

"REALLY AN EXCELLENT HIT."

CANADA'S comic paper, GRIP, published at Toronto, has a good hit in its last issue on the commercial situation on this continent. We would commend this cartoon to politicians and the people in Canada and the United States as well. The cartoon is entitled "In Darkest America," and it is inspired by a picture in Stanley's "In Darkest Africa." The original picture represents the dangers which traders are subject to in conveying merchandise from place to place through sections of the dark continent. GRIP's adaptation* of the engraving, shows a number of travelers loaded up with Canadian produce, being set upon by a horde of savages, a number of whom bear a striking likeness to leading politicians in the United States, and who are endeavoring to prevent the travelers from coming into their country. In the background parties traveling in the opposite direction and bearing bundles of United States produce, are being similarly attacked by savages, and among the latter, disguised in savage garb, may be noticed several Canadian politicians. This is really an excellent hit, and to be appreciated it must be seen. While Canada is engaged in endeavoring to drive back the flow of commerce from the south, the United States is similarly endeavoring to stifle trade with her Northern neighbor. Surely the savages of Africa could not engage in anything more suited to the nature of the barbarian than this picture which is presented by Canada and the United States.—*Winnipeg Commercial.*

* Our esteemed critic is astray. The cartoon in question was an original composition, not an adaptation.

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JACOBS & SPARROW'S Opera House, week of September 22nd, Matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The World Against Her is a play with a disconsolate heroine, which Kate Claxton has made something of a success. It has been running at Jacobs & Sparrow's all week with Agnes Wallace Villa in the leading role. It is a melodrama, but something better than the ordinary fire-eating style of play usually designated by that title. A faithful wife is separated from her husband by the artifices of a villain—a conventional villain. The husband believes her unfaithful to him and they separate. After suffering much hardship and being reduced to the point of starvation she has her child stolen by the villain. Her husband at length discovers that she has been faithful to him through it all, finds her, slaughters the cause of their unhappiness and everything is rosy. Agnes Wallace Villa throws a good deal of emotional feeling into the difficult part of the injured wife. It is one of those subdued roles that require a great amount of power to make them acceptable. She is supported by a very good company. Mr. Robert Neil in the leading male character is somewhat stagey, but conscientious in his work. Mr. Harry Trayer made an excellent villain. The juvenile work of Mr. Reddick Anderson and Miss Lucie Villa was very bright and clever. Mr. Horace James and Miss Bella Theodore are excellent as a Punch and Judy travelling show company. The rest of the cast was better than the average.—*Toronto Saturday Night.*

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