



### GRANITE ITEM.

*Inexperienced Member (to venerable skip)*—Mr. MacFergus, what's a pat-lid?

*Skip*—Weel, div ye see, ye gowk ! ye ding yer stane cannilie, but nae sae feckly as tae hoggit. Nae haafins fleg, nor jinkin turn, ye ken, but tentiely, that it aye gars smoovin an' straught as an elder's walk, hogsnoutherin amang the guards, till ye land on the verra tee. When ye've dun that, laddie, ye've med a pat-lid, and ye ma bear the gree.

*Inexperienced Member (somewhat piqued)*—Thank you, Mr. MacFergus; no doubt the explanation is very accurate, but I think its lucidity would have been very much heightened if you had made it in English.

*Skip*—Tut man, and ye'll be a curler ye maun faumeelyerise yerse wi' the vernauckular.

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