

JOHN JOSEPH CALDWELL ABBOTT.

JOHN JOSEPH CALDWELL ABBOTT ;—

Bless the name in all its glory !
I can't get my name to blab aught
But these words, famed in the gory
Fight between the Grit and Tory ;
How they roll
Across my soul !

Praise the power that shaped a name
So fitted to our Premier's fame.

John Joseph Caldwell Abbott, —

Poets have had inspirations,
Painters their penurious dab lot,
Eked by true interpretations ;
Children blessed their wise relations ;
Soldiers danced and (sometimes) fought,
For a name with not a jot

Of your round
Continuous sound !

Weak-brained rhymsters' darts can stab not,
John Joseph Caldwell Abbott.

John Joseph Caldwell Abbott, —

Our land is famous, rich, prolific,
Grant when political confab hot
Burns, you scorch the Grit terrific :
O gerrymander scientific !

Stab their fifth rib,
And in our crib,

Like Joseph, gather corn and honey ;
Our cry "For God and Land and—money."

John Joseph Caldwell Abbott, —

I've a son now at the bottle,
It shall be our darling Bab's lot,
Though it sticks within his throttle,
Ere he first begins to tottle,
To wear your name
And lisp your fame.

Begone ! vile names. Hence ! Bill and Jim !
I'll John-Joe-Caldwell-Abbott him.

John Joseph Caldwell Abbott ;—

When I nod good-bye forever ;
When I have my marble slab bought ;
When my soul and clay dis sever
And I go to come back never,
On my tomb

This finds room,

One precious grief was his and shame,
John Joe Cal. Abb. was not his name.

JAMES BARR.



AFTER THE RACES.

"What you huntin' for, bub ?"

"I hea'd dey was a heap of money lost heah yis'tidy, and I's lookin' ter see ef I kaint fin' some of it."

THISTLEDOWN, PUFF-BALLS AND WHIFFETS.

BY ACUS.

IT is no recommendation to say of a soothing-syrup that children cry after it.

One does not need to study market quotations to know that there is a rise in baking-powder.

"Hic jacet" often describes the inebriate's condition very well, especially the "hic."

If they would give one the prize trip round the world in advance, it would be an inducement to try the word-competitions ; because one could easily work the thing up while travelling.

Enterprising journals desiring to offer trips on the above terms will kindly not all speak at once.

The business of the engrosser might be described as the engrossery business.

One would hardly think they would need an additional conductor on an electric car.

The staff of the "loyl" *Empire* probably regard themselves as united *Empire* loyalists.

I suppose *Globe* "extras" might be called globules.

"A long pull and a strong pull," is the toper's motto.

When they speak of a "flood of eloquence," they probably refer to Nicholas Flood.

That fish and brains go together is shown by the remarkable inventive ability of fishermen.

AN OFF-HAND DEFINITION.

PLUGWINCH—"A lot of new words seem to be coming into use that are quite strange to me. I came across the word 'altruism' the other day. What does that mean, now ?"

JAWKINS—"Mean ? Why, everybody might easily know what that meant even if he had never heard it before. It means something that's all true, of course."



AT AN AFTERNOON TEA.

MRS. CHATTY—"Oh, yes, I have been there, and I can assure you that most of the people in the tropics sleep during the afternoon."

MRS. WEARY (yawning)—"What an awful amount of senseless gabble they must escape !"