



A SACRIFICING SPIRIT.

AN EPISODE OF THE GOLD SNAP.

Tramp (to Dookins).—Sonny, you look most perished, and I can't stand by an' see you suffer. I'm strong an' hearty, an' I don't need this coat. I'll sell it to you cheap. Is it a go, boss? Name the price!

STREET NOMENCLATURE.

DEAR MR. GRIP,—I am delighted to see that the residents of Hawbuck Street have had the spirit to rise up and protest against such a name as that being borne by the thoroughfare on which they reside. I rejoice to observe that the council at once decided to change that name when it was represented to them that it was objectionable to the Hawbuckites. What does it matter that the street was named as it was for particularly good reasons? Pooh, pooh. And now the name is changed to Homer Avenue! *That's* something like! So classical! So poetical! And now I think that there are several other streets whose vulgar names should be changed at once. Why not alter Yonge street to Iliad Crescent or Odyssey Boulevard? and surely Via Virgillii would sound better than King Street. You see such names as Yonge, King, etc., etc., are so common. At any rate we might at least name some of our streets after civic officials, etc. We have a Paddy Boyle's Lane, and faith! what better name would you want?

Now, wouldn't Piper Place, Blevins' Bunk, Lobbs Lane, Draper Diggings, Alderman's Alley, etc., be much better than Denison Avenue, Jarvis Street, and the like, though I must say I favor classical names and think Homer Avenue nothing more or less than an inspiration, though I have my doubts after all whether half the residents of Hawbuck Street could tell who Homer was or in what year he was mayor of Toronto. I would willingly wager they don't know what his other name was.

Please use your powerful influence, MR. GRIP, to have all our streets re-named, and advocate the replacing of the commonplace and often vulgar names that many of them now bear by some aristocratic or classical applications, such as Swill-barrel Terrace, Dustbin Row, Xenophon Alley, Aristophanes Promenade, and so on.

Bah! Hawbuck Street! Just think of it! Horrible

Yours, etc.,
"ARISTOS."

Socrates Villas, Rosedale.