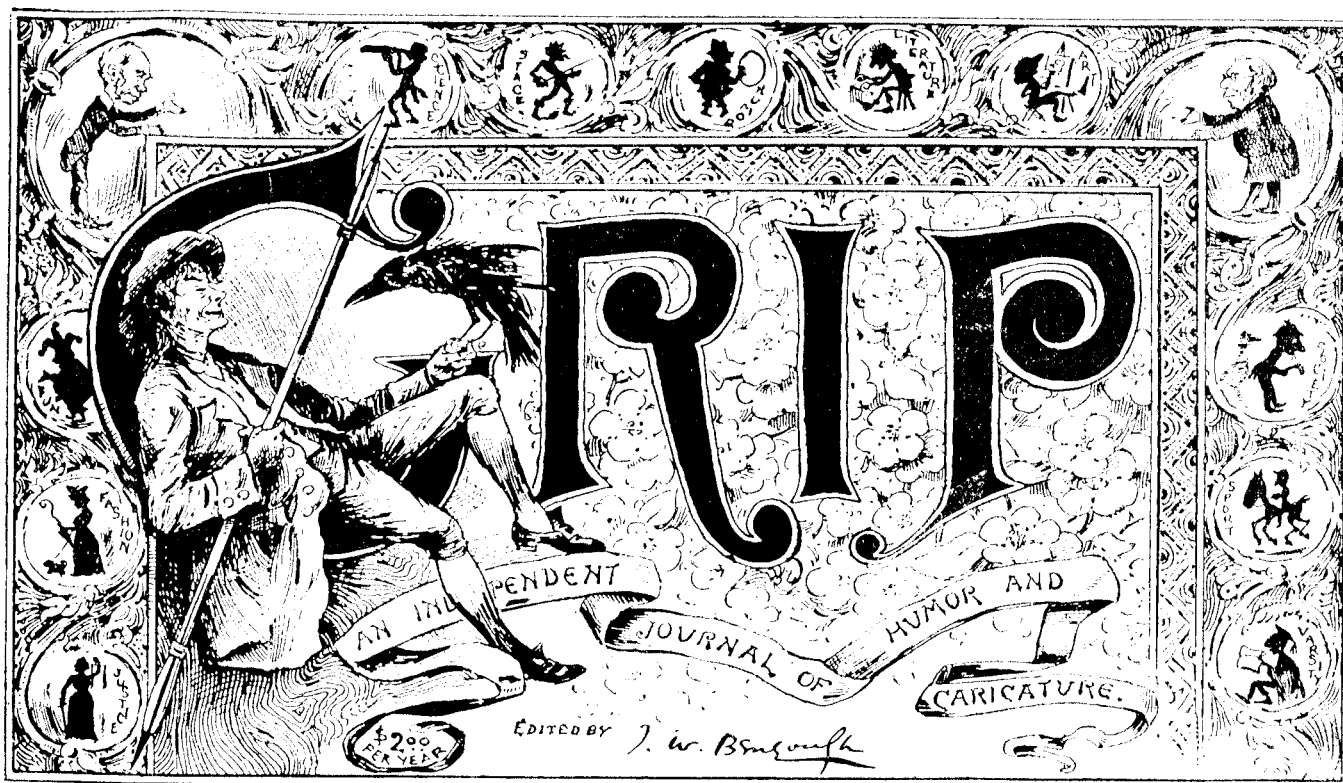


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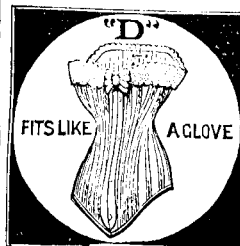
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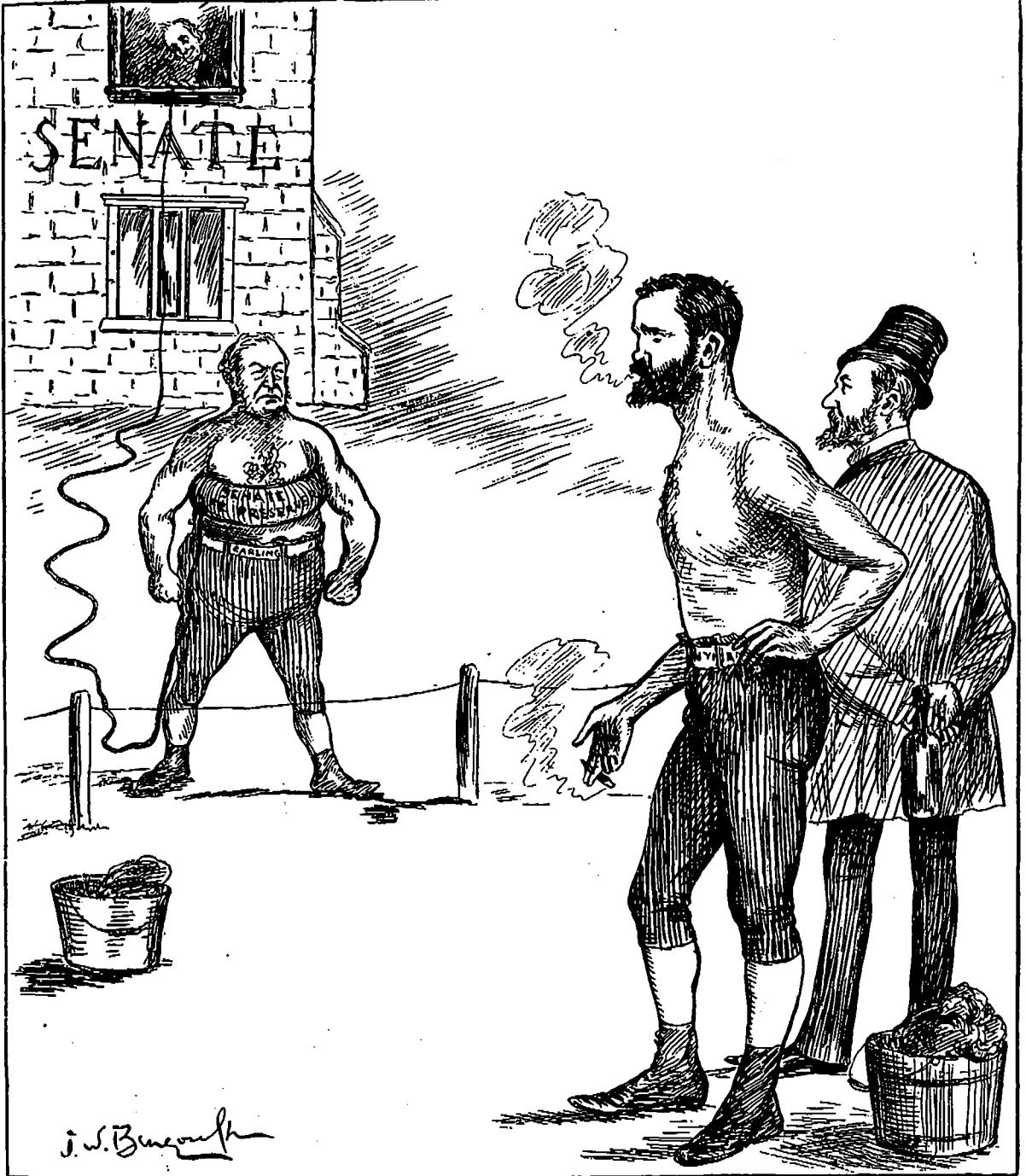
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WITH A STRING TO HIM.

