



### "Second Fiddle."

It is reported that another humiliation is in store for Mr. LANGEVIN. His heart has already been lacerated by Her Majesty's unaccountable oversight in omitting him from the last batch of Canadian knights, and now it is to be wounded afresh, according to report, by the elevation of Mr. CHAPPEAU, the Quebec Premier, to a seat in the Cabinet and the leadership of the French contingent in the Commons. This is likely to mar the harmony of the Cabinet, if carried out. Mr. LANGEVIN has for a long time played first violin among his countrymen, and has proved himself a performer of considerable ability. If he is thrust out of that position now, his usefulness will be gone to a large extent, for he declares that he cannot play second fiddle worth a cent. It is difficult to see why such humiliations should be heaped upon the head of this estimable Cabinet Minister. Can it be that that \$32,000 he carries in his pocket is a sort of "unlucky sixpence?"

### Court Circular.



Grip is authorized by Mr. SMITH, who writes the leading articles of the *Bobaygeon Independent*, to announce that Her Royal Highness the Princess LOUISE is about to depart for home on a prolonged visit, having been advised by her physician, who understands pretty well what sort of advice is wanted, to spend a season at some German watering place, and afterwards to mingle in the refined society of London, for the good of her health. It is hoped, however, that His Excellency the Governor-General, with the assistance of his responsible advisers, aided by the Senate and Commons, and loyally backed up by the citizens of the Dominion, will be able to perform the onerous constitutional duties of the Princess during her enforced absence.



### On Board the "Rothsay."

*Melo-Dram-atic Husband.*—False jade! thou has deceived me; thou hast played me false in persuading me to go by this boat. There is no bar on board!

### Grip's Examination Questions.

#### COMPARATIVE GEOGRAPHY.

Show the difference between scholarship in Canada and Oxford. Other things being equal, which should have the preference for promotion in this country?

Give the location, chief products and most flourishing industries of *Centreville*, *Slab City* and *Smith Town*?

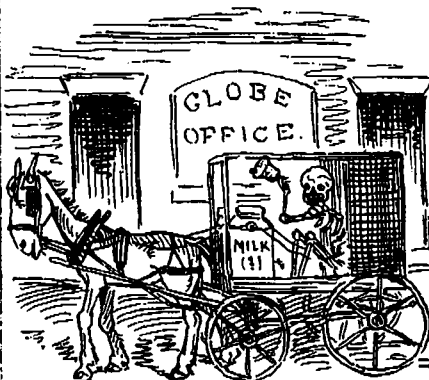
Account for the relative effects of the Twelfth of July and of the Seventeenth of March at Toronto and at Montreal.

#### MATHEMATICS.

Express as an asymptote the results of the N. P.?

The *Globe* does not act on the square, show the impossibility of squaring that circle?

Draw a tangent to the circumference of the crinoline now coming into fashion? Calculate the relative velocity of the clocks on two young ladies' stockings at a ball?



### Swill Milk.

The cry against swill milk has been renewed, and the enterprising vendors of that commodity, together with their disinterested friends, the distillery proprietors, are very much excited in consequence. The *Globe* is the chief attacking party, and ponderous columns are written to shew that swill-milk is a death-dealing poison. Mr. Grip feels called upon to defend the poor swill-feeding milkmen, and in their behalf he would say that swill-milk is not a useless article; in fact it is decidedly better than any other variety of the lacteal fluid—for microscopic purposes.

### The N. P.

#### A DISEASE THAT IS DESOLATING THE GLOBE.

While the world of the farmer is sore beset  
With the bug and the worm of the *gens d'armes*.  
The plague of the *Globe*, I have heard it said,  
Is the bug bear protection, ye!cept N. P.

O, the sleepless nights and the joyless days  
The embitter the life of poor GORDON H!  
In "the moon's pale beam" or the sunlight's rays  
It haunts him still does the dread N. P.

Even his dreams are disturbed, for he mutters in sleep  
Of tariffs, protection and trade not free,  
And a wild white elephant on him doth leap,  
Sir JOHN is its rider, its name the N. P.

The consequence is that the *Globe* doth shrink.  
'Tis not so rotund as 'twas wont to be,  
Too soon it will be on destruction's brink  
And we'll epitaph it "killed by the N. P."

Grip rejoices to learn that the British Admiralty has abolished flogging in the Queen's navy. The "cat" should never be let out of the bag, except for wifebeaters, and those who neglect the golden text, "He who lays his hand on a woman, except in the way of kindness, &c., &c."



### Transformation Extraordinary.

Prof. GLADSTONE.—There, ladies and gentlemen, is the rat. A few moments ago, as you are aware, it was an Irish Whig landowning member, and this wonderful transformation I have accomplished by merely touching him with this piece of paper!

### Miraculous.

#### A FACT.

In the paper on English Grammar recently given at the examination of third-class teachers, the second among the sentences to be grammatically corrected was—"He that was dead, sat up, and began to speak." The following discussion was overheard between a group of lady-candidates at Bowmanville:

*First Candidate.*—"What did you do with sentence number two?" (Given above.)

*Second Candidate.*—"Nothing at all, for I saw nothing the matter with it."

*Third Candidate.*—"Nor did I, and I guess we're right, for the words occur in the Bible."

*First Candidate.*—(With a superior air and tone.) "Tell me: How could a dead man sit up and begin to speak?"

*Third Candidate.*—(Triumphantly and innocently.) "I guess you don't know that the sentence occurs in the account of a miracle."



### "Crushed."

*Sympathetic gentleman named CROOKS.*—Why, sonny, what are you crying for? Has anybody hurt you, or don't you want to go to school, or—what?

*Small boy.*—Ah, sir, the cause of my grief is deeper than that! I had cherished aspirations to become a classical professor in the University of Toronto, but I find that avenue of ambition irretrievably barred against me. Alas! sir, I am a native Canadian!