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The lines added by way of tail-piece made their first appearance in the "Church Times."



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*"Please to Remember . . ."*

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IF, dear Sir or Madam, you happen to be—how shall we put it nicely?—well, not so young as you were, you will recollect a time when November the Fifth was a quite important festival. If at that period you lived as a child in London, I will wager that you were scarce dressed before your nose was against the window. Presently, thrilled with pleasure, you heard a distant clamour; it drew nearer, and—yes, there was the first Guy of the day! Clad in loose garments, mystic, wonderful, it rocked uneasily on a barrow. Its great eyes met yours with a look of—I can find no other words—intelligent imbecility; a clay pipe drooped from its mouth, it had a flaxen wig, and—O, supreme humour!—a monstrous nose of flaming red. Round it stood a group of men and ragamuffins chanting that noble, that glorious, that inspiring song:

Please to remember the Fifth of November,  
Gunpowder treason and plot!  
I see no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.  
Hollo, boys, hollo, boys, God save the Queen!