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Shortly before midnight this enjoyable evening came to a close, an evening where good comradeship and sportsmanship were such a happy feature, and I wish to thank the "Scharfschützen" for having enabled me once more to be present in their midst.
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A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

In the metrical form of Th. Hardy's "The souls of the slain".

(And may the sacrilege be forgiven.)

The coming of Christmas he pondered,
Alone on the hill,
As the fields he surveyed,
Many-furrowed and with snow inlaid.
What would please and surprise his good woman? he wondered
As men sometimes will.

On the choice of gifts he stood musing,
Gifts useful and bright,
Fit for a farmer's wife,
Something to last her throughout her life,
Till his mind, through the darkness of planning and choosing,
At last saw a light.

No longer should folks, slyly nudging,
Describe him as mean.
He'd confound them this time
For now, attaining to heights sublime,
He would give her, this Yuletide, the outlay not grudging,
A threshing machine.

J.J.F.S.



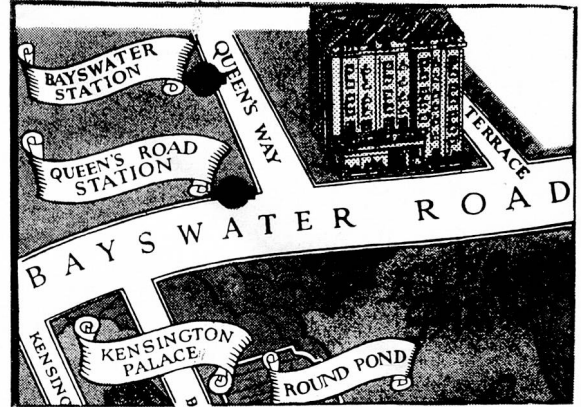
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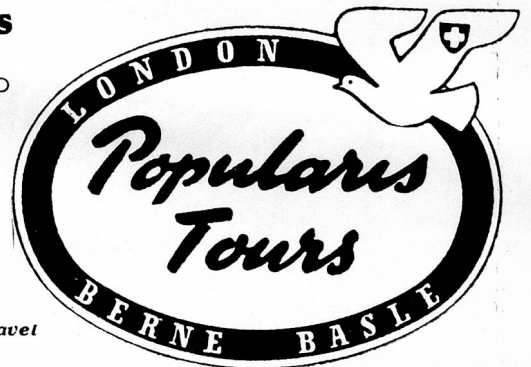
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