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The deductions arising from a phrenological "sounding" (on the assumption of phrenology relating to matters of fact) necessarily coincide with men's experience; hence when one drops one's plummet on a prominent person, it follows that one indicates much which has been already recognized. And inasmuch as the countenance is so often a mirror of the mind, it is hardly possible to dis sever the science of phrenology from what we will term the kindred science of physiognomy. Neither can we suppose that they who so constantly behold the kindly countenance of Ontario's Speaker will be inclined to cavil at a passing reference to it, beaming as it does through the official gravity of His Honor's visage, while he serenely endures the blatantries and bad English of either side the House. Great force of character is united, in the person of His Honor, with a fine physical organization, so that if aroused (which as Speaker, we must presume he never will be) he would show himself forcible and severe. There is however not a head among the chosen eighty-eight so likely to keep cool, and to take things quietly as is that of the elected of the Assembly. This head discloses not merely breadth of intellect, but that aptitude for finance and business detail which has served as stepping-stone to its possessor's present position. The Honorable gentleman is probably somewhat too sensitive not to be practically reminded that "uneasy lies the head that wears a"—Speaker's hat, but he has been sufficiently disciplined in the school of culture to veil his emotions with small effort. It is satisfactory to be able to observe that Mr. Speaker's personal sensitiveness will not prevent his being considerate of the feelings of others. As his industry enables him to gather and *hive* facts with facility, we could hardly desire a more effectual illustration of the value of that education which a man may obtain for the love of it, in contrast with that over-estimated cram accruing from a College career. The constructive ability of the