

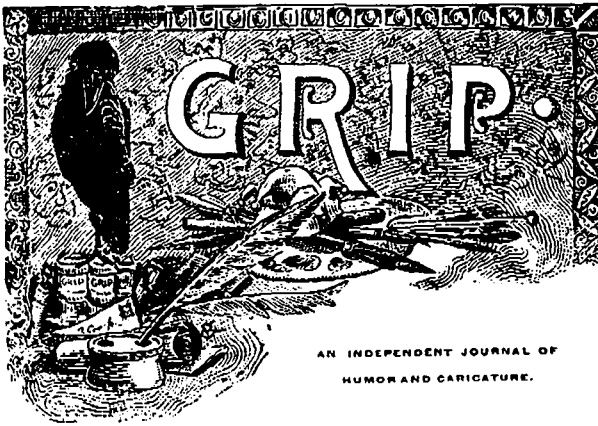
A NICE POSITION FOR A PROHIBITION FINANCE MINISTER TO OCCUPY.

Mr. FOSTER (to Distiller).—" Here is the amount of the duty you paid on corn, which you have exported as liquor: (to the Farmer)—No: we can't allow you a similar drawback on corn exported in the form of fat cattle."

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Comments on the Gastoans.



THE "however, nevertheless" attitude of the *Globe* on the great question of Jesuit encroachment in Canada, is a marked feature of the controversy now going on. The present conductors of the *Globe*, we have no doubt, believe as little in the teachings of the Syllabus with respect to civil rights, as George Brown did, but they lack altogether the manliness and honesty of the old chief, who spoke his mind plainly on the subject, regardless of party considerations. From being a great leader of public opinion, the paper has fallen to the contemptible position of a mere passive foot-ball, which is kicked about between Mercier and his Ultramontane allies. Its whole energy is at this crisis devoted, not to a calm

and statesmanlike discussion of the ways and means by which the British principle of religious freedom and equal civil rights may be fully vindicated in Canada, and placed out of all danger; no; but to a small-minded attempt to confuse the question at issue in the interests of party politics. True, it says in a stammering way that the Jesuit Bill is a bad thing, but it seems to say so more for the purpose of arousing the Orangemen against Sir John than to avert a great national danger of the future. True again, it points out that the Bill cannot now be constitutionally disallowed, and in this deliverance it is possibly correct; but does it earnestly search for some other way of escape, as genuine patriotism would suggest? Does it strive to enlighten the people on the real facts of the situation, and urge them to the step of testing the validity of the original Act incorporating the Jesuits? No; such energy as it possesses is devoted to making a point against its hated rival the *Mail*, and this it tries to do by falsely

stating that the *Mail* is striving to precipitate a "religious war." Nobody knows better than the *Globe* that religion has nothing to do with the matter, which pertains exclusively to the domain of civil liberty. It is against the programme of the Syllabus, which declares free speech, liberty of worship, universal suffrage, equal rights before the law, and other cherished principles, to be damnable heresies, that the *Mail* is fighting, and against these alone. Not one word has been said in disparagement of the religious tenets or ceremonies of the Catholic Church. If the *Globe* is prepared, in the interests of miserable partyism, to wipe out the line which separates Church and State, let it say so plainly. Meantime, the heart of the Canadian people is on the side of the *Mail* and British liberty.

FOSTER'S DELICATE POSITION.—By its usual working majority—the adjective here has the same significance as when applied to an automaton which "works" when the string is pulled—the Government has rejected Dr. Landerkin's severely logical motion, proposing to extend the drawback of the corn duties now enjoyed by the distillers to the feeders of cattle for export. In other words, in this matter a distinct discrimination is made in favor of the manufacturers of intoxicating liquors, as against the industry of cattle raising, and the medium of the injustice is no less a person than the Hon. Prohibition Foster, who has the misfortune to be Finance Minister. This must be a painful position to a gentleman of his extreme delicacy of feeling, but if you want to enjoy the good things of office you must be prepared to let consistency "slide" occasionally, you know. Mr. Bowell says the drawback only amounts to a few dollars, anyway. This is all the more reason why Mr. Foster should insist upon its abolition, if it is not to be applied fairly all round. Why he remains in a cabinet which persists in giving the advantage, such as it is, to the liquor traffic, while denying it to honest industries, is something it might trouble him to explain to the temperance public.

WE have not had too much Albani lately, of course, but perhaps just enough—just about enough. We have gushed with some gushfulness over the gifted Canadian *prima donna*, and she on her part has been so gracious as to admit the fact of her relationship to us. She has, indeed, shown every sign of being positively proud of her native land. But her business arrangements in Canada at the moment made this advisable. We have never observed that the great singer has much to say of this glorious country when she is across the lines or beyond the ocean. Canada, you know, doesn't count for much in the grand opera line abroad. We rather suspect, in fact, that the shrewd lady has advisedly left the Yankee public under the impression that she was born at Albani, N.Y., and in England she is no doubt understood to be an interesting foreigner, originally from France or Switzerland. Considering our late demonstrations, she cannot do less than hereafter wear a big placard inscribed, "I am a Canadian, and don't you forget it."

THERE is a startling rumor afloat to the effect that the Orange Order in Canada has decided to apply itself to the study of the rudimentary principles of Protestantism. Mr. Mackenzie Bowell says he doesn't think there is the slightest foundation for the report.

THE oratorio performed by the Philharmonic Society on Tuesday evening was *Samson*. Of course it proved a strong attraction. *Samson* was sure to "bring down the house."

LET'S see, now, how are we to understand this affair? The *Globe* avers that the *Mail* and *Empire* are engaged in a deadly struggle for Ottawa pap, the former having but a few days ago piteously appealed to be taken back to the bosom of Sir John. The *Empire* alleges that at this moment a "fierce internecine struggle" is going on between the *Mail* and *Globe*, in prospect of a

division of patronage of the Grit party. The *Mail* avows that the country has no further use for either *Globe* or *Empire*, as the day of party "organs" has passed away with the political childhood of the nation. The real truth of the matter is—um—er—that is—well, perhaps we had better defer our explanation to some more convenient season.

