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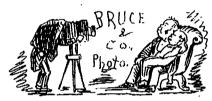
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Once upon a time There was a little bit of slime In the deep, deep bottom of the sea: And it commenced to breathe, Without anybody's leave,

And that was the beginning of you and me.

It sucked the green sea water,-It was neither son nor daughter, But a little bit of both done up in one, And from it soon evolved, While the old world still revolv'd A being which we'll nominate its son.

The son the father hated. And so "differentiated"

Its son in course of time just followed suit,-So it grew by many stages,

Through fifty million ages,
Till in the course of time it reached the newt.

The newt was awful gritty, And knew't would be a pity

To leave the world no better than his pater So he turned him inside out, Knowing what he was about.

And, lo! became an animal much greater.

He, too, went on evolving,

The riddle ever solving
Of his destiny, and bound to solve it soon: So he taller grew and fatter, And one day commenced to chatter,
And found himself a bouncing big baboon.

While his tail was long and growing. He wore it quite off rowing

A la Hankan on a patent sliding-seat; Then he went and killed his brothers, Made soup of some, and others

Served up with roast potatoes and some beet.

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ing tor returns.—Kingston Wing.

—Our lively friend Grif has an adminable cartoon on the visit to the Northwest. "The fast young man of Ontario" appears arrayed in the latest stripts of fashion, with half cocked hat, cigar rampant, corkscrew pedant, etc. The Hon. Oliver gravely points to the long bill for lush and receives a vacant state. Judging from the excellent map of the route which adorns the background the visit may not be altogether fruitless, as the array of "old sogers" strewed along may yet bring forth a goodly crop of old rye.—St. Catharines Journal. (Conservative.)

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"GRIP."—The last issue of GRIP is one of the best we have had for some time. Its leading cartoon represents the Lieut-Governor of Ontario, as "the fast voung man of Ontario." His Honor is engaged in smoking a cigar, his cocked hat is carefully worn on the side of his head in regular "b'hoy" fashion, and he seems to be listening in a sort of "don't care" way to the remonstrances of Mr. Premier Mowat, who points out the long array of wines, cigaits and corkscrews in a particularly long bill. A map hanging on the wall shows the route of His Honor and his party, across Manitoba. The idea is excellent and the manner in which it is carried out is very clever. GRIP improves regularly as it grows older. We couldn't do without the little loker now if we wanted to. It has become a kind of weekly sunbeam.—Quebec Chronicle. (Reform,)

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