OR, THE PROPOSED CARLING-HYMAN FIGHT AT LONDON.

PREMIER ABBOTT—"Go for him, John. If you win, all right; if you're licked, I'll pull you back to a place of safety!"



TORONTO, SATURDAY, FEB. 6, 1892.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

HUMOR COMPETITION.

\$60 in Cash Prizes to be Given.

With a view to encouraging the humorous pens of the Dominion (and there are many of them as yet unknown to Fame), GRIP has decided to offer the following Prizes:

For the best short humorous article, a prize of \$30 cash will be given. For the next best, a prize of \$20 cash, and for the third in order of merit, a prize of \$10 cash.

The conditions of the competition are:

- 1st. No article to contain more than 750 or less than 300 words.
- 2nd. None but original articles will be entered in the competition. Articles may be in the form of prose or verse, stories, character sketches, satirical skits, or in any other literary form whatever.
- 3rd. Articles will be judged not so much for literary merit as for the merit of the humorous idea involved.
- 4th. All articles submitted to be marked "competition," and to be the property of the Grip Printing and Publishing Company.
- 5th. Mr. J. W. Bengough, Mr. Phillips Thompson and Mr. J. V. Wright will act as judges in the competition.
- 6th. It is not necessary for any competitor to subscribe for GRIP, nor to send money for any purpose whatever.
- 7th. The authors of all articles which are, on a preliminary examination, considered meritorious enough to be placed in competition, will receive a copy of GRIP gratis for four weeks from receipt of article.
- 8th. All articles to be sent in by March 1, 1892, when the competition will be closed.
- 9th. There is no limit to the number of articles that may be sent in by any competitor.

The result of the competition and the successful articles will be published in GRIP as soon afterwards as possible. The best of the non-successful ones will also appear.

COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



DOGGED OPPOSITION.—Premier Abbott has at last got through with his big cabinet reconstruction job, and the result somehow has not been greeted with "loud and long-continued cheers" by the Conservative party. The promise of increased strength in the Ontario representation has been redeemed by the selection of Mr. Patterson, of Essex, and—that is all. Mr. Patterson's strength lies chiefly in his respectability, and from this point of view his entrance certainly improves the ministry. No place has been found for Mr. W. R. Meredith, much to the disgust of that gentleman's many admirers. There is no question that had the Premier followed merely the dictates of his own judgment, he would have offered Mr. Meredith a portfolio but he was obliged to listen to other dictates, and the dictators, who represented the French Catholic Church, spoke with decisive emphasis. Mr. Meredith was told by the French press that he could by no means join the Government until he had publicly recanted the deadly heresy he holds—that the Dominion would be

much better off without separate schools and two official languages. The terms were, of course, impossible, and Mr. Abbott had no power to get them modified. The general inference from these facts would appear to be that, after all, Canada is not ruled by a responsible Government, but by an irresponsible Church.

WITH A STRING TO HIM.—Two of the members of the Dominion Government are without seats in the House of Commons, and there is a probability that the new minister, Mr. Patterson, will, in the meantime at least, have to reach his department *via* the Senate. This may be in accordance with the constitution, but it is a highly objectionable arrangement. It may serve some useful end to have one Governmental head a Senator, but one is quite as many as we care for. The Senate is utterly unpopular. It is regarded as a fussy old nuisance, neither useful nor amusing, and membership in it adds nothing to the dignity of a minister. But this thing of giving seats in the Senate to members of the Cabinet is getting to be a mere evasion of the spirit of our institutions—a device for keeping in office men who cannot get elected in the regular way. When Hon. John Carling was defeated in London he should have given up his portfolio until he had found another constituency. But he was gently hoisted into the Senate, and his salary went on without a break. Now he has determined, it appears, to contest London again, Mr. Hyman having been unseated. To that end he will go through the farce of resigning his Senatorship, it having been arranged that if he is again defeated (as seems highly probable) he will be replaced safely in the red chamber. This will not be the first case of the kind, if it happens. Moral—let the Senate be abolished as soon as possible.



PERHAPS our esteemed contemporary, the *Empire*, will permit us a word of explanation on the extract which it quoted from these columns *apropos* of last week's cartoon. It being the province of GRIP to reflect the current state of things politically, we gave due prominence to the matter referred to—the difficulty of finding a means whereby we can secure unrestricted reciprocity with the States and at the same time retain sole control of our seaboard tariff. This is a puzzle to the Liberal party, and a point upon which the leaders of that party have never spoken clearly. Hence it properly found expression in these pages.

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BUT what we want our esteemed contemporary to know is that the problem gives GRIP no personal trouble at all. We never were sanguine enough to believe that the Americans would give us absolute free trade, and consent to our back door being left ajar. Yet we are convinced that free trade with the States is a thing we must have, and that before long. This being so, we are willing to make fair concessions to secure it. We see no particular objection to an assimilation of tariffs, which appears to be the only solution. It would in the meantime make our tariff higher on the whole than it now is, but the tendency in the States is in the direction of tariff reform, and a tariff lower than our present one is a possibility of the near future. If we are obliged



ANSWERED.

MUSICAL AMATEUR (*much interested*)—"Er—do you play by ear, my man?"

CURE VIOLINIST—"No—by hand, don't you see?"

for a while to hit British imports more severely than we do at present, that cannot be helped. British interests would in the long run be more benefited than injured by free trade between Canada and the Republic.

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THERE is a profound moral involved in the following characteristic ditty in Gilbert's new comic opera. It has its political application just now, when smooth-spoken "patriots," whose ultimate design is boodle, are softly purring around the innocent electors:

When hungry cat
On helpless mouse
In sportive humor pounces,
Her playful pat
So treacherous
No fell intent announces;
He thinks she yearns
For game of play
Provoked by pure affection.
But soon he learns
To his dismay,
That game is vivisection.
Her talons quit
Their native fur—
Apart she fiercely rends him,
And, bit by bit,
At length to her
Digestive regions sends him.
"Beware of games
With feline friends—
They're generally hollow!"
So he exclaims
As he descends
Her comprehensive swallow.

