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In previous advertisements I have overlooked the words "Assessment System," which should appear as above. This oversight seems to trouble some worthy individuals, and that 6 their peace of mind may not be further disturbed I will, in future, be careful to have our colors unturled. Extract from speech of Hon. R. M. Wells at the annual meeting held at the Home Office, Porter Building, N.Y., on January 27th :
businesg. President, I recall with pleasure the time when I first met you; it was in Ottawa. You came there asking for a licenge to transact Insiness in Canada, and you brought with you a fat package containing $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 , 0 0 0}$ of treasury notes, in order to make the deposit required by the -arance Act.
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But that the one thing won the fight, and we obtained our license, and berino, sited in the Act a clause obliging allassessment companies to put the caption Assessmont 8ystem" ", and the one thing only. they forced upon us, weve circular issued by assessment companies. it was intended as a siur, but has proved an honor, it of every advertisement publishot the oriffamme of this Association. You will see it wherever the fight is thickest, and when ver your President calls :

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A GREAT LIGHT BURSTS UPON 'EM.
(Vide Opent Letter to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier by Tohn Crerar, Q.C.)

 the gravest fís is tge opster; tbe gratest man is tge foot.

TORONTO, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 8892.

## GRIP'S HUMOR COMPETITION.

We, the judges in the IIumor Competition, which closed on the rst inst., have carefully examined the numerous manuscripts sent in in accordance with the rules governing the contest. We have found considerable difficulty in reaching a decision on account of the numleer of contributions of a high standard of excellence submitted to us, there being a great many meritorious articles in prose and verse which appeared to us little, if at all, inferior to those selected. Considered from the standpoints of intrinsic merit, suitability and general interest, however, we find the following on the whole the best articles submitted, a $\cdot$, award the prizes as follows:

1. "Lucky Jim" John West.
2. "Jamesie." T. Cockburn, 28 Division St., Toronto.
3. "Foreign Missionary Mecting." F. A. Belcher, 41 Scott St., Toronto.
The name of "John West" signed to the contribution receiving the first prize is confessedly a pen name, the author stating that he did not wish his name and address given. Unless he is willing to permit their publication, as evidence of our good faith with the public, we shall be reluctantly obliged to pass over his contribution, advance the other prize winners to the first and second places respectively, and award the third prize to one of the other contributors.
J. W. Bengough, Phillips Thompson, J. V. Wright.

Grip Office, Marcit 10, 1893.

## COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



Banished. - The Mercierite forces were routed horse, foot and artillery, in the Provincial elections on the 8th. It was a perfect Waterloo - "rider and horse, friend foe, in one red burial blent." The Lieutenant-Governors action in dismissing the Ministry was gloriously vindicated, and boodleism was visited with something like adequate punishment. Quebec, and more especially the Liberals of Quebec, deserves the thanks and praise of Canada. For, unless the members of Mercier's own party had revolted, no such majority could have been given to the new Government. The result will have the effect of wiping out some of our country's disgrace, but we cannot expect to stand really well with the respectable world so long as our virtue remains lop-sided. The Grit boodlers of Quebec have been settled with, but as yet the Tory boodlers at Ottawa have gone unwhipped of justice. Had a similar procedure been followed - had the Gov.-General insisted on an impartial investigation into the charges against Langevin, Chapleau, Caron, Haggart, et al-the result might bave been as gratifying as that in Quebec has been.

But these Ministers have all escaped on quibbles and technicalities so far, and the chances for justice are growing slighter every day. There certainly appear to be two distinct codes of morals recognized in Canada, one for Grits and another for Tories. This is, no doubt, highly convenient for crooked members of the latter organization, but it is bad for the country.
"Private and Confidential." - Now that the Government has carried most of the bye-elections in Ontario, and has seen their party friends safely seated in Quebec with a majority as great as avarice itself could ask, a few moments might be found in which to do something for the Dominion. The pleasant fiction that the county is prosperous may do well enough for the hustings, where speakers are surrounded by. crowds who do more cheering than thinking, but there is no sense in living in such a fool's paradise now that the polls have closed. The sooner our responsible statesmen settle down to a serious consideration of the situation, the better it will be for themselves. This little matter seems to have been overlooked up to the present.

