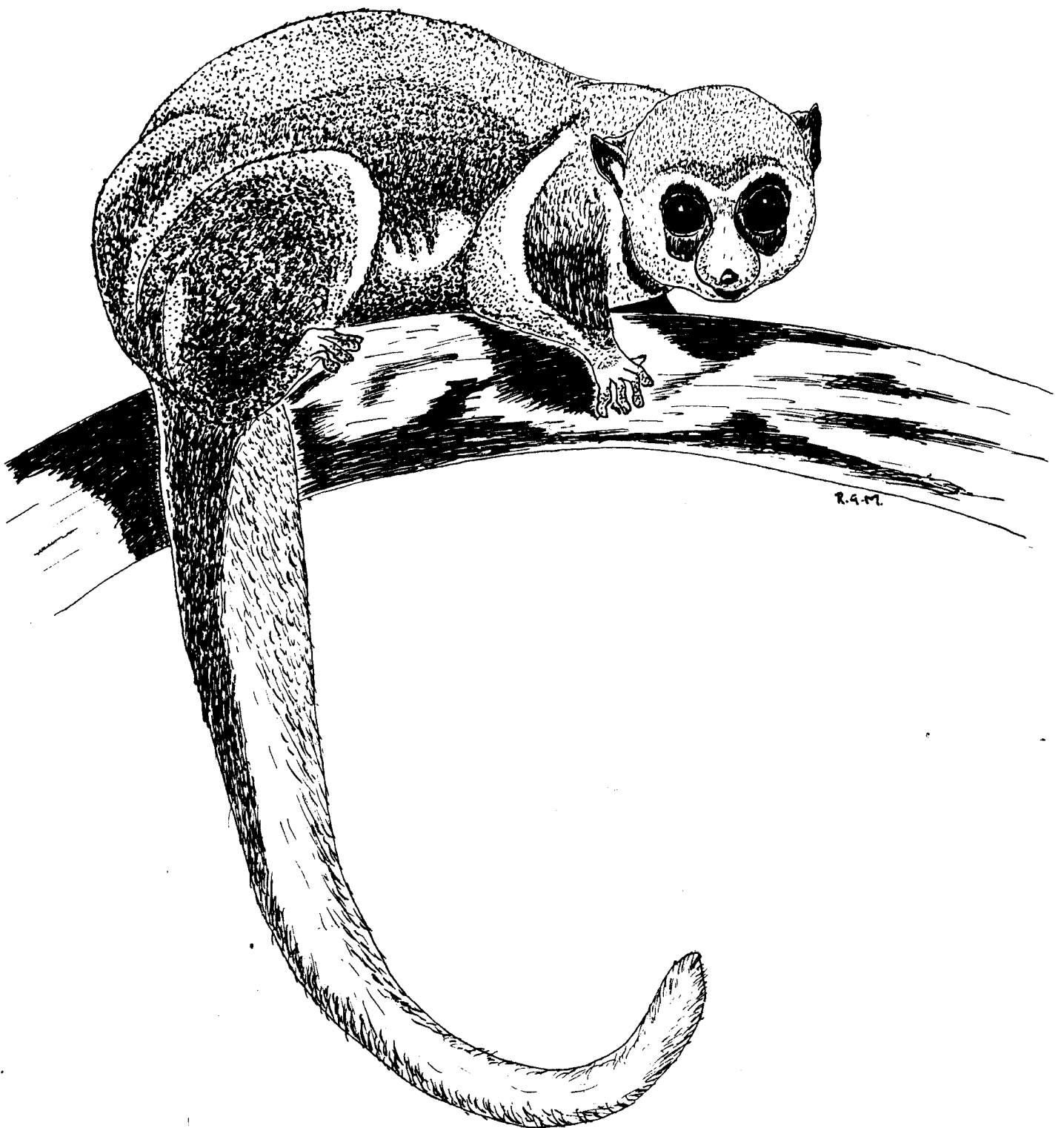


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Editorial

There is an old story, not necessarily apocryphal, that heating systems in institutionalised premises are turned off on May 1st and back on again on October 1st. If Mr. Denis Howell, of ministerial drought and snow fame, could be persuaded to exercise his talents on turning the weather on and off to coincide with these dates then perhaps we might have some cricket. Of course the people at Pluvius Insurance, who offer financial cover to outdoor events where income is vulnerable to the climate, would have to be squared somehow, but it shouldn't be too much of a problem.

Every cloud has a silver lining though, and as far as the recent weeks have been concerned the weather has been more conducive to games like snooker, much to the delight of the BBC and the organisers of World Championships, which seemed to grip a large proportion of the country every day for a fortnight. Our domestic tournament has reached its final stages and the matches have been attracting an attentive knot of spectators to one end of the canteen. But as the suspense has grown so has the realisation that the table needs attention. The slate is chipped, the cloth is worn and there is a distinct 'borrow' to one side. On another page you will see a proposal by the secretary of the snooker section for raising extra money for repairs because the Social Club cannot, or will not, meet the full cost.

You may think that this is unfair: you may feel that some sections have too much money and others too little; you may want more money raised from subscriptions or a larger Company grant. There is a suggestion that additional funds for capital items and major repairs could be raised by selling the Club's piano. On these and other issues you have a chance to air your views and ask questions on THURSDAY 25TH MAY at the Social Club AGM. If you don't come, don't complain about what is decided in your absence. It's up to you.

Personnel News

STARTERS

Welcome to:

Mr. J. Graves who joins us as Deputy Foreman in the Machine Shop.

Mr. A.W. Nigrin, a student at the Polytechnic of the South Bank, who joins us for a six month industrial training period in the Communications Department.

Mr. P.R.K. Marcar, a student at Brunel University, who joins us for a six month industrial training period in Metallurgy Department.

Miss J.A. Painter who re-joins us as Secretary to Mr. J.D. Endacott.

LEAVERS

Farewell to:-

John Dorling of the Transmission and Energy Department who leaves us after a 3 month stay.

Dr. P.C. McNeill who leaves us to take up a position with Gallaghers.

RETIREMENTS

Ron Dicker of the Works Engineering Department retires at the end of May after 31½ years at Wood Lane.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations have been arranged as follows:

Wednesday 24th May : Dr. P.C. McNeill,
who leaves at the end of May.

Tuesday 30th May : Mr. R.F. Tarbox,
who retires at the end of June.

Both presentations will be made by Mr. Banks, and will take place in the Main Hall at 12.15 pm. All staff are invited to attend.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Mr. Banks is having a short holiday before undertaking a 2 weeks lecture tour in Australia with Stefan Verne. There will thus be no "View from the Top" for a couple of months, but we hope to have a "View of Down-Under" when he returns in July.



Dear Editor,

Thank you for your kind invitation to appear on page 3 of the Bust Telegraph. Hope you like the enclosed picture.

Regards

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Diary of Events

| DATE | EVENT | FOR INFORMATION |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|
| May 23rd | Cricket vs Wallingford CC | Terry Alleyne |
| May 25th | Social Club AGM., 17.40 | John Heggie |
| Early June | Hot-air balloon: Inaugural showing of G-BREL | Derry Moore or Darrell Moore |
| June 7th | Last day for contributions to Bush Telegraph | Editorial Board |
| June 7th | Badminton vs St Pauls (Mens-Away) | Vic Banks |
| June 15th | Sea Angling | Pete Walton |
| June 21st | Publication Day for Bush Telegraph | Editorial Board |
| June 28th | Badminton vs St Albans (Mens-Away) | Vic Banks |
| June 30th | Disco - 8.30 to 1 am | Yvonne Ferrier |
| July 10th | Sea Angling | Pete Walton |
| July 12th | Badminton vs St. Albans (Mixed-At Home) | Vic Banks |
| <u>REGULAR EVENTS</u> | | |
| Tuesdays | Badminton | Vic Banks |
| | Tennis | Terry Alleyne |
| Wednesdays | Tennis | Terry Alleyne |
| Thursdays | Badminton | Vic Banks |
| | Air Pistol Shooting | Denis Groombridge |
| | Tennis | Terry Alleyne |

Site News

ENTRANCE

London Transport have completed the building of the new wall at the site entrance and visibility for vehicles leaving the site has consequently improved. The re-surfacing work and the construction of the small island (see March BT) will not commence until transfer of the land from London Transport to BICC has been completed.

