

Thistledown and Mountain-dew.

(Contributed.)

SCOTCH HUMOUR. One of the chief characteristics of Scotch humor, is its spontaneity, or utter want of effort to effect its production. Much of it comes out as a class, however, the following deathmatter of course, and without the bed conversation between a husband slightest indication on the part of the reator that he is aware of the splen-specimen of the dry humour peculiar to Scotch folk:—An old shoemaker nearly always a strong characteris- in Glasgow was sitting by the bedside ed not to be outdone either in gentically practical people, and very much of his wife, who was dying. Taking erosity or pungent humour. The pasof what is most enjoyed in humorous her husband by the hand, the old wo- tor of Errol, though withal a sober and Scotch stories and anecdotes, as Dean man said: "Weel, Jehn, we're to pairt, exemplary man, was known to enjoy Ramsay truly says, arises "from the I hae been a gude wife to you, John." a glass of toddy with his friends. So his on the Municipal Council Bill dissimple and matter-of-fact references

"John," said a Minister to one of family worship regularly."

"Aye," said John, "in the time o' o'Gleska." year o't." "In the time o' year o't," what do

you mean, John?" "Ye ken, sir, we canna see in the

Winter nichts."

"But, John, can't you buy candles?"

"Weel, I could," replied John, "but in that case I'm dootin' the cost would wergang the profit."

SALMON OR SERMON.

plumed himself greatly. "Aweel, sir," observed one of the company, "I would rather have your salmon than your

FOWLS AND DUCKS!

A Scotchman giving evidence at the bar of the House of Lords in the affair of Captain Porteous, and telling of the variety of shot which was fired upon that unhappy occasion, was asked by the Duke of Newcastle what kind of shot it was? "Why," said the man in his broad dialect, "sic as they shoot fools (fowls) wi' an' the like.' "What kind of fools?" asked the duke. smiling at the word, "why, my lord, dukes (ducks) and sic' kin' o' fools."

CARRYING THE CLOGS.

A splendid instance of the matter of-fact view of things celestial frequently taken by the Scotch mind i in that story which Dean Ramsay tells of the old woman who was dying at Hawick. In this Border seat of tweed manufacture the people wear wooden

soled boots-clogs-which make a clanking noise on the pavement. Seval friends stood by the bedside of he dying person, and one of then

said to her: "Weel, Jenny, ye're deein'; but re've done the richt gaet here, an' ye'll gang to heaven; an' when ye gan there, should you see any o' oor fouk,

ye micht tell them that we're a' weel." a good many words have passed be-"Ow," said Jenny, half-heartedly, tween them already." "gin I see them I'se tell them; but ye maunna expect that I'm to be gaun clank, clankin' about through heaven looking for your fouk."

TAKING NO CHANCES.

Of all the Scotch stories of this

made to circumstances which are un- John, not disposed to commit himself with the present of a hot-water jug, usual." No anecdote can better illus- wholly. "Ay, I've been a gude wife to bearing on the lid this couplet: trate the practical basis of the Scotch ye, John, Tve been a gude wife to ye, John, says she, "an' ye matu promise to bury me in the anid kink promise to bury me in the auld Kirkhis congregation, I hope you hold and kin, for I couldna rest in peace yard at Stra'von, beside my ain kith among unco fouk in the dirt an' smoke

"Weel, weel, Jenny, my woman," said John, soothingly, "I'll humour ye thus far. We'll pit ye in the Gorbals first, an' gin ye dinna lie quiet there, we'll tak' ye to Stra'von Syne."

OLD SCOTCH DIVINES.

An old Edinburgh Doctor of Divinity, whose nose and chin were both very long, lost his teeth, and the nose A clergyman in Perthshire, who was and chin were thus brought, like the

"I am afraid, Doctor your nose and use it as you see fit. composed a sermon, and killed a sal- chin will fight before long; they apmon-an achievement on which he proach each other very menacingly."

TIT FOR TAT. The Rev. Dr. Dow, of Errol, and the Rev. Dr. Duff, of Kilspindie, long maintained a warm and uninterrunted intimacy. Once on a New Year's Day, Dr. Dow sent to his friend, who was a great snuffer, a snuff-box filled with

snuff, and inscribed thus:-"Dr. Dow to Dr. Duff Snuff! Snuff! Snuff!"

The Minister of Kilspindie resolv-

"Dr. Duff to Dr. Dow Fou! Fou! Fou!"

Rural Route No. 1, Mascouche, Que. The Minard's Liniment People, Sirs,-I feel that I should be doing but they grew again till about three months ago I had one as large and shaped like a lady's thimble, on the very place where my hair should be more or less cunningly arranged to

parted, and it was getting so embar-rassing in public that it was a constant worry to me. About three lenger, but, there is no mistaking months ago I got a bottle of your linitheir meaning. They are insulting to ment for another purpose and saw on a degree, and highly irritating, as the label good for tumors. Well I More skilful as an angler than popnose and chin of Willie Wastles' wife, months, with the result that it has en-Allar as a preacher, having fallen into threaten ither. A friend of his, accompresation with some of his parishioners on the benefits of early rising, mentioned as an instance that he had the had th

proach each other very menacingly."

"I am afraid of it myself," was the ready and good-humoured reply, "for for some results.—Fred C. R.

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Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,-The profundity of the knowledge of the writer in the Advocate of Saturday, who signed himself "Citizen" was surely never acquired in any educational institution n this country or elsewhere. Had it een, or had he the least conception of history, as it is written, he would have been aware that the victory won by the barons over King John of England in the year 1215, at Runnymede in their forcing from him his consent to Magna Charta, was a bloodless one. Bolshevists of "Citizen's" type can misconstrue and misinterpret anything to suit themselves and the radical ideas they dethrough the columns of the Advocate, which, now as always, is ever ready to publish revolutionary propaganda.

Yours truly, SCHOOL BOY. June 29, 1922.

Insults a City.

Premier Squires in that speech of "Oh, middlin', middlin', Jenny," said his clerical brother retaliated on him played very poor taste and poorer knowledge of the political economy of our town and country.

Sir Richard is in very bad form these days and seems to fly off the bat in a most astonishing manner, for one in his position.

It may be that overt sneers at the expense of St. John's are very delectable to certain constitutions and in wrong if I neglected to write you. table to certain constitutions and in have had four tumors growing on certain quarters, but Sir Richard my head for years. I had them cut off should not stoop so low to invite pleas-by a surgeon about fifteen years ago urable response from an audience so

lenger, but, there is no mistaking much from their thinly veiled insolence as from their stealthy cowardice. Sir Richard would like to stab but

He will have reason to repent, and

t us shoulder our losses and extend

It is nice to be vindicated, nice to What matter the wreck, what mat-

they survey the ruin for has not Mr.

Thousands of dollars worth have been destroyed, hundreds of precious lives lost and a gallant ship has been smashed upon the rocks, but the captain has been vindicated. He gets praise for having been the cause of the disaster, because he was a man with courage enough to try a new theory of navigation. The new theory it was a new theory, and worth trying though the brave captain and inquiry finds him praiseworthy. He

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