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artoons.



omments

THE UPSHOT OF IT,-It has occurred to us that the theatrical bill-boards might be made a medium of instruction in the questions of the day, if the illustrated posters with which they are from time to time decor-

ated could be so designed as to serve this end, while also fulfilling the purpose of advertising the dramatic attractions. There are a good many persons who conscientiously stay away from the play-house, but who are amongst the most sedulous readers of the hoardings. If our suggestion were acted upon such persons could get positive good from a habit which at present only serves to waste their time. Whether the designer of the poster which we have taken the pains to copy on our cartoon page with but a slight facial change, had any such idea in his mind we cannot tell, but he certainly produced a picture which sets forth the final denouement of Protection as forcibly as it depicts any scene in the spectacular drama of "Superba." How admirably the donkey in mid air represents the High Torifferstern, the ambedi donkey in mid air represents the High Tariff system; the embodiment of stupidity with nothing to stand on! And how thrill-ingly does the picture foretell the fate of that man who puts his political dependence in the brittle tail of such an anima

INTERNATIONAL PIGMIES .- In both Canada and the United States there are sets of people whose appropriate sphere is in a cage. Within such an enclosure Miss Canada and her neighbor could afford to regard them as amusing specimens of a peculiar race of moral pigmies; and it might be profitable even to study them in connection with the interesting subject of crankology. We refer connection with the interesting subject of crankology. We refer to those citizens on both sides of the line who are afflicted with "Lovalty" of the aggressive and asinine sort. Amongst these nuisances on the American side is the blatherskite politician whose stock-in-trade is abuse of England; the Irish " to whom the British flag is a veritable red rag; and the bumptious clown who is always agitating for a "spirited foreign policy," by which he means bullying assaults upon the rights of weaker communities. On our own side we have the counterparts of these characters in bombastic colonels, whose speeches fairly sizzle with hatred of all things Yankee; in featherbrained journalists who approve such harangues, and are always ready to print such stuff as the following:

SCHOOL BOYS' LOYALTY,

THEY WOULDN'T HAVE THE YANKEE FLAG THERE AND IT WAS PULLED DOWN.

"A Father" writes to the *Telegram* as follows:—On noticing the heading "No Stars and Stripes There," in Saturday's *Tele*gram, I drew the attention of my boy, who attends Wellesley school, to the statements made, and he told me there has been the Stars and Stripes hanging in one of the rooms until within a few days, and that some of the boys had planned to remove it, because their request to have it taken down was not acceded to. This grand assault, he says, was to have taken place on Monday morning before participating in the Queenston Heights celebration. Under the circumstances I admire the boys' intentions, and am pleased to find the spirit of Canadian loyalty prevailing their young minds.

This "Father" is a fine representative of the variety of fool we are afflicted with, and deserves a high perch in the cage. The occasion to which his letter refers was marked by several incidents over which he and his kind no doubt gloated, but which, in the opinion of self-respecting Canadians, only marred the celebration. It is a noble impulse which actuates a man to defend his country against attack, and those who die in such a cause are worthy of all honor. It is well, also, that a military training be given to the rising generation of Canadian boys. so training be given to the rising generation of Canadian boys, so that they may be able to emulate the heroes of Queenston Heights in case of necessity. But it is not necessary to cultivate the love of military "glory,"—a thing which the world is happily outgrowing, and the "spirit of Canadian loyalty," which finds expression in an insult to a foreign flag, is a spirit which could only commend itself to hoodlums. What we protest grainst is this thing of stirring up strife and hatred in the name against is this thing of stirring up strife and hatred in the name of patriotism. The Christianity which we profess tells us to love our neighbors—and even our enemies, and this is to be applied nationally as well as individually. We can love Canada and stand ready to defend her soil without hating other nations and dishonoring their emblems. But in this Queenston Heights dishonoring their emblems. But in this Queenston Heights celebration the opposite spirit was encouraged—at all events it was not reproved, as it should have been. At Ryerson school, for example, as the Telegram gleefully records—"Some wag among the scholars had draped the Stars and Stripes in crape, and this was surrounded by a flourish of Union Jacks." We are not informed that this "wag" was told that he had displayed a spirit of un-British littleness in this act. But what can we expect of Canadian and American boys when they see their expect of Canadian and American boys when they see their (Christian) fathers trying to injure each other with hostile tariffs, the prolific breeders of malice and all uncharitableness? It is consoling to remember that on neither side the line do the High Tariffites and the loyalist of littleness and hate constitute the People. Canada and the United States both have a majority of sensible citizens to offset the mischief-making of the Internal tional Pigmies.

