



### A SUMMER IDLE.

(WHICH, HOWEVER, POETS GENERALLY SPELL "IDYLL.")

[The gentle reader will please supply his own joke to this sketch. We publish it because such pictures are now in season, and GRIP is determined to be up to date.]

### UPON MEETING AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE IN CHICAGO. BOWED DOWN BY GRIEF AND MISFORTUNE.

**I**T once was mine, attracted by a grunt,  
To watch you sometimes in your cheerful sty,  
Exchanging courtesies ere passing by  
As people will, intending no affront.

But nevermore shall you with patience hunt  
For delicacies there, and well you sigh  
Thus to your evil planets in the sky,  
"Men's knives are sharp—why are their souls so blunt?"

But little heeds the lean dog on the street,  
Or cat preoccupied, the tricks of men;  
You were not friends (exactly) yet 'tis sweet  
To gather solace from the restful thought  
That, some day soon, in "chicken salad" caught,  
Ye three shall meet (familiarily) again.

Union Stock Yards, Chicago.

E. H. Stafford..

PARADOXICAL as it may seem, the dead-lock at Washington  
is at present a very live issue.

### KIT'S RETURN.

**G**RIP is pleased to welcome home the brilliant *Mail* female correspondent, "Kit," from her outing of some five months on the Pacific coast. Readers of the "Woman's Kingdom" department of our contemporary have been kept fully posted on the sights and scenes and doings of the California country in a series of articles which have sustained Kit's reputation as the cleverest descriptive writer on the Canadian press. The lively old girl (we venture to accept her own description of herself) seems to have had a high old time, especially on the return trip across the mountains, where, according to cold type in Saturday's issue, she was at one time 5000 miles above the level of the sea! Kit is great on flights of fancy, we know, but this bears all the appearance of a hyperbole by the intelligent compositor.

We read in the London *Advertiser* that "Winnipeg Roman Catholics will now turn over their children to the public school board." We were not aware that it was one of the functions of the public school board to use the shingle.