



DEFECTIVE MEMORY.

The Missus—Minnie, I saw you permit a man to kiss you last night. What have you to say for yourself?

Minnie—Well, Missus, er—to the best of my remembrance that was my brother.

THE POET.

In a mood of despair and dejection,
By the banks of the fair-flowing Humber,
The poet strolled onward, sad-hearted,
And said, as he passed some piled lumber :

"Gone, gone is each fond recollection
That thronged through my soul beyond number !"
The lumber pile made him no answer,
For nothing indeed could be dumber.

"Ah, bitter the food of reflection !"
He groaned,—and then sighed, like the plumber
Who gathers no wealth at this season,
When the earth hath the tint of burnt umber.

So I up and I pleasantly spouted,
"O poet stroll on by the Humber,
But know that the food of reflection
Is the w. melon and the cucumber."

SEVERAL tribes of Indians are organizing brass bands. Somehow if an Indian is not engaged in one kind of deviltry he is in another.

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

An order has lately been issued by the Commissioners stopping all extra pay for artisans of the force on Sunday, notwithstanding the men are supposed to be called upon to work at any time without distinction as to the day of the week. The amount saved (?) is trivial in the extreme.

Almost contemporary with the above comes another order giving to all officers a double ration each. The extra amount of expense to be incurred by this last order, will cost the public some thousands every year.

SCENE—An Orderly Room at a Police Post. Commanding Officer (Superintendent Avoirdupois) sitting at a table facing prisoner, who stands with cap off between two constables—Adjutant, Sergt.-Major and F.M. Sergt. standing on one side.

Superintendent Avoirdupois (severely)—Prisoner Constable Smallpay, listen !! You are charged here with a most heinous crime. (Reads the charge : "In that you did, whilst on fatigue duty in the Quartermaster's store, feloniously steal and take away one handful of condemned dried apples or the value of one cent, contrary to good order and discipline.") (Very severely) : "What *have* you to say ?"

Constable Smallpay (very humble) —Sir, as me and my mates was piling sacks of oats I felt kind of faint in my inwards ; the work was very heavy, but I stood it until I saw Inspector Ponderous come along from his lunch, and he was a-wiping a piece of pudding off his moustache ; the sight of the pudding made me feel funny, and I took a few of the mouldy apples and eat them and then I drank a quart of water, and oh, sir, after the apples began to swell I began to feel full like the officer.

Supt. Avoirdupois (severely) — Silence, sir !!! Prisoner, you have had a fair and impartial trial. I fear the seeds of vice are implanted firmly in you, as your most atrocious crime must show. I grieve to see one so young depraved to such an awful extent. I

shall however be merciful and sentence you to three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Sergt.-Major, have this fellow taken to the guard room.

[Exit all but the Superintendent.

(To himself)—And now to dine on a banquet fit for a king. I like a man to be contented with his lot, and cannot understand the men complaining. They get enough rations for one meal a day, and if they want anything more they can buy it *themselves*. Bah ! [Exit.

FLIES IN AMBER.

"MR. LANSDOWNE," we are informed by *Life*, "besides being a Lord, is a Marquis, two Viscounts and three Earls." No wonder he a peers preoccupied at times.

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In whatever direction the wind may be blowing, the tramp, like Hamlet, is generally able to distinguish a hawk from a bucksaw.

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CANADIANS owe the pleasure of having as their guests Mr. McGarigle and a long list of other gentlemen from beyond the border, mainly to the fact that each boobler despaired of finding on the jury a foreman worthy of his steal.

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MR. BARNUM will do well to refrain from marching any zebras in his parades of his Great Aggregation through our streets next month. To many of his compatriots who are tarrying with us these animals would e too depressingly suggestive of Sing Sing.

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THE statement is made, that arrangements have been concluded between the aldermen of Hamilton and a Toronto firm, for the purchase of two hundred and sixty scythes to be used immediately in the public streets of that town.

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