

GRIP.

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The grabeast Beast is the Ass; the grabeast Bird is the Owl;
The grabeast Fish is the Oyster; the grabeast Man is the Fool.

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From our Box.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—This week, the very handsome and gifted comedian Mr. H. J. MONTAGUE is playing a series of his well known impersonations. During the early part of the week he appeared as LORD CHILTON, a scion of the aristocracy not unlike *Dundreary* in some respects. The character "took" immediately, as was evidenced by the hearty applause, and the murmuring of "Many Thanks" in various parts of the house as languid young swells reached for their hats at each fall of the curtain and accompanied the friends who had invited them out.

The Doctrine Applied.

SCENE—Court of Justice in Toronto. TIME—Last Monday morning.

LAWYER BLACKBAG :—" Now, sir, have you told the truth in this matter?"

RESPECTABLE PRESBYTERIAN WITNESS, (from Bay Street)—" Yes, sir, I have."

LAWYER BLACKBAG :—" And nothing but the truth?"

RESPECTABLE PRESBYTERIAN WITNESS :—" Naething but the truth, sir."

LAWYER BLACKBAG :—" And the whole truth?"

RESPECTABLE PRESBYTERIAN WITNESS, (confidently)—" No sir, not the whole truth. That is na required. It wouldna' do in a case like this. Besides oor minister told us last night that we needna tell the whole truth when it wouldna be convenient—that we suld follow the example of SAMUEL as recordit in the Guid Book."

Luby v. Power.

Ould Erin is sick, that's an ivident fact,
Tho' jist fwat's the matter no doctor can tell,
For years she's been traited wid measure an' act,
An' sthille she complains that she doesn't feel well.

The medical tratements differs, alone!
For bringin' the dear Colleen back to herself,
There's some work for love of the patient alone,
And others that work for the love of her pelf.

CLARKE LUBY is wan av the last mentioned pack,
Wid his patent perscriptions of thunder and blood;
Its her money he wants, the blatherin' quack,
An' his nostrums wud do her more harm nor good.

The powders he says shud be tuck wid a ball,
An' he'd give a fish diet consistin' av pikes,
Wid Cardinals' tears and Fenian gall
Mixed wid ashes av Dublin—or Cork af she likes.

Thin in shteps wan POWER, a doctor av sence,
An' says that the patient is sick for Home Rule,
He's a conshtitutional doctor, an' hence
He doesn't get up an' talk loike a fool.

Let Reason and Law be the patriots' swords,
Not such plots as the fire-catin' LUBY would frame;
An' by the same token, they'll honour the words
Av such leaders as POWER—more power to his name.

Hard to Beat.

The Collingwood *Bulletin* triumphantly says :—

"Mr. JAMES LATIMER has shown us an egg which we are sure the Editor of the *Orillia Times* cannot beat."

If this means that Mr. LATIMER has laid on the editors table a greater egg than the *Times* man could lay there, GRIP does not wish to interfere; but he fails to see any difficulty about *beating* an egg. If he would allow the *Times* man a horn spoon and a bowl, that egg or any other would be BEATON in less than five minutes.

ALDERMAN JOHN HALLAM was much disgusted with his small majority in St. Lawrence Ward. He says he despises a close election, or anything else that's CLOSE.

Foreign Assurance.

You who would insure your life—
Ere your cash you pay, sir,
To secure your child or wife,
Let me point the way, sir.

If I show a rock or two,
In the course you're steering,
You'll know better what to do,
When you such are nearing.

Fellows in a foreign State,
Policies may give, sir,
Then with cash absquatulate,
'Tis the way they live, sir.

No one seems to mind it there,
But if you had lost your
Money, you might stamp and swear,
Call it an imposture.

"But," you say, "deposits great,
They must give, ere dealing,
Government." They agitate
For that law's repealing.

Ere you, then, for others' sake
Place your cash in durance,
Cautious be you don't mistake
Assurance for insurance.

HAPPY THOUGHT.—When may a man be properly considered "A perfect wreck?"—When he's "high and dry."—of course.

MILITARY OCCUPATION.—It is evident, although they have been so carefully distributed among the inhabitants, probably by way of billet, that they are never seen in large bodies, yet it is quite plain that a very large number of troops of some sort at present reside in Toronto. Nearly every house you see has a notification hanging out to the effect that there is a private boarding there.

A Point for the Whiskey Men.

The citizens of Yorkville in general are going to vote for the Dunkin Bill, and GRIP presumes the Licensed Victuallers of that ambitious place will thank him for any hint that may tend to change some of these prospective votes. Here is a point, then, which will certainly touch Yorkvillians in a tender place, and, if properly worked up, might make a general revulsion of feeling in favour of whiskey: In the *Globe's* report of MRS. YEOMANS' speech, delivered on the north side of Bloor street the other night, we read:

"Drink had made in this city (for she could not divest herself of the thought that this Village is part of the great city) sad havoc, and wrought much desolation."

It is the phrase in parenthesis to which GRIP calls the attention of the Anti-Dunkinites. They will have prudence enough to let the rest severely alone. But the parenthetical sentiment—the idea that Yorkville is a part of Toronto—is utterly abhorrent to all the ratepayers of that municipality; and GRIP imagines a good deal of capital could be made for the Victuallers out of the fact that an accredited agent of the Temperance Party not only permits herself to think it is so, but has the boldness to proclaim in public that she is "unable to divest herself of the thought." The working up of this point is left to the managers of the Anti Party; and if they find any difficulty with it, a conference with the editorial staff of the *Mail* (who are unrivalled in the peculiar ability required) is strongly recommended.

If GRIP were a Yorkville Licensed Victualler he would at once take the stump and elaborate the following propositions:—

1. That the prosperity and success of the municipality of Yorkville is of greater moment than the Dunkin Act.
2. That any citizen of Yorkville who would favour union with Toronto is opposed to its prosperity and success, is unworthy of citizenship and should be treated as a traitor.
3. That any person who habitually thinks Yorkville is a part of Toronto would be very likely to favour that union.
4. That Mrs. YEOMANS confesses she does habitually think so, and therefore would in all probability favour the said union.
5. That Mrs. YEOMANS speaks for and on behalf of the Dunkin Party, as their acknowledged representative, and therefore the Dunkin Party would favour union with Toronto.
6. That, therefore, to defeat the Dunkin Act Party is to defeat a party of Traitors to Yorkville, and
7. The plain issue before the electors of Yorkville at the polls on the 28th is whether or not they will give up there independence and burden themselves with the enormous debts of Toronto.