



MR. MOWAT'S NIGHTMARE.—“THE AWARDED TERRITORY IS BEING STOLEN!”

THE CHURCH DOOR HOBBADEHOY.

I.—HIS HABITS.
Oh! I sing
Of a thing
That is seen in the spring,
In the summer and winter and fall;
Where'er
You may stare
It is sure to be there,
And as surely will stir up your gall.
And the name
Of the same
To the world I proclaim—
Is that creature, not man nor yet boy,
But a callow
And fallow
With complexion like tallow,
And a head that might just as well be a marshmallow;
So perfectly shallow and ideally fallow,
A pimply faced hobba-de-hoy.
Oh! in truth
This uncouth
And most angular youth
Makes me painfully angry and nervous,
As he stands
With the bands
Of church portal brigands,
As he waits for the close of the service.
Do spy
What a sly
Cunning look in his eye,
As the girls at length make their appearance,
Oh! I would
That I could
Of the whole callow brood
Of these youths make a regular clearance.
Hear him speak:
What a squeak!
It is really unique.
His voice, gentle reader, is breaking.
Now 'tis bass: now it floats
Into high alto notes,
As he favors his "mash" with some choice anecdotes,
Whilst an impress he fancies he's making.
II.—HIS GARB.
Oh! the "pants"
Of these "gents"
Are really "impressive."
So soulful, so utter, and intensely intense,
As they lovingly cling to the skin
Of the halves
Of his pees,
i. e., calves,
Of his legs.
Which are always most painfully thin.
Then his coat
Is so short
That away goes each thought
That is sad, when we see it, or solemn;
Why it's end
Don't extend,
When his body doth bend,
To the close of his vertebral column.

FINALE.
I opine
You will "jine"
Your opinion to mine,
When I vote this young fledgling ridiculous:
But why,
Then, should I
The poor creature decry,
When with laughter the lacryminal drop to my eye
He brings, and his oddities tickle us?
Nay, let endeavor
To sever
For ever
All thoughts that are cross from the subject:
And the while
Let us smile,
In place of permitting a stir in our bile,
For the hobba-de-hoy is a thing without quile
Tho', in truth, a most laughable object.

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