

TINYMAG

FIFTY - TWO

The half being Matthew James Brown born on Sunday May 20th at 7.20 am, a couple of weeks "early", but 7lb 2oz all the same. The father is one Bob Brown - a rather smug specimen of humanity at present - and the parental household is 53 Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, Preston PR2 4SS. Congratulations, commiserations etc may be telephoned to Preston 863 559 or Preston 51831 ext 219 during working hours. The price of this publication is 25 pence

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DEADLINES

En Garde to Dave Waring by Saturday June the 30th
RT 66 B to David Watts by Saturday June 30th as well
All the rest to me and Ron by Friday July 6th

DEADLINES

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"I wonder if there is such a thing as an Irish postman anymore" muses Dave Tucker and I have to echo that sentiment as Cybercrud 4 is held over yet again. Some zines are replacing the Irish players and I am doing the same in the Railway Rivals game which is being held up (see page 10), but I am reluctant to do that in the TA II game. If anyone would like to play Mordor or Bhan, would they please contact me, though.

Sunday's child is full of grace, yes? Well there's not too much that this little 'un can do wrong! I've even forgiven him for waking me up (via the wife) at 2.00 in the morning because it wasn't his fault. The blame for that gets laid at the door of one John James who was visiting us the previous day with Anne and his daughter Sian. "I hope you get woken up in the middle of the night," quoth he. "Nay" says I "we're civilised in this family." Matthew must have heard us talking about the middle of the night and figured that that was when he was expected..... There are lots of cliches about the proud father and I expect that most of them have been applied to me in the past 3 weeks. Hell, who cares, he's bloody lovely - even if he does wake us up most nights. Whilst on the subject, congratulations are in order to Jon and Veronica Love who also have a son, Christopher. Well done the pair of you.

Of course, all this has tended to rather overshadow the success of Forest in the European Cup. Ok, so it was a poor final for most spectators - myself, I thought that it was absolutely riveting, but then I'm biased. As I said last time, we really won the Cup with that semi-final second leg performance against FC Cologne. Now that was a game. I suppose that I should give grudging congratulations to Liverpool for winning Division one in the sort of style which we exhibited last year - you appreciate that the trophy only goes to you on loan, though, we'll be wanting it back in a year's time.

I see that we have the England-Sweden game on the box this afternoon. I don't like it when the football season goes on this long and encroaches into the cricket season, but with the proliferation of competitions I suppose that I am going to have to get used to it. There was a time when I looked forward quite eagerly to the start of a new football season as I hadn't seen any for several months. Now there seems to be hardly any break at all. I'm sure that I'll watch the game this afternoon, though, as there are Forest players in the team, after all!

A letter from Frank Dashwood.

The Editor, Sir,

Aubergine Reproductions

I am the mildest of beings (1) but your foul calumnies would try the forbearance of St. Francis himself.

One does not expect gratitude for one's efforts in slaving over a hot egg to try to educate 'the rude mechanicals' by producing an accurate, 3-dimensional, representation of that 'monstrum, horrendum, informe, ingens, cui lumen ademptum', (2) the aubergine. Nevertheless, I could have hoped that you, Sir, a qualified apothecary, might have checked the accuracy of your allegations, but then 'Science is the mother of Credulity'!(3)

My humble offering was naturally intended for 'The U.F.O.-ologists Globe, incorporating the Auberginists Bulletin'. It had never occurred to me that you might have the temerity to wish to inflict on your readers a highly-simplified flat, black and ~~white~~ blue print of the 'brute-beasts that have no understanding', as this could hardly be of general interest (4), even to those numbed and cowed by an overdose of Mercator and Royal Society Papers.

'Envy is a kind of praise' (5), and 'Fools derive benefit by traducing their betters' (6) but, in the interests of strict accuracy, I must insist that it was not a rat but a hamster, and that 'F.R.O.M.S.U.A.F.O.' is, of course, the world-famous Organisation dedicated to the 'Flagellation of Robots or Martian Supercomputers with Ash-Plants' (7).

I await whatever grovelling apologies you may consider appropriate,
D'Ashwood

Notes.

- 1) This is a plain lie. The Scottish final with Stuart Dagger has not yet been contested.
- 2) A monster frightful, formless, immense, with sight removed. Virgil.
- 3) G.I. Shaw
- 4) And it isn't! However for anyone sufficiently misguided, the shape can be represented as
$$x^2/(a + bx) + y^2 = 1$$
with say $a = 2$, $b = 1$, depending on aspect angle.
- 5) John Gay
- 6) Plautus
- 7) Applications for Associate Membership, with entry fee of 25 guineas may be submitted to our Hon. Secretary.

The Tinamou,
Gratuitous Insults Dept.

Dear Mr. Wormwood,

The editor (may his light never lessen) has passed on your miserable missive to me in order to formulate a response to your pathetic complaints. On investigation, I find that our report was based on work by our operative in the field, a Mr. Feather, and I have passed on your comments to him so that he can prepare a more complete rebuttal of your squirmings. You will doubtless hear from him forthwith.

Yours,
S.O. Doff (Head of Dept)

Right, with that little bit of whimsy out of the way for the time being, let's see what else there is happening at the moment. Well, things are looking interesting on the work front. I should have a second research student starting in October and we're negotiating with a company in Edinburgh for the loan of about £30,000 worth of apparatus. It's some scheme they're running in conjunction with the Dept of Industry. Don't know where we'll put it even if we get it!

I'm also in the middle of possibly changing my job. There are two possibilities - one is a promotion to Senior Lecturer at the Poly and the other is a Lectureship in the Chemistry Dept at Leicester University. I've got an interview in a couple of weeks time, but do I really want the job? It's the moving with all the ensuing hassle and expense that I can do without. I think that I've blown my chances anyway, but we shall doubtless see in due course.

You should find a flier and application form for Geordiecon enclosed - if there isn't one, it will be because I ran out before I got to you and because I figured that you would probably have other opportunities to get hold of the same information anyway. If I haven't said it before, I shall definitely (barring disasters) be there, probably driving up early Saturday with Ben and Andy (?), talking of whom; Soak tells me that he may eventually get around to naming the day but that his young lady doesn't fancy the thought of a Registry Office. I should think not either! May the gentleman, Holborn, pay the consequences.

I note with interest that the organisers of Geordiecon are looking for suggestions about tournaments, so it is handy that Roger Ayre has contacted me with an idea for a

Team Diplomacy Match

Teams of seven compete, each member taking a different country in a different game. The result being the total supply centre holding of all seven members. Ideally seven teams are required and the resulting seven games would be part of the individual Diplomacy Championship (first round) thus inducing a minimum of 49 entrants for that particular Championship. To make it interesting, each team member should contribute toward a cash prize. Say £1 each - only one winning team (no 2nd or 3rd as that isn't the spirit)

Suggested teams: North-West

Tyneside

N. Ireland

Scotland and wherever else groups are coming from

Inter-game alliances would have to be allowed due to the difficulty of trying to stop them.

Just a few thoughts as Roger says. Kick the idea round a bit - see how it bounces etc etc. Sounds a reasonable enough idea to me, but I suspect the organisers need to find someone to run the Diplomacy tourney itself before they can think of something like this. (No, I don't want to do it, thanks. I plan to get some games in this year, unlike last year when I managed about one game (of Warlord) all weekend)

I wonder who's won the pine poll? Hopefully the results will be available soon. I had hoped that they might have come by now, but no such luck. There are one or two new zines around since I last rummaged through the ever-mounting pile behind me and since nepotism rules, pride of mention must go to Tantalus from my brother Don. With four issues under his belt, he's making a bloody good job of producing Tantalus even if the latest issue exhibits an addiction to some new kind of drug called 'Ginger Nuts'. Don seems to have a similar style to me, but is going for a much wider selection of games than I have to offer - things like Kingmaker and Croker (put me down for the playtest, Don, if there are still vacancies). Ah yes, and Screener's Cove as well (I'll have a go at that too if I may). At present there is a single game of Diplomacy running and the rest of the ten pages consist of news, reviews of games, zines and cons and the like. I think he is making a damn good job of it. You'll probably think the same if you can coax a copy out of him. I know that Don started out with the intention of staying small-scale until he had ten or a dozen issues behind him. Events have conspired against him in that respect, but I don't know if he wants to expand yet. Try anyway - 61A Church St., Old Basford, Nottingham.

Putty Riffe from Rob Chapman is the other totally new zine that I have before me. Rob starts out with an attack on lithe zines as betraying hobby tradition and also has all the usual things that you expect from a first issue. He's staying with Diplomacy as far as games are concerned and only two or three games at that. This zine looks like it will have a style all of its own and, if the press in his first Diplomacy game is anything to go by, will produce some excellent reading in future issues. I'm sure that Rob will score whatever I say - not that I'm going to put it down; it looks great. (I trust that we will trade, Rob?). Get in there people - Rob Chapman, 7 Baymount, Paignton, Devon TQ3 2LD.

