

# GRIP.

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The greatest Beast is the Ass; the greatest Bird is the Owl;  
The greatest Fish is the Oyster; the greatest Man is the Fool.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

MAINSRING.—"Larboard Watch" is not one of *Lever's*.

ELECTRICIAN.—Very *Shocking*. Could not think of publishing it.

A. S.—Add another S. to your initials.

HOOSIER.—Who's yer Schoolmaster? Ask him to teach you spelling for a spell.

BLUE STOCKINGS.—Your "pome" on "Flirting" is under consideration. Perhaps this requires explanation. "Consideration" is one almost as bad as yours, which reclines gracefully in the "Waste Basket" Yours is under it. Do you *under-stand*?

JOHN A.—Right you are. The Premier certainly deserves "an itch in the Temple of Fame."

G. B.—Says he don't want GRIP any longer. Neither do we. It's just about the right length.

T. D.—Too T. D.-ous.

LACROSSE.—Match for the championship of the Dominion between Shamrocks of Montreal and the Torontos on the grounds of the latter, Jarvis Street, Saturday July 29th. This will be the game of the season. The public interest increases daily.

### Revenue Officer G. B. to Passenger Jno. A.

Well, if there's "Nothing in it!"

Why openin' forbid.

I don't see any sin it

Would be to lift the lid.

For that trunk which now you handle

Is, I'm led to understand,

Chock full of Pacific Scandal

Which the stuff is contraband.

All I've got to say about it

Is this trifle, plain and square,

Either show me you're without it,

Or you can't pass over there.

### The School Board Haul.

GRIP would respectfully suggest to the Board of School Trustees that there is such a thing as killing geese which lay golden eggs, in the attempt to get too much at once. GRIP would also suggest to them that in asking for the immense sum of \$80,000, in a year, when they knew people were very hard up, they committed a piece of rather sharp practice knowing, as they did, that the law would compel the citizens to find the money; and knowing, also that the law which they say forces them to act is never regarded as imperative where circumstances render economy desirable. GRIP would recommend a thorough overhauling of this school law, which seems to be getting altogether too much of a good thing.

### Orthodoxy.

To the Editor of Grip.

SIR:—I am shocked beyond measure at the new and blasphemous doctrines which are now making their appearance. People are actually denying that Our Creator intends to punish the wicked eternally. Sir, as a thoroughly orthodox, I consider it absolutely imperative that I publicly state that beholding the tortures of the wicked in the next world will form a portion of the happiness of the saints. TERTULLIAN distinctly states this. To deprive us of this gratification would form a breach of contract which it is impossible our beneficent Creator could contemplate. Therefore, Sir, I reiterate my firm belief in the most comfortable doctrine of eternal punishment, and am yours.

A. McD.

Toronto, July 27, 1876.

### Commutation of the Death Penalty.

GRIP heartily congratulates the benevolent commutators on the evident result of their labors. They have succeeded, by force of petition and editorial, in prolonging the lives of several very energetic torturers and murderers, and changing their death sentences to one which, though some declare it the worst of the two, they are all remarkably delighted to get instead of the other. That it is far less feared than the other is shown by the immediate effect, four terrible murders being reported from one district of Canada in one week. GRIP is aware of the excellent intentions of the commutating gentlemen and ladies. They know that employment is scarce, that times are hard, that there is a redundant population in many places. They think, therefore, if homicide be properly encouraged, a great deal of thinning out might be done. GRIP cannot help it, and would merely beg any gentleman or lady of sanguinary intentions, when they commence operations, always, if possible, to select a commutating editor, or a signer of commutating petitions. They evidently like it, and should by all means get any of it that is going. It is probable, if the case were properly represented to them, that before being put to death, they would have no objection to head a petition in advance for their slayer's commutation. It would be very effective. This is certainly the homicidal millennium. The Yankees won't send you back if you can cross the border; the Government won't hang you if it catches you here. One class of tradesmen are likely to benefit by it—there will certainly be a brisk business done in revolvers, for if the authorities won't protect them, those people who are so old fashioned as to object to being murdered will get ready to protect themselves.

### Just What We Want.

"It is boldly stated that our system of trading with foreign countries is not Free Trade; that free importation is confused with Free Trade, and free import and export of raw produce with free import and export of manufactured articles, the fallacy that has cost the manufacturers of Great Britain millions of money, and is the chief cause of their present embarrassment."—*Old Country Paper*.

The Old Country folks just now are finding,  
With acuteness that isn't so small,  
That with names they themselves have been blinking,  
And they have not got Free Trade at all.

This one fallacy millions has cost them,  
And it daily is costing them more.  
They exclaim they don't know what it's lost them,  
And demand where their wits were before.

They declare there are foreigners sending,  
To England, free, all sorts of things,  
Who don't think of such freedom extending  
When to them she her merchandise brings.

In Glasgow the new iron stations,  
Is Belgia building, they say;  
While Manchester cottons (grant patience!)  
Is buying of Yankees to-day.

In steel rails, too, the British are trying  
If they can't a scandal get up,  
For their big railway houses are buying  
Jolly lots from a party named Krupp.

Then the stout British farmer's position,  
He declares, ain't the thing now at all.  
Rents, high wages, and world competition  
Are shoving him slap to the wall.

But they've thought of a system whose beauties  
Appear to them brightest to-day.  
They explain that good Protective duties  
Would bestow a Free Trade that would pay.

Wherefore GRIP without any pretences  
These confessions delightedly reads;  
And declares that they've come to their senses  
That's the very Free Trade that he needs.

For as soon as Protection, extended,  
Shall its blessings o'er Canada pour,  
The Depression in Trade shall be ended,  
And we'll go right ahead as before.

The *Globe* of Saturday 17th states that in the match between Hamilton and Port Hope Cricket Clubs, "the former were victorious by fifteen points." We would merely remark that if the Hamilton club really had *fifteen points* (!) and a corresponding number of other fielders, it is small credit to them that they were victorious. Don't the *Globe* man know that a cricket-match is decided by runs and not points, or was he thinking of last night's game of billiards?