A Great Light.-The open letter to Mr. Laurier, by John Crerar, Q.C., of Hamilton, has attracted wide notice. It has been reprinted in many of the leading papers, and has formed a topic of earnest discussion from end to end of the Dominion. We are all anxiously awaiting Mr. Laurier's reply. Meanwhile, Grip has no hesitation in stating his belief that the advice given is good from the point of view of political economyfree trade and direct taxation would be vastly better for the people of Canada than the protective policy. Mr. Laurier will, of course, have to consider party exigencies in the matter, but we cannot imagine that his prospects of getting into office would be any poorer for the adoption of the proposed slogan. They might, on the contrary, be improved, for the people generally show themselyes partial to leaders who are bold and aggressive. At all events, there is no man in the Grit party who has a better right to give his advice and have it respectfully considered than the able Q.C. who has just spoken.


ELL, now that Mercier is settled for good and all, the interesting question arises, what's the next move on the Quebec checker-board? Some inward monitor seems to rise up and whisper, "a raid on the Dominion treasury to save the Province from bankruptcy." Then another intaresting question arises, Where is Mr. Abbott going to get the funds supposing him willing to listen to such an application ? We have about exhausted our taxpaying strength, and our borrowing ability. It will require coolheaded statesmanship to work us out of our_ present difficulties, and if, instead of this, the Government displays recklessness in undertaking nes financial obligations, we may have to use the old flag as an auction sign some of these days.
A ND yet something will have to be done for Quebec. There does not seem to be any escape from that. And who is there to do it excepting Quebec's sister Provinces as represented in the Federal Administration? Some plan must be devised by which the pressing needs


THE REASON WHY MEREDITH DIDN'T TAKE A CABINET SEAT AT OTTAWA.
of the French Province can be met, and then there must be an end of this subsidy business. Quebec will have to get down to paddling her own canoe financially, while all the other provinces do the same. This will, no doubt, involve that "awful" thing, Direct Taxation, but Jean Baptist will have to educate himself up to it the best way he can:

"MESSIEURS," said the Count to his friends, on the night of the election, as they sat with him, listening to the dull and sickening thuds from the counties, "Messieurs, tout est perdu hors l'honneur!" For the benefit of those who are not up in Canada's second official language, we append the translation "Gentlemen, all is lost but honour!" It was the melodramatic Mercier way of saying "Boys, we're in the soup." Exception has been taken to the expression on the ground of its inaccuracy, but when carefully considered it is strictly accurate. Mercier probably did not mean that his honour still remained after the disaster of the day, but merely that it had not.been los!. It had, as everybody knows, been carried off bodily by Mr. Pacaud some time before.

THE political doctors have, as yet, failed to agree as to the exact nature of the malady which has been proving so fatal to Grit candidates in this Province. Some were inclined to attribute the alarming results to the Catholic vote, but Dr. Peter Ryan, in a letter to the press, has disproved that theory by showing that in constituencies where the Catholic vote is known to be strong, the Liberal candidates have, at least, held their own. The defeat of good old Jimmy Trow, in South Perth, has driven many to the conclusion that the epidemic must
be due to direct satanic influence. "Members may come and members may go, but nothing can defeat James Trow." With this strain the Liberals were consoling themselves in the midst of their tribulations, and here they find even the old stand-by knocked out just like an ordinary candidate! "The devil!" ejaculate the exasperated Grits-and that theory seems as good as any other.

THERE having been talk of establishing separate polling booths for women voters in this city, Mrs. Emily H. Stowe has written an open letter to the Mayor and Council, protesting against the doing of any such thing, on the ground that, "to say the least, it would be a very useless and unnecessary waste of public money." If it is done, Mrs. Stowe threatens to head a demand for female election officers for the womens' booths, to ensure the safety of their votes. Our esteemed sister displays her usual level-headedness on this question. The proposal is simply nonsensical, and it is to be hoped nothing further will heard of it.

WHEN Mr. Hardy's bill to reduce the number of grand jurors from fifteen to thirteen; came' up for consideration the other day, Mr. Whitney, M.PP., wanted to know, why thirteen? He objected to the number, because "people would not know whether they were the noble thirteen or the devil's dozen." Somehow the able legislator scems to have overlooked the really powerful argument that thirteen is the unlucky number. This would have fetched Hardy for sure.

HE lecturers at Osgoode Hall sometimes have diff. culty in conveying to their students a clear concep-


WE STAND FOR JUSTICE!
"Tax us for our frizileges, - yes; that's fair and just; but our righes arc sacred, and not to be infringed upon by individual or Government."
tion of the fine distinction been law and justice. Hereafter, they will be able to simplify the matter by the use of an illustration or object lesson. It will only be necessary to tell the story of how the Highly Hon. John Carling got the seat he is now filling in the House of Commons.

