THE INDEPENDENT PARTY MAKING A "STRIKE" ON MISS CANADA.

"Oh! that detestable Clara Gimflunks," almost screamed the fair young damsel, "scens't I not her and thou together often of late. Oh! the hateful thing. And it is her," (faulty grammar, but that's what she said, for this historian doesn't lie, no, sirree) who done this? it's her what has weaned thy love away from me. Ugh! I could pull her hair for her. Will you not excert me? for the third and last time I say, will you escent me?"

It would seem as though a voice from the dark, gloomy realms of Ghouldom replied,

"No, it cannot be."

It was the youth speaking, however.

"And why cannot it be? An' ye tell me not eftsoon I will e'en hig ye away from that fence and make ye come along." Strange words to come from youthful maidenly lips: Strange but true: truth is a stranger to fiction.

"Jemimarjaneanne, I do love you," replied the youth "hut—it cannot be."

A musquito buzzed cheerily along and, alighting on the young girl's snoot, appeared to renew her energy: a terrier-pup ambled by and, as he went, snapped at the young man's front calves: though he squirmed he clung to that tenes for dear life. that fence for dear life.
"Then I leave you for ever," at length said

the maiden.

"Nay," implored to'ther, "not for ever: I will meet you anon: say in an hour, but leave me now: leave me now. I implore you leave

me."
"Why? Art ill? Tell me all. If in grief, let me solace thee. When pain and anguish wring the brow, ministerial angels succour said the Jemimarjaneanne, who had read Goldsmith and could quote as correctly as M.

.G. without his quotation dictionary. "1 cannot tell."

"You must."

"Well then be it so: this day in my race with Boodie of Habiltod I fell from my wheeled horse.'

"Aye I go on," almost gasped the maiden.
"I fell: As I fell one of the spokes of my machine broke: the sharp point caught my-

my-my-."
"Your what," fairly screamed the girl, with "Your what, larry screamer megar, who an eldritch shrick that caused an old man on the other side of the street to yell "police," "murder," "give me a beer," and so on. "Your what?"

"These," was the reply, as the young man

indicated his nether garmonts—very tight—
"these—they are all rent behind,"
"Oh! you rude thing," was the reply, as
the girl passed: "meet me by and by."

was the reply, as

PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE.

So they parted and the poor young man proceeded on his way, by all the side-streets, but it was funny to observe how he assumed that back-to-the-fence "posish" whenever he saw anyone coming.

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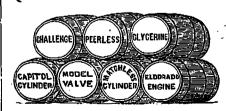


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