THE London Advertiser thinks that pine trees should be planted where pine trees have been cut down, that future Oliver Mowat's may have timber limits to sell. The idea is a good one, but it takes a long time to grow a good-sized pine tree, and it would be a better scheme for the Government to hang on to what grown pine it can.—Hamilton Spectator.

Has the Spectator so utterly despaired of Mr. Meredith's success that it thus recommends as a "better scheme" for the Mowat Government, to commit suicide by hanging on to the grown pine?



F, among his many accomplishments, Mr. E. F. Clarke "sings a good song," we would recommend him to rehearse that lovely ballad of Sullivan's entitled "Once Again," and have it in readiness for civic nomination day. It is more than whispered that his Worship is going in forstill another term—that is, he is going to try to go in therefor. This time the "reason annexed" to his resolve is that, through the worry of the Carnival and one-thing and another, he quite overlooked his promise to reduce the

city taxes, and he is naturally anxious to have an opportunity to redeem the promise.

THE words of the ballad we suggest will only require a very slight alteration to be made appropriate for rendition from the hustings in front of the City Hall. This version, for example, would do:

I linger round the very spot
Where years ago we met,
And 'less you tell me plain I've got
To go, I won't, you bet;
And tender yearnings rise anew
For fame and salaree,
I've done the best I could for you,
So now you stand by me.

Oh, oh.-Love, once again, 'Lect me once aga-ain; Votes I am seeking, Shall it be in vain?

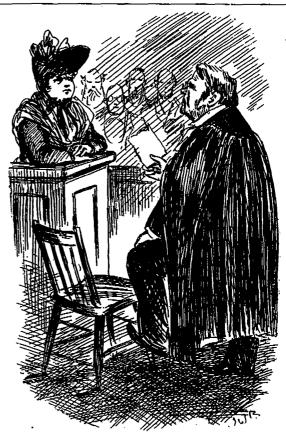
MR. CHARLES DURAND, who has long been a chronic sufferer from the malady known as writer's itch, couldn't allow the Women's Congress to go by without sending a letter to the World, in which he indulges in some sneers at "Yankee women." Of course this was done in the name of "loyalty," for Mr. Durand has been awfully loyal ever since the date of the Mackenzie rebellion. As to the ladies who lately honored Toronto with their presence, the least able of them possesses intellectual powers quite beyond the comprehension of this newspaper bore, and his attempted misrepresentations of their work are deserving only of contempt.



HOMAS RITCHIE, of Belleville, give us your hand! You have a level head, and a sound licart, and GRIP is proud of you! * * * The reader will excuse this slight outburst of enthusiasm, when we let him read the following sentences of solid sense lately delivered by the gentleman in question to a Globe interviewer:—"I am for Free Trade and direct taxation. This system in

force, the people would know exactly what they were paying for government, and if extravagance or misappropriation of the public funds were carried on, the outcry against it would be more prompt and decided than it is now, when the producing classes are humbugged into believing that by some fiscal legerdemain thetaxes are taken out of some other fund than the wealth brought forth by labor."

NE of the greatest abuses of the American judicial system is the latitude afforded to detectives who, as a general thing, are ready to resort to any means to secure a conviction and gain the reward offered. Many an innocent man's life has been sworn away by these wretches for the sake of blood money. The detective system is little better than legalized blackmailing. Things are not quite as bad yet in Canada, but unless a check is put on the high-handed actions of some of our detectives we shall soon be on a par with our neighbors in this respect. It is an infamous thing, for instance, that our Canadian detectives should be allowed to send decoy letters to citizens, offering counterfeit money for sale and then, after entrapping them into negotiations, institute prosecutions for the crime they have themselves prompted. Two or three cases of this sort have already been before the courts, and how many victims have paid blackmail to these rascals to avoid prosecution there is no knowing.



THE INTELLIGENT WITNESS.

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT (cross-examining Complainant)—"Was the defendant's air, when he promised to marry you, perfectly serious, or one of levity and jocularity?"

