

really though! Well, of course we were just making a bee line for the park, (short cut home, you know)—when all of a sudden it struck me it must be past nine. I couldn't judge by the moon—because it had such a mighty peculiar appearance that night, seemed kind of sliding backward like—so I remarked to my brother Alderman that it wouldn't be very dignified like to find ourselves hauled up for trespassing in the park after nine o'clock. But he bet it wasn't near nine o'clock, that in fact it was quite early yet. I was so convinced of the lateness of the hour that I put up five dollars at once—so we got under a tree, struck a match, and there it was only half past four. And sure enough there were long streaks of sunset still in the sky, only it seems to me they were in the east. We didn't meet a blessed policeman all the way—but I lost five dollars on my bet, and I never can make out how the moon was shining at half past four that evening.

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Come to think on't we did meet a policeman, but that was on my own door step; don't see how he came to be talking to me *there*—but he was—and he quite agreed with me that Howland went too far—too far. He told me in confidence that they might sack him if they liked, but he'd be hung, drawn and quartered (whatever that means) before he'd turn any woman with her baby's carriage, off the sidewalk. I was just going to whisper something in confidence, but my wife's head at that moment appeared at the bedroom window, and I got mad at her for insulting the policeman by saying "Drunk again." You can't persuade a woman against her will—but I'm confident, the poor fellow, was as sober as I was.

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I see "Randy" has stepped into Gladstone's shoes. Should think they'd be a mile too big for him; least ways—I know this much, if his head should step into Gladstone's hat, he'd find himself into the same box as the minister who tried to carry a large inverted iron pot home on his head and was engulfed therein.

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Our president—Goldwin I mean—has accomplished the great mission he went to England for—he has relegated the G. O. M. to ignominious oblivion—and saved the Empire—'ip—'ip—oo' rah! for our G. O. M., he's got a head and no mistake—rich, too, by Jove! Great fellow to keep his figure head before the public. He's bound to do that every time.

THE threatened hostilities between the U. S. and Mexico will probably end where they began, viz.: in an editorial war over a newspaper Cutting.



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## Notice to Contractors.



SEALED Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for the Masonry and Bricklayers' Works, &c., of Parliament Buildings," will be received at this Department until twelve of the clock noon, on Thursday, the second day of September next, for the excavating and the masonry and bricklayers' works, labor and materials, and certain other works, &c., in connection therewith, required for and in the erection and construction of the proposed new Parliament and Departmental Buildings for the Province of Ontario.

Printed forms of tender can be obtained at this Department, and persons tendering are specially notified that they will not be entitled to have their tenders considered unless the same are made on and in compliance with these printed forms, signed with the actual signatures of every person tendering (including each member of the firm) followed by his post-office address, and with all blanks in the forms properly filled up.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Commissioner of Public Works for Ontario, for the sum of eight thousand dollars, which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines or fails to enter into a contract based upon such tender, when called upon to do so. Where the party's tender is not accepted, the cheque will be returned.

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