

THE SAD FATE OF A JUBILEE DUDE.

A JUBILEE dude with a jubilee smile,
 Made a jubilee call in a jubilee style ;
 He'd jubilee pants, a jubilee coat,
 And a jubilee tie round his jubilee throat ;
 He'd a jubilee glass in his jubilee eye ;
 He'd a jubilee voice and a jubilee sigh.
 A jubilee miss dressed in jubilee lace,
 Met this jubilee dude with a jubilee face,
 On the jubilee breast of this jubilee girl
 Was a jubilee brooch made of jubilee pearl.
 This jubilee maid in the jubilee mood,
 Was in jubilee love with the jubilee dude ;
 And when he proposed in a jubilee way
 A jubilee wedding on jubilee day,
 With a jubilee gaze this jubilee miss
 Raised her jubilee lips for a jubilee kiss.
 But her jubilee pa raised his jubilee eyes,
 Saw that jubilee kiss, heard those jubilee sighs.
 When the jubilee pa raised his jubilee boot
 The jubilee dude made a jubilee scoot :
 But a jubilee dog 'mid this jubilee row, sir,
 Got his jubilee mouth full of jubilee trouser.

NORA LAUGHER.

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

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DEAR DOCTOR,—I have been feeling very poorly for a long time. At present I am very weak, and feel pains in my joints, and a coldness in my extremities. I don't seem to have any circulation, and I am afraid I am going into a rapid decline unless something is immediately done for me. Please give me your advice and assistance.
 Yours truly,

CONFEDERATION.

REPLY.

MISS CONFEDERATION,—After a careful consideration of your symptoms, I have to say the cause of your indisposition and the appropriate cure for it are quite clear to me. You complain of feeling "poorly." This is the consequence of the enormous drain upon your exchequer which has been going on for many years. When we consider the size of your debt and the weight of the taxation you are bearing, it is little wonder that you feel *poorly*. Your feeling of weakness at the joints is, I am afraid, constitutional. The various members of your body, although formally joined together, have little or no mutual sympathy, and hence the weakness and pain in the joints. The coldness at the extremities is accounted for by the fact that these are so far away from your heart that there is an absence of the warmth of sympathy and affection. You have no circulation to speak of, as you say, and what else could you expect while you continue the experiment of subsisting on your own fat, when you have no fat to subsist on. Your fear that, unless something be done soon, you will go into a rapid decline, is only too well founded, but I am glad to say I am able to prescribe a remedy which, I believe, will completely cure you. I send by this mail a preparation known as Commercial Union. By availing yourself of this and using according to directions, you will feel an instant improvement. It has the marvellous property of infusing new and healthy trade-blood into your system, and will infallibly remove the weakness and pain of your joints and the other ills you complain of. Your extremities, and in fact every member (or province, to speak medically) of your body politic, will be placed in trade relations with communities near by, and the result will be the immediate removal of the coldness you now feel. Wishing you the very best results from this treatment, I remain, &c.,
 J. W. LONGLEY, Political Specialist.



THE REQUIRED SPECIFIC.

The Barber—What you need, sir, is some of my "Hair Restorer."
The Customer—What I need, sir, is a divorce!

THE DANGERS OF COMMERCIAL UNION.

(A Letter from Farmer Giles in Canada to his Son in Dakota.)

MY DEAR BOY,—I suppose you are having plenty of talk just now over on your side of the line, like we are on this side, about what they call Commercial Union. If so, I hope you will pay no attention to it, as I have found it out to be a bad thing. I don't mean bad in the same way as drinking, swearing and such like—not in a moral point of view. In fact, it is quite the other way, I must admit, morally, for there is no doubt that the idea of joining the Canadian and American people in the bonds of peaceful trade while at the same time each goes on with his own political affairs the same as before, is a very nice and pleasant sort of idea looked at from the moral point of view. Nor, I don't mean that it is bad as a financial arrangement. Quite the contrary, and that is just why I object to it, and am doing all I can to get it out of the heads of my neighbors. I will try and explain myself, and I hope you will come to my way of thinking. You remember many and many a lecture I have given you boys in the old kitchen here at home about the way the world is tending nowadays, and how I have warned you against letting what I call the spirit of the age get the better of you. What I hold is that there is too much of a desire after riches these days, and this Commercial Union scheme is just the very thing to fan the flame, as I might say. The farmers of this country are not content with their lot at present, and certainly there is some