



AT THE COOKING SCHOOL.

TEACHER—"Now, be very careful not to over-season it. How much salt does it require?"

PUPIL—"The book says a handful; I suppose —"

TEACHER—"Oh, that means half-a handful, in this case."

CROAKS FROM GRIP'S BASKET.

BY F. M'ARTHUR.

A PANG'S RELAXATION.

EDITH.—"Mr. Dudekin says he has a headache to-day."

MAUD.—"Well, well, I suppose even a pain must have a holiday occasionally."

FULL DRESS AT THE THEATRE.

FINNICK.—"Ah, there is Clara Soanso in a box."

SYNNIC.—"Yes, and it is a good thing she is in one. She doesn't seem to be in much else."

AND YET THEY DO NOT.

DETROW.—"Isn't it strange that military stations should be such unprogressive places?"

SALLOW.—"It is, indeed, when you consider that there are so many cannons in them. They should boom."

HE PROBABLY DIDN'T NOTICE IT.

BRAINSHORT.—"I'm glad I'm not so absent-minded as poor Dudely."

GIBBONS.—"Why, what has happened to him?"

BRAINSHORT.—"He went into a babah shop yesterday to get shaved, and befoah he noticed the beastly babah had shaved off his moustache. Six weeks' growth, too."

IN SOCIETY.

CLARA.—"What nonsense you always talk when you call to sec me."

HARRY.—"That is because I believe that when in Rome I should do as Romans do."

HIBERNIAN.

DETROW.—"Have you heard of the latest Irish bull?"

DONNOW.—"No, what is it?"

DETROW.—"Why, the Clan-na-Gael refers to its inner circle as a triangle."

THE PAINED EXPRESSION WAS ACQUIRED.

PARQUET.—"Have you ever noticed the tortured look that artists invariably put on the faces in the frescoes on the walls of theatres?"

BOXEAU.—"Yes, but it is not probable that the artists

painted them like that. You must consider the great amount of bad acting those faces must have seen."

HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.

FARMER (to man who is stringing wires).—"An' you say them's the telephone wires that carry what a man says from one place to another."

WORKMAN.—"Yes."

FARMER.—"By gum! an' they ain't even hollow!"

HE WOULD NOT BE HELD GUILTLSS.

MISS PERT.—"If you say that to him I shall hold you responsible for his going crazy."

MR. LERT.—"Ah, indeed, whom do you hold responsible at present?"

THE EDITORIAL CONFERENCE.

THE Ontario Press Association held its annual meeting in this city on the 10th inst. We understand that the following, amongst other important papers, were held over for want of time:

"Does it pay to get the labor organizations down on you?" by the editor of the *World*.

"When a party organ finds itself growing unpopular with its own party, what can the matter be?" By the editor of the *Globe*.

"On the advantages of writing letters to oneself." By the editor of the *Mail*.

"Is party organ grinding a profession or a trade?" By the editor of the *Empire*.

"On the common mistake of supposing that readers want anything but advertisements." By Mr. J. Ross Robertson of the *Evening Telegram*.

"On the irresistible tendency of radical journals to support Tory Governments." By the editor of the *Evening News*.

"An enquiry into the exact meaning of Shakespeare's line, 'What fools these mortals be'—with special reference to Orange journalism." By Mr. E. F. Clarke.

"Are cordwood and garden truck legal tender?" By the editor of the *Bobcaygeon Independent*.

"Is journalism a business or an amusement?" By Mr. Goldwin Smith.

"On the identity of 'Constant Reader.'" By the editor of the *London Advertiser*.

"The desirability of courtesy in party warfare—with examples from my own paper." By the editor of the *Hamilton Spectator*.

NO INCONSISTENCY.

AT Sarnia, just before the election, Mr. Mowat claimed that "Truth and Righteousness" was a plank of the Liberal platform. Just after the election a Lambton Liberal wrote to a friend—"We have knocked Truth and Righteousness into a cocked hat."

This is from *The Canadian Nation*, the New Party organ. A feeling of compassion for the much-tormented Government of Ontario prompts us to explain that there is really no inconsistency here. The "cocked hat" into which the Lambton Grits knocked "Truth and Righteousness" is, of course, the one worn officially by the Lieut.-Governor, as the nominal head of the Cabinet. In other words, Mr. Mowat's supporters would claim that the Government has a monopoly of the T. and R. business.

It is respectfully suggested that the Toronto Public School Board be published as an appendix to the famous work on "English as she is Spoke."