With Sherwood Gazette finally reaching me (50% of the fault being mine), my trading with UK zines encompasses virtually all that are published. I'll get around to contacting Mike Allaway one of these days.... SG is from Keith Loveys and I seem to recall that it had been getting some poor press recently. Don't know why, it looks just fine to me. Afficionados may like to note that there is a Soccerleague just starting a new season in the zine soon, so get in touch quickly as it may well prove to be rather popular. As usual, Keith is running Diplomacy, a couple of variants and Rail Baron. 25B South Norwood Hill, London SE25 is the address to write to. I'll comment more fully perhaps when I've seen a few more issues.

Answers to Music Quiz

- 1a) Donovan should be rolling down the skyway on his cosmic wheels (Cosmic Wheels LP)
- b) David Bowie is always crashing in the same car (Low)
- c) 10 cc travelled from Rochdale to Ocho Rios and back (via Dorking) (Bloody Tourists)
- d) Cat Stevens listens to the wind, the wind of my soul (Teaser & the Firecat)
- e) Van Morrison says it's not easy being green (Hardnose the Highway), so does Kermit
- f) Roy Harper has got a dog like a two ton frog called 'some control' (Folkjokeopus)
- 2a) Baby Driver - Simon & Garfunkel, Bridge over Troubled Water
- b) Baby friend of mine - Home, Home
- c) Woodoo Chile - Hendrix, Electric Ladyland (& 'Greatest Hits' type albums too)
- d) Mother's Lament - Cream, Disraeli Gears
- e) Baby I'm Gonna Leave You & I Can't Quit you Baby - Led Zeppelin I
- f) "My baby's pretty fast, but her mother's even faster on the draw" - Rory Gallagher, Blueprint
- 3a) Freud's mystic world of meaning needn't have us mystified, It's really very simple what the psyche tries to hide.
A thing's a phallic symbol if it's longer than it's wide (Melanie, 'psychotherapy')
- b) "When the music's over, turn out the lights" - The Doors
- c) SWANER stands for 'She Was Like a Bearded Rainbow' - Cream
- d) Tressed Rat & Warthog closed down their shop. They didn't want to, it was all they had got - Cream (again!)
- e) Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Variations' is the recent connection between Paganini and JC.
- f) Yesterday, a morning came, A smile upon your face.
If the summer changed to winter, your's is no dis, race (Yes)
- 4) The connection between Joe Egan and Sherlock Holmes is that Joe formed Stealers Wheel with Gerry Rafferty who sang 'Baker Street'.
- 5) John Earl of Graham Barker and the Rumour played sax on 'Dancing in the Moonlight' on Thin Lizzy's 'Live & Dangerous' album.
- 6) David Gates took the last train to San Francisco.
- 7) Al Stewart said "Buy me a ticket on the last train home tonight" (Time Passages)
- 8) Alan Price wrote the soundtrack for the film 'O Lucky Man'
- 9) The connection between 'Gig Rockets' and JJ's ecstasy is 'Afternoon Delight' by the Starland Vocal Band.
- 10) Had a laugh and over dinner, Told her I would really like to see her again - Lovely Rita Meter Maid (Ggt Pepper)
- 11) Joan Armatrading was not in love, but open to persuasion.
- 12) Dreamer by Supertramp includes the line "I said 'Far out - what a day, a year, a life it is!'"
- 13) Jeff Lynne of EMO wrote 'Turn to Stone' (1st Line "The City Streets are Empty Now")
- 14) Mike Parkinson, Clement Freud and John Conteh all appear on the cover of 'Send On the Run' by Wings (along with miscellaneous other people)
- 15) Eva Peron (Julie Covington) sings to the people of Argentina "When I try to explain how I feel, That I still need your love after all that I've done, You won't believe me"
- 16) Neil Young was "Lying in a Burned-out Basement"
- 17) The connection between Stud and Rod Stewart is Jim Cregan who played guitar with Stud and is now with the Rod Stewart band.
- 18) Elkie Brooks was lead singer with Dada and Vinegar Joe
- 19) Steve Howe played with Tomorrow before joining Yes
- 20) Peter Gabriel of Genesis is the connection between Salisbury Hill and Broadway
- 21) Andrew Gold wrote both 'Lonely Boy' and 'Thank you for Being a Friend'
- 22) 'Moonlighting' by Leo Sayer features a disco in Mexico, a resprayed Morris van and Carlisle.

Five entries for the quiz and about the same number of comments that 'I couldn't answer a single question!' Most of you did better on Ron's questions (1-22) than mine, presumably because his are more up-to-date. The exception was Jonathan Palfrey, who did much better on mine. I made it that there are 44 marks to be had and Andy Hollom got 18, Jeremy Tullett 19, Jonathan 23, Tony Crouch 24 and the winner, Jon Love 29. Well done, Jon, £2 added to your credit - your overall knowledge is really very good.

En Garde - July 1601

July has been a terrible month for France!

It got off to a bad start right at the beginning, when despite the cries of encouragement from the large crowd at the duelling field, Xngus de Mars decided to spare the life of Pablo de Casserole, after Pablo had kissed his boot and sworn never to see Ursula again. Little did Xngus know that Pablo had carefully kept his right hand behind his back - and crossed his fingers as he swore!

One other event of interest took place on the field of battle this month - the dust-up between Seiko Quartz and Mustapha Krappe. After a little skirmishing, the duo closed with each other and simultaneously lashed out with their right feet. Wild applause was heard from the audience for the impromptu ballet which followed, as each grabbed onto the other to stop themselves falling! In the ensuing tangle, their wildly waving swords connected with each others - and their own! - anatomy several times, and Seiko even trod on Mustapha's toes several times. Finally, Seiko let out a howl and collapsed, complaining he'd been stung by a wasp. Mustapha very sportingly refrained from slitting his jugular vein whilst he was helpless, and Seiko hastily surrendered so that he could get something to drink to deaden the pain.

The Continuing Saga of the French Army

Which was cut to pieces. It's true; those damned Spaniards somehow managed to defeat our brave boys in green - in fact, they hammered them! It's difficult to know exactly what went wrong, as both of the Army Commanders died in the battle, but one look at the casualty sheet would be enough to tell even an amateur what had happened. In the Picardy Musketeers, for example, only three out of the entire officer's cadre survived. Among them was:

Major Seiko Quartz (PM): Seiko, for once in his life, was actually brave. Possibly his noticing a wasps nest in his rear may have accounted for him leading his troops forward for a charge; nevertheless, to see a squadron actually advance was such a rare occurrence this month that it brought him instant notice. This, coupled with the fact that he was the highest surviving officer in the regiment after the battle, ensured his promotion to Lt. Colonel, with the rank of Acting Colonel.

Lt. Captain Zutre des Champs (PM): Second-in-command in the above attack, Zutre also gained the attention of his superiors. He was awarded the permanent rank of Captain, made a brevet Major, and given the rank of Acting Lt. Colonel. He was later seen pinching himself to make sure he wasn't dreaming.....

Major Tuffus la Custard (PM): The month began rather auspiciously for this dashing young blade. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel to fill the gap when his superior officer, on holiday in Corsica, refused to return. Then he found a buried boot containing 150cr in silver. However, while his back was turned, his chihuahua, which he had (he said) brought along as a mascot, grabbed the boot and started off with it. Tuffus immediately rushed in pursuit, humourously waving his cutlass to try to attract its attention. It led him such a chase that he gained new insight into the use of cover and camouflage (+1 MA). Eventually he cornered the panting dog next to a stream, and was just about to pat it in a friendly fashion with his sword when three neighbouring trees revealed themselves to be disguised Spanish birdwatchers! They completely misinterpreted Tuffus' actions - actually thinking he was trying to kill his own dog! - and turned him over to the military authorities. He is now languishing in a P-O-W camp, with only the chihuahua - and the 150cr - to comfort him!

Captain Randolph Catstrangler (PM): Apart from cheering on the chihuahua, for whom Captain Catstrangler appears to have a natural affinity, remarkably little happened to Randolph this month. But he survived; no mean feat, when his regiment was driven from the field!

Captain Redfin (RM): This gentleman had a close call this month, when his Colonel caught him asleep! Further enquiries disclosed the fact that he had been missing from his duties since April, leaving all the chores to his subaltern. The Colonel issued him with a stern warning; either he mended his ways or he would be transferred to a Frontier Regiment! ((Graham; could I please have some orders - even if it's a request to commit hara-kiri!))

Captain Pierre Bayard (RM): Having the luck to be around at HQ when Tuffus was promoted to Lt. Colonel, and not having knocked over any ashtrays recently, Pierre was promoted to Drevet Major to fill the gap. He immediately paid a call to Zutre des Champs, and the two of them started discussing where they could get mounts to befit their new ranks.

