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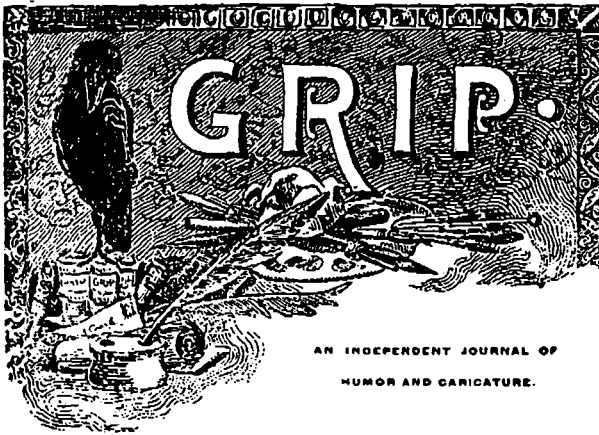


The gravest beast is the Ass.
 The gravest bird is the Owl.
 The gravest fish is the Oyster.
 The gravest man is the fool.
 Wm. Miller

GO FOR HIM, RUMMY, HE'S GOT NO FRIENDS—IN THE GOVERNMENT!"

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Comments on the Castings.



THE FAREWELL APPEARANCE.—Sir Chas. Tupper has formally laid upon the table of the House the terms of the agreement made between the Government and the C.P.R. Co., by which the latter relinquish their monopoly in the North-West. This is understood to be positively the last appearance of the Syndicate before Parliament as a party to a readjustment of terms. Past experience with the great organization, however, makes the leaders of the Opposition pardonably skeptical upon this point. They have appeared so often (like Patti, Barnum and some other notabilities) after saying "farewell," that the "positively last performance" announcement has become what is vulgarly called a chestnut. Nevertheless, we may indulge the

hope that the finality is final this time.

KICKED OUT.—It is clear that the people are satisfied that the Scott Act, in its present condition and under existing auspices, is a mockery of Prohibition. It will not be surprising if the repeal is carried in all the remaining counties where a vote is to be taken. An unworkable law, put into pretended operation by a Government having not the slightest sympathy with radical temperance reform, is something well calculated to disgust decent people. The overwhelming vote of a fortnight ago does not mean a reaction in favor of liquor, and the dealers make a mistake if they so interpret it. It is simply a rebuke—too indirect to be of much value, however—to the Dominion Government, which has deliberately refused to amend the Act so as to make it workable, but on the other hand has both openly and covertly done whatever it could to make it a failure. There is joy in the Cabinet over the repeal, no doubt about that.

WE find that a recent paragraph in this column—in which we reproved Senator Alexander for using words calculated to do injustice to the mayor of Toronto—has given rise to some misunderstanding. While in this case we thought the criticism called for, it is only right to say that, taken altogether, we regard the Senator from Woodstock as one of the ablest and most independent and patriotic men in the Chamber. The people of Canada will yet acknowledge his long and disinterested services.

MR. H. H. COOK has been confirmed in his seat by the Court. Having regard unto the comparatively slight construction of the seats in the House, and the avoidupois of this hon. member, would it not be well now for the authorities to confirm the seat under Mr. Cook?



HE real "Society" of New York embraces just four hundred persons, according to Mr. Ward McAllister, who appears to be an accepted authority on the subject. New York can't be such a very big place after all. There are more than four hundred names of representatives of Toronto society in our two local fashionable journals in any issue you may pick up. But, perhaps we run more to "real society" on this side of the line.

WE hasten to congratulate Archbishop Lynch on the result of the separate school trustee election. A crushing blow was dealt to the terrible heresy of the ballot. The voter will not have the chance to destroy the Christian religion by going into a dark corner and making his criss-cross with a lead pencil, instead of telling the returning-officer the name of the candidate he votes for. And now the learned Archbishop should bend his energies to have the pestilent ballot-system driven out of the College of Cardinals, so that the Pope may hereafter be elected by open vote.

THE Fire and Gas Committee of this city propose to give "medals and other marks of honor" to firemen who display special bravery. This is a right move. One medal in any single instance, however, would be enough. Thereafter the "other marks of honor" should be resorted to, and these, we imagine, could not take a more suitable or acceptable shape than pretty purses—with something in 'em.

OUR esteemed contemporary, the London *Free Press*, heads its joke-column, "On the Bias." This is a dangerous line to have lying around on the imposing-stone. What if some "intelligent compositor" with an eye to the fitness of things, should some day inadvertently place that heading over the editorials?

