



PROBLEMS

The first and most pressing problem is that of whether the inestimable SPIOBE can be dragged to its feet once more for the few weeks remaining of the season.

In spite of the uncertainty about this, I would like to suggest that a special issue be once again prepared, this time for Christmas. I do not have a huge 23-copy issue like Midwinter's in mind, but if there is any demand for a Christmas issue, let there be one. There must have been a multitude of cockups during the summer, and it would be a crying shame if they were to go uncommented upon.

The second problem was one presented to me by one of our most devoted readers. It arrived under a sealed plain cover, and at first I thought it might be feeble postcards or an advertisement for johnnies, but it was the following touching request, which had eluded the vigilance of Prodnose:

deer edditer hu is me dad ? wen i wos in the feeld with bos  
donilsn he sd i woz as daft as mi dad an he sed me dad wos a blakfase  
fuker lick me wen i ast im hu mi dad waz hi sed it woz that litl runtt  
knutchi an it woz a wis chyld wot noo its one faver i sed i du not  
unnerstand that bos he sed idont supos yu duyuu R tu thik wulfi  
now bos edditer yu no everithink an yu no i am not litl an ugerli  
lick that litl runtt i am hansum wiv a nise cote an teef i am the biggest  
dogg of the lot it is not orl fat lick wot bos kambl sed i am 40kg of  
sollid mussel yor luvn wulfi

The sooner Prodnose gets back the better.

SPLODE REASEARCH.

First patent for communication by the use of electromagnetic waves was granted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1896 to one MARCONI.

The first permanent wireless station was sited at the Needles on the Isle of Wight in 1896

First advertised broadcast made on the 24th Dec 1906 by Fessenden in America

Earliest transatlantic signal was the letter 'S' in morse. Sent by Marconi using a 10 Kilowatt transmitter sited in Cornwall.

First speech sent in 1919 by Ditcham from Ireland to Canada

First regular broadcasts in Britain were begun by Marconi in Feb. 1922

Appologies for the spelling it should give you a clue to who looked this information up in the Guinness book of records.

## HINTS TO CROQUET PLAYERS IN THE ANTARCTIC.

Remember that it is vital to keep your balls well oiled, to prevent them from cracking in the cold, especially when they are banged together. During play, the mallet may either be swung alongside of the body, or between the players' legs. Swinging the mallet between the opponents' legs is considered to be a foul stroke.

In starting, a great advantage can be gained by standing close to one's opponents. If one of them is an elderly player, you may be able to maim him, with the back swing of the mallet. (A few protruding nails, on the non-playing face of the mallet, are a great asset.)

One of the major objects of the game, is to drive your heavy wooden ball into your opponents balls.

If preceeding opponent through hoop, on successfully negotiating the obstacle you gain a free shot. Whilst playing this shot, it is advisable to stamp heavily in front of the hoop, thus ensuring that the other side have a great deal of difficulty in getting through the hoop. If, however, you do this and your partner has not yet come through this hoop, you will have another mallet on which to keep a wary eye.

If you are doubtful about playing a shot from close to the hoop, welly fuck\*out of the ball. This way nobody will be able to see whether or not the ball has gone through the hoop. Releasing your mallet at the right time whilst executing this manoeuvre, may also distract the opposition, in fact it may even cut it down by half

\*To welly fuck out of a ball is an ancient vicarage term for a firm shot.

An article for Splode to write  
I wonder what to do  
Is'ts probably a load of shite  
and certainly not true

The editor has been away  
just where is hard to tell  
to Stancomb Wills? of Christmas Box?  
November 9 as well?

With ne'er a drop save melted snow  
Oh what a dreadful fate  
Pity we've drunk all the beer  
He's just come back too late

And now at last I've reached the end  
Of this my little verse  
You'll all agree, for poetry  
It couldnt be much worse

WASN'T LIKE  
THIS LAST  
YEAR

