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**MR. MEREDITH LOOKING FOR THE WEEKES' DECLARATION.**  
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**A WHISPER FROM THE ENEMY.**

EDITOR *Mail*.—Don't forget to formulate some of the *Globe's* "scandals" before the Session closes. [See *Saturday's "Mail."*]

**EXERCISE IN ENGLISH.**  
TO BE READ FOR PUNISHMENT.

I rode along the stony road,  
Fall's scene by me was seen;  
Clad in a cloak of frieze I saw  
How great the freeze had been.  
The water in the pond was hard,  
(In form of ice you see),  
Although in that same pond I saw  
Used always soft to be.  
The trees of leaves were all quite bare;  
And after winter's reign  
Those naked branches, twigs and stems  
Will each one bear again.  
And as I crossed the lazy creek  
The bridge to crack began,  
So shortly I a-bridged my face,  
And thus from danger ran.  
High overhead a crow swift flew  
He, as in farmyard near  
A game cock smart began to crow,  
Did cock his head to hear.  
A tramp essayed to stop my horse;  
I sayed words to that man  
And felt, when quick my Irish rose,  
Myself an Ire-hish man.

J. A. MESAF.

“Lo! I am with you,” is a text for a missionary among Indians to use.—*Ex.*

**SANTA CLAUS AND THE PROPHETS.**

Old Santa Claus sat on St. James' spire,  
He sat on the vane so he couldn't get higher,  
And he laughed and he roared as the snow swept  
round  
The shivering mortals below on the ground.  
He watched the trembling bumper stand  
At the corner trying to warm each hand  
That he slapped and slapped on his ragged clothes,  
Or applied the same to his ruby nose.  
He watched the swells in cutters and sleighs,  
He watched them all on their different ways;  
And he laughed ha! ha! and he laughed ho! ho!  
When he thought of wise Venmor and Moses O—  
I'll teach these aspiring buffers, said he,  
That wintry weather is made for me  
When the cold breeze comes from my icy mouth  
I'll send them down, if I choose, to the South.  
For mortal I don't care a single fig,  
Be he Northern swell or Southern "nig!"  
Ha, ha! ha, ha! ho, ho! ho, ho!  
I'll give them enough of the beautiful snow.  
And he laughed and roared again and again,  
And jumped from his place on St. James' vane.

The ham for a sandwich is a sort of go-between, and it is not meant that it should be respected.—*Ex.*

**PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE.**



LADY.—Oh, Doctor, my little boy is so ill, do tell me what ails him?  
DOCTOR.—It's a bad case of fever, Madam.  
L.—How can he have caught it; we have paid every attention to sanitary matters.  
D.—Have you had your bedding cleaned?  
L.—No, we have never thought of that, though we have used it several years.  
D.—Then send it to N. P. CHANEY & Co.'s, 230 King-st. East, at once, they will clean it thoroughly. More diseases arise from impure bedding than from anything else.

“Shine, sir?” No! haven't dime.—*Ex.*

The ancients could beat us to death painting pictures; but just look at our frames!—*Baptist Weekly.*

“No, sir; my daughter can never be yours.” “I don't want her to be my daughter!” broke in the young ardent; “I want her to be my wife.”—*Ex.*

Manitoba wants to secede from the Dominion and become a province all by herself. She has all the facilities for freezing herself out.—*Hartford Post.*

The happy father of twins recently sent the following message to a brother living in the west: “Immense joy—we got two twins today—more hereafter.”—*Ex.*

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