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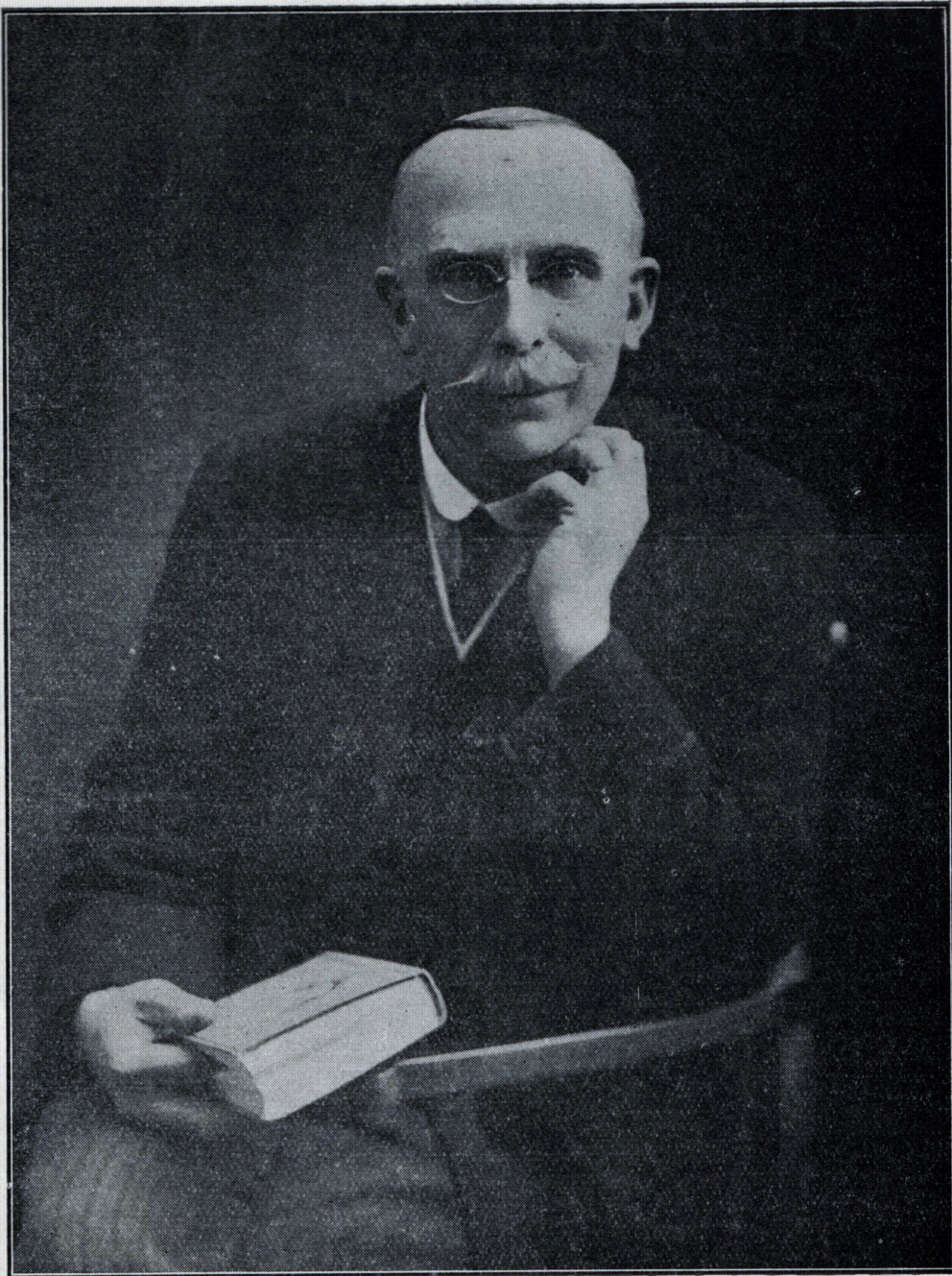
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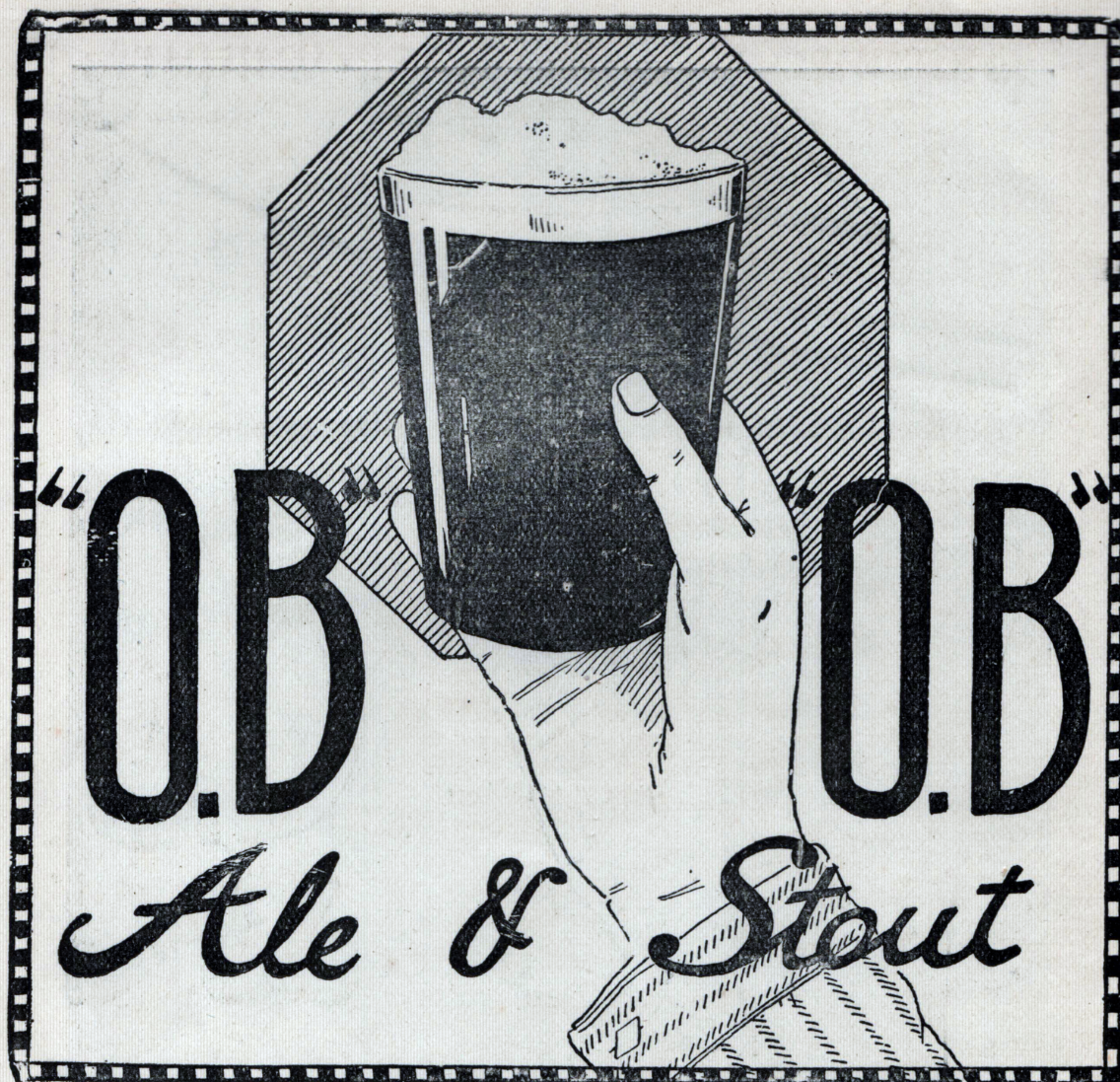
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Synopsis.

