

**AWKWARD.**

(A FACT.)

SCENE—Meeting in support of the Conservative candidate in a late by-election.

HUSTINGS ORATOR—"Now, with regard to the so-called exodus, I tell you such a thing does not exist. The only people who are moving to the States are miserable, shiftless loafers, who are no good anyhow, and—"

VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE—"Isn't that pretty hard on the four sons of the chairman?"

[Orator suddenly changes the subject.]

ALTOGETHER TOO PARTICULAR.

He is a lucky foreigner of title who weds an American girl who sees his name properly spelled in an account of the wedding.—*Worcester Light.*

STRIKES us that if the American girl's old man is a millionaire, as is the usual thing in such cases, the foreigner of title might think himself a lucky man even if his name were Houstonized beyond recognition.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

MESSRS. F. J. SCHULTE & CO., Chicago, have begun the publication of a new quarterly magazine entitled *Baconiana*. It has no connection with the staple pork packing industry of that city, as might be supposed, the object being to promote the study of the works of Francis Bacon and the investigation of the claim set up on his behalf to the authorship of the plays usually credited to William Shakespeare. While this is the main purpose of the publication, its scope will be considerably broader, and it is hoped to make it a magazine of general literary interest. The subscription price is \$1 per year, single copies thirty-five cents. The magazine will be sent on receipt of price by Grip Publishing Company, Toronto.

Schulte & Co. have also published "The Price of the Ring," by Margaret Holmes, a gossip story with some quaint touches of character drawing, written with the object of showing the social injustice with which female

lapses from the line of virtue are treated. Price fifty cents, on receipt of which the book will be forwarded to any address by Grip Publishing Co.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

HOW very thankful we should be
For rulers of integrity,
Whose constant care is to improve
The lot of those they dearly love.

At Ottawa the two Sir Johns
Receive the people's glad response
For wise discrimination shown
In filling of the vice-vice-throne.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is indeed
A man well worthy to succeed
To vacant honors of this sort
And head the vice-vice-regal court.

So citizens of various grades
And politicians of all shades
Their voices of acclaim unite
To those who've done the thing that's right.

Our Governor is able, wise,
His *savoir faire* no man denies,
One who his varied talents bends
To patriotic, public ends.

He'll justify the Premier's choice
By reading in a clear, full voice,
The able speeches from the throne
As well as though they were his own.

And, as his penmanship is fine,
His gracious name he'll ably sign
To various legislative bills
Which pass when Premier Mowat wills.

Then with what dignified repose
He'll shine in his official clothes,
With tact that marks the diplomat
He'll wear his breeches and cocked hat.

A low-born cad in such attire
Would bring about disasters dire,
He might perchance at leap-frog play,
Or sing "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay."

But rest quite satisfied we may
Our Governor will not act that way,
He'll do no such unseemly thing,
Disgraceful in a vice-vice-king.

When we reflect that Abbott might
Have sent us one who could not write,
Or read the Speech in tones so clear,
To draw ten thousand every year,

Our hearts go out to him in praise;
His salary we ought to raise,
Since all we are and have we owe
To statesmen who our needs best know.

THE DIFFERENCE.

CITIZEN—"What is the difference between the trolley and storage battery street railway systems, anyway?"

KNOWITALL—"Briefly this: The storage battery system is perfectly safe, but it labors under the trifling disadvantage of being unworkable. The trolley works all right, with the slight drawback that it kills somebody every once in a while."

BARRISTERS AND BARONS.

BORAX—"In what respect does a successful lawyer resemble a mediæval baron?"

SMILAX—"Don't know, unless it's on account of the number of his retainers."