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER is being praised in some quarters for giving one million dollars to Chicago University as a special thank offering to Almighty God "for returning health." It was a worthy action, certainly, and we don't want to say a word to discourage millionaires from following the example. But when it is duly considered that the Almighty has not only favored Mr. Rockefeller with returning health, but (as seems to be acknowledged by the laws of Pennsylvania) has also favored him by creating for the special ownership of the Standard Oil Company (of which he is president), the stores of coal oil upon which the people of the United States must depend, and the monopoly of which he and his company are allowed to enjoy without any adequate taxation, it is possible to exaggerate the munificence of the thank offering.
" BUDD BRIAR," in the Boston Globe, tells the following story, which our friend, Mr. H. E. Clark, M.PP., may find interesting :

John HI. McDonough was working in St. John's when the Canadian tariff measure known as the Tilley bill went into effect, and he tells me this good slory about Tilley, who had visited different parts
$\therefore$ of the Provinces to ascertain how the law was regarded by the people. Nearly everywhere there as fault-finding. Disheartened, Tilley went to St. John's to make inquiries. The first man he called on was a trunk manufacturer.
"How is your business?" he inquired.
"Never was better. Business has increased 500 per cent. since
the recent tariff law went into effect. I can't begin to fill my orders."
"Well, that's very encouraging," ejaculated Mr. Tilley. "Then you are in favor of the protective policy, are you not?"
"Yes, indced, I am," replied the trunk manufacturer. "I can't make the trunks fast enough for the people who are leaving the country on account of it."

## MORE DISLOYALTY.

THE Empire is everlastingly complaining about the American tone of the English despatches furnished to Canadian newspapers. We were, therefore, somewhat surprised to find the following in its own columus last week, in a cablegram from London detailing the arrest of a bank robber:

The London police remain confident that he is an American, as he speaks English much better than English thieves of similar calibre, and his accent is entirely free from Cockneyisms.

This is outrageous. The idea of a paper which calls itself truly loyal giving circulation to a despatch exalting the superior English of American thieves and casting a slur upon the British members of the profession! The careless editor who admitted this anti-British stuff, evidently concocted in New York, into its columns, should be dismissed at once !

## WHEN DADDY COMES HOME WITH HIS WAGES.

TIIE kitchen is warm and everything's bright, When daddy comes home with his wages;
And the face of my mother is all alight, If daddy comes home with his wages;
We're sure to have something that's pleasant to eat,
And mother slips out in the darkening street,
She brings us some 'taters-she brings us some meat, If-daddy comes homes with his wages.

There's loaves in the larder and soup in the ladle, When darldy comes home with his wages;
And baby looks up and laughs in his cradle, When daddy comes home with his wages;
There's little pigs' feet in his pocket for me,
A dear little present for little babie,
We'rc all as happy as happy can be, If-daddy cones home with his wages.

I'm ragged and dirty, but I would be clean, If daddy came home with his wages,
And mother in sorrow would never be seen If daddy came home with his wages;
But whiskey is hovering above like a rod,
And me and me mother are weeds in the sod,
But oh !-I'd never go back on my God, If daddy came home with his wages.

The Khan.

## QUEER.

ITEM from Globe, inth inst : "A concert will be given to-night in aid of the late George E. Norman, at Mallory's hall, corner of Dundas street and Sheridan avenue."

Isn't it something new to get up concerts in aid of the departed ?

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## A HINT TO PUG LOVERS.

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## BOOK NOTES.

WAIFS in Verse.-Grip is glad to place in a specially honored corner of his select library-whence he hopes to take it for a frequent dip into the good things it contains-a volume by one of Canada's grand old men, G. W. Wicksteed, Q.C., who for the past fiftynine years has been the Law Clerk of the House of Commons and the Assemblies which preceded it. The book is a collection of the wise and witty things in prose and verse which bave dropped from Mr. Wicksteed's pen at odd times, and bears the modest title, "Waifs." Many of the poems and songs were written for special occasions, but they possess an independent interest as good literature apart from the circumstances that called them forth. The prose portion of the work is full of valuable historical and political matter. Quotable things abound on almost every page. We give way to the temptation in just one case, and append the "Epigram on seeing a crop of oats on the Plains of Abrum "-

