

appeared from the word Bank. He suggests that for decency's sake the matter ought to be attended to. This earnest person is evidently under the impression that this is the result of accident or carelessness, due to the absence of Mr. Blaine, Mr. Allen, Mr. McDonald and several others whose business it was to look after the property. But not so. It is simply the laconic way the liquidators have taken to intimate to the public that the "Bank" is broken.

DID YOU KNOW

THAT this is going to be a hard winter? A man said so.

THAT Gold-win Smith naturally doesn't fancy tin-pot titles?

THAT Anglin ought to know something about the Fisheries Question?

THAT when Forester Phipps starts out on the chase he goes loaded for bear?

THAT you can make your own conundrum out of the answer: "One is a Land-tag and the other a dog-tag?"

THAT, simultaneously with the reign of heavier and more stoutly-built clothing, GRIP'S Almanac will make its appearance?

THAT the crook fraternity consider the Toronto police too profuse in hospitable attentions, and would prefer to enjoy simply the freedom of the city, minus that of the jail?

INTERRUPTED MEDICAL EVOLUTION.

YE farmer he gazed upon his sons. Unto ye one who was broad of brow and strong of limb he said, "Abide thou on ye farm—and eschew ye book which thou hast too frequently in thy hand, for ye bending over it will make thee round-shouldered; and for that thou hast both brawn and brain, behold, I need thee to plow and sow and reap and mow and be a farmer's boy." And unto ye one with a cast in his eye he said, "Lo, I have watched thee fobbling marbles from thy fellows; also when I have sent thee to market with potatoes, lo! thou hast got a dollar a bag when I told thee to ask seventy-five cents; also in packing ye apples thou didst pack ye best ones on top and ye windfalls on ye bottom, and so on with each fruit in its season—verily thou shalt be a business man and become a millionaire or a bank cashier." And unto ye one who was weak of mind and body he saith, "Thou shalt evolve into a pious curate, and ye maidens shall work slippers for thee, and languish because of thee, and thou shalt come down with all thy feeble force on all who uphold not ye doctrine of everlasting punishment." But unto ye fool, ye hoodlum of ye family, he saith, "It troubleth me what to make of thee, unless indeed we make ye experiment of evolving thee into a physician. Yea verily, this is just what we will do; and look you, here is money to buy books and to pay thy board; go therefore into ye city and whatever thou seest ye other gay medicos do, that do thou likewise, and what ever traditions thou hearest of them do thou follow; so shall the process of evolution go on and thou shalt evolve into a grave, wise and reliable physician. So each went his several ways, and ye elder sighed, but since his father desired him, he abode on ye farm and read books in ye hay loft in secret. Ye second, he went into a corner grocery and

sanded sugar and became rich. And the weak one, lo! he standeth in a white gown and readeth ye Litany, and ye foolish spinsters—yea, and even ye married ladies, confess to him in private and say, "he is so sweet." But ye hoodlum remaineth a hoodlum unto this day. For when he had come into ye city he said, "Come now, if this chicken is going to evolve into a physician he'd better hustle." So he hustled, and learnt all the slang he could pick up and make acquaintance of ye "bhoys" and all ye dare devils among ye med's; and he bummed around among ye saloons; and ye cash which his father had given him to buy books, he went on a bust with, and got fired out of ye boarding-house many times and went to bed early in ye mornings and rose up late—and made of himself a nuisance generally. And when opening day came, lo! he said: "Let us hoot down this duffer who hath come to speak in our ears and let us salute him with slang, and deafen him with ye thunder of our clodhopper heels, so shall he see that of knowledge and of science we know quite as much as he does, and evolving rapidly into successful physicians." So this hoodlum and others of the same calibre made a bedlamite Babel of the opening of Trinity College and carried it by storm, so that ye faculty and ye respectable men of ye profession were fain to hide diminished heads for shame.

But ye hoodlums reckoned without their host, for ye faculty rose up in wrath and expelled ye brainless hoodlums who had wrought disgrace upon Trinity, for verily, said they, although a higher organization may come from a protoplasm, and a man from a monkey, yet it is not written in ye code of nature or of art that a physician can be evolved from a fool.

But ye father of ye returning prodigal did not do after ye manner of ye father of Scripture, for he fell upon ye prodigal truly, and kissed him, but it was by proxy and with a hoe handle, which he belabored him with so violently that ye poor hoodlum was fain to cry aloud; so it came to pass that ye elder, ye man of brawn and brain, who studied in secret, became a great and wise physician; and ye hoodlum abode in his own sphere and fed ye animals on ye farm, and when there was a ginger tea social in the village school-house he led the applause with his heels, "the way we used to in Trinity." JAV.



THAT'S WHAT'S THE MATTER.

[Congress is about to increase the duty on eggs.—*News item.*]
 YANKEE FARMER.—"Maria, what's got into them hens? They've been actin' mighty queer lately."
 WIFE.—"Matter? Why they are discouraged. They want protection agin this pauper labor of the Canady hens."