



Besmirching Hanlan.

The Conservative papers have recently had frequent occasion (or thought they had) to point out departures which Mr. GORDON BROWN has made from the spirit of the promise which he published on assuming full control of the *Globe*, to the effect that the columns of that journal would be kept free from unworthy matter. GRIP thinks the Editor-in-chief certainly violated this promise the other day when he allowed one of his scribes to write that mean-spirited article in which it was insinuated that HANLAN'S misadventure at Providence was a "put up job," and his physical suffering all buncombe. It would be bad enough for such a suggestion to emanate from an obscure and craven American sheet, whose gambling proprietor had lost money on the race; but when the leading newspaper of the unfortunate oarsman's own country is made the medium of the cowardly assault, not merely HANLAN, but Canada is defamed. GRIP has a full appreciation of the duty of the press, and would join the *Globe* with good will in denouncing fraud in aquatic or anything else, but he also has a respect for the axiom of British fair play which says that a man should be held innocent until he is proven guilty. So far as we are aware, there is not an atom of evidence to show that HANLAN'S failure was not a pure and simple misfortune, and unless the *Globe* possesses proof to the contrary, the country has a right to demand a retraction and apology for the article in question.



Grip on Degrees.

GRIP learns with profound regret that certain gentlemen of the Presbyterian Church are anxious to secure the power of granting degrees for Knox and Montreal Colleges. GRIP cordially agrees with the opinion expressed by his friend Principal GRANT, that this proposal would result in opening the gates for the degradation of degrees. It would not really benefit these colleges, for degrees, to be of any real value, must come from the National University. In this matter GRIP has a personal interest, for he has reason to expect

the honour of the degree of D. C. L. as soon as the University course is opened to birds as well as young ladies. Meanwhile he reminds his friends of Knox College that if they get the degree-giving power, other denominations not quite so learned may claim the same privilege. The "Peculiar People" may grant the degree of P. P. The Mormon elder may claim to be made a Master of Hearts. And a sect which, by the way, has a church in Toronto, the "Bible Temperance Christians," who to their excellent practice of Temperance, add the somewhat unusual doctrine that they possess the gift of miraculously curing diseases, will of course confer on all their members the degree of M. D.



Tilden Retires.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN has made up his mind that taking one consideration with another, a President's is not a happy lot, so he has retired from the Democratic candidature, to the joy of KELLY, and other citizens too numerous to mention. GRIP congratulates the poor (or rather rich) old gentleman on this display of common sense. Gramercy Park is a far nicer place than Washington, and much better use can be found for that "barl of money" than squandering it amongst the great unwashed. If Mr. TILDEN is at a very great loss what to do with his over-plus wealth now that he has retired from public life, and especially as he has finally decided not to incur the expense incident to matrimony, we might venture to intimate that GRIP is a deserving bird, and could find an excellent way of employing more money than he is at present encumbered with.



Mr. Hanlan's Stitch.

The eyes of the civilized world are at present fastened upon the form of Mr. HANLAN, and the universal intellect is concentrated upon that gentleman's side. Political and business considerations the world over pale into insignificance before the importance of poor EDWARD'S stitch. The *Globe* forgets the "Zollverein" and the National Policy, to devote a column to the all-absorbing theme, and in our mind's eye we can behold an unwonted commotion amongst the people of the Antipodes upon the same subject. Under these circumstances GRIP feels it his bounden duty, as the only illustrated journal of the Queen city, to present the public with a correct picture of the "stitch in the side" which has caused so profound a sensation throughout the universe.



Wanted—A Divorce Court.

Unfaithful Husband—Well, what are you going to do about it? I admit that you have legal grounds for a divorce, but you can't get it in Canada—you haven't enough money!!

This little sketch presents with some force the exact position of affairs on a matter most important to the well-being of society. We commend it to the careful study of the Government, who can add greatly to their popularity by introducing and passing a bill establishing a Divorce Court in Canada. Or, if the Government fail in this duty, let the Opposition take it up, and make it an item on their programme side by side with the abolition of the Senate. There appears to be an impression on some minds that to suggest the establishment of such a Court means to introduce the laxity which prevails so alarmingly in some of the States of the Union, but this is quite unwarranted. The present method of procedure is open only to the rich; justice demands that rich and poor should be on the same level in this as in all other matters. The point in which our neighbours err is in recognizing other than Scriptural grounds of divorce as valid; let us avoid that error and all is safe.

Appropriate song for Knox College.—*Peccavi*, a song of *Degrees*.

The daily papers tell us about a young woman who recently underwent the operation of having her jaw-bone removed in the hospital of this city. When she quite recovers, as GRIP trusts she may, it is safe to predict that there will be no lack of suitors for her hand. A woman without a jaw is what thousands of distempered bachelors are searching for.



Quite Discouraged.

GLADSTONE.—What's the use of my attempting to run this Imperial Government? Here's another article in the *Mail*, a running of me down!