



"If I could be whate'er I would,  
What do you think I'd be?  
Only a puppy, so that I  
Might always follow thee."

Wide flashed her eyes in cold surprise,  
She turned and said "I vow  
I think it foolishness to wish  
To be what you are now."

—H.

### "The Premier Manufacturing Co., Toronto."

WE had just noticed this on a wagon perambulating the street, when we turned a corner and came face to face with J. Pliny Whitney, Esq., M.P.P. After greetings, and his asking us when we thought we'd be full, and our answering that if the subscription list kept swelling for another month as it had done in the previous one, we would be in a position to be full every day, we indicated the wagon and remarked that it was a great scheme. J. Pliny said probably it was, personally he did not know nor cared aught of such sordid matters as advertising.

We said we referred not to the advertising but to the manufacturing; how handy to have a shop where we could send a crippled premier to be re-bushed, re-brained or re-instated, or if the framework was not worth it, have a new premier made of good metal or wood that might last a generation.

The leader of the Opposition gave us such a stentorian glance of scorn as froze the levity in our liver.

"I will admit," he said, "that a premier of cast metal would possess merits above the present incumbent, but the trouble in the past has been that they have lasted too long. I cannot recall the case of a single premier of this province who did not outlast his usefulness. Of course a majority—no, Ross has not a majority. Would I? I have the popular majority now. Don't count on a switched majority. The people are with us. Who said I was in town now with a view to look up and

consult about forming a cabinet? Oh, you MOON people are too knowing. We are not prepared to make our plans known to friends of the Ross Government. Oh, you needn't try to look indignant. The last so-called independent satirical illustrated published in Toronto, was nothing but a Grit heeler, so we are suspicious of the breed, of course you touched up Sir Wilfrid in your last issue, but if you want to be independent you must hit the Grits hard. The last was too mild and no more than the truth. Premier manufacturing indeed! No doubt it has been the way in the past, but a new order of things is at hand, when premiers will not be manufactured, but born, and now, my little man," stooping and placing his hand on our head, "Be independent and you will be successful."

### Examination Papers in Cram University.

**A**NSWERS. A precedent is an adverb or word going before a noun to show the extent of its meaning. Example: John struck Billy. Struck is an adverb showing what John meant.

Syntax is knowing how to rite and spel well.

Etymology is the study of bugs.

Biology is to think of two things at once. From bi, twice.

"E pluribus unum" is a French motto which means "Evil be to the thinker of evil," and is put on all army contracts.

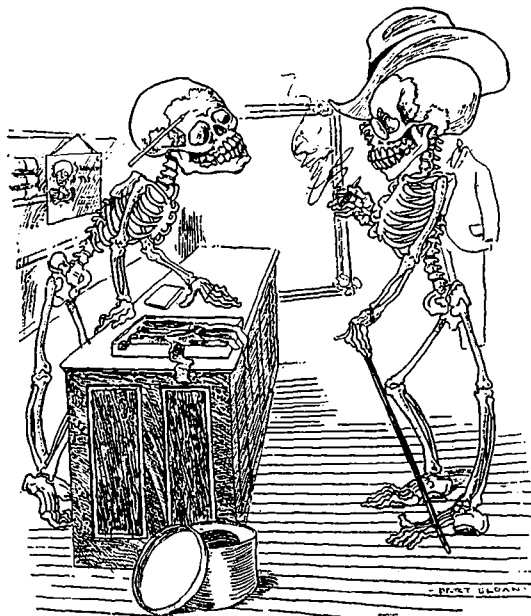
"Dieu et mon droit" is a motto for all soldiers, and is Greek for "Devil take me if I get scared."

Erebus was a old Greek theological dog and carried sticks for Charon.

Jack: "Don't you think that May looks good enough to eat?"

Belle: "Not quite. She looks to me to be only half-baked."

Every man has his price and every woman her temptation.



"Well sir?"

"I want to get a stand-up, turn-down collar-bone, please."