Why is it that stage villains always wear Prince Albert coats, and in their gentlemanly wickedness speak like a parson in his pulpit? It is one of these traditions that invade every melodrama since the beginning of time, and probably will till Gabriel sounds his horn.

"If at first you don't succeed"-you know the rest.

First Boy-I bet Mr. DeBroker feels cheap. Second Boy-Why? First Boy -Last week he paid \$200 for a dog and today a \$2 dog licked him.

Rumor comes that Lady Randolph Churchill, who is only a six-months' widow, has been distracting the visitors at Aix-les-Bains with her "punting" by night and her bicycle riding during the day. But may not "relicts" be amused? Must the handsome wives of the departed retire to a nunnery because the world is such a small place somebody is sure to find them without appropriately red eyes, and, perhaps, red nose? If Lady Randolph seeks consolation in bright society and any excitement in riding a wheel, for heaven's sake let her! She had a distinguished husband, as we all know, but she also paid for the distinction, if report saith true.

There is no especial season for the European war cloud to hover. Like the poor, it is always with Europe.

And so she's married? Well, well, well! D' you know, old man, that I once fell A victim to her hazel eyes? And thought the sweetest of all ties Would be her hand, in marriage,

Light?

As good as usual.

Ago that I-Old man, look here, Don't laugh!-You know as well as I That nowadays a year is nigh As long as yesterday's decade.

But let that pass. 'Twas, as I said, A year ago, I thought this girl . In all the world the fairest pearl, I swore her "No" 'd lay my life waste! At last I spoke. A sweet smile chased A dimple to its lair, and so She shook her head and said "Dear, No!"

Well, for an hour I thought I'd die; Forgot to eat, went back on "rye." Next day-Oh, well, why weary you? Today she's married-I am too.

"No, sir," said the gentleman from Kentucky. "Out our way, sir, we never tell a man what to do for a bad cold "Is that so?"

"Certainly. If a gentleman in Kentucky, sir, has a cold and doesn't know what to do for it, sir, it shows at once that he is an alien, and not entitled to our neighborly office, sir."-Washington

There never was a mask so gay but some tears were shed behind it.

"Another \$5?" shrieked Mr. Stingyman at the breakfast table, "and it's less than a week since I gave you the last V. You must think I'm made or money, Mrs. Stingyman." "I bought a new pair of shoes for

Willie," said his wife meekly. "Yes, that leaves \$3 75. The shoes were only \$1 25."

"There's 25 cents for a slate for Charles and 10 cents for a sponge and

15 cents for car tickets, and-"But that leaves \$3 unaccounted for, Mrs. Stingyman."

"I paid a bill at the drug store."

"Maria Stingyman! There hasn't been a drop of medicine used in this house for a year." "I know it. I didn't spend it for

medicine."

"Oh, I suppose you've been squandering money for perfumery or face

powder and other dyes." "No, Mr. Stingyman. I paid \$3 for the last box of cigars you had charged there. The druggist said-"

"I don't care what the druggist said. I'd like to eat my breakfast and get down to the office some time today." And, handing his wife the money she had asked for, Mr. Stingyman departed, wishing he had let well enough alone.-The Queen.

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The mention of a woodpile to a tramp does not strike a popular "cord."

Army surgeons say that the expression of the faces of soldiers killed in battle reveals the causes of death. Those who have perished from sword wounds have a look of repose, while there is an expression of pain on the countenance of those slain by bullets.

Mistress-A caller? It it a lady or a gentleman?

Servant-I don't know, mum; if has the voice of a lady and the clothes of a gentleman.-Puck.

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POPCORN BALLS. Boil one cup white sugar; half ? cup of water; one tablespoon of put-

The Scrap Bag. Mr. Ture in Onlario

He Tells Why He Left the Conservative Party.

Unsuccessful Struggle to Get His Leaders to Punish Millionaire Thieves,

And His Final Exposure of the Gang After Five Months Investigation,

The Right and the Wrong Way to Settle the Manitoba School Question.