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EVENTS have abundantly justified the cartoon published in our last issue, entitled "Adieu, Mercier." Since it appeared the revelations before the commissioners have grown worse, and have involved Mercier in

such a way as to make it impossible any longer to indulge a hope of his personal innocence. The bolt of Quebec Liberals has begun. The convention at Richmond honored itself by passing a strong resolution condemning Mercier and his gang, and other self-respecting Liberal organizations will, no doubt, follow suit. If now we could only find Conservative conventions denouncing the Ottawa boodlers as plainly, there would be some hope for the country after all. But meantime, the Ontario Conservatives have swallowed the Haggart pill without the slightest contortion.

OUR new mayor * made a * good * by emphasizing the great democratic idea. He went down to the City Hall on Inauguration day, in the spirit of Cromwell, and said, metaphorically, "Take away those haubles"—meaning the shiny plug and white gloves that have lent glory to the Clarke *regime*. And he doesn't propose to wear them on regular council nights, nor their accompaniment, the swallow-tailed coat. All of which meets GRIP's approval. And when the old clo' man calls round for the discarded garments, we trust mayor Fleming will also drop the antiquated "your worship" into his bag.

GRIP would lay a wreath of affectionate remembrance upon the grave of WILLIAM HENRY HUSTON, late principal of the Woodstock College. A nobler young citizen, or a more promising career, Canada has never known and lost. Never did man more intensely take to his heart the injunction, "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." And William Huston's hand was put to the grand work of instructing the young,—their hearts as well as their heads. His life was brief, but it was a glorious success. His name is enshrined in the generous souls of schoolboys all over the land. What nobler Westminster could any man ask?

AT THE ART GALLERY.

BORAX (*looking at picture*)—"Now, I wonder what on earth that figure in the foreground is supposed to represent."

SAMJONES—"Ah, that's a poser."



X-ASPIRATING.

BAD BOY (*to newly arrived Englishmen*)—"Beg par'n, gemmen, but you're dropping something!"



HAPPY THOUGHT!

MISS ADDY POSE—"I wish I could think of some nice and original costume to wear at the carnival."

MISS SLIMSON—"I have it, dear! The very thing! Go—as a balloon!"

THE PASSAGE OF PACAUD & CO.

1891.

HOW doth the busy boodle band
Improve each sunny day,
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To cheer them on their way.

1892.

But now the rude Commissioners
The busy band pursue,
And testimony rake they up
Of boodle old and new.

1893.

Alas! the busy boodle band
Doth power no longer boast,
But nightly walks, in sombre shades,
The awful boodle ghost!

THE GREAT PLUG HAT QUESTION.

IN order to test public opinion on the question of the Mayor's official costume, GRIP has interviewed a number of leading citizens on the subject, and their replies are recorded below in as brief a form as possible.

HON. OLIVER MOWAT—"Ah, yes—official costume—just so. It seems to me that unless there may be some objections that might be of a deterrent character, seemliness in attire is a becoming quality. Still, I would not wish to be regarded as depreciating to any extent a simplicity that might commend itself to good taste, but otherwise I should view the matter as problematical, except in so far as the exigencies of the situation might dictate."

SIR DANIEL WILSON—"Tempora mutantur et nos, which is Latin. The ancient Greeks never wore plug hats. Cicero had dignity enough for a dozen mayors. Did he ever wear white gloves? *Persicos odi puer apparatus.*"

EX-MAYOR CLARKE—"Fleming is quite right not to copy my style. It isn't everybody who can wear such things with easy grace."

W. A. DOUGLAS—"The Single Tax would settle the matter satisfactorily—in fact it's the only thing that will."

PROF. ASHLEY—"I suggest that the difficulty be settled by arbitration, as it is essentially a conflict between labor and capital."

JAMES BEATTY, Q.C.—"Now, if you'd only elected me all this trouble wouldn't have happened. I'd wear a tiara girl with diamonds if it was necessary to sustain the dignity of the office."

E. B. OSLER—"Don't ask me. I know absolutely nothing about municipal affairs—never did. Don't take the least degree of interest in them."

HON. C. F. FRASER—"Shoot the hat! Look at me. Do you mean to tell me that I haven't any dignity?"

THE KHAN—"Allow me to put my glowing thoughts in poetic form.

The hat's a glorious institution—
Part of the British constitution,
Palladium of our dearest rights;
With wrath each patriot's breast ignites
Against the traitorous democrat
Who'd trample on the sacred hat."

LOVE'S TRICK.

(To be set to music if anybody likes to do it.)

WEeping, and looking ill, came Love one day,
Asked of me humbly, "Will you let me stay?
Only a place within your heart, I'll keep;
Rest quiet there, and gently fall asleep."

"Ah, ha," said I, "now Love is in a plight,
He's surely lost his greatly vaunted might;
Poor little fellow, though he is so fair,
I'll take him in my heart and keep him there."

To-day I said: "Behold, you've filled my heart,
It's time that you and I should dwell apart,
I've kept you till you're well and strong again,
So Cupid, go, before you cause me pain!"

But Love shook his head
Saucily and said:

"I came here to stay
And shall go away
Never!

Once I came in strength and health,
You'd none of me—

Once I offered fame and wealth,
You made fun of me—

I changed my art,
You've felt my dart,
I claim your heart
Forever!"

ROLY ROWAN.



ALAS!

MRS. LACKADASE (*wearily*)—"Oh, if I only had an object in life!"

MR. L. (*testily*)—"There you go again! Object in life? Haven't you *me*?"

MRS. L. (*forlornly*)—"But I mean some object worth living for!"



THE NEW CROMWELL AT THE CITY HALL.
MAYOR FLEMING—"TAKE AWAY THESE BAUBLES!"

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Which Scottish chiefs have vexed and harried sore.
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And make his new abode less strange a place,
The thistle greets him with its prickly grace.
In field and garden oftener than before.
Not Scotia's flower this Ishmael, though akin,
Yet wise the message of its pointed speech
To banished serf from many a Highland glen—
"Hold fast the soil my masters would ye win
And keep the freedom once more in your reach
With right to claim your crest's proud boast again."
WILLIAM MCGILL.

OBJECTIVELY CONSIDERED.

CANDID FRIEND—"So you are thinking of accepting Mr. Homely. No doubt he'll make a good enough husband in some respects, but then he's such an object!"

MISS MANHUNTER—"I admit that, but after all there's no happiness in living without an object."

