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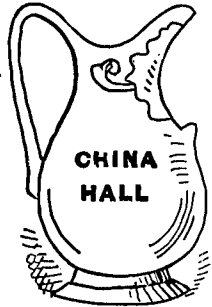
The gravest beast is the Ass.  
 The gravest bird is the Owl.  
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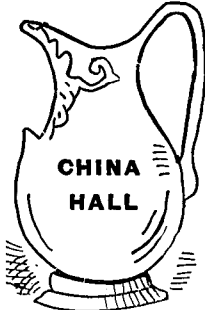
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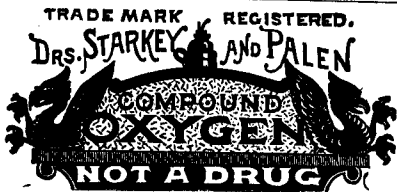
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### Comments on the Cartoons.



COMING TO THE RESCUE.—When Mr. Nash painted the fine picture which we place before our readers this week, he realized in a masterly way the idea of helpless desolation. But he was probably not posted on Canadian politics, and it is a mere coincidence that he happened to picture so accurately the position of the Reform party of this country. We have only been put to the trouble of slightly altering the faces of the unhappy mariners who lie upon the deck, and the whole sketch now fits as well as if it had been done to order. This dismantled, storm-tossed wreck has just as much prospect of getting safely into port as the Reform party has of achieving its purposes unless somebody comes to the rescue. Those purports, as we are given to understand, are vastly more and greater than the mere matter of getting into office and reversing the policy now

in vogue in certain directions. The present leaders of the Reform party promise a decided improvement in the administration of the Government, and they would certainly be poor tools if they couldn't safely promise that and fulfil the promise. And that is by no means unimportant to the country; but is that all the title "Reform" implies? What about the living issues of the day?—the labor problem; the revision of our constitution; manhood and woman suffrage; prohibition of the liquor traffic; the power to make treaties; the abolition of the Senate, etc., etc. How may prominent Reformers be dealing publicly with these topics; how many Reform papers are writing about them? There is a vague idea abroad that the Party has a platform and that some of these questions are in it, but only the select few know for certain. The fact is the ship is aimlessly drifting, and if the leaders are saved from political starvation they will owe it to the only live section of the party—the Young Liberals.

A DEADLY ATMOSPHERE.—The old Canadian fashion of pointing the finger of scorn at the American Congress when political corruption is up for discussion, has gone out. The last Canadian who had that habit emigrated to Dakota some time ago. Intelligent citizens of the Dominion have had the unpleasant truth thrust upon them, that, bad as Washington may be, it cannot compare with Ottawa for unblushing rascality. The moral atmosphere of that city at the present moment is, we venture to say, more odious to right thinking people than that of the American capital ever was. Miss Canada is going to be stifled if she endures it much longer, though, to be sure, her system is a good deal tougher than Uncle Sam's. That worthy person's public servants may occasionally go in for railway grabs, timber limits looting and colonization company brokerage, but when they are found out the old gentleman loses no time in kicking them into extremely private life—sometimes *via* the penitentiary. He doesn't wait for any of the gentry to add insult to

injury by professing to believe that there's nothing wrong about such practises. Miss Canada takes it a great deal cooler—much too cool for her own good name.

THE CANADIAN DAIRY, AS COSTIGAN WOULD HAVE IT.—For a long time the decent people of the United States have been fighting against oleomargerine—a disgusting counterfeit of butter. A great deal has been written and spoken upon the subject, and the fact is now universally known that the "substitute" is not only fraudulent but dangerous. This naturally recommended it to our own Government, and action has just been taken, against strong opposition from both sides of the House, to provide for the manufacture of the filthy stuff in Canada. By a change in the tariff its importation is prohibited, but no persuasion could induce those precious friends of the farmers, the Cabinet Ministers, to prohibit its manufacture and sale as well, for the simple reason that they want to encourage the fraud. This is what our "noble yeomen" get in exchange for their votes. Wonder how they like it?