WEST WALL

No indication can yet be given as to when London Transport will be able to commence re-building the West Wall. Staff are reminded that when the work commences parking will be curtailed on that side of the site.

Retirements

A double retirement presentation was made at the end of April to bid farewell to Jack Blissett (31 years) and Sam Butler (9 years) who were at the time of their retirements employed in the Chemistry Department and Gatehouse respectively.

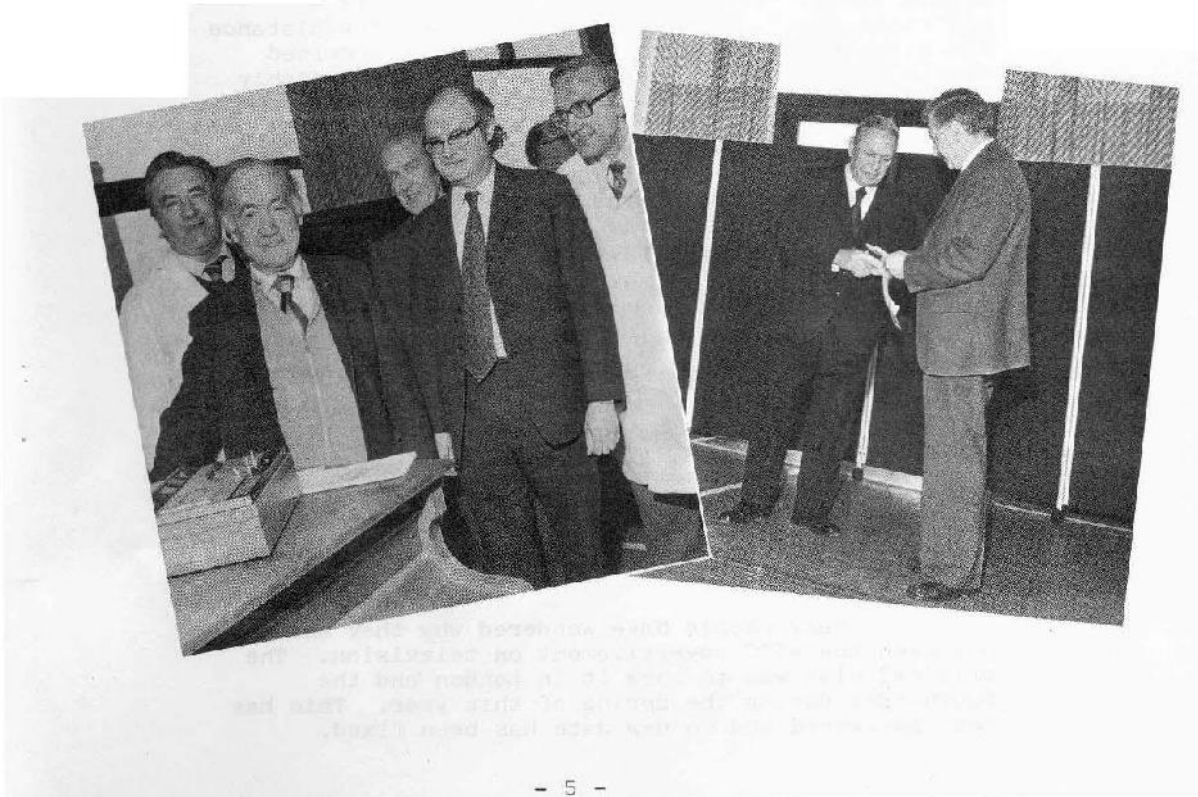
According to Dr. David Margolis, who made the presentations, this was an ideal arrangement for him as it enabled him to gain points towards his productivity bonus. With this in mind he expressed interest in arranging a triple presentation in the future.

Jack was then presented with an Amstrad recording deck and a rather large card containing numerous contributions from the poets!!

Sam, who had joined the Company on leaving the railways, was presented with an envelope containing Sch-- you know what.

Sam in turn likened Wood Lane to Bullins, but declined to expand on this remark.

Photographs of the presentations are shown below.



Recollection of a Blimp

The mention of R.N. Airships on Wormwood Scrubs in the Balloon Section notes recalls some rather patchwork memories of the time, but one in particular is very vivid. We lived at Holland Park then, and my two older brothers and myself, watched over by Nurse, sometimes used to go to the Scrubs to see the excitements. The airships, inflated but heavily ballasted, were pulled out of the hangar by a small army of men tugging on ropes. There was usually a large circle of spectators all round it, a circle which swayed this way and that, retreating hurriedly as the airship was blown ponderously towards them, and closing in again as it withdrew.

One day, when we had worked our way towards the front of the crowd, a sudden gust sent the airship veering towards us, and we all had to scatter. "Run!" shouted my big brother - and I ran glancing back to see the airship looming over me. To a small boy of six it loomed very large indeed and seemed to be chasing me like a giant in a nightmare. I ran and ran and ran. I somehow knew that if I could reach the edge of the Scrubs before it overwhelmed me I would be safe, but the Scrubs seemed a vast open place that day. I became aware of my brother pounding along behind me; he seemed to be gaining on me. Finally he grabbed me, calling breathlessly: "It's all right! Come back! It's all right now." I turned fearfully. In the distance the airship was floating benignly, an unconcerned circle of spectators round it. Somewhat sheepishly I followed my brother back.

I wish G-BREL and the Balloon Section every success, but I hope they will understand if I do not attend their first ascent from the Scrubs.

Nowadays I cannot run as fast as when I was six.

N.G. Strong

TV ADVERTISING

Many people have wondered why they have not seen the BICC advertisement on television. The original plan was to show it in London and the South-East during the Spring of this year. This has been postponed and no new date has been fixed.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs,

At the last meeting of the Social Club Executive Council, I expressed my intention to resign from the position of Honorary General Secretary after the Annual General Meeting later this month. My main reason for this decision being that increasing work makes it impossible for me to give the job the amount of attention that it requires.

May I through your pages thank the members of the Club for the support that they have given me during the tenure of my office.

May I also ask that any member of the Club who would be interested in taking up the Office of Honorary General Secretary contact me for further information.

Yours faithfully,

John Heggie

Thank you

Dear Friends,

Just a few words to thank you all for the excellent gift and the card (I like the poems) which I received on my retirement day.

Wood Lane is the most friendly place I have ever worked at, the people are the very best and I will never forget my happy years at BICC.

Cheerio for now and I hope to be able to come back and see you from time to time in the future.

Sincerely,

Jack Blissett

Poets Corner

UNLESS

Pistons reciprocating
With astonishing rapidity
In hot, oiled cylinders,
Driving the late-night set
To doubtful destinations,
Until the irresistible force of freezing water
Fractures the rugged block.

Madrigal choirs singing
With impeccable authenticity
In the high, cluttered studio,
Sending ethereal sounds
To millions of tuned receivers,
Until the mindless hand of an obdurate objector
Cuts off the vital power.

Ventricles pulsating
With decreasing regularity
In a prone, trussed body,
Pumping the sluggish blood
To its remote capillaries,
Until the remorseless rack of mental torment
Conquers the stubborn will.

People hurry-scurrying
With ephemeral activity
In the bright, sprawled city,
Including you and me
Our friends and all the others,
Until the inexorable blast of nuclear fusion
Mushrooms in dust our dust.

RFT

LAST MONTH'S BT

Sharp-eyed readers may have detected that the bulk of last month's issue was produced on the Xerox, instead of the Rotaprint. This was due to the fact that Ann Denholm, on whom we rely for our printing, was ill until a couple of days prior to the publication date. Happily Ann recovered and was able to print the cover and photo page for us, whilst Norman Davis and the Studio coped magnificently with the task of producing the remaining 30 pages at times which did not conflict with normal usage of the copier.

Our sincere thanks to all concerned in this operation.

A brainy young boffin.....