MR. ADAM BROWN'S bill to protect dumb animals and birds from the barbarians who regard trap-shooting and dog-fighting as "sport," passed its second reading by a majority of one. The list of the anti-human contained about an equal number of Grits and Tories.

THE gallant Col. Tisdale, whose valor is equal to the task of shooting a trapped pigeon, whatever it might be in the presence of a human foe, denounced the measure as "mawkish." He thought it ought to be defeated, because the British House of Lords had thrown out a similar bill. The argument was hardly a happy one. It is generally safe, in the interests of common sense and humanity, to take the course opposite to that of the effete Peers.



MY DEAR GRIP,—
Albani, our own and only, has once more captivated a Toronto audience, and now returns to her home among the Cockneys, carrying with her the best wishes and dollars of the multitudes of delighted Canucks, who consider themselves fortunate to have been counted among her listeners.

FOR the benefit of the American press—so proverbial for its extreme modesty—it might be in order to intimate that, although Albani may be an American in the same sense that a Mexican is, she is not a United Statesian by any means, as we flatter ourselves the events of the past few weeks have clearly demonstrated. We propose to make all the capital we can on the strength of her Canadian nativity, as a slight return for the capital she has made out of us.

THAT the "kist o' whistles," when properly handled, has special attractions for Toronto audiences, is evident from the frequent visits among us of that prince of organists, Frederic Archer. It will soon be a matter of speculation what his post-office address really is—the competition for honors in this direction running close between Boston, Milwaukee, and the centre of the earth, Toronto. His series of recitals at the Toronto College of Music have been one of the special features of that prosperous institution since its inception. Mr. Archer is a complete orchestra in himself, and a large one at that—capable of extracting every conceivable effect from the king of instruments, with an ease which is truly aston-

ishing, especially when the contortions of the average organist, in frantically endeavoring to produce lamentable imitations of the great Englishman's work, is remembered.



MR. CLARENCE LUCAS,
COMPOSER.

MANY were the graceful acts performed by Madame Albani during her short stay with us. Her presence at the Conservatory Quarterly Concert, and the evident interest she manifested in the performance of the budding young *virtuosi* who distinguished themselves on this occasion, will long remain a fond memory in the hearts of the performers, who, with fear and trembling, faced the music and braved the presence of the world-renowned songstress.

NOT the least graceful of her many thoughtful acts was an unsolicited letter to Father Torrington, in which she expressed a desire to meet the worthy director of that greatest of Canadian musical events, the grand Festival of 1886. The magnitude of the undertaking in preparing so elaborate a programme, was also graciously mentioned, and no doubt tended to create an additional respect for the audiences of a city capable of accomplishing such great things. And with all this following so closely upon the heels of Ald. Dodds' special census—what wonder that the rural press points to us as models of humble meekness?

STIMMINGABEL.

THAT EPISODE EXPLAINED.

CLEVELAND'S treatment of Lord Sackville has been termed gross discourtesy, but this is a mistake. It was, on the contrary, the excess of politeness on the part of the future ex-President, being merely a political "After you," while Miss Columbia showed them both the door.
Mc.



TROUBLE AHEAD.

MISS NEWSY—"Surely it isn't true, Miss Jagers, that you intend marrying Mr. Beater, as is reported? You must be aware that he was very cruel to his first wife?"

MISS JAGGERS—"It is true, and that's the very reason I'm going to marry him!"



PROBABLY.

SHE—"I wonder why those people across the street are always staring over here?"

HE—"Don't know; but—er—perhaps it's—er—because you are always staring over there!"—*N. Y. Life.*

SMOKING.

LAST Fall I took a notion to learn how to smoke, and accordingly bought a corn-cob pipe and a package of cut plug. My friends reasoned with me, ridiculed me, and did everything possible to make me change my mind, but their efforts were in vain. In the solitude of my boarding-house I filled the pipe with tobacco, smoked for a few minutes, and then spent several hours trying to convince myself that I didn't feel sick. When I recovered from the effects of the weed I thought my sorrows were over, but, alas! they had not begun, for the news that I had commenced to use tobacco had circulated among my friends and acquaintances, and thereby hangs this tale.

In order that the reader may understand my grief thoroughly, I may as well tell him that, as far as I know, the pipe and package of tobacco may be found by anyone who searches diligently in the back yard, where I threw them after my first experience. I have told this to my friends, but no one believes me.

About two weeks after my attempt at smoking I had to give up work one afternoon on account of a sick headache. As usual, I called on a medical friend to get something to tone me up.

"Umph-humph! ye-es," said he, "you have been smoking too much lately. I will give you something to clear the nicotine out of your system."

I denied the charge of smoking almost fiercely, but he smiled a you-can't-fool-me smile of superior knowledge, and prepared his mixture.

That is only a sample of what I have to suffer. Here is another:

Since my earliest childhood I have been addicted to the liver complaint. Everybody who knows me knows this, but that makes no difference now, for whenever I

assume the bronze complexion that is the badge of my sorrow, my friends all say when they meet me: "Really, you are smoking too much. You will hurt yourself unless you are careful."

But perhaps the worst phase of the whole affair is, that my lady friends, when I go to see them, hold their dainty, scented handkerchiefs in such a way that the odor of tobacco, which they evidently think clings to my clothing, may be neutralized before it reaches their delicate olfactories.

However, I am going to get even with everybody if I sicken myself twenty times a day for the next two years, for I am going to lay in a stock of pipes and tobacco, and smoke until my friends begin to make arrangements with an undertaker, and until such an odor travels around with me that even my tailor will cut my acquaintance. I'm not going to be blamed for a thing for nothing.

P. KUS.

SUGGESTED SIMILES.

INSTEAD of "As long as I live," say "As long as unlimited length."

Instead of "As grave as an owl," say "As grave as a cemetery," but don't look as if you were getting off a pun.

Instead of "As slippery as an eel," say "As slippery as Sir ——" *i.e.*, any prominent politician.

