



LIBELLOUS GOSSIP—I.

MISS ELDERBY (*ending a long and interesting discussion of their pastor*)—"And I'm quite certain Mr. Fourthly doesn't practice what he preaches!"

THOMAS TOMKINS, M.P.

TOM TOMKINS was a boddler bold,
He systematically sold
His M.P. influence for gold.

Where'er there were canals to dig,
Or blocks to build, or ships to rig,
Or any kind of contract big—

Then Uncle Tommy T., M.P.,
Was always very sure to be
'Round where the pickings he could see.

"Donations" he was wont to salt
Within his little private vault,
And think it but a venial fault.

He went one day to count his tin,
The combination locked him in,
He smothered in his money-bin!

The moral's this: If you would steal,
Don't do it as a private deal,
But do it for your Party's weal!

ACUS.

WITH GIANT STRIDES.

ONE of the most prominent preachers in North Dakota is Miss Carrie J. Bartlett, a young woman who stepped from the newspaper office to the pulpit.—*Washington Hatchet.*

THE cause of Woman's Enfranchisement is going ahead with giant strides and no mistake.

VERY CUTTING.

BAGSLEY—"That was a very cutting remark which old Pigsuffle made when Dasher was boasting that he spent about \$200 a month. He said quietly, 'A fool and his money are soon parted.'"

SAMJONES—"Cutting? I should say so. It's an old saw."

NOT THAT KIND OF ROYALTY.

THIS royalty business is a fraud and a humbug," said an excited individual in the corridor of one of our leading hotels. "It's altogether behind the age. It's ruining the business interests of the Province. Look at the example of the Americans. They are too smart and enterprising to tolerate such a drawback upon progress as the royalty system. It's time we Canadians followed their example."

"I cannot listen to such treasonable language," said Col. Hogaboom warmly. "You are an annexationist and rebel—and as a descendant of the U. E. Loyalist, I allow no man, sir, to talk treason and vilify the Queen's government in my presence."

"Why, who said anything against the government?"

"You did, sir. I suppose you thought that no one present had the courage to call you to account, and now you want to eat your words, after the cowardly fashion of your kind, but I'm not going to allow it. You distinctly said in my hearing that the royalty system was a fraud and humbug, and if you attempt to deny it you are a sneak and a coward!"

"I don't know by what right you presume to take exception to my remarks, but I'm quite prepared to stand by them. I say that the royalty system is an imposition and an injury to the development of Canada——"

"Aha! Take care, sir; that is rank treason" broke in the descendant of the U. E. Loyalists furiously.

"——and that any one interested in Sudbury or Algoma mining properties will corroborate my words. Now what are you going to do about it?"

"O-h! you were talking of mining loyalties," gasped the Colonel.

"Certainly I was."

"Excuse me—ah. I find I made a mistake. I—I—really beg your pardon—good morning."

TEACHER—"What creature has the longest tail?"

BRIGHT BOY—"Please sir, the snake. It is all tail."



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But the fact is, he *does* practice it—every Saturday afternoon!