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## HTNTS FOR TRAIN.



UDGING from the contents of our exchanges, and other symptoms, the present must by the height of the silly season, and therefore the most suitable time for the promised advent of Gcorge Francis Train. Griscuuck be hopes he will not miss his opportunity, as nothing would be more deplomable than for him to come when anything of the slightest importance happened to engage public attention. As it is possible the cause of his detention, provided it is not a prison lock or a strait-jacket, may be the diffeculty of drawing up a programme of lectures to be delivered during his stay here, Grischuckie modestly suggests the following topics as likely to prove interesting if propery handed:-
"How 1 started a Colony in Omaha, secured the money and left the fools to starve ${ }^{2}$
"How I made myself director of a Eralwas, and purchased my shares with pure brass?
"How I secured my mone in my wifes name, and gencrously len myself no money to pay my own debts?
"How 1 rotted in a British Bastice till I stunk in the nostrils of those thad swinded?
How I humbugred the Fenians?
How 1 learned to blow my own trumpet till 1 blew my brains out?

Large part of the entertainments will consist in blowing the trumpe, and aso in showing the newest and most cethain methods of rasing the wind.

Conthates and a permit ow wend treason have been received from Sir 1. A. McD., Km. Criminal laws suspended during Mr. Trains residence in the country Houschoders are recommended carefully to watch her hall doers, and to lock up their siler plate. Two judges have been specially retaned to grant writs of haberes copess and quict places of conccalment hate been secured in the Cour fhouse. A frec couniry

## HOW THEY DO THINGS IN QUBBEC.

The Jenkins of the Quebe hemen ontlid himsedf in his repert of the ball recenty given by the licuten-ant-Governor $1 t$ would have donecrelit of thenforneng fost in its palmiest days. What could have given a better idea of the splendent of the scene than the exquisite allusion to "the fabulous romances of the orient?" Everything was in kepping-their Excellencies condescended to be in good health and spirits for the occasion ; the magnificence of the ladies" dresses was rivalled only" "by the handsome uniforms of the deplomatic and military services," and "old England" was represented by a militianan. The aristocratic character of the assemblage was enhanced by the presence of some "happy fords of creation." When will Montreal venture to compete with the ancient capital? Never, we are assured, till her citizens have demanded a King to reign over them.

## ANOTHER PRIZE TALE

Dean Grinchuckne,-Having been solicited by my friends, to struggle for the prize offered by the Ca 111. News, 1 have complied with their request, and send you one or two chapters, from the centre, where it is most exciting, for the public are apt to throw up a book in disgust, because the first chapter or two happens to be introductory, and therefore a little dry.

Yours truly, Loop Revil.
TIE FROSTBITTEN IIERO.
ar the authon of
TWO MUCH 日KA! : TWO NUCH, Ec., de., \&c. de. Chapper xxiii
The day on which our story opens, was one of those genial, broiling days, so commonly to be met with lowards the end of November. The trees, without leave, stretched into the distant horizon as far as the eje could see, and farther too. It was just noon when a Solitary Horseman emerged from the thicket, and slowly wended his way through the intricate mazes of the forest. His head was bent, so were his knees, and he looked a melancholy compound of grief and pain. But enough : as the Poet splendidly says:
stomothers ege was on him there,
No mothers love, nor mother's care.
Not that he was in the habit of carrying those things about : we merely mention it. Twas ncar sun down, on the next day, when the suddenty rounded a large tree, and a splendid view burst. 13 ut we anticipate.

> Chaper xne.

It was about a week after the events just narrated, and the forest had resumed its accustomed solitude, an cagie poised itself in mid-air and scanned, with hungry eves, the features of anything eatable. Not a sound broke the awful stillncss that reigned, save a gentle sigh, forced from a mighty pinc, by the rude blasts of a November brecze. Sudenly and without warning. a thousand-But we leave the sene that followed to the imagination of the reader; our pen is two feeble to do it justice.