Instead of "As silent as an oyster," say "As silent as some people should be."

And if there be any other simile it is briefly comprehended in this, "As ——, etc., as he, she or it—— be."

THE POET OF THE FUTURE.

VIDE MR. RILEY'S POEM IN THE "CENTURY."



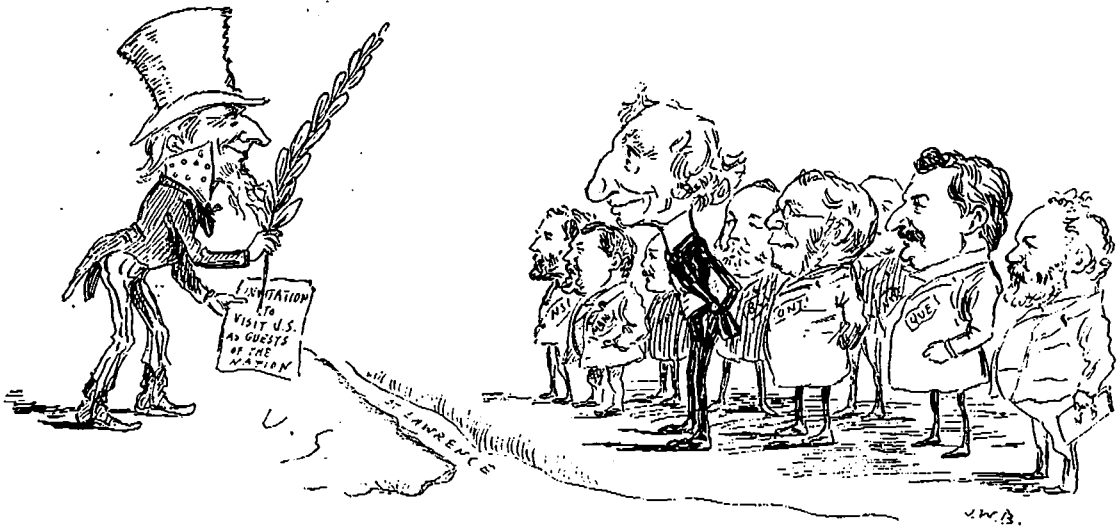
"THE poet of the future," whom you eulogize so highly. Is very interesting and aesthetic, Mr. Riley; But when you say that he will come as comes the bugle's blast, I verily believe you mean the poet of the *past*. He'd find it pleasant harping in the orchard, on the hills; But such Arcadian delights will never settle bills; A poet couldn't earn his daily bread and butter now With "face to Heaven and the dew of duty on his brow."

The poet of the future, will, unless I greatly err, Engage a cozy office, hire a smart stenographer; And there he'll dictate poetry, correct and very nice To fill his many orders at the lowest market price. With several clever drummers "on the road" he will command A trade in inspiration that will sweep the boundless land. The Caligraph or Remington so bus'ness-like and quick, Will rattle off his metres with an expeditious click.

With any order placed with him he'll be prepared to cope, From an idyl on an eyebrow to a sonnet on a soap. He'll complete an ode one minute on a spirit sad and vexed, And begin a carol praising a cosmetic in the next. He'll make out bills and keep accounts, have clerks, too, I surmise;

And send out printed circulars, himself to advertise. Then he will be more happy and more prosperous, I trow Than with his "face to Heaven; dew of duty on his brow."

HARRY B. SMITH.



THE INTERNATIONAL INVITATION.

(Which we hope our Dominion and Provincial statesmen will accept in the fraternal spirit in which it is offered, and let us return the compliment with interest!)

NOTES OF HUMAN NATURE.

OUR next door neighbor recently lost his wife. The bereaved was a Scotchman, and bore his loss with not a little philosophic resignation. His neighbor on the left, who is a veritable sister of mercy at such times, ran in to see if she could in any way add to the comfort of the poor man. On his return from the funeral she found him in the dining room devoting himself, after the Scotch custom, to biscuits and whiskey. In the words of the song, "to keep his spirits up, he poured the spirits down."

"Oh ay!" he said with a sigh, in answer to some words of consolation, "It's a great loss, a great loss. It's no every day a mon can pick up a wife like Susan. But the Lord's will be done," he continued, after a glass of whiskey. "They hae pit her in a nice place, and there's jist room for ma ain coffin beside her; but what's puzzlin' me is, *whar'll I pit ma second wife?*"

Two ladies were going down Yonge street on one of those beautiful spring-like days we had about a fortnight ago. One was apparently about thirty years of age, dressed in the deepest, heaviest mourning; the other, much younger, was evidently a mere acquaintance. Their conversation showed that there is indeed but "one step from the sublime to the ridiculous."

The elder began the conversation in a clear, sweet voice, saying, "I suppose you heard of poor dear papa's death."

"Yes; I saw the notice in the paper," said the other in a sympathetic voice, then stopped, as if fearing to step on delicate ground.

"Poor dear! he suffered dreadfully—cancer of the stomach, you know," and she told with painful minuteness the details of his sufferings, how pathetic he was in his weakness, how awful in his pain and delirium, but not without a certain pathos and feeling which showed itself on the younger lady's face, which paled, while her eyes filled with sympathetic tears. "But just before he died," she continued, "he became conscious and calm, calling us all to his bedside to bid us farewell, leaving mother last, then taking her hand in his"—here the mourner abruptly stopped, and darting towards a fancy store win-

dow exclaimed, in a most ecstatic voice, "Oh, what a beautiful pincushion!"

DARBY and Joan were at breakfast the other morning. Joan, who had a swollen face from the toothache, which had chased "nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," from her weary eyes during the night, said to Darby, who is extremely absent-minded on occasions, and who never thinks of contradicting his wife, "Darby, dear, if this pain does not stop by to-night, I'll either have the tooth out or be *dead!*" (with great emphasis). "Well, dear," said Darby, absently, "either way will please me!"

[QUERIES.

WHEN universal matter was a nebulous affair,
Ere the macracosm started to evolve,
When a sort of atom-anarchy existed everywhere,
Ere the nuclei had started to revolve,
And matter to these centres had begun to gravitate
Did nascent gag-constructors at their own wit cachinnate?

