



HER ECONOMICAL GUARDIAN.

MAYOR KENNEDY.—“Now, Miss Toronto, you'll have to get along without any frills or flounces this year. I can only allow you absolutely necessary expenses.”

me, for all the world like the man talkin' out a balloon, of where he cudn't spake widout usin' high words.

Av coorse everybody knows that all is not harmonious in the Cabinet at Ottawa, an' that yer own is a purty hard card to play. The story carriers who bethray sayersits, an' thry to make so much mischief, should be given a wide berth. They should be nicknamed the Paycocks, bekase they are sich grate tail-bearers.

Ye ax “if I compared the speeches av Sir John an' Sir Oliver, an' what are me conclushuns?” Shure, ye know, that's a very ladin' queshtun to ax a simple-minded man like meself. Comparisons, as yez know, are always ojus. Let me tell ye a little story: “Is Pat Flanagan aboard this ship?” roared Nelson, during a lull in the firin' at the battle av the Nile. “I'm here, me lord,” answered Pat, shewing himself on deck. “Then,” said the gallant Nelson, looking satisfied, “let the battle proceed.” Now, ye can make the applicashun to shoot yerself. An' if ye shud consider it an evasive answer, there's a pecedint in the case. Father Magrath wanst expected a visit from a Church av England minisither, an' not bein' prepared to resave him, tould his man, Mike, to put him off wid an evasive answer. An' Mike did it so effectkthully that the minisither left the priest's doore in a mighty huff. “What did ye say to him?” axed his reverence, whin the minisither had turned his back. “Is it what did I say to 'm? Och, I put him off wid an evasive answer.” “But what did you say to him?” repeated the priest. “Why, I tell ye agin,” responded the priest's man, warmly, “that I put him off wid an evasive answer. I tould him to go home an' larn his grandmother to milk ducks!”

And, so, I decline givin' any further information upon this point.

I quite agree widh ye that Pether Mitchell's remainisences

might betther be kept to himself. He not only shews that Sir John Macdonald wasn't a man av his word, but that he, Pether, was aisily plackated be promises, an' that if he only got what he wanted, he was quite ready to back up Sir John, and follow wherever he led. Ye know that many people are led by thair vices as there are many more who are led be thair noses. But there are a far greater number, believe me, who follow both without any ladin' at all, an' Pether is wan av 'em. He boasts av bein' his own ladher, an' mark the result. In spakin' av the dead Pether should have remembered the fine ould Latin maxim.—*De mortuis nil nisi bonum.*

Plase excuse slips av the pen in the foregoing. And spakin' av slips, 'tis an ould sayin', that “thare's many a slip 'twixt the cup an' the lip.” But I b'lieve 'twud be thruer to say that thare are many more slips afther the cup has been drained.

Ver throe frind,

TIM O'DAY.

GREAT FEAT OF STRENGTH.—When the auctioneer knocked down the elephant.

PROBABILITIES.

THAT Bill Nye and William Hawley Smith will never catch another crowd of Toronto people in their “Cyclone of Fun.”

THAT Robert J. Burdette will return next season and give an evening of readings from *Ayer's Almanac* of the ventage of '53, to an enthusiastic audience.

THAT on the occasion of Henry Irving's next engagement the “Merchant of Venice” will be performed, with the manager of the Grand in the character of *Shylock*.

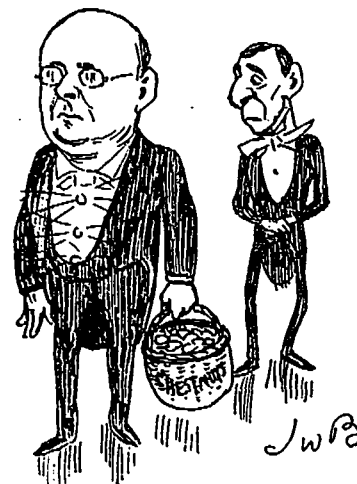
THAT the next job provided for the idle hands of the unemployed will be that of removing the dampness of the water in the bay.

THAT E. A. Macdonald would make his fortune by setting up a shop for the wholesale supply of patience and perseverance to his less gifted fellow beings.

THAT next weeks' GRIP will be better than anything yet published.

THAT D'Alton McCarthy wasn't delighted at said decision, which robbed him of his best ammunition.

THAT Sir John Thompson wasn't particularly angry at the Supreme Court for deciding that the Manitoba School Bill is constitutional and cannot be interfered with by the Government.



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