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THE SMART BOY MAKES AN ALTERATION.

Away back on the pathless prairie—afar in the dreary desert of the North-West—where the foot of the white man has only recently penetrated, and where it is next to impossible to get a drink of anything worse than essence—there lives in a lone printing-office a bald-headed descendant of an Irish King. This scion of ancient Milesian Royalty once honored Toronto with his presence and supplied the *Globe* newspaper with a real editorial. It so happened on a certain memorable occasion that the Child of a King employed this very metaphor in an article. This was the way it came from him:—

"The course of our contemporary recalls to us the ostrich, which strange bird when pursued by its enemies thrusts its head into the desert sand, and kicks up its heels at the amused stars."

In the dim recesses of his humble sanctum, as the prairie winds sweep in pitiful gusts around the *Regina Leader* establishment, moaning a weird dirge and threatening the demolition of a sign which states that horse-bills are a specialty,—sits this expatriated Prince, reading a copy of the *Globe*, to see what new hair restorers are in the market. Suddenly his eagle eye rests on the mangled metaphor above quoted. It flashes in rage! His proud lip curls in ineffable scorn! Instinctively his hand seeks the spot where once

hung his trusty sword! Alas! it is not there. But in its place is the nigh angle of a mammoth patch, for out on the plains is enjoyed freedom not only from carking care but also from the cold conventionalities of despotic society. The illimitable wilderness is the place to bid defiance to soul-corroding anxiety and wear old clothes.

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Brass band music goes by the pound, but church music by the choir.—*Texas Siftings*.

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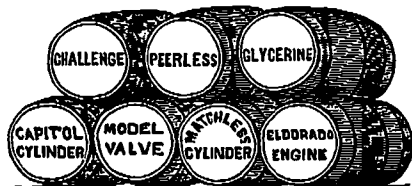
"How do you know when a cyclone is coming?" asked a stranger of a Western man. "Oh, we get wind of them," was the answer.

A cowboy appeared in the streets of Austin, Texas, clad in a pair of pants made of Angora goat-skin with the hair on the outside. An Eastern lady wanted to buy them for a rug, but as he hadn't any others he modestly refused.

"Why, my gracious!" exclaimed old Mrs. Simpson, looking up from the newspaper, "if they hain't got them sparrers out in 'an Francisco. And they're fightin' thar jist as bad as they do here. They're bad birds, though they do call 'em by pet names. One of 'em's called Sullivan, and was brought all the way from Boston. Law!"

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