At the Sydenham, Addington, open-

air demonstration in honor of Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, on Friday last, Mr. Tarte, M.P., made his first speech in Ontario. He was very warmly received. He said: You were kind enough to invite me to this meeting. I am, indeed, very thankful to you. In the parish where I was born 46 years ago there was no school question. The French language was the only one taught, and that is the reason why I feel so timorous at addressing such a meeting as this. The Manitoba school question will have at least the advantage of forcing upon public opinion the necessity of learning both languages where the law indorses them. (Hear, hear.) Four years ago I was an honest man-(laughter)-I was a brilliant speaker, an able writer and a very good fellow indeed. Today all these good qualities have vanished from me. I am a bad man, a very bad man, a dishonest man and a bigoted man. So my friends of the Tory press say, but they did not say the same thing in the past. Four years ago I was one of their leaders. I would like to know what crime I have committed since 1891. I am glad to see some old Conservative faces in this audience. I want to address myself especially to them. All our old leaders are gone. The great old man whom I followed for twenty years, Sir John Macdonald, is gone. Sir Charles Tupper is gone. In Quebec all our Conservative leaders have gone also. Surely my friends of the Conservative party here, do not pretend to believe that Sir Adolphe Caron and "Gen." Ouimet are the leaders of my race. Four years ago I was in the Conservative ranks; I am no more with the Conservative party. (Applause.) They say that I am all changed, yet in vain do I look about me for evidences of the change.

I find I am JUST THE SAME MAN.

My wife, who knows something about me-(loud laughter)-says that I am not changed at all, but that I am the same fellow that I was in the past days. (Renewed laughter.) Again I ask, what crime did I commit? tell you in a few words. You will excuse, of course, my imperfect knowledge of the English language. You will not forget when I was 27 years old I could not speak one solitary word of English. You are all honest men here. If you discover tomorrow that in your neighbor's house there are thieves who are robbing him, you would be just as dishonest as the thieves themselves if you did not point them out. In the year 1891, as I told you, I was one of the leaders of the Conservative party in Quebec. (A voice-Well done.) leves that had quarreled between selves came to me one good morn-

They came to me bringing with them papers. It was a Sunday. I will remember the day all my lifetime. They came to my place with a bundle of papers on a Sunday morning. I read them. I say again I was a good loyal Conservative. I said to them: w, gentlemen, we will keep quiet. Let us keep quiet. I will go to my own leaders and I will get redress."

TOLD SIR JOHN MACDONALD.

I did not go to my friend the leader of the Opposition. I took the papers to Sir John Macdonald and left the papers with him. He said to me: "Tarte, we will leave them for a week," which I did. When the week was up I went up to Ottawa again and Sir John told me: "I have seen Mr. McGreevy and Sir Hector Langevin and both of them have declared that there is nothing in it, that this is a conspiracy against them." I replied: "Sir John, they told you more than that, I am afraid. They told you that they could get rid of me even if there was something behind what I have said to you." Sir John said: "No, they did not say anything of the kind." Gentlemen, what I learned later on proved to me that I was right. Those aid of the hundreds of thousands of dollars that they had stolen from you; you cannot get rid of me. Then the public exchequer they would be in a position either to buy me or crush me. I am not for sale, thank God, and, small as I am, I am not going to be crushed before making a good fight at any rate. I went down to Quebec and I took upon myself to do what any other honest man would have done, I think. I published in my own paper, over my signature, a series of accusations against those men. I accused them of having

STOLEN ONE MILLION DOLLARS. It was a grave accusation. I was immediately arrested for criminal libel, and, at the same time, I was sued before the civil courts for \$50,000 damages. I was in a very difficult position. I knew that I had to deal with wealthy men, with men who had amassed wealth out of the public exchequer. I consulted the very best lawyer that I could get. I went to my friend, Mr. Casgrain, the Attorney-General in Quebec, and he advised me to choose as one of my lawyers my friend. Mr. Laurier. I retained both these 'awyers and we went to court. When Mr. Laurier had read my papers he said to me: "Well, Tarte, you have discovered a nest of thieves; there is no doubt about that. But I warn you, my friend, if you don't take care of yourself you may go to jail some of these fine mornings." (Great laughter.) Well, I found that out. I was not very long in discovering that he was right, and, gentlemen, we went before the courts, but before the courts, as anywhere else, I am much afraid it is very easy to see that the big fish eats the small fry. (Laughter.) I felt that I was not safe before the courts, and I made up my mind that instead of going to that jail where the health of Mr. McGreevy and Mr. Connolly suffered, I made up my mind to go before the electors and to Parliament. The general elections came on. and I was elected to Parliament. You know what I did, I did not do as some of my friends do. I did not accuse Thomas McGreevy, Sir Hector Langevin and all of those men and then keep still. I brought the accusa- with those who read only the Tory pa-