It is fair to say that we were overwhelmed by the response to the limerick competition. Forty-eight entries from sixteen individuals was the final tally, and our whelm was so overed that it took the Editorial Board (plus guest judge Keith Sichel) well over an hour to laugh its way through to a final decision, but more of that anon.

The limerick is often regarded as an easy, "throw-away" form of verse, but a number of people commented that they found it surprisingly difficult to compose within the constraints outlined in last month's article. We did of course impose an additional constraint by giving you the first line. Brian Tilbury objected.

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Said, "It's really quite simple to tell
That the first line won't scan
But I'll try, if I can,
With some limerick rhymes to do well".

He tried to the extent of ten verses, including a six verse saga about the hot-air balloon (by far the most popular subject overall), but with an additional word in the first line. Nevertheless he received a commendation with,

Once a brainy young boffin from BREL
Tried to instrumentate William Tell,
He was gauging the fruit
When Tell minor cried, "Shuit!"
So the arrow speared t'boffin as well.

Everyone else coped with the first line, except Mike Kendle who brought instant disqualification upon himself by having a dig at a member of the Editorial Board with his, "A cycling old boffin of BREL". Rule I, you can knock anyone you like except us! Surprisingly, apart from the balloonists, only one individual rated a mention - the author of last month's article. Alan Bangay takes up the story.

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Remarkably like Keith Sichel
Who, to make hi-fi neater,
Doctored his tweeter
And so now it's a woofer as well.

We've mentioned the balloonists twice, so it's time to let them get in on the act. Gene and Molly Nalon rated a commendation with their effort.

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Always lived with his head au ciel,
He had such a flair
For exuding hot air
That they christened his brainchild G-BREL.

Alan Bangay also had a try on that theme.

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Thought ballooning would be a good sell,
But he'd failed to forsee
That his friend D-A-T
Would ask to be lifted as well.

The New Markets Technology Panel received a couple of tries, including the fully illustrated effort from Ron Tarbox which is reproduced here. A commendation for this and for another effort, obviously with NMTP in mind, from Alan.

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Invented a new, lasting smell,
It was a world beater,
Then it met "Odour-Eater",
Sniff sniff 'slurp', swallow 'burp', toll the knell.

There was a hint of dishonesty about Walter Marcarenhas' boffin, but justice was done in the end and it earned a "highly commended" for the author.

A brainy young boffin from BREL
As a chemist had no parallel,
But the trip that he got
When he mass-produced 'pot'
Was as far as the Scrubs, to a cell.

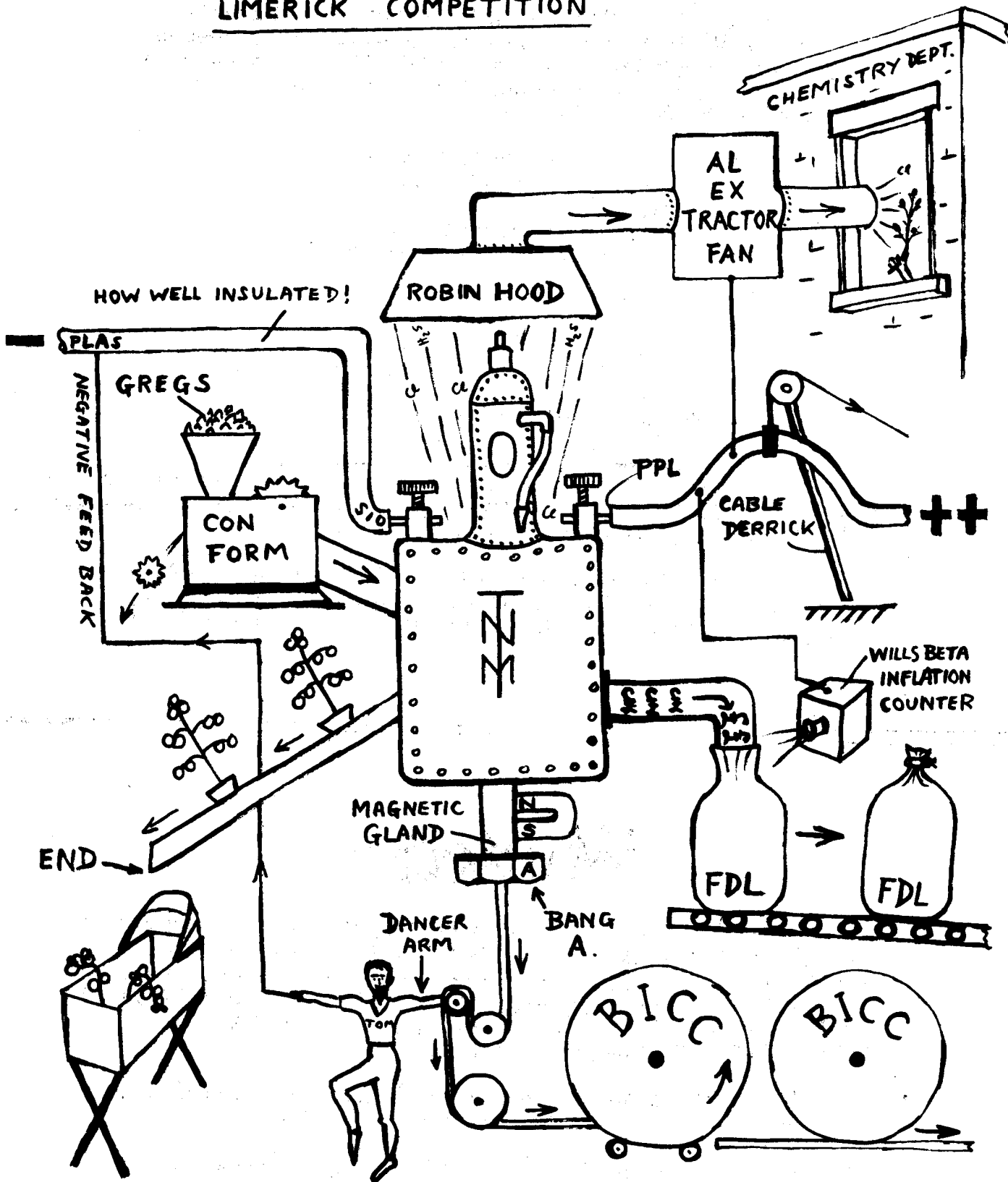
After our hour of laughter and deliberation, which involved a short list, a shorter list, and two rounds of voting we were forced to declare a tie between Brian Ledwith,

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Put the tea-lady under his spell.
His line of research
Didn't lead to the church -
Maybe that's why she started to swell?

and George Price,

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Was sponsored to swim the channel.
He started at seven
Was across by eleven
So he clocked up some Flextime as well.

LIMERICK COMPETITION



A BRAINY YOUNG BOFFIN FROM BREL
 MADE AN ELECTRO-N.M.T.P CELL
 IT WILL PUT OUT A FIRE,
 CAST CLEAN COPPER WIRE,
 GROW TOMATOES AND CAPITAL, AND SMELL!

Our grateful thanks to all who entered and apologies to those whose efforts we haven't included. We know it wasn't as easy as it seemed at first sight because we tried writing a few ourselves, in fact we'll let a couple see the light of day. From guest judge Keith Sichel,

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Desperately tried to excel
At data reduction
Rugby and seduction.
His executors wish you all well.

and from Mike Hagger,

A brainy young boffin from BREL
Said, "Science and sex I must gel",
So with PhDs groovy
He made a hit movie -
"The Test-Tube Emmanuelle".

But the last word must go to our joint winner Brian Ledwith who clearly found the approach of the closing date almost too much to bear. He wrote,

May the 8th, and the strain starts to tell -
so "Get Lost!" to the boffin from BREL! I've made so many tries, why not give me the prize? I'm sure I deserve it.

B.L.

Wanted

Mr. E.A. "Ernie" Coward (Pensioner, formerly of Polymers Department) is seeking to augment his library. He wishes to buy good, second-hand, copies of scientific text-books up to degree level, primarily in the fields of Chemistry and Physics. Works particularly required include,

"A text-book of Quantitative Inorganic Analysis - theory and practice" by Arthur I. Vogel

"A text-book of Practical Organic Chemistry including Qualitative Organic Analysis" by Arthur I. Vogel

"Practical Organic Chemistry" by Mann and Saunders

Offers to sell these and other related titles should be made, in the first instance, to Mike Hagger (Tel. 208).

