



### HOME FROM THE COUNTRY.

"Mammie, I seen a horse with just a dreadful 'stomic ache' at Uncle Sam's. It was rolling and kicking till I thought it would die. I guess it must have been eating green apples."

name was, in jail, which is where such people ought to be, and not let him go round trying to make a revolution and bring the Yankees over here. Why, if such a thing was to come about, nobody's life would be safe and they would have a divorce court, and run the street-cars on Sunday, and all the aldermen would be thieves and robbers, though goodness knows how some of them could be any worse than they are now, but I suppose after all they couldn't be quite as bad as Tammany Hall. Why, if you want to know what a set of wretches they are you've only to read their own papers—not that I do very often, only the other day Henry's nephew, who is living in Chicago, sent us a paper, and of all the awful things you ever heard of it is the doings of those American politicians. Why, they are trying to murder Grover Cleveland just as they did poor Mr. Garfield, for it said that the Tammany Hall Democrats and Dana of the N.Y. *Sun* had their knives ready for him, which I think in a country that pretends to call itself civilized is a perfect disgrace. It's bad enough for the politicians to call each other names and swear and lie like they do here, but when they go about trying to shoot and stab each other I don't know how it could be worse, but then you couldn't expect anything else in a republic where all the tramps and paupers and riff-raff have a vote, and a decent, respectable man won't have anything to do with politics, and if he did would soon be as bad as the rest, and indeed we ought to be thankful that we've got Queen Victoria on the throne, for as long as she lives, anyway, things will be pretty well managed.

"And you know, Mrs. Dewsbury, the Yankees are the

awfullest set of rogues anywhere, for Susan saw an advertisement offering five dollars to anybody who would send the correct answers to some questions and fifty cents subscription to a paper, and she sent on the answers and the money, and she waited and waited, and she never got anything and never will, for it was just a mean Yankee trick, as I told her at the time, and she ought to have had more sense. And I do believe, Mrs. Dewsbury, that all this talk about annexation is just got up by a lot of sharpers and scoundrels that want to rogue and swindle people and to get divorces from their wives so that they can marry again just as often as they please, or can find girls who are fools enough to have them, as they do in Chicago and New York, where they say nearly everybody you meet has been married and divorced about half a dozen times, and it's a thankful thing that there's a good, religious, moral man like Sir Oliver at the head of the Government, that won't hear of it and has the courage to put these wretches down, and, indeed, hanging would hardly be too bad for them."

### WHICH WILL GET LEFT?

SIR JOHN THOMPSON AND THE MANITOBA SCHOOL CASE.

I.



INFLUENTIAL PROTESTANT SUPPORTER (*somewhat excited*)—

"I—I say, Sir John, do you intend to take any notice of this clamoring of the French Canadians for remedial legislation in the Manitoba School-Law?"

SIR JOHN THOMPSON—"Did I ever say I would?"

PROTESTANT SUPPORTER—"Not exactly; but that report of yours on the subject creates some uneasiness."

SIR JOHN—"That report was only a solatium to French Canadian feeling, given in anticipation of the decision of the Privy Council."

PROTESTANT SUPPORTER—"And what does that mean?"

SIR JOHN—"Merely that I don't oppose the French Canadian point

of view."

PROTESTANT SUPPORTER—"That is, that you simply say 'Amen' to what they contend for, and let it go at that?"

Sir John smiled, and leered with one eye open at the Protestant supporter, who went away satisfied that there was really nothing to be afraid of.

II.

CARDINAL TASCHEREAU—"I'm afraid, Sir John, you will have to allay French Canadian feeling in Quebec over this decision of the Privy Council in the Manitoba School Case."

SIR JOHN—"Has your grace seen my report? It embodies my views on the subject."

CARDINAL TASCHEREAU—"I have, Sir John. It is quite satisfactory; but what hope can you hold out for us?"

SIR JOHN—"A great deal, your grace. The Constitution, you know, is in our hands. But wait a little, until the Protestant blood cools down. They haven't