GOING TO THE RIGHT SOURCE.

THE Young Liberals are shortly to have a literary treat in the shape of a paper on "Political Fictions," by Mr. J. E. Atkinson of the *Globe*. The managing committee, by their selection of speaker and topic, showed a decided appreciation of the fitness of things. A *Globe* man, if anything, ought to be thoroughly at home on the question of political fictions, which, it is needless to say, form the principal stock-in-trade of the party press. And the most time-honored and persistent of the lot is the supposition that the name "Liberal," as applied to the Grit party, has any particular meaning other than that of a label to distinguish them from their opponents.

SOCIETY TRIALS.

COLLECTOR—"Mr. Inswim, I hope you can let me have the amount of this account to-day. This is my fifth call."

MR. INSWIM—"My dear fellow, you will really have to excuse me. The Patti concert cleaned me out completely. Their prices were simply outrageous, sir!"



ONE DEFINITION.

BOY—"Father, what's a duchess?"

FATHER—"Why, the woife av a Dutchman, av coorse."

SOCIETY NOTES.

MRS. MCGUFFICKS' "At Home," in her spacious Centre Street mansion, on Saturday evening, was the principal event of the week. Among those in attendance were Billy Joskin, otherwise known as "Billy the Tough," Wall-eyed Saunders, Miss Molly Snoozer, Widow McFlannigan, Sheeny Isaacs, a leading capitalist of the neighborhood, and Miss Bedalia Rooney. The attentions paid to the charming hostess after supper were very marked, Mr. Joskins going so far as to offer his hand, which was doubled at the time, in an informal manner which evidently left a deep impression upon her. She retains a few locks of the hair of her devoted cavalier as a souvenir.

MR. AND MRS. PETER LARRICK, of Agnes Street, held a house warming party on Thursday, to celebrate the reception of a quarter of a ton of coal from the St. George's Society. The warmth of the occasion was undeniable, as evinced by the remarks of the guests.

MRS. MCFADDEN'S german, announced for last Monday, was unavoidably postponed owing to the absence of Hans Heckendorfer, who was unavoidably detained by a policeman. Mrs. McFadden informed her friends that if she can't get a German she'll give an Italian shortly.

MISS BULLINGER, of Tiddlewinks township, is at present on a visit to her friend, Mrs. Wobbley, of the Rue D'Edouard. The festivities held in her honor, which were the sensation of the neighborhood, were attended by several city officials. It is understood that Miss Bullinger will protract her stay for some weeks in order to visit some of our public institutions.

MR. JACOB PRENDERGAST, the distinguished traveller, has just reached town, after an extensive pedestrian tour,

during which he has devoted much study and observation to the financial situation. Many of our citizens will, no doubt, be favored with a personal interview and an opportunity of learning his views.

COUNT GUISEPPE LAZZARONI, whose approaching nuptials to Mademoiselle Cora O'Rafferty, have created so much excitement and pleasurable anticipation in the *beau monde* has secured an elegant and commodious *chateau* in the immediate vicinity of the Hospice de Picotte. As the Count is noted for his hospitality the advantages of this arrangement are obvious.

TO ALEXANDER MACKENZIE.

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

MID scandals that our land defame,
'Mid men of low and sordid aim,
There's balsam in thy wholesome name,
Mackenzie true!
With glow of pride, not blush of shame,
We mention you.

If with the greeting full doth go
A blended, tender tremulo,
'Tis that your heavy cross we know
—Which love would share—
The palsied form, the step so slow,
The word so rare.

Yet has your blanched and trembling hand
More potency throughout the land,
More power 'to threaten and command,'
Weak though it be,
Than any fist scarred with the brand
Of knavery.

Infirmity has been your friend
In this—that e'er life's utter end
'T has brought what it is Death's to send—
The moment calm
When men have leisure to amend
False praise or blame.

Thus, party-passion hushed and stilled,
And truth from prejudice distilled,
To-day, Mackenzie, you are held,
By friend and foe,
An honest man as e'er God willed
Our land should know.

No title, majesty-bestowed,
No star of honor ever glowed
To rival this the grateful crowd
For you have made—
Kneel, take with spirit glad and proud
Their accolade!

J. W. B.

THE SEEDS OF CONFLICT.

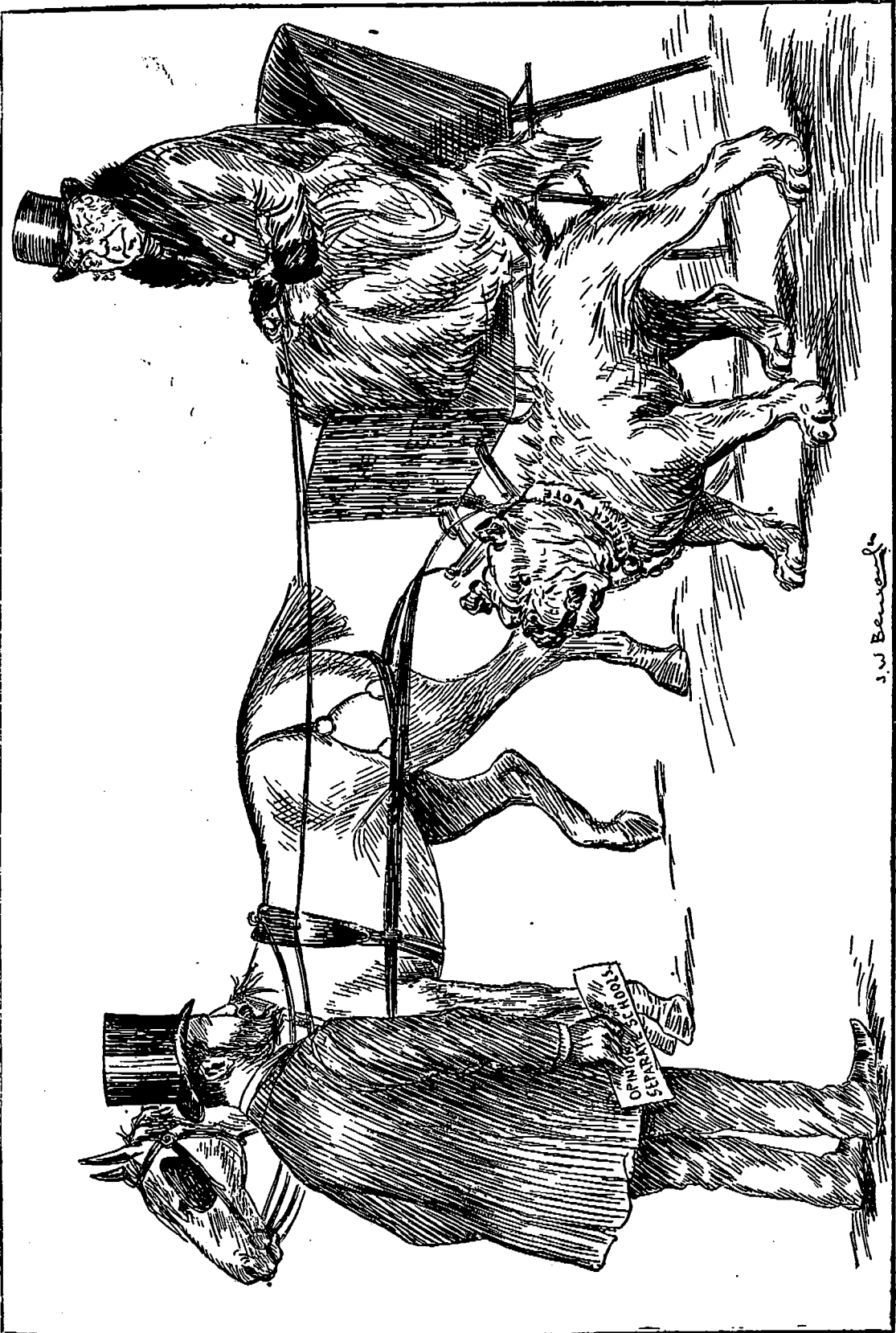
A DESPATCH from the Mexican border says a report is current that three or four of Garza's men have just visited the towns of San Carlos, Mulato, Del Norte, and San Antonio, and have passed on to Juarez, planting seeds of revolution, which are expected to bud out in the spring.