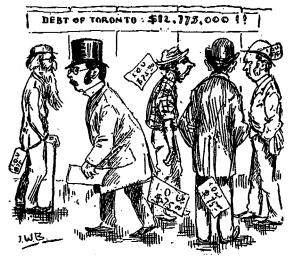
COMPLAINANT—"If you please, sir, it was all ruffled with his running his hands through it."

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT—"You misapprehend my meaning. Was the promise made in utter sincerity?"

COMPLAINANT-" No, sir; it was made in the wash-house!"

"A GREAT NAME."

THE daughter of Alexandre Dumas, Mlle. Olga Marie Jeane Dumas Savy de la Pailleterie, was married the other day to le Comte d'Hauterive. As the young man is well off, it is hoped he will be able to support the young woman's name in its entirety.



THE CITIZEN OF TORONTO, AS VIEWED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE CITY TREASURER.

WHERE'S THE SCREW LOOSE?

IPON a circular sent out by the promoters of the U proposed Children's Aid Society is a very life-like portrait of a poor little barefooted waif, with scarcely rags enough upon him to cover his nakedness. Just above are the words: "In the person of this neglected child a true picture of nineteenth century civilization is presented. you for contemplation."

Men and brethren, let us reason together upon this for

a moment

Alongside of this little vagrant's portrait we may place that of Mr. John Rockefeller, whose annual income is \$20,000,000.

There you have the two extremes of society in an age when inventive power and executive skill of man is equal to the production of more than enough of the comforts of life to satisfy the wants of all the inhabitants of this planet. If each man got a fair return for his labor, and no man got more than he fairly earned, neither of the social monstrosities above mentioned could exist to-day. The screw is loose in the matter of the distribution of the common store of wealth, and it is easily accounted for. Mr. Rockefeller has taken into his own private possession the oil which the Creator graciously deposited in the rocks beneath the surface of Pennsylvania; other fortunate individuals have, in one way and another, become "owners" of the coal-beds, the silver mines, in



GOOD SIGN FOR A DOG KENNEL.

short, the land and all that it contains, and into their private purses flows a stream of wealth, representing the premium which their fellow-creatures have to pay them for the privilege of having access to the elements of nature which are essential to human life. A barbed wire fence is thus built around the natural opportunities to which every willing man might otherwise apply his labor for his own satisfaction, and willing labor is accordingly forced to go hat in hand to beg for work as a favor. But here looms up another of the infernal inventions of human greed and selfishness in the shape of the "Protective" tariff, which still further narrows the space in which starving men must fight for their lives. Goods are "protected," and rendered dear to the consumer, but there is no "protection" for labor, and competition brings down wages to the lowest living point. Then, as the natural revenue of the community—the value which population gives to land-goes into private pockets, the public till must be supplied by taxes, which still further deplete the meagre purses of the toilers. The father of our little waif was probably one of them, and hence his child's rags and hopelessness. Nineteenth century civilization! It is a blasphemy of God!



THE CUTE LITTLE BOY.

A FIELD FOR PERCY-VERANCE.

[One by one our scions of aristocracy are drifting into commercial pursuits. Mr. Percy Vernon, who may one day be Lord Lyveden, has set up as a nurseryman and floral market-gardèner.]

Doubtless when Percy "took to trade,"

In this wise argued he-

A swell who buckles to the spade Preserves his dig-nitee!"

—Funny Folks.

WHAT ho! without!" perchance may cry
His haughty sire, the Duke.
A garden-hoe," he will reply,
"To which I now have took."

"How now! Thy pride of race dost doff, A menial's part to take?'

At honest toil pray do not scoff, I am no useless rake.'



JEAN BAPTISTE'S EXTREMITY IS THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY.



FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

STANLEY—"Were I a good little boy at church, mamma?" MAMMA—"Yes, dear; mamma's own good little boy."

STANLEY-" Did I gwowl wight, mamma?"

Mamma-" Did you what, Stanley?"

STANLEY—" Why, mamma, when the man that shouts like our fishman kept stopping, the peoples gwowled at him; so I gwowled."

MAMMA—" Hold the prayer book fast, darling, if you drop it on the sidewalk the pretty corners might get spoiled"

AT QUEENSTON HEIGHTS.

FATHER—"Look, my son! there is Brock's Monument. It was built to mark the spot where Sir Isaac Brock defeated the Yankees in the war of 1812."

Son—"Yes, I learned all about that at school. Brock was a great hero, wasn't he, father?"

FATHER—"Yes, my boy."

Son—" He and his men killed a great many Yankees, and drove the rest of them over the river, didn't they?"