Memory Lane

Exactly 25 years ago this month the Wood Lane Darts team won Division II of the North Acton Darts League. We've unearthed a photograph of the team with their trophy (the first recorded as having been won by Wood Lane A and SC) at Hammersmith Town Hall.



The team was,

Standing (1-r) : Messrs H. Houston, E. King, S. Salvage,
C. Palmer, D. Phillips, G. Foyle,
C. Kendall, M. Tindall and A. Simpson .

Seated (1-r) : Messrs H. Kendall, T. Doré (Capt),
J. Greenbury (V-capt), and W. Kingshott.

(also in the team, but not in the picture, Mr. L. Smith)

Messrs. King, Foyle, H. Kendall and Kingshott are dead. Messrs Salvage and Smith went to Erith and have now retired. There is no information on Messrs Houston, Palmer, Phillips, Tindall and Simpson. Tom, Jim and Cyril are happily still at Wood Lane.

As well as bringing back a few memories for our longer serving readers this photograph stimulates two questions.

- (i) Does anyone have any old photographs of Wood Lane, or Wood Lane personnel hidden away? The Studio has a number but we are looking for the "unofficial" ones.
- (ii) Is there sufficient support for the Darts Section to be successfully re-formed by next winter? If you would like to organise such a revival please notify John Heggie, or his successor as Social Club Secretary when appointed.

The History of Electric Wires and Cables

PART 6:

THE TELEGRAPH FROM DOVER TO CAPE GRISNEZ By R.M. Black

Although limited experiments had been made on the manufacture and laying of submarine telegraph cables, Werner von Siemens had laid a copper wire insulated with gutta percha in German waters, and a rubber insulated wire contained in a lead pipe was laid across the harbour in New York in 1842, no major submarine telegraph installation had been undertaken until the late 1840's. About this time the Gutta Percha Company manufactured two miles of gutta percha insulated cable for a Mr. C.V. Walker, Electrician to the South Eastern Railway who proceeded to lay it in the English Channel from the Vessel "Princess Clementine". On the 10th January 1849 messages were exchanged between London and the ship at sea. This was all very encouraging and the brothers Jacob and John Watkins Brett secured a concession from the French and British Governments to lay a telegraph cable between France and England.

Early in 1850 the Gutta Percha Company completed its first large order for:- "twenty five nautical miles of No.14 gauge Birmingham gauge copper wire covered with great care in gutta percha to half-an-inch diameter". The wire was supplied in short lengths and joined by overlapping scarves held together with hard solder, applied with powdered resin and a blowpipe, the joint being filed down to the diameter of the wire at that point.

Due to the primitive nature of the extrusion techniques then available, the wire had to be insulated with gutta percha in short lengths and the insulated core joined together to make up longer but still transportable ones. The technique of jointing employed was described by Willoughby Smith (1828-1891 electrician with the GP Company and later with Telcon) as follows:-

"The gutta percha was removed for about two inches from either end of the wires, which were then cleaned with emery paper, crossed and twisted several times, one over the other, bell hanger fashion, and the whole covered with soft solder applied with an ordinary soldering iron, common powder resin being used as a flux. A suitable slice of plastic gutta percha was then placed on either side of the joint, the whole pressed in a wooden mould where it was kept under pressure until the gutta percha was quite hard. The joint thus made, was removed from the mould, was shaped like a magnified cigar, some two inches in

diameter and nine in length, it tapered at either end to the size of the covered wire over which it lapped. Each coil of wire was immersed in water as soon as covered, and, if thought sufficiently insulated, passed. The electrical arrangements were not elaborate, and although the battery generally used look formidable, it was totally unsuited to much of the work for which it was required".

When the cable was completed it lay for many weeks unprotected in a yard before the Bretts asked for it to be carted to the Thames and loaded on to a small steam tug, called "The Goliath" for transportation to Dover where it was to be made into one length and wound on to a large iron drum situated 'abaft the funnel'. In order to check the insulation before each coil was joined and wound on to the drum, it was suspended over the side of the ship in the water and tested by connecting the battery and a galvanometer across it. Suspect lengths were moved to the quay for further examination amidst the crowd of interested and inquisitive onlookers.

The 28th August, 1850 was the date fixed for laying the cable; which would demonstrate the feasibility of submarine telegraphic communication between England and the Continent. Seldom, it was said, has a potentially great enterprise been embarked upon under less favourable conditions. There was much disparagement by those who regarded the project as purely visionary and foredoomed to failure, and in addition there was, of course, little precedent for the operation. On the English side of the channel, The Gutta Percha Company had had placed at their disposal by the South Eastern Railway Company, a horse box in the station yard which could be used as an office, while, on the French Coast an old customs look-out shed, near the lighthouse at Cape Grisnez was to be the landing place for the cable.

Accordingly, at 11.0'clock on the morning of the 28th the 'Goliath' left Dover with its drum of cable and accompanied by HM surveying boat 'Widgeon'. The shore end of the cable, enclosed in a lead pipe, ran from the horse box in the station yard, across the road, along a wooden stage, which was there in connection with the building of the Admiralty pier, and into the sea. At sea the route of the cable was marked by a line of buoys along which the ship proceeded at about four miles an hour. As the cable, by its construction, was so little heavier than the water it was found necessary to attach lead weights (8 or 16 lb) at intervals (every sixteenth of a nautical mile) to ensure its sinking. The weights were made in two grooved halves which had to be pressed together over the cable and clamped with studs.

As the "Goliath" proceeded on her way, tests were applied to monitor the insulation and for this purpose a telegraph printer was used with the battery of cells. These tests also demonstrated the capability of transmitting signals. The results of these tests were encouraging, and the laying of the cable continued throughout the afternoon. Apparently, there were some difficulties encountered in landing the shore length on the French coast but these were successfully surmounted, and by nightfall the exchange of signals with Dover proved that "submarine communication between England and France had become an established fact". "The Times" in a leading article remarked:-

"The jest or scheme of yesterday has become the fact of today. The wildest exaggeration of an Arabian Tale has been outdone by the simple achievement of modern times".

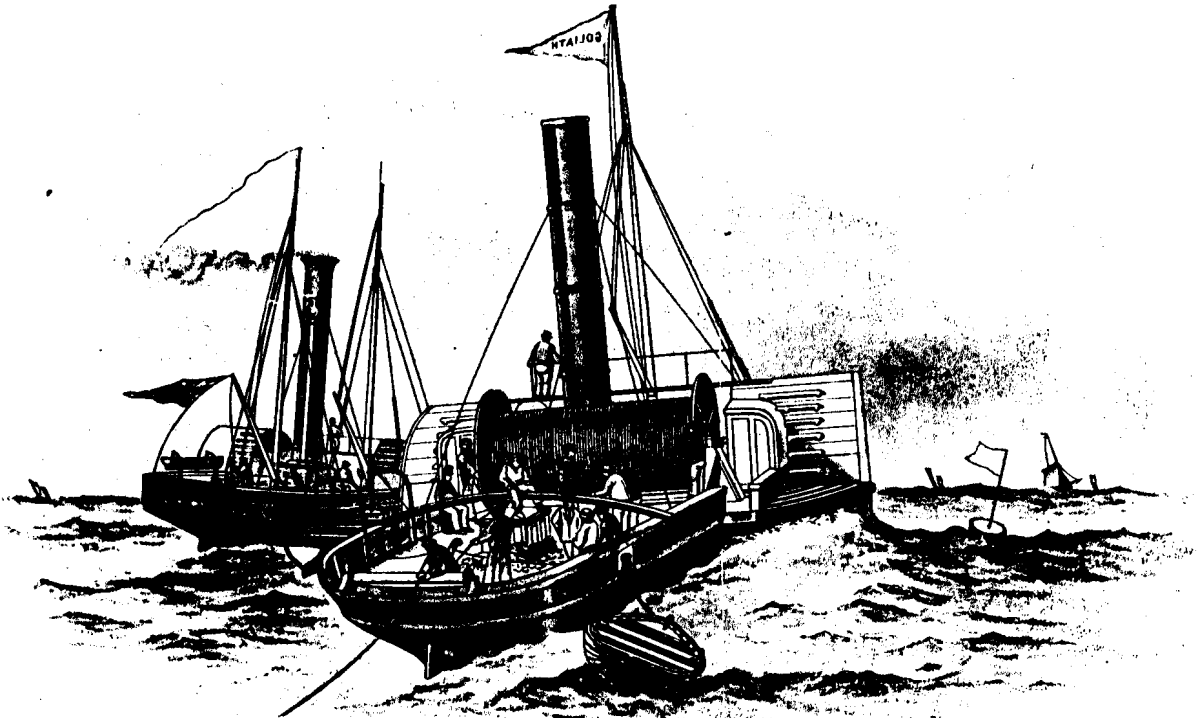
The first message to be sent was reserved for Louis Napoleon and John Brett recorded:-

"I was afterwards informed that some French soldiers, who saw the slip of paper running from the little telegraph instrument, bearing the message from England, enquired how it could possibly have crossed the channel, and when it was explained to them, they were still incredulous".

