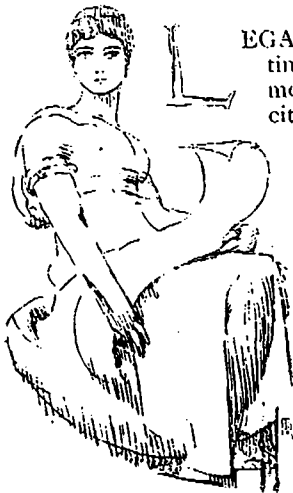


WHILE Capitalism is thus thoroughly cosmopolitan, seeking only its profit and ignoring all considerations of patriotism, the masses of the people everywhere allow themselves to be governed by old-time prejudices and race-hatreds. Cunning political and financial tricksters play upon their passions and arouse their "patriotism" for their own selfish ends. English capitalists invest in the U.S. and American capitalists in Canada, with the utmost disregard of sentimental considerations, but so soon as any scheme such as Unrestricted Reciprocity is proposed, which will bring the peoples closer together, the "patriotic" cry is at once raised. What a howl goes up in capitalistic circles when workingmen propose to disregard national boundary lines and act together for their common interests! Labor may very well take a leaf out of the book of capitalism in this respect, discourage international jealousies, and laugh at specious appeals to their patriotic feeling from men who will collect their usury tribute from Briton or Yankee, Jew or Gentile, black or white, with the most charming impartiality.

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LEGAL gentlemen anxious to distinguish themselves are by no means scarce in Toronto. The city, moreover, has continually more or less eminent and highly paid solicitors and counsel retained specially to watch its interests. Is it not, therefore, a somewhat remarkable piece of business that it should have been left to a layman like Ald. E. A. Macdonald to find out that the street railway corporation have no legal sanction for their operations excepting on Yonge and Queen streets?

According to a clause in the agreement between the Frank Smith monopoly and the city, a certificate of the city surveyor as to the good order of the road is requisite before any line can be operated. Except in the case of the two thoroughfares mentioned, no such certificate has ever been given. What is the use of our city solicitors and other ornamental legal functionaries, when such an omission can occur year after year, unnoticed? Ald. Macdonald deserves the thanks of the citizens for having had the courage and public-spirit to give a check to this insolent and rapacious monopoly.

#### TO A CHUMP.

I WOULDN'T be a chump if I were you.  
Why don't you drop it? Take some other role.  
Rally the latent forces of your soul,  
And bid the shameful past at once adieu.  
Chumps are not popular, and if they were.  
An innate sense of manhood should incite  
A reformation, even in despite  
Of baser motives, which should none deter.  
Don't be a chump! It really isn't best.  
What! going to run for Parliament next year?  
I humbly crave your pardon, gracious sir,  
For rash advice too thoughtlessly expressed.  
Preserve intact your chumpness if you will,  
Such men as you exactly fill the bill.



#### HE MADE NO NOISE OVER IT.

CUSTOMER AT RESTAURANT—"John, I see the landlord has put up a notice, 'No tips allowed.' How does that suit you?"  
JOHN—"I don't mind it, sir. I know enough to take a tip quietly."

#### HE WAS CAREFUL.

PARSON—"Intemperance has been the ruin of many who commenced life with excellent prospects—hope, John, you are careful in regard to drinking."  
JOHN—"Careful about drinking? Oh, yes; there's nothing I'm more careful about. You don't often see me get left on a Saturday night without something to do me through Sunday. I tell you a man needs to be careful these times when they close up so sharp, or he'll have to go thirsty."

#### QUESTIONS OF THE DAY.

ARE we going to have winter right away?  
What do you think of Laurier?  
Who's going to be Mayor next year?  
Will Mowat go?  
Where did you get that hat?  
Is the Equal Rights movement going to last?  
Will real-estate boom next spring?  
Is John Small going to get the Collectors'hip?  
How is the *Empire* to be kept alive?  
Will the Tory manufacturers whack up?  
Why did I give away my last year's overcoat?  
Where can I get coal at summer prices?  
What is Meredith going to do next session?  
How long will Goldwin Smith run the *Bystander*?  
Does Toronto want another first-class hotel?  
Has anybody seen the Fakir about lately?  
Will you join me?  
Have you used — [to be filled up when the advertising agent has made a contract.