

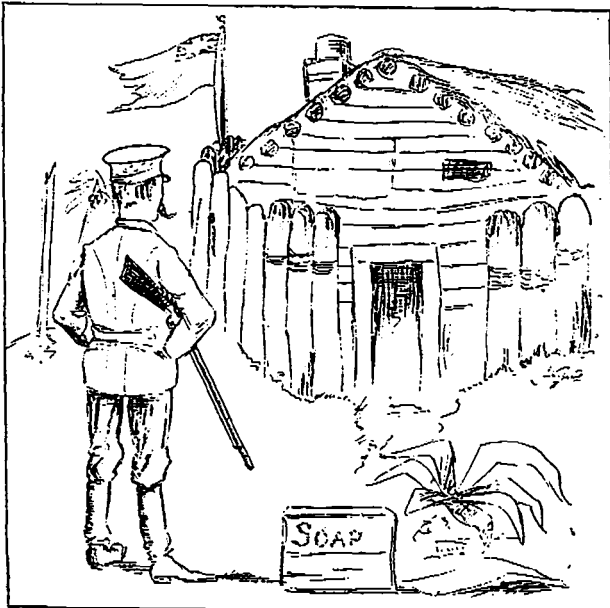
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EAST AFRICAN AGENT—"I'm! Business sort of dull. The nigs don't seem to bite just now. I s'pose they can't read the sign over there. Guess I'll take a read."

A CENTURY HENCE.

GRIP'S PROGNOSTICATION OF THE WORLD'S CONDITION IN 1993.

A NUMBER of the papers have lately been publishing forecasts by prominent people giving their opinion of what is likely to happen in the course of the next century. The following is GRIP's contribution to this interesting symposium:



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EXPLORER (six months later)—"Hello! A deserted hut. I wonder what's become of the owner."

The world in 1993 will be a somewhat better world than it is now, though politicians will still be talented and polished liars and partizans fools. The snow by-law will have been abolished and the sidewalks and streets will be kept clean of snow by a current of hot air generated by electricity. Hamilton will have been annexed to Toronto, and suburban residents on the mountain will be able to reach the business centre in half an hour by trolley, or twenty minutes by flying machine. Statues of Premier Thompson and Foster will adorn Cleveland Park (formerly Queen's Park), as a tribute of the homage of a grateful people for their statesmanship in yielding to political exigencies and securing annexation on favorable terms.

Owing to the cheapening of mechanical facilities there will be a daily paper for every thousand of the population, but as a slight compensation the *Telegram* will have ceased to exist, and the *Empire* will have merged into



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Tableau!

the *World*; the proprietor, Sir W. F. Maclean, having the honor of being the first elected Governor of Ontario under political union. A leading feature of journalism in 1993 will be news from the spirit world, communication with which will be as easy as telephoning—in fact, rather more so. There will be great competition to secure able articles and poems from Shakespeare, Homer, Napoleon, Socrates, J. Cæsar, Great Scott, Junius and other departed celebrities.

Gladstone will still be alive and occupying the Premiership owing to the remarkable invention of a French scientist in 1904, by which persons having more vitality than they need can impart their surplus to others and so prolong their lives indefinitely. Many robust and enthusiastic Irishmen and others will devitalize themselves to keep the Grand Old Man in good fighting trim. Home Rule will of course have been carried early in the century. The Ulster faction will try to raise a rebellion but will be quickly suppressed by a few constables. They will then turn their attention to Dublin politics, and by