But the message that arrived was so jumbled that no sense could be made of it. The more the operator tried to control the letters, the more erratic they became. At Dover too, the return signals were in the same disorder and each side furiously blamed the other for celebrating too soon with too much champagne. The effect was, as we now know, due to induction and at that time there was nothing that could be done to remedy the situation. At midnight, they called it a day and retired for the night. Next morning the line was dead.

The story goes that:- "a French fisherman, plying his vocation in the channel waters, hooked up something which was clearly 'neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring' but which he conceived to be a new and strange variety of seaweed. Further investigation led this toiler of the deep to believe that this mysterious substance had gold in it, an assumption which was metaphorically by no means inaccurate. He severed it with his knife, hauled into the boat as much of the line as the craft would hold, conveyed it in triumph to Boulogne, and so closed with startling effect the first chapter in the real history of submarine telegraphy".

The following year, a railway engineer Thomas Russell Crampton, offered to subscribe half of the necessary £15 000 to repeat the operation but with a cable to his own specification. Crampton's cable



THE TUG-BOAT "GOLIATH," ACCOMPANIED BY H.M.S. "WIDGEON," LAYING THE DOVER—CALAIS CABLE, AUGUST 28, 1850.

was made up of four conductors of No. 16 Birmingham Gauge copper wire covered separately with two layers of gutta percha to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter. The cores were twisted together and the interstices filled by tarred Russian hemp strings, the whole then wound about at right angles with similar strands of hemp. Helically wound overall there were ten galvanised iron wires (No. 1 BWG) so that it looked from outside like a great hawser and weighed about seven tons to the mile. It was however proof against fishermen in small boats.

(to be continued)

For Sale

Bunk-bed - £30 - in good condition

Contact Mrs. K.S. Patel
(Typing Pool - Tel.233)

Leadergram

Compiled by Ron Tarbox

Here is another of the Leadergram puzzles that proved so popular at Christmas. The procedure is the same as before. First, solve the crossword-type clues and fill in your answers in the panel opposite. Then transfer the individual letters to the square below, according to the numbers in each small square. As the square builds up it may be possible to guess at the missing letters required to complete a word. In such cases the letters may be filled in the corresponding places in the panel, thus helping to solve other clues.

The completed panel will, and this is a slight variation from the Christmas puzzle, give the title of a book when reading down the first column of letters, and clues C and U will give the author. The square is a quotation from the book.

Send your completed puzzle to reach Geoff Holder not later than Wednesday 7th June. A £2 prize awaits the winner.

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| A | 133 | 172 | 244 | 2 | 168 | 217 | 66 | 138 | 214 | 129 | 114 | 193 | 69 | 80 | 212 | |
| B | 107 | 184 | 115 | 212 | 199 | 87 | 149 | 144 | 37 | | | | | | | |
| C | 237 | 225 | 147 | 82 | 138 | 120 | | | | | | | | | | |
| D | 8 | 104 | 245 | 118 | 122 | 221 | 88 | 164 | 124 | 228 | | | | | | |
| E | 257 | 215 | 15 | 64 | 125 | 197 | 201 | 103 | 116 | 11 | 183 | | | | | |
| F | 224 | 170 | 162 | 8 | 129 | 897 | | | | | | | | | | |
| G | 117 | 248 | 226 | 82 | 187 | 121 | | | | | | | | | | |
| H | 220 | 104 | 204 | 76 | 128 | 128 | | | | | | | | | | |
| I | 294 | 129 | 161 | 202 | 27 | 9 | 267 | 110 | 176 | 141 | 150 | 70 | | | | |
| J | 257 | 229 | 79 | 148 | 143 | 46 | 254 | 213 | 208 | 173 | | | | | | |
| K | 224 | 126 | 24 | 199 | 237 | 151 | 186 | | | | | | | | | |
| L | 253 | 174 | 62 | 121 | 1 | 25 | 10 | 190 | 256 | 128 | | | | | | |
| M | 98 | 19 | 14 | 216 | 93 | 41 | 186 | 192 | | | | | | | | |
| N | 90 | 145 | 101 | 219 | 181 | 5 | 195 | 13 | 17 | 40 | | | | | | |
| O | 16 | 7 | 146 | 31 | 77 | 97 | 183 | 223 | 119 | 211 | 86 | | | | | |
| P | 118 | 91 | 137 | 232 | 74 | 26 | 242 | 22 | 43 | 240 | 109 | 206 | 29 | 105 | | |
| Q | 35 | 65 | 132 | 58 | 37 | 177 | 47 | 257 | | | | | | | | |
| R | 72 | 54 | 61 | 159 | 87 | 222 | 23 | 33 | 227 | 140 | 210 | | | | | |
| S | 42 | 57 | 120 | 82 | 43 | 19 | 123 | 50 | 141 | 122 | 220 | 223 | 34 | 21 | 142 | |
| T | 163 | 47 | 218 | 244 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| U | 30 | 102 | 245 | 171 | 144 | 92 | | | | | | | | | | |
| V | 45 | 32 | 228 | 38 | 108 | 75 | 200 | 100 | 209 | 20 | 111 | 73 | | | | |
| W | 26 | 28 | 243 | 44 | 241 | 149 | 72 | 25 | 260 | 95 | 157 | 57 | 122 | 113 | 258 | 228 |
| X | 28 | 64 | 207 | 31 | 162 | 6 | 86 | | | | | | | | | |
| Y | 144 | 146 | 71 | 26 | 18 | 127 | 3 | 175 | 96 | 147 | 228 | 202 | 42 | 85 | 49 | |
| Z | 33 | 135 | 124 | 72 | 60 | 235 | 120 | 226 | 43 | 172 | 81 | 124 | 140 | | | |

The cause of most sins of omission. (15)

Like 7734 degrees over. (3, 2, 4)

The Christian name of the serious and sincere author. (6)

Not mail in a heap, in a neat stack perhaps. (10)

The study of material remains. (11)

Should not be used for cleaning an ink pan. (6)

You get what you ask if you omit one of these from a fluid-tight joint. (6)

An acre in Middlesex is better than a principality in (Macaulay) (6)

A most men hate can affect my feelings, too (8, 2, 2)

Is the country of the dumb this? (6, 4)

A dwarfish whole, its body brevity and wit its soul. (Coleridge). (7)

Memo on food portents disaster. (4, 2, 4)

A flat task gives a quick but unreliable response. (4, 4)

And his way, where Seraphs might despair. (Byron) (6, 4)

A new Rover might make a din, even when this. (5, 6)

Speeders tasted this when caught? (9, 5)

We dig, see! (with lateral thinking?) (8)

Roland. L. Cork was not responsible for all this jazz. (4, 3, 4)

Hunger is an indicator of this. (4, 2, 2, 7)

..... are the unacknowledged legislators of the world. (Shelley) (5)

You have to hunt for the surname of the author. (6)

Beneficial both to the mind and the body. (4, 8)

A parting gift clock rings this. (11, 5)

A small blot. (3, 4)

Sounds of fragmentation in the kitchen. (7, 3, 5)

Needed not only for optical experiments. (10, 3)

Section Reports

CRICKET SECTION

Wood Lane has taken the plunge and entered the London Borough of Hammersmith KO Cricket Competition. In the 1st round we are away to Wallingford CC, the game to be played on Tuesday 23rd May. Your support would be welcome. Further details from Terry Alleyne (208).