I must get rid of you." I have come here to state plain facts. What hap-pened? You know right well that the inquiry we went into lasted five months. At the end of that inquiry, Sir John Thompson himself, who was then the leader of the House, signed a report in which it was stated that \$960,000 had been stolen from the pub-

lic treasury. Ladies and gentlemen, and my Conservative friends, did I commit a great crime in putting a stop to these iniquities? Well. I discovered the crime; I had the guilty parties punished. When I say punished, I am afraid I do not use the proper word. When a poor fellow forgets himself and steals a cord of wood, or a pair of rubbers, or an overcoat, he is sent to the penitentiary for seven years. We have in our sight people who have stolen a million dollars, and their health was so poor that they could not be kept in jail more than two months. What was the consequence of that? It was this: There are dishonest men in the world, we know that. Some people in Montreal say: "If, for having stolen a million dollars, friends Connolly, Nick and Mick, and Uncle Tom, get only two months in jail, we would not be hanged if we stole a quarter of a million of dollars." They went right on, and the Curran bridge scandal occurred, where a quarter of a million dollars were stolen in two months. I desired to explain in a few words the reason why I changed my political allegiance.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION. You will expect me, I suppose, to say a few words upon the Manitoba school question. They say I am a bigoted man. I will tell you as best I can what am. I am a plain Canadian, a loyal Canadian, a French-Canadian, and Roman Catholic. (Hear, hear.) That is just what I am. On the Manitoba school question I took a very firm stand, and it is as follows: I claim that the French-Canadians have the same rights as you have. Is that fair or not? (Hear, hear.) In this land of Canada we are on the same footing. I claim that my fellow-countrymen are on the same footing as you are; my blood is just as good as your blood, I am sure of that. In Manitoba there was a system of separate schools: in Quebec there was a system of separate schools. Your English fellow-countrymen have the entire control of their schools: my countrymen have the entire control of their schools. Everyone is pleased. I am not here to say that we have nothing to improve in Quebec. We have

I won't allow you or anybody else to come to me, to take me by the throat, and to tell me you will do this or that. I won't allow that. I claim that my countrymen in Manitoba have been' are bygones. I have not the time to ment have bungled from beginning to end. They went to Quebec, and they said to the Roman Catholic clergy: re-establish the separate schools in Manitoba." They came to this great Province, and they said quietly to their friends: "Don't be afaid; we won't do anything." What did they do in Vercheres? You all heard of the election in Vercheres. I made the fight fight like men, with open faces. They ceived them in the most shameful way, and they said: "My Lords, if you do not interfere on our behalf we are doomed, and you will never get your separate schools in Manitoba.' The result was the bishops interfered, to their them. were shamefully deceived-and they published letters telling their people there? They went quietly to their leaders and told them: "It is true we have appealed to the Roman Catholic priests and in Ontario to their own friends, saying one thing in Quebec and anhere. to live in peace. I am a French-Canorigin; your fathers and mothers were of English origin. But when you come to look at the matter from a high

(Hear, hear.) WE ARE ALL CANADIANS after all. You cannot get rid of me. My race now numbers one and a half men believed at the time that with the | millions. Your race numbers three and a half millions. I cannot get rid of we must arrange to live together peaceably, like intelligent men. (Applause.) I want to apply the very principle that I have propounded to the settlement of the difficult Manitoba school question. What are we going to do? My leader has stated his views. He has said that the Liberal party do not want to take Manitoba by the throat. I have no authority to speak for anybody except myself, but I think I may say I know the feeling in the Province of Quebec as well as anybody else. (Hear, hear.) I was a Conservative, but am now working with my friend, the leader of the Liberal party. I know both parties; I know the Province of Quebec; and, gentlemen of the Province of Ontario, I am here to say that in the Province of Quebec we do not intend to coerce Manitoba. (Applause.) What I say here I have said before my own countrymen in a dozen of meetings. I and my countrymen understand the position. We want peace. I want justice for my countrymen. I am not here to say that I do not want justice for them. Understand me thoroughly; I want justice for them, but I want justice through the proper remedy. I claim if coercion was attempted, instead of a remedy, it would be a poison, and a very bitter poison, too. How could we enforce a law against an unwilling Province? What would be the position of my fellow-countrymen in Manitoba? There are twelve thousand, all told. They are a small minority; they would simply be crushed down. I do not want them to be crushed down.

