



THE CIVIC ORANGE TREE.

GARDENER. (ALD. NELSON): "IF-I-CAN-ONLY-KEEP-OFF-THOSE-VERMIN-I-LL-GROW-A-STILL-BIGGER-ORANGE-NEXT-YEAR."

SHAKSPEREAN CHARADE.

No. II.

To form the first part of my hero's name
 Three great men shall give theirs: and first I'll call
 On him who sitteth next the Empress Queen.
 Next, on the poet rare, who daintily
 And kindly sang of me, the Avon bard,
 Then on that Western soldier will I call,
 Whose fame is bound up with the glittering spoons.
 The next instalment of the chosen name
 Is everywhere: in heaven earth sea;
 In water or in fire. 'Tis musical:
 It breathes soft mediant, low down the scale.
 To syllable the end, I conjure up
 A baleful crooked shadow on the wall,
 At which its owner glances with delight,
 Or else I hie to Gad's hill's empty room
 And fill the vacant chair: and near it place
 The empty-headed but full-hearted swain,
 Who melancholy music did discourse
 On the nocturnal flute: and vainly bade
 Sorrow and grief depart. So, lo! you see
 The mystic syllables I'd have you read.

Correct answers "Hotspur" and "Falstaff" were received to our first charade which appeared in No. 2, from W., E. G., F. L., Snowflake, and J. A. Correspondents will please communicate answer to the above. The solution will be given in No. 7.

A NEW DEFINITION.—At Mr. NANNARY's benefit on Monday the musical voice of *Count Rudolphe* asserted very gravely and impressively that "Virtue was only an exaggeration of *Romance*." No doubt in the enthusiasm of the moment the sense of each sentence was not very strictly analysed, or the younger portion of the audience might have been in danger of being *Led Astray*.

A SENTIMENT FOR PRINTERS.—May you always be able to justify yourselves by giving clean proofs of your actions.

OUR "MILITARY" COLUMN.

The Military Column of the *Gazette* has never yet been sullied by un-military tactics.

The Hon. the MINISTER OF MILITIA has in compliance with the JESTER's request nailed the flag to the mast, and has reformed his principles by presenting the Volunteer Wimbledon grant to the House. We hope our volunteers will be thus enabled to bring the Kolapore Cup, brimming over with victory from Hold Hingland.

THE PRINCE OF WALES RIFLES are practising skirmishing in anticipation of O'DONOVAN ROSSA's arrival. The corps wish it to be distinctly understood that they are not Bond's men but freemen. Their "skirmishing fund" is already plentifully supplied with the sinews of war.

A LADY friend of the Vics writes to know "when is a Victoria rifle-man like a revolver?" We have deeply studied the question and can only reply: when he is a *sick* shorter.

QUEBEC will not be left defenceless, altho' its resources have been severely taxed. Through the generosity of Sir WM PALLISER, the city will be protected by two of his big guns which, he has donated to the country. This will make the little guns at home look rather small—especially those who have donated nothing.

THE 88TH CONNAUGHT RANGERS.—This gallant regiment has again made the Irish hearts in Connaught glow with pride over their deeds in Gaika Land, South Africa. Forty men under an Irish Major Moore confronted 1000 Kaffirs, near Komagh, and, with the help of their Sniders, Irish pluck and Connaught yell, quickly sent the colored troops in all directions. Great praise is due the "Rangers" as they were all young men and had never before this, been under fire—Can-ought beat this?

AROUND TOWN.

WE SHALL BE glad to supply the daily papers with a choice assortment of "narrow escapes," "runaways" and "rumours" at moderate rates, also a few "accidents" and "dead dogs" cheap. A liberal commission to purchasers by the dozen—space being the principal consideration.

AN ANTI-TOBACCO Society is being formed. Some say that their proceedings will end in smoke. At any rate let us hope they wont get entangled among the weeds.

PERSONAL.—The commercial editor of the *Witness* has got married. May he never be at a loss to strike the light of affection upon the Flint of reciprocity.

AROUND TOWN.—Dr. McEACHRAN delivered a lecture upon Meat Inspection last week in which he proposed that the animals be inspected before being slaughtered. Would'nt it be well that the Meat Inspectors be examined also. We hope they wont feel "cut up" about the suggestion. In these days we must deal with living issues and not merely with dead facts.

AN ITEM FOR THE PAPERS.—A rat while crossing the passage in the New City Hall broke its neck by getting his feet entangled in the spaces between the flooring. Now let us have an investigation into the kind of work done by the contractor.

THE WELLAND CANAL strikers have gone back to work for \$1.25 per day. Lucky people. There are hundreds of men in Montreal who would be glad to go back to work for half that amount.

It is said that Ald LAMERGE owes his election to a Meek little man on Craig street, instead of to a Ward politician who now wishes to claim the honor.

A FACT.—The handsome face of Mr. Joly the new Premier of the Province is said by the ladies to be sadly marred by the grey appearance of his moustache and whiskers, "if they were only dark now" say pert young misses "what a jolly fellow he would be to travel through life with." The Hon. Gentleman having heard of the flattering remarks of his friends, and wishing in view of the coming election to please everyone and add all the strength he can, to his side of the House, has taken to using "Luby's Parisian Hair Renewer", which he has been informed will give his hair, whiskers and moustache the color so desired by his fair friends to make him a jolly fellow.

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