Subaltern Frank de Stamp (RNHR): The RNHR was one of the few regiments that achieved even a mediocre battle result, and their officers did not go unrewarded; Frank was promoted to Captain, and mentioned in dispatches (3). Also +1 MA for dodging cannonballs!

Major Mustapha Krappe (QOC(Att)): Mustapha distinguished himself even among the heroes of the French army by rushing into the fray personally to rescue one of his junior captains, who had been knocked unconscious and was in danger of being captured. The fellow owed him 10 crowns, but the King, on a tour of the battlefield, wasn't to know this. As a result a rather bemused Mustapha found himself knighted, awarded the Star of France, and mentioned in dispatches (4).

Captain Sigismund de Brave (FR): Nor was the King to know that the glowing report from the Divisional Commander of his new aide was not due to Sigismund's military skill, but rather to his introduction of the General to one or two houses of rather dubious reputation during a weekend leave in Paris. Nevertheless, Sigismund achieved Knighthood, and was also mentioned in dispatches (4).

Subaltern Breton de Volution (FR): Striving valiantly to redeem his reputation, this ~~Vibbitt Vibbitt~~ gallant officer distinguished himself in the officers mess - causing enough damage in a drunken brawl to gain a mention in dispatches (3)!

Major Pablo de Casserole (DG(Att)): Pablo this month decided to distinguish himself and so led his squadron into the thickest frays. Unfortunately, they were so thick that his superiors couldn't see what was happening! ((Pablo ordered reckless bravery to Capture on a 12; would you believe that with all his modifiers added in, the roll needed was 10!!!))

Major Oisin de Paddy (13th(Att)): Managed to steer his way reasonably clear of trouble; but gained notoriety (MID(2)) for his participation in Breton's drunken brawl.

Next month the entire army will be laying siege to La Castella del Vino Planco, the house of the owner of another vineyard. The name of the place is normally shortened to Casablanca. Joining the army will be Guillaume d'Enfant and Giscard d'Stain, both of whom reluctantly paid ransom to their Spanish captors. Still languishing in captivity are Dottler le Bootboye and Stamford Rafflesworth, though the blame for this parlous state of affairs can apparently be laid at the door of the appalling Spanish postal system!

Events in the City

Few people were still in the Capital this month, most having left to fight with our glorious forces against the Spanish invader (after all, Portugal is historically French!). So the only member of the Royal Society who turned up for the first meeting of this august body in Bothwells was Xngus de Mars. The King made his expected appearance but had the misfortune to have a prior engagement which prevented his staying to hear the many learned papers read out by the members of the Society. Patrick de Foie Gras, meanwhile, was spending his time with Joni in Hunters, celebrating his safe return from the front. He spent the remaining three weeks of the month waving his rapier around. Xngus, displaying his usual lack of culture, followed up his visit to the intellectual air of Bothwells with two weeks of drinking in Red Phillips! Finally, intrigued by Patrick's behaviour, he too wagged his rapier for a week. The only other member of Society to be found in town was Luther Blocpan. After two weeks drinking in Blue Gables, during which time he gambled quite heavily (ending up +200cr & +4 SP), he too tried wagging his rapier; however, he decided he didn't like it, and tried a week with his sabre.

Shylock: Lent Pablo de Casserole 100cr.

Owed this month & not paid: Mustapha Krappe (440)

Owed at the beginning of next month: Tuffus la Custard (220), Guillaume d'Enfant (330)

Owed at the beginning of September: Randolph Catstrangler (220), Breton de Volution (330), Patrick de Foie Gras (550), Stamford Rafflesworth (110).

Top of the Fops

<u>Name</u>	<u>Player</u>	OLD	NEW	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Regt</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Ms</u>	<u>Cl</u>	<u>EC</u>	<u>MA</u>
		<u>SL</u>	<u>SL</u>							
Sir Pablo de Casserole, MM	Rob Chapman	13	13	88	DG	M(2)	20	1	(2)	4
Sir Patrick de Foie Gras	Ian Doherty	10	11	177	RFG	M(2)	2	2	2	3
Sir Mustapha Krappe, SF	Brian Douglas	9	10	178	QOC	M(2)	18	4	(2)	1
Sir Sigismund de Prave	Derek Wilson	8	10	346	ALC	C(f)	13	4	3	2
Redfin	Graham Box	8	8	1473	RM	C(d)	6	6	4	3
Luther Bloopan, FRS	Deryck Povey	7	8	433	ALC	M(2)	19	4	2	3
Tuffus la Custard	George North	7	7	1054	RM	LCol	9	5	1	6
Seiko Quartz	Nick Clennett	6	6	412	FM	LCol	3	-	2	3
Giscard d'Stain	Ian Quilty	6	6	2021	GDMD	M(2)	-	-	2	6
Xngus de Mars, FRS	John Marsden	4	5	432	13th	StLCol	15	6	3	4
Eréton de Volution	Tim Sharrock	4	4	127	CPC	Sub	-	4	2	2
Randolph Catstrangler	Bob Brown	4	4	2082	RM	C(c)	-	-	4	6
Guillaume d'Enfant, FRS	Mark Evans	4	4	412	FR	Sub	-	-	4	5
Pierre Bayard	Tom Patcher	4	4	928	RM	BtM(2)	-	6	2	3
Oisín de Paddy	Der Carvey	4	4	1270	13th	M(2)	-	6	3	1
Frank de Stamp, FRS	Robin Hood	3	3	1077	CPC	Pte	-	6	5	2
Nutre-des Champs, SF	Ted London	2	2	2092	FM	BtM(1)	-	-	4	3
Stanford Rafflesworth, MM	Philip Jones	2	2	80	FM	Sub	-	-	2	3
Bottler le Bootboye	Simon Durke	1	1	431	FM	Pte	-	-	2	4

FRS=Fellow of the Royal Society, SL=Social Level, Regt=Regiment, Ranks: LCol=Lieutenant-Colonel, M=Major, C=Captain, Sub=Subaltern, Pte=Private (NB The nos. refer to their rank, e.g. M(2) commands C(e) & C(f); Underlines mean that officer commands the Regiment), Ms=Mistress, Cl=Club, MA=Military Ability, EC=Endurance Class: 1=01-50, 2=51-100, 3=101-150, 4=151-200 (NB Brackets as (2) give the class at the month's end as the character is still recovering).

Femmes Fatales

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>SL</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>SL</u>
1.	Arwen Evenstar	13	11.	Elison Wonderland	13I
2.	Joni Micholin	15B	12.	Linda McCartwheel	15B
3.	Jane Fondue	11B	13.	Anne McCafe	14
4.	Ali McGravy	8WI	14.	Janet Morris-Minor	13B
5.	Barbara Castille	14	15.	Ursula le Gannet	8I
6.	Bella Donna	9W	16.	Tenith Leaf	11
7.	Sally Goldfield	8I	17.	Delilah Bak	12I
8.	Sarah Jane Smythe	4I	18.	Cilla Blackett-Dirac	11B
9.	Marjory Troops	9WI	19.	Andre Northwind	9WB
10.	Agatha Crispie	5WBH	20.	Victoria Fosdyke	16I

W = Wealth, B = Beauty, I = Influence, Underlines mean that mistress is taken.

Arrivals in Paris: Jeremy Tullett back as 2nd son of a wealthy gentleman, SL4, 250cr, 50cr allowance, Endurance Class 3, MA 3.

Liaisons: Andre Northwind said yes (quietly and while no-one else was listening).

Death & Dreck: Surprisingly enough, none this month. However, to provoke some I think I will remind all players on campaign of rule 21 in my houserules; briefly, if a player has a successful liaison, it adds +1 to the roll needed for death!!

Appointments: Sigismund de Prave is an Aide to a Lt. General, Pablo de Casserole is the Brigade Major for the Horse Guards, Patrick de Foie Gras is Brigade Major for the Guards, and Pierre Bayard was the Regimental Adjutant for the Royal Marines; the post is now vacant because he's been promoted. All other applications (including those I accepted late because of the short deadline last time) failed!

At the end of this campaign season I will publish a full list of vacancies in the different regiments, as well as a list of vacant appointments.

NB Seiko Quartz: As Acting Colonel in the FM you are responsible for replacements, promotions etc. At present you have one Player-character Brevet Major who is Acting Lt. Colonel, and one NPC Captain. What do you want to do?

Investments: Xngus de Mars put 1000cr into Commerce; but the appalling results in the battle this month meant he lost 10%!

Royal Society: Members of the Society are asked to vote on the application of Giscard d'Stain with their next set of orders. Abstentions are counted as "No" votes; a majority is required for success in the application. "Yes" votes may be purchased from the King for 100cr each. Also "No" votes, if you want to make certain the application fails.

Press

Frank de Stamp to Luther Bloopan

That you have not stepped forward to be given my special seal of approval (a hefty kick where it will do the most good - up yours!), disappoints me. However, that you have chosen to be branded a coward is fine by me. When I get back to Paris I shall come to look you up and I will make you lick my boots at least once a wekk, you worm, you.....