standpoint, I want to know what is

the difference between you and me?

those who read only the Tory papers believe that I am a kind of a bad man, and a very bad man at that. Believe me, however, I do not bring with me in these pockets any explosive to blow up this meeting. came as a peaceable citizen, and, believe me, I am an honest man. I may have made mistakes, but I want to ask the Conservative press and Con-servative leaders if I was a dishonest man when I was with them, why I was

about me a ew years ago. Today

paper man from the press gallery, I

have seen him grow up in politics, and

I was not long in discovering that be-

fore long he would be one of the great

men of Canada. Do not be afraid to

meet him, He is a liberal-minded

man. He is a Roman Catholic, but he

desires justice for you, as he desires

justice for his own countrymen.

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such a great favorite with them. Do. not forget that until 1891 I was with you. Even after my election in 1891 Sir John Macdonald sent me an invitation that I have got now, an invitation to attend the first committee of the House to elect a Speaker. Well, they made a great deal against me in connection with Mr. Mercier's name. Will you allow me to speak to you frankly, and to tell you that I FOUGHT MR. MERCIER'S POLICY until 1891. (Hear, hear.) But before going any further allow me to say that a great many of those who traduce his name today, who vilify his dead name, are not worthy to brush his shoes. (Laughter.) They cannot find a policy. They go to the cemetery

to trample upon the graves of the dead. I was one of Mr. Mercier's opponents in the Province of Quebec. I was even asked by Sir John Macdonald in 1890 to take the leadership of the Opposition in Quebec, but when in my native Province a coup d'etat was accomplished by the Lieutenant-Governor taking the government of the Province into his own hands, after dismissing his Ministers, I said that I was a British citizen, that I wanted to be governed by constitutional rule, and then I fought against this coup d'etat. I thank you for the kind hearing you have given me. It was a great privilege to be invited here, and I will take with me down to Quebec a souvenir of this great meeting. I will tell my French fellow-countrymen of the enthusiasm with which their eminent compatriot and my eminent leader is received everywhere. They say I have changed my allegiance, but it is also true I have improved my company. Sir Mackenzie Bowell may be a great man, but in my estimation my friend and leader is a greater man than he, and if there is a pleasure for me it is to say that my fellow-countrymen of English origin have chosen him, a Frenchman and a Roman Catholic, as their leader. You may be sure of one thing: I know him well; I fought him for a very long time. He says he remembers the blows I occasionally gave him, but he will also, I am sure, re-VASTLY IMPROVED IN QUEBEC, member the kind words that even when and we are improving there every day. I was an opponent of his I uttered to-What I am here to say is this: That wards him, because I must say before I was with him I was very much tempted to be with him. As a news-

taken by the throat in the very same way, and it was not fair. But bygones go carefully into the whole question. I want to address myself to the position as we find it today. The Govern-"Give us your support, and we will in that county, and we gained the battle there. Our opponents could not went to two of the bishops, They degreat regret now, and I do not blame They interfered-because they that it was necessary to vote for this Government, otherwise the separate schools would never be established. At the same time they had an election in Haldimand, and what did they do issued that remedial order, but we won't do anything." In Quebec they other thing in Ontario. I want to ask you if this is the way to deal with a great question? We are all Canadians We have all the same interest adian, you are English-Canadians. My father and my mother were of French

CAN BE SETTLED. What I want, what I expect, from you, is that you will put in power men who will deal squarely and honestly with that important question. As Mr. Laurier has said, we can settle the question. We can settle it on a national basis. The Government have reproached us many times for not giving them a policy. They would like that we should make a bill for them. I know cup of water; one tablespoon of out:
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