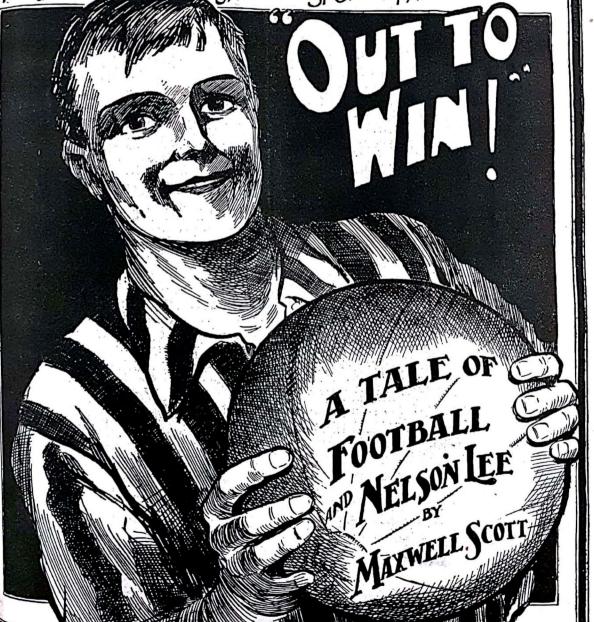
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A Rattling, Complete Tale of Pelham School.



WHAT is it, Jack? A summons, a sentence of death, or what?

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Teal. I'll refuse. I'll see her hanged hairs I go!" protested Bob, lashing him-em a fury. It deep down in him. In a fury. Is deep down in his heart he knew they

The Hillingford was the Head's sister. A brighted old maid, with a wonderful was brighted to managing everyone's business, in-

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mag mide up her mind that something to be done in this or that direction, she set can about in her mind for a suit-sense are some some set can be unfortunated to the pitched on the unfortunated to the sense of the

carries, and carry them out.

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keled to Jack and Bob as if their one, for the invariable prelude to trusades had been an invitation to take afternoon tea.

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So take

bear later, when Miss Hillingford

had filled up their second cups of tea, and pressed upon them a third helping of her famous singerbread, the cat was let

third neighing of ner tamenes singerbread, the cast was let cently out of the bag. It appeared that, since hearing the control of the bag. It appeared that is the period to the control of the period to the control of the stand his even more reckless fight with Peddles through the skies on an acryplane tas set forth in recent issues of "The Football Labrary"), she had had her eye upon them both. She had also watched the development of Bob Russell's character with con-siderable mingrivings.

Bob Russell's character with considerable missivings.
"It seemed to her," she said solemnly, 'that they were permitting themselves to become a prey to morbid cravings for things sensational and viclent.
They cught to resist that fatal tendency of medern youth, and seek solace in more gentle occupations, such as—""Wearing kilts," groaned Bob, fearing the worst.

worst.
"Playing many his breath marbles," hazarded Poddles,

"Flaying marbles," hazarded Poddles, under his breath.
"Crechet-work," thought Jack to himself. However, it was none of these things, as it turned out. The panaeea for these ills, according to the old lady, was gardening. Well, advantage of the decided, having a simultaneous sight of off decided, having a simultaneous sight of the decided having a sight of the decided having a simultaneous sight of the d

bush. The and dried.

All boys suspected of cherishing secret longings to go careering through space or water on aeroplanes or submarines, must start and cultivate nasturtiums at once as a healthy correction.

She had even decided on the prizes which were to be awarded at the end of the term to the occupants of the study who had the best show of plants in bloom upon their window-

The first was an electro silver pickle fork, the second an embroidered table centre, the third a bound copy of "Vegetable Marrows, and How to Grow Them for Pleasure and Profit," a most inspiring work, as she assured tham.

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The part that the three Third-Formers were to play in the scheme was also arranged. The cod dame had not been able to get her brother's consent to the competition being made compulsory for the whole school; but, at any rate, all boys from the Shell downwards would have to participate. Miss Hillingford would have to participate. Miss Hillingford would have to participate. Miss Hillingford would see to that.

The work of the trio would be to popularise the scheme among the juniors by example and precept. If they could think of anyone else who could assist in this respect, Miss Hillingford would be glad to receive their names. At that, with one eager voice, the trio cried; The could be seen to the scheme of the scheme of the scheme of the world, they assured her and scheme the world, they assured her and scheme the scheme of the world, they assured her and scheme the scheme of the world, they assured her and the scheme of the world, they assured her and the scheme of the work success would be guaranteed. What was more, his pals—Prince, Bayne, and Birkett—were just as enthusiastic horticulturists as he, and the five together would make a really strong and influential committee.

