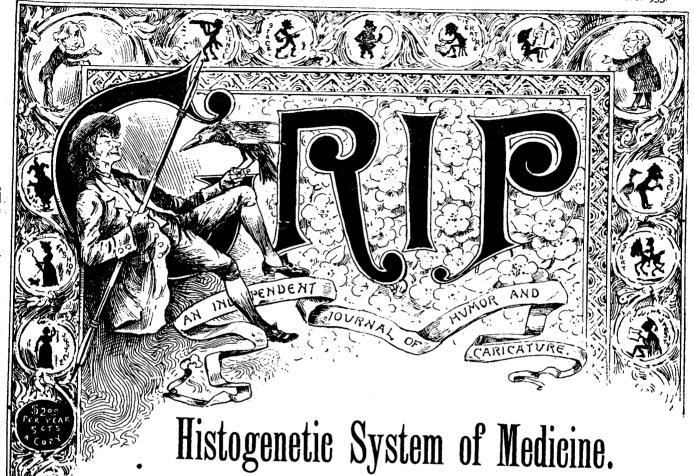
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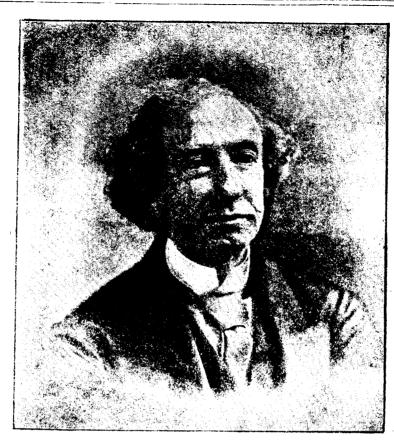
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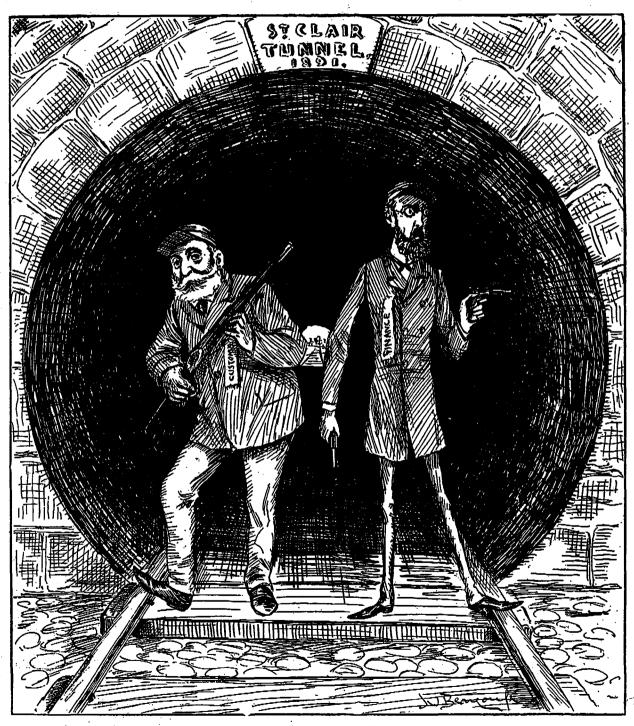
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#### COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



ECORATING SIR HECTOR.-Whitewash has triumphed over blackwash, but the result has been to leave Sir Hector Langevin in possession of a complexion of which he can never be proud. In order to justify the deliverance of the majority of the Tarte Committee, it was necessary to make out the Knight to have been a pitiable imbecile during all the years in which he en-joyed the reputation of being the best administrative officer in the Government. The alternative was to admit that he was a boodler, and the friend and ally of boodlers, as the evidence too plainly proved. For some reason, known only to themselves, the leaders of the Conservative Party de-cided that it was necessary to "stand by

Sir Hector," and they have done so, to the shame of all men who are not past that feeling. They seem determined to have it underare not past that teeling. They seem determined to have it understood that, as is Sir Hector, so is the Conservative Party. It is for the rank and file of that Party to say whether they will submit to this disgrace: Some of the Conservative members in the House have said very emphatically by their votes that they will not, and all honor to them. The next thing to be done, if the Party at large wishes to be clear of complicity with the boodlers, is to visit fitting

punishment upon the misleaders, by refusing any longer to follo them. The result of the debate of last week may be summed up in this: It has done nothing for Sir Hector Langevin beyond deepening the general conviction of his guilt; it has lowered Sir John Thompson in the popular opinion to the level of a political shyster, and it has done more injury to the prospects of the Conservative Party than could have been done by the Grits in ten years of campaigning.

