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### RECKLESS CIVIC DRIVING IN MONTREAL.

G. W. STEPHENS—"Hi! Police! Police! Stop the rascals! Sue them, somebody! Police! Police!!"

#### THE WOMAN OF THE FUTURE.

O! The Woman of the Future! Sound the trumpets—best the drums!  
She has donned the coat and breeches and in triumph on she comes;

She has fixed her vengeful optic on the trembling tyrant Man,  
She has sworn to quit the bondage of the washtub and the pan.

She has sworn to crush the despot and to puff his best cigar,  
Sworn to spout from many a pulpit and to practice at the bar;  
Sworn to clip her flowing ringlets, whether auburn, black, or brown,  
And to raise upon her upper lip a tiny crop of down.

She will come as comes a conqueror and she'll scorn to bill and coo,  
And she'll whistle for her darling when she comes to win and woo;  
And she'll brave the boot capacious of our own irate papa,  
And she'll hug us in a frenzy when we bid her "Ask mamma!"

And she'll leave us in the evening, saying, "Rock the cradle, John!  
If you're lonesome, darn some stockings, dear, or sew some buttons on;  
Pray, be careful that you don't disturb the baby's soft repose,  
And you'll find his feeding-bottle close beside his little nose!"

And the pride of Man shall dwindle and his glory fade away,  
Like the glory of the sunset in the train of parting day;  
And a huge discarded petticoat shall be his funeral-pall,  
And a cackling Hen-Convention scream a peon at his fall.

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#### AN UNCOMFORTABLE INTRODUCTION.

"BRETHREN," exclaimed the aged deacon, "brethren,  
let us hear our pastor now. We shall have a rich treat. I  
can easily see that he is very full to-night."

#### A BI-SICKLY ARGUMENT.

THE *World* says that if the 30 per cent. duty were taken off bicycles and a duty of 100 per cent. put in its place, the change would have two effects—it would lead to the establishment of a bicycle manufactory here that would employ hundreds of men; and it would enable wheelmen to buy their machines for \$100 instead of \$130 as now paid. This is protectionist logic. It looks limpy to us. If a wheel can be made and sold at a fair profit for \$100, why is it not now done in Canada? An equally good wheel cannot be brought in for less than \$130 on account of the 30 per cent. duty, and so there is at present \$30 of protection on each machine. Are we to understand that bicyclers would prefer to pay the extra thirty dollars for a foreign wheel that was no better than the home made \$100 one? Not likely. Thirty per cent. would give our home industry the entire Canadian market as certainly as 100 per cent. would, *providing the wheels were as good*. But shut out the foreigners altogether, as the *World* suggests, and what would result? Not, as that innocent morning journal thinks, first class wheels at \$100, but more probably scrub wheels at \$150. Our home manufacturers have all the opportunity they need now. Why don't they seize it?

JONES' little boy tells us that the doctor says his father—who has not been well lately—is troubled with a "torpedo liver." Poor Jones! We wouldn't be surprised to hear of him going off suddenly some day.