AN APPEAL TO THE PUGILIST.—Dr. Orton might, the other day, have worked off his pugilistic fit with more credit to himself, if he had undertaken to do a little fighting on behalf of his beloved agriculturists against the Government in connection with their oleomargerine legislation, instead of attempting to regulate the newspaper writers. He not only failed to vindicate his character by his appeal to fisticuffs, but got a jolly good drubbing in the bargain. He might have got beaten in the nobler cause too, but he would at all events have saved his skin and his reputation as the "farmers' friend."



### SYMPATHY.

*Swell.*—Here is a penny, it's all I have got, poor beggar.

*Beggar.*—All you've got? Why I couldn't think of robbin' sich a "poor beggar."

### A "REPRESENTATIVE."

THE Rose Publishing Company have just issued a large and handsome volume entitled "Representative Canadians,"—containing biographical sketches of some hundreds of our more or less public men. Although not a professedly funny book, it contains a few specimens of delicate persiflage, as, for example, the following: "Jas. Beaty, Junr., Q.C., D.C.L., M.P.—Here is an instance of what can be accomplished by a man of integrity, who puts a high aim before him, and unfalteringly pursues his way, doing always the right and his best." It is perhaps needless to say that this was *not* written by Mr. D. B. Woodworth; and that prior to the present meeting of Parliament it described Mr. Beaty as he stood in the public mind. Now, it—well, it calls up visions of railroad grabbery, and sounds decidedly ironical.



THE WASP OF THE SENATE.

(A LIVE SPECIMEN THAT CAN STING AS WELL AS BUZZ !)

AIRLIE'S DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

THE WAREHOUSE,  
April 10th, 1886.

MAISTER GRIP,—The auld proverb, "a skeleton in every closet," has in my humble opeenion done service lang enough in the way o' expressin' the fack that ilka man has his ain domestic troubles, an' by way o' improvement I wad just suggest that the phrase, "There's a mither-in-law in every hoose," be adopted in its stead, as no only expressin' the painfu' truth, but also indicatin' waur an' mair o't.

But gin onybody thinks that I'm the man tae let mesel be saddled by ony Auld Man o' the Sea, faur less ony auld woman, they little ken the mettle o' Hugh Airlie. When I gat hame after ma day's wark that nicht, instead o' dreelin' in in ma ordinar free an' easy mainner, bangin' the door, rattlin' the chairs aboot, an' helpin' masel tae half-a-dizzen roosin' smacks frae ma wife's cheeks, the first thing I sees was Mistress Airlie meetin' me on the door stap, shakin' her fore finger i' ma face an' whisperin' in sae frichted like, "Whisht, Hugh! whisht for yer life, ma mither has jist lain doon for a nap, an' mauna be disturbit. Sit ye doon an' tak aff yer shoos on the door stap there, an' come in saftly on yer stockin' soles. Ma mither says she canna dae without her sleep, an' I dinna think she wad stay wi' us lang gin ye mak' a noise."

Noo, for me tae be requested tae sit doon outside on ma ain door-stap, an' tak aff ma shoos, like Moses afore the burnin' bush, was raily, in ma hungry state, like rubbin' up the birse the wrang way. Hooever, no bein' a swearer, I said naething awa but sat doon, an' whuppit aff ma shoos wi' sic a vengeance that ane o' them flew richt intae the middle o' the road an' dissapeared in the glaur, an' the ither ane, comin' aff wi' a jerk, gaed whurlin' clean ower ma head, smashin' the hall lookin' glass, an' bringin' ma mither-in-law tae the tap o' the stairs

whaur she held forth for a strucken 'oor aboot the seven years ill luck I had brocht on the hoose through breakin' a lookin' glass.