When the Eozoon was hustling in the deep Laurentian seas
His calcareous secretions to amass,
Did he dare in the security of rhizopodic ease
And with facial development of brass
An Eozoic neighbor to accost with accents bold,
And fiendishly ejaculate "Good morning! Ain't it cold?"

When the prehistoric critic to the prehistoric bard,
With post-glacial gelidity and nerve,
Said cacophony and ruggedness of metre often marred
The sublimity of flow and rhythmic verve
That should mark all epics based on anthropogenetic spats,
Did the prehistoric versifier dare to murmur "Ratz!"
P. Kus.

NOT A TIMELY TOPIC.

RAB—"Weel, Jock, what is it a' they releegious novels are claverin about, noo?"

JOCK—"It's jist the same thing ower again—eternal punishment."

RAB—"Hoot, that's an everlastin' burnin' question. I thoct they hed got Farrar years ago." Mc.

THE MOOSE JAW POST OFFICE.



NOW that the long agony is over, and the appointment made of postmaster at Moose Jaw, the following letters, selected from less than a hundred found near the *Leader* office, can do no harm, and will show that office-seekers are not confined to any known locality nor nationality: -

"RESPECTED SOR,—Oive niver asked yez fur a favor before, an bein a dacint koind of a jintleman, yez'll be sure to give me instant attintion. I am afther the phost office, shure. Phost-offices run in our family, so they do. Moi wife's uncle's father's brother was phostmaster in Killarney fifty years ago, so he was. Oi ken rade the worst koind av writin, an' Mrs. O'Brien is an illigant spheller, so she is. Yez will remember phat yez towld me. Step loively now, an' sind the dokimints. O'BRIEN."

"DEAR SIR,—I understand that W—— H—— is trying to get in postmaster in this toun. I don't want it myself, as I am looking forrard to Senator; but I want to warn you that W—— is an oneddicated man. He may be abel to rite, but he can't spell worth a sent. J. S."

"DEAR MR. D.,—When *are* you coming to see us again? I have finished reading the book you so kindly loaned me, 'Carlyle's Essays,' and I read all your marginal notes—they are far, *far* better than the Essays, though I wouldn't like you to tell Mr. Carlyle that I said so. Now, I am going to ask a great favor—Will you, dear Mr. D., get papa appointed postmaster, he thinks so much of you? NELLIE."

"N. F. D., M.P.—I enclose petition *re* post office. Am selling off stock, and will be ready to assume position at once. Yours, etc. W. B. H."

"DEAR SIR,—I have done as you advised—married a poor girl. So far we have lived on love and oatmeal, but I am hankering after a few loaves and fishes. I lent you a pony when you canvassed our section. 'One good turn deserves another.' I would like the Moose Jaw office. T. P."

"DEAR SIR,—It is time we had an Englishman in the position of postmaster. I am tired of the blundering way that Canadians hand out letters. Kindly use your patronage in my interest. J. B."

"MY DEAR MR. D.,—I have been reading 'Eos' all the morning and wishing that the hand that penned it was near enough for me to grasp, and thank you for giving to the world such beautiful thoughts, clothed in imagery and grandeur, such as no mortal can comprehend. Whenever the storms of life beat too peltingly upon my golden head, and I feel too utter for anything earthly, I read 'Eos' and soar away into the nowhere. As I fly to your poetry when I sigh after the ungraspable,

so do I turn to you when the poor body lacks sustenance, for something graspable. My father, through his Arabella, asks you for the Moose Jaw post office."

"DEAR OLD BOY,—When I bet on a winning horse, I want my money. In other words, when I help a man to win an election, I expect to be paid. You know I told you that *Yankees* didn't run elections for nothing, and you said that the first vacant office that you could control, you'd flop me into it. Now flop. I have sixty-five millions of free citizens ready to back my claim to the Moose Jaw office. JONATHAN."

"DEAR MR. D.,—I am in very poor circumstances, having lost all my property since I came to this measely country. You are aware that my first wife's mother and my present wife's mother live with me, and you told me when you canvassed my vote that you were sorry to see me in such a position, and would do anything within your power to help me. Either take one of my mothers-in-law (you can have the youngest) or secure my appointment as postmaster at Moose Jaw. I am not particular which you do. Yours, etc. JIM."

"MY DEAR MR. DAVIN,—When you were here you read some of my poetry, and told me to cultivate my talent and in a short time I would become another Mrs. Browning. I have, thanks to your encouragement, improved greatly, as the following will prove:

'My brother demands this office from you
And says it is fairly and justly his due—
As you owe your election entirely to him,
The boy who stuck to you through thick and through thin,
So give this office to my brother Dick,
And I'll never forget thee, Nicholas, my Nick.'

"Now, if in this matter my brother gets left,
Of future support you will be quite bereft;
For when you again ask for votes at Moose Jaw,
If you don't see the Devil, you'll feel his old claw—
So, unless you appoint my dear brother Dick
You'll be a dead politician, O Nicholas, my Nick!

"Yours, etc., HANNAH."



DR. WILD'S POSITION ON THE JESUIT QUESTION.

"I TOLD YOU SO!"

LATER DAY FAIRY TALES.

(TRANSLATED FROM THE CANADIAN OF MYSELF.)

I.—BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.



ONCE upon a time, not so very long ago, either, there lived a Beauty. In the classic vernacular of the pave, she was quite a bute. She wore a tailor-made gown, bleached hair and other modern improvements, including several editions of the *Week* and other equally interesting papers, carefully concealed from public view by a rear extension of skirt. This was supposed to add to the elegant *tout ensemble*

of her appearance. From the point of view of the ordinary male observer there was a heap of supposition about it.

Late one afternoon, dear children, this Beauty made an impression upon a Beast, who belonged to that distinct species of biped known as stuffy old duffers. This particular article of stuffy old duffer was about the worst specimen of the whole tribe. Time had scalped him clean, his teeth had fallen out, and one of his eyes was made of glass. This, together with his diabolical expression and the sinister glare of his remaining optic, rendered him about as unlovely an object as one might desire to stay away from.

