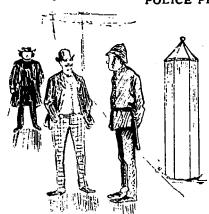
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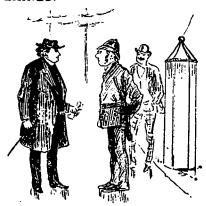


(Scene-A street corner. Policeman and chum)

CHUM.—"Say, how does this patrol-box arrangement work?" POLICEMAN.—"Here comes a man; I'll show you."



(POLICEMAN scizes the culprit and rings the patroi alarm.)



POLICEMAN (to PASSER-BY).—" What do you mean by interfering wid me in the discharge of my duty?"

PASSER-BY .- " Interfering? what do you -- ?"



Patrol-wagon arrives. PASSER-BY, who happens to be a preacher, is dumped in and carted off.)

POLICEMAN (to CHUM).—"That's how it works." CHUM.—"Great scheme, hey?"

MISS CANADA COGITATES.

ON HER TWENTY FIRST BIRTHDAY, JULY 1ST, 1888.

- DEAR me, twenty-one! How the time flies away!
 How old I am getting to be!
 Of age! Just to think that on this very day
 From father's control I am free.
- Twenty-one—just imagine! and I such a romp!
 It really is past all belief
 The way that I've trifled away all my life!
 I must really begin a new leaf.
- So I guess that I'd better sit down for a spell, And think for a minute or two, And just make my mind up maturely and well On what I am going to do.
- First of all, there's my debts. Goodness gracious, how great
 Is the sum of them! Gold upon gold
 Wouldn't pay off the half. And I can't help but spend,
 No matter how often I'm told.
- With dresses and diamonds, and rubies and rings,
 With bracelets and bonnets and collars,—
 I do love such lots of such beautiful things
 I can't really keep track of my dollars.
- That horrid old Cartwright! He bothers me so
 For the money I lay out on clothes.
 But, for all of his scolding, I never do know
 Just where the one-half of it goes.

- O, dear! how he scolds! What a nuisance he is!
 And how he does pry, preach and prate!
 I'm just going to tell him to mind his own biz,
 And leave it to father and fate.
- S. But father won't pay it. Dear me, how he'd frown
 If I told him! My, how he would storm!
 So I guess that economy has to go down
 First of all on my Bill of Reform.
- And then there's my flirting. I'm pretty, I know,
 Whatever old Cartwright may say;
 And I'm sure that I needn't wait long for a beau,
 I can choose of the best, any day.
- 10. But father, he talks of my staying at home, And keeping his house neat and trim; But father's so pokey! I never could bear To live all my life-time with him.
- 11. And it's such fun to flirt. Folks say that the way I have treated poor Sam is a shame. But I don't care whatever the people may say I'm in no haste to alter my name.
- 12. And Sam! Why, he's dried-up and lanky and thin, And ugly as ugly can be; As old as Methuselah, sallow as sin,— What a match for a maiden like me!
- 13. He has money, of course. But then, so have I, And of poverty I ain't afraid; So I'll live all alone till the day that I die A jolly and happy old maid!

CARET.