



"A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN," &c.,
OR, BISMARCK EIZING PUNCH.

Something Very Funny.

DEAR GRIP,—Like the Hon. C. Buffer, I also am unable to make out the practical value of the military college at Kingston.

For what purpose are we preparing ourselves with a supply of sucking Wellingtons and Bonapartes? Does Canada contemplate of engaging in war with the nations of Europe? Or are we preparing a force to resist the ever onward march of the yellow-skinned, almond-eyed, irrepressible rat-eating heathen Chinese? Or do our rulers seriously think of engaging in combat with our friends and neighbours south of the line? Can it be that we have had in view the organization of a force that would protect a frontier three thousand miles in length against the armies of a nation more than ten times as numerous, and far more than ten times as wealthy as we are?

The ideas above suggested may not at first sight seem exactly the thing for a comic paper; it is perhaps hard to see where the fun comes in. And yet, Mr. GRIP, is there not something sadly but exquisitely ludicrous in the idea of a people being so besotted with loyalty to an empire, the press and people of which seem for the most part scornfully oblivious of our existence, as to complete the fabric of ruin that we have been laboriously building up by refusing to trade with our nearest neighbours and natural customers, on the only terms which they could be expected to grant. By taxing ourselves to create an army whose only possible employment would be to attempt the conquest of the strongest nation on earth.

And perhaps the most comical part of it is, that the utter and transparent absurdity of the whole affair seems to have never yet been noticed by any one in Canada.

I remain, &c.,
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They are discussing a new play.

"It is a fine thing—a tremendous success," exclaims one of them, a Bohemian. "I had complimentaries for the first performance."

"Ah, so you know the author?"

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"The deuce you say!"

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Contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms. An accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$300.00 must accompany the tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract for the work, at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted. For the due fulfilment of the contract, satisfactory security will be required by the deposit of money to the amount of five per cent. on the bulk sum of the contract, of which the sum sent in with the tender will be considered a part.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
(Signed,) F. DRAUN,
Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, January 5, 1882.