

Music Hall. Night.**MUSIC: ["MR MEMORY THEME"]***(COMPERE and MR MEMORY enter. Bow.)**(Sound effects: Applause.)*

COMPERE. Good evenin' ladies and gentlemen and welcome to tonight's performance. And to begin our show tonight, please welcome one of the most remarkable men in the whole world. The astounding and amazing Mr Memory!!!

(Sound effects: Applause.)

The man with a million facts at his fingertips. With more facts in his brain than is possible to conceive! Is there nothing he does not know? Come on folks - let's find out! Are you ready for the questions Mr Memory?

MR MEMORY. Quite ready for the questions, thankoo!

*(Sound effects: Applause.)***MUSIC: ["DRUMROLL"]**

COMPERE. So first question please ladies and gents.

(Points round audience.)

Beg pardon sir? What was that? Who won the Cup in 1926 Mr Memory?

MR MEMORY. Who won the Cup in 1926? The Tottenham Hotspurs won the Cup in 1926, defeating the Arsenal Gunners by five goals to nil. Am I right sir?

COMPERE. Quite right, Mr Memory!!

(Sound effects: Applause.)

COMPERE. Ah yes! Here's another!

(Points into audience.)

Thank you madam. What was Napoleon's 'orse called?

MR MEMORY. Napoleon's 'orse was called Bellerephon. What he rode at the Battle of Waterloo sufferin severely from the 'aemorroids on June 18th 1815. Am I right madam?

(Sound effects: Applause.)

COMPERE. Very good Mr Memory! And now ladies and -

(RICHARD HANNAY appears in the box.)

Ah! Here's a gentleman with a question. Your question sir please?

HANNAY. My what?

COMPERE. I'd say you was a military gentleman am I right sir?

HANNAY. Um - I was yes.

COMPERE. I thought that from your proud bearin sir. Good for you sir. Done his bit for king and country I should wager! A big round of applause please for the brave soldier ladies and gents!

(Sound effects: Applause.)

Who, with his brave comrades, set forth to make the world a better place. A new world! A better world! Give us 'ope for mankind and for the future!

HANNAY. Sadly not. Didn't make the world a better place. Didn't set forth to do anything! Did what I was told and didn't talk back. That's all. Nothing's changed.

The world as bad as it always was! Little hope in anything I'm afraid. Sorry to disappoint.

(Sound effects: Applause peters out.)