An yet, wad ye believe me, her voice micht hae been celestial music for onything I cared; for at that supreme moment ma wife's words had suggested an idea, a hope. a plan, that filled me wi' joy—even at that oor when the shadow o' me mither-in-law had faen across the sunlight o' ma marrit life, for a' the world like Sawtan lichtin' like a muckle black splairge on the sun's disc, as he came traivellin' on his illprettit journey tae Eden. I apologized very humbly tae the auld leddy, slippit roon for an oor or sae on ma stockin' soles, an' then I gaed out an' bocht a fiddle. On ma road hame wi' ma fiddle in ma oxter, I offered a bit laddie a quarter for a leetle sookin' pup he was carryin'; it was newf-newfin' and yelp-yelpin' at sic a rate that I tuk pity on the puir brute, the mair sae that I saw at ance that it was the verra thing I wanted. I was correck; the perseverance o' that pup was an example tae a' wha wad succeed in life, an' when ma mither-in-law cam doon till her breakfast she declared she never closed an e'e a' nicht for a neebor's dowg yawpin.' After breakfast I sent doon word till the warehoose that I couldna venture oot I was sae ill wi' the cauld; sae I tuk up ma fiddle, an' a' day I scartit an' scrapit wi' a perseverance worthy o' the pup. Tae tell ye the truth, I was heartily sick o't masel, but I persevered a' day, an' the pup he persevered a' nicht, till on ma word o' honor we fairly newfed an' scrapit ma mither-in-law doon tae the station tae catch the nine o'clock train for Hamilton.

Next mornin' I was doon at the warehoose blythe an' early, an' it wad hae done ye gude tae see me struttin' roond the basement wi' a' the importance an' magnificence o' a bubby-jock. Of coorse, I needna say that I received the congratulations o' a' the clerks wi' a dignity that was as natural as it was becomin' tae

Yours victoriously,  
HUGH AIRLIE.



THE Philharmonic Society will sing *Mors et Vita* at the Pavilion on the evening of Tuesday, May 4th.

MR. W. ELLIOTT HASLAM'S Vocal Society will give their first grand concert on the evening of the 27th.

"A NIGHT OFF," a comedy which will be remembered pleasantly by all who saw it on its last visit, is to be the attraction at the Grand during the present week. It is an exceedingly funny and at the same time highly refined play.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S Comic Opera, "The Sorcerer," is to be given at the Grand Opera House on the 28th, by a cast in which the leading amateurs of Hamilton and Toronto will appear. It is singular that this clever piece—one of the funniest of the Gilbert and Sullivan series—has never before been sung in Toronto. This fact, aside from the well-known merits of the singers, ought to ensure a large audience.

“RATS.”

A NEW CATCH TO AN OLD TUNE. DEDICATED TO HARRY  
PIPER, ESQ.

Two white rats!  
Two white rats!  
See how they've grown!  
See how they've grown!  
(Grown to a zoo now, you bet your life,  
With lions and tigers and animals rife,  
Did ever you know such a thing in your life,  
Just two white rats!

TO THE PUBLIC.

FRIENDS AND FELLOW CANADIANS:—

I take this, my earliest opportunity, of announcing to you, through the universally circulated pages of GRIP, that I repudiate all responsibility for the alleged “Farewell Address,” which appeared in last Saturday’s *News*. The editor of that paper has already confessed that the document in question was written by one George Washington, and this corroborative evidence will go to convince you of the truth of my present disavowal. For the affront thus put upon me, I leave that editor to the tender mercies of an enraged Conservative party. My friends and followers—those who know me best—will, I hope, not be slow to appreciate the extent of the insult thus offered me, and to mete out to its author his fitting punishment. Nothing could be more repugnant to my feelings than to be compared to this man Washington, a man whose every characteristic it has been my study to shun in the long course of my public life. And nothing could be further from my real wishes than to have it pointed out that the circumstances of Canada at this moment are, mainly through my influence and as a result of my methods, well nigh desperate. That a Canadian journalist could be found capable of imputing to me at this juncture, the high patriotism, moral greatness, and overmastering earnestness of this man Washington exhibited in every sentence of the address in question, is something I was not prepared for. I don’t know what I have done to deserve such treatment. I am not aware that I have ever given my friends reason to think of me and Washington in the same day. It may be that the facts of our present political situation are truthfully set forth in this document, and that those facts call for instant action if Canada would be saved from destruction, but I am not the man to give myself away by saying so, and if Washington spoke in this way in a similar crisis, it only shows how little tact he had.