"PROTECTING" THE TUNNEL.-The Grand Trunk Railway Company made a great feast at Sarnia the other day, in celebration of the completion of the St. Clair Tunnel. This tunnel is a wonderful tube which passes under the bed of the St. Clair river, and enables railway trains to pass to and fro between Canada and the United States. At the great feast in question there were distinguished men of all political parties, and representing both countries. Dinner being eaten, toasts were proposed and speeches made. Every orator glorified the Grand Trunk and its distinguished engineer, Mr. Joseph Hobson, and declared the tunnel to be in every sense a most worthy work. Good Conservatives, like Mr. White, of the Montreal Gazette, extolled it as a new bond of friendship between the neighbor nations—and while Canadians and Americans bated no jot of loyalty to their respective flags, they were unanimous in approving the sentiment of goodwill, of which the tunnel was a new and striking emblem. All of which implies enlightenment and common sense. Yet neither of these attributes belongs to the policies in vogue at both ends of the tunnel. Millions were spent in building that work for just one purpose-to facilitate trade, and the Grand Trunk managers are called wise by men who, like enthusiastic idiots, support a Government trade policy, whose end and aim it is to retard trade. Enter-prising capitalists build a tunnel, and an equally enterprising Government stations officers at each end of it to make it as far as possible worthless! What a farce! Is there a Protectionist anywhere so stupid that he cannot see the absurdity of it?



LEADING journal of Manitoba, the Commercial, publishes the startling information, that already 42 000,000 acres of the best land in Manitoba and the Territories have been granted to railways, aside from the vast area that has been handed over to other corporate monopolies and individuals.

The Commercial demands that this policy of dissipating the public domain be stopped at once, and that steps be taken to get back as much of the land as possible. The editor seems to be laboring under the notion that man is a land animal, and that our great heritage in the West can never amount to much if landlordism is allowed to get in between the settler and the land. In our opinion he is not very far astray.

YET our intelligent and patriotic confrere stops short of the real cure. Certainly, as he suggests, the land grants should be forthwith cancelled in all cases in which the parties have failed to fulfil the conditions. But the real, radical cure for the curse of landlordism is the Single Tax, by which the rental value would go into the public till. Rental value is the air which landlordism breathes, and without which it cannot exist. It is, in other words, that value of the land which represents speculative profit. The Single Tax, which takes this for public use, emphasises the idea that God made land for the use of men, not for the benefit of speculators. This is an idea which even the Christian Guardian would hardly gainsay.

WE are a little surprised that as yet none of the ministerial papers in Canada have denounced *Punch* as a Grit organ. The cartoon which we reproduced from that famous periodical last week was as severe upon the boodlers at Ottawa as anything which has appeared in GRIP, and yet nobody seems to suppose that



A STERN CHASE.

EXHAUSTED CONSTABLE- "I'll give—any one—penny (pcof)—to blow me whistle!"—Pick-Me-Up.

it was inspired by any partizan feeling. Why then should Grip be charged with Gritism because, in common with *Punch*, and all other independent onlookers (notably, the ministers of all denominations) we denounce the wrongdoers. That they happen to be Tories, at Ottawa, is not our fault. They happen to be Grits at Quebec, and we have gone as far as facts yet known will warrant in condemning them. Should the finding of the Royal Commission implicate the Quebec Government in the guilt of Pacaud's transactions we will deal as severely with the culprits as we know how.

WE protest against the cry of "Gritism" for another reason. It is doing too much honor to the Grit party. It is only when GRIP has pilloried some species of rascality, or uttered sentiments which ought to command the approval of all people of common decency, that he is howled at as a "Grit." This is practically crediting the Liberals with a monopoly of all that is right, which is going a trifle too far. We simply wish here to give notice that we propose to go right on telling the truth and exposing wrong principles and questionable acts without regard to the howlings of the politicians on either side. They make the facts. If they don't like to be pilloried, let them take care to make no facts but such as are creditable to them.

THEY say that Lt. Gov. Angers was quite right in taking up the Pacaud case and appointing a Royal Com-

mission to make a thorough investigation of it without waiting for the advice of his ministers, some of whom are supposed to be implicated in the wrong-doing. This is held to be sound doctrine by the Conservatives at Ottawa. Well, then, why has the Gov.-General been so remiss in Lis duty? Why did he not take up the Tarte charges and put them into the hands of an impartial tribunal? We would be pleased to hear from that eminent constitutional lawyer, Sir John Thompson, on this point. He might at the same time state what has become of the other sound doctrine laid down in the Letellier case—that a Lt.-Governor is a mere figure-head, and has no right to do anything except take the advice of his ministers.

Is all this whitewashing worth the trouble? Who is it supposed to deceive? The process seems to go on the assumption that the people are fools. Can a vote of partizans, however great the majority, alter facts? What the party managers require to do is to whitewash the evidence.