(Drawn for Grip.)



THEATRICAL TRIALS.

Lady with one line part.—CALL AT ELEVEN! WHAT A NUISANCE, AND HOW UNNECESSARY! *But when night came she stuck in the middle of the line.*

"WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY."

(BASED ON AN ACTUAL OCCURRENCE IN ONTARIO.)

THERE'S niver a lady
Loike Mishtriss O'Grady,
Ye may luk av yer plazze to the ind av yer loife;
There isn't a cratur
On arth that can bate her,
Fur, be the same token, swate Mary's me woife!

I've no fault to foind
Wid her ways, d'ye moind;
An' I don't moind her takin' a dhrop on the sly;
Though maybe wid whisky
She's a troifle too frisky,
For Mary, ye mark me, is apt to get dry.

It's only, ashore,
A wake, maybe more
That I wint to the corners an' brought back a keg
Wid the bist av stuff in it
"Jist, whisht, now, a minnit,"
Sez I, "Pat O'Grady, jist hould on a peg!"

Swate Mary drank up
The last ivery sup!
An' wid this, be the powers, she'd manage the same.
Faix, I'll tic it, me love,
To the rafters above,
An' sphoil, me swate Mary, yer nate little game."

So I off to the barn
Wid the keg in me arm,
An' tied it wid ropes to the roof; "Be St. Pat!"
Sez I: "Mishtriss O'Grady,
Yez aren't the lady
To be so ill-mannered as cloimb after that."

So I wint, at me aise,
To me wurk, av ye plazze,
An' lift the ould barrel shtrung up there above;
Wid a chuckle to say:
"This isn't the day
Ye can fool yer ould husband, swate Mary, me love."

But Mary, manewhoile,
Got her oye, wid a shmoile,
On the nate little keg that hung up to the bames;
Says she, wid a sly
Little wink av her oye:
"It's be no manes so hard, Pat, me bhoy, as it
sames!"

So what does she do,
In a minnit or two,
But aff to the house does she go wid a run;
An' back in a spheell
Wid the pail from the well,
An', sorra the day! wid me ould shootin' gun.

Thin Mary, i' faith,
Sthuck the pail in benathe,
An' s'harted to shoot wid sich beautiful aim,
That, whin the ball struck it,
Sure down in the bucket
Strames all the foine whisky, bad luck to the sam!

Thin she picked up the pail,
Tuk an ilegant swale,
An' sez: "So ye'd chate me av this, Mистер Pat!
Thin, faix, ye'll soon ser,
That ye can't fool wid me;
Ye greedy ould rascal, I'll pay ye fur that!"

So the nixt that I buy,
Sorr, I'll not kape it sly,
But share it up aqual an' dacent wid Moll;
Fur, in quistions av drinkin',
I'd rather, I'm thinkin',
Be continted wid half, sorr, nor get none at all!

An' that's why, sez I,
Yez can luk till ye die,
An' skirmish around till the ind av yer loife;
An' ye'll not foind a lady
Loike Mishtriss O'Grady,
Fur, be the same token, swate Mary's me woife!

CARET.

SIR CHARLE'S EXPLANATION.

When I was down at Washington, I made them, don't you see,
An Unrestricted offer of Reciprocitee;
Which is quite a different sort of thing, I'm sure you must agree,
To an offer of Unrestricted Reciprocitee.



SORELY VEXED.

Mistress (severely).—"Marie, didn't I hear you make use of the expression 'you little brat' in the nursery, just now?"

Marie (a French bonne).—"Yeess, Madame, but Mees Flossie do wexes me so!"

Mistress (less severely).—"Oh, I thought you were speaking to Fido. Send Miss Flossie to me at once."—*Epoch.*

Drawn for Grip.



AT OTTAWA.

Lady Kanstick (to young Toronto swell who plumes himself upon the flattering notices he receives in the society column of "Saturday Night.") "Is it true Mr.—aw—Chumpley, that in Toronto the newspapers print notices of persons who are of no consequence whatever?"

ASPHODEL CANTATA.

THOUGH many touching incidents of the youthful genius of the destined laureate of Canada might be given, we shall refrain from quoting more than a few samples of his precious precocity. He refused to learn anything at school, and was pronounced a dunce by all who knew him. The master used to find doggerel verses pinned to his desk and coat-tails, sarcastic poems would reach him on post-cards, and the following selected piece was discovered one Sunday morning written in red ink on the lining of his hat :—

"This hat's no use ; the reason why
I'll tell you in a minute,
Whether it's on your head or not,
There's always nothing in it."