Some men seek glory, others sigh for groats; Here Wolfe reaped laurels,-and Dalhousie oats.
"The History of David Grieve."-Mrs. Humphrey Ward, who made a great stir in the world with her novel "Robert Elsmere," has been and gone and done another. This time she has produced a fine, fat, wellprinted book; in brown cloth covers, and (as is customary with authors, especially in Canada), she has received, so we're informed, about $\$ 100,000$ for her trouble. It will be for the reader to say wisether she has earned the boodle fairly, and in order to adjudicate upon the matter

- :- it will be necessary for him or her to read the book. It is all about one David Grieve and his' sister, who began life as a very nasty little girl, and of course ended badly. David goes through a lot of ups and downs in obedience to the movements of Mrs. Ward's clever pen. For par-
ticulars we must refer enquirers to the novel itself. It is enjoying a great sale, partly due to its literary brilliancy and partly to the reviewers who have warned people against the dangerous claracter of its contents. The Copp, Clark Co. are the Canadian publishers.

The Khan's Poems. - The thousands of admirers of the Khan's writings, which have appeared at irregular intervals in the daily papers, will be glad to hear that a collection of the best of the poems is now in course of preparation, to be published by the Grip Printing \& Publishing. Company. It will be edited by Mr. Bengough who will also supply a number of illustrations. It may be of interest to those who only know the author as "The Khan" to learn that his real name is R. K. Kernighan.

## DOT FUNNY BOY.

DER vos von tinker mit von mule, Der vos von funny boy, Der vos von bee's nest by von school In von green tree near by.

Dot tinker gave dot mule some hay, Dot tinker tied him up; Dot tinker vent across dot vay To sell for rags von cup.

Dot funny boy he see dot mule Vos slecpy mit his eyes, Und so he say mit accents cool "I give hin! von surprise,"

Den, dot shmin rat poy he took dot nes Upon a big long stick,
Und puts him by dot mule, his tail; Und gets oud putty kíick.

Hut ven dut tinker man cum'd back,
Vos tears, vos cries, voi groans;
Vus ev'ry ting vent crack! crack !! crack!!!
Vos rags, vos blood, vos loones.
Ernest E. Leigh.


FILIAL ADVICE.
Farmer's Boy (after the old gentleman's fouth circuit around the barn)-"' Say, Pop, if yer wanter cotch that bull yez'd better start an' run t'other way."-Smith, Gray \& Co.'s Monthly.


AFTER WATERLOO-ST. HELENA;
Or, Napoleon Mercier Banished to the Ispinjp of Oblivion, away up Salt River.


## BLOWING ENGLAND OFF THE MAP.

(The London Times has of late been printing some letters from fire-eating American brigadiers. One of these milingtary correspondents warns the Times and its readers that the great Yankee nation is now in a position to "wipe England off the map." .Of course wipe was a misprint for \%/ozv.)
which there lurked no gleam of pity. "Is it not enough that your shame has been published to a gloating world? Dare you, can you, deny that you habitually delight to wallow in the foulest and most loathsome sloughs and cesspools of corruption? Is it not true beyond shadow of doubt or question that you are a despicable $=$ ind fanatical renegade, whose shameless poltroonery has made you the laughing-stock and the detestation of all with whom you have come in contact? Are you not a double-dyed miscreant and conscienceless intriguer whose hands reek with pollution, and whose coffers are gorged to repletion with the spoils which you have wrung from an outraged and plundered community? Has not your career been a record of atrocious villainy, the consummate and Machiavellian bypocrisy of which is only equalled by the cool and audacious effrontery with which you flaunt your iniquity in the face of the world ?"

And, exhausted by the violence of her scathing denunciation, she sank exhausted on a fauteuil and again wept convulsively.

Harold, who had stoxd in wide-eyed amazement during the first part of her able and impressive discourse, heartlessly burst into a fit of laughter.
"I see how it is, Ethel," he exclaimed. as soon as he was able to speak. "You have been going through a course of campaign literature. I noticed that the Weekly Boodler had sized me up yesterday in language very similar to that you have just uttered. But it doesn't mean anything, you know. It

## A LOVER'S QUARREL.

"NNO, Harold Herkimer, I can never be yours. All is over between us. You have basely, infamously deceived my trusting heart," said the girl, bursting into an agony of tears.
Harold reeled against the wall as if stunned, while his handsome and mobile features assumed an ashy paleness, just as if a pail of ashes had been thrown over him. He drew a deep breath and exclaimed in a hoarse voice :
" No, I cannot believe it. 'Tis but a hidjous dream. Oh, Ethel! Tell me, tell me, dearest, what is the dark shadow that has fallen athwart our happiness, blighting with its-its- In short, what is the matter?"