FILM SOCIETY

Although there are no film shows during the summer, this is the time when the committee work like beavers planning the forthcoming season. A number of films are selected by each committee member from over 40 different distributors catalogues; these are discussed and a final choice of six features and about twenty short films is made, with a few extra on a secondary list, in case some of the first selection are not available. Booking is a process of juggling with dates according to when the films are available from the distributors, and considerable form-filling. Once confirmation of the bookings is received, work on the brochure can commence and also other items such as publicity material and the organisation of programmes, season tickets etc.

1977/78 was a very successful season, an average of 45 people attended each film show. 1978/79 being our jubilee season, it would be nice to improve upon this number, so please come along. We have recently received a letter from the British Federation of Film Societies congratulating us on our achievements in the Film Society of the Year Awards, a copy of which is reproduced here. We aim, with your support, to try and win the award next time.

The NFT programme for the remainder of May is shown below, further details of the films are available in the booklet kept in the library.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|------------|------|--|---------|------|------------|---|
| 20 Sat | NFT1 | 4.15 | 8.45 | The Picture Show Man (unconfirmed) | 26 Fri | NFT1 | 6.30 | Our Men in Havens |
| 20 Sat | NFT1 | 6.30 | | Storm Boy | 26 Fri | NFT1 | 8.45 | Mad Dog (unconfirmed) |
| 20 Sat | NFT2 | 4.00 | | John Huntley Lecture: How It All Began - The Detectives (all seats bookable at 60p) (J.) | 26 Fri | NFT1 | 11.00 p.m. | The Odd Couple |
| 20 Sat | NFT2 | 6.15 | 8.30 | Outcast of the Islands | 26 Fri | NFT2 | 6.15 8.30 | Regeneration |
| 21 Sun | NFT1 | 4.15 | 8.45 | Caddie | 27 Sat | NFT1 | 4.15 8.45 | Tell Them Willie Boy is Here |
| 21 Sun | NFT1 | 6.30 | | Journey Among Women | 27 Sat | NFT1 | 6.30 | Way Out West/The Music Box (J.) |
| 21 Sun | NFT2 | 4.00 | | Father Brown (all seats bookable at 60p) (J.) | 27 Sat | NFT2 | 4.00 | Bulldog Jack (all seats bookable at 60p) (J.) |
| 21 Sun | NFT2 | 6.15 | 8.30 | Louisiana Story (J.) | 27 Sat | NFT2 | 6.15 | The Downfall |
| 22 Mon- | | | | | 27 Sat | NFT2 | 8.30 | Oyuki, the Virgin |
| 26 Fri | NFT2 | 2.30 daily | | JULIUS CAESAR (1953) (J.) | 28 Sun | NFT1 | 5.00 8.00 | Oliver! (all seats bookable at £1.20) (J.) |
| 22 Mon | NFT1 | 6.30 | | The Singer and the Dancer/Love Letters from Terabba Road | 28 Sun | NFT2 | 3.45 | Bulldog Jack (all seats bookable at 60p) (J.) |
| 22 Mon | NFT2 | 6.15 | 8.30 | A Man's Castle | 28 Sun | NFT2 | 5.45 8.15 | The Field Poppy/Osaka Elegy |
| 23 Tue | NFT1 | 6.10 | 8.45 | Marnie | 29 Mon- | | | |
| 23 Tue | NFT2 | 6.15 | 8.30 | The Man Between | 31 Wed | NFT2 | 2.30 daily | JULIUS CAESAR (1953) (J.) |
| 24 Wed | NFT1 | 6.30 | 8.45 | Now, Voyager | 29 Mon | NFT1 | 5.45 8.25 | The Agony and the Ecstasy |
| 24 Wed | NFT2 | 6.15 | 8.30 | A Kid for Two Farthings (J.) | 29 Mon | NFT2 | 6.00 8.20 | The Swordsman/Victory of Women |
| 25 Thu | NFT1 | 6.30 | | Trapeze | 30 Tue | NFT1 | 6.30 | A City's Child |
| 25 Thu | NFT1 | 8.45 | | The Key | 30 Tue | NFT1 | 8.45 | 27A |
| 25 Thu | NFT2 | 6.15 | 8.30 | Only Angels Have Wings | 30 Tue | NFT2 | 6.15 8.30 | The Love of Sumako, the Actress |
| | | | | | 31 Wed | NFT1 | 6.30 | Inside Looking Out |
| | | | | | 31 Wed | NFT1 | 8.15 | Pure S/Backroads |
| | | | | | 31 Wed | NFT2 | 6.15 8.30 | A Woman of Rumour |

Annette Mattock
(Secretary)

Dear Annette,

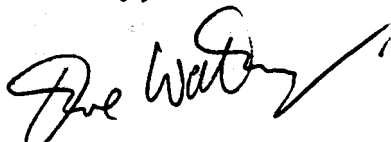
On behalf of the Federation may I offer you my congratulations on your receiving a special commendation in the 1977 Film Society Awards. The outright winner of the closed film society category was the Post Office Research Film Society, but the judges felt that your entry was such a close second that it deserved a special commendation.

As I am sure you are aware many closed societies are unadventurous in their programming and in their publicity, but BICC represents a significant departure from this norm. The judges were impressed by the range of films you show and by the programme notes you prepare. You are also one of the few major film societies outside an educational establishment who have actually made some films themselves.

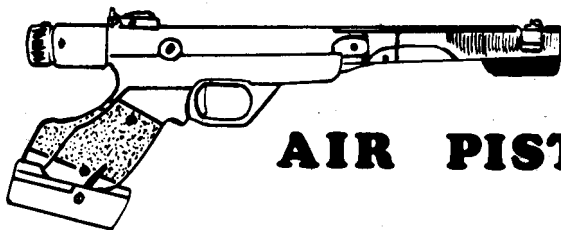
It is a real pleasure to be able to recognise the dedicated hard work which has carried BICC through the years. May I urge you to keep up the high standard and keep your fingers crossed for 1979.

Once more my congratulations and best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,



Dave Watterson
General Secretary



AIR PISTOL SHOOTING

Shooting Averages at 27.4.78.



Member of

| Pos. | | Ave. | Pos. | | Ave. |
|------|-------------------|------|------|---------------|------|
| 1 | Joe Lou | 43.7 | 6 | Roger Roberts | 27.3 |
| 2 | Denis Groombridge | 41.6 | 7 | Dave Marriage | 27.0 |
| 3 | Bob Maidlow | 39.1 | 8 | Eric Chawner | 22.8 |
| 4 | Pat Donovan | 31.5 | 9 | Tom Doré | 22.2 |
| 5 | Pete Walters | 29.9 | 10 | Roy Fraser | 19.3 |

SHOOTING COMPETITION

A competition has been started for regular participants in the Thursday evening shooting. Each competitor will shoot a total of twenty cards over a period of not less than ten weeks. Emphasis will be on consistent shooting not solely the attainment of a high score, and to achieve this a handicapping system has been devised. Details of this system will be given at the shooting sessions.

LOST!

From the Motoring Section:-

- (1) SPQR Tappet adjuster
- (2) Gunson's Colourtune

Have a look in your toolboxes and around your car boot, perhaps you are the culprit. If so please return them to Graham Taylor (Tel. 322).

HOT AIR BALLOON SECTION

Before the next issue of the Bush Telegraph, The Balloon will have gone up in BICC Research and Engineering Limited. Hot upon this event we shall be enjoying our bright new Aerostat who shall be our first PUT (Pilot Under Training)? Who shall be our first passenger? Who will accept their insurance??