During this period of his career, before the age of ten, a book of old French poems came into his juvenile hands. He turned them over and concluded to introduce their peculiar forms into the English tongue. Among these were the Villa Nell, the Round O, the Bab Ballade, the Sixteener, the Chantry Ale and other foreign forms. We have selected the following specimens of beautiful art which will show the ease and grace of his adaptations. They have become very common now. Austin Dobson, Andrew Lang, Clinton Scollard, and other second-hand poets have dealt in them ; but the beauty of these originals is not to be approached by any hand.

"House to let"
Think I'll take it ;
Triolet !
"House to let ;"
Good ! you bet,
I can make it.
"House to let"
Think I'll take it.

The above specimen of the Try-a-lay was copied by all the papers of America and a gilt-edged copy was sent to the Queen of England, who send the infant prodigy a Cashmere shaw in return. Listen to this exquisite specimen of a Villa Nell, the original of its kind ever done in English ; but which has been vilely parodied by a modern Canadian bardess :

"I think it is immense
Each verse a different ending
Words and a want of sense.

My readers must be dense
Who like not what I'm sending,
I think it is immense.

Each mood and every tense
I'll use ; all syntax blending ;
Words and a want of sense.

Great Scott ! time's no expense ;
And three hours I've been spending
Words and a wont of sense.

And now I'll jump the fence
And trust there's no offending,
I think it is immense
Words and a want of sense."

The above has been translated into fifteen different languages with unvarying success and Asphodel Cantata received the order of "The Green T" from the Emperor of China. Of all the exotic forms of verse the most beautiful is undoubtedly the Bab Ballade and the proper time to write one is in the Spring. Asphodel had written ninety-nine ballades before he was eleven years of age and one of the greatest treasures I possess is a short calico shirt on which is delicately traced the following :—

"A BALLADE OF SPRING."

The beetles crawl from the rotten trees
And I thought as they every one was dead,
The bees buzz out for a ride on the breeze
And the crickets are hopping around 'tis said ;
The chipmunk has put out his little head,
The bluebird flies with a flashing wing ;
The robin has put on his shirt-front red ;
Ah ! where are the pants that I wore last spring ?

The air is fresh and it makes one sneeze
If the window is open and one's in bed
But I don't think it's healthy to lie and freeze ;
So I wait till the cool of the morn hath fled
Ere I raise my casement. My eyes are led
Around my chamber and so I sing
As I sit on the edge of my ancient bed
"Ah ! where are the pants that I wore last spring ?"

"Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese,"
I guess something better the author fed ;
But it's mad to remember such rhymes as these
When you're trying to feel the sublime instead ;
But what does it matter ? the best that are read
Are chiefly made up of a hackney'd string
Of phrases and sentiments, heavy as lead—
"Ah ! where are the pants that I wore last spring ?"

Grip ! Light on the thread-bare theme I'll shed,
To-morrow a ready-made suit shall bring ;
For her father's bull-dog has left not a shred
Of the snuff-coloured pants that I wore last spring."

Of the Round O's, Chantry Ales, and other forms of foreign verse space will not allow us to quote our poet's works. Suffice it to say that they are applauded by his dearest friends and have been favourably reviewed by the newspapers in which they have appeared. In a later article I shall speak of Asphodel Cantata's dramatic efforts, in which he has made his greatest mark.



AN UNREPORTED EPISODE AT THE VETERINARY COLLEGE.

ENTER Deputation from the Animal Kingdom. Dr. Smith, taken entirely by surprise, is overcome by his emotions. After the presentation of a wreath and other tokens of esteem, Mr. Roadster as spokesman addresses the Dr. as follows:

Distinguished Dr. Smith,
 You'll please accept herewith
 The assurance of our most profound regard
 Your name has oft been heard
 By every beast and bird
 In every paddock, barn and poultry yard.

With one accord we're met,
 O, most accomplished Vet.,
 To greet the lower creatures' learned friend;
 And to hope your growing College
 May go on a-spreading knowledge
 And turning out horse-doctors without end!



THE LABOR COMMISSIONER AT HALIFAX.

Commissioner.—You say that one third of the sailors who pass through your office are Norwegians?

Shipping Master.—Yes sir.

Commissioner.—Now, where do the Norwegians come from?