Chamertiv.
We must now suppose that cighteen years have claped since the startling events in the preceding chapter, and, in war fight. concey the reader to $\mathrm{L}-\mathrm{T}$, a small rillage on the outskirts of Switzerland. The dawn was just breaking, -so was a latge pane of glass. through which a man was cagerly inserting his head. He was poorly, and cen loosely clad, in a par of Binchers, with elastic garters and. judging from his mode of entrance, was evidenty a stanger, and unaquained with the manners and customs of the place. A shrill soice, evidenty fominine, grated harshly on his cars, and a large beef bone, cleanly picked, followed the example. His eyes grewashy pale : suddenly he started. Was it with fear? No. Was it with fright? Again we say-No! Then, was it- But we wander; suffice it to say, the Solitary Horseman was no more.
[The writer of the above states that he thinks it is a grod imitation of Lever. It seems to Griachuckle that he must be a wretched old screze, and he is hereby informed that he has no chance of autdgrime his way into the staff of this paper. If he were inclined to plane down his rough composition, he might produce something creditable.]

## SCRAGGS CORRESPONDENCE.

To Master James Lovebook,
Cira Kev. Mk, LOVEBOOK.
PARSOMAGE, STARIETOW:
My Dear James, - Kou are now home for the holidays, and have time to reflect upon the studies in which you have been engaged. I trust, my dear nephew. that you are making proper use of your opportuntios to do good. and are developing the muscular man by sawing and splitting the wood for dear papa, as you have hitherto been engaged in developing your intellectual faculties by attacking knoty points in the course of your scholastic career.

You would have pitied your dear aunt had you seen her engared in the fivolities of fashionable life at Quebec, Fou know I was compelled to go down there, much agrainst my will, on account of some matters of business which required my presence at the seat of Government. I had to win over to my side the powerful, and those who exercise an influence almost overwhelming in the present Guernment. You are now of an age to know how hitle influence our poor pliant representatives of British interests possess, and well anderstand that it was. therefore, needless to speak to them. I accordingly deroted myself to the task of flattering the vanity of the governing classes, and 1 may say, whout conceit, I succeeled admirably, and obiained all that I undertook to gain. 1 fervently hope I may never again have to 50 through such an ordeal.

His Hon-, although he arrogates to himself the title of Ex-, is an exceedingly weak-minded man,-
fond of show and frippery. but very greedy withal. his extravagance he is fast ruming the country into debt, and has no difficulty with his Ministry. Dear, dear, what I had to go through,- Ratioring them all, and making them believe I regarded them as paragons of wisdom. Having been governess in some of the best families. I had an intimate acquaintance with all that constitutes fashionable life. You may well suppose I did not make them aware of how I acquired my knowledge. They supposed I was a member of a noble family, and it is astonishing, with such people, how far this went. Had they really known that I was only an ex-governess. His Ex-would never have condescended to listen to me. But, as a member of the aistocracy, all I said was received with the greatest deference.

What a world of sham it is! A sham King! A sham Minister of Pub-Ins-, penning glowing reports of all that has been done to teach the people to read and write, while not one in fifty can do cither the one or the other. The only thing not sham is the expense. My dear James, learn a trade,-learn to dig ditches at a dollar a day, work up to your middle in a swamp in freezing weather, or under the broiling midsummer sum, shoe horses. go into the bush and chop firewood at half-a dollar a cord, but never, never, I beseech you, sacrifice your self-respect by bowing and scraping before the men with whom local politics must bring you into contact.

Even I, my dear James, had to succumb, and to write
letters to weak, frivolous Mrs, Tathewell, fult of the most fulsome flatieries of the men I had 10 cmby favour with. I knew she could not avod telling every one what I said, and it is astonishing the diece of the round-about flattery that reached their ears, 1 was caressed, and invited to all their balls and parties. The Pctits soufer were very mean affairs. All the display is for outside show, but anything primate aroid. $\Delta$ lady can always have a headache.

1 am glad I managed to have my business accomplished before the much-talked of ball took phace. I am assured it was a poor athar. and that all the stuff in the papers was furnished by a hanger on, who does not excel in description.
1 repeat. my dear fames, never be a politician. It is the most ungendemanly business possible. Souner be a dock labourer. In tha pursuit you can, at least, prescrve self-respect.

Your loving Aum,
Samurma Jommon Scriogs.