Perhaps now is the time for this matter to be clearly stated. First the Balloon is well insured and we have a public liability cover of £250,000. But the matter of personal insurance is complex. As a passenger you are covered (limit of liability £50,000) but the moment you change your status from passenger to pilot (and PUT is included in that category) you are not covered by the Balloon insurance policy. Further, you are well advised to check that any personal policies you may have are not invalidated. If you wish there are firms who will provide an Aviation Risk policy.

The first weekend in May was marked by a visit to a Balloon Fete held in the pretty little village of Priston, near Bath. On the Saturday several A&SC members attended and were eventually rewarded by the sight of a single balloon inflation. Their disappointment at seeing so little of this balloon carnival was assuaged a little when our host, Neil Robertson of Golly fame, invited us into his home and put on a video recording of 1977 ballooning events. By Sunday only two stalwarts remained in fond hopes of some improvement in the weather. They were myself and Nick Thearle; two good lads from Crosby, Liverpool (even if Nick went to the other school)!

We were well rewarded and by the end of the day we had seen 22 balloons launched, returned and launched again. Nick got in amongst them and has tackled most of the crewing jobs made to sound so mysterious in last months teach-in, including a very successful retrieve solo! Not bad for his very first balloon fete. Our thanks to John Littler for his help on this trip.

Derry.

Proposed Ballooning Events to Date

| | |
|--|------------------|
| BICC Balloon First Showing Wood Lane | Early June |
| French Balloon Meet, Paris | 3-4 June |
| Nottingham University | 12-20 June |
| King's School, Chester | 24th June |
| Bristol University | 30th June |
| Towry Law Cross-Britain Balloon Race | June/July |
| Wormwood Scrubs Event | July |
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| Central London Polytechnic, Sports Day | 5th July |
| Manchester Show | 29th July |
| Tyneside Exhibition | 5th August |
| Ferryhouse Race Course | 12th,13th August |
| Villiers Meet, Exeter | 23rd-28th August |
| Championships | 9th-16th Sept. |
| Brunel University | Sept-Oct. |

GENEALOGY SECTION

A specimen copy of the journal "Family History", published by the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, is currently being circulated to all members. Please circulate this as quickly as possible so that we can arrive at a decision regarding a permanent subscription. If there are any non-members who would like to see this journal would they please contact Mike Hagger (208).

The "PETERBOROUGH" column of The Daily Telegraph recently reported (!) an explosive union from 1823.

"William Gustavus Gunn and Emily Maria Pistol, married in Petersburg, Virginia, by Reverend Cannon".

If this fires (!) your enthusiasm and you would like to trace your ancestors, Mike Hagger or Mike Kendle (208) will be pleased to advise you.

Social Club AGM
Thur. 25 May-17.40
Main Hall

BRIDGE SECTION

The season closed with the section's annual "Pairs" competition held in the Main Hall on 5th April.

We were joined by "Pairs" invited from other clubs participating in the Hammersmith & District League and after twenty seven boards and several pints, the top three pairs were:-

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st T.J. Laker & J.A. Yonge | North Thames Gas |
| 2nd Mr & Mrs R. Belcher | Hammersmith Flyover |
| 3rd J.A. Gobbetti & G. Walker | BICC |

The last three matches in the Hammersmith League resulted in two wins against Lyons and a defeat at Morganite, with the team finishing the season in third place. As yet no final league table has been received for the L.B.H. League.

Results for March:-

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------|------|-----|
| LBH | ICL | Lost | 3-7 |
| Hammersmith | Lyons | Won | 8-2 |
| " | Lyons | Won | 9-1 |
| " | Morganite | Lost | 4-6 |

HAMMERSMITH & DISTRICT CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

| <u>Division</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Played</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Drawn</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>I.M.Ps</u> | | <u>Victory Points</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | |
| II | Watson House | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 827 | 484 | 88 |
| | Hammersmith Flyover | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 815 | 569 | 78 |
| | BICC | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 709 | 646 | 67 |
| | NTG Fulham 'B' | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 686 | 639 | 63 |
| | Morganite | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 699 | 830 | 49 |
| | Wimpey 'B' | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 540 | 731 | 45 |
| | Lyons 'B' | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 491 | 868 | 30 |

SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS SECTION

Restrictions have been imposed on the budgets of all Social Club Sections this year, and in the case of the Snooker and Billiards Section this means that we will not have enough in the kitty to pay for re-covering the table, which will become necessary in the fairly near future. The answer, I hope members will agree, is to raise some extra cash ourselves. There are many precedents for this, of course - one example is the Badminton Section who pay for their own shuttlecocks - and the only question is how best to do it.

After much deliberation, it was decided that a levy of 4p per frame (not per person, please note) would not lead to general bankruptcy amongst even the most ardent lunch-hour fanatics. It's a lot less, after all, than you'd pay in any pub or club, and the light doesn't go out just as you're about to complete that century break! With the present rate of use of the table, and honesty on the part of the players, this could raise about £50 in a full year, enough (with the grant from the Executive Council) to see the table re-covered (with a better quality cloth than hitherto, incidentally) and a little over for incidentals.

The levy will apply from 1st June, when a suitable receptacle for the cash will be attached (very securely!) to the cupboard where the equipment is kept. For this year, the levy will not apply to Tournament games, since the players entered without prior notice that any charge would be made.

It occurs to me that players may like to add some spice to the game, at the same time helping to add to the section funds, by a system of penalties. I suggest 1p per point given away per foul (i.e. a minimum of 4p, and a maximum of 7p for a foul on the black). It would be a voluntary system, agreed by the players (or not, as the case may be) before the start of each game. Please let me know what you think.

G.F. Holder

POT WHITE '78

There are now only 2 matches to be played in the 1978 snooker tournament. Geoff Holder has to meet "Johnnie" Walker in a semi-final and the winner plays Keith Elder in the final. In the quarter-finals Keith Elder completed his match against Stuart Castle winning the third frame on the black. In another quarter-final Mike Kendle had a comfortable 2-0 victory over Tony Jordan. There was a slight upset in the last quarter-final when the "seeded" Terry Alleyne lost to "Johnnie" Walker. "Johnnie" took the first and third frames with Terry countering with the second. In the first semi-final between Mike Kendle and Keith Elder the first frame went to Keith when Mike was forced to pot the pink when 15 points behind. In the second frame Mike went romping into the lead and Keith had no answer, conceding the match on the brown. In the decider luck seemed to desert Mike when he gave away 12 points at an early stage. Keith never lost this lead and eventually won the frame when Mike conceded on the brown.

BADMINTON SECTION

MATCHES

A number of friendly matches have been played over the past few months. In fact since the last match report made in February's BT, five mixed doubles matches have been played. Mixed fortunes were encountered with three matches resulting in victories to Wood Lane.

On the 22nd February, St. Pauls visited Wood Lane and inflicted a 6-3 defeat on us, although one of the 'visiting' pairs was a certain Denis Groombridge and 'better half' - so honours even, perhaps!

Drake House visited us on the 8th March but they did not live up to their famous namesake and were sunk without trace in an easy 9-0 win to Wood Lane - no Spanish Armada for them! A return match on the 3rd May when we fielded a slightly weaker team - young Richard McHale of Friday Night Fever fame and that well known 'Taylor-made' aide, Graham, substituting for Dave Goff and Denis Groombridge in their respective pairs - was a much closer contest with 7 of the 9 rubbers going to 3 games and Wood Lane sneaking a 5-4 victory.

The 12th April saw the return of our friends from Marks & Spencers. An enjoyable evening resulted in another close 5-4 victory to Wood Lane.

An away fixture at Glaxo on the 14th April ended even closer, the match being decided by a winning net cord shot at 16-16 in the 3rd game of the final rubber to give Glaxo a 5-4 win.

Results to date and future fixtures:

(a) Mixed

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------|------|-----|
| 25.1.78 | Marks & Spencer | Home | 6-3 |
| 22.2.78 | St. Pauls | Home | 3-6 |
| 8.3.78 | Drake House | Home | 9-0 |
| 12.4.78 | Marks & Spencer | Home | 5-4 |
| 14.4.78 | Glaxo | Away | 4-5 |
| 3.5.78 | Drake House | Home | 5-4 |
| 17.5.78 | St. Pauls | Home | |
| 12.7.78 | St. Albans | Home | |

(b) Mens

| | | | |
|---------|------------|------|-----|
| 1.2.78 | Plessey | Home | 3-6 |
| 7.6.78 | St. Pauls | Away | |
| 28.6.78 | St. Albans | Away | |

SPRING 1978 AMERICAN HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

The four groups have been played : the results are given below and the winners will form a final group which will be 'fought out' on the 10th May.