FATHER—"Yes, and they built this monument so that people might always remember it and hold him in honor."

Son—"Say, father, will they build a monument to Birchall?"

FATHER—"Why, no, my son. What gives you that idea? Birchall is a murderer."

Son—"Yes, he only killed one man, and Brock and his men killed a lot. I suppose if Birchall was to kill some more he would have a monument."

FATHER—"Not at all. Don't you understand? It was very wrong of Birchall to kill anybody. But General Brock was doing his duty. He was told by the Government to kill the Yankees."

SON—"Oh, I see. It's right to kill people if the Government tells you to do it. Then you are a hero, but if you kill them without being told you are a murderer."

FATHER—"Yes, my boy, that makes all the difference. You see, if Brock hadn't killed the Yankees they'd have killed a great many Canadians. But Birchall is just a murderer, and will be hanged to prevent his killing other people."

Son-" Who will hang Birchall, father?"

FATHER—" Oh, the sheriff will pay some man to do it."

Son—"Will the Government tell him to do it?"
FATHER—"Yes."

Son—"And he will be doing right to hang Birchall, won't he?"

FATHER-"Oh, yes."

Son—"Then will he be a hero and have a monument built to him?"

FATHER—"Why, no, of course not. They don't build monuments to hangmen. Only a very low, degraded man would hang anybody."

Son—"But, father, I don't understand. You said Gen. Brock was a hero because he killed Yankees when the Government told him to. If the Government tells the hangman to kill Birchall isn't it just the same? Why wouldn't they call him a hero and give him a monument?"

FATHER — "Because — because — oh, there's an immense difference, you know, between a soldier and a hangman. You can't understand these things now—you'll know when you grow up. Now, don't ask any more questions."

A HOPELESS CASE.

A—"How does Guzzle get along in his new office?"
B—"Oh, he drinks harder than ever. They say
he has a sinecure, but I see no sign o' cure about him."

PROBABLY.

CUMSO—"What does this poet mean by 'a vague unrest'?"

Banks—" The sensation caused by a lobster salad, I fancy."

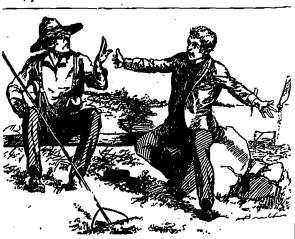
BEHIND HER BACK.

JACK—"What beautiful large eyes Ethel has!"
MAUD—"Very large—capitals, in fact; she is such an egotist."

THE BARBER DIDN'T NOTICE.

BARBER—"Remarkably pleasant man that, who has just gone out. Nice man to talk to."

CUSTOMER—"I suppose you find him so. He is deaf, you know."



A FISH STORY, WITHOUT WORDS.

ALDERMANIC BUBBLES.



EETING of the Council At the City Hall, Quite a crowd awaiting Opening of the ball. Business taxers, single tax-

> Col. French and all, Wasn't there a lively time And many a cheerful brawl?

Entereth His Worship, Prompt to take his seat. quoth he, "this Gents, evening Glad are we to meet Business delegation, Men of sense and weight, Views upon taxation Briefly they will state.

From all sides the question Should be understood, Here are A. F. Jury, Also S. T. Wood. Stalwart single taxers, Who a scheme have planned To load the whole expense upon The owner of the land.'

Gave a good address, Showing how in Montreal They tax the merchant less. Followed by Paul Campbell. Who, in terms concise, Gave the City Fathers Very sound advice.

Caldecott, arising,

Mr. Short McMaster Then addressed the throng. As his name would indicate, Didn't keep them long.

S. T. Wood for single tax Spoke with logic sound, Then A. Jury tried the case, And soon a verdict found.

Business tax," he said, " is good, Single tax is better. Tax on goods and incomes is Often a dead letter. Men who speculate in land In wealth have often rolled, Tax on land, you understand, Will knock the schemers cold."



People in the galleries Cheered both him and Wood, Showing that the single tax Is being understood. Even among aldermen There are those who say, Load upon the land-owner The tax the workers pay.'

Just a quiet pointer To the candidate Who upon electors soon To ask their votes will wait. Note these little straws that show

The waythe wind is set. Come right out for single tax, And see the vote you'll get

As an anti-climax, Wasn't it a pity, Aldermen referred it all To a sub-committee. And the sub-committee will Possibly, some day, Meet and talk and then adjourn In the usual way.