A PARAGRAPH in this column the other week stated that the Registrar of Waterloo county had been charged with "crookedness." In this we were misinformed. The charge was the milder one of negligence, he having assumed the correctness of certain work done by a deputy, which work turned out to be so incorrect as to let the county in for a loss of some \$6,000. This sum the Registrar made good.

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Of the noble band who held the fort in other days, I would ask, are you paid by fees or by salary?

When you come down to a fine thing, what is the difference between what is called corruption at Ottawa and this buying and paying for support by appointments to offices?

After all, GRIP is of opinion that a full return for the last eighteen years of all those who have not served Mowat for naught would be interesting reading.

#### THE POETRY OF MILLINERY.

PLUGWINCH (reading from Hamilton Herald)—
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MRS PLUGWINCH—" How true and beautiful! I

wonder what metre they are in."

Plugwinch (with a groan)—"Gas metre Mrs. Plugwinch."



EXTRACT FROM A LETTER.

"On LEAVING THE HOTEL, WE PASSED THROUGH AN AVENUE OF PALMS."

#### HISTORY.

AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

WHEN the intrepid voyageur, Christopher Columbus. returned to Spain after his first voyage across the Atlantic, he made haste to pay his respects to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, through whose generosity he had been enabled to undertake his daring enterprise. He felt in duty bound to make his first report to these, his royal patrons, and he took care in the meanwhile to keep out of the way of the newspa er interviewers, who were, of course, laying for him. Without waiting to change his linen or even to have his boots polished, he proceeded to the castle and rang the visitors' bell. The King answered the door personally, apologizing for not having sent Isabella, as that lady was in her boudoir at the moment taking out her curl papers. After shaking hands heartily with the distinguished sailor, Ferdinand showed him into the parlor, and begged him to be seated. Just at this moment Isabella appeared, and most cordially greeted Columbus, gushingly observing that it was "awfully nice to have him back again 'Columbus expre sed his thanks, and was about to begin his narrative, when the king stopped him with a gesture.

"Before you say a word, Chris," put in his Majesty,

"permit me to hand you a little present, as a testimony of esteem from myself and the Oueen."

So saying, he, with courtly grace, handed the great navigator a parchment roll, neatly tied with red tape.

"Don't mind examining it just yet," said the king. "Be so good as to proceed with your report. How did the scheme pan out?"

Columbus at once entered on an interesting account of his voyage, detailing his many hardships and the glorious reward of his perseverance and heroism. Incidentally he mentioned, with pardonable pride, that he had made the fastest Atlantic trip on record.

"Ho! ho!" exclaimed his maj sty at the conclusion of the recital, "and so you discovered a continent, hey? Bully for you, Chris! I knew your head was level and so did Bella here, although everybody else called you a crank. I presume you planted the flag of Spain upon landing?"

"I did, your majesty
—I may even say, you
bet I did," answered Co-

lumbus with a low and courtly bow.

"Which act according to international law," said Ferdinand, "constituted the Crown of Spain the owner of the property by right of discovery."

"Precisely so, your Majesty," replied Columbus.

"You're a positive old duck, that's what you are "exclaimed the emotional queen.

"We will not detain you longer just now," said the king, "as we are due at the Opera in half-an-hour; but I trust you will find our appreciation of your services adequately expressed in the little present I have given you. Good evening, Mr. Columbus.'

Columbus, having taken a formal farewell of the queen, proceeded to his home, where he greeted his wife and children with great cordiality. Of course, after tea he gave them a full and particular account of his adventures, winding up with his visit to the castle. "And now," said he, in conclusion, "let us have a look at this present: I am really curious to know what it can be."

"Boodle, I'll bet!" exclaimed his eldest boy, a shaver

in his teens.

"Bring the scissors, missus," said the great commander, and they were brought at once. The red tape was quickly severed, and the parchment unrolled. "A title-



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deed from the Crown!" said Columbus, holding the document open, "signed, sealed and delivered!"

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anxiously.

"Building lot nothing!" roured her husband. \_ "Lis-'Granting to Christopher Columbus, his heirs and assigns for ever, all that parcel or tract of land, whatever it may be, that he has discovered as the agent of Spain."

"Gracious!" ejaculated Mrs. Columbus. This means

that you are the owner of-

"Of the continent of America. Exactly," continued her husband, "and a very handsome little estate it is, too."

"Oh! isn't that splendid, Chris, my dear," said the overjoyed woman. "Just think what we can make sel!-

ing off lots when the boom sets in!"
"Sell off nothing!" said Columbus, with unusual "Look here, madam, I believe with the editor of the Christian Guardian, that forethought and prudence are admirable qualities which deserve to be rewarded, and I'm going to display them. I will never sell an inch My title to it is straight and clear, and I'm going to keep it in the family. No Columbus from now to the end of time need do a stroke of work if our fellowmen want to use the continent of America as a place of residence."

