

### SIGNS OF SPRING.

THE spring is surely coming, for the robins have returned,  
And soon we'll see at dawn of day snipes fishing in the gutter;  
Spring chickens are in market, and 'tis also gladly learned  
That the grocer man is selling what he swears is new-grass butter.

Toboggan, ice-boat, snow-shoe fiends their orgies have postponed,  
And talk of rowing, picnicking, and sundry substitutes,  
For my spouse's new spring bonnet I already have been "boned,"  
While for myself I resurrect last summer's cast off boots.

That spring is near these symptoms prove, and yet I am not glad,  
For there is something in the fact that sets me in a worry;  
The bills for sealskin cloaks and furs I know have made me sad,  
But more than all I dread to face my wife's spring millinery,  
W. H. T.

### TELEPHONE MESSAGES FROM HIGH LATITUDE.

EDWARD BLAKE TO THE REFORM PARTY.

No, I am not going to resign just yet. I am at present engaged in formulating a policy in regard to Prohibition, Free Trade and various other things—you need not expect me to lead, but I shall still maintain my position as head of the party.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER TO SIR J. A. MACDONALD.

When are you going to hand me over the leadership? Did you never hear the motto, "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day"? Things are beginning to look fishy, so I can't wait any longer.

SIR J. A. MACDONALD TO SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

Wait a little longer. Did you never hear the motto, "Never do to-day what you can put off till to-morrow"? Ta-ta.

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erable sources by a skilful and intelligent hand. Mr. Burgess has long been known as a very clear and forcible writer, and this is certainly his *magnus opus*. The work is sent forth in a very acceptable manner by the Willard Tract Depository, and costs but \$1.

We shall soon be even with England for sending Lonsdale over to this country. Sullivan is going over there.—*Clinton Bugle*.

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