

town called Or-anj may over throw him and we may chew his neck.\* But when they saw how it fared with the scribe they grieved greatly and mourned sore saying:— 'Verily we be chumps, for we called him not when we had a full hand and now he hath made it a jack pot and hath raised us out.'

"And the fame of him called Ol-Iver waxed exceeding great and went to all people as of one wiser than many serpents. For his leg hath no man pulled† even unto this day."

\*Some of the translators are disposed to regard this as evidence of cannibal practices existing among this early people. Otherwise it seems to have no meaning.

†The precise significance of this phrase is doubtful. It probably refers to a species of wrestling match.

### BETTER AT A DISTANCE.

"'TIS distance lends enchantment to the view,"  
A saying is we often bandy round,  
And when I hear the German bands I think  
Distance would lend enchantment to the sound.

### HE KNEW THEM.

"FREDDIE, go into your brother's room and ask if Tom is going to get up and go to church with me," said a Montreal mother to her youngest hope last Sunday morning.

Freddie soon came back saying, "Tom says he's got a sore throat and wants some belladonna."

"Well, ask Charlie if he is going to church," said the mother.

"Oh," replied Freddie with a scornful smile, "I guess he'll say he wants bryonia."

### LAYING LOW.

WONDERWHY—"Why is Mr. Greathead looking so mysterious nowadays, and apparently doing all in his power to keep out of view?"

KNOWITALL—"He imagines he is a dark horse for the mayoralty election."



### IMPORTANT UNREPORTED MEETING AT OTTAWA.

IR JOHNNY he sat in his easiest chair;  
But it wasn't Sir Johnny that used to be there.

And Sir Johnny the present was all in a stew,

For Sir Johnny the past had eloped with the clue.

"Oh, what shall we do?" cried his statesmanship there,  
And Foster he viewed with a glance of despair.

Lanky and long, and silent and grim—  
"Oh, when shall one get any good out of him?"

"That Dolph! Oh where can one find words to express,  
And Tupper the great has left Tupper the less.

And he's off, with his cash and his air so sublime—  
Langevin—and Abbott has skipped just in time

"Well, there's Carling. If it were a matter of beer—  
And that Bowell! Oh, if my old leader were here!  
But that great predecessor kept clever men out,  
That's the way we got in, and we're all up the spout.

"Advisers! From such advice keep me, I pray,  
Well, I'll advise them of the news, anyway."



### A POWERFUL STRAIN.

TROLLEY CONDUCTOR—"Hi, there, Dago! Stop that music You've paralyzed the motor."

So he met Davin's antiques, and unto them just  
Said, "Boys, our whole business is done up and bust."

And the antiques they stared in an antical way,  
And the new importations seemed going to pray.  
And Sir Johnny the chunky he looked them around,  
And remarked, "We have run the thing into the ground."

"We won the elections," the knight then relates,  
"By a promise of treaties we'd make with the States,  
Of that promise the chance of fulfilment was small—  
For our lot didn't want such a treaty at all.

"So we *couldn't* keep faith with the country, you know,  
But we had to pretend to; that's statesmanship; so  
We went to the Yankees all ready to make  
Any offer we knew well that they wouldn't take.

"So no treaty ensued; that's all right; for the rest,  
Our supporters all shouted we'd all done our best;  
And all things went quite smoothly, and would, but to-day  
There's that Harrison's given the whole thing away!

"The details we kept quiet he's told, great and small.  
If the country don't get mad it won't, then, that's all.  
So for you I've a word; it applies to the lot:  
Put your houses in order, if any you've got."

Then the Cabinet rose with a start and a wrench,  
And Sir Johnny perhaps will return to the bench;  
And Sir Adolphe his uniform sold then and there,  
And the elongate Foster is tearing his hair.

—R.W.P.

### DELSARTE APPLIED.

(See Cartoon.)

### IN A QUIET MOMENT.

CENTRE-PIECE—Miss McGinty, reflecting on late experiences in the study of Grace, decides that (1st vignette) to exercise according to Delsarte, one should first buy a ten-acre lot; that (2nd vig.) the development of the figure is all very well, if a process for developing clothes could be applied at the same time; that (3rd vig.) to sit with the feet resting before, instead of under one, is practical in proportion to the size of the feet; that (4th vig.) in dropping on one knee to rescue a fallen handkerchief, care should be taken as to the intentions of one's neighbors; that (5th vig.) to walk with the eyes on some object 100 yards away entails consequences; and that (6th vig.) it is not always possible to rise slowly from a chair, unless the chair has been thoroughly examined previous to use.