The Reader will have noticed the colour scheme of the Bazaar decorations, viz., red, white, and blue.

The title given to the Bazaar is "EMPIRE."

PROLOGUE.

In the prologue a father is telling a bed-time story to his children.

Having reminded them that our England is "set in the silver sea," and that Neptune, the old sea-god named it "Britannia," he proposes to tell them something about the Empire on which the sun never sets. A word about the sea forms an introduction to his discourse, so in

SCENE I.

WE see the old god Neptune seated, surrounded with the "Colours of the Sea."

A group of sea-maidens enter and gracefully dance before the god.

Connecting talk.

Continuing his story, the father tells of the founder of the British Navy, King Alfred the Great.

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Pageant of the British Empire—*Continued.*

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An era of peace and prosperity has set in. Alfred has spent much time in forming new and just laws for his subjects; in establishing schools for the children of his people; in developing trade with neighbouring countries, and has arrived at the conclusion after much thought, that England will not be safe from foreign invasion unless protected by a strong navy.

He informs a few of his followers in immediate attendance upon him of his intention, and so the talk ends abruptly and we find ourselves in

SCENE II.

KING ALFRED with his Queen is just finishing his conversation with his theigns.

These express entire agreement with the King's proposal to build a Navy.

The King then entertains them. A number of girls in brilliant Viking dress dance and the scene ends.

