

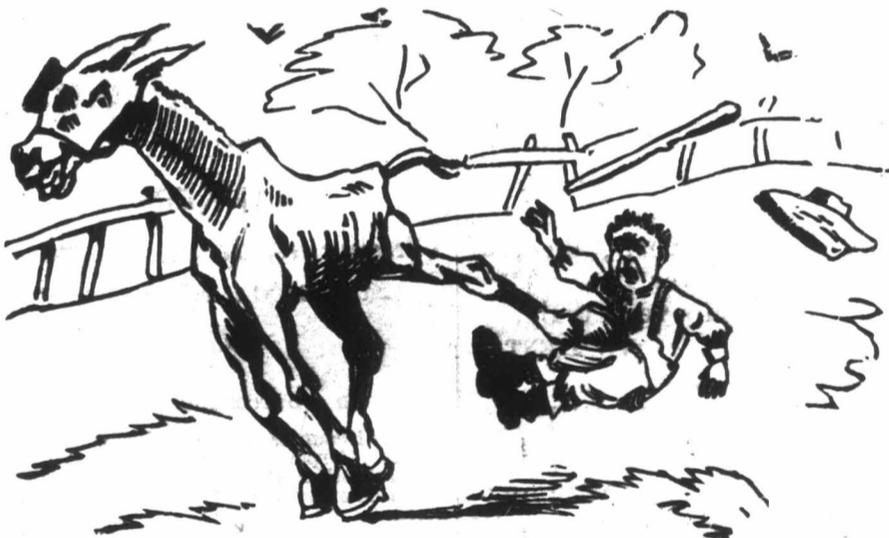
VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

CHOIR MUSIC.

To the Editor of the Victoria Home Journal:

SIR.—A short time ago, there appeared in your interesting paper a paragraph dealing with the Church music of our city. Neither organist, choir master nor chorister received any encouragement from the pen of your contributor. They did not, in my opinion, even get justice. I presume your contributor was an Englishman, just out, and expected to find here choirs of the same stamp as are to be found in English cathedrals. If he be a musician, (and, if not then, what right has he to criticize?) let him, instead of discouraging choir members, join a church choir and do what he can to improve it so that

imposition. I am sorry to say that I cannot say the same of our two daily papers. But, to my subject. I attended, two or three days ago, a sale of furniture by public auction at a private house. There was a person there who was bidding very keenly on some articles. Some of the articles were secured by this person, while other things were bid up to a decent figure and then allowed to slide. I afterwards elicited the information that this party was the owner of the goods being sold, but the excuse was advanced that the owner was buying in for another party and not for self. Now, I do not consider this a square deal. When an auctioneer sees the owner bidding on his own goods, it seems to me that his duty should be to at once put his foot



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newcomers may have even less cause to follow his example in contributing ill-natured growls to local publications. I enclose a clipping from the Times of last evening re this subject which emanates from a gentleman who, it may be, is more familiar with the choirs of the Dominion than your contributor, and, therefore, more competent to pass judgment.

Yours truly,
A CHORISTER.

A MAN WITH A GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor of the Victoria Home Journal:

SIR—I have a little grievance to make, and which I want ventilated and brought to the light of day through the columns of your paper. I do this for the protection of the public—I mean that portion of the public who attend auction sales—for I have noticed how fearless your paper is (at least in some directions) in denouncing what is an

firmly down on any such action by the owner. If the owner does desire to retain goods, let arrangements be made with the seller not to put them up for auction; but let auctioneers most emphatically object to owners running up the prices of articles on those who patronize their sales.

Yours truly,
J. F.

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