Then a lively wrangle Presently arose, Street Railway Committee Secret meetings chose, Which E. A. Macdonald, Rising to condemn, Hints that something must be wrong With those who favor them.

> " Something there behind the door For these secretive folks. Straightway riseth then the ire Of Alderman M. Vokes. He the imputation

Strenuously denies, Stating that Macdonald In his strictures "lies-

" Under false sions." impres-So the conflict waned, And the dark, mysterious plot Has yet to be explained. Next a long discussion Over cleaning streets, East End crematory scheme Opposition meets.

Half a dozen on their feet, Talking at one time, Who could follow such debate

In either prose or rhyme?

When a resolution passed, Then the row subsided. Those who thought they'd had enough Got up and left as I did.



A SOCIAL HAPPENING; OR, THE PRINCE AND THE WHOPPER.

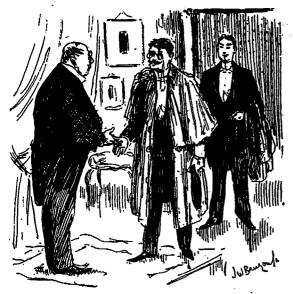
'HE North Atlantic squadron had for weeks at Halifax Been lying idle. Admiral to cabin boy hard tax Their wits-(Hard tack's the stuff, my boy, for body and for

The good ship, spite of all hard tacks, shall reach her port amain. Like other pointed articles they sometimes cause much pain-But I digress. Now to resume what I began to say. Each mother's son, aboard the fleet, to fancy gave full play Yet nothing interesting evolved to while the time away. A few odd dinners, an address, a cricket match on shore, The "clubs" and "citadel" became, each one, a beastly bore. The sailors and mariners got up a negro minstrel show, But, cabin boy to admiral, all found it mighty slow. Twas such a very sleepy place, with nothing going on; (This issue of your paper, sir, will sell well in St. John.*)
The Prince and Admiral took lunch on the Bellerophon, The viands light had been discussed, cigars were lit and smoked In silence, and Sir George amongst the English papers poked, Too ennuyé to notice when the editor he joked. A sudden scurry up on deck—The Admiral roared, "Sam, See what's the matter there." Prince George ejaculated "damn." Just then the steward entered with a scented telegram.

"Dear Prince, come up to Montreal. The season here is fine. Bring all your friends, for friends of yours are also friends of mine: Will meet you at the wharf next Tuesday morning half-past

R. D. McG-bb-n." Upon this the Prince gave an hilloo, Which upon deck was echoed and improved on by the crew.

* N.B.



SELF-CRITICISM.

FATHER (to his son's chum, who is just entering the drawing-room)—"I'm afraid you're leading my son into bad company."

Son's CHUM—"I daresay you're right, sir; he's just behind me!"

And straight the news was carried to the other vessels, too. The signals then and orders flew around like driving hail, And ere the turning of the tide that day the fleet set sail—(A boat's crew left behind came up to Montreal by rail.)

"Oh, what care we for Newport, its society so quick And altitudinous? We know worth two of that a trick, McAllister is very well, but there's another Mc."

With full steam on and all sails set the fleet put out to sea, And up the broad St. Lawrence soon it sailed right merrilee. Quebec was reached, the officers take time to brush their clothes, Then up the stream the *Canada* and *Thrush* each points her

They mean to get there in good time, no matter how it blows.



AUTOMATIC AIR.

MRS. McSpider.—" How did Jimmy and the baby enjoy their trip on the Fresh Air Fund excursion, Mrs. Janes?"

Mrs. Janes.—"Why, since then the baby has believed so for fresh air that we had to get a bellows and Jimmy does nothing else but pump it now"

Next morning early, let us say, at twenty-five to six, The Prince, who had been up all night, said to the pilot—"Dix Piastres shall be yours if you save us from a fix And bring us to the wharf in Montreal at half-past nine; I've made a sharp appointment with a p'tickler friend of mine."

A goodly group of citizens were gathered on the quay All anxious to express their most unswerving loyalty, By means of long addresses—in both languages—mais oui! And when the Thrush came up the stream, the yards and bulwarks manned

By jolly tars, who one and all the demonstration scanned, Prince George stood on the bridge, and, smiling waved his roya hand.