He was not an attractive Beast, dear children, but he had loads of Dust.

It happened that the Beauty was coming down town in the street-car, and the Beast sat down beside her. When the conductor sidled through for tickets, the Beauty found that she had left her purse at home, though she could have carried it quite easily without getting tired, and the Beast said, "Please let me supply the deficiency," and the Beauty said, "Oh, if you would be so kind—I don't know how I came to forget it, I'm sure. It was so careless of me. I don't know how I can thank you for your kindness. You must give me your address, and I will send it back to you just as soon as I get home." And the Beast said, "Pshaw! it's not worth talking about." And so they continued to toy with the strange delights of a street-car conversation until they got down town, when the Beast took the Beauty to lunch, and subsequently treated to caramels. And that evening he called to see her, and she showed him her collection of photographs and her essays at water-color art, and had her little brothers and sisters come in and kiss her good-night, so that he could see what a tender, loving, affectionate sister she was to them, and the Beast was charmed completely, and he said to himself, "She is the most dazzling corruscation of supernal excellence that this planet ever winked at, and I'll have her if I have to steal her."

So it came about that, as time stumped swiftly by, and the days lengthened, and the summer came, and the sun soaked the section of atmosphere in which these lines are written with amber heat, full of sizzle and productive of yearnings for ice-cream and soda water, one gentle, moonlit evening, when the perfumed breezes sang concerted pieces o'er the pellucid waters, and the katydid chipped in an accompaniment to the mournful call of the whippoorwill up in the forest, where the whispering leaves murmured ceaselessly—it was just during this halcyon portion of the day that the Beast let his

pent-up emotions loose in one impassioned outburst: "Will you marry me?"

And, in accordance with the manner of the times in which we live, the Beauty said unto him, "How much a year will you settle on me?"

And he said so much.

And she said him nay, remarking incidentally that he would have to put up another stack of reds if he wanted to see her hand. And to herself she reflected, "He is very hateful. I detest the very ground on which he treads. But he is old and feeble, and his gold will pass at par."

Then the Beast remarked that the stack of reds would be forthcoming.

The Beauty smiled sweetly, flopped in his arms with an exuberant, slopful flop that was calculated to excite the stony heart of a graven image, and murmured soulfully, "Darling!"

Then the moon, which had been taking in the scene with its usual benign smile, said, "This is too much. Right here I quit, I hide, I swear off on lovers for a week. Darling—oh, oh! how can such lovely lips such lies bring forth?"

And so they were married, and lived unhappily ever after.

CECIL STREET.

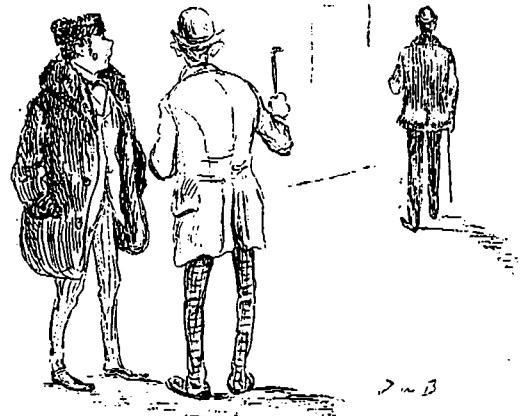
NOT ACCIDENTAL.

BROWN and Jones were walking down Yonge street the other day, when a sudden gust blew off Brown's hat. He immediately ran to catch it, and in doing so fell. On seeing him fall Jones calmly got off the customary imbecile remark, "You didn't fall, did you?"

"Naw!" snarled Brown, "I just sat down to pick up my hat," and then they walked on in silence for the space of two blocks.

DEACON PUNKIN ON THE OHIO STATESMAN.

"I DON'T believe in this 'er riskyproxity, not even in nateral projects," said Deacon Punkin, who has always voted for Sir John. "What's Yankee Butterworth, anyhow? 'Tain't nuthin' but ol'marchyerin."



IMPERFECT HUMANITY.

JOHNSON—"I was reading a scientific article the other day, showing that there was hardly a man or woman in existence whose figure was perfect. Now there goes Sharpley; what's the matter with him?"

DOBSON—"Everything! He's the crookedest man in town."



NEIGHBORLY.

YOUNG MRS. MALPROPOS (*who has just moved into the country*).—"I'm delighted to have received a call from you, Miss Edgerly. It's such a delightful discovery—to find one's neighbors are half civilized, don't you know?"

THE DUDE'S REVENGE.

BJOHNSTON—"Hello, old boy. I just met Snobbs, and we were talking about you."

FITZDOOD—"Ah, weally; what did the deah fellah say, now?"

BJOHNSTON (*who has a grudge*).—"Oh, nothing much, only he thought you had deuced little brains to go about as you do with that handsome setter. The ladies all admire Ponto the most. He said it was bad form, as it showed off your big feet and ears to disadvantage."

FITZDOOD—"Well, I declah, that was kind of him; but I shall be wevenged."

BJOHNSTON—"How do you mean to do it?"

FITZDOOD—"The next time I see him in a kwowd, I'll go up to him and say, 'Is it a fact that Snobbs of Pawdale is a welation of yours? Bai Jove! I guess that'll fetch him, eh?'"

QUITE POSSIBLE.

ALGY—"Say, Harry, the poet Dreamone had his hair cut off to-day."

HARRY—"Are you quite sure that it was his hair he had cut off? Might it not be that it was himself he had cut off his hair?"

A NEW NOVELIST.

FASHIONABLE LADY (*in Public Library*).—"Have you any of Bart's novels?"

LIBRARIAN—"No, madam; I—er—I do not know that writer."