Yes, we have always understood that there were a good many kernels scattered through that region.

A BUSINESS DIVA.

NICOLINI (*wrathfully, looking up from New York criticisms of the Diva*)—"They say you're played out; that you ought to retire; that you are a sordid creature, and have never done anything for your art!"

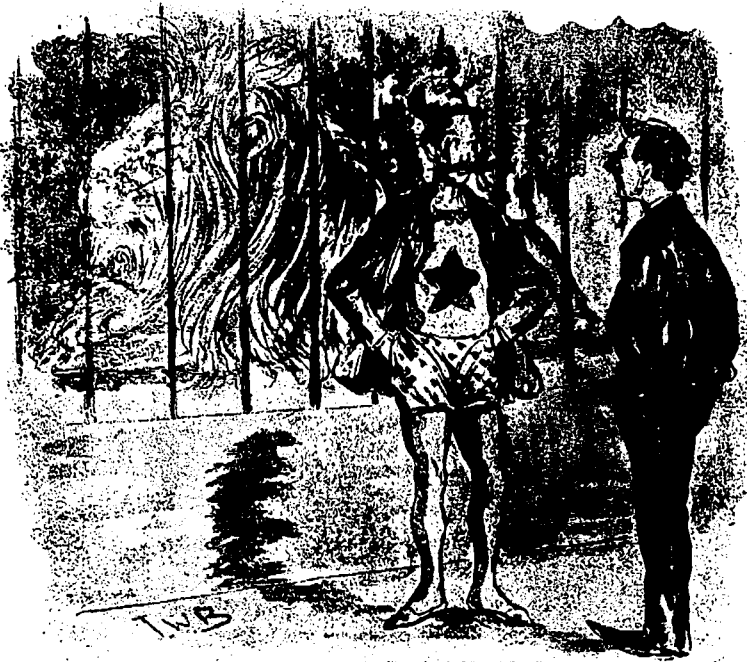
PATTI—"Never done anything for my art? Certainly not. Has my art ever agreed to pay me \$4,000 per concert?"



J.W. Bennett

DOGGED OPPOSITION!

THE PREMIER—"MORNING, MEREDITH. I'D ASK YOU TO JUMP IN, AND I'D BE VERY GLAD OF YOUR COMPANY, BUT—YOU SEE HOW IT IS!"



SUPERFLUOUS.

JINKINS (*the Lion King*)—"So you're the young man that offered to 'beard the lion in his den,' hey? Well, are you all ready to go into the cage?"

JINSON—"Er—n-no, I don't think it will be necessary. Now that I get a close view of the animal I see that he is bearded enough already."

MRS. JIMPSECUTE BARS HER DOWER.

"WELL I never did!" said Mrs. Jimpsecute. "Such a fuss and nonsense about a little thing as these lawyers do make. I'd always heard they were a greedy, scheming set, cheating poor people out of their last cent, but I could not hardly believe it was as bad if I hadn't gone through it myself, though why they should have dragged me into it I really don't know, for I didn't know any more about it than the man in the moon, and if there is anything I hate it is worry over law papers. But Henry said I had to go and sign them. You see he sold his lot on Goos-track Avenue the other day that he paid \$200 cash for, and all we got for it was a horse and buggy that we don't want in the least, now that the street cars are so handy, except on Sundays when they don't run, and it is a good thing too, for I don't think anybody ought to work on Sunday, they'd be far better at church or at home with their wives and families, and I told Henry he was a great fool, after he'd kept it so long and wouldn't sell when he had the chance for twice what he paid for it, though I don't think there are three houses on the street, and why anybody ever ran a street in that out-of-the-way place I can't understand, when there's houses by the hundred to let in town, but he said he couldn't afford to keep it any longer because he had to pay so much interest and taxes on it, which really is a downright shame that people should be ruined like that, and I suppose it won't make a bit of difference about putting in Fleming for Mayor, and I think they'd far better try and reduce the taxes instead of making all this row about him not wearing a tall hat, though I suppose it does cost a little more than a Christy stiff, for I know Henry never pays more than two or three dollars for his, and I think it was \$2.50 he paid for the last,

which is cheaper than a tall hat, but all the Mayor could save on his hats wouldn't make much difference.