## LITERE SCRIPTE MANEXT

To judge by the number of leters alvertised as remaning undamed in the Montreal Post Office this would seem to be the devie of that institution. The worthy Postmaster in looking at the bumps of the clerks and messengers chtenty selects those having great athesiveness, so that, schon-boy bethon, they may stick to their letiers. Is there no way of enabling the letterearters to discover Who's tho in 1870?. We believe there in a Directory publistice. but owing to the low state of the mances, the Post Office authorities have been unable to rate the amount necessary to pay for a cope.

## SKIMMINGS OF A CESSPOOL.

As his contemporaries have fete themselves constrained to stir up the fithy depus of what they style "the Byron mystery" Geiventeckie feels bound to give the public a few of the curions things which have come to the surface during the operation. He fatters himself that his summary will be far more complete and intelligible than any yet given to the public.
lyyon was a lord, nevertheless he was a poct. He wrote many good things, and did a few naughty ones. Take him for all in all, we shall never see his like again, which some tink no pity. He married. Some say his wife was crazy. If so. it is a question whether he drove her crazy : perhaps he did ; if not, he didn't; and if he did, he ought to have known better. Any how, family circumstances arose out of the simple fact that he was married. Mis. Stowe, remembering how fruitful one Dismal Swamp proved, was happy to go up to her knees in another. Most people think she might have spared herself the deflement and the public the exhibition of it. Perhaps so, -but when dollars and decency come into competition, of course the latter has no chance at all. It is, therefore, unreasonable to say much about Mis. Stowe's part of the performance. This is all Grinchuckte knows of the affain, and if anybody knows more, he or she is not to be envied.

## THE MYSTERY.

O lady, from your height of fame, A height you may be proud to claim, Why to a once so honoured name Prefin a handle,
Uncarthing that long-buried gameThe Byron Scandal?

Undoing all the earthly good,
Which, in your erewhile woman's mood,
Within your study's solitude,
Vou showered upon us ;
Rending for literary food,
The Dead ddonis.
Was Truth so sacred in your eyes,
Conscience was pricked till the emprise
Was finished up with saintly sighs,
For fiends to peck at?
While Pity weeps through earth and skies, The modern Hecate.

By such an act would Hecate scom
To. wory hell with cries forlorn;
Thou'st ushered in the shaddest morn Fier seen by human,
When such a monstrous Shape was born And bom of woman!

A shape of Slander, such as ne'cr Before obscured the daylight clear
Of gasping Barth; so sad, so drear, We sit and wonder
Why hearen woes not interfere With bolt of thunder,

And strike this latest Endor down,
For stripping from the dead the crown,
The sceptre, and the high renown, The fadeless laurel,
As if with Nature, God and Man She sought a quarrel.

Shall the dead rest? the long last sleep,
While earth protests, and angels weep-
Shall it be broken, and men keep Saturnine revels.
While o'er their shoulders grin and peep Applaudins devils?

Take your reward, my lady fair:
Go meet his incensed spirit then,
Where jou wouk sink a soul so rare,Remorseless croaker!
And, while his lordship roasts, prepare To be his Stowe-ker.

Uncle Peter use to say" Wherever theres a will there's a way." This may be very true, but there was a Will. up at Fort Garry the other day, but he could not find the way to get in. Ahem!
"WILLIE WE HAVE MISSED YOU." NEW VERSION.
Oh ! Willie, we have missed you, Safe, safe at home,
They did not tell us true, dear,
They said jou would not come.
But, here you are again, dear,
And it makes our hearts rejoice
To know you are not slain, dear, And hear your welcome roice; And when you go again, dear, Be careful where you roam.

Oh! Willie, we have missed you,
Safe, safe at home.
We heard that you had gone, dear,
To rule Red River folk;
But could not think it true, dear, We thought it was a joke.
How could you trust your life, dear, Among those vile half-breeds,
Who think nothing, with a knife, dear, Of doing horrid deeds?
They might have ta'en your scalp, dear,
And sent you forth to roam.
Oh! Villie, we have missed you, Safe, safe at home.

What fools they all must be, dear,
To think they ve any right
To judge their own affairs, dear,
And say theyd rather fight,
Than let you rule them now, dear, (As we have all been told,)
And kick up such a row, dear, At being bought and sold.
The best thing you can do dear, Is, send them all to-Rome.

