

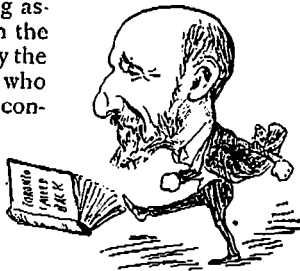


ALD. E. A. MACDONALD—"Ald. Dodds speaks of the attacks made upon 'us.' Only kings and editors should use the plural when speaking of themselves."

ALD. HALLAM—"Well, then he has a double claim to the privilege—King Dodds is an editor."

During the discussion which followed, the cheering fact was brought out that the Council possesses at least one member who is proof against sinister influences on the part of the railroad. Ald. Allan stated that "no railway company could buy his vote." Well, Ald. Allan ought to know—in fact, he is the only person who does know, so his assurance may be accepted as satisfactory to the citizens. It must also be satisfactory to the railroads, for as they get his vote without buying it, that is so much saved.

The matter was finally settled by arranging that the agreement would be considered by the Joint Committee, the decision evidently being assented to by the majority in the same spirit as was shown by the Dutch justice of the peace who announced to the suitors concerned in a case tried before him, "Dot vas a imbornant gase. I don't could decide dot gase right away alretty, I dakes me four days to gonzider auf it, bud I shall effentually dezide for dot blaintiff."



Ald. E. A. Macdonald tried to tell that little story but spoiled it because he forgot to make the justice a Dutchman. Probably he didn't want to give anybody a handle to accuse him of insulting the large and influential German element of East York. Dialect stories are dangerous things to fool with about election time.

EPITAPH on a drunkard: "Hic Jacet."

The conjunction "and" is often used by speakers as a junction station on the line of their argument, where a little delay enables them to add new trains of thought.



CHANGING THE SUBJECT.

MRS. SHODDY—"He is a flirt; before you were married, did your husband—"

MRS. DE CLAREMONT (*jealous*)—"I did not have any husband, dear, before I was married."



AT HIS UNCLE'S.

MISS GLIBB—"Have you attended many balls this season, Mr. Harduppe?"

HARDUPPE (*ruefully*)—"I've been to three."

THE ABSENTEE PICK-POCKET.

[THE Illinois Legislature has passed an act providing that after July 1st no real estate can be held by aliens, thus striking a blow at "absentee landlordism," while allowing the other kind to flourish unchecked.]

THE pick-pocket business when rightly pursued
Must surely conduce to the popular good,
It employs quite a number who labor might shirk
And freely they spend the results of their work.

The baker and butcher and laborer live
In turn on the work which the pick-pockets give,
The manner in which they distribute their gains
The country's prosperity greatly maintains.

But some wealthy pick-pockets of late can afford
To spend most of their time and their substance abroad,
Their living in London or Paris or Rome
Is clearly defrauding the public at home.

All right-minded people will surely agree
It is time to abolish the base absentee;
If he can't spend his cash where he makes his big haul,
We'll deny him the right to pick pockets at all.

Some cranks, indeed, say the whole business is wrong,
To argue that question would take us too long,
'Tis sufficient to say if such doctrines prevailed
Great social convulsions must needs be entailed.

From time immemorial, say what you will,
Men have risen by superior adroitness and skill;
The picking of pockets—a dexterous art—
Makes men enterprising, ingenious and smart.

It is going too far to condemn the whole trade
By which money's kept moving and fortunes are made,
But absenteeism we all must condemn,
And devise Legislation the evil to stem.

So henceforth 'tis decreed that pick-pockets must stay
Where they gather their plunder, nor wander away,
The money they make must be spent where its made,
Or else we've no use for the pick-pocket trade. P.T.