Drawing hẹrself up to her full height, Ethel Prendergast eyed him with a glance of withering scorn.
"So you deny your guilt, Mr. Herkimer," she began in slow and measured tones. "I was hardly prepared for this. Low as you have fallen, I did not deem that you had the brazen assurance to confront with brow unabashed and unquailing eve the woman you have so foully injured. Go, and do not add hypocrisy to your other infamies." And she turned from him with a haughty gesture of disdain.
"But, Ethel," said the young man in tones of entreaty, "at least let me know the cause of this sudden and unexpected determination."
"Cause?" she said, transfixing him a stern glance in
really doesn't, except that the editor and I don't agree upon politics."
" Oh Harold, I don't know anything about it. It seems so dreadful. I couldn't love a man who wallowed in cesspools of corruption. You don't have to do it often, do you?"
" My dear girl, as I tell you, it doesn't mean anything. It's just-just a figure of speech, you know."
"And Harold, if your coffers are gorged to repletion with the spoils wrung from a plundered community-"
"But it's all nonsense-not a word of truth in it."
"Are you sure that part of it isn't true?" said she, raising her limpid, trustful eyes to his, "Because it made me think it was real mean of you not to take me to the theatre oftener and buy me a nice diamond engagement ring."
"I haven't got any coffers to begin with--not a solitary coffer. But perhaps I "can nianage the ring," said Harold.

And she threw her arms impulsively around him and their vows were sealed anew.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward got $\$ 100000$ for her story"The History of David Grieve." Had she foreseen this financial result she might have selected a more cheerful title.

## THE WINNER.

T'HE following Poem has been awarded the First Prize in the Humor Competition, which closed on March 1 st :-

## LUCKY JIM.

Yes, Lucky Jim's the name I git, 'bout ten times out uv nine, It ain't so very roocherchay, ner utherwisely fine;
But still, they say it hits the mark, and seenis, indeed, to be A sort uv realistik touch when fastened onto me.

Some years ago I hed a friend thet was an injineer,
His name was Jack - he went away an' won't come lack, I fear. A fairy uv two hundred pounds hed Johnny fer a wife.
An' nine sweet olive branches come to dekerate ther life;
She was a bilyus-tempered jade, a female that 'ud swear
An' smash the delf, when things went wrong, and pull the young uns' hair;
So, with pervidin' fer the nine, an' payin' fer repairs
About the house, thet Birdic caused, Jack's crop uv grayish hairs
Wus doin' well; besides, he was a-standin' frequent by
Anuther crop, where tavern-ward, he barvested the rye.
Wal, one day Jack was at the mill a-pilin' in the wood, An' ez the steam wus slow to rise he wusn't feelin' good; He hung a loggin'-chain an' wrench, an' hefty sort uv rock Onto the bloomin', safely-valve, when, with a thunderin' shock, The biler bust, an' Jack's remains in divers ways did fly Through portions uv the atmospheer thet jined the starry sky; A piece uv leg, a bunch uv hair reposin' on the ground,
Also a finger nail er two, was all uv him we found;
An' ez I was a bussum friend, ere tie the air line went,
I, with them samples in a box, to his late home wus sent.
I walked into the steam-smit house a-feclin' some'at blue, An' placed the box onto a cheer, an' wiped away the jew
Thet stud upon my klassic brow, an' then I sed, "Dear marin, I'd like to hev a word with you, not wishin' enny harm
To foller ez a konsekence, ner enny takin's on
More than is proper fer the time-yer lovin' husband's gone
Wher storms uv a domestik kind are not supposed to brew,
Wher scraps an' things will not no more occur 'twixt him and you.
"What, gone! " sez she, ez wildly fer her han'kecher she groped,
"Oh, goodness gracious ! hez he gone an' with some gal eloped ?"
"Wal, no, dear marm, thet ain't jist it," a-soothin' like I sed,
"You see, yer hubby ain't eloped, bekaus he hez gone dead."
"Oh, do not say thet he is dead, me John, me darlin' Jack!
It's some mistake, some awful joke, me Johnny will come back!"
"Wal, marm, we hev a few remains within a hemlock urn,
But most uv him, I reely fear, ain't likely to return;
You see, he hung a loggin'schain, an' one er two hig rocks Onto the valve, an' wal, what's found is restin' in this loox."
With thet she fetched a fearful yell, an' pulled the kiver off, An' took one look, an'. yelled agen, then giv' a sort uv cough, Hysterik like, an' swooned away-but shortly come aroun'-
"Wher is the rest uv him?" she cried. I sed, "It ain't come down;
It's soarin' 'long the milky way with steddy-risin' soar,
We've hunted with a tellyscope, but couldn't find no more."
Agen towards the box she went, with ankshus searchin look.
Then cried, most desprit feelin' like, "He's lost his pocket-book!" El last I sort uv soothed the dame, an' stopped the gushin' tear, By softly whisperin' in her ear, "Don't weep so, Birdie dear."