"True!" said Mrs. C. "I see the wisdom of that." "We won't sell an acre of it; we'll only grant leases," said Christoper thoughtfully, "and I'll put a condition in my will absolutely prohibiting any future Columbus from departing from this policy. Just think what a position our family will be in in the nineteenth century, when there will be about 100,000,000 people living in America.'

"You bet there'll be boodle for our folks!" exclaimed

the eldest boy.

And that night before the family retired, Columbus, who was a pious man, returned thanks to the bountiful Creator for having made a beautiful continent for the exclusive benefit of the Columbuses.

ABOUT this time of the year the grass widow seeks new pastures.

#### SPORTING ENGLISH.

MRS. GUIDMAN (not initiated in the mysterics of turf slang) reads in our sporting contemporary:

"' Maw Dess' trotted smoothly until she reached the third quarter post, where the pace became so furious, the little mare left her feet entirely, and on the home stretch she made several bad breaks, falling behind in spite of the hard pushing of her driver, and only securing fourth place."

Land sakes! cried Mrs. G., to think of them cruel jockies running the horse till its feet drop off, and then whipping the poor brute around on its stumps till its legs break over and over again I declare, I'll bring the matter up before our Humane Society at its very next

meeting!

#### SUGGESTIVE OF CORRUPTION.

SIR HOGGERY GRABSNEAK—"I saw you at the carriage parade in Queen's Park yesterday. Good idea, isn't it, to give a more aristocratic tone to our society.

HON. PERCY BEWDLER-"Yes; but I do wish the beastly papers wouldn't keep alluding to it as 'Rotten

Row.'

SIR HOGGERY—" Why, that's English, you know."

Hon. Percy-"I suppose it is, but in this country, hang it all, it's too blamed suggestive of the way we got our money. Gives cads a chance to sneer, you know."

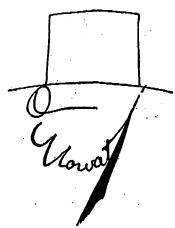
#### TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

DUDERLY—"Aw, how goes it, old man? Glorious weather, ain't it?

MASHERTON-"Some people like it, I suppose, but it'll bankrupt me if it keeps on much longer."

DUDERLY—" How so?"

MASHERTON-" Why, you see, it costs a man twice as much as usual to go round with the girls. Oysters are in season and ice-cream hasn't gone out yet, and between the two you know—Say, lend me a dollar, old fellow, will you?"



#### SIGNATURE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

#### IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT!

WAS alone. The winds wierdly howled through the seared, shivering trees, and the pale moonbeams cast about me shadows, like the ghosts of the departed. At my feet rolled a mighty sea. And as each wave br ke on the rock-girt shore fearful forms rose from the water and came, with demonish eyes, toward me. Monstrous coiling serperts, hissing poisonous fire from their awful jaws; roaring sea-green lions, dripping with sea-weed, clinging and coiling about which I could see thousands of little reptiles. Awful! Awful! Hideous grinning monsters of all descriptions rose, howling from the waves, and advanced into the sombre solitude where I sat enchained. Nearer, nearer, I felt their hot breaths, and their glaring eyes seemed to pierce to my very soul. In vain, I tried to throw off the chains which bound me. I must await in silence my awful doom.

And now from amidst the foliage in which I sat, rose hissing and wriggling lizards, glistening adders and all venomous creatures imaginable, and came toward me. My naked body was now enveloped with the awful plague! Writhing, clammy coils encircled my arms. Poisonous darts pierced my flesh. Chill death seemed to be pressing from my body the breath, yet I died not.

But as I sat there in unspeakable agony, sweet strains of music, like the ripplings of a heavenly sea, broke on my ear. Far, far distant was the sound, but ever coming nearer. Sweeter, sweeter grew the strains as the night winds wafted them towards me. And as darkness flees before the steps of smiling Dawn, so fled my agonies before that sphere-tuned music; and the waters, before angry and boisterous, now broke in crested ripples at my feet. And now, on the far moonlit sea, appears a light skiff, burdened only by the form of a beautiful maiden, robed in dazzling brightness, and bearing in her hand some strange musical instrument. Nearer, nearer she comes. Now her skiff grates on the pebbles; and now with soft love-pleading she beckons me. "O, my heart's goddess!" I exclaim; "O, my heaven-sent guardian, forever wilt thou be mine—only, only mine!"

And with this, I spring madly from my seat to embrace her—and fall headlong out of bed, skinning my shins on a boot-jack, striking my head against a dressing table, and thus being caused to half swallow my false teeth and to break a \$5 bottle of moustache elixir! I had been eating green cucumbers before retiring. It was a dream!