Oh! Villie, we have missed you, Safe, safe at home.

For sure their cruel deeds, dear,
To you must plainly show
That ruling widd half-breeds, dear,
Is not quite comme it fant.
To think your precious life, dear,
Four eloquence and brain.
Amonis those horrid folk, dear,
Should trust themselves again.
Oh, no! to viie Pembina
Again you must not roam.
Oh! Willie, we have missed you, Safe, safe at home.

That Crak in the old country has been endeavoring to play" "old Scratch" with our Brydges again, but our timber is too strong for him.

The "Star" speaks in an envious tone of a Star at the Theatre worth $f_{5,000}$. No wonder.

* Anglit-ls not what its cracked up to be.

"WITH RATID STRIDES TT REACHES PERFEGTION."
How pleased our great men must be to see their portrais (?) done by the Legtype proces!
 wretched process it must be: What did you do to ver them?

Griventeckis thinks he heard Sir w. say that the thing in question was a scrathy medhamea affar, an) that the ozow (a recently discovered fossil) would give a beticr impression.

## ONE VAY OF ECONOMISING.

"Assume a virtue if you have it not." How delightful it would be, were we to hear a person on his trial for forgery (a bank-teller for instance) plead, that, whereas, he only forged bills for hundreds of dollars, those who preceded him, in his position, were in the habit of forging for thousands, and claim, not only an acquittal, but the approbation of the Court and his employers, for having effected a saving in this particular. How sublime would be the plea! With what eagerness would we strive to get a glimpse of the individual, who could thus sacrifice himself to the interests of others! With what zeal would we clamour for his dismissal, and restoration to the honour and emoluments of his position! Yet is there such viruc among us; yea. even within the narrow limits of our City Council is to be found that greatness of soul that can sacrifice itself in this manner to the interests of the public, and the modesty withal t) declare it. Go on, Oh Fathers! and let the incense of your good deeds rise continually upwards, like the smoke of your tax-paid cigars, until all the people shall see it, and hail it with shouts and great rejoicing. Happy people!

Off for Europe-Messrs. Hercule Giroux, of the firm of Jacques Grenier \& Co., Pierre Plamondon, of Hudon \& Plamondon, and Aphonse Hudon, of E. Hudon, Son \& Co., sailed to day for Europe on business connected with their respective houses--Eivening Thtegnot, 18 funtury.

Happy Eutope!! surcly your Press will fully acknow: ledge the honour that is about to be conferred on you by the visit of Messis. Giroux \& Co.

## LITTLE BY LTTTLE.

Coun. G. W. S does not beliere in the venemble maxim that " volent diseases demand violent remedies."
In fact he is so radical a reformer, that it is believed, on excellent authority, that he will, at the next mecting of Council, move for a select commitee on the Proverbs of Solomon, with a vew to their amendment. Be this as it may, it is evident that he has indignanty repadiated the proverb above cited. Much as he bemoans the passion for cigars, of which the members of the Corporation are the unhappy victims, and fervently as be longs to free them from its thraldom, he see that the work of emancipation must be gradually accomplished. For this purpose-and with unexampled generosity,- he has undertaken the task of liberating his confrers from their bondare. He has sueceded, he tells us, in reducing the anmal expenditure, for cigars Ne. from $\$ 300$ to Sizo, and he hopes to procure its total abolition during the coming year With a skill, for which we scarcely gave him credit, he commenced his philanthropic work, by supplying the objects of his compassion with cigars, the grodness of which he was in a position to guarantec. Heproposes when the present supply is exhausted, to procure another of rather inferior kind, and to go on lowering the quality until only the most inveterate smokers can stand the weeds provided for them. The orginality of the project is refreshing in this are of common-place.

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We magine that by the time the existence of that twenty foot channel is established Mr. Young will be young no longer, (Alas poor Yorick).

"The practice of smoking at the public expense has existed from time immemorial. The average annual sum appropriated for this purpose, and called Contingent Fund, has been about 5300 . I have succeded in reducing the anmal expenditure from $\$ 300$ to $\$ 120$, and I hope to procure its total abolition during the coming year."