Wal, time slid by-a trick time hez uv playin', now an' then'Twas months sence Jack had risen up above us workin' men; His relik wusn't pinin' now ez much ez herctofore,
The widdered heart, so sadly torn, was tearin' now no more, Bekaus, in fact, she'd tackled me in court-she hed indeed-
Fer Breach uv Promise thet took place the day thet I agreed
To take them few remains uv John, an' break to her the news.
An' I hed spent a heap fer costs, an' was about to lose,
But headin' of the law a bit, one summer mornin' fine,
I married, with a quakin' heart, old Birdie an' her ninc.
Wal, thet's the story I've to tell, an' thet's jist how it came
Thet folks tacked "Lucky" onto me, before my uther name.
John West.
"Yes; I've experienced my share of the ups and downs of life," said the old veteran who runs our elevator.


## AN "ACTING MANAGER."

Manager-" So you want to go before the foot-lights ?"
Ammitious Vouth-" Yes, sir."
Managbr-" Well, you'd better get a move on, then ; I'm pretty lively with my foot."

## GRIP ABROAD.

## Erzeroum, Turkey, February 13, 1892.

## EDITOR OF GRIP—Dear Sir,-I want to thank

 you for the help and cheer we have received from the weekly visits of Grip during the first year of our life in this foreign land. It has kept us en rapport, too, with the leading events of Canadian life-things which we have no desire to forget, though absent from our native land. I have almost become a convert to the single-tax theory, though formerly opposed to it. * * * Accept the assurance of our gratitude as sincere, and believe meVery truly yours, F. W. M^calium.

## IT IS VERY BREEZY.

" SUBSCRIBER "-the name sounds somewhat fami-
liar-writes to the Empire commending its course and stating that to him "your journal comes like a pure and wholesome breeze from hillside, lake and forest." The comparison is an apt one. The Empire alvays did a good deal of blowing. After a bye-election in which the Grits have been knocked out it's a good deal more like a cyclone than a breeze.

## ROUGH ON THE AUDIENCE.

THE World encomiates Annie Ward Tiffany, who has been playing at the Academy, in the following fashion. Referring to her role of "Peggy Logan," it says: "She is Irish to the core, and true-hearted, faithful, and always turning up at the right time to checkinate villainy, she captures the audience before they scarcely know her." The writer does not explain what villainy the audience had been guilty of, but it is satisfactory to know that it was so effectually nipped in the bud


THE NEW TEMPERANCE APOSTLE.
Merenith-"I feel compelled to rebuke you, Mowat, for your neglect of the great Temperance Question. You have done nothing for the glorious cause of Prohilition. You are merely playing with the matter, sir, and the country will not stand it, sir."

Mowat-"Indeed! And is your friend Carling angry about it, too ?"
might suppose, Daisy, but is copval with spring poetry, if not still more ancient. The Flying Roll can be seen around almost any newspaper office if it's a good day for spring poets. Their lofty flights of song have become proverbial. They often get up to the fifth flight here and the descent is accomplished with marvellous celerity.
Political Economist-Yes, under the N.P. there is a tax on everything-even attacks on the Government.
P.B.C.-You are in error. To liquidate an estate does not mean to use up the proceeds in buying the drinks. At least it isn't the authorized meaning.

Journalist.-There certainly is an opening for a daily paper in this city-in fact several such. Most of the modern houses have them, so that the carrier or the postman can shove the paper through without waiting till the door is opened.

Old Subscriber.-The timber in a ship's $\log$ is seldom of much value, as it is apt to be full of knots.

