



A HEAVY CONTRACT.

MRS. JEWILLIKER (to Hon. Augustus Mudsmirch, who has escorted her and daughter from church)—“As you have been so exceedingly obliging I am going to allow you a great favor, you naughty boy. You shall carry us across the stream,” (Hon. Augustus faints.)

THE World's Fair has been opened with a great amount of ceremony and much enthusiasm, but the preparations are far from complete, and many complaints are made as to the inadequacy of the accommodations and the extortion practised on visitors. All are agreed as to the wonderful and varied character of the display, on a scale hitherto unapproached, but visitors will do well to postpone their trip until matters have settled down and it has been seen whether the authorities can successfully manage the undertaking of keeping extortion and crime in check. They have a big contract on their hands.

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PREMIER THOMPSON'S success dates from the turning point in his career.

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THERE are many notable sights at the World's Fair, but they can't compare in number with the sites in Toronto suburbs.

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THE McCarthyites are in search of a name. What's the matter with “Dalton Imitators?”

“My love for you doth drive me mad,” he cried,
“And makes me mad likewise,” the maid replied.

MOWAT'S PROHIBITION POLICY.

THE constitution says that we
Can pass no Prohibition Bill;
But if by this plebiscite
The people say they'd like to see
No liquor sold—why then I will.

We have no power the sale to stop,
Of wine or whiskey, gin or beer:
But if the votes the people drop
Are hostile to the liquor shop,
We'll trench on the Dominion's sphere.

I can't, I can, I won't, I will,
I do not know—sometime I may—
Meanwhile the best thing is to kill
The Marter Prohibition Bill,
And let the public have their say.

A BAD GIVE-AWAY.

SMILAX—“Beeswax has got into an awful domestic scrape. He kissed his wife in the dark thinking it was the servant girl.”

BORAX—“Well, I don't see that that was such a bad give away.”

SMILAX—“But you see he put so much enthusiasm into it that it aroused her suspicions at once.”