"As I was saying, Mrs. Dewsbury, he sold the lot, and would you believe it, it took those lawyers about a month to fix up the papers after ever so much fussing and worrying to find out about the man that Henry bought the land from, and the man he bought from, and the mortgage that somebody gave on it forty years ago, and the other lawyers said the deeds was all wrong and they had to hunt up an old will and get a man that used to live in Owen Sound, but had gone off to Michigan, to sign something before they could get it fixed right, but I really believe all that was nothing but a scheme to get money, and Henry was just as cross as could be, and I don't hardly wonder, for they charged him \$27.40. And then nothing would do but they must have me sign the deed, though I never bought the property and wouldn't know it if I saw it, and indeed I was always against it and told Henry he'd be sure to lose his money, but he wouldn't take my advice. And so I just put my foot right down and said I'd have nothing to do with it first or last, but Henry said it was the law, and that if I didn't he couldn't sell the property at all for the deed would

be no good unless I would bar my dower, so rather than have any more trouble over it I went to the lawyers to-day and signed something. Such a worry and signing and swearing and rummaging up old papers over selling a fifty foot lot in a cow pasture that nobody will ever build on in their right senses, and I really believe something is the matter with the horse, too, and as like as not he'll die on our hands before we have a chance to sell the beast. And I felt so vexed and nervous about it that my hand shook so that I don't think anybody can possibly read my name, and I spilled some ink, too, over one of the papers, but the lawyer said it made no difference and smiled. I suppose he was thinking that bye-and-by when the land was sold again that would make more work for them, because some other lawyer will say that a deed all blotted up is no good and they'll have to go over all the papers again and write out another one. But, anyway, its all over as far as we are concerned, thank goodness, and I told Henry, 'Don't you ever,' says I, 'buy any more land, for if you do, as true as I'm standing here I'll not sign any more papers not if you was to go down on your knees to me,' and indeed I won't, Mrs. Dewsbury, and I think those lawyers are nothing but a set of robbers."

AT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

REEVE—"Set down thar Mr. Snodgrass. Ye're out of order I tell ye."

SNODGRASS—"But Mr. Reeve, I submit——"

REEVE—"Ye submit do you? You'd better. Consarn yer picture, if ye submit sit down an' don't be trying to give no back talk to the chair!"

BIG JIM'S LAST DRINK.

In a narrow court off a city street,
Where the sun had never thrown down a ray,
Where children had seldom enough to eat,
Though parents were toiling for bread all day,
Lived a man and his wife with their children three,
He was called Big Jim, and a blacksmith was he.

Big Jim was a drunkard, had been one for years,
And that's why they lived in this squalor-bound place,
Though once, as his wife would remark with tears,
They lived in a house that was no disgrace,
And were happy, and always had money to spend,
Till Jim took to drink, which is no man's friend.

Jim used to be fond of his wife, until drink
Had hardened his heart as it softened his brain,
And dragged down his mind to the very brink
Of madness; to leave it he tried in vain,
For drink is a devil of great control,
Ever seeking to gain both man's body and soul.

For his children Jim had not a father's heart,
He grudged them the little they cost him for food;
To teach them of love was the mother's part,
She taught them how to be truthful and good;
And they grew like fair flowers by God's good grace,
Through the darkness and sin of that shameful place.

Of would the mother her Bible take,
And read to her children those stories of old,
And out of her fancy sweet pictures make
Of the City of God with its streets of gold,
Then after singing some simple hymn,
Would kneel and pray for her husband Jim.

One night as the mother and children sat
Raising their voices to God above,
Singing so earnest and sweetly that
Of a truth it was written that God is love;
In the midst of their praise fell a heavy sound,
As Jim entered the room and glared around.

The blacksmith was drunk, as was usual at night,
His bloodshot eyes had a devil therein,
And they shone with a fierce and frenzied light,
That told of the presence of terrible sin;
The children were frightened, the mother was still,
And the man laughed aloud like a demon of ill.

"What! praying again!" he cried with an oath,
"I'll wager my life you were praying for me;
If I knew you were, I would strangle you both,
I could do it as easy as A B C.
But I haven't got time to stay here all night,
I've come for some money—you angel of light!

"Money! Ha! ha! No—I don't want that—
It's Drink that I want and mean to get.
You must pay for your liquor—says landlord Pat—
And he won't give me tick for another whet.
Yes! it's money I want, my psalm-singing wife,
And I'll have it, by heaven, or have your life."

The woman turned white with fear as she stood;
Her purse was empty; her last few cents
Had been spent that morn for some kindling wood;
And she wondered herself as it went, from whence
The money would come on the morrow to buy
Bread for the children, unless from on High.

So she said, in a voice that was firm with truth,
"I have no money to give you, Jim."
He answered, "As sure as your name is Ruth,
If I don't get the money, you've sung your last hymn.
Come, get it and give it—beg, borrow, or steal,
But have it I must, or I'll make you feel

The weight of my fist,"—and over her head
The blacksmith raised his heavy arm,
But Ruth, though she trembled, thus calmly said,
"My God will protect me from any harm;
Or if it shall please Him to let you kill,
It will be for some good to be born of the ill,"



A SPECIFIC.

MRS. BILLINGER (after preliminary greeting)—"And how is your husband, Mrs. Mallyprop?"

MRS. MALLYPROP—"He's very poorly, Mrs. Billinger. He's lost the use of his limbs."

MRS. B.—"Dear me! You ought to get some of this paralyzed milk for him. I believe it would do him good."

"Will you give me the money? Who wants you to preach?
Give me money, or else I will knock you down!
And I guess if I do, you'll be past the reach
Of the doctor," said Jim, with a terrible frown,
And a devilish laugh, as he seized her wrist,
And shook in her face his heavy fist.

But the woman replied, "Jim, as sure as I live,
I have spoken the truth. If I die to-night—
And I thank my God—I've no money to give."
She stopped, for she knew by a sudden light
The murderous thought in her husband's brain,
As his grip grew tight, and she cried for pain.

"Thank your God for that!" cried the man, as he struck
With his upraised hand his wife's fair face—
"Thank your God, my dear, for your jolly good luck."
She fell like a log. Jim left the place,
But took, ere he went, her ring, love's last link,
From her senseless body, to pawn for drink.

Big Jim got the money, and soon with a glass
And some drunken friends had forgotten his wife,
For the time in too riotous style did pass
To remember her, though her tender life
Was ebbing 'twixt this and the Kingdom of Heaven,
So deadly the blow of the blacksmith was given.

Big Jim had been talking of temperance folks,
And was laughing to scorn all their efforts of good,
His language was seasoned with blasphemous jokes,
As he said, "I should like to know who could
Make me give up my spirits or beer.
I should like much to see him, just now, right here."

Scarce had the words and the finishing oath
Left the lips of the smith than a little child
Appeared in the doorway, and stood as though loath
To enter that palace of sin, so defiled!
Big Jim heard his child with mute surprise,
As it spake amidst sobs and with streaming eyes.



THE ART OF NICK CONNOLLYZING.

CASEY—"Begorra, Dinnis, ye got through that examination be the lawyer asier nor I thought ye wud."

McNAMARA—"Ah, Casey, there's a great art in knowin' what not to know whin yez don't want to know it!"

"Father! come home—don't get drunk again;
The women have just put our mother to bed;
She is covered with blood and crying with pain,
And is asking to see you before she's dead.
She'll soon be an angel happy and bright,
For the doctor says she must die to-night."