To Randolph Gatstrangler

Sir, it is a pleasure to mix it with the enemies of our great and glorious King alongside a real fighting man. However, I would like to request that the next time you pass me the nags you don't want (flea-bitten or not, I don't particularly care), let me know first! That bunch was real wild and they almost sealed my fate in the ground....

Frank de Stamp

Following last month's frank talking by a fellow member of the Royal Society I thought I should point out the imperfections in the treatise. In ~~the~~ stage one I personally find that stamping on the offending utensil is far more effective. ~~the~~ stage ~~two~~ two does tend to leave very bad watermarks while ~~the~~ stage three causes severe perforations around the edge. As for repeating the ~~the~~ stages I find that if you have not in the first day covered all the possibilities then you must have done a second class job. Also you have to be very careful of a loose hinge because when mounting the article in question permanent damage to the weapon may be caused.

Remember philately will get you nowhere.

Luther Bloopan (N/A) (HLLM)

A Treatise to the Royal Society

History of the Royal Society

The beginnings of the Royal Society are lost in the mists of time, or possibly, Drunkenness. The legend states that the idea came about due to the necessity for the excuse to get evenings away from the mistress in the upper areas of Paris Society for getting drunk. Oops! That should have read intellectual discussion.

Well the intellectual discussions of the young blades of Paris resulted in their being banned from a number of hostelrys in the city and to a number of discussions on the Ethics of Justice with the local bench magistrates. Yes the Royal Society has increased the knowledge of the workings of the law amongst the young bachelors of upper class society in Paris.

The Royal Society has developed alchemy amongst its members to try and create a headache cure due to the mental strain of the intellectual discussions the previous night creating a hangover, oh sorry, not a hangover, just a headache.

Also the most valued patron of the Royal Society, ie the King, supported us with all his cellars giving us somewhere for our discussions and also kindly waived any charges of arson, murder, and telling Donny Osmond jokes. His Majesty valued his discussions with us if only to get away from the Queen.

Unfortunately the Royal Society lapsed into non-existence for a while, following an accident in the Royal Cellars when the Kings entire stock of Chateau de Merdoc 1587 was lost when the wine rack was accidentally knocked over. The King was not pleased, and even less so when he noticed that only glass was littered over the floor. However now the furor has died down and we can restart our discussions and interesting anatomy lessons with serving wenches.

Railway Rivals

RT 53 B - Last Round

31) Bradford - Grimsby	MARS 20-2-2=16; LOVE 10+2=12; PASS +2
32) Oxford - Wolverhampton	SDR 20+1=21; PASS 10; FHT 0-1=-1
33) London - Newport	FHT 20+9=29; SDR 10-9=1
34) Liverpool - London	SDR 20; PASS 10-2=8; MARS +2
35) Derby - Burnley	PASS 20+1+2+4=27; FHT 10-4-2=4; LOVE 0+2+4-1=5; MARS
36) Lincoln - Birkenhead	MARS 20+1=21; SDR 10-2-1=7; FHT +2 0-2-4=-6

Final Scores

LOVE - Jon Love, green	261 + 17 = 278	First (6 points)
SDR - Paul Ward, purple	216 + 49 = 265	Second (4½ points)
MARS - John Marsden, orange	179 + 33 = 212	Third (3 points)
PASS - Tom Butcher, black	152 + 47 = 199	Fourth (2 points)
FHT - Harry Turner, red	67 + 34 = 101	Fifth (1 point)

A fairly normal game. LOVE joins the small numbers of those who have won their first RR game. His network doesn't look very good at first; but on checking, you'll find that his routes are pretty direct. SDR's system was good, but handicapped by the lack of a trans-Pennine link. MARS stayed in the North - his lack of a London line did not seem too much of a handicap, as everyone else was competing for the traffic anyway, but he had to route everything through Manchester, so could only compete on runs to and from Lancashire. A few half-spurs wasted money, and several zig-zags lost a race or two. (Nearly every round, it's usual to find at least one race decided by a single hex). PASS's network was pretty useful, except that virtually all lines were paralleled by one or two rivals. FHT again seemed to have a good set-up, but had fewer shorter routes than most.

RT 66 B - Round 9

11) Sheffield - Peterborough	CARROT 20
13) Doncaster - London	L&L 20; BB 10
14) Huddersfield - Liverpool	CARROT 20; BB 10
15) Derby - Newport	BE 20
16) Bristol - Nottingham	BE 20+7-1=26; CARROT 10+1-7=-1
17) Any port - Leicester	L&L (London) 20+1=21; CARROT (Grimsby) 10-1=9
18) Manchester - Leeds	CARROT 20. L&L missed 10 here.

Scores: CARROT 73, BB 66, L&L 41

Builds: BE: (E60)-E61-G62-K60=7+1 to CARROT. (B68)-Oxford. (D53)-Nott'm. Total 10.

CARROT: (J19)-K17=1+1 fine (wrote K18 - so did you David!). Total 2.

L&L: (F26)-B28-B29-A30-Newport=7. (J20)-I21. (C55)-E55. Total 9.

Scores at end of Round 9

CARROT (James O'Fee, blue)	132 + 73 - 1 = 204
L&L (Chikako Butcher, red)	93 + 41 - 9 = 125
BE (Bob Brown, black)	81 + 66 - 10 = 137

Runs for Round 10

19) Grimsby - London	<u>Builds:</u> up to 9 points.
20) Bradford - Liverpool	
21) Liverpool - Newport	
22) London - Leicester	
23) Stoke - Nottingham	
24) Huddersfield - Oxford	

James - Chikako: You will have read the news about Dolchstoss and about Steve Doubleday's efforts to rehouse games at least until the zine is back on its feet. If Steve's efforts fail I am prepared to make an attempt to have our game D37I rehoused in a reputable zine. Could you please signify whether you agree with your next set of Railway Rivals orders to Dave Watts? ((Or with your orders to me - Bob))

RT 81 K

With the Irish postal strike still continuing, I'm going to ask Chikako Butcher if she will take over Gordon Fish's position in this game so that, with luck, we'll be away next issue.

RT 86 C - Round 1

Barro, Houston Transcontinental (Harry Turner, red)

1a) (Milwaukee)-J74-K74-K72. 1b) (K72)-K66. 1c) (K66)-K64-G62. 20+1 (from RMR) = 21

Jopalong Pony Railway (Jonathan Palfrey, black)

1) (New Orleans)-D22. Still 20

Deryck's Independent Traction Transport Organisation (Deryck Dovey, blue)

1a) (Memphis)-L35-M35-M34. 1b) (M34)-N33-N28. 1c) (N28)-N22. Still 20

Rio Rostherne Railway (David Watts, orange)

1a) (Chicago)-H74. 1b) (H74)-H73-Des Moines-E70-Omaha. 1c) (H72)-Minn St Paul; (Omaha)-C71. 20+10-1 (to RMT) = 29

Sam' Yankee Electric Railway (Brian Williams, green)

1a) (Chicago)-H74. 1b) (H74)-H73-Des Moines-E72-Omaha. 1c) (Omaha)-E64. 20+5 = 25

Throws for next rounds: 2,5,6

I've had one or two queries from Jonathan about various points; mainly on the choice of the throws for the building stage. He says:

"I looked at the history of David Watts' back page "throws" in RMR (issue 9 onwards) and derived the following frequency distributions:

1:	-			
2:	3	10%		
3:	7	21%		
4:	9	27%		
5:	8	20%		
6:	6	15%		
	<u>33</u>			
			Totals of three:	
			11:	1 9%
			12:	4 36%
			13:	4 36%
			14:	2 18%

If I was running a game, I think I'd use a pack of cards with four 3's, four 4's, four 5's, four 6's and two 2's, which reproduces David's expected throw quite closely. The trouble with picking numbers out of your head is that you are inevitably (if unintentionally) giving some players advantages over other players (what-ever you choose), and, both as GM and as a player, I'd prefer leaving this responsibility to a random device.

Another problem is that different GM's heads are different (or even the same GM's head at different times) so that you may get a systematic difference in expectation between different games. For instance, on the figures above one wouldn't expect a 6,6,6 throw from David Watts (unless he did one of his wretched 'special' throws). So we don't know what to expect from you in future, so it will be more difficult for us to plan ahead, so there will be more luck in the game from the player's point of view".

Yes, well I plead guilty to picking the 6,6,6 throw out of the air - I thought that with the big map a good start might be appreciated. Obviously that was not the case in some quarters. In the future I will be using a selection of random numbers between 2 and 6 produced by a computer program for the throws. It means that there will be more 2's than in the above analysis, but these will tend to make up for the starting throws.

One other point:

"A query about runs. Are runs simultaneous or does the richest player have the advantage of moving first, as in the ftf game? (I'm not clear whether David does this either)."

Having never played the game ftf and not having read the rules for some time (prior to starting to GM), I thought that runs were simultaneous. Presumably this is up to the players - do you want simultaneous runs? What do you do, David?

