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CHARACTER SKETCHES. NO. IV-COUNT SONOVAGUN.

Count Sonovagun was a Nihilist. Ho Had sworn to dismember the Romanoff tree; He'd cause for his enmity, ev'ry one grants, For most of his sisters, and cousins, and aunts Were knowed, or sent to Siberia, which fun Was a source of annoyance to Sonovagun, Wao swore by the boots of his sainted mamma

use a mild phrase, it's a mere "vacant lot." Tis whispered by some that this quasi Grand Duk ded the throne by a regular "fluke;" That's rot, for "old Nick," shis reputed papa, Died will-less, thus leaving his throne to the Czar.

That Nicky had always a "will of his own."

Had a Brinee for his fag, when a youngster at school, A lawless young brat call'd Gin-sling-ober-dah, Who, since those school days, has been "call'd to

the bar" (very often), But time worketh wonders, the one who was first Eventually saw his position reversed,
And Sessovagun—poor, his plans come to nought—
Saw Gin-sling-ober-dah high in favor at court.

A correctl, as secret and dark as the tomb, of Alec the Second, by the efforts of one, Addressed in epistles as Sonovagun, a
Who, homeless, had met Prince Gin-sling-ober-dah,
Whe promised to "put in a word" to the Czar; "star,"

A "Groom of the Chamber" to Sandy the Tsar.

They "busted" their sides, when that reyal sardine and the Princess Le-powder-puff-dab-Vasoline, Were singing together—regardless of plots—On lobsters, and whiskey, and pickled shalots, When, being went the plates with a deuce of a row,

lst yells of "oh Moses," "it's up with us now."

Toughtiesaly buck'd an "explosive" unseen, "Twixt-Sandy and Powder-puff-dab-Lasoline. But Monarchs wholre born to be hung never die By dynamies Valentines; sent "on the sly."

Just so, and that's why this "internal machine" Sparedithe Czartine Le-powder puff-dab-Vasoline.

He doesd the old Pertar with strychnine, but failed; With ps tols, still Sandy's good genius prevailed— Then hecused his iver-pad, but Helman's audacity Hau person'd that up to it's utmost capacity. He bored him for ours with statistical facts, ose columns of "horrors," we'ret ound to Caused Sandy's discession the utmost distress.

Most people would think that, in failing each tirze On the varpath of treason, rebellion, and crime, The Count would relinquish his desperate plan, But Sonovagun "sein't that kind of a man." Nitro glycerine new, by the poundere lays by, Of Moreo's best seap he secures a supply, The one in the other, he steeps, with a grin Like a man whe has bet and feels certain he'll wir

his notion was this : When the Can leaves His Majesty washes his hands, feet and head, The mement he cans it that soap will explode. and, up goes pry Nabs, if he den't, I'll be blowe The scheme was perfection, or so the Count though But, also for our Hero, his plan came to nought, For the Zar proved too upright to etoop to begin.

And a great deal too dirty—to wash his own-skin.

Count-Senovagun, Eisheartened at last, Turn'd his fact to the swall and his back to the Past, Elevated his features, degraded his vest, And saided for Torosto "The Queen of the West;" Was taken in hand there (poor, pitiful fool), By "elders" who "run" that sensational school, Whose pastors are famous for getting up "score When westling with Satan in shady re ines, Or, airing degrees from a seventh rate College, Make blusser do duty, for absence of knowledge, Where pulpit and pews in bufforery recel.

To the grief of the Lord, and delight of the devil. In justice to all parties concerned it is but four to state that we allude to His Imperial Majesty the late Emperor Nicholas.

Mr. J. T. Nudel has returned from Mr. J. T. Nudel has returned from a short trip west, and is again attending to his duties in the police court.

The Monetary Times says: A Newmarket groder, Mr. W. B. Roche, who did a good trade, mostly for cash with a small margin for prefit, has his store trapporarily closed and is asking his creditors to compromise his indebtedness of \$5000. His assets are about \$3000, and it is said that the deficiency is largely caused by extravagent household expenses.

Chicago's Annus Mirabilis CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The committee citizens to consider the propriety of cele-brrting the great fige met last night. The suggestion of a monument with appropriate inscriptions met with great favor.

NEWS ABOUT THE CITY.

The city pays out \$30,000 a year in sup-Vital statistics for the week: births, 54 marriages, 20: deaths, 26.

There are 16,941 dwelling houses and 2060 business houses in the city. The Charles street Presbyterian church last year raised \$1345 41 for missionary pur-

Subscriptions are invited towards the Moss scholarships the amount sought to be raised being \$10,000. The handsome sum of \$112 was netted by the concert and social recently held in the Richmond street Methodist church. The vessel-owners hold a convention in St. Catharines next week to form an association for the protection of their interests.

Mr. H. A. Bruton, assistant secretary Y. M. C. A., has received the appointment of general secretary of the Hamilton association.

The last fall of rain flooded a field on Oxford street, and now there is a large rink formed, on which there was skating up to 12 o'clock last night.