Here the committee raised his hat, while music by the band Mingled with ringing British cheers from both the men of war. Which glided up the harbor and were soon moored to the shore; Twelve "Answers to Addresses" did the Prince take from his store

And wearily insert within the lining of his hat.
But R.D.M. by "savoir faire" saved Prince and people that—
Linked arms, and took the Prince below to have a quiet chat.
"Of course Your Royal Highness will attend the City Hall
Reception. After that there comes a rather scrumptious ball,
With Beauty, Wealth and Fashion—and the supper won't be

A grand lacrosse match has been fixed—I mean—it has been set For Thursday afternoon. Next day, if you're inclined to bet, We'll both attend the races—if the weather isn't wet." 'Twould take too long the doings gay here to enumerate. The host was most assiduous—from early morn till late Attentive he to royalty. 'Twas an affair of State. Each item on the programme rich came off as was set down, It was the merriest, maddest week that ever struck the town. Prince George, on taking leave, remarked that "Mac had done it brown."

An envious few, who hitherto upon the mountain slope Exclusively had entertained the lions, now did mope And ventilate their grievances, expressing loud the hope That "George" would overlook the frequent well-meant gauch

A country editor besides, a man named P—m—lee, Consumed with envy, wrote a witty leader on R.D. Of truth, exalted station hath its drawbacks, for not here Did malice cease her ravings. Far and wide there did appear A most mendacious press despatch, in which, with covert sneer, The Prince and his companions figured in a street affray. The Prince and comrades "downed" their men, while on the

pavement lay,
Their friend (a nabob) who it seemed did not enjoy the play.

Now this was very wicked of that naughty scribbling loon; The Prince—no brawler he—the worst with his companions boon,

He did was to go through a popular ice cream saloon.
"This lying correspondent," said R.D., "I'll make to wince,
A mighty charge I straight will lay, I'll not the matter mince—
I'll vindicate the honor of my guest, the sailor Prince."

No sconer said than done. A correspondence long ensues With Dunlap's Cable Agency which published this as news—In pamphlet form 'tis mentioned favorably by the Reviews—In gilt and Russia leather un edition de luxe.

Destined a copy each for Prince and all the royal dukes, With other kickshaws, freaks and pumpkins large is now on view In the Star window, where all may admire and wonder, too. All I've to say at present's said; 'twill be a welcome job To add the sequence as it comes, That prophet true." Old

ProbAbilities," with foresight keen, has made the pregnant obServation that our next new knight will likely be "Sir Bob."

C. QUERULUS JONES.

CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE.

L ADY DOWAGER—"I am at last thoroughly satisfied that the wife Lord Henry brought from America used to be an actress."

COUNTESS FANGLO—"How did you find out?"

LADY DOWAGER—"I renounced them both yesterday, and she clasped her hands, took three steps to the right, sobbed convulsively for fifteen seconds, and then turning about, towered to her full height and defied me."



THE (UPSHOT (OR RATHER DOWNSHOT) OF IT.

(With acknowledgments to a certain theatrical poster.)



THE SAUL OF LANDLORDISM.

WRATHFUL LANDLORD—"Come out av that! Yez have no right to be on my private property!"

PARTY IN DISTRESS—"H-help! I'm dro-drowning!"

LANDLORD—"Begobs, av yez dhrown there I'll have yez locked up for threspass, so I will!"

"GRIP" AS A REVIVER.

ONE of the best citizens of Western Ontario (whose name and address can be furnished if necessary), frequently declares that he is under a lasting debt of gratitude to GRIP, and will never cease to be a subscriber as long as he lives. He says he had a son who was becoming very shiftless, and seemed to take no interest in anything of an intelligent sort. One day, being in Toronto, the old gentleman purchased a copy of GRIP and sent it home to the boy. It caught his fancy instantly, and he expressed the pleasure it gave him, and asked his father to subscribe. This he did, "and now," says the old man, proudly, "there isn't a boy in the country who knows more about public questions, or takes a keener interest in them than that lad. GRIP woke him up, and saved him, and I can never express the gratitude I feel!"

Perhaps it would pay other fathers of families to try the same pleasant experiment.



OME desultory thoughts have occurred to me during the week," said President Gavelsnoot, "which I will proceed to communicate. I attended the convention of the Association for the Advancement of Women. I was much pleased with the remarks of the President, Julia Ward Howe. She did much for her country during the war. Julia warred how? by her talented pen. Then as I was passing down Yonge Street I noticed a sign 'Auctioneer and Appraiser.' Does it not seem to you, brethren, that this is superfluous, inasmuch as every auctioneer is a-praiser of his goods? Britannia needs no bulwarks, says the poet. Now, why does Britannia need no bull-walks? Because, as it strikes me, it is safest to keep the bull tied up in the barn.'