Miss Hillingford was inclined to work of the work of the work is uncertainty and the other members of the "influential committee" had found what they had been landed in for, and by whom, their first desire was to rush straight off there and then, and take vengeance on their hated enemies.

However, once Miss Hillingford had her victims in her claws she was not so assily got rid of. The Pelham School Horticultural Society was to be formed at once, and Cliffy was given to understand that this was his job.

He was to be organiser, me others were to hander—fifty, perham, or more—but that would be only a Hiller plant, and there and the content of the trim in the trim, with instructions to post them on

half-holidays.

Neatly typewritten notices had already been Neatly typewritten notices had already been prepared, and these were handed to him at parting, with including to post them on every notice-board to the school.

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"For further particulars and information apply to Childred, How. Sec." ran the notice, and the youth of Pelham applied like one man. Applications for window boses, seed and agricultural implements to be delivered premityly by return, simply rolled his.

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"Please supply to Mr. Lawson minor, Esq., The Nock, Labertiery, Lane, Slange Park; I window lsw, as advertised; I cartlead best leaf mould; i ounce chemical manure; I nasturium seed (warranted to hatch); I pint of picked pertwinkle ditio (unboiled); I pint of picked pertwinkle ditio (unboiled); I pint of corned cockles; I G ranium; I X ranium, Alto a plough, lawn mower, and thrashing machine for cultivating same."

Foddies wanted "rubbleer plants only," he reduced to the property of the

window-boxes was progressing, and received various evasive answers.

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She came herself at last, to find Cliffy struggling feebly with his meat saw and sixpenny tack hammer, while the rest of the committee sat round sulking and upbraiding him for a duffing owl.

Considering the amazing skill they were supposed to have shown in the building of the yearth Snark, all this was perplexing and disappointing.

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However, Snark himself was now deputed to lend them a hand, and the speed with which he botched up window-boxes of all shapes and sizes was amazing.

At last, every applicant was supplied, and the order given to "go," or, in other words, to plant them how and with what they liked.

to plant them how and with what they liked. There was a heap of mould in the Head's garden from which they could help themselves, and, as has been said, Cliffy had packets of seed for the asking.

Jack and Bob decided to stake all on geraniums, cuttings of which were also supplied free gratis. Having stuck these in and poked and prodded them for a few days in an effort

to make them grow faster, they premptly lost all interest in them, and let their thoughts dirift to aeroplaning, yachting, and other feverish delights.

The result of this neglect was that the plants throve exceedingly, and one day, to their astonishment, a patch of brilliant searlet appeared outside on the window still. It was actually a flower.

They were utterly staggered at the sight. Immediately their drespoing interest in hericulture received again. They craced their recket contains the sight of the

When is the date of the beastly competition.

"About three weeks time," answered 18th, given the unique the most of the beastly conjection to the be

said beh.

"No, we'll draw the line at eats. We might try kippers though. It's kipper-day to-morrow at breakfast."

"Meantime, a drep of ginger-beer can't do em any harm, and it may just füz 'em up a bit," said Beb, emptying a stone bottle they had been keeping in reserve in the cupbaard over the plants.

"It seems an awful waste," said Jack, watching the proceedings regretfully.
"Waste be hanced. We can't let avery.

"Waste be hanged. We can't let every feel in Pelham get ahead of us in this fashion. We can grow flowers, I recken, just as well as any of 'em; only we've been slacking, that's all."

any, or cm; only we've been stacking, mark and low's Cliffy's let getting on?" inquired Jack, pushing his head out of the window, and turning his eyes upwards, for the Shell's near turning his eyes and star of the state of the weren't noticing.

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Without any warning at all, half a paliful of water came hurtling down from the window above, striking Jack in the face, and nearly overbalancing him into the quad, below.

An hour later the news of it was all over the "An bour later the news of it was all over the "An bour later the news of it was all over the "B.R." Football Library. Price &d. THE BOYS REALES ON Sale! Special Football Number of The "B.R." Football Library. Price &d.

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They could hear the cad chuckling now in his stramph.
Something must be done to pay him out.
"I know," cried Jack, griting his teeth.
"We'll say nothing for the present, but just hide out time until dark. Then we'll pull his blessed window less off its perch and drep it on to the quad."
"Good! I'm game! But how?"
"Why, the a meat-book on a fishing rod, hitch it on to the edge, and then give a heave. Bet I'll shift it once I get a hold."
Jack had a stout pike rod in the corner, and the lower joints of this lashed on to a bamboo curtain pole, would, he calculated, be just long enough to reach.
They saw Cliffy two or three times in the course of that evening, but never by word or look did they betray any recollection of that deluge.

leak did they betray any reconcertion of that deluge. At last it grew dark. Prep. was over, and there was one brief half hour of happy tideness last and bob retired to the study, lecking last and bob retired to the study, lecking the done window they could hear Cliffy exhi-biting his display of blooms to some of his cronics, and telling them boasfully that no one in Pelhan could touch them.