A printer named Dennis O'Brien was before the magistrate yesterday morning charged with being insane. He was remanded for examination.

The Coldstream division, sons of temperance, celebrated their thirtieth anniversary of their formation by a social in Brock street hall a few evenings since. The Montreal Weekly Star contains a very flattering notice of the "wonderful affinity of Zopesa from Brazil to the digestive organs of the liver." Encore accases St. Lawrence market is fair to midling to-day. Apples and the fruit of the hen are the chief articles offered for sale. Eggs are selling at 35 cents and apples from \$1 25 to \$1 50.

It is suggested that the concert of the choral society be repeated at popular prices, the charges for admission last Tuesday night being above the means of the poorer

The executive committee of the Toronto branch of the Irish land league last night passed a resolution of regret at the sudden death of Mr. Chris. Mitchell, who was a

The concert at St. James' schoolhouse last night in aid of the cathedral choir fund was very largely attended. The programme was an excellent one, and ably carried out under the conduct of Mr. Doward. The Men's association of All Saints' church have recorded their deep regret at

the melancholy death of their late member, James E. Atkinson, and tendered their sympathy to deceased's family.

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"Bees and bee farming" is the subject of an address to be delivered by Mr. D. A. Jones, the bee king of the continent, at Shaftesbury hall on Tuesday evening next, the lecture being one of the Y. M. C. A.'s free course.

A protest has been entered against the election of Mr. J. G. Worts and Mr. R. W. Elliot as representatives of the board of trade on the harbor trust, on the ground that two days notice of the meeting was not given as required by the board's by-laws.

The carnival at the Mutual street rink last night was a big success. The attendance of costumed skaters was very large, the rink was lighted up with gas and chinese lanterns, and the band of the Tenth Reyalls supplied good music and plenty of it.

Police court to-day: Three cases were disposed of in ten minutes. Owen Orr, a wan from London, was sent back there John Abernethy, drunk, discharged; Damiel O'Connell, the blind boy from Buffalo, was sent to the house of providence.

A youth who gave his name as Daniel O'Connell, seventeen years of age, and who is totally blind, was taken into custody last night by a constable and conveyed to the police station. He stated that his fare to Toronto was paid three days ago by his brother at Buffale, where he had lived for eleven years, and that it was his epinion his brother had taken this means of getting rid of him. The police will probably send him back to Buffale

A REFUGE FOR TRAMPS.

A communication from Mr. Goldwin Smith on this subject was read before the police station. He stated that his fare to Toronto was paid three days ago by his brother had taken this means of getting rid of him. The police will probably send him back to Buffalo.

A tameeting in Montreal yesterday of the creditors, of John Robertson, Son & Co. of Toronto a statement of their affairs was submitted by Mr. Robertson, Showing a nominal surplus. An effer of forty cents on the dollar was made, and accepted by the Canadian creditors. The greater portion, however, of the liabilities is due to manufacturers in England.

The Toronto women's literary club met an Thursday evening, the president in the dair. Mrs. McEwan read a paper, continuing the series on Canadian history. This sketch treated of Champlain's discoveries and government. Notes from the Maschester woman's Suffrage Journal were read, and a discussion ensued. Mrs. Mackenzie contributed some pianoforte music, and Mrs. Wellington gave a reading.

A communication from Mr. Goldwin Smith on this subject was read before the executive committee yesterday afternoon. The professor's scheme is to establish a refuge for tramps which shall be under the management of a board composed of the management of a boa

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MAYCO.

A new writ was issued on Saturday last from the superior court in the above action and it will therefore be re-tried at the next assizes by a jury. Messrs. Hagel and Schoff are acting as solicitors for the plaintiff and Mr. Barker, of Hamilton, for the defendants. The latter being paid a yearly salary by the railway company has under a recent decision in the court of appeal been defeated in taxing his costs against the plaintiff. The rehearing of the case will probably occupy several days as it is expected both sides will, as they did before, all a large number of witnesses. A maerial witness who did not give evidence at he last trial is, we understand, likely to be called to give important evidence on the part of the plaintiff. L. BIRD.

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TRADE TOPICS.

ting Items Concerning Toronto Trade-ered and Gathered by World Reporters. ments of barley to England occur

Over \$5000 worth of valentines were sold by a city wholesale house. Thirty-one barrels of tanners grease orwarded to Boston on Friday. eceived the latest American designs.

Our furniture manufacturers have just received the latest American designs.

A heavy shipment of clover seed for Philadelphia was made on Thursday.

Dressed sheep skins are mentioned among recent exports to Wyandotte, Mich.

Another new wholesale dry goods house will shortly open its doors for business.

A number of English houses find it to their advantage to keep resident agents here. Last Wednesday 150 begs of clover seed were shipped to Hull, England, from this city.

The jobbing business of Colborne street the proportion of the tender note imprinted itself indelibly on the unwilling listener's mind. The sentiments expressed were so beautiful, and the affection conveyed so unaffected, that we are sure we will be doing our readers and she young ladies no hurt if we reproduce it, imitating as far as possible the reader's pronunciation. The lady's last mante we have altered, but Mr. Jones is entitled to whatever honor is due to his composition.