A. L. McNab.

#### THE CONTRARY JUDGES.

Many birds of many minds, Many birds of many kinds, Many fishes in the sea, Many men that don't ageee. 'Thus, when we were girls and boys, Ran our writing exercise; Not a great poetic gem, But good practice on the "m." Little thought, indeed, we gave To the sentiment so grave, Hidden in the simple rhyme Which we copied many a time. Now that we are grown to years, Its profundity appears, And it voices, as we see, Nature's vast diversity. Line the first and line the fourth Are particularly worth Noting as a truthful "saw," Applicable to the law. In those Courts where judges sit Evenly, they're sure to split! Here in the Divisional Every case the criers call Comes before their lordships (two), And agree they never do; So it's carried to Appeal, Where it fares about as well, For four judges sit up there And divide off pair and pair. Then the suitor, sick and blue What is he, poor wretch, to do? Take his case to the Supreme, That's his only hope, 'twould seem. Now, to mend this state of things, GRIP a wise suggestion brings Justice seems to be encumbered With our judges even-numbered; Let them sit in threes and fives, And save unlucky suitors' lives.

#### A SAMPLE SUGGESTION.

BELOVED GRIP—Couldn't you make something out of this Mitylene affair? I don't exactly understand what it's all about—something which points to the possibility of war between England and Russia, I'm told—but the name is suggestive—Mitylene—mighty lean—see? You could work in something about Russia having a mighty-lean harvest. Would the Czar stand alone in the event of war, or might'e lean on other powers for aid? How's that? There's an idea there somewhere, but you can fix it up to suit yourself. I suppose you don't pay for suggestions of this sort, but if you use it please send me four copies. Yours, etc.

AMATEUR HUMORIST.

#### THE HOME APPLICATION.

MRS. MACTAGGART (to her guid man on his return from the rink, Sunday morning)—"Weel, an' hoo did ye like Mr. McNeill? Wis he sae verra extra?"

MR. MACT.—"Woman, he wis simply gran'. The way he welted that Pharisee bodies would ha' done your hairt guid! You would ha' simply been delichted!"

MRS. MACT.—"John, ye do me wrang. It wad gie me nae delicht to sit an' listen to you gettin' a tongue thrashin'!"

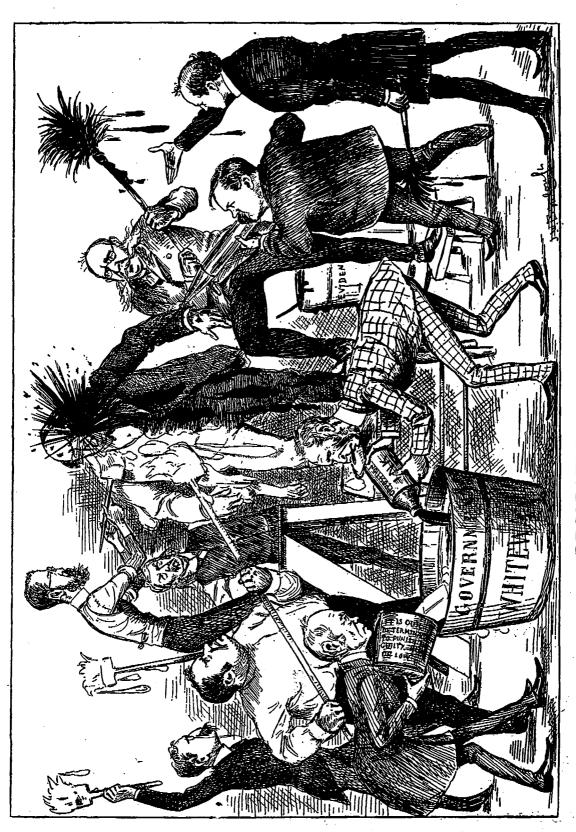
#### EXPECTED TOO MUCH.

IST REPORTER—" Any news at City Hall?"

2ND REPORTER—" No; not a scrap."

IST REPORTER (recalling the Bell-Saunders discussion)

—" No; I suppose not. You don't surely expect a scrap there every day, do you?"



#### THE NEW MORAL ETHICS.



"Stop thief!"



Caught Red-handed.



"Yes, boss, it's true I took the money out of the shop-till, but I didn't take it for my own personal benefit; I took it for the funds of our ball-club."



"Ah! in that case, of course, it's all right. We beg your pardon, young feller."



The rising statesman goes off in triumph.

#### AS IT REALLY HAPPENS.

' HAVE a little poem here,
The bard observed with dread,
For awful tales of poets' doom
He oftentimes had read.

"All right," the editor exclaimed,
"Come in; I'll read it now."
He scanned the scroll and never frowned,
Or knit his beetling brow.

"That goes," he said. "Here, set this up, We can't for poems pay— Take some exchanges if you wish. Warm, isn't it? Good day."