"But, methinks, it would not do to leave him in charge of a cow herd," remarked Samjones. "While the Secretary is embalming these epigrams in the archives," said the President, "the assistant secretary will please read the communications."

The following letters were then read!

From "Kit" of the Mail.—"Oh, you dear, delightful fellows! You can't think with what interest and appreciation I have read the accounts of your pleasant little symposiums, pervaded with the lively sparkle of wit and the charm of sociability—so different from the humdrum and tedious solemnity of society doings. Why, do you know I have formed mental pictures of all of you. Borax I fancy is a tall, handsome fellow with a bushy brown beard. And Samjones, over whose quaint sayings Theodocia and myself have often laughed-isn't he a rather pale, thoughtful young man with blue eyes and blonde hair? Oh! I would so like to drop in on you some day and make your acquaintance, but Theodocia says it would never do. One must pay some regard to appearances you know in this censorious world. Too bad, isn't it? But some of you will write to me, won't you? Meanwhile au revoir.

Bro. Borax signified his willingness to undertake the duty of corresponding with "Kit" on behalf of the club.

From Col. Erastus P. Hogaboom, stating that he was about to give an evening party and requesting the club to send him a first-class humorist to help him to entertain his guests for which he was willing to pay any reasonable amount.

It was decided to detail Bro. Snodgrass for this duty, and to fix the tariff for this and similar services at fifty

cents per joke, or \$10 for the evening.

"I would advise Bro. Snodgrass to be cautious about offending the susceptibilities of his host by making any puns on his suggestive name," said the President. "For instance, he might not like it if you were to say that to counteract the effects of the McKinley Bill we should try to give the Canadian hog-a-boom. Some people are rather pernickety that way and they must be humored."

"If he didn't want to be humored he wouldn't have

applied for a humorist," remarked Binkerton.

"Have you any jokes in stock suitable for the occa-

sion?" enquired Samjones.

"I've thought of a few. For instance, I shall begin by asking 'Why does Col. Hogaboom give a party?' They will give it up and then I answer 'Because it is his Neat and appropriate. Then I shall deftly turn the conversation on the approaching municipal elections and Mayor Clarke's fourth term, and ask if he thinks he's going to be mayor in perpetuity. That gives me a chance to say 'No doubt he'd make the office hair-reditary if he could.' I shall affect to admire the painting of Paul Peel's which the Colonel bought the other day. 'You won that at a raffle, I suppose,' I will say. Of course he will indignantly deny it. Then I shall appease him by saying, 'Well, it's worthy of Raphael, anyway.' See? I shall tell him that some of his pictures remind me of the Fakir's recently published song 'Major Casey' -because of their nudity (new-ditty.) Catch on? Then I have a whole lot of boarding house dinner table jokes that I can bring in if necessary: I won't repeat 'em here for I guess this crowd knows them by heart, but they may be new in high toned society. Oh, I guess I'll get along all right and make myself solid in the first circles.'

"Well, Snodgrass, old man, I wish you a good time," said the President. "Do your best for the credit of the Club. And now suppose we melt part of the Colonel's

\$10 in advance. What do you say?"

The proposal was agreed to without a dissentient voice.



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J. Renshaw Fadsworth. Peduncle & Co., New York.

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THE PEANUT VENDOR OF MIMICO. A CANADIAN NOVEL. By Ingledew Duxter, LL.B. Fakerson Bros., Toronto.

[Duxter is a good fellow and all that, but why will he persist in thinking he can write? Really, of all the utter twaddle I ever saw—why, it hasn't a redeeming

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Miss Weary—"Because they are fresh."

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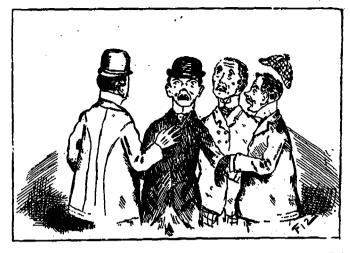
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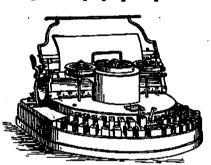
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