Over 250 bales of raw-leaf tobbacco were brought into the city by the G.W.R. during the week.

A sample lot of 371 bushels of peas was forwarded to Boston on the 12th inst. by a Toronto firm. Judging from the vast amount of builders hardware imported this season, building operations will be lively this spring. Sixty-five casks of granite earthenware from Staffordshire, England, was delivered to a Front street warehouse on Thursday.

It is safe to predict that the importations this month will greatly exceed that of any February in the previous history of the city's trade.

is reported to have "struck it rich" in the Pacific Province last year.

It is fashionable for our wealthy ladies to

carbon works employ agents in this city to collect our vagrant ones. Two car loads were shipped on Friday by the Grand Trunk.;

Notwithstanding a duty of 25 per cent., Massachusetts shoe manufacturers continue to supply our local trade with large stocks at prices which seem ruinous when compared with what it costs to manufacture the same class of goods here.

That Torotto is fast becoming the head quarters of the Canadian dry goods trade is admitted by all except a few old croakers in Montreal. Firms doing business in the latter city are realizing the fact that in order to retain the trade of Western Ontario their houses must be located here. Several city firms have opened branch establishments in Montreal and are doing a successful business.

Mr. James Besty Taken to Time by the Temperance People.

At the meeting of St. John's lodge No. 58, I.O.G.T., held last evening, the following resolution was moved by Bro. George Spence, seconded by Bro. D. Smellie, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—(1) That the thanks of the members of this lodge are hereby tendered to those members of parliament who by their votes and championship of our principles on the floor of the house of commons secured the defeat of Mr. Boultbee's proposed amendment to the Scott act.

(2.) That the action of those members who supported the said proposed amendment to the Scott act.

(2.) That the action of those members who supported the said proposed amendment is deserving of the severest censure by the members of our order, especially that of Mr. James Beaty, member for west Toronto, a professed temperance man, who previous to his election presided over and took part in meetings held under the auspices of our order, thereby securing votes which he would not otherwise have obtained.

Munificent College Bonations.

New York, Feb. 19.—The will of the late Wm. H. Hollis, Brooklyh, leaves \$70,000 more on the death of his father, and \$20,000 more on the death of his father, and \$20,000 more on the death of his estate on the death of his widow.

A STRIKING VALENTINE.

Thomas Jones.

A reporter of this paper was wending his way to the scene of his labors yesterday morning, when at the corner of Parliament and St. David streets he almost collided with two young ladies who came suddenly round the corner. They were linked arm. in arm, and one was reading a note, while

Bella Brown, you are beautiful,
You are my Valentine,
Then meet me at church on Sunday night—
My girl, you're surely mine.

Your hat is full of feathers fire.

Brighter than anny valentine.
Then, love and kisses, tears and groans,
From yours, forever, Thomas Jones.
The two young ladies looked seraphic and
the eyes of one beamed like Venus, the

THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE. mand in the United States. A city firm shipped 20 tons to Philadelphia on Friday, and regular weekly shipments will hereafter be made.

Eight car loads of window glass have arrived at the western freight sheds. The greater portion is intended for the city trade and the balance will be distributed throughout the province.

Toronto boot and shoe firms are making stremuous exertion to secure the trade of Manttobs and British Columbia. One firm is reported to have "struck it rich" in the

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It is fashionable for our wealthy ladies to import their wedding and reception costumes from London and Paris, and many of our city swells patronize English tailors because they give long credits.

A brisk trade is being done in hosiery, and heavy shipments of new lines have been received recently. "Clocks"—so fashionable last season—have been supplanted by hand-painted silk and Balbriggan.

The book-trade is firmly active. One city firm during the past week filled twenty-five orders for Sunday school libraries, but strange to say not a single volume was published in Canada. Every volume was imported from Philadeiphia and New York.

That there is a big bonanza in bones is evident from the fact that the Michigan Carbon works employ agents in this city to collect our vagrant ones. Two car loads were shipped on Friday by the Grand Trunk.;

Notwithstanding a duty of 25 per cent.,

mittee decided not to recommend the alteration in the names.

The clause recommending that the Dominion government be allowed one-third the cost of a new pavement in front of the post-office was, on motion of Ald. Ball, referred back to get the engineer's report as to whether the pavement was necessary or not.

Mr. McArthur, solicitor for Mr. Jno. Carruthers, addressed the committee in favour of paying a claim made by his client, being a drawback on the St. George street sewer; but the matter was referred back to the committee on works for further consideration, the city solicitor having stated that Mr. Carruthers had a moral claim for a small sum for timber left in the drain, but no legal claim which could be enforced by law.

in the estimates for the purpose of purchasing meters for large consumers, was laft over at the suggestion of Ald. Boswell, until the estimates were brought down.

The remainder of the business was unimportant.

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