"Whathe! Can't they! Just wait and see!" rurmured Jack, fending the hoek on the end of their pole, while Bob wriggled with stifled mirth.

mirth
Then the tramp of feet overhead crassed, and the door slatumed. Cliffy and his friends had evidently gote to pay a call.
"Now for it," whispered Jack hoarsely, joining the two sections of the pole together, and pushing it through the window.
It was not quite such casy work angling in the dark as he had imagined. But at last the section of the pole of the section of t

steady pull gave no result. Even a strong had no effect whatever on the window-

by and no energy maked Bob as Jack withdrew his head into the room.

"No, the beast must have screwed it down," growled Jack furiously.

"Let's both take a hold and heave," said Bob stoutly, setting his hands also to the role.

"You'll have to heave jolly hard!"
"Right-hol I'll give a 'one, two, three,' and then we'll both roull like old Jimmy! Ready!"

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Jack licked his hands, and replied that he was. Bob gave the signal, and simultaneously they threw their united weight on to the pole. Ugh! What an avalanche! The box which had successfully defed all Jack's strength had given way in a twinkling, leaving them no time to dodge the contenta.

Moreover, it seemed not to have contained dry sarth-thand, on I Phew, you could have smelt it for miles. Their heads and shoulders were slathered in it. Their heads and shoulders were slathered in it. Their heads and shoulders were slathered in the property of the same of the

pawing blindly over the table and manage-piece.

They managed to get the gas lit at last, and then, as the beam of light darted through the window, a perfect howl of derisive laughter rose from the room above.

Jack stared at Bob, and Bob at Jack, both too overcome with rage and dismay to speak. The thing had been a booby trap rigged up for their benefit by Cliffy. And they, like the fools they were, had tumbled into it. It want has window-box at all they had booked on to, but one specially prepared for the scration.

occasion. By the look of their faces and clothes, the principal liquid used in the contents must have been ink. The fearful odour was undoubtedly due to a flavouring of rotten eggs and dusting refuse, and other ingredients recognisable were treacle, ten-leaves, and common or garden med.

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And all the time they were analysing this, peal on peal of loutish laughter rang from the first window above. And not only from that window, but every other in the yand.

Apparently, every fool for miles reand had been jung low and watching the fun. Oh, what howing idiots they had made of them.

solves! For two pins they could have sat down and blubbed like kids.

As for their precious geraniums, they look flattened out beyond all hope. One, in fact, was so utterly shattered that Jack rooted it up with the intention of flinging it forth into outer darkers, and and read the same addition to the same and flat, clinical three-penny-bit, but close It looks at the theorem the same and that cannot have did to be nothing more than each it button.

It leaked that a distribution to the nothing more than a shirt button added disappointment. Jack felt the careting the whole box of tricks into the quad, but, recognising that this would be mere childrines, he checked limself, and followed Bob up to the bath-rooms to wash. For the next few days their lives were a misery. Even their own chums of the Third could not refrain from sharpening their wit at their expense. Cliffy had secored heavily; there was no sharpen to got the first there was no sharpen to got the first the could sail in and try punching his head; but then, however successful he was, it would never wipe out the stain on his reputation for height charten and the stain on his reputation for being the most difficult chap in all Pelham to take a rise out of.

But, though their dejected owners drooped despondently, the battered geraniums showed sturdier spirit. Stoutly they raised their heads again, and burst out into a blaze of blockers.

blossom.

They would have something to show, after all, when it came to the day of the competition. If now they could only lay waste every bloom and leaf in the window-boxes of their scoffing enemies, their thirst for vengeance might be

slaked.

It was an enticing prospect. But how could it be accomplished?. There was the rub.

Then one evening, while Jack was loosening the mould about his plants, that wretched shirt-button that looked so like a threepenny-bit

button that looked so like a threepenny-bit cropped up again.

He flung it on the hearth-stone and crushed it with the poker in his wrath. After that revenge a dim, shadowy idea came creeping into his brain, and he eat down immersed in

Soon after that Bob came in.

