



Frontispiece

BILLY BUNTER, THE WAITER!

Specially pictured by Leonard Shields

It was only on the condition that he waited upon the guests that Billy Bunter was allowed to be present at this big Remove "feed"—A cheery incident taken from "Billy Bunter's Bust 'U'p!" 115

The GREYFRIARS HOLIDAY Annual

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Greeting

ONCE more I come to greet you, chum !
The best of books, behold me !
(That's not a boast, it's what a host
Of readers past have told me.)

I bring you tales of thrilling trails
And yarns of high adventure,
Of schoolboy fun, each yarn A1
Will never call for censure.

I've tales galore of peace and war,
Of sportsmen, scouts and fighters ;
With tales of school I'm brimming full,
By all your favourite writers.

I've lots of fun for everyone
Within my merry pages,
And poems fill the contents bill
By various bards and sages.

The artists who my pictures drew
Should hang in the Academy ;
(I mean to say, their works, not they ;
No, that would be too bad o' me !)

Each sketch and plate I beg to state
Is absolutely topping ;
Leave that to me, I'll never see
My own high standard dropping.

Enough is said ! Now go ahead
And take my benediction,
To add its mite to your delight
In this my chest of fiction.

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The Editor To His Friends

IN presenting this, the 1936 Edition of the "Holiday Annual," to the many thousands of my loyal reader-friends, I am aware that I am up against a tough task. For every year, for seventeen years now, I have endeavoured to make each successive volume of the "Holiday Annual" just a little better than its predecessor, and every year, naturally, my self-imposed task has become just a little more difficult.

In considering the problem this year, I have decided to throw the burden on to the shoulders of our old friends Harry Wharton & Co. of Greyfriars, and the equally popular Tom Merry & Co. of St. Jim's.

Readers of this volume, therefore, will find that even more space than usual has been devoted to the fun and adventures of these famous schoolboy heroes—incontestably the world's favourite characters—on the principle that it is impossible to have too much of a good thing. Just enough fiction of the thrilling adventure type has been included to give balance to the book and to provide the spice of contrast.

That the finished product will provide even the most fastidious with many happy hours of satisfying reading, is the quite confident hope of your sincere friend,

THE EDITOR.

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