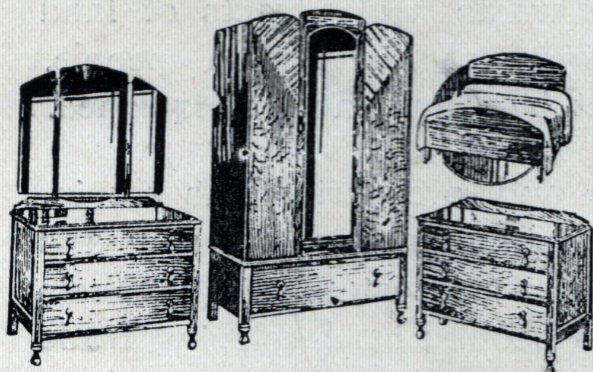
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The children are engrossed with their father's story, which has now reached the time of the spacious days of Queen Elizabeth. A general reference is made to the voyages of the old sea-dogs of Devon, to the Spanish Main.

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Pageant of the British Empire—*Continued.*

The narrator dwells on the great exploit of Drake in being the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe, and reminds his children, that as Plymothians they should feel especially proud of Drake, as it was always from Plymouth that the famous sailor embarked.

In picturing the sturdy ship the "Golden Hind" of everlasting memory sailing over the lonely ocean, the imagination is assisted by the passage in

SCENE III.

A PERFECT MODEL of the famous VESSEL moving gracefully over the sea.

SCENE IV.

History records Elizabeth's pride and joy in her great Admiral and his magnificent achievement. She decided to visit the ship which was now lying at Deptford on the river Thames.

On the deck of the "Golden Hind" Drake proudly received his beloved Queen, who commanded him to return to her the sword which she had given him just previous to his departure on his famous voyage.

Elizabeth gazed intently on the naked blade, then motioning Drake to kneel, she bestowed the high honour of knighthood upon her brave sailor.

A graceful Minuet by young ladies in attendance brings the scene to a close.



Parish Church of
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Plymouth.

Connecting Talk.

The father in his story has reached the present times. His children hear of the growing interest of the modern Englishman in our colonies and dependancies. The possibilities of a huge Empire Trade may become a realization if Britishers all over the world foster mutual goodwill.

The spirit of goodwill is growing steadily; not only between England and her colonies but also between England and the majority of the nations of the world.

The spirit of brotherhood is exercising the minds of the peoples of the earth, and if, and when, CHRIST is acknowledged the "King of Kings" and the "Saviour of mankind," hatred and greed will no longer be felt in the hearts of men; war will cease, and Peace will reign triumphant,

So in

SCENE V.

BRITANNIA with her attendants, England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, in a red, white, and and blue setting, receives the "Spirits of Goodwill" from the North, South, East, and West National Dances add joy to the scene.



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FINALE.

WAR boastfully proclaims his domination, and his joy in the groans of the dying on the battlefield, and the sobs of widows and orphans.

His sneer at man's attempts to make peace is suddenly stopped by the voice of "Peace" herself—"Peace shall reign triumphant."

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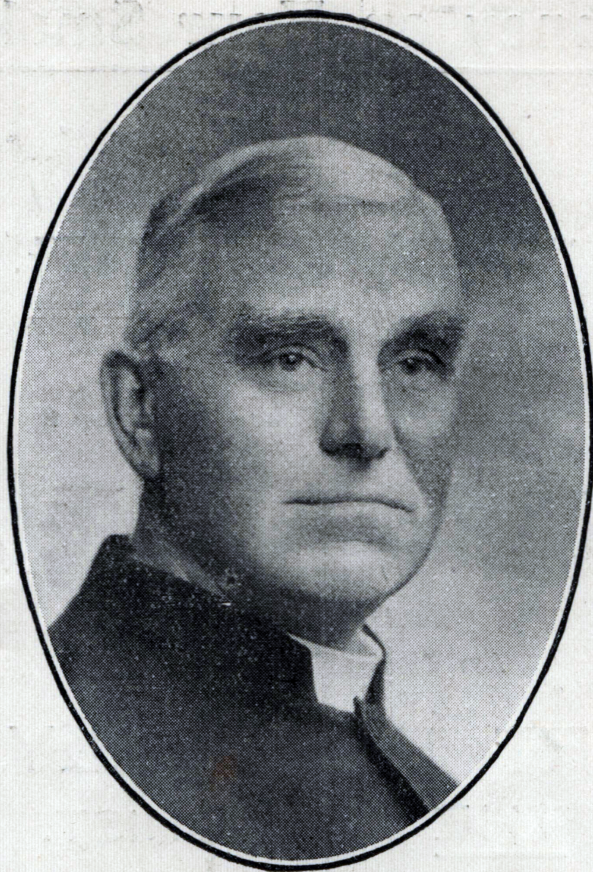
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