#### ANOTHER WAGNER DIFFICULTY.

SPECIAL FROM OUR PARISIAN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—An untoward incident has occurred which demonstrates the the depth of the hostile sentiment towards Germany—The Chemin de Fer de Nord Ouest has recently made some improvement in their accommodations by adding several Wagner cars to their rolling stock. A violent article appears in L'Assommoir, calling upon the populace to rise and resent the insult by demolishing the hated symbol of Teutonic nationality. "Shall the soil of la belle France," it says, "be desecrated by this foreign vehicle bearing a name associated in the mind of every Frenchman with Prussian insolence and brutality?" The article has created the greatest sensation in diplomatic circles, and it is feared that strained relations will result. A mob surrounds the railway station, waiting for the train to come in.

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Government has declared that the Wagner cars must be protected. All the newspaper organs of the left and left centre publish articles assailing them for their poltroonery in the face of Europe. The railway station and houses of the directors of the line are guarded by gensdarmes, and about 200 arrests have been made. The mob are singing the Marseillaise very much out of tune, and shouting "a bas Wagner!" A colored man suspected of being a Wagner car porter has been killed. Otherwise, quiet prevails. The Government has bought a new hat for an attaché of the German embassy, to replace one smashed by the mob, and forwarded him a neatly worded apology, engrossed in the highest style of art. It is hoped, by these energetic measures, that the modus vivendi may yet be maintained.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—The excitement continues. All the windows of a Wagner car have been broken. The Government have placarded the city with posters, stating that Wagner, the car man, is not the composer of

"Lobengrin." This gave rise to a brilliant mot, which is circulating freely through the salons, that Wagner's music is not car-tunes. The radical press denounces the Government's action as a transparent subterfuge. L'Assommoir says, in addition, "the honor of la belle France must be maintained at any cost." The mob are singing the Marseillaise. There were only ninety-two arrests made to-day.

Paris, Sept. 26.—Order is completely restored. The firm action of the Government has paralyzed the malcontents, and by a judicious concession to public opinion, the obnoxious name "Wagner," has been removed from the cars. An apology has been made to the German ambassador, and it is understood that several editors of the radical press will be prosecuted. The Left Centre bitterly assail the Government, but all danger of immediate hostilities has been happily averted.

#### THE BELL-SAUNDERS MILL.

BY "GRIP'S" SPORTING EDITOR,

COME listen awhile, brother sports, till I tell
Of the scrap between Aldermen Saunders and Bell,
An encounter the greatest of poets might sing,
Recalling the palmicst days of the ring.

The Committee on salaries met to discuss, And wound business up with the usual fuss, For Saunders excitedly said that, "begosh, What Alderman Bell said was nothing but bosh."

Then Alderman Bell in his turn grew irate, And requested of Saunders his reason to state. But "bosh!" replied Saunders, and so they waxed warm, Until the Committee broke up in a storm.

Outside of the Chamber foregathered the twain. From further encounter they could not refrain. Their language grew loud and their anger rose higher, Till Saunders, indignant, said, Bell was a liar!

Oh, had I the pen of a Homer to sing, The feats which these heroes performed in the ring. (Now do not, kind reader, be too catagorical— The "ring" that I speak of is just metaphorical.)

The wrath of King William was awful to see. He drew himself up and exclaimed, "This to me?" Then striking a gladiatorial pose, Got in his left duke upon Saunders' nose.

Though Saunders was staggered, he rallied at once. And guarding himself from a rap on the sconce, Squared off in good form as the ring ever saw, And rattled King Billy with one on the jaw.

Round two—Both the sluggers came smiling to time Bets in favor of Billy—twelve cents to a dime.
Bell forcing the fighting and making good play,
Saunders seeming desirous of slipping away.

After feinting by Saunders, Bell gets in his right, Saunders strikes from the shoulder with all of his might, Taking Bell on the mouth and encouraging hopes Of his backers—then deftly slips down at the ropes.

Round three—Saunders groggy, he clearly begins To wobble uncertainly round on his pins. Bell, though showing some punishment, feeling first-class, With a hit 'twixt the peepers sends Saunders to grass.

Round four—Interruption by Alderman Hill, Whose conduct uncalled-for in stopping the mill, When the scene was affording the height of diversion, Seems to call for much serious animadversion.

The event is historic—'twill live I'll engage For many a year upon history's page. And fathers to children the story will tell Of the elegant scrap between Saunders and Bell.



#### CAUSTIC!

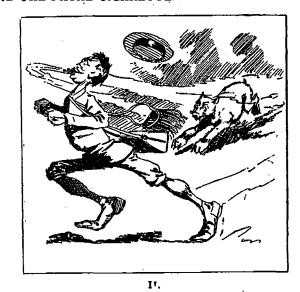
JACK—"You reject me. Then I shall never love again!"
MAUD—"Why? Am I your only wealthy lady friend?"