Peteriin.-Yoitr MS. of native Canadian romance received. It won't do. The plot is too wildly improbable. The idea of the Bishop volurteering to act as bartender for a week, in order to gain an insight into life, is original, though perhaps rather far-fetched, but when you introduce a politician who refuses to allow his friends to spend money to carry his election, and after all succeeds in gaining office and winning popular applause, you go altogether beyond

WHOZWILL BE "PULVERIZED"?<br>William of Prussia<br>"So Says to Aleck of Russia,<br>Some day I'll surprise you, I'll just pulverize you."<br>Aleck of Russia<br>Says to William of Prussia,<br>"Try it on if you dare, Mighty little I care.<br>" When my eagle down swoops, Half a million of troops Your frontiers will cross, Just to sce who is boss."<br>Thus William of Prussia<br>And Aleck of Russia<br>Will play war's mad game<br>And set Europe aflame.<br>And massacred millions<br>And war-debt by billions.<br>Will tell the old story Of national glory.<br>In the end 'iwill be found 'Tis the people who're' ground, Yet they'll cheer, none the wiscr<br>Each proud "pulverizer."

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F1RANK-The market for Canadian literature is uncertain and depends largely on the size of the paper. The butchers and other retail dealers will pay a fair price for a good broad sheet, handy for wrapping purposes, but quarto weeklies and pamphlets are not so valuable.

Hamilton Girl wants to know something about this new sect of the Flying Roll. It's not as new as you
the bounds of probability. No such man could succeed in Canadian politics.. We admit that a romance writer ought to have a good deal of latitude, but still there are limits.

## SUNDAY IN A COUNTRY TOWN.

A COUN'SRY town of a Sunday afternoon is the dismallest of existing things. Everything in it seems lifeless. Not a sound is heard from any side. One's own cough startles one even in the main thoroughfare. Two cows slowly wend their way homeward, an never-ripe apple falls heavily in an unkempt front garden-even these signs of semi-life are a relief. Rows of youths, all dressed in sombre black, and all smoking cigars fearfully if not wonderfully made, come and lean against the wall of the inn at the corner, or stand in silent knots about the horse-knawed hitching-post. The jaded afterncon sunlight falls slantingly and weariedly on untidy plots in which weeds strive successfully for mastery with flowers, on em, ty verandahs with blistered paint, on the dusty grass encroaching ever on the street.

I enter the inn. It is chilly, and in the common room, which serves many purposes, a battered stove lacking two-thirds of its mica, radiates a dry and suffocating heat. On deal chairs, mostly tipped up, sit the youths but just now lounging without. They saj; nothing : only they sit and smoke and spit-how they spit ! They themselves probably are all unconscious of the incessant salivary sharpshooting, but I-I sit in terror, like a nervous woman dreading the pistol shots on the stage.

Presently church bells begin to clang. None heeds them, nor are they over-inviting. One is cracked, they are not in harmony, and they seem to be ringing a race
in which the hindmost is to win. The youths pass away an hour as best they may. One simulates with awkward gesture the act of emptying a glass, and many betake themselves to another room.

Soon the remaining sitters make a move. Church will soon be coming out. I follow them to a gaunt brick edifice, whose spire betokens its purpose. The youths are drawn up before the door, and from this there streams across the dusty street a heavy yellow light, accompanied by an odor, perhaps of sanctity, but much disguised by other ingredients. Greetings follow between the outcoming damsels and the waiting youths. Soon all is again dark and hushed as the congregation disperses; and but for here and there the slow and lugubrious sounds of hymn tunes played on middle and oldaged organs, the little place might be a buried city of the East. Such is Sunday in a country town.
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## HOW IT STRIKES A GRIT.

KNOW that Mercier is a thief, A boodler of the deepest dye, Who well deserved to come to grief, And for his fate I do not ingh. And yet-and yet-I hate like sin To see the cursed Tories in ! I know he's bankrupted Quebec With millions of a needless debt Slung like a millstone round her neek, Which never, never can be met; And yet-and yet-I hate to see A sweeping Tory victory.

I can't on principle endorse
Count Mercier's sclfish, sordid aims, I utterly detest his course

Which brings such scandal on our names,
Yet when I hear the Tories shout,
I wish he'd kept the scoundrels out.

## a CLEAR ILLUSTRATION.

LAWYER.- - Witness, I understood you to say that the plaintiff was very eager to get possession of the documentary evidence, referred to just now."

Witness-" Yes, I did."
Lawyer-" Very eager? Well, now, about hoze eager was be?"
Winness-" Almost as eager as a lawyer would be in looking up a fat Chancery suit."


MEN OF POSITIVE CONVICTIONS.