Yours, dear fellow Canadians,  
J— A— M—

Is horseradish good for a cold?

A LATE weather prediction says that a long winter is likely to result in a late spring.

THE Knights of Labor are in a great ferment and yet many of them are not working.

WHISKEY straight will set a man crooked. There is only one sure way of taking it straight—to the sewer.

THE New York *Tribune* believes the Panama canal will be completed in the time allowed, because M. de Lesseps is “moving heaven and earth” to accomplish that end. M. de Lesseps would get on faster, though, if he would move less heaven and more earth.—*San Francisco Wasp*.



MOST LIKELY.

*Patrick (recounting his troubles).*—Well, thin, your Riverence, we got behind with the rint.

*His Riverence.*—Ah, that’s bad—and what was that owing to?

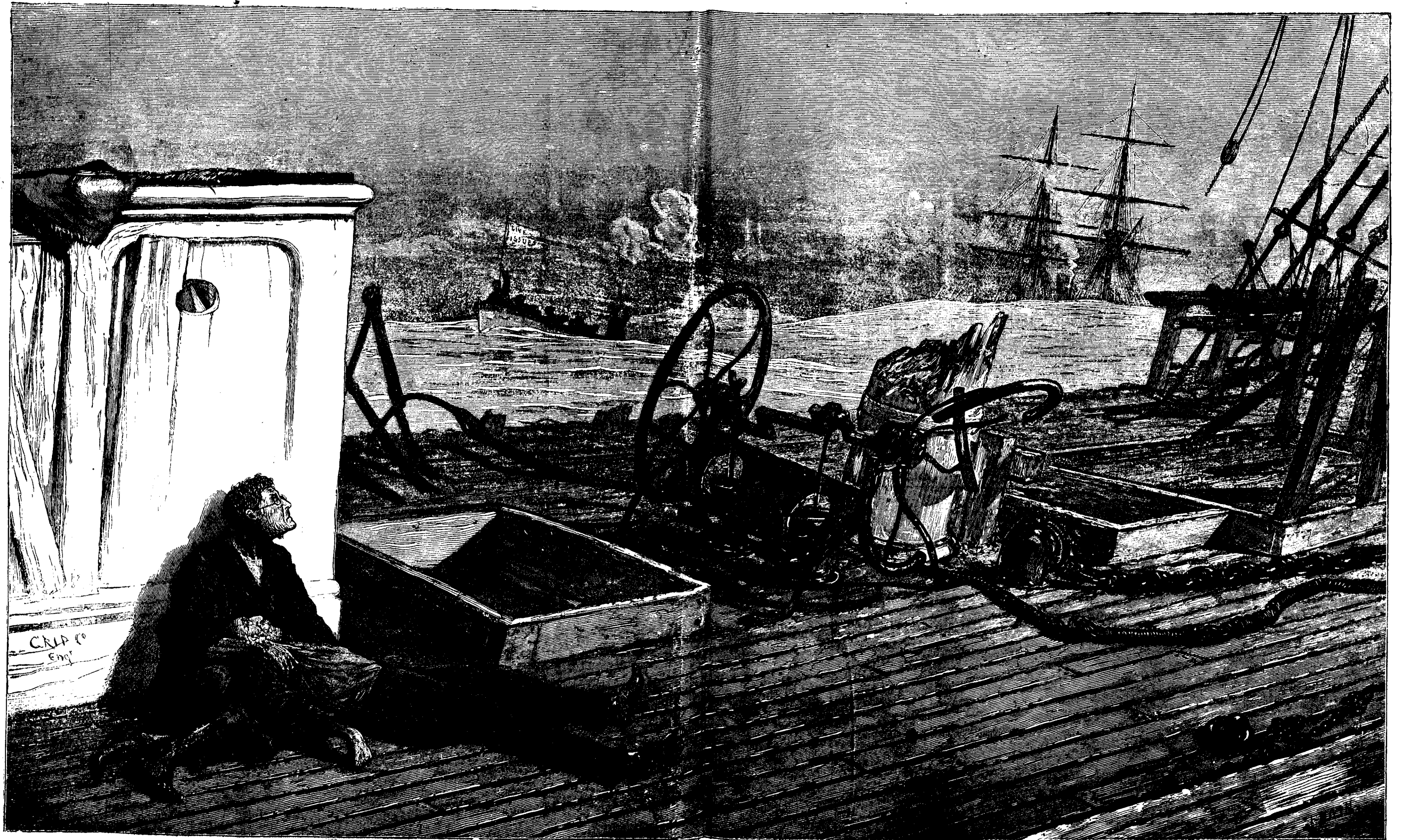
*Patrick (confidentially).*—Well, I believe it was all owing to the landl rd, your Riverence.