#### JOHN DRYDEN'S ESCAPE.

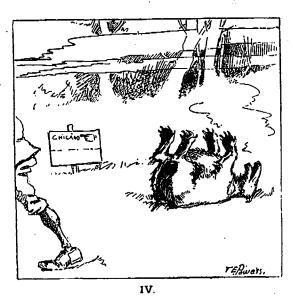
HON. JOHN DRYDEN, the distinguished quartette, has a special distaste for everything in the complimentary banquet line. (We call the Hon. John a quartette, because he is four distinct men, or, at least, is doing the work of four men, which is the same thing practically; 1st, he performs the duties of Minister of Agriculture, which are enough for one man, and no slouch at that; and, he personally manages a four-hundred acre farm, which is as much as another good man could do; 3rd, he superintends the travelling dairy and all the farmers' institutes in the Province-enough work to fully employ another able-bodied person; and 4th, he is, during the present season at least, making the circuit of the fall fairs, delivering speeches, etc., which furnishes work enough for still another fellow). Well, we set out to tell how the poor gentleman escaped being bored to death a few evenings ago by a most fortunate accident He was on one. of his fall-fair missions in a town up in the west, and after the labors of the meltingly hot day were over, he was hankering for his bed with great hankeration, seeing that he had to leave for his next engagement very arly in the morning. It was then broken to him by one of the local magnates that a grand complimentary banquet was to be tendered to him that evening, to commence about ten o'clock. Hon. John is a submissive man with a martyr spirit, and he refrained from assaulting the important local personage, but he made up his mind that there was no sleep for his weary eyelids that night, at all events. He knew he was in for a lot of dreary twaddle of formal toasts and speeches that would worry him until about three o'clock a.m. He only smiled a wan smile, and thanked his informant for the intended honor In due

#### THE FEROCIOUS GRIZLEY AND THE FATAL CIGARETTE.









course he sat down at the table, which as usual "groaned beneath," etc., etc.—though it didn't groan more than the guest of the evening. There was a chairman and there was a vice chairman, and a regulation list of toasts, with most of which were "coupled' two or three distinguished local names. The chairman was a Grit; the vice a Tory. To this latter fact the Hon. John owed his escape from death by slow torture. The chairman proposed the toast of the "Dominion Parliament," and called upon a somewhat radical politician to respond. This gentleman, who had four-horse lung power, launched into a speech full of new and startling ideas. He declared for the immediate dissolution of Confederation, and the political emancipation of Ontario, and he was going on in this strain when the vice-chairman, overcome by the radicalism of it all, got up in a furious rage and left the room. By twelve o'clock the chairman's list of toasts had been exhausted. "The rest of the toasts, gentleman," said that worthy, "are in the hands of the vicechairman, but I don't seem to see him here." "No, sir, and you won't see him again to night," said one of the guests; "he's gone home disgusted at Blatherson's speech." "Then," said the chairman, "nothing remains to be done but sing 'Auld Lang Syne,' and break up this pleasant affair." The gusto with which Mr. Dryden joined in the chorus was something remarkable, but nobody there suspected how much of an anthem of praise and thanksgiving it was to him.

#### TO THE NEW REGIMENT.

"IN time of peace prepare for war"—
The maxim true each patriot grants;
But why, if strife you're looking for,
Begin by taking off your—ahem—going into the
Highland costume.

IT sometimes happens that a baseball player is knocked cold by a hot ball.

#### THE BALLAD OF THE HORSEWHIP.

A BERLIN DITTY.

T was an editor right bold, A man of Lib.-Con. views Well known abroad as Peter X., Who ran the Berlin News.

Who loved his party and its ways And shared its every fate, And hated Grits of every sort With deep and bitter hate.

And over and above them all The recent Registrar, 'Gainst whom the Berlin Daily News Waged a relentless war.

Impaling him from day to day
Upon a gall-tipped pen,
And holding him aloft to scorn As the very worst of men.

At last the Registrar that was Grew weary of this game, And deemed that it was now high time To vindicate his name.

"I'm blowed if I will longer stand," Says he, "this fellow's lip," So forthwith he went out and got A heavy riding whip.

And when the News man came along, As usual, looking spruce, The Registrar that was jumped out And whaled him like the deuce!

The whip-lash whistled in the air, And twined round Peter X., A-scattering of his walking cane, And Christy hat, and specs.

And causing that astonished man To hustle under cover, And stay there, paralyzed and sore, Until the storm was over.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," And gives a galling nip, But Peter isn't very sure It hurts more than the whip.

#### THEY WENT BY INVITATION.

CHORTY—"Say, Snoozer, le's take in Rotten Row." SNOOZER—"Aw, come off the roof! Yer talkin' through yer hat. Wy, they'd run us in first thing."