10 Apr, Spring 1902 (1979 DR)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Vie)-Tri, F(ADR)-Alb, A(Bud) S A(Ser), A(Ser) S F(ADR)-Alb
(Christian Norris)

England: F(ENG)-NTH, A(Yor) St, F(NTH)-NWG
(Chris Bishop)

France: A(Bur) St, A(Por)-Spa, F(Pic)-Bre, F(Bre)-MAO
(Jeffrey Garrett)

Germany: F(Den)-Swe, A(Hol)-Bel, A(Thu) S A(Mun)-Bur, F(Kie)-BAL
(Dove Thomas)

Italy: F(Tun)-WMS, A(Ven) S A(Tus)-Pie, F(Nap)-ION
(Dove Browne)

Russia: F(GOB)-Swe, A(StP)-Nor, A(War)-Gal, F(Sov) S A(Rum) S TURKISH A(Bul)-Ser
(Peter McDonald)

Turkey: F(PLA)-Con, A(Gre) S A(Bul)-Ser, A(Con)-Bul, A(Ank) St
(Nick Shears)

Hasties. Austrian A(Ser) annihilated. French A(Bur)-Gas.

Italy - England: Is that close enough now sonny-boy?

Italy - France: So now we're at war - so frighten me.

France to Turkey. An unexpected windfall that! Another such blunder by Italy and you and I will control the Red.

ITALY - AUSTRIA: You idiot, Kris. If you had done what you said you would do, and didn't fart around with illegal idiocies, we could be winning! You can stuff your alliance as far as I am concerned.

WOF, no Namibian Aubergines?

Screwtape to Emperor Franz Joseph. Oh God - sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry, gravel, gravel.

England to France.

Dear Napoleon, This time we are preparing both Elba and St. Helena to accomodate you for the usual indefinite exile as we intend to put y ur head in one place and your other parts (whoops) in the other place. Love and kisses - Teddy.

Tsar Donic to Mustapha Quichy: Dear enemy, is it too late to change our minds and be friends? Together we could rule the world.

Turkey to Austria. If last season's moves weren't so ~~xxxxxx~~ funny, I might get upset. Still, you can't expect people to be nice to you if you don't even reply to their letters, can you?

Screwtape Wellbeloved, the Magnificent and Good, King of Italy and Protector of Tunis, was waxing wrath.

"Twit! Wincompoop! Blockhead!" he raved, spraying spittle over the unfortunate Machiavelli who was the object of these terms of endearment. "Addlepate! Gawdelpus!" he continued. "These are compliments when addressed to you - you cretin, you moron. Europe's finest political mind - I laugh - ha! Ha! Ha!" and he kicked Machiavelli in the groin.

"Don't trust Austria, you said. He is allied with Russia, you said. He is going to attack Venice, you said. And I listened, I believed. God! I must be going simple minded in my dotage." And he collapsed across the conference table, weeping.

Machiavelli, white-faced and doubled up with pain, endeavoured to offer excuses.

"Well it looked that way," he said. "It would have been a good move for Austria - in the short term, anyhow. Besides, how was I to know he was honest?"

"Because I pay you to know" hissed Screwtape "that's how. I could have had Greece in '01 and Tunis in '02 with my dreams of world domination well established. As it is everything is in ruins - ruins."

"I'll write to Austria offering excuses, and to Turkey offering an alliance", Machiavelli hastily interposed.

"Oh no you won't" snarled Screwtape. "I'll do any writing that's to be done - you do some praying." He sobbed once more, stuck his thumb in his mouth and sniffed "I want my teddy bear."

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Sauba, Spring 1906 (1978 EU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Vie) S A(Tri), A(Tri) S A(Bud), A(Bud) S A(Gre)-Ser, F(Ven)-ADR,
(Chris Bishop) A(Rom)-Ven, F(Nap)-ION, F(Tun)-TYR

France: F(WMS), A(Mar), A(Par), F(Dre), F(ENG), F(Edi) stand unordered
(Anarchy)

Germany: F(Lon)-Wal, A(Bel)-Pic, A(Hol)-Ruh, A(Bur)-Gas, A(Mun)-Dur, F(Kie)-Den,
(Stewart Wright) A(Ber)-Kie

Russia: F(StPec)-Nor, F(NWG) S & F(NTH) C A(Nor)-Edi, A(Gal)-Boh, A(Rum) S
(John Robson) A(Ukr)-Gal

Turkey: F(BLA) & A(Con) S A(Dul), F(Smy)-AEG, A(Dul) S A(Ser)-Cro
(Peter McDonald)

Nasties. French F(Edi) chopped.

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Caradharas, Spring 1908 (1978 DK)

GM: Bob Brown

England: F(ERI) S F(MAO)-MAO, A(Wal)-Yor, F(Swe) S F(NTH)-SKA, F(ENG)-NTH
(Alan Lennox)

France: F(MAO) S F(Dre)-ENG, F(Mar)-Spe sc, F(Tun) St, A(Pic)-Del, A(Bur)-Del,
(Larry Edgar) F(Bel)-NTH, A(Hol)-Kie, F(SKI) S F(Bel)-NTH, A(Ber)-Pru, A(Kie)-Den,
A(Sil)-War

Italy: A(Vie) S A(Boh)-Gal, A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Tri)-Bud, A(Alb)-Ser
(Bob Johnsey)

Russia: A(StP)-Nor, A(War)-Gal, A(Gal)-Vie, A(Bud)-Tri, A(Ser)-Tri, A(Gre)-Alb,
(Phil Bass) F(Con)-AEG, A(Smy)-Con, A(Ark)-Sev, F(Sev)-BLA

Nasties. French F(SKA) annihilated, F(MAO)-Ber. Russian A(Gal)-Run.

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Rhubarb, Spring 1906 (1978 DY)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tri), A(Vie) stand
(Anarchy)

England: F(NTH) stands
(Anarchy)

France: A(Lon)-Yor, F(ENG) & A(Bur) S A(Pic)-Del, F(Dre)-MAO, F(Mar)-GOL,
(John James) A(Tus)-Pic, F(Rom) St

Germany: A(Bel)-Pic, A(Mun) S A(Ruh)-Bur, F(Kie)-Hol, A(Ber)-Sil, F(Nor)-NWG,
(Harry Turner) A(War) S RUSSIAN A(Ukr), A(Swe)-Fin

Italy: A(Ven) St
(Anarchy)

Russia: A(Mos), A(Ukr) stand
(Anarchy)

Turkey: A(Apu) S F(Nap), F(Nap) S F(ION)-TYS, F(AEG)-ION, A(Bud) S A(Rum)-Gal,
(Chris Bishop) A(Sev) St, F(BLA) C A(Ank)-Run, A(Con)-Dul

Nasties. French A(Bur)-Tar. German A(Bel)-Ruh.

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Zephyr press cont/terminated

Bulletin from Constantinople. The Emperor of Austria is a wanker and the Tsar wears rubber underwear - long live the King of Italy - chortle, snigger.

President of France to England's Ailing Monarch. Dear Crazy George, Confucious he say 'He who trust hun will be soon be done'. By the wayn when are you going to get some builds?

Anon. A brief note to Austria, sort of publicly. What sort of mind invents code-words for correspondence, thinks the Adriatic Sea borders on Greece and doesn't know what his ex-ally is doing? Answers on a postcard please to the Chief Duncie, Saffron Walden.

Verity, Spring 1905 (1978 GJ)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Sil)-Ber, A(Vie)-Tri, F(ION)-Nap, A(Dul) S TURKISH F(Smy)-Con
(Tim Sharrock)

England: A(Pel) S F(WTH)-Hol, F(Edi) S F(ENG)-NTH
(Chris Bishop)

France: F(Ere)-MAO, A(War) S A(Gas)-Dur, A(Pie) S GERMAN A(Tyr)-Ven, F(Tun)-ION,
(Gary Murkin) F(TYR) S AUSTRIAN F(ION)-Nap

Germany: A(Kie) S A(Den) St, A(Tyr) S A(Boh)-Vie, A(Mun)-Boh
(John Foulger)

Italy: A(Arm)-Ank, F(Con) S F(Gre)-Dul sc, F(Map) St, A(Tri)-Ser, A(Ven)-Tus
(Geoff Chase)

Russia: F(NWG) & A(Swe) S F(StPnc)-Nor, F(Hor)-SKA, A(Mos)-War, A(Ukr)-Rum,
(Jeremy Tullett) F(Rum)-BLA

Turkey: A(Ank) S F(Smy)-Con
(Chikako Butcher)

Nasties. Italian F(Map) chopped, HRO (Geoff - you ordered 'F(Rom)-Nap').

'Jeremy' - 'Jeremy': I do agree with Jeremy, please get your facts right and remember
~~that~~ I can have lost my majority and still be twenty.

Germany - Italy: Keep up the good work!