## KING WILLIAM'S CONQUEST OFRUPERT'S TAND.

Dark, cold and white the landscape lay, A feeble glimmer rose,
Like the faint dawn of judgment day,
Ere the last trumpet called away The dead wrapped in grave clothes.
Moody and sad McDougall sat His head upon his hand,
Wandering what next he would be at,
Feeling not much unlike a rat Who's hunted from the land.

Provencher, with his curly hairShivers and shakes with cold;
Endowed with fertile genius rare,
He's left the editorial chair. And feels he's badly sold.
Berg. little man who of the Stamps Has been the guardian true,
Customs Collector on his tramps
Amoner a set of half-breed scamps, His place begrins to ruc.

Nosember wind blows cold and drear,-
Tis now the death-like time of year, Yet the have work 10 do:
Fre this December night is past.
First day, yet it may be the last Of a true and trusty crew.

Hark! tis McDougall sofly calling"Awake, arise my merry men all:
This night so cold-tis most appalling, Wedl free this land from sertdom's thrall.
Up, men, I'm armed: who fears to enter Upon this glorious, noble task?
Tis but a gallant, knighty venture, Quoth Begg: "I'll take with me a flask."

Forth to the lines at dead of night. Unfaturng went the vanane hero,
Shivering. but twas not oll from fright. The glass showed something under zero.
Hist! hark! was that a hostile face, Peeped from behind yon sheltering tree?
If twas, prepare to run a race, If not, then boldy follow me.

All's still, except the northern wind, That moans and shudders; cold's the blast,
And swift they clear the lessening space, And orer the line they tear the mast.
Murrah! the flag's unfurled, they ery,The proclamation's fairly read;
King William reigns. Then backward fly, And make swit tracks for home and bed.

Hail, King! but wheres your kingdom great, Your regal power, your army strong?
Poor senseless fool, whose heart clate, Nor cared for right, nor dreaded wrong.

Now, sneaking home, you bear the tale, Like Johnny Cope, of your own defeat;
You've raised the devil on your trail,
Made us a mock, and lost your seat.

## THE CYCLE.

Meteorologists have settled the question that the weather repeats itself every hundred years. As nobody with the exception of the wandering Jew and Grinchuckle's goblin can remember precisely what sort of weather there was in the year 1770 , and as it is cloubtful whether the former is at present occupied in taking the dimensions of the North Pole, or discovering the source of the Nile, Grincheckle has in the public interest consulted the goblin, on whose venacity he can rely, and whose recollection reaches to a far more remote period than the creation. The following is what the imp believes may be expected during the current year:-

The Spring will be found the most suitable time for sowing grain; if it should prove otherwise it will be advisable to wait till the Fall. Wild Oats will thrive if sown carly, and in sufficient quantity. Youth is the seed-time of life, but it is very mean to take arlvantage of it.

Merchants will not find toads nice to handle. Frogs in certain postures are significant of an early spring. Some species of vermin may be exterminated by means of a small comb.

Men with ruby noses are generally speaking favourable to the grape.

Northwinds need not be expected from the South, except under very extraordinary circumstances.

During summer it will be unpleasant to walk through St. James Street whout one's hat-that is, if it is hot -or if it isn't.

There will be litule moisture in wrought iron, but coals, if properly ignited, will be found to contain latent heat.

The trade winds will blow some people good.
Tailors will find it to their advantage to pay attention io cabbage.

Quakers will buy peas at any price. They may therefore prove a favourable investment.

The goblin is not quite sure whether he has based his prognostications on the right year, but it won't be of much imporance if he hasn't.

Mrstertocs.-An Ottawa paper says:-"It is now reported that No. + Battery, which was to have left for Fort Wellington on Wednesday, and then on Friday (to-day) will be left without a garrison. Is this advisable?" Poor battery; left without a garrison! Possibly the authorities think a garrison is not its forte:

Who was the belle at the Typo festival?
Why, the Ladye from the fointe, of course-what a duck of bonnet!

Oh! what beautiful hair her sister has,-its a prize worth securing, Johnny, -and real, to (?)!

We know who felt happy, eh. Tom? and who felt the reverse, eh, Dan?

NATURAL HISTORYSERIES.