GROUP RESULTS : AGGREGATE SCORES

GROUP 1

| | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|----|
| 1st | M. Patel & L.P. Lou | 60 |
| 2nd | Alan Bangay & Dave Martin | 51 |
| 3rd | Dennis Cooper & Eileen King | 43 |

GROUP 2

| | | |
|-----|---------------------------------|----|
| 1st | Richard McHale & Eleanor Tarbox | 84 |
| 2nd | Tom Bonikowski & Chris Butlin | 78 |
| 3rd | Dave Goff & Sandra McCormick | 77 |
| 4th | Graham Taylor & Pete Walters | 58 |

GROUP 3

| | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1st | Vic Banks & Ron Arekion | 90 |
| 2nd | Guy Secrett & John Childs | 66 |
| 3rd | John Taylor & Keith Sichel | 64 |
| 4th | Denis Groombridge & Arthur Boardman | 63 |

GROUP 4

| | | |
|-----|-------------------------------|----|
| 1st | Ian Ringrose & Tony Jordan | 60 |
| 2nd | Adrian Cole & Angela Thornton | 51 |
| 3rd | Alan Hopkins & Stuart Castle | 48 |

FINAL GROUP

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| M. Patel & L.P. Lou | -6 |
| Richard McHale & Eleanor Tarbox | -3 |
| Vic Banks & Ron Arekion | -5 |
| Ian Ringrose & Tony Jordan | Scr |

To be played on Wednesday 10th May 1978

LATE NEWS

Mayur Patel and Joe Lou win Badminton Final.
Full details next month.

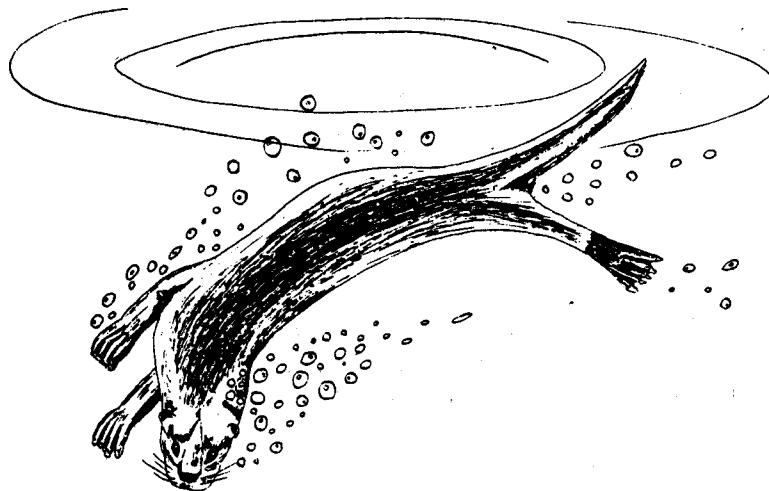
SEA ANGLING

This year's season is now well under 'weigh', with two trips out of three putting to sea. Catches are on the up and up with 30lbs boated in the first trip and 68.5 lbs in the second.

Competition-wise things are definitely looking fishy, especially in Metallurgy Department with Alan Bangay with 29lbs of fish and Chris Buchan with 25lbs; the rest of us had better pull our lines up and stop 'slacking'.

We have been contacted by Balfour Kilpatrick at Wallington who have a Sea Angling section and would like to arrange an inter-division Competition, so if we have enough interest one will be arranged.

As the fine weather approaches(??), why not come out fishing? If you are at all interested ring Pete Walton on 323 for more information.



A possible addition to the tackle boxes of some members of the Angling Section.

Executive Council

At the Executive Council meeting on 3rd May, the Treasurer summarised the financial position for the past year. The full figures will be presented at the AGM. The budget for 1978/9 was presented. All section secretaries should have received notification of their allocation. Some cut-back has been necessary for the coming year and, to stop demands on the Club's capital, the bar is to aim for a profit of £400.

Another means of raising extra funds was considered, namely participation with other BICC clubs in the recently announced Lottery. This was agreed to be a good idea, but it was recognised that it is difficult to sell tickets on a regular basis on the site.

Ten applications for membership were presented and all applicants were duly elected.

The possibility of obtaining a new badminton floor was discussed, as the present one is becoming rather unsafe. It was decided that a firm quotation should be obtained before approaching the Company.

Another item raised was the continued maintenance of the Club's piano situated on the 5th floor. This piece of equipment was considered to be so seldom used that it could usefully be sold. It was agreed to obtain members' views on this. If you have any thoughts on this matter, and how the money raised should be spent, please see any member of the Executive Council.

At the end of the meeting the Gen. Secretary informed the Council that, due to pressures of work, he would be unable to continue in his role after the AGM. A letter concerning this matter appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Club has also lost its Chairman, Dr. Peter McNeill, who leaves the Company at the end of May. A vote of thanks for his service to the Club was proposed by the General Secretary and supported by all members of the Council.

The next meeting was set for 25th May, immediately prior to the AGM.

Late News

Geoff Holder qualifies to meet Keith Elder in Snooker final.

First With The Muse

Wires and cables are not the most obvious inspirational source for the English language's poets, but the poem reproduced below, which was uncovered for us by Stefan Verne, provides an exception.

THE DEEP SEA CABLES

The wrecks dissolve above us; their dust drops down from afar -
Down to the dark, to the utter dark, where the blind white
sea-snakes are.

There is no sound, no echo of sound, in the deserts of the deep
Or the great grey level plains of ooze where the shell-buried
cables creep.

Here in the womb of the world - here on the tie-ribs of earth
Words, and the words of men, flicker and flutter and beat -
Warning, sorrow and gain, salutation and mirth -
For a Power troubles the Still that has neither voice nor fee-

They have wakened the timeless Things; they have killed their
father Time;

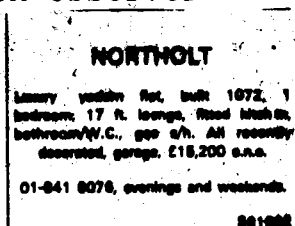
Joining hands in the gloom, a league from the last of the sun
Hush! Men talk to-day o'er the waste of the ultimate slime,
And a new Word runs between : whispering, "Let us be one!".

A small prize if you can recognise the poet and the cable which inspired him. In the event of more than one correct answer being received the prize will go to whoever can submit a further example (or examples) of published poems connected with wires or cables.

Answers to Mike Hagger by Wednesday 7th June.

BILL CONQ. LIVED HERE!

Harold Boulton sent us this little snippet from the West London Observer



We must look out for it in the Penguin edition of the Domesday Book.

What's in a Name?

We were very pleased to receive 8 answers to this competition. All entries were correct, and the winner is Carol Platt, Chemistry Dept. Congratulations to you, a prize is on its way.

The final answer is given below.

| | | |
|--|--------------|---|
| Horse Dealer | COPER | E |
| Cask Maker | COOPER | O |
| Bit Maker, Spurrier | LORINER | R |
| Guitar Maker | LUTHIER | U |
| Man employed to rouse game | BEATER | A |
| Proprietor of corn mill | MILLER | R |
| Shoemaker | CORDWAINER | D |
| Person converting hide into leather | TANNER | A |
| Worker in tin | WHITESMITH | T |
| Maker of spoons & combs | HORNER | H |
| Maker of bows | BOWYER | E |
| Stable hand at an inn | OSTLER | T |
| Horse Doctor | FARRIER | A |
| Dealer in silks & cloth | MERCER | C |
| Maker of Wheels | WHEELWRIGHT | T |
| Person employed in cutting canals | NAVY | N |
| Gatherer of corn left by reapers | GLEANER | N |
| Chief harpooner on Whaling Ship | SPECKTIONEER | C |
| Beggar | MENDICANT | C |

When rearranged, the letters form

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