

Those Mysterious Straw Hats

From our Hunstanton Correspondent.

"Those young gentlemen with the straw boaters" said a lady in the shop to me, "are a credit to the Empire." Your correspondent started expectantly. "Yes," she went on, "they are all young foreign statesmen and diplomats, including junior members of Cabinets in our new Dominions all over the globe. The straw hats have been distributed free of charge by the Government as a mark of appreciation, a typical gesture of generosity."

I felt the tears rising to my eyes, and wanted to rush away. "They are obviously very dependent on their female secretaries," the lady continued. "These young ladies are experts in languages, and accompany them everywhere." I lingered, deeply touched.

Elsewhere, I heard a different story of the hats, but the presence of the young men, and their devoted secretarial staff, is variously explained. The prevailing report attributes it to a world conference of mathematicians and scientists who are carrying out important research on our coast. Their steady gait and intelligent expressions as, deep in thought and clutching their hats of pale straw they pace our streets, confirm your correspondent in this view.

Stop Press: One of the introducers of the boater to the school has had his flattened by an on-rushing motorist.

He siezed me by my slender neck
I could not call or scream
He dragged me to his dingy room
Where we could not be seen
He stripped me of my flimsy wrap
And gazed upon my form.

I was so cold and damp and scared
And he was flushed and warm
He pressed his feverish lips to mine
I could not make him stop
He drained me of my very self.

I gave him every drop
He made me what I am today
Thats why you find me here
A broken bottle cast away
That once was full of beer.

The Loch Ness Monster

Mr. C. R. M. White first got the 4th Form interested in the Loch Ness Monster during the Lent Term of 1963. From thence until the present we have corresponded with many museums, papers and magazines, and have collected a mass of literature on this extremely interesting subject.

Many people claim to have seen the monster and have even photographed it, but nothing has been conclusive. Several times when it has been claimed to have been seen, floating wood was found nearby. I believe there is something to warrant the publicity given. It has been proved that 50 million years ago, Loch Ness was part of the sea. The monsters may be plesiosaurs, which were trapped in the loch when the land emerged. With the tremendous depth of the loch they could breed quite easily, and today's monsters would be their descendants.

Several of the form have been so intrigued by the subject that they are hoping to arrange a trip to Scotland in the near future. Loch Ness is twenty-eight miles long and about one mile across. I believe that the monster does exist and is between thirty and fifty feet in length.

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