S.E.H. - The Mercenary Bidder: 'Gwnat?'

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NGC 221, Spring 1909 (1978 BX)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Mos) & A(War) S A(Ukr) St  
(John Foulger)

England: F(Alf)-Cly, F(Lor)-Wal  
(Graham Hewitt)

France: F(Spa sc)-WMS, A(War)-Pic, F(Dul)-Cly  
(Granville Williamson)

Germany: F(Hor)-NWG, A(Swe)-Nor, A(War)-Kie, F(Kie)-BL, A(Sil) St, A(Mun) St,  
(David Parry) A(Hol) St, A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Ber)-Ber, A(Ere) St

Turkey: F(Tun)-MAf, F(ION)-Tun, F(Hor)-Tus, F(Nap)-TYR, A(Ven)-Pic, A(Tri)-Vie,  
(Francis Weaver) A(Tyr) S A(Gal)-Boh, A(Pud) S A(Rum)-Gal, F(BLA) C & A(Sev) S A(Ank)-  
Rum, A(Con)-Dul, A(Smy)-Con

Nasties. Oh, they're aren't any. How disappointing.

Trelech: I have received two proposals for finishing the game. They are:

1st Turkey, 2nd Germany, 3rd France, 4th Austria, 5th England (proposal 1)  
" " 3rd Austria, 4th France, " " 2)

I would also like to put forward the suggestion that

1st Turkey, 2nd Germany, 3rd= the others (proposal 3)

would also be a good idea. Votes on the three proposals next time please. Failure to  
vote counts for any proposal.

Paris - World: Look here you lot, I've been writing press like nobodies business  
recently and if it wasn't for me there would be a big fat blank for you all to read  
(admitted that it would be more interesting). So get yer fingers out and put some pens  
between them.

Turkey - Austria: Brace yourself so as it don't hurt too much.

Odium, Autumn 1908 (1977 JX)

GM: Bob Brown

France: A(Lon) St, F(ENG) S F(Bel)-NTH, A(Par)-Dur, A(Dur)-Bel, A(Pie)-Ven,  
(Geoff Chase) F(GOL) & F(Tun) S F(TYR) St, F(Ber) St

Germany: A(Tus)-Pie, A(Mun)-Dur, A(Hol)-Bel, F(NTH)-Edi  
(Martin Feather)

Italy: F(Rom) S F(Nap)-TYR, F(Ven) St, A(Sev) St  
(John Marsden)

Russia: F(Kie) S A(Tru)-Ber, A(War)-Sil, A(Mos)-Liv, A(Nor) St  
(Stephen Agar)

Turkey: F(BLA) S ITALIAN A(Sev), A(Cal)-Boh, A(Vie)-Tyr, A(Rum)-Bud, A(Bul)-Ser,  
(Ian Doherty) F(AEG) & F(ION) C A(Con)-Apu, F(LHS) S F(ION), F(Gre) unordered

Hasties. French F(Ber)-DAL

Winter 1908

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| France: Bre, Mar, Mor, Spa, Lpl, Par, <del>Par</del> , Tun, <del>Par</del> , Bel, Lon | removes A(Lon) for 9                  |
| Germany: <del>Par</del> , <del>Kie</del> , Mun, Hol + Edi                             | removes A(Tus) for 3                  |
| Italy: Nap, Rom, Ven, Sev                                                             | no change for 4                       |
| Russia: Mos, StP, Swe, Den, War + Nor, Ber, Kie                                       | builds F(StPnc), A(Mos), A(War) for 8 |
| Turkey: Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tri, Vie, Pnd, Rum                              | no change for 10                      |

Prelech: The two finish proposals put forward last time were both defeated, nay, the better word would be annihilated! Another has been put forward, albeit doomed to failure and it is 1st= France, Russia and Turkey, 4th Italy, 5th Germany. Votes next time please. Usual procedure - failure to vote counts as 'aye'.

Supreme Aubergine regarded the latest (artificial) intelligence reports with great pleasure. Following lastseason's recommendation to see 'Battlestar Galactica' in a 'sencawrond' (a stray thought carefully implanted in the feeble mind of a mere humanoid puppet), many thousands of victims had been conned into visiting their local cinema, ho ho. Little did they know, as they filed in like sheep, that agents of his Superlative had been adjusting the 'sencawrond' to emit very low frequency vibrations, reducing the hapless victims' insides to jelly.

Yes, beware, the Supreme Aubergine could be after YOU!

Secrets of Artificial Intelligence revealed

Irish Intelligence once considered mounting an operation to try to discover the difference, if any, but decided it was beneath them.

Actually 'Machine Intelligence' is the standard fit. 'Artificial Intelligence' has the optional increased Memory Capacity of 64 bits - or it may be the other way round?

On Kindness to Animals

Naturally WE are in favour of kindness to hamsters, Lindsays etc. and would never dream of Glurping on a poor little robot, but we must request you to ensure that your underlings take more care of our carpets. Especially those untrained hampsters which were peeing everywhere.

To vapourise a few timbers is unimportant but that antique Kashan was irreplaceable long before the recent troubles in Iran.

Silly Ditty

Aubergines staying at auberges,  
Dashing wood on Dashwood,  
Write these silly messages  
That to me, are simply pseud!

The European Alliance (ie everyone else) - France - Die you cur!

The Sultan - Le Roi - The torture chamber is ready for you.....

Tickle, Spring 1905 (1978 GB) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: A(Tri), A(Ser), A(Gre) stand unordered  
(Anarchy)

England: F(Lon)-NTH, F(Bel) St, F(NTH)-SKA, A(Nor) S F(Den)-Swe, F(DAR) S A(StE),  
(Frank Dashwood) A(StP) nails up new name 'Saint Peterborough'

France: F(Spa sc) S F(MAO)-WMS, A(Gas) & A(Mar) S F(Spa sc), A(Tur) S A(Mar)  
(Martin Styler)

Germany: A(Nth) S F(Hol)-Bel, A(Der) S A(Mun)-Sil  
(John Foulger)

Italy: F(WMS) S F(GOL)-Spa sc, A(Pic)-Tyr, A(Tus)-Ven  
(Don Brown)

Russia: F(GOB) S F(Swe) St, A(Mos)-Liv, A(Sil)-Gal, A(Bud)-Rum, F(Rum)-Sev, A(Sev)-  
(Dave Sharrocks) Mos

Turkey: A(Arn) St, A(Con)-Bul, F(AEG) S F(Bul sc)-Gre  
(Chris Bishop)

Nasties. Austrian A(Gre) chopped. English F(Bel)-ENG.

Dear Anon,

I am directed by King Frank to notify you that he has been pleased to look favourably on your petition.

Touched by your underprivileged possession of but a single ball, His Ample Majesty has decreed that all cybernetic print-outs shall be transferred to the correspondence column of this publication, or to well-merited Odium.

I remain, Yours Compassionately,

May Island Rosenbrianthemum

for and behoof of His Most Opulent Majesty.

Witnessed Bass Rock Blue Ragwort and Inchcolm Convolvulus

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Kyster, Spring 1904 (1978 JI) GM: Bob Brown

Austria: F(ION)-AEG, A(Gre)-Bul, A(Ser)-Rum, A(Bud) S A(Vie)-Gal  
(Roger Ayre)

England: A(Lpl)-Edi, F(Wal)-ENG, F(Lon)-Yor, F(Swe)-Nor, F(HUL) S A(Den) St  
(Dave Tucker)

France: F(MAO) S F(Gas)-Por, A(Mar)-Spa, F(Spa sc)-Por  
(Paul Ward)

Germany: F(NTH)-Edi, A(Mun) S A(Kie) St, A(Bre)-Gas, A(Pic)-Par, A(Tur)-Bel  
(Chris Bishop)

Italy: F(MAO) C A(Naf)-Por, F(GOL) S A(Pic)-Mar  
(Gordon Geddes)

Russia: A(Ukr) S A(War)-Gal, F(GOB)-DAL  
(Gary Murkin)

Turkey: A(Sev)-Ukr, A(Rum) S RUSSIAN A(War)-Gal, A(Con)-Bul, F(BLA) S A(Rum),  
(Rob Larter) F(Smy) S F(Bul sc)-AEG

Nasties. French A(Mar) chopped, no possible retreat ordered.

Austria - Italy - Any chance of getting your Atlantic fleet to call in Arch-Angel for refuelling?

Austria - Turkey - If you will get this cursed Russian moron off my back I will agree to your proposals. Anything just ditch the stupid freak.

Turkey agrees that Austria is honourable and for this reason will never make a successful Diplomacy player. Of course, this is assuming that he is real; due to the lack of communication in this game I am rapidly forming the opinion that all the other 'players' are purely fictional and are figments of Bob Brown's imagination. If anyone out there can prove me wrong please do so.