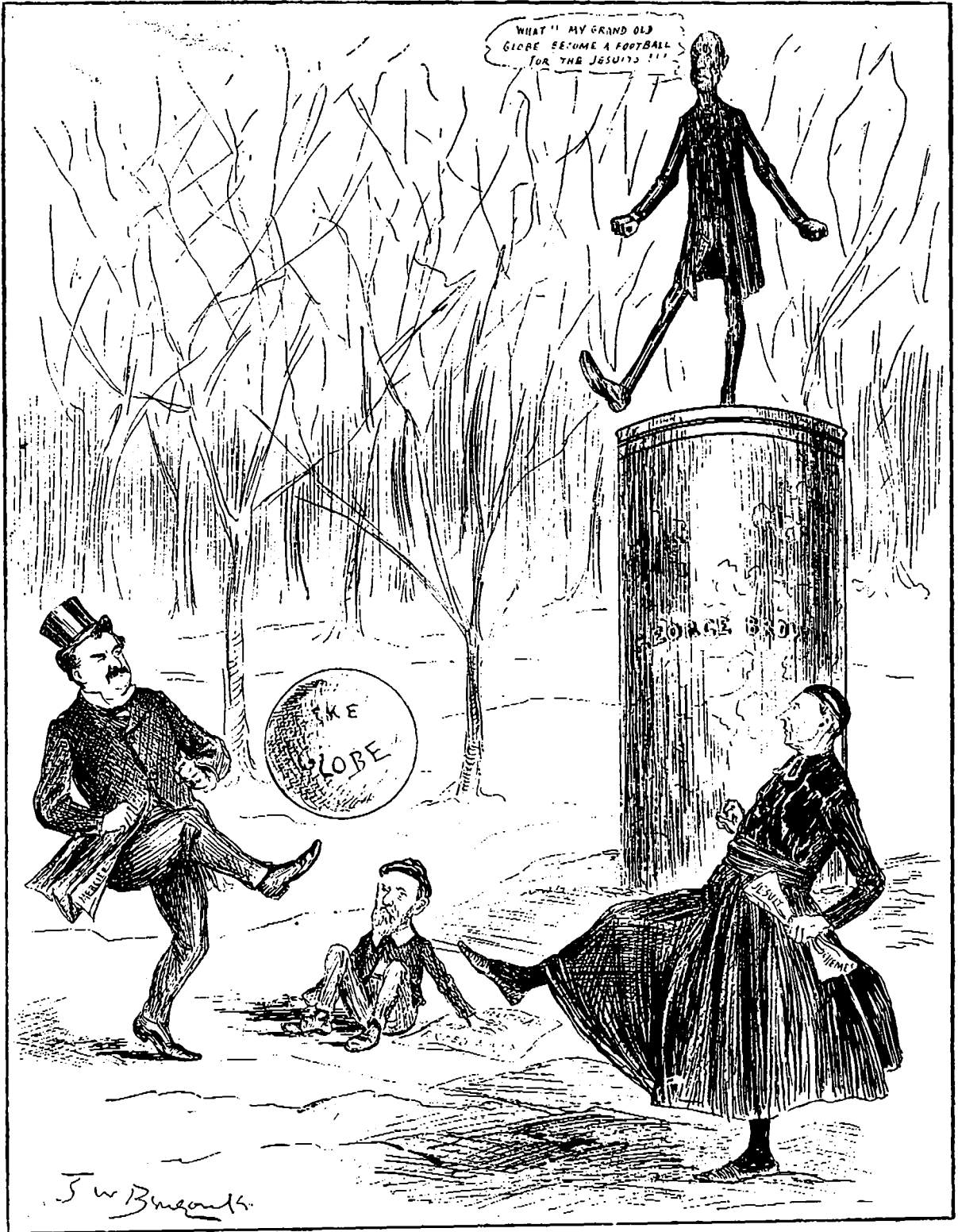
F. L.—"Why, you have his name in your catalogue. Here it is: Sir Walter Scott Bart!" X.

SHAKESPEARE REVISED.

THE man that hath no music in his soul
Should never sing, nor touch an instrument.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

AT De Smythe's party the other evening, old Mrs. Heaviboy was talking to Mrs. Jenkins, who is slightly deaf. All went well as long as the rest of the company kept up their end of the conversation; but during one of those awkward and sudden lulls in the flow of conversation, Mrs. Heaviboy was heard to remark, "I always take mine straight." This, she hastened to explain, had reference to certain dress measurements, which those around could not understand. It is regarded as a fishy explanation.



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THE MUTUAL RESERVE.

THE report of the eighth annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, of New York, appears in another column. The association has enjoyed an increase of business over the previous year, the applications for admission to membership during the year covering \$42,000,000. During the eight years of the association's existence, representatives of deceased members have received \$5,750,000, of which \$1,582,000 was paid last year on four hundred claims. The assets of the association have increased over half a million dollars during the year, and now stands at the satisfactory figure of \$2,742,291.50, while the reserve or emergency fund has also been added to materially, and now has reached \$1,796,678.19.

The average rate of expense for each \$1,000 of risk in the Mutual Reserve Fund Association was but \$3.53 last year, while in the cheapest of the competing companies on the level premium plan it was \$8.02. This is a point of peculiar interest to all insurers. Messrs. Warring Kennedy and William Wilson, of Toronto, are on the Advisory Council, and Mr. J. D. Wells is general manager for Canada. Mr. Wells led all other agencies on the continent last year in the amount of business reported.

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of European artists, and doubtless the capacity of the Pavilion will be tested, as the appearance of the King of the Cornet in our midst is one of the greatest events in the musical annals of Toronto.

MISS ADA GRAY appears this week at the Toronto Opera House in her favorite role of Lady Isabel in "East Lynne." Miss Gray has given 3,000 performances of this piece in America, and the people are not tired of it yet.

THE WESTERN.

THE shareholders of this old established Assurance Co., ought to be happy. As will be seen by the report published elsewhere, the profits for the year just ended represent thirteen per cent. on a capital of half a million, and the net surplus over and above the capital and all liabilities now amounts to \$269,757. The report will well repay a careful reading.

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WONDERFUL RECORD

Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York.

Eighth Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS, 1888, FORTY-ONE MILLIONS.

The Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York has just held its eighth annual meeting, and reviewed its past year's business. Representatives and members of the Association were present from England, France, Italy, Germany and Canada, as well as from every State in the Union where the company are doing business. In calling the meeting to order, President Edward B. Harper remarked:

Each year for the past seven years it has been my pleasure and privilege to present to you my annual report, and each year in succession these reports have shown progress and prosperity such as was never before attained in the same length of time since incorporation by any other life insurance company in the world's history, and yet the year just closed has brought to us a greater measure of success than has ever before been my privilege to report.

The report was full of most gratifying facts. The applications received for admission to membership during the past year covered insurance to the amount of forty-one millions of dollars, of which the association accepted and wrote \$37,906,000, covering 12,124 policies, and the total insurance in force December 31, 1888, \$168,902,850. The net increase for the year, after providing for all expiries, lapses and deaths, approximated thirteen millions of dollars. During the past eight years there has been paid to the widows and representatives of deceased members more than \$5,750,000, and the association has saved to its members by reducing the cost of life insurance below the rates charged for ordinary life insurance as per the tables of the level premium life insurance companies, the sum of sixteen millions of dollars.

The claims paid by the association last year numbered nearly four hundred, and amounted to \$1,582,252.33.

ASSETS.

Total or gross assets, Dec. 31, 1887 \$2,742,291 50
Total or gross as ets, Dec. 31, 1888 2,202,978 37

Increase of gross assets for 1888.....\$ 539,313 13

RESERVE OR EMERGENCY FUND.

On Dec. 31, 1887, was \$1,796,678 19
On Dec. 31, 1888, was 1,925,091 27

Increase of fund during 1888.....\$ 491,586 92

To the amount of reserve or emergency fund on December 31, 1888, should be added over \$85,000 to be apportioned from the present bi-monthly auditing, which makes up to this date the reserve or emergency fund over \$1,581,678.19.

INCOME.

Cash income in 1888 from all sources....\$2,550,551 92
Cash income in 1887 from all sources ... 2,315,227 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total cash disbursements for 1888.....\$2,063,998 66

EXPENSES OF MANAGEMENT.

During the past year the actual cash expenses of management were \$479,581.45. Assuming, however, that the association had received the maximum amounts that could have been collected from all the new members in admission and medical examination fees, as per business written and accepted during the year, and had then disbursed the same to the various agents and medical examiners (who have actually retained these fees as their compensation), the association would have paid to agents admission fees amounting to \$129,042, and to medical examiners examination fees amounting to \$32,220, thereby making the total expenses but \$640,843.45, and the rates of expense for each \$1,000 at risk but \$3.53. The following comparison with the three largest level premium life companies will suffice to show the unprecedented light expense average of this association:

Expenses to each \$1,000 at risk	\$ 3 53	8 02	8 53	11 95
Mortality to each \$1,000 at risk	\$10 02	11 67	15 12	11 30
Expenses	\$ 640,843	4,076,644	3,649,514	4,590,314
Death Losses incurred	\$ 1,693,450	5,037,942	6,465,346	4,667,472
Net amount at risk....	\$ 168,902,850	483,029,562	427,583,359	358,935,536
Organization.	Mutual Reserve.	Equitable Life.	Mutual Life.	New York Life.

No further comment on the economical management of this association than the above comparison is needed.

SURPLUS.

The net surplus on December 31, 1888, after deducting every real, technical or imaginary liability (including a liability of \$423,773, net present value of all policies in force on December 31, 1888, computed as renewable term insurance for sixty days, upon actuaries' table of mortality with interest at 4 per cent. not required from post mortem natural premium associations, but voluntarily assumed a liability by this association) is \$1,532,448.49.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

An important point to be considered with any kind of insurance companies is the kind of risk assumed. A few figures from the report of the Medical Director, James W. Bowden, speaks volumes in that direction. It showed that of the people that were insured in 1887, numbering 11,636, but 33 died: Of those insured in 1886, numbering 13,996, 76 died. Of those insured in 1885, numbering 14,090, 73 died. Of those insured in 1884, numbering 9,546, 60 died. Of those insured in 1883, numbering 9,223, 70 died. Of those insured in 1882, numbering 5,643, 47 died. Of those insured in 1881, when the association was originated, 11 died out of 1,993.

PERSISTENCY OF MEMBERSHIP.

The association claims that the popularity of its system is manifest in the persistency of the membership. The amount of mortuary call No. 40 (the last one on which a just estimate can be based at present), made upon the members, was \$371,018.47. The amount paid on this call was \$562,726.95, leaving only \$8,291.52 unpaid. From this unpaid balance should be deducted \$2,672 for terminations by death during the thirty days' grace given in which to pay the call, estimated upon the mortality for that period at the average age, leaving an actual lapse of \$5,618.42, or about 1 1/2 per cent of the amount called, and 93 1/2 per cent paid; a like ratio cannot be shown by any association's existence.

FOREIGN BUSINESS.

The popularity of the system of the Mutual Reserve in foreign countries is shown by the English, French and Canadian reports. Nearly ten millions or 25 per cent. of the entire business obtained last year was contributed by Canada, England and France.

Mr. J. D. Wells, the General Manager for Canada, as usual leads all the agencies reporting to the company on this continent; his business for the year amounting to between three and four millions of dollars.

CANADIAN DIRECTORS.

Warring Kennedy, Esq., and William Wilson, Esq., of Toronto, were unanimously re-elected to the Advisory Council.

Resolutions were passed expressing entire confidence in the management of President E. B. Harper and his officers; also providing for a special emergency reserve fund, from which all urgent claims will be paid to widows and needy persons immediately on proof of their claims.

It will elicit no surprise when we say that the meeting was a most enthusiastic one, and the association starts upon another year's work with an inspiration that promises a grand report for 1889. Certainly its history is worth studying, and its claims may well have a calm hearing from all whose lives should be insured. And there are some of such in every house in our land.

WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Western Assurance Company was held at its offices in this city on Thursday, the 21st instant, the President, A. M. Smith, Esq., being in the chair. The Managing Director, Mr. J. J. Kenny, read the following

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors beg to submit the annual statement of the Company's accounts for the year ending 31st December last, and have pleasure in being able to report to the Shareholders so favorable a condition of the affairs of the Company as these exhibit. The total income, it will be observed, was \$1,639,877.56, and after providing for all losses incurred during the year, and expenses of management, two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum have been paid upon the capital stock, and \$50,000 added to the reserve fund, while \$7,853.72 remains at the credit of profit and loss account.

The total surplus funds of the Company now amount to \$832,853.72, but out of this the unexpired risks under policies current at the close of the year have to be provided for. The sum estimated as necessary to reinsure or run off these is \$336,095.24, which leaves a net surplus over and above the capital and all liabilities of \$496,758.48.

While congratulating the Shareholders on the gratifying result of the year's transactions, the Directors desire to acknowledge their appreciation of the efficiency and zeal displayed by the officers and agents of the Company in securing and supervising the large volume of business which is summarized in the accompanying accounts.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Fire premium	\$1,286,129 58
Marine premium	647,750 43

Less re-insurance

Interest account

Fire losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to Dec. 31st, 1888

Marine losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to Dec. 31st, 1888

General expenses, agents' commission and all other charges

Balance to profit and loss

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dividend, paid July, 1888, \$25,000 00

Dividend, payable Jan. 8, 1889

Carried to reserve fund

Balance

Balance from last year

Profit for the year as above

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid up

Losses under adjustment

Dividend payable January 8th, 1889

Reserve fund

Balance, profit and loss

Assets.

United States bonds

Dominion of Canada bonds

Loan company and bank stock

Company's building

Municipal debentures

Cash on hand and on deposit

Bills receivable

Mortgages

Re-assurance due from other companies

Interest due and accrued

Agents' balances and sundry accounts

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Western Assurance Co.:

GENTLEMEN.—We hereby certify that we have audited the books of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1888, and have examined the vouchers and securities, and find the same carefully kept, correct and properly set forth in the above statements.

R. R. CATHERN, }
JOHN M. MARVIN, F.C.A., }
Auditors.

Toronto, February 14th, 1889.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the Stockholders on the favorable showing which the Company made at the close of the thirty-eighth year of its existence. He referred to the wide field over which the Company's business extended, embracing nearly every State in the Union, as well as some of the West India Islands, while in "this Canada of ours," the "Western" had become almost a household word from Nova Scotia in the East to Manitoba and British Columbia in the West.

The aim of the management during the past year has continued, to be to make quality rather than quantity of business the first consideration, and in carrying out this policy they are working as far as possible upon the lines of the experience gained in the Company's various fields of operation, reducing the amounts carried on certain classes of risks, or cutting off altogether such as have yielded no profit in the past. There would have been no difficulty, had they been less conservative, in showing a large increase in the premium income; but this might perhaps have been at the expense of the profit balance, and it would, moreover, have left a corresponding increased liability on current policies at the end of the year.

In the fire branch the results of the past year show an improvement on those of 1887, and with the maintenance of existing tariffs he thought that they might continue to look for a fair return upon the business transacted. It was scarcely necessary for him to tell the shareholders that at home the "Western" continues to maintain its position in the front rank, both as to the amount of its income and its low loss ratio; and he was happy to say that the efforts during the past few years to place the Company's fire business in the United States on an equally satisfactory footing are meeting with encouraging success.

In its inland and ocean marine business the Company appears to have had a varied experience, for while a good profit is shown in some departments, in others this branch shows a considerable loss. Changes, however, which have been decided upon in the direction of discontinuing altogether certain lines of business will, it is hoped, bring about more uniformly satisfactory results in the future.

The total expense of conducting the business bears, within a small fraction of one per cent., the same ratio to income as last year, and he thought he was safe in saying that it is as low, if not lower, than the average expense ratio of companies doing a similar business.

The assets of the Company, amounting to nearly a million and a half dollars, consist of unquestionable securities, and would readily realize the figures at which they stand on the books.

The only item of the liabilities that might call for any reference was outstanding losses, of which, in such a large business, there must necessarily be a considerable number at all times awaiting further proof and under adjustment; but he might say that by far the larger proportion of those that were outstanding on the 31st December were settled and paid in the early part of January.

He was sure that they would agree with him that in all that constitutes material prosperity, either from a shareholder's or a policy-holder's point of view, the statements presented show that the "Western," during 1888, had made a most gratifying step forward, and, while they had not got far enough into the present year to venture to forecast what 1889 might bring forth, he felt that they might confidently look forward to at least a fair share of any good fortune it may have in store for those engaged in the business of fire and marine underwriting.

William Gooderham, Esq., Vice-President, seconded the adoption of this report, which was carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Directors for their services during the past year.

Messrs. Wm. Anderson and J. K. Nivan were appointed to act as scrutineers, and reported the following gentlemen unanimously re-elected Directors for the ensuing year:—Messrs. A. M. Smith, Wm. Gooderham, Hon. S. C. Wood, Robt. Healy, A. T. Fulton, Geo. A. Cox, Geo. McMurrich, H. N. Baird and J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the Board held subsequently, A. M. Smith, Esq., was re-elected President, and Wm. Gooderham, Esq., Vice-President for the ensuing year.

J. J. KENNY, Managing Director.
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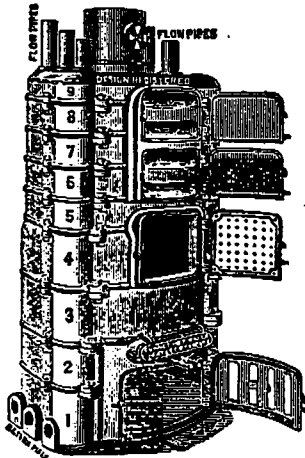
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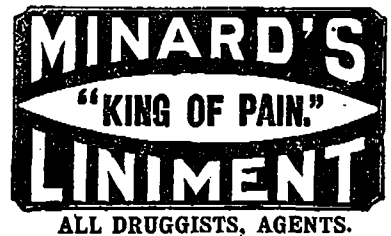
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