Dogmatic Phrenology:
Prof. Stone's stay here promises to contribute greatly to the cause of science. His public entertainments were an unfailing source of amusement, while his priate lectures awakened a spirit of scientific enquiry which will doubtless lead to something. One of his pupils, whose portrait graces the head of this article, has pushed his phrenological researches in a direction entirely now. A close examination of the skull of a neighbours fine Newfoundland, which, with the help of a ham-bone. our friend enticed into his back premises and there despatched, has led to curions results. In addition to the bumps which apear on the human cranium. he has discovered others more or less dereloped This has rendered necessary an extension of the phrenological nomenclature, which of itself is a boon which scientific men will highly appreciate. The following are a few of the bumps, with the designations applied to them by their discoterer:-

Midnight Mefody.-This is found in close proximity to Tune and Restlessness. It is a very curious trait. May be reduced by frequent applications of a thick stick. or a hot bath occasionally administered from a fourth storey window.

Trouser Revinis. - Near Destructiveness, with which it is liable to be confounded. Dogs which have this organ well developed show a strange indifference to colours.

Mendicity- - This corresponds to Acquisitivencss in the human subject, and, when well developed, is accompanied with supplencss of the hind-legs and an extension of the fore-paws, in a supplicatory attitudic.

As the investigation procest, the results will be made public.

## HALF-ANTHOUR IN THE PENITENTIARY.

The Daily Nais has a correspondent who has been " lagged" and sent to the "jug,"-to use the classical language of Mr. Harrison Ainsworth. He gives his experiences of the place, which seem to be more varied than the time-(half-an-hour)-could have furnished him with. There are several irifling omissions in the correspondence, as published, which we have been
enabled to supply from the original manuscript, kindly procured us by the "devil" who sweeps up the Daily News office.
August 4 -Partfe's Retrat. Can get no paper. Have had to use an old scrap of linen on which to keep my diary. Have just seen my hawer. He says such lapes of memory as picking up other people's property are not uncommon. Will apply for habeas corphs. Gave him order for his fees.

Aug. 5.-Saw hayer, he looks cheerful, tas just had cheque honoured, Declares my anse hard. Has made application.

Aug. 6.-Application refused. Another cheque, as he intends to apply to another judge. No doubt will succed this time.

Aug. 7.-Brought up. and successful. but arrested on another charge. Another cheque furnished. Funds in bank geting low:

Aug 10 . Afer some delay, informed of an error in application; must fork out some more. Decline. Fully committed.

The next entry is in October. Very incoherent. He appears to have been tried, and found guily of fraud and embezhement.

November 1.-Had an excursion to the country. Reach Kingston, and am welcomed to the principat hotel. where the waiters are called "keepers." A hairdresser cuts my hair. Rather a close crop.
Nos 20. - The proprietor provides me with a suit of clothes.- not quite so becoming ats my own. Two colours, - rather distingtic howier, and such as would make me observed anywhere.

Dates forsme time are not given Dary consists of short chtries, as thus: Sedentars occumation not being healthy, I am encouraged to thy a litie manual labour. Set io break stones. Subsequently to carry montar, - remind me of the Mortara family. Not strong enougin for the job, and sent to help cook; but owing to shaderous accusations of stealing the soup, am, for a punismment, sent io mop out the colls. Have still some money left. Amoner habeas contus to be tried. Victuals grod. Am restored to the rear of the kitchen, but dismissed for using one of the warden's castoff wooden less to mash the potatues sent up to his table The confounded place a regular sell,-mothing but cells all romed. Cellular tissue defective; no beer to make it up. Had an inspection of the premises. Met some old friends with whom I used to "lark. All been clipped, and. like an old man who has outived his family, they have lost their hairs.- no good putimg on aits. Had a letter from Jather McMahon; just leaving for Red kiver. I was drowned in grief this moming when 1 learned, to my great joy, I was bailed out. Went to the kitchen and "stayed for dinner." Took a stroll through Kingston, which looks more cheerful than it used to do. After my dock, looked after Madoc Railway. Have been put up to a wrinkle in the PenHotel 1 mean. Think I will go in for being a provisional director. Have had some experience in that line under the cook. Less hazardous than direct prigging.

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