

OLD FABLES NEWLY READ.

BY OUR OWN ESOP.

NO. 2.—THE VIPER AND THE FILE.

A VIPER once accosted a File—(of the *Hamilton Spectator*)—and requested a meal. "You must be simple indeed," replied the File, "to expect anything from one whose nature it is only to take from others."

NO. 3.—THE FOX AND THE MASK.

A FOX incidentally entered the house of a Comedian (none of the Royal Lyceum people,) and, in ransacking through the place, observed the face of the Artist himself, who was asleep. Mistaking the countenance for a Mask, Reynard placed his paw upon it and thoughtfully remarked—"What a beautiful face! Yet it is of no value; it entirely wants brains!" MORAL: Foxes, like Critics, are humbugs.

NO. 4.—THE SURLY DOG IN THE MANGER.

A CERTAIN DOG once lay in a Manger and refused to allow the Cattle to approach. "How shockingly selfish!" exclaimed an Ox, "He can't eat hay himself, nor will he permit those who can to do so!" It has been ascertained that the surly canine had a choice lot of beef bones in that Manger, that there was no hay in stock, and that anyway "Hay is for horses; straw is for cows."

Groans from Grip's Basket.

A MARE'S NEST.—Holland House.

AN ANCIENT SAW BUT A GOOD SELL.—Esau.

Advice to persons about to get drunk.—*Don't!*

(The above *jeu d'esprit* cost us nothing. It is well known that *Punch* paid £5 for a similar one.)

Why are circumstances like watch-makers? Because they alter cases.

A MOTTO FOR THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY.—"Leave us a-lone."

HOPE FOR FRANCE.—The Republic has shed a *Thiers* for the past, and elevated an Irishman to the Presidency.

BUSINESS TACT.—The managers of the Royal Lyceum, wishing to raise an extra pile, have secured a competent *Crauc*.

UNCLASSIC NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY.—Dr. McCaul has been *busted* by Mr. Marshall Wood. (What can it mean?)

THE popular pastor of the Elm street Church, recently received a present of \$200 in gold from his people. Would it be rude to call him a *Golden Griffin* now?

FIDEI DE-FENCE-OR.—Grip's remarks last week about the bronze statue of the Queen in the Park caused the City Council to get *pale*, as a neat little fence has been built around its base.

A BONY MOT BY Mr. BLAKE.

It must be admitted Sir JOHN has carried off the palm: is it a *clean* palm? that's the question!

By Mr McKellar.—Breakers ahead!—HOR-ROCKS!!

A HARD WORD TO SAY, but a harder thing to pay (with some)—*A dieu!*

OPINIONS WORTH HAVING.

From many a busy sanctum words of friendliness and encouragement for Grip have come this week, for which his profound acknowledgments are returned. Journals whose opinions are worth having say very flattering things, as for instance:

- \* \* \* "Its contents are sparkling with humour. We prophecy that Grip will take a firm hold on popular support."—*London Herald and Prototype.*
- \* \* \* "A neat Comic paper."—*Kingston British Whig.*
- \* \* \* "Contains many good things, and promises to be a success."—*Quelph Herald.*
- \* \* \* "We have hopes it will soon deserve the title, 'The Punch of Canada'" —*Stratford Herald.*

The review by our friend of the *Hamilton Spectator* is not only able and exhaustive but also most ingenious. He, like many other journalists of sense, eschews palpable "padding," and his design to "help" Grip is concealed with a skill which has delighted us, while that purpose is most admirably served.

- \* \* \* "We recommend it to our readers as a spicy little sheet that will afford the lover of a joke food for laughter that is cheap for five cents."—*Orillia Times.*
- \* \* \* "We trust that the brave effort of the proprietor to make it commendable will be successful. The contents are well selected and arranged."—*Belleville Ontario.*
- \* \* \* "We wish it success."—*Berlin Telegraph.*
- \* \* \* "If we may judge from the present number, this sharp satirical youth will soon have a pretty firm grip on the public favor and support."—*Prince Albert Observer.*
- \* \* \* "The first number is really a good one."—*Goderich Star.*
- \* \* \* "It's Cartoon is 'Canada's farewell to Punshon,' a very good picture."—*Belleville Intelligencer.*
- \* \* \* "It contains an excellent cartoon of Dr. Punshon bidding farewell to Canada."—*Lindsay Post.*

\* \* \* "Welcome mirthful *confrere* Grip!  
Vices may you soundly whip;  
Flashing forth your jewelled wit,  
Hedless, whom your shafts may hit,  
Fun and humor well combine;  
Sense or nonsense in each line;  
Firmly grip your raven pen,  
Catering wit for wisest men.

—Bruce Reporter.

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