THE STONES OF HISTORY.

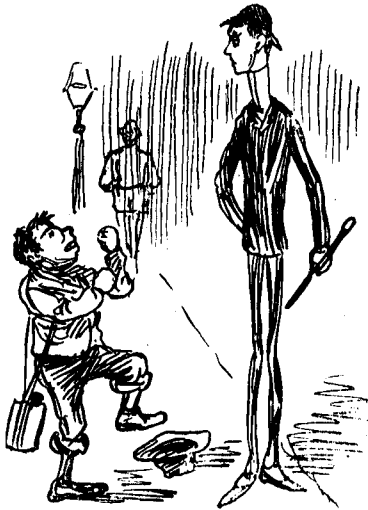
STONES are a hard subject. The heart of a stone is proverbially hard, their history not less so. It would seem paradoxical to say that Jacob had a soft thing as he lay dreaming on that famous stone—but that he did have a very soft thing of it nobody can deny. Then again it was a stone thrown from a sling by the hand of an expert that brought a very soft thing in the way of victory to the descendants of that pawky patriarch.

That historic rolling stone which Jeremiah decamped with—though it may not have gathered much moss during its peregrinations—has nevertheless proved a very soft thing for Dr. Wild and others of that ilk. The Blarney Stone makes a soft thing for everybody all round. Then there is that stone in a church in Rome, with two round holes worn in it by the knees of St. Peter—proving that it must have been a very soft thing indeed. To come down to our own day what a wonderful stone that is in the Queen’s Park, though where it is now—dear knows! The Prince of Wales had a mighty soft thing laying that stone as a foundation for a statue some years ago, and nobody can deny that strenuous efforts are just now being made to make a very soft thing for somebody out of it. God save the Queen! JONATHAN OLDBUCK.

SPRING is somewhat like the top of a great deal of boarding house fruit—*it’s scum*. This joke is like the same use less article, its the result of much working, and don’t amount to much after all.



COMING TO THE RESCUE.



AN AFFAIR OF HONOR.

*Dude.*—See here, boy, if you give me any more impudence, bai Jove, I shall call the policeman.

*Bad Boy.*—O, peeler be jiggered! Come on yourself if you think you're man enough!

JEHOSAPHAT GOES TO SEE THE "MIKADO."



EAR EUNICE ANN:—

I arrived here all right and in good shape, and as the night was kinder rainy and I hadn't nothin' else to do, I thought I would go to the theatre so as I could tell our Mary Jane about it when I got back. When I got to the place I asked the gent who sold the tickets what the play was going to

be, and he said it was called the Make-ado, and was all about Japan. Well, says I, that'll suit me to a tea, but he didn't kind of catch on.

