

An Episode in the Life of a Statesman.

BILL SMITH made his pile in the mines,
And sighed for love and fame;
But alas! how could he hope for them
With his plebeian name?

"Why have immortal longings high
This bosom often stirred?
BILL SMITH," he sighed, "must never be
One of the common herd."

And then he struck a paying lead—
That is, got an idea,—
And away unto the Capitol
Right smartly he did steer.

"O change my name!" he loudly cried,
To the legislators there.
"Down with the dust and we'll change it or bust!"
The members all did swear.

"AMOR DE COSMOS! What a name!
Three languages you've pruned;
But you pays your money and takes your choice—
Ten ounces you must stand.

The gold was paid, the bill went through
Till near its latest stage,
When a member an amendment moved
That filled BILL SMITH with rage.

"I move," said he, "to amend the bill,"
And broadly he did grin,
"By striking out all after *De*,
And putting MUGGINS in."

"AMOR DE MUGGINS!" yelled the House,
And laughed and roared with glee,
At the frightened face of poor BILL SMITH,
Which peered from the gallery.

But lobbyists worked, and WILLIAM coaxed,
Champagne did freely run.
And the motion was lost and the bill was passed—
The majority only one.

Grip's Guide to the Cities of Canada.**TORONTO—(Continued).**

Probably the most pleasing characteristic of Toronto, and one for which it is justly celebrated from the great lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, is the great number and splendor of its different

PARKS,

the chief of which, beyond doubt, is "The Queens Park." Let us enter at the Queen street avenue leading thereto, and proceed northerly on its magnificent concrete pavement. On either side is a line of stately trees, the prolific horse-chestnut, so deceiving to the juvenile eye and taste; and the towering poplar, which sheds in its season its umbrageous favors on the "Sunday-go-to-meeting" suits of the visitors, and which, strange to say, is actually maligning by some of them as a nuisance! But of course there are people who will grumble at any favor unasked for by them (except, perhaps, a donation of "filthy lucre"), and would doubtless growl if all the scented rose blossoms of

THE VALE OF CASHMERE

were showered upon them. But let us proceed. On arriving at the southern limit of the Park proper, you may behold on every side aristocratic mansions, each with its "paddock" and closely shaven lawn, presenting a very pleasing and strikingly handsome appearance; indeed they are considered of so much value to the common people from an æsthetic point of view, that the city authorities subject them to a merely nominal tax, much to the disgust of the chronic grumbler before mentioned, who can't by any means "see it in that light." Looking to the north, you will behold a brace of

BIG GUNS,

pointing in line with the top of your head. Be not alarmed; they have not been loaded since their capture by "our troops" at the fall of Sebastopol. We are not just now quite sure what corps distinguished itself in

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A Pity.

"I remember the late Sir Henry Dalwer telling me that if I wished to be the most popular man in England I had only to get some one to kick me down Regent Street every consecutive morning for a month."—*London Truth.*

It is a pity that this most snobbish of modern egotists, LABOUCHERE, hadn't taken the advice of Sir Henry, who, of course, was his personal friend—(the paragraph is probably only written to convey that idea)—because if he had secured a popularity in that way everybody would have rejoiced. The man who did the kicking, however, would hold the warmest place in the popular heart.

this act of gallantry, but we believe both the Queen's Own and

THE TORONTO FIELD BATTERY,

lay claim to that honor, and both have volunteered to the home authorities to "do it again," should the exigencies of war demand their martial services. The Park is ornamented by magnificent oaks, spared at its laying out from the primeval forest, and its appearance from the banks of the tumultuous stream dividing it from the University grounds is unsurpassed and most enchanting to the beholder.

On Sundays it presents quite a sacerdotal appearance, from the number of amateur theologians who air their peculiar views before a rather nomadic and ever-changing congregation, who, however, appear to enjoy the somewhat startling addresses of the *al fresco* divines. Here we may remark that our friend the "growler" comes in again, and says he objects to all this unorthodox rant, and would greatly prefer the Park in normal quietness. However, there is no doubt it is a favorite place of resort: so much so that the "peelers" are at times obliged to turn out the too strongly fascinated frequenters who remain beyond the prescribed time. We will not dwell on the beauties of Victoria Park, reached by boat east of the city; nor LORNE Park, also reached by boat on the west, nor

HIGH PARK.

reached, (we forget how, but would suggest a walk)—which, though as yet almost in embryo, have, as a set off, a rustic simplicity quite charming, where the admirer of nature can at his leisure watch the gambols of the sprightly chipmunk, while he listens with delighted ears to the tuneful bullfrog chanting his plaintive lays in the waters of the adjacent streams.

New Novels.

An enterprising publisher has sent us the following:—"The Unlucky Pedestrian" by the author of "The Last of his Race;" "Going thro' the Whiskey" by the author of "Coming thro' the Rye." "The Unscrupulous Office Seeker" by the author of "Put Yourself in his Place;" "Scabbard and Nightcap" by the author of "Sword and Gown;" "Unlimited Loo" by the author of "Little Loo;" "Chased by a Bull" by the author of "Recreations of a Country Parson;" "The Itinerant Preacher" by the author of "The Perpetual Curate;" "Uncle Jim" by the author of "Anteros;" "Five Hundred Miles on Foot" by the author of "Round the World on Cheek;" "The Lady Killer" by the author of "The Dear Slayer."

Flambeau Flashos.

CAKES that are always frosted—cakes of ice.

CAN back teeth be considered merely inside-dentals?

THE pensioner is mightier than the sword.—*N. Y. Herald.*

CAN a book on the "language of flowers" be called a book, ah?

IF your shoe's tore go to a shoe store and get it repaired.

WHY is an impudent boy like a certain carpenter tool? Because he's saw, see?

THE eyes through which country magistrates generally look—Assize.

WHERE did Victor Hugo? Does Bismarck time correctly?