NO FAMINE IN EGYPT.
Mr. Tatters-"I wish I was in the desert of Sahara."
Mr. Footsore-" Git out, you'd starve there."
Mr. Tatters-" No, I wouldn't. I'd live on the sandwichis here, and the pyranids of Cheops."

## LEGEND AND TRUTH.

## a fable.

APERSON of limited experience, whose principal intellectual pabulum had been the comic papers, having an accumulation of old tins, hoopskirts, rags and similar rubbish in bis back yard, purchased a goat and turned bim out to graze thereon under the mistaken impression that these articles constituted the favorite diet of the animal. To his surprise, however, the goat persistently refused his food and was shortly reduced to a mere skeleton, when the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals interfered and had the owner heavily fined for his ignorance of the creature's wants. This incident shook his confidence in the reliability of the modern humorist, and he ventured on purchasing a mule for driving purposes which proved a model of gentleness and docility. His faith in the traditions of current humor being entirely shattered he n ustered up couraze to press his suit for the hand of a marriageable maiden whom he loved but whom he had previously refrained from wooing, dreading a repulse at the foot of her stern father. His attentions were agreeable to the girl and in a few weeks he ventured to address the old man on the subject, anticipating a favorable reception. What was his surprise to find himself suddenly seized by the collar and ruthlessly ejected from the parental homestead with the customary pedal application.

Moral.-This fable teaches that you can't most always sometimes tell.

## HOW SAD.

SAMJONES says that the Grit party has received a crushing defeat in spite of the efforts of the Globe and its myrmidons (Mermaid Inns). It is such things which make life a hollow mockery, and rob the grave of half its terrois.


Teacher-_'s What do you say before eating, Bobby?"
Bobsy-" Nothing, ma'am,"
Teactier_" Well, what does your father say?"
Honbr-" He generally says. 'Is that all you've got for supper ?" -Smilh, Gray \& Co.'s Mronthly.

## IMPERVIOUS TO DEMOCRATIC INFLUENCES.

$\mathrm{H}^{\prime}$
OOLIGAN-" Sure they do be sayin' that Dave Hill is after gittin' the Dimmicratic nomination fur the Presidency.'
Brady - "An’ fwhy not, many a worse mon nor him moight git it."
Hooligan-"An' cud he carry New Yorruk?"
Brady-"Och battershin! Anny man that's a good Dimmicrat cud carry ivery ward in New Yorruk. Fwhat else does Tammany be for, ye omadhaun."
Hooligan-"Come off now. I'll bet ye five there's wan ward he'll not carry."
Brady-"Done! Shake on that! An' fwhat ward is it that wad go back on a good Dimmicrat?"
Hooligan-" Fwhat ward is it? Fwby Ward McAllister."

## WELL ORGANIZED.

## A

 Lecture by Rev. Canon Brock on "The Church of England-Its Continuous Organic Life" has just been published. Grip has not yet been favored with a copy, but we have no doubt that the reverend author can easily prove that the English Church is ahead in the organic business. The Presbyterian Church, for instance, isn't in it when it comes to continuous organic life, for it is only within the last few years that the "kist $o^{\prime}$ whustles" has been tolerated by that denomination.
## DION'T BELIEVE IN COMPETITION.

BIXBY-"What, you a Socialist? You surprise me. What induced you to change your views?" Flipjack-"Well, I've gone in for these newspaper competitions so often and never got a blamed thing that I'm completely disgusted with the competitive system."

SAYS Meredith, " Look at this question of drink; The Government ought to do 'way with it, But they're only in spori;" says Mowat, "I think Your party don't even play with it !"

## A LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT.

THE Globe critic speaking of the Foresters' concert, says encores rewarded nearly every effort of the singers and "it was. long after ten o'clock before the audience felt that the full value of its ticket-money had been received." Wonder how the galaxy of local stars who appeared on the occasion like that? The ticketmoney was only 50 c ., too.

## UP TO DATE.

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Charles-"Scandal, sir!"
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## CANADIAN NEWSPAPER DIRECTORY.

The Canadian Newspaper Directory for 1892, pullished by Messrs. A. McKim \& Co., Montreal, is received. In addition to classified lists of the newspapers of Canada, in the preparation of which great care has cvidently been exercised to secure accuracy, it contains a highly interesting history of the rise and progress of Canadian journalism by Mr. E. B. Biggar, abounding in welltold reminiscences of the early days before the era of telegrams and boiler plate. The book is a beautiful specimen of typography and invaluable to advertisers and others who are interested in knowing the status of Canadian newspapers.

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