I went in and set down, and pretty soon the curtain went up and here was a lot of fellows, which the man next to me said was the korus, all standing around and lookin' jest like the figures inside Mary Jane's sunshade. All of a suddint they commenced to yell, but I couldn't make out what they was yelling about, though they seemed to be real frantic, until they all begun to yell together "Money! Mōney! Money!" and one little fellow in a blue petticoat who was kneeling down on the floor in front, opened his mouth till it looked like a last year's ground-hog hole. They was ondoubtedly real excited. Then I began to think that these Japanese fellows hed gone out on strike, and they was wantin' to let the people know how the thing stood. But pretty soon they kinder quieted down and went off the stage and I didn't hear no more of them fur a while. Some other fellers made out fur to run the show while they was gone, but all at once they come crowdin' back agin, real turbulent an' noisy like, an' after them came a ugly little cuss in a big gown with an old scythe blade in his fist, an' he started to sing that he'd just got out o' the county jail. At this the korus fellers begun to act most obstriperous, and whenever he said anything about it they tossed up their dibs, as if they was kinder horrified, and yelled "Duffer! Duffer!" This seemed to make the little jail bird onearthly mad an' he capered up and down like a chicken on a hot slap-jack, a'wavin' his ole scythe before all their noses as if he was

oncertain which one to slice up first. They seemed to get kinder scared then an' quit.

Nextthing, in came three real nice looking Japanese girls, about as big as our Mary Jane, only they was all doubled up, and when they walked they wobbled around from side to side, an' I didn't know what ailed them at first till they all up an' sung out in a most audacious fashion that they was three little maids quite full, an' then they was brazen enough to snicker about it as if it was awful funny, and the people all laffed an' apploded them too. I tell you they was a fearful example. From the way the folks took it I'm real afear'd the Scott Act won't ever pass in Toronto.

Soon after that a snappy sort of a woman, somethin' like old Miss Perkins, come rushin' in and she seemed to be real vexed an' disagreeable about somethin' or other, an' she went up to one of the young girls what had been intockicated (but she was sobered up considerable by now) and who had pink cheeks, and she said she'd give her a black eye. But the little one was mighty spunky and not a bit scared of her, an' she walked right round and sassed her there before the crowd, and when old Perkins went for to sass back the crowd started to yell most dreadful, an' when she seen they was all down on her she run out the back door an' got away.

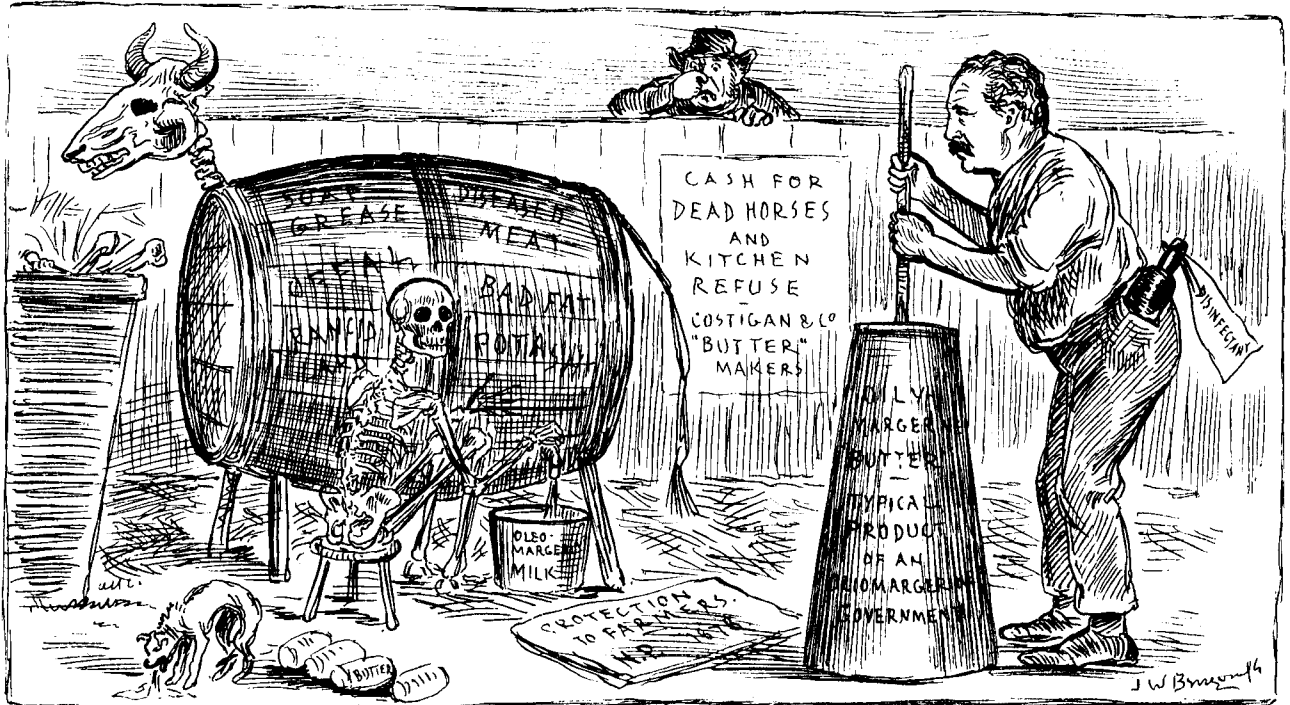
Then a feller come in with a letter for the little jail-bird and it was writ on a big piece of cloth. He didn't go to work an' read it like we do, but he just put his nose down on it an' smelled out the informashing. After he hed smelled it his eyes bulged out most dreadful, and he told a fat man that the Make-ado was a'comin', and I guess he hadn't nothing good to eat in the house 'cause he said as he'd have to go and kill a ginny pig, and then he begun to cry. Then the korus all come on again an' I guess they had been squared, because pretty soon the Make-ado (which he is called because they make so much fuss about him) come along with a lot of fellers holding sunshades over him, an' then the korus fellers started to howl "He's the same 'un, He's the same 'un," though all the people around me said he was a different one to what had been there before. The korus couldn't fool them.