SHORTY—"Run in nawthin! We're in it, pardner! Jest listen to this outer the Mail—(reads):

The second drive of the season will be held to day in Queen's park from 4 to six p.m. The full band of the Q.O.R. will be in attendance. Hundreds of citizens who prefer for purely health purposes to walk round are invited to be present, as special arrange. ments have been made for their comfort.

"That's jest our style ain't it? We do our walkin' fur

purely health purposes—sce?"

SNOOZER—"By Jiminy I guess your right, cully. We're in it sure 'nuff. Special arrangements fur our comfort. Why, that means some kind of a lay out. Git a move on pard, afore the lunch is all gone. This is a picnic for us."

#### THE ORIGINAL MAN OF STRAW.

ASPAR—"That speaker does nothing but hammer at men of straw.

HAYSEED-"Thet's the way. Everyone hammers at the poor farmer."

#### CHATTER.

JACK-"It seems to me that there is nothing cold about Ethel."

Tom -"That's the impression she gives all the fellows when she wishes them to buy ice-cream for her."

> Why the bards call springtime "gentle,"
> Is a puzzle, I declare; For we then have bills, house-cleaning, Carpet-beating -loads of care.

MAUD-" I sometimes have the strangest dreams." Jack—"Do you ever dream of me?"

MAUD-"O, no. Though my dreams are sometimes strange they are never absurd."

RECENT GRADUATE-" Do you think I am suffering from swelled head?"

Sanso-"O, no. You do not seem to be at all pained by it. On the contrary you appear to enjoy it."

> BEFORE her brand new bathing suit, She in her purse had laid away, She musing asked "When I wear this I wonder what will the wild waves say?"

"Bridget, darlint, I have come to larn me fate." "Sure an' I think if yez don't be aff wid yez moighty suddint, it's me father's fate yez'll git acquainted wid.

"Grandeur is in little things," sangthe poet, and a microb that heard him immediately became so puffed up with vanity that it became visible to the naked eye.

> My lady love is kind as fair And vows that she'll be mine, Because I swear her golden hair Is eighteen carats fine.

HAMLET (in Chicago) - "Now could I drink hot blood."

Voice—"All right, old man. Come out to my stockyards and I'll give you all you want of it."

WHEN a man feathers his nest he does so with feathers taken from the historic wings of riches.

> SHE tripped along the crowded street;
> Her form I can't forget; Methinks she somehow tipped my heart, Because it's all upset.

JASPAR—"What do you think of this system of acting plays in the open air?"

JUMPUPPE—"Well, if the actors are fleet-footed it at least gives them a chance for their lives.

> ONCE I was a bare-footed boy, And oftentimes I long to feel The boastful joy that thrilled me when I had a stone-bruise on my heel.

JACK—"They say that that fellow has loads of dust." Tom-"I wonder if we can induce him to blow some of it in."

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MRS, BILLUS—"Twenty-seven dollars, just about half what I expected."

"Did you tell him you thought it was cheap?"
"Certainly."

(Much provoked.) "Just like a woman; Now I'll have to hunt up some other man to put that new roof on the coal house.'

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THE WIFE (3 a. m.)-" When you married me, did you not promise to love, cherish and protect me?"

HE (sleepily)—"Yes."
THE WIFE—"Well, then, get up, light the gas, and kill that mosquito."-New York Sun.

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HE (ardently)-"Miss Milcove, I want you to love and trust me."

SHE—" Aren't you getting love and tailors mixed up?"—Brooklyn Life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER-" Johnny,

who was the prodigal son?"

JOHNNY—"Oh, that was the fellow that went away a dude and came back a tramp." -Puck.

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JACK—"Pay my check, too, will you? I have not anything in my pocket but a thirtydollar bill.

DICK—" What kind of a bill is that?" JACK—It's a bill for this suit of clothes I have on."

THE "Progress of the World," the "Record of Current Events," and the "Leading Articles of the Month" are popular depart-Articles of the Month are popular departments in the Review of Reviews, which, if read from month to month, will furnish a fairly complete understanding of the movement of events and of opinion throughout the whole world. These departments are especially full in the October number, and are profusely i lus-

HARRY-" How is it that Bronson is always broke?"

JACK—" He married a girl warranted to be as 'good as gold' on the assumption that she must be worth something."—Lake Shore News.

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BRINKS-" It seems strange that you should have married, after having been steward of a bachelor's club so long."

FRINKS--" Well, yes; you're a married

man, aren't you?"

Brinks—"No."

Frinks—"What is your business?"

Brinks—"I'm agent for a matrimonial bureau."—Lake Shore News.

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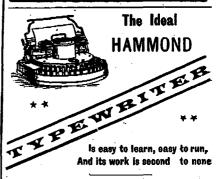
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