

A SKATING ROMANCE.

On ice,
How nice.
Skate slips,
She trips.
Don't fear,
He near.
Up takes,
"Mash" makes.
Gets bold,
Story told.
Gloves off,
Both coff.
Each sneeze,
Hands squeeze.
Boys laugh—
Cry, "caught!"
A shout,
"Lights out."
Home flee,
He, she.
Reach gate,
Don't wait.
In hall,
Quiet all.
"Be mine?"
"Me thine?"
"Wouldn't dare—"
"Husband swear!"

A HAMILTON BOARDING MISSIS EXPRESSES HER MIND.

(A letter picked up in the snow.)

MAIN STREET WEST,
HAMILTON, January 21st, 1884.

DEER MISSUS MAGLACHLIN,—This comes hop-
in as you are all well wich your umble servant
is at present only down in the mouth. You
will be sirprised to here that I'm goin to give
up my bordin hous, wich would be moar like
my borden hous has given up me. this town
is all up. there ain't no more stoodints to be
had heer any moar—mister cross mister holl
and mister lucre as bin eleckted and they is
bound to do away with the hire edikashun in
the Kleejit and them the kind of studys as
brings the young men with the muneys from
the Kentry, wich the corner grocery men will
mity soon find out about their economy. heres
me as laid out ate undereed dolers on groceries
and grub of one kind or other in one yere on
my borders, to say nothin of all i run in det
for an me only wan out of morn a skor of bor-



den-hous keepers as will find their okipashun
gon. and John scott as is goin to leave the
town which theres several moar as is makin
ready to do that same if things doant take a
turn for the beter. John says as how if he
kant get edikashurial advantagis for his child-
ren like he wants in this city why hes gon



ROUGH DESIGN FOR A PLASTER CAST

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ELECTORS OF BOTHWELL.

where it can be got which the people wont be
at the mercy of a crustree that doant no a bee
from a boots foot—nor cant hardly do no more
than spell his own name koreckly wich he
cant see the use of anybody elses children doin
any beter than his own which its not in them
to be and its not in nature to expeck the like
considerin who they come of. they do say
when there was a undereed of them there boys
and girls from the kentry an them payin of
sixteen dolers a peece for fees not to menshun
the money for their books which of itself
was a good help tords the likes of Eastwood
and Dulkan an sich gettin an honest livin, an
fine decent respacktable fellays an no mistake
if I should say it as is gettin a livin myself out
from the same individwells for bord. a und-
red of them same boys at sixteen dollars
would pay one thowsand and six undred dol-
ers for a good teacher, not to menshun the
money the old guvernors spend when they
come a visitin with potatoes to the market an
sich which they generly land themselves into
Watkinnes to lay out their odd spondooliks on
flannels, why it has made a regler mery go
round in the sirkelashun of the money. but
it serves them rite when people think so little
of themselves as to eleckt men as is was ed-
ikated than thereselves to Dick Tait how much
or how little their children must learn morn
the three ares they talks so much about drivin
honest fox like me and John Scott out of the
city with his big family as would have to be
fed an clothed and earn money in the city if
they stayed here, to say nothin of the empty
houses to let which the boys wont forget to
smash every pane in the winders comin home
of an evenin i hope and pray so as their eyes
will be opened for their short sitedness for
elecktin ignoramusses to the school bord. i
had a letter from one of my old borders, he is

eching school now, and he was goin to send
his two brothers and a sister hero to bord with
me, but he says things isnt satisfactory—and
hes awful sorry but his aunts two other
nephews as was comin to finish here are goin
to Toronto so they'll all go together which will
be so much more money out of Hamiltons
pocket—When they want to get elected they
lay a herrin across the scent, and they call the
herrin Economy and they keep that herrin so
tight up to them they cant see nor smell any-
thing else—and they lead them by the nose
till they get to the end of their tether. by
an by they'll find out that their economy as
the Scriptor says tendeth to poverty. All the
fox are laffin at the idea of hamilton advancin
backward like it is. they got rid of the liber-
ary where the boys could go and learn some-
thing of an evening, now they are followin up
by gettin rid of hire Edikation by makin it so
deer that no poor mans child can get a chance
no matter how talented they are, which as i
says before serves them rite. the okshun sail
is to-morrow, when i take in the key to my
landlord. he'll get a piece of my mind. he'll
find out what his votin for Lucre has done for
him—twelve dolers a month will convince him
of his mistake.

Yours sincerely,

MARY JANE HASCH.

A company of gentlemen, who were dining
at an inn, inquired if the turkey which was
served to them was fresh. "Fresh, is it?"
said the Irish waiter jauntily. "Faith, it's
not six hours since that turkey was walking
around on his own rale estate, with his hands
in his pockets never draming what an urgent
invitation he'd have to jine you gentlemen at
dinner."