Olysses, February 1891, Definitive Mercator

GM: Bob Brown

Argentina: A{GIS} L Tah, A{Wel} B F{GIS}, A/F{GIS} S A/F{CRS} -HUM, F{Phi} -CEL,  
(Jon Love) F{TIM} -Jav, A{Syd} St, F{Haw} -CHA, A{Tab} St, A{Cao} S BRAZILIAN A{Tan} -  
Ken, A{HUM} D Mex, A{GIS} D Phi, A{Tab} E F{HUM}, A/F{HUM} -CHA

Austria: A{Clu} S A{Rum}, A{Irum} S TURKISH A{BLA} -Sev, A{Vie} -Tri, F{DAS} St,  
(Ian Doherty) A{Doh} S A{Tyr} -Mun, A{Tri} unordered

Brazil: A{HAT} L Flo, A{SAO} L Rio, F{GIS} S A{GHS} L Mdg, A{Flo} -Kan, A{Tan} -Ken,  
(Don Brown) F{GOM} F/F A{Cub} -Tex (=A/F{GOM}), F{Por} St, A/F{CAO} St, A{Rio} -Iqu,  
F{SAO} S F{GHS}

China: A{Tha} -Joh, F{Cam} St, F{Por} S F{Dor} -ECS, A{Sik} S A{Can} -Han, A{Shn} -  
(Jeremy Tullett) Bma

England: ITALIAN A{NTH} L Nor, A{BAR} L StP, A{GRA} L Ney, A{ENG} B F{IRI}, A{NeY} S  
(Doug Wakefield) BRAZILIAN A{Flo} -Kan (third time lucky?), F{GRA} S A{NeY}, F{Que} -Van nc,  
A/F{IRI} -ROC, A{Kie} -Den, A{Hol} St, F{NTH} -NWG, F{ENG} -NTH, F{GOS} -Sai,  
F{BAR} -Oms, A{ROC} D F{NWG}, A/F{NWG} -BAR

Germany: A{Bel} St  
(Peter Nunn)

India: A{BOB} L Bma, F{BOB} S A{Tib} -Cle, F{ARA} -Mdr, F{SOM} -Mdg  
(Chris Bishop)

Italy: A{NTH} L Nor, A{ION} L Zag, A{Nor} -Swe, A{Tur} -Kls, F{ION} -Cre, F{Apu} -ADR,  
(Stuart Dagger) F{TYS} -ION, A{Ven} S A{Pie} -Tyr, A{Rom} -Bel, A{Par} -Dre, A{Zag} S TURKISH  
A{Dul} -Ser, F{Spa sc} MS F{CAN}, A{Bel} E F{ADR}

Japan: A{HUM} L Bog, A{Ken} -Tan, A{Bog} St, A/F{NPO} -SOJ, F{CPO} S F{HSH} -Taw,  
(Tom Butcher) F{Osa} -Kob, A{SOJ} D Via

Russia: A{Snk} -Tib, A{Tkn} S A{Cau}, A{Kob} S F{ECS} -Osa, A{Cau} & A{Ukr} S A{Sev},  
(Andy Norman) A{Shg} & A{Ksu} S A{Hen}, A{Sev} S A{Cau}, A{Sax} -Mun, A{Sil} St, A{War} -  
Mos, A{BAL} L Ber, A{Ter} S F{BAL} -Kie, A{Den} -Swe, F{Swe} -BAL

Turkey: A{WIO} L Coy, F{BLA} S A{PLA} L Sev, A{Coy} St, A{Cle} -Mdr, F{WIO} & F{Eth}  
(John Marsden) F{RED} -ARA, A{Sud} S F{Eth}, F{EMS} -AEG, A{Grc} S A{Dul} -Ger, A{Sev} S  
A{Ira} -Cau, F{SOJ} -Kor

USA: BRAZILIAN A{HAT} B BRAZILIAN F{GOM}, A{Kan} MS A{Tex}, F{HAT} -Cub  
(Geoff Hardingham)

Nasties. Indian F{AMA} chopped, MRO. Japanese A{Ken} annihilated, F{Osa} -Fuj. Russian  
A{Sev} -Vol, A{Den} annihilated. Turkish A{Cle} -Del. USA A{Ken} -Chi.

Anon - Anon: Fartle? Fartle?

Vietnam. It was announced today that the Glorious People's Republic of China were still  
gaining massive victories against the Imperialist forces of the Russians. So confident  
are the People's leaders, that they are taking a short holiday in Saigon....

Slightly Anon: Spiney Norman seems to be having a prickly time.

Sultan - Rosie: Sorry about that. You'd be better off in the Persian Gulf.

Dear Prelech. Any more engravating remarks like that and I'll send you some cats to  
strangle. Anyway, it was your little brother's fault - he promised to cut the support.  
Can't trust these Browns, it seems.

The Russkies are in serious trouble  
As Doug hits Andy again.  
So Wakefield heads for a double.  
Can no-one to his success put an end?

Prelech: Yes, Tom, I will accept a 'blanket' retreat order as long as it requires no  
ambiguity in interpretation.

# March 1891 Adjustments

|            |                                                                                                                                                    |                                  |                                 |         |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Argentina: | Bue, San, Tuc, Lin, Tah, <del>Pop</del><br>Wel, Phi, Pth, <del>Pop</del>                                                                           | + Syd, Jav                       | no change                       | for 10  |
| Austria:   | <del>Tri</del> , Vie, Bud, Tri, Clu, <del>Pop</del><br>Rum                                                                                         | + Mun                            | GM removes F(DAS)               | for 6   |
| Brazil:    | Rec, Rio, Igu, Nig, Uru, Por<br>SAf, Azo, <del>Pop</del> , Gui, Tan                                                                                | + Mkg, Kan                       | builds F(Ama)                   | for 12  |
| China:     | Can, <del>Pop</del> , For, Vtm, Bor, <del>Pop</del><br><del>Pop</del> , Tha                                                                        | + Joh, Cam                       | no change                       | for 7   |
| England:   | Lon, Edi, Uls, <del>Pop</del> , Lpl, Ice<br>Que, Den, <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del>                            | + Sai, Hol, Van<br>StP, Oms, NoY | builds A(Cly)                   | for 13  |
| France:    | <del>Pop</del>                                                                                                                                     |                                  | no change                       | for OUT |
| Germany:   | <del>Pop</del>                                                                                                                                     | + Bel                            | no change                       | for 1   |
| India:     | Mdr, <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del>                                                                             | + Dma, Cle                       | removes F(SOM)                  | for 3   |
| Italy:     | Nap, Lib, Rom, Bol, Nor, Tun<br>Spa, Mar, Lyo, Sar, Bar, Cre                                                                                       | + Zag, Bre, Nor                  | builds F(Ser), A(Bur)           | for 15  |
| Japan:     | Tok, <del>Pop</del> , Nii, Ale, Kar, <del>Pop</del><br>Clf                                                                                         | + Bor, Haw, Vla                  | builds A(Nii), A(Tok)           | for 8   |
| Russia:    | <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del> , Mos, War, <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del><br><del>Pop</del> , Man, OMo, Snk, Nek, Shg<br>Pos, Swc, Kob, Kie, Ber | + Nan, Osa, Tkn                  | removes F(Kob)                  | for 15  |
| Turkey:    | Smy, Dan, Bag, Con, Ank, Bul<br>Egy, Cre, Ira, Eth, Del, <del>Pop</del><br><del>Pop</del> , Yem                                                    | + Ser, Cey<br>Sev, Kor           | builds A(Arm), A(Sak)<br>A(Con) | for 16  |
| USA:       | <del>Pop</del> , <del>Pop</del> , Tex                                                                                                              | + Cub                            | removes F(Cub)                  | for 2   |

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Yagatan, Autumn 1902, Stab

GM: Bob Brown

Austria (Ian Doherty)

A(Bud) S A(Run), A(Run) St, A(Ser) St, A(Alb)-Tri

England (Jeremy Tullett)

F(Nor) St, F(SKA)-Swe

France (John James)

F(Bel) St

Germany (Cary Murkin)

A(Den)-Swe, A(Hol)-Bel

Italy (Graham Box)

A(Ven)-Tri

Russia (Mark Evans)

F(StP nc) S A(Swe)-Nor

Turkey (Dave Thomas)

F(BLA) & A(Bul) S P(Sev)-Rum, A(Cre)-Ser

Retreats. Austrian A(Run) disbanded, NRO. English F(Nor) disbanded, NRO.

Prelech. Rules remain as at the start. Supply centre holdings are: Austria 4, England 3, France 6, Germany 3, Italy 6, Russia 5, Turkey 7. Don't forget your builds/removals in with your next set of orders.

Germany - England - Do you not mean

LaCe/PrNdP/mSmTuGd/TbD/y/VoEr/TmY/bLu?

Austria - Italy - Rest Assured!

Austria - Turkey - OK.

England - Germany: Lately college parties never produce sexy european girls that drink hard even though you look!!

(To Prelech: You were right last time - what's that though?)

