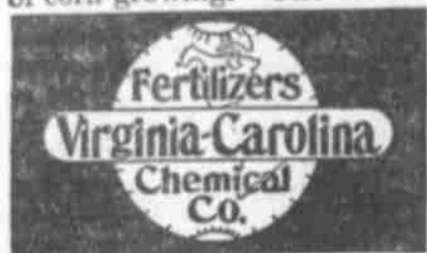


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Perhaps the most firmly established popular song in the world is the air familiar to Americans as "We Won't Go Home Till Morning." The origin of the tune is obscure, but Louis Elson believes that the music was composed as a love song in the tenth century or earlier by one of the troubadours, the wandering minstrels of southern France. Chateaubriand, the French writer, heard it sung by the Arabs, and he suggested that it might have been carried to the orient by the French crusaders.

It was certainly sung by the French soldiers during the war in which the first Duke of Marlborough won his fame. It was the lullaby of the baby son of Marie Antoinette. It became one of the most popular songs of the French revolution. Napoleon whistled and sang it throughout his life. Beethoven used it as one of the themes of his "Battle Symphony."

It has been for more than a century one of the most popular street songs in Europe. And there is probably not a ten-year-old boy or girl in America who does not know the tune.

The French words, beginning "Mairbrook s'en va-t-en guerre," were invented by some forgotten French soldier during the war of the Spanish succession. They describe the supposed death and funeral of the Duke of Marlborough, which death, in the words of Father Prout, "did not then take place, by some mistake," since "the subject of the pathetic elegy was at the time of its composition, both alive and kicking all before him."

The song had nearly died out in France when Marie Antoinette caught it up from the peasant nurse she had employed for her baby; thereupon it spread rapidly, as songs do in France. Beaumarchais introduced it into "The Marriage of Figaro," and it was used by the red republicans for incendiary purposes of their own.

Several sets of words have been sung to the tune in the course of its history, and it has itself undergone some modifications. But its identity is clear through all the changes. Probably it is familiar to a greater number of people at the present time than any other tune in the world.—Youth's Companion.

WON THE JURY.

A Couple of Shrewd Quies and the Railroad Lost Its Case.

A number of years ago Benjamin F. Butler was a guest of friends in Brooklyn. During his visit he noted the rule of the street railway companies compelling conductors to register fares as soon as passengers entered the cars and before the fares were actually collected. Two or three years afterward he represented the plaintiff in a damage suit for \$15,000 in which a Brooklyn street railway company was the defendant. The principal witness for the company was the conductor of the car on which the accident occurred, and his testimony was so strong as to make things look bad for Butler's client. But Butler recalled the unusual rule he had remarked years before, and on cross examination he said:

"Your company requires you to ring up fares as soon as passengers enter the car, doesn't it?"
"Yes."
"Suppose a passenger boards your car and then finds he is on the wrong line. Do you state that fact to your superiors, and do they make allowance on your returns for that fare?"
"No. I lose the nickel."
"Do you mean to say the company won't take your word for 5 cents?"
"No, they won't."
"Yet," said the shrewd veteran, turning to the jury, "the company asks you to take this conductor's word for \$15,000."

Butler's client received a verdict.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"Spanish Mutton."

Dog meat, we learn from the Frankfurter Zeitung, is largely sold in Germany, and more especially in Saxony, but rarely under its own name. Traders describe it as Spanish mutton, and their customers are less chary of asking for it.

Catfish in England is treated in the same euphemistic way. There was a time when this fish was never seen in the shops. Then some fishmongering genius invented the name of "rock salmon," and bestowed it upon the despised catfish, which now has an established place in the market.—London Chronicle.

The Man Fish.

Mathew Buehinger, mentioned in old English wonder books as the "man fish," was the most remarkable monstrosity of his time. He had neither hands, arms, feet nor legs. From his shoulders grew two finlike excrescences, and along his back there were several rows of scales. He had the lidless eyes characteristic of the fish species and a queer puckered mouth and no ears.

Where Ignorance is Bliss.

Mrs. Eze—So your husband fell asleep in church last night. I suppose you woke him up? Mrs. Wye—Not until after the sermon. There was a lot in it about women's extravagance—nonsense, of course, but I'm mighty glad John didn't hear it.—Boston Transcript.

An Expert on History.

"Wombat, what year did Damon and Pythias run?"
"Lemme see. I think they headed a ticket about 1830."
"And who ran against 'em?"
"Lemme see. Wasn't it Castor and Pollux?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.



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Country Home of Lloyd-George Is Practically Wrecked.

London, Feb. 113.—The country residence of Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd-George at Walton Heath was practically destroyed this morning by a bomb which, the police say, was placed there either by militant suffragettes or their male sympathizers.

Mr. Lloyd-George himself is on a motor trip in France. Nobody was injured, as the residence had not yet been occupied.

A bomb had been placed in one of the rooms of the residence, which is a modest one adjoining the golf links on which Lloyd-George plays. The infernal machine was so powerful that the thick walls of the house split in all directions and most of the rooms were wrecked.

Two seven-pound cans of black powder also had been placed in two separate rooms among heaps of wood shavings, which had been saturated with oil and in the center of which burning candles had been fixed.

The only clues obtained by the police are two broken hatpins, which were found among the wreckage.

It is declared by neighbors that an automobile containing several women passed through the village in the early hours.

An official of the Women's Social and Political Union told the police that the society had no knowledge of the perpetrators. "General" (Mrs.) Flora Drummond, however, declared that the explosion was "undoubtedly the work of women." She exclaimed enthusiastically: "I think it is grand! It was a fine act, successfully carried out, and shows the determination of the women. I say, 'all power to all kinds of militancy in the direction of harassing Cabinet Ministers short of taking human life.'"

This is the second time within a year that violent methods have been used against the residences of Cabinet Ministers, the first being an attempt to burn the house of Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of the Colonies, at Nuneham.



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