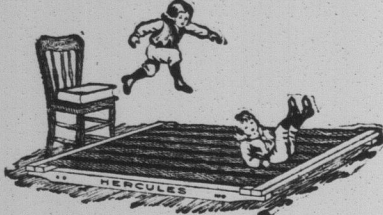


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it not be a splendid idea for the "Blue

Ruin Criers" to form a sort of Misery

Brigade and go down and find the bot-

tom of it? Perhaps it would be a better

plan for the Knockers of all the new

towns to have a sort of "gathering of

the clans" and all go down together.)-X

St. George and vicinity wants a bot-

tomless hole too, for while the Maritime

Provinces are well supplied we especially

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