NCC 215, Spring 1911

GM: Ron Fisher

Peaceful reshuffle??

England: A(Bru) S TURKISH A(Gal)-Sil, F(Edi) S F(ENG)-NTH, F(DAL) & A(Swe) S  
(Hugh Baldwin) A(Den) St, A(Cly) St, F(IRI)-ENG

France: F(MAO)-MAO, F(Lon) S F(Bro)-ENG, A(Par)-Dur, A(Mun)-Sil, A(Tyr)-Iun,  
(George Kingston) A(Ven)-Tyr, F(NTH)-Bel, F(Lpu) S ITALIAN F(ION) St, A(Ber)-Kie, F(SKL) S  
A(Kie)-Den

Italy: F(Nap) S F(ION) St, F(ADR)-Alb  
(Ian McIntyre)

Turkey: A(Dud) & A(Vie) & F(Alb) S A(Ger)-Tri, A(Boh) S A(Gal)-Sil, F(Con)-AEG,  
(Pat Jones) F(Gro) & F(EMS) S F(AEG)-ION

GM: Last time (A '10) FRANCE built A(Par) & F(Bro). All players should have been notified once my attention was drawn to this-err-ah-um-oversight. Sorry!

We have a proposed ending for you to vote on:

1= France & Turkey

3= England & Italy

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Cybercrud 3, Spring 1908

GM: Ron Fisher

Austria: F(Tun)-Naf, F(TYS)-WMS, A(Rom)-Nap, A(Pie)-Mar, F(Tri)-ADR, F(AEG)-ION,  
(Andy Soak) A(Bul) S A(Con), A(Gal)-Ukr, A(Iun)-Ukr, A(Dud) St

England: F(Swe)-DAL, F(Hor)-Swe, F(Lon)-NTH, A(Lpl)-Yer, A(Edi) St, F(MAO)-WMS  
(Don Funeral-Meadow)

France: F(Bel)-Hol, F(NTH)-SKA, F(WMS)-GOL, A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Mar) S A(Cos)-ur  
(Allan Oaf)

Germany: F(NEL) S F(Den)-NTH, A(Mun)-Dur, F(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Bel  
(Richard the Turd)

Italy: F(Nap)-TYS  
(Doctor "Teeth" Doctor)

Russia: A(War) S A(Ukr) S A(Sov)-Dur  
(Mustapha Haffin)

Turkey: MHA! A(Ank), F(Sny) stand unorderd  
(Gasputin Johnson)

Retreats. French F(Bel)-ENG

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Dear Soak, I knew Sharp couldn't play that well.....

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Cybercrud 3 Bourse, Spring 1908

GM: Rob Brown

|                   | <u>Crowns</u> | <u>Pounds</u> | <u>Francs</u> | <u>Marks</u> | <u>Lire</u> | <u>Roubles</u> | <u>Biastres</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Geoffrey Fourmyle | +932          | -499          | -500          | -498         | -           | -              | -               |
| Pezoco Inc        | +1125         | -500          | -500          | -500         | -           | -500           | -               |
| John Marsden      | +345          | -500          | -500          | +1           | -500        | +1000          | -               |
| Scrooge & Marley  | -             | -             | -             | -500         | +1691       | -              | -               |
| Dealings          | +2402         | -1499         | -1500         | -1497        | +1191       | +500           | -               |
| Old value         | 2.72          | 1.76          | 1.73          | 1.59         | 0.47        | 1.04           | 1.45            |
| New value         | 2.96          | 1.62          | 1.58          | 1.45         | 0.58        | 1.09           | 1.45            |

Holdings on bottom of next page.

Wexand, Spring 1904 (1978 GU)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria:  
(Anarchy)

A(Ser), A(Dud) stand unordered

France:  
(Ian McIntyre)

A(Lpl)-Wal, F(ENG) C A(Lon)-Bre, F(Bre)-Gas, F(MAO) S A(Spa) St,  
F(Mar) St

Germany:  
(Vic Smith)

F(Swe) S F(WTH)-Nor, F(BAL) C A(Ber)-Liv, A(Eai) St, A(Mun)-Tyr, A(Dur) S  
FRENCH F(Mar), A(Gal)-Vie

Italy:  
(Ian Doherty)

A(Ven)-Tyr, A(Tri) S GERMAN A(Gal)-Vie, F(GOL) S A(Pic)-Mar, F(TYR)-WMS,  
F(WMS)-Spa sc

Russia:  
(John Miller)

A(Nor) S F(GOB)-Swe, A(Mos)-War, A(Ukr) S F(Sev), F(Sev) MS F(Rum),  
A(Vie)-Tyr

Turkey:  
(Anarchy)

A(Arm), F(BLA), F(Con), A(Dul) stand unordered

Nasties. Russian A(Vie)-Doh.

Prelech. Wouldn't have expected John Fisher to drop out - such is life.

Moscow - Berlin: You deserve to win, Vic, you're the only person who writes to me in this God-forsaken game. I've had 9 letters from you, two from the late unlamented Doug Mills and three from the rest of Europe, the most recent dated 30.10.78. I've written 21. For the love of Boardman, WAKE UP EVERYBODY!

Prelech (again). Thanks for your letter, John. I suspect that your Gran is in the hostel on Meadowfield which (the hostel that is) is next door to the school. Our bedroom windows look out onto the school, so you were pretty close to us the other day!

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Kyte, Spring 1911 (1977 DY)

GM: Bob Brown

Austria:  
(Anarchy)

A(Tri) stands unordered

France:  
(Stephen Andrews)

A(Cly), A(Lpl) & A(Hol) stand unordered, A(Gas)-Dur, F(Spa sc) S F(MAF)-  
MAO, F(WMS)-TYR, A(Ven) S A(Apu)-Rom, A(Vie) S A(Tyr)-Tri

Germany:  
(Graham Box)

A(Den)-Kie, A(Ber)-Sil, A(Mun) S A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Sil)-Gal, A(Mos) S A(War)-  
Ukr

Russia:  
(Anarchy)

F(Nor) stands

Turkey:  
(Mike Johnson)

A(Sev) St, A(Dud) S GERMAN A(Sil)-Gal, A(Rum)-Ser, A(Con)-Dul, F(Ank)-BLA,  
F(Sry)-AEG, F(AEG)-ION, F(Rom) S F(ION)-TYR, F(Tun) St, F(Por) St,  
F(MAO)-MAO

Nasties. Turkish F(Rom) chopped, NRO. Austrian A(Tri) chopped.

Prelech. The three-way draw has been proposed. Votes next time please. Failure to vote counts for the proposal.

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Cybercrud 3 Bourse cont

Holdings

|             | <u>Crowns</u> | <u>Pounds</u> | <u>Francs</u> | <u>Marks</u> | <u>Lire</u> | <u>Roubles</u> | <u>Liastres</u> | <u>V.Points</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| G. Fourmyle | 8364          | 0             | 1135          | 2036         | 0           | 0              | 0               | 1086            |
| Fezoco Inc  | 6558          | 1600          | 1089          | 1032         | 1           | 1501           | 0               | 966             |
| J. Marsden  | 3734          | 2941          | 3992          | 1            | 502         | 3000           | 0               | 910             |
| S & M       | 4540          | 2057          | 793           | 314          | 1691        | 0              | 0               | 688             |

It's going to take a rapid demise on the part of Austria for Fourmyle to be overtaken!

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Changes of Address

Ted Lendon to C/O Mr. Christopher Taylor, 2 St. James Terrace Mews, London NW8 7LJ  
(June and July)

Paul Ward to 15 Craigmuschat Rd., Gourrock, Scotland PA19 1SE.

Andy Norman to St. Dymphna's, Ransome Rd., Nottingham.

Ian Doherty to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford OX1 4AN (from 25/6/79 - this is merely a holding address and any diploming really needs to be done before that date as Ian says that he is going to be moving around a lot).

Waiting Lists

Regular Diplomacy (Gamefee 75p) (Patrick McCarthy(?)), (Philip Jones), Chris Bishop, John Lee, Derek Wilson, Ken Simpson, Norman Williams and Paul Prebble. We have enough for a gamestart if it weren't for the fact that Patrick and Philip live in the Irish Republic and therefore can't be contacted at the moment. So there is ONE PERSON NEEDED for this game to start. Fortunately, even if we had got 7 this time I would have had to ask for preference lists from those who haven't sent them yet, so would those above who haven't sent me a preference list please do so and if YOU want the seventh position in this game, please send a preference list with your application.

Railway Rivals (Gamefee 30p) Chikako Butcher (any printed map)

En Garde (Gamefee 50p, 20p per year thereafter) Contact Dave Waring

Variant - Switch (No gamefee - playtest) Geoff Chase and Geoff Hardingham have taken up my suggestion from last time, so five more needed. As I suspected, the idea wasn't completely original - a power in a 'Vain Rats' game starting in Gallimaufry looks rather similar to my idea.

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