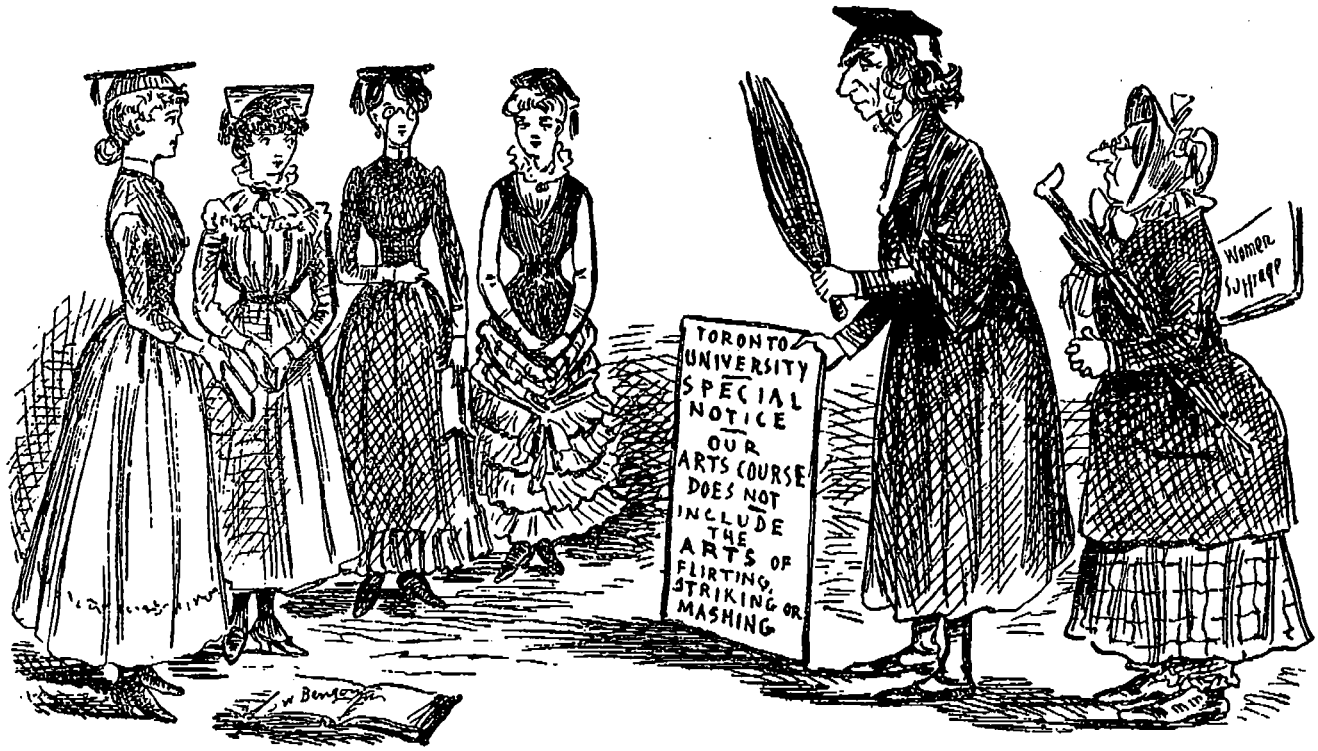


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Old Kaiser Wilhelm seems to be a regular second General Sherman, for not only did he kiss Franz Josef and the Czar, at Warsaw, the other day, but he repeatedly implanted his imperial osculations on the lips of Mrs. F. J. and the Czarina and of as many grand duchesses and smaller feminine fry as he could get hold of, whilst the other two sovereigns looked on and snickered. If the gay old Prussian does things openly, what will he do when his beloved Augu-ta's back is turned. I have heard that she never keeps a pretty maid-of-all-work long, and now I see how it is. Sly dog, Fritzzy; sad dog!

Jimuel Briggs having taken the platform as temperance lecturer, recalls his famous mission to Ireland as a *Globe* commissiouer. He searched his pockets for a pistol when he was a *Globe* detective in Ireland, but as a *Globe* detective in Maine, Jimuel went around searching for pocket-pistols himself. When the gentle Jimuel has his say on the subject the intelligent people of Canada will pay far more attention to his out-spoken truths than to all the wild declarations of windy anti-prohibitionists, whose addresses unconsciously give one the impression that their wishes are father to their thoughts. Jimuel Briggs is a gentleman and a newspaper fellow; and a combination of that sort does considerable towards properly moulding public opinion.

A Michigan man was lately shot by melon thieves while he was guarding his patch with a gun. It is a pretty hard matter to raise melons even in a country where fire-arms are unnecessary for the purpose. If your chickens are considerate enough to spare the vines, your three year-old son will consider his mission in life unfulfilled until he has pulled all the blossoms off. If you are not afflicted with hens or a three year-old, a vagrant cold snap will drop down on you like a tramp in the fall, and, if you have a partiality for frost-nipped half-grown fruit, help yourself to it without any more words. Possibly the melons are permitted to come to maturity, whereupon a dark night permits several school-boys to come to the melons, following which you come to grief. The only way to raise melons with any satisfaction at all is in a burglar-proof safe with you alone the possessor of the combination.

Nobody knows anything about anything but the Britishers. As an example of this, behold how they laughed Mr. H. M. Stanley to scorn because he repeatedly declared that Chinese Gordon could get out of Khartoum all right if he wanted to do so, without any relief expedition from England or anywhere else. That Stanley was right was proved a few days ago, when General Gordon walked out of the besieged place, thrashed the besiegers, and was free. The General might have had the

decency to wait for that relief expedition after all the expense incurred in his behalf. It is hardly possible that he can be aware that a Toronto alderman gave up his seat in the council to go forth and give him his valuable aid, which, however, it appears he didn't want at all. In common decency Gordon should have waited in Khartoum till General Wolseley and Major Denison got there and exclaim, "Here we are; you may come out now." But he didn't; he got tired of being there and came out of his own accord, just as Stanley said he could. And now it will be a whole year and some months before the gallant Major Denison can be re-elected alderman, unless he comes back in a great hurry. It's too bad.

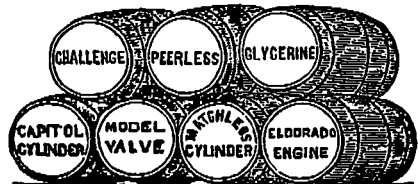
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