"Die to-night!"—'twas the blacksmith spoke,
And he thought of the woman he once had loved.
That thought was the gift of God, and broke
The evil spell that around him moved.
He raised the glass to his lips to drink,
But it fell to the earth ere they touched the brink.

"No!"—'twas the sound of a giant's voice,
That was the only word uttered by Jim.
We are told that the angels in heaven rejoice
When a sinner repents. They rejoiced in him.
And he went from the drunkards noisy and wild,
Led by the hand of his little child.

He reached his home and his helpless wife,
And knelt like a child by the sick one's bed,
And none would have thought they had ever known strife
Had they seen Ruth's smile as she lovingly said,
"Before I go, will you promise to try
And leave it, for my sake, before I die."

Jim promised, and Ruth had forgotten her pain
In the joy of her heart at the promise thus made,
She sank with a smile into sleep again,
And all that beheld her were much afraid.
"Tis the end," one whispered in accents low,
And the women's tears commenced to flow.

But who can prophesy life or death?
'Tis the Voice divine that directs our fate,
The Voice that condemns and the same that saith,
"Enter My door ere it be too late."
And the life of the woman was spared that night,
And hope grew strong with the morning light.

Ruth and her children live happy with Jim,
And every night as the passers-by
Reach the house, they pause, for the evening hymn
Is wafting its way to the throne on high.
And music, if simply and earnestly given,
Is man's best tribute of thanks to Heaven.

Such is the tale, and its moral is clear,
Drink is the devil's best offer to man,
And the devil is busy a-brewing his beer,
Whilst his imps serve it out with pot and can.
For Drink is the father of every crime,
Creator of sin and destroyer of time!

ARGUMENTATIVE AGRICULTURISTS.

"MIXED Husbandry and Specialties" is one of the subjects fixed for discussion at the next meeting of the East Middlesex Farmer's Institute. There is a field here for a wide range of argument. It will doubtless be pointed out that of late years mixed husbandry has been extensively tried, with varying results, in Chicago and some other large cities on the other side, while in this country public sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of special ties. If the Institute could get a grass widow or two to give their personal experience of mixed husbandry it would add piquancy and interest to the proceedings. Moreover the experience of such would be useful and suggestive in connection with another subject on the programme "The Extermination of Noxious Weeds." It is encouraging to see our Farmers' Institutes facing intricate sociological problems like these with so much *sans froid*.

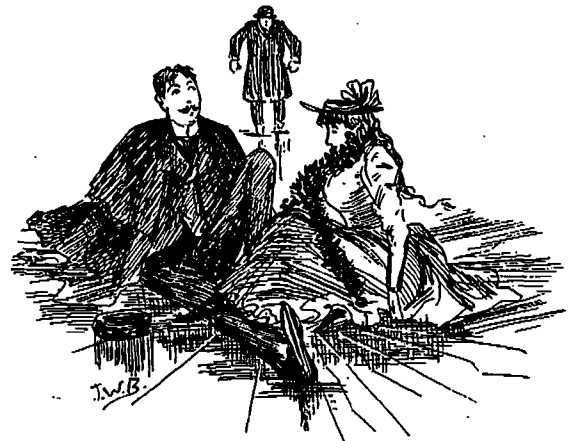
NOT QUITE SO BAD.

BORAX—"The world is making some progress after all. People are no longer hanged because their opinions are unpopular."

SAMJONES—"No—but they are sometimes suspended."

THE NEW CABINET.

A CIVIL servant who is well up in poker (having plenty of time to devote to the game in office hours), remarked the other day that the new Cabinet was like a "full house"—*jacks up*. A friend of the Grit persuasion replied that at its initial meeting it would be found largely composed of "Jays."



AFTER THE COLLISION.

MR. DANGLE—"I have long wished for the pleasure of an introduction to you, Miss Smithers. This meeting is most fortunate. Now that the ice is broken— etc., etc."

I DON'T THINK HE'LL DO IT AT PRESENT.

MR. LAURIER would like to come in as Premier,
 I don't think he'll do it at present,
 And Blake seems to wish to resume his career,
 But I don't think he'll do it at present.
 Old Abbott's a stayer, and steady if slow,
 The country don't give the Grits much of a show,
 No doubt some day or other the Tories must go,
 But I don't think they'll do it at present.

Sol White wants this country annexed to the States,
 I don't think he'll do it at present,
 Though all things come round to the person who waits,
 I don't think he'll do it at present;
 The American market would make things revive
 And give chances to those who can scarce keep alive —
 Though Sir Richard and Farrer to get it may strive,
 I don't think they'll do it at present.

Uncle Sam has been blustering and raving of war,
 I don't think he'll do it at present,
 Since the Chilians have weakened there's naught to fight for,
 So I don't think he'll do it at present;
 But if the old blowhard is spoiling for fight
 Col. Denison's ready by day or by night,
 He would spring to the fray with a hero's delight,
 But I don't think he'll do it at present.

There is talk about starting a new evening sheet,
 I don't think they'll do it at present;
 The sewage-ice butcher may try to sell meat,
 I don't think he'll do it at present.
 Mr. Mowat may cut down officials' big fees,
 The thermometer run up to eighty degrees,
 And Edison patent a trap to catch fleas—
 But I don't think they'll do it at present.

A "NICHT WI' BURNS."

WINNIPEG, January 20th.

FREEN' GRIP: A thoct cam intae ma heid the
 ither day, that I wad like to drap ye a freenly line
 about things in general.

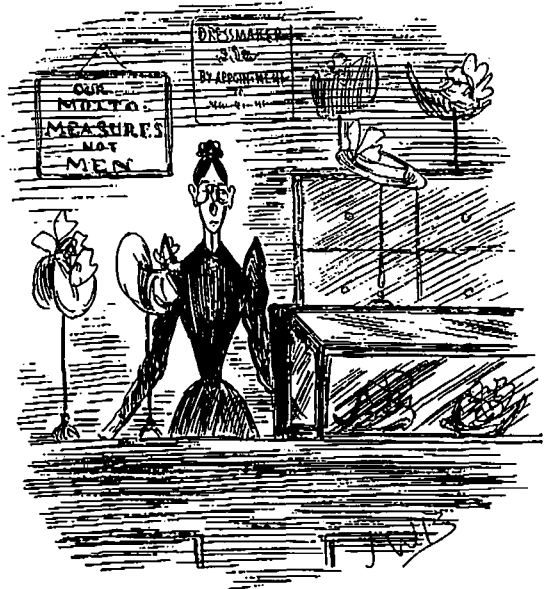
I'm travellin' far an' neer thro' the Nor' Wast. I
 whiles happen tae be awa frae hame on the vera days
 when I wad maist like tae be there. For instance, I wad
 be glad tae be in the bosom o' ma faimily every 23th o'
 Janwar, but as luck wad hae it, I wis awa frae hame, buy-
 in' cattle for some freens at hame in Glesca.