The Make-ado he started to sing but the old Perkins one, she broke in frightful rude, and said she was his mother-in-law, an' he musn't sing nothing but what his mother-in-law select. I was real sympathetic for the way she bossed him around an' abused him. But he soon got over it and made out for to say that his boys hed all gone blind, and then laughed about it like a derved fool. I was so disgusted that I didn't pay no more attention till the little jail-bird he come out an' begun sparking old Perkins, an' he sung her a song about a little bird what set up on a tree and yelled tit-willer, and the little jail-bird he remonstrated with it, but it got real indignant and chucked him into a billowy wave. I guess it didn't want folks to think it was a bird o' the same feather as him. Then old Perkins she allowed she'd marry him (so as she could make him quit singing like she done the old Make-ado) and she asked him if he minded her bein' a little bit bloodthirsty (on account of wantin' to black the young woman's eye, I reckon) and the little jail-bird he said "Don't mention it."

I hed been gettin' disgustfuller and disgustfuller all the time, an' when they got this far I jest up and went out.

Your loving, etc.,

JEHOSAPHAT JEFFERSON.



THE CANADIAN DAIRY, AS COSTIGAN WOULD HAVE IT.

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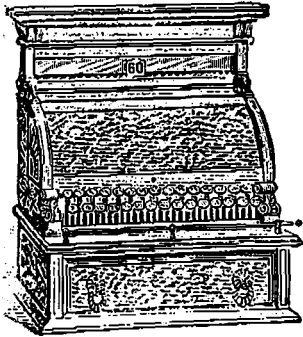
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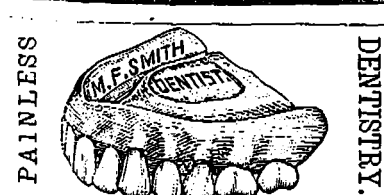
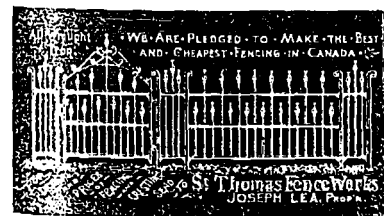
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