Twice they literally flung themselves upon some small object revealed among the grit, fingering it with exagerated joy, and even biting it. After that the thing, whatever it was, was wrapped light of the thing, whatever it was, was wrapped light of the thing, whatever it was, was wrapped light of the part had but one. To all the states of the part had but one and the states of the states of

still another of those mysterious, but evidently precious objects.

Cliffy had the best view of these operations, of course, and when they had ceased, and he withdrew his head into his own study, his face was pale with excitement and his limbs positively trembling.

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ered was nothing less than a coin of pure

For he has seen that the constraint of pure gold.

It his was the secret of all this mysterious heliaviour on the part of his disconfiled rivals. They had discovered treasure-trove.

He could hear their voices now quite plainly. Hot was asking Jack to read out again some letter they had evidently received by that morning's poet. It was from the British Museum, too, of all place. The coin you have forwarded for identification is a gold denarius of the coin to be a series of th

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"THE BOYS" REALM " CRICKET LEAGUE. Tables up to and including August 6th. JUNIOR SECTION.

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"I say, old man, I believe I've hit on the very wheeze!" said Jack, in a tense whisper. "What's that?"
"Why, to root up every blessed flower these other brutes are growing, and, what's more, make them do it themselves."
"No, you don't mean it?" gasped Bob, in

"No, you don't breathless delight.

"I do. But look here, you know those old Roman coins of yours? I shall want you to lend me some of those."
"By all means; they're only fakes in any "So much the better, for I'm going to have

them gilt."
"Right you are! But what's the game, old

chap?"

"Sh!" said Jack cautiously, "Windows have ears as well as walls. Remember that we gave ourselves away to Cliffy last time through taking too loud. We'll shout loud enough when it's time for him to listen, bat not before."

before."

A week later, after a certain small package had arrived for Jack, which, being opened, proved to be from the jeweller in the town, the plot was put into operation.

The next morning all the school was rubbing ite eyes and gasping with surprise. The brave show of geraniums in Jack Noblo's window-box had disappeared. Not a leaf was to be seen.

had disappeared. Not a leaf was to be reen.
What could be the meaning of it? Some bodder spirits among the scoffers looked in to inquire, but left uneatisfied.
The box, by the look of it, had had all its earth tipped out and carefully sorted over. And more trange than this even was the sung smile of satisfaction which adorned the features of its owners. Certainly they showed no signs of the owners. Certainly they showed no signs of the owners. Certainly they showed no signs of the owners was morning school finished than their conducts became more strange than ever, Armed with a spade and sieve, they were seen to make their way to the heap of mould from which the window-boxe had been filled, and there feverishly silt over spadeful.

Prize Bat Winners for Week Ending

SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT NONCON-FORMIST LEAGUE. FURMIST LEAGUE.
FULWELL U.M.C.C.—Hon. Secretary, J. Longville,
33, Duke Street, Fulwell, Sunderland.

SOUTH LONDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE.

LEWISHAM Y.M.C.A. RESERVES.—C.o. League Secretary, S. Hudson, 50, Halstow Road, Westcombe Park, S.E.

CAMBERWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET
LEAGUE.
NEW CROSS A.C.C.—Hon. Secretary, E. W. Mortelan, 29, Klusole Road, Peckham, S.E.

"THE BOYS' REALM" CRICKET LEAGUE.
JUNIOR SECTION.
FENTON AMATECES C.C.—Hon. Secretary, A.
Procter, 15, Wellington Street, Fenton, Staffs.

SENIOR SECTION.

GARFIELD INVICTA C.C.—Hon. Secretary, H. Denny,

24. Conjugham Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.

"Seven hundred and fifty pounds," gasped Cliffy, thanking his lucky stars that no one clas was in the room to share the marvellous news. Then he thrust his nose over the edge of the window-sill, and prepared to listen

clese was in the room to share the marvellous news. Then he thrust his ness over the edge of the window-sill, and prepared to listent again.

"There's not the least doubt about it," Jack Nhie was saying "all the boxes filled from the cless of the control of the

numself.
Furtively he began to scratch over the soil
in his own window-box to see what treasurtrove he could discover. Sure enough, there,
only an inch or two under the surface, was a

The Boys' Realm

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down and another eighteen process of the continue.

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blunder.

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two pelargoniums and a dair in it. that for eight pelargoniums and a dair in it. It is that for eight pelargoniums and a dair in it. It is by Saturday leek.

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atched by a breathless crowd from been a Watched by a breathless crowd from bend he tore up each innocent plant in his who box one by one, carefully shaking a box one by one, carefully shaking a box one by one, carefully shaking the state of the shaking a shaking a

of the next study, where the same performs was ropeated.

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wretched dups to the realisation and been sold.

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to come and fetch him out.

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