On the nicht o' the 25th, when every trueherted Scot,
 whether frae the Gallowgate, like masel, or frae John o'
 Groat's hoose, like ma freen Tam Lint—likes tae foregether
 wi' his freends, and spend a nicht wi' Burns I wis
 stoppin' wi' a Scotchman, a well-tae-dae fairmer. He
 cam frae the Gorbals o' Glesca, an' mony a queer story
 cud he tell o' the Gorbals in the auld days.

After supper he tell me that there wis gaun tae be a
 "nicht wi' Burns" at the schule hoose, an' wud I come
 along. I said I wid, an' I did. He yoked the horses in
 the sled, an' aff we started. It was unco cauld, sae I
 pooed ma Tam-o'-Shanter doon owre ma lugs, an'
 cooered doon aneth the furs. The driver got his nose
 frozen. Ye see, the win was richt in his face the hale
 road, bit in spite o' win an' cauld we got there at last,
 just in time tae hear the start o' the programme.

The minister wis in the chair. He was nae Scotch-
 man, an' I think he got Burns an' the man I wis leevin'
 wi' mixed up, for he said Burns wis born in the Gorbals.
 Did ye ever hear the like? I wad a thoosan times owre
 he had said the Gallowgate, if he cudna stan' by the
 truth, an' he said that Burns served an apprenticeship
 tae a kin o' villany in the Sautmarket, an' that he used
 to gang owre to Argyle an' steal cattle. It made ma
 blude bile!

There wis some guid Scotch sangs sung, bit as ma



THE DRESSMAKER'S MOTTO.

meenister in Glesca used tae say, "it wis a metaphesical
 study tae watch the chairman's face." It wis a perfect
 blank. He looked like a coo chewin' her cud. Bit when
 a chield got up an' sang a comic Irish sang he lauched
 an' clapped his hans an' cried "more," "more". An'
 when the body that wis singin' said that the Forty-second
 wis made up o' Irishmen, I thoct the chairman had gane
 gyte. I cud stand it nae langer, sae up I got an' says:
 "Brither Scots," says I, "wid ye let auld mither Scot-
 land an' her best son an' oor brither be insulted?" I
 keepit on speakin in the same strain until they asked
 the chairman tae stop thae Irish sangs. He said they
 were the best things on the programme. Scotch flesh an'
 blude cudna stan that, an' the row that got up wis some-
 thing awfu'.

I got ma fairmer freen tae come awa. As we were
 drivin' tae his hame I wis thinkin' o' the nights wi' Burns
 in the auld countrie. I thoct it wis awfu' tae hanel
 the memory o' Burns wi' Irish comic songs, an' I couldna
 but pity a minister wha didna ken better than that Burns
 wis born in the Gorbals o' Glesca!

Noo that I'm safe back wi' ma wife an' weans, I hae
 resolved tae spend the anniversaries o' Burns at hame,
 where I'll sing, "There wis a lad wis born in Kyle,"
 masel, an' eat breed an' cheese in memory o' the occasion.

I wadna like ma wife tae ken anything about this I'm
 telling ye, an' if ye dinna let on tae her I'll may be drap
 ye anither line or twa, when there's a lull in the cattle
 trade.

I am, yours wi' plessur,

SAWNIE.

ABOUT BLOWERS.

THERE'S many a man of bluster,
 As bluff as you can find,
 Who blows in all directions,
 Yet cannot raise the wind.

—Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly.

And there's many a man who blusters not
 And yet has lots of tin,
 The reason is not far to seek—
 He doesn't blow it in.



A USEFUL INVENTION.

(From *Fliegende Blätter*.)

We commend this to the attention of Mayor Fleming, who is opposed to the indiscriminate arrest of persons who are drunk. Gentlemen furnished with these aids can get home without police assistance.

THE SUTTEE IN ENGLAND.

THIS nineteenth century is generally supposed to be one electric flash of enlightenment. If some ultra loyal Tory should propose to sacrifice a wicker cage full of human victims in order to propitiate the manes of the departed prince, the scheme would be doubtless met with no little opposition. A deputation of Nonconformist clergymen would probably wait upon the Premier, and request that the proposed rite should take some other form (e.g., that of an opium den, like those the government has forced upon China), or at least recommending that the victims be selected principally from the vicinity of Whitechapel. The Queen, herself, might be prevailed upon to use her prerogative of mercy in favor of all but notorious criminals, single-tax agitators, and reporters. But though the days of the druidical auto-da-fe have probably passed by, it would appear that a mild form of suttee still survives, a striking proof of the Himalayan origin of the Anglo-Saxon branch of the great Aryan race. The late Prince's betrothed is doomed like Jephthah's daughter to bewail her virginity for the space of five years. The British constitution, like a smouldering volcano, has suddenly made an eruption, and covered her with the lava of some twelfth century edict, in order that she may be forced to mourn in sackcloth and ashes until the dragon of caste be satisfied. And as the Hindoo widow was decked with jewels before she mounted the pyre, so the princess is to be reconciled to her fate with the title of Royal Highness. Shade of Buddha Siddhartha!

Attention, ye gallant martinets of England of marriageable age and rank. Here is an opportunity to prove your chivalry, and to show to the world that you are worthy descendants of your feudal ancestors. Here is a distressed damsel, the prey of a cruel monster, who knows no pity, a real and modern instance of Beauty and the Beast. Rush to her rescue ye titled dudes and snobs, and long live the lucky knight who so wields the bow of Cupid that the fair prisoner falls a prize to his arms. Though confessing myself a disciple of Malthus to the extent of being opposed to the increase of the landed class of paupers, through the institution of marriage, I am so far willing to waive my principles on such an occasion as to be open to receive an invitation to the wedding, should it take place within the prescribed five years.

WILLIAM MCGILL.

THE BALLADE OF THE BARON.

THE Baron of Chester arose in his might,
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"We'll hold a meeting," said he, "some night,
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To a public meeting, which is to be
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"Come, gather in your might!"
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And the sturdy baron fell,
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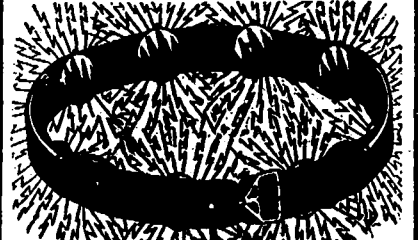
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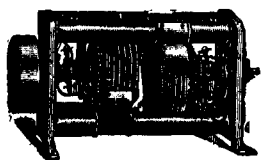
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