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"If there's a hole in a' your coat,  
I rode you tent it;  
A chief's an'ing you taking notes,  
And, faith, he'll prunt it."

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### A LAMENT BY A GRIT.

"Dies iræ."

They're numbered with the past, those happy, happy days

When Grit was not synonymous with Tory,  
When party battle-cries set Canada a-blaze,  
And victor won and vanquished lost with glory.

No Popery" was played with all its variations,  
On "Rep. by Pop," the sweetest chimes were rung,  
And "Union-down" was text for countless Grit orations,  
While "Joint Authority" was often sung.

Our great Onotio led his formidable host,  
(Ho double headed all his fiercest speeches,  
And craven hearted ones who dared desert their post  
Were damned in blackest type as graceless wretches.

Now—now, alas! what painful sights we see—  
McDougall, Foley, with their servile benchmen,  
Consorting daily with the Papist chief McGee,  
And truckling shamefully to stupid Frenchmen.

Our cherished "Rep. by Pop." alas! is now no more,  
And other dear ones lie in shameful graves.  
O Grits, our choicest planks sored but to make a floor  
Or spring-board for a company of knaves.

Fact, Sir!

—At the Washington anniversary dinner, the other night, the Chairman enlightened his hearers as to Uncle Abe's doings, (*sayings* tabooed), since he was smuggled in a Glangery cap and shawl into the White House; and wound up by declaring that Father Abraham had "astonished the whole world." Who dare deny to Mr. Thurston the merit of truthfulness? We thank thee for those words, Sir; you do the old man justice. His powers, in the way of astonishing the world are really remarkable; but he is of good size and portly bearing. The world wags along.

A QUESTION FOR POLITICAL ECONOMISTS.—How is it that gold never rises in one's pocket although at 170 in New York? When you ask a debtor to cash up, do you mean cash down?

### Osgoode Hall Examination Questions.

FOR 1ST YEAR MEN.

(Dropped on Court Street by an examiner, who may have the manuscript by applying at the Grumbler office, 21 Nordheimer's Buildings.)

1. How many horses drew MAGNA CHARTA.
2. Do tenants in common always live on an open plain, and if they set up a defence to an action, does it destroy their title.
3. Is a butcher a joint tenant; if so, does Lord Monck hold the Governor-Generalship by the courtesy of England, or that of Canada.
4. What is a writ of attachment, and in what respect similar to a *billet doux*.
5. Has the Grumbler any "things personal?"
6. Could Mount Lebanon be arraigned for high treason?
7. In what reign did the Counts in a declaration receive their rank?
8. Would a "General issue," be a general without his shoe?
9. Was Judas Iscariot a law student?
10. If it take three Benchers to make a quorum how many would it take to make a forum?
11. Is the "Devil's Own," *in nudibus* or *in articulo mortis*. If so, what has become of the *scintilla juris*?
12. Is it civil in juries to go to sleep while Counsel is addressing them, and does such conduct come under the head of civil injuries?
13. Of what wood is the Queen's Bench made, soft maple or lignum vitæ, and does the Queen ever sit; if not, can she bring an action for deceit?
14. In connection with your last answer state your opinion as to the constituents of judicial dignity? Is vanity, or flippancy, or a liking for the sound of one's own voice, a necessary element? Give your reasons for your answer, and cite cases in point.
15. Find Smith's Mercantile Law in the library within ten minutes. (Note.—An extra half hour will be allowed candidates in order that a thorough search may be made.)

### A Hint for Barnum.

—THE GRUMBLER suggests to Mr. Showman Barnum, whether a good thing might not be made if he were to take hold of the Menagerie now at Quebec. The "happy family," was not a circumstance to it. McGee hugging Macdougall; Foley in the same bed as Wilson; and all of them eating up themselves (something more than figuratively,) would seem to afford a means for turning an honest penny. Now that Tom Thumb is off the stage, the next best thing in all odds, is the "Quebec Menagerie."

### ADAM—HIS SPEECH.

If the Solicitor General West has any friends in the House, we earnestly intreat them to put a stopper in his mouth, or appoint a body guard to look after the little man. It is perfectly evident that he needs something in the shape of a "vigilance committee," to keep him from perpetually making himself ridiculous. Poor little Adam! How could you be so foolish as to make that speech you did on the Double Majority? If you were unable to say anything about it, why in the name of common sense did you not know enough to hold your tongue? To prate about the difficulty of interpreting the United States' Constitution, and say plump and plain that you knew nothing about the Double Majority, which is the corner stone of your policy—if you have any policy beyond a tight grasp of the money bag—was certainly very stupid of you, indeed. If a man like Tom Ferguson, or Amos Wright, were to make such an example of himself, we could stand it; but coming from you—we'll we don't know what to make of it! except, indeed, that you will need to have the hand of a kidnapper placed upon your throttle. Take the advice of an old friend, and hold your tongue, when you have nothing to say, but what will rank you among the Dogberrys of Parliament. Ponder over the words of the old motto "*audi, vidi, tace*," as you hope for the reputation of a sensible man.

### MODEST G. B.

We always knew Mr. Brown was a modest man; but really his simpering, and sighing, and blushing, and he would if they would, and he wouldn't if they wouldn't, is really too strong a dose for us. How cruel of these wicked men of Oxford to insist on G. B. stamping the county, when they knew so well that he had no desire to enter Parliament! How self-abnegating the conduct of the aforesaid G. B. in forsaking house and home, and the editorial sanctum, to represent the "sturdy yeomanry" of Oxford! But, after all, why should we talk thus; there is nothing new in it. Did not Cincinnati leave his plough to serve the *Cives Romanes* in their days of trouble? And who ever doubted the sincerity of his motive? Out upon all slanderous thoughts. Mr. Brown is indeed a modest man, always ready to sacrifice himself on the shrine of duty to his country! *Exultemus!* There is a patriot among us. Let Rep. by Pop. jog on its weary way. We still live, and G. B. lives among us.

INQUIRY OF MINISTERS.—Does the Militia Bill provide for an examination in class X? Is the Sedimentary force to be exclusively Grit?