



"THE OLD SERPENT."

"Old flag—old policy—old man! (Laughter and cheers.) Here, as I said, is a trio that would do good to an antiquarian society. Oh, if I had only the pencil of a Bengough, I would add a fourth to it, and put the old serpent there as the prime mover in all their doings. (Cheers and laughter.) What a sketch would it make! I trust Bengough will take the hint and give us something in GRIP on these lines." (Hear, hear, and renewed laughter.)—*Hon. S. H. Blake at Reform mass meeting.*

[GRIP has pleasure in submitting the hon. gentleman's design. As it couldn't well be improved upon by Bengough or anybody else, we give it just as it comes to hand. Now let Sir John try his hand at the cartoon business.]

would sink of the wan or the other wan, or of the two of them poth together at the same time whatefer no more ass I can told of nosing at all.

What you would do yourself, now MUSTER GRUP, it you wass me and if you had a Malcolm and a Rory and a good wife Flora moreover, pesides too?

If you'll told me, I would nefer remember you till the longest day I would die, and that's just ass true ass you'll stand where you'll sit this moment, so it iss.

Your true friend,

ANGUS MACNEIL.

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THE DUDE'S ATTEMPT AT HUMOR.

CHOLLIE—"Aw—good evening, Miss Witherspoon. Fine night for the pahty."

Miss W.—"What party, Mr. Sappead?"

CHOLLIE—"Aw—Conservative pahty, you know."

Miss W.—"Indeed, and why is it a fine night for the Conservative party?"

CHOLLIE (*confused*)—"Aw—ah—I don't know—don't you see? Aw—it's a joke you know. Awfully good sell—you say pahty and the other pahty thinks it's a weal pahty, and then—don't you know—that is—but perhaps—aw—I cahn't explain it wightly." (*Breaks into a cold perspiration and collapses.*)

DEACON PUNKIN thinks we should avoid war, if possible, in the Behring Sea difficulty. He says he believes in "arbitrary measures."

THE MONOPOLIST'S MOAN.

[T comes like grisly death to me,
This fateful hour of dissolution,
May with the country's will agree;
But goes against my constitution.

To know my cherished, well-laid schemes
Of wholesale profits, cent. per cent.
May vanish all like baseless dreams
On opening of next Parliament.—

To know that Harrys, Dicks and Toms
Can wreck the strongest trade combine,
By placing paper ballot bombs
Beneath the tariff wall in line?

Dire possibilities like these
Were cause to shatter nerves of steel
The hair-hung sword of Damocles
Above my head I seem to feel.

Why must I suffer such suspense?
Why, just to make-believe that fiction
The people rule, is no pretence.
Must clowns for once have jurisdiction?

Who knows what mischief with their votes
These monarchs of a day may do?
To cut their rightful rulers' throats
May be the end they have in view.

I'd none of it had I my way,
I'd poll no vote in all the nation,
But simply re-instate John A.
And his N.P. by acclamation.

But now, by raising party shout,
With verbose juggling unremitting
And humoring in drunken bout
These lordly tinkers as befitting,

I'll help them pass their little day
Of power in harmless, foolish fashion,
Thus hoping to regain my sway,
And afterwards to lay the lash on.

WILLIAM MCGILL.

THE REVIVAL OF MEDIAEVALISM.

THE expected victory of the Tory party on the 5th of March on the mediæval issue of loyalty vs. treason is confidently looked forward to by the large and influential element who are anxious to restore the institutions and ideals of the dark ages, as an opportunity for carrying out their views. The return to power of a party which bases its claims on its opposition to "traitors" will naturally show that the reactionary spirit is abroad among the people, and that the restoration of obsolete laws and traditions will be highly popular. GRIP understands that the following measures will be introduced into Parliament:

Sir John Macdonald will bring in an act defining the offence of treason so as to include all attacks in speech or writing upon members of the Government, and reviving the good old penalty of hanging, drawing and quartering.

Sir Hector Langevin is preparing a measure specially applicable to Quebec re-establishing the Inquisition and providing that any one suspected of heresy may be put to the torture, and on confession burned at the stake. Those who contumaciously refuse to confess will of course be tortured to death. It is understood that the measure has the cordial support of the hierarchy.

Mr. Bowell has a bill in hand providing for the erection of a pillory, stocks and whipping-post in every city