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Well, boys, here we are again, here we are again.

I can't see what I am writing so don't blame me if you are  
offended.

Your secretary has loaned me an invisible typewriter  
so you may still read a little about yourselves as you did  
long ago. In case you are offended about anything I have  
retained Mr G.W. Thornton Ll.B\_ at an enormous fee payable  
on demand. You can see him first if you want to sue for libel.

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Well that's over. You know there is always a difficulty about  
getting a start when you begin writing a letter.



Don't you always find it hard to start a letter. How can you write "dear Madam" to your best sort, or how could you start off "dear Sir" to someone who you had just lent a fiver to and from whom you know you will never get five bob?

Well it's the same starting off this "Rag"

Which reminds me, when I was travelling with Mr A. T. Nix Purser of the S.S. Nonsuch he would start writing to his love somehow like this

"My dear

But I think you know enough already

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Well there is no doubt we are always busy, season in and season out. This season the new "Sharp" will no doubt be the "cock-of-the-Harbour". What with three new decks and a new bottom there will be no effort needed to either row or steer the ship. And have you noticed how well Mr. Sharp himself is looking these days. Its possible that the doing up of his boat will restore him to health.

But I have a grave fear of what would happen to me if had to take "metho" inside and "quickstryp" outside. I would end up having to have a new seat and some new fastening

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## A FEW HINTS

Always take an interest in the old. Just remember you will be old your self one day and you will probably be not half as good looking as some of our members who have gone past their energetic days. Besides, they can always be relied on to give us help in anything we may need.

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Take an interest in the young. Just remember you were young yourself once and when you first started to row probably made an even worse mess than anyone you know.

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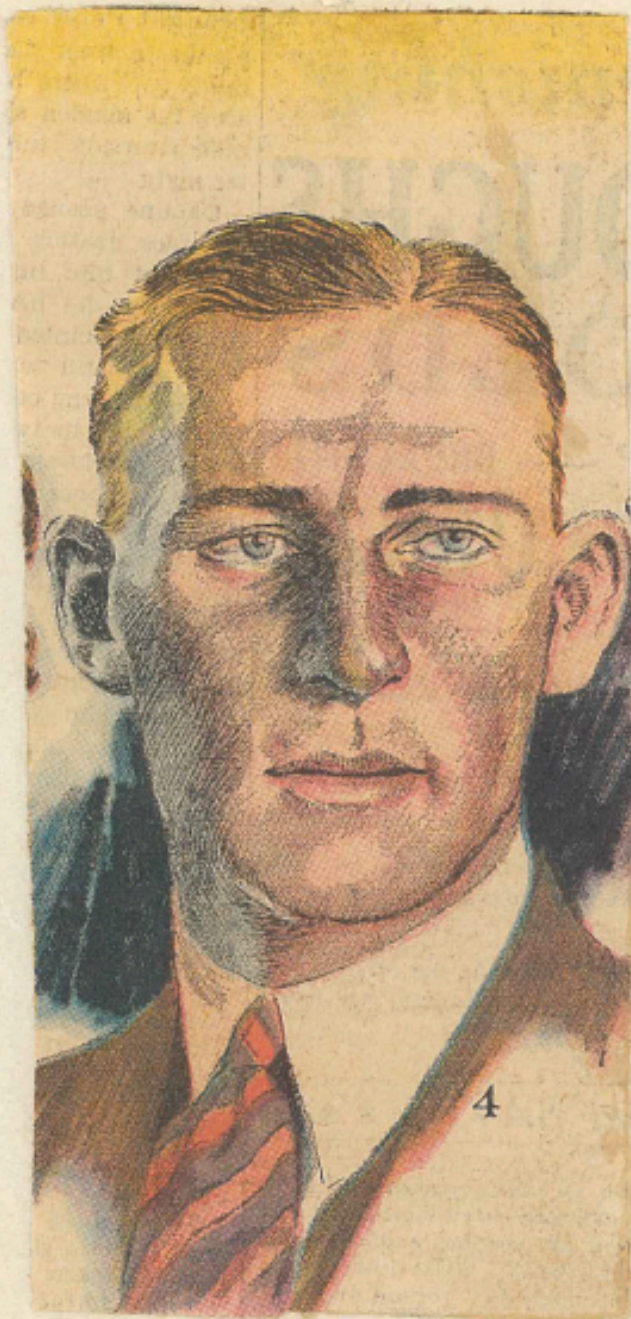
Take an interest in the boats. Just remember that I have heard it said in every boat shed in the Harbour that "they could never hope to keep their boats as well as Balmain"

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Take an interest in the ladies. Now of course you will deny that you don't. That is alright. But you must always remember that but for these ladies you would have missed a lot of the good things of life that you have had during the past few seasons.

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BOBBIE PEARCE (N.S.W.)  
Sculler, age 26, carpenter.  
*First in Olympic 2000 metres.  
Olympic record-holder. Unde-  
feated in scratch races or cham-  
pionships.*

The selectors of the club's crews and particularly the captain, Mr W Nix, are well pleased with the material for the coming season and who knows we may yet see a Balmain man in Pearce's place . It has happened before.



DO YOU REMEMBER?

The night we won the Maiden Eights. Who was looking for matches in Darling St.?

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The night of the Card Party . Did'nt you feel a glow-up after the Hirst Mc Ginn incinerator? I did.

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Ladies Day. Will you ever forget the shock we gave Mrs Sharp when we handed her ~~the~~ present?

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The night of the Ball . And don't forget the present we gave Mr. Sharp and the shock when we gave it to him.

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The famous football match. And they had the hide to report the score in the next evening's paper.

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The night Art. Nix went to the "spooks" with a daffodil. The medium asked me the other night where my fair friend had gone. I told him he was looking for daffodils in White Horse Park.

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The death in Brisbane of Arthur Alexander Baynes was a shock to the Queensland athletic community. As a sculler, he was one of the best amateurs Queensland has turned out, being for some years the undefeated champion of Queensland, while he won the Australian champion sculls in 1920 and 1926. In 1922 he went to England to compete in the Diamond Sculls at Henley. He won through to the semi-finals, being beaten by the ultimate winner. Though he retired from big rowing some years ago the late champion took a keen interest in the sport and also in golf. He was only 33.

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#### MR. J. THOMSON.

The death has occurred of Mr. John Thomson, eldest son of the late Alexander Thomson, and one of the most successful oarsmen the State has ever produced. Commencing his rowing career with the Sydney Rowing Club, Mr. Thomson transferred to the Mercantile Club, stroking its senior and champion crews for many years, being successful in both champion fours and eights in 1889, 1890, and 1891, with the same crews. He stroked the State crews of 1880, 1882, 1883, and 1889. Although only a lightweight, Mr. Thomson ranked among the best strokes ever known in Australia. He was a brother of Judge Thomson, and is survived by Mrs. Thomson, two sons, and a daughter. The funeral took place at Rookwood on Saturday afternoon.

