

### A Sad Case

King Lady—Didn't you ever have a loving wife to care for you?

Tramp—No, lady; but that's about the only misfortune I ever escaped.

### He Knew the Result

There is an old negro in the city of Windsor who is overfond of delivering impromptu addresses on public questions. But his ideas of the subjects he discourses upon are as vague as those of many other orators.

"Sam," asked his wife after one of his evening declarations, "what's dis yer graft you'se allers so mad about?"

"Graft," repeated Sam, "is what you might call—well, it's hard to explain to a female. Anyway, it's what de Lawd's a-cussing de country fer."

### Cold Comfort

In a town of Manitoba there lives a Mrs. A— whose neighbour, Mrs. B— is a strong believer in Christian Science. The husband of the former was taken ill and died. The doctor who had attended him was calling, a few days after the funeral, and said, "I suppose Mrs. B— has been in to see you."

"Yes and she said he should have had different treatment; that modern medicine was all a mistake. But I just told her that John had a weak heart, anyway, and would have died just as soon without a doctor."

### Home Sweet Home

At the recent art exhibition in Toronto several visitors were discussing the merits of a picture which depicted cattle grazing in verdant meadows, through which wound a placid stream.

"Isn't that English!" exclaimed one girl. "It's simply delightful. You don't see anything so gentle and pastoral in Canada." The others assented and then some one remarked:

"Let's see what it is."

They turned to the catalogue and read: "On the Upper Reaches of the Don."

"Not our own ugly old Don!" gasped the first Torontonion. But it was even so, and everyone grinned feebly as she recognised that the artist, like the prophet, is sometimes without honour in his own city.

### The Best Policy

The sinner who frankly admits his shortcomings is more likely to be popular than a King-Arthur-like person. A man of the former class was a candidate for the Dominion House in an eastern constituency. One night he was made the subject of a fierce platform attack, the remarks becoming strongly personal and culminating in the rhetorical question:

"How can you send such a man to represent our city—a man who was fined ten dollars in Toronto for attending a cockfight."

The candidate was on his feet in a moment. "It's a lie, ladies and gentlemen," he declared vigorously. "It was fifteen dollars and I paid it like a little man."

There was a roar of applause and even the enemy smiled as "Jim" sat down with an air of virtuous triumph.

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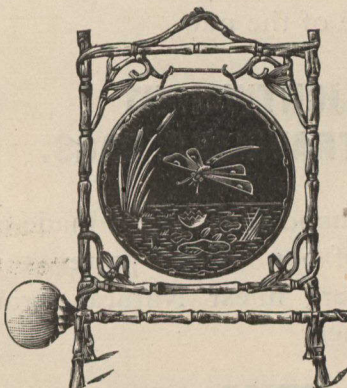
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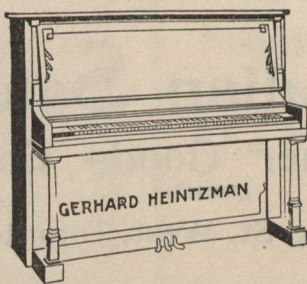
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