



"A DISTINCTION—WITH A DIFFERENCE."

First Stall-keeper (to customer)—"I ain't got no change": (*then to second stall-keeper*)—"Kin you give this woman change of five dollar bill?"

Second Stall-keeper—"I guess I kin."

First Stall-keeper (to customer)—"There, that lady will give you change." (A fact.)

I am a paragon. I am just bubbling over with a stock of original jokes on Canadian subjects, but I am afraid of the consequences if I spring them all on you in the course of an evening. There is a great fear haunting me that I may become an unintentional murderer. Tell me—tell me quickly, as you are the only authority to which I can refer, are my fears well founded? Must I eliminate some of my most dangerous explosives?"

Here the despondent William stepped to the grate and wrung out his handkerchief. We requested him to reel off a few samples of his goods, and in broken accents he remarked:—

"Why, yes; of course, of course. Just use this table cloth if you have no handkerchief. I will open something like this:—"Ladies and gentlemen, I feel justified in remarking that I hope no one will pay attention to any new reports of bank failures while I am speaking. There is no available train to-night, and by listening attentively you will be better able to *bear* the financial depression to-morrow.

"Among your manufactures I observe that Canadian trunks can't be beat for price. I used one of your Grand Trunks on my trip from the Falls, and found I had to pay full fare or miss the train.

"You have always been happy in your selection of a Governor-General. The last one, as I remember him, was a genial gentleman, but the Princess had a sad, take-me-back-again look in her eyes. It was natural though as she lived for Lorne."

With a deep groan we begged of the immortal Nye to desist. We silently wrung his hand, and assured him that he could fire away with that sort of ammunition all night, and not raise a hair. The only danger lay in the possibility of the gun itself exploding, as he appeared to be loaded to the muzzle.

Before proceeding out into the feverish atmosphere we attempted to fortify our nerves from a decanter which stood on the table, but, behold! it was empty. And the mystery of Nye's misery was explained. SAM STUBBS.

BLIZZARD is the comparative form of "blows hard" used in the North-Western when it blows harder.

GIVEN that the new German Military Bill will cause an expenditure of 243 million marks; find how many marks make a Bismarck?

LORD and Lady Randolph Churchill signalized themselves in the eyes of Europe by going on the Spree together the other day—at Berlin.

DR. JOSEPH KENNY says Mr. O'Brien's nervous system is completely shattered. Do you mean that Balfour's political medicine is likely to Kil,—Kenny?

IF Mr. Morley speaks in Dublin, will the British Government act Morley-niently with him than with Irish orators, and will they let the Marquis rip-on as he likes?

COLONEL KITCHENER is no drawing-room officer. He was severely wounded in the Soudan by rebels, and has one to Cairo for treatment—better treatment, we hope.