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**MCGILL & BONAVENTURE STS.****Mercantile Summary.**— The entrance to the offices of the *JOURNAL OF COMMERCE* contains the only other passenger elevator in the Dominion besides that in the Victoria Hotel, St. John, N. B.— We give space to a long communication of *Government Life Insurance* in another page. The writer has had long practical experience in the business, and we shall be pleased if his arguments provoke a reply from some of those who hold opposite views.— What can be more exhilarating, says the *New York Telegram*, than the case of the sick man of this city whose wife is asking the courts to see that his insurance company does not back out of its agreement to pay so much money to his widow in a decent period after the funeral?— Gilby, the London wine-merchant who got several pages cut out of Rhoda Broughton's last novel because she spoke contemptuously therein of his beverages, has been ingeniously defied by *Christy's Minstrels*. One of them sang:Ten little niggers drinking sherry wine,  
One drank—(Here another held up a placard with the single word "Gilby's" on it, and the singer went on—)  
then there were nine

Gilby was furious, but his lawyers told him he could do nothing, for neither of the minstrels had uttered a complete libel.