



A REMARKABLE EXHIBITION.

THE BIBULIST'S PLEA.

NOW the merry boozier
Yanked before the Beak,
Questioned, "Why did you sir
Consolation seek,
In the bowl that floweth
With destruction fraught,
Which its victims moweth,
Bringing them to naught?"

Quoth he then: "The water
Is so awful bad
Nobody had oughter
Be afore you had
Just for drinking whiskey;
Alcoholic brewage
Isn't half as risky
As diluted sewage.
That is far too dirty."
Then in careless voice
Beak says, "Three or thirty!
You can have your choice."

FASHION NOTES.

FEATHERS will be fashionable during the fall and winter. They tend to give the wearer a very "fly" appearance. Rooster's tail feathers are regarded as very *chic*.

High hats for theatre wear are still all the rage. But the rage is principally noticeable among the people in the rear seats.

"Women of fashion gown themselves at home in lovely tea gowns on the Greek model and never look more becomingly attired," says an authority on fashions. On balls and other public occasions they approximate more to the costume of the Greek slave.

The Astrakhan plaid is being used in the most stylish costumes for street wear. The hand-organ played is no longer regarded as fashionable.

Fall-over-coats should not be worn in connection with stand-up collars. The combination is considered inharmonious.

Mosquito veils, though considered g-natty, are going out of fashion.

Straw bonnets will be worn all the winter. This will be comforting to those of limited means, whose husbands are men of straw, so to speak.

Gros grain silks are appropriate for the wives and daughters of agriculturists.

Pug dogs are worn *retroussé*.

Mourning costumes ought not to be worn in the evening.

AT NO LOSS FOR AN ORATOR.

FIRST COMMITTEEMAN—"Pumper, M.P., has a great deal of gesticulation. He is just the man to handle that question."

SECOND COM—"Just so—pump-handle it."

THE NEW PROFESSION.

EARL KNOCKEMOFF—"What do you intend to do for your boys?"

BARON HOLSTEIN—"My eldest son will be my heir, of course; my second son goes into the Church; my third into the Army, and Lady Holstein is arranging an American marriage for our youngest."

A CORRECTION.

OUR brother, Stuart Jenkins, of the *Manitoulin Expositor*, sends us a copy of his paper with a big black ring around the following complimentary notice:

A man, to be a caricaturist, (*sic*) must have a crick in his eye, and may be said to view the world generally through a distorted medium; and is no wonder therefore to find a man like Bengough jabbing the point of his pencil into the bowels of his beloved country. From the moment that he caught hold of 'Ras Wiman's coat-tail he ceased to be a Canadian, and went over body and bones to the American party. Practice has improved his drawing, but it is to be feared that his political morality will never improve on the same lines.

We only desire to correct brother Jenkins as to our motive in persisting in this painful process of "jabbing." It is not malice nor a want of patriotism which moves us. Quite the contrary. We do it to arouse our beloved country to the fact that she is being robbed and crippled by the sort of "loyalists" who inspired in Dr. Johnson the thought that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel," but who are clever enough to secure the support of simple journals like the *Expositor*.

NORTH-WEST NEWS.

Seat of Rebellion. General Commanding to Minister of War:

FOLLOWING is a list of full privates recommended to grade of corporal for gallant service in the field:

MINISTER (*to General*)—"Can't be done. There is a Dutchman in Company Z who would thus be left unpromoted. Dutchman wouldn't like it. Don't forget the souvenirs for the Old Man and Langey and me."

MINISTER (*to General, later.*)—"To the best of my recollection I did not say anything about a Dutchman. I never do."

PROBABLY IT WOULD.

FIRST CANADIAN—"Where did you spend your vacation?"

SECOND DITTO—"On Manitou Island."

FIRST CANADIAN—"Wouldn't an island where there was a Woman-er-too be more in your line?"

THE editor of the Terracottaville *Times* announced in a recent issue that he didn't mind accepting vegetables and other country produce in payment of subscriptions, but he most emphatically objected to having the farmers call on him about a week after the acceptance of such produce when its price had gone up, to ask him for the increase.