given me the task of reviewing the OMPA mailing this time and at the moment it is proving very difficult because owing to the Railway Strike it hasn't arrived yet. So here goes for the DOG SOAP formula:

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| White soap...16 ozs | Powdered Yellow Resin.....4 ozs |
| Tobacco Water.4 ozs | Powdered White Hellebore..1 oz |
| Lump Sugar....2ozs | Carbolic Acid no.51½ozs |
| Oil of Omganum....2 drams. | |

Pare the soap and place it with the resin, sugar and tobacco water in an earthen jar, and put in oven til liquified. Add the remaining ingredients. Stir well and pour into moulds holding about 3 ozs.

Directions: Wash the Dog with this SOAP in soft water every other night or less frequently.

(tested in the BIAS BINDING Doggeries)



Just look at his socks !

Do you know what can be done with socks with huge holes in the heels? Here is a useful tip sent in by a reader.....

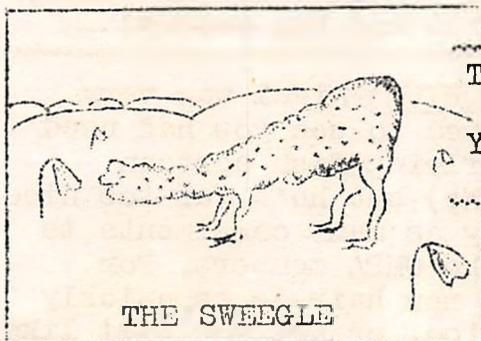
"Dear Helen,

Don't waste time darning - socks with holes in the heel make ideal gauntlets for wear on motorcycles. Simply insert the hand and put the thumb through the holes thus:

If your readers have no holey socks, gauntlets may be made by lopping off the heels of a good pair of socks. Do not carry out this operation with the hand in the sock, otherwise the hole may be rendered superfluous if the thumb is accidentally removed."



Eric



The body of the Sweegle towers
High above the little flowers,
Yet at each he spends a minute,
Trying to find out what's in it.

The OMPA magazines have arrived, three weeks late. He is playing in the band every night now, so I got them all

to myself. SCOTTISHE Anyone who would pour a specimen down the drain is automatically debarred from joining the THF&LMSociety. I am very sorry Ethel dear, you must make do with merely being Bias Binding's Medical Correspondent - at least it gives you an excuse to write to my boy-friend so frequently. UGH I can sympathise with you Pamela, if ever Nigel has done something wrong and wants to do penance, he offers to eat one of my home-made cakes. ESPRIT A real joyful magazine Daphne, and I like the pictures.

⌘ NOW AND THEN ⌘ In answer to your query, here is my recipe for freedted fligdilles with belchberry sauce:-

Perforate fligdilles with a fork (a swift stabbing motion should be used - do not prod). Mix sweet chutney, brown sugar, Worcester sauce, mustard, vinegar, salt & lemon juice and pour over the fligdilles. Allow to soak for 2 hours, then drain and fret. The secret of successful fretting is to beat the fligdilles soundly with a rolling pin whilst they are frying. A little ointment added to the cooking fat will protect you from burns through splashing. For the sauce, take a well-ripened belchberry (a windfall is best), simmer for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour and strain through a jelly-bag. Repeat until the belchberry is quite limp, when it is of no further use and may be discarded. Thicken the remaining liquid by the Roux method and add a handful of pickled nasturtium seeds.

Serve immediately.

(tested in the BIAS BINDING
Kitchen Dept.)



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The Skelter cannot wait one jiff,
He's always in a hurry.
One day he'll tumble o'er the cliff,
And that will end his scurry!
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THE SKELTER

⌘ ARCHIVE ⌘ Nigel was very annoyed to see you had used his flying-fish cartoon

(which was Schmerdlites copyright) but he's far too nice to say so ⌘ DUPE ⌘ I hope you pay as many compliments to your girl-friend as you do to the OMPA members. For instance do you notice Shiela's new hair-do as quickly as you notice Ethel's reproduction, or are you just like all the men? ⌘ WOZ ⌘ Do you know your "potsarcs" are now oldfashioned? The latest thing is the "crate potsale", I've seen lots of them in Nigel's mail ⌘ TITOT ⌘ The episode of Lucy and the zip fastener made me bust out laughing ⌘ MORPH ⌘ I am thoroughly enjoyin Roles's Rollings. About Billy Graham, he is only another entertainer, and as harmless as Johnny Ray.

These are the only ones I can think of anything to say about, and they are also the ones I liked best. I also liked the Ballad in NOISE LEVEL, and the squirrel

thing in ANDROMEDA, and the one-act play in PLAYTIME. I didn't like the picture on the front of ANDROMEDA, I thought it was awful. WILLIS DISCOVERS AMERICA was a bit beyond me at the moment, but I'm sure it must be a good thing and a lot of fun for the people you met over there. I don't think I'm very good at reviewing.

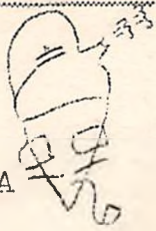
Helen's opinions coincide with mine.....Nigel

They better had!Helen

Part III

Guest Editorial

by H. Ken Bulmer
ex-president of OMPA and editor of NIRVANA

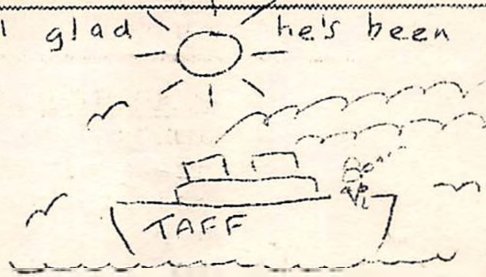


"Nuts to you, Lindsay"

Ken

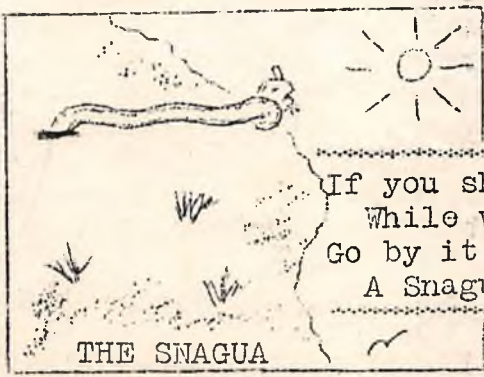
Ken Bulmer's opinions do not necessarily coincide with mine.....Nigel

but we're real glad he's been chosen



You have been reading BIAS BINDING combined with NIRVANA. We hope you have enjoyed it. Best wishes from

Helen and Nigel



If you should see a small, round hole,
While wandering about,
Go by it silently, or else
A Snagua may pop out!

THE SNAGUA