Shipping Master.—Norway.

SCOTTIE AIRLIE IN FRANCE.

CHAMPS ELYSSES, April 17, '88.

DEAR MAISTER GRIP:

HERE I am again, richt side up for a wonder. What I've gaen through sin I cam here! Of coorse I cud fill a six months vollum a' Grip' we' 'high falutin' descriptions o' a' the bonnie braw places I was in, an' what I saw an' hoo it affectid me, but ye ken that wad never dae, for in the first place it wadna' be solemn enough for you, an' then it wad be faur our lang-winded. But ma ain pathetic personal adventures are a different thing, bein' o' faur mair importance tae the world at large than a' the descriptions o' Paris that ever were written. Weel, on the first o' April about seven i' the mornin' I was waukened oot o' a grund dream about masel bein' electit Governor General o' Canada, by Saundy thunderin on ma bedroom door, an' tellin me it was time I was oot o' that, for this was the first o' April an' a' the toon was tae be turned outside in, an' he wanted me tae gae oot wi him an' hae a holiday. Weel, up I got an' awa, an' sic anither day as we had! Ma banes are no the better o't yet. The boolyvards were just bilin' ower wi human beins, sae compack ye cud walk ower them dry shod withoot ever weetin' yer feet. The first thing we gaed tae was the ginger-bread fair, a place whaur every thing under the sun is sold in the form o' ginger-bread. Feelin' a kind o' hungry, I bocht an' elephant an' twa swine an' ate them up; but, Sandy, haein mair o' an archetictural taste, laid oot fourteen sous on the purchase o' an iron toor which vera sune dissapeared doon his waesand. We saw folk fleein' up in balloons, an' whirlin' roon an' roon on whirly-gigs, an' up an' doon on what they ca'd the "*Montagnis Russe*," a puir eemitation o' a Canadian toboggan slide. But the only thing we tuk a notion till, was a roond barrel shaped kind o' a concern—which they ca'd the "*Chemin d' Amour*." It stood at the top o' a steep hill, an' this hill was a' rocks stickin' oot, an', stanes just like the bed o' a mountain torrent. Sandy, seein' lots o' respectable folk gaun in, proposed we should go tae, an' see what was tae be seen, but I suspekkit some deeviltry an' in fack said as muckle. "The *Chemin d' Amour* just means the 'Road o' Love,' says he, "there's nae harm in just gaun in tae see whit liketis." Weel tae savé masel frae bein' considered a coward I consented an' in we gaed. The thing was just a great muckle barrel stannin' on end, wi' aboot a dizzen women an' men in't an' ilka ane o' them lookin for the 'coorse o' true love' tae appear. The coorse o' true love they had been told wad be illustrated tae them on their en-

tering this barrel, which had a door in the side and which was banged close tae the meen't we got in. "Noo" I whuspered tae Sandy, "the circus maun be gaun tae begin."

"Imphim!" said Sandy, but there was an oneasy look o' suspicion an' dread in his face that was very infectious.

A' of a sudden the barrel was tilted clean ower on its side, an' doon we gaed along wi't clash-smash a' through-ither. Then, amid the shrill skirlin' o' the women an' the swearin' in a' languages o' the men, didna' the on-conscionable wretches row us doon the hill! Man, it was somethin' fearfu'! rowin' an' tumlin' an' bumpin' an' happin' ower that fearfu' torrent o' stanes, wi oor feet stickin oot at the end o' the barrel an' a' haudin' on tae ane anither an' skirlin' an' yowlin' like dowgs trappit in a dowg-catcher's waggon. Sometimes the confoondit thing wad stick on a boulder for a meenit, but the awfu' struggles o' us puir wretches inside wad swing it ower again an' then wi' accelarated speed it wad gae happily—bump—thump! thumpity-bumpity-bang! till sic anither mass o' jammilt up humanity, I'ma sure, never afore landed on terry firmy. Ma hat was squashed oot o' a' kennin'; some o' the women folk lost their wigs an' got a' their braw laces torn; bluidy noses werna' wantin' in the crood, an' as for Sandy, though his face was a' scartit an' black an' bluidy, an' he had hardly an ee left in his heid, the meenit we were at liberty I clecket my airm intae his an' off I set an' began tae poor oot the vials o' ma wrath on him for takin' me intae sic a congregation o' April fools. "Je ne comprend pas" says he in queer French kind o' a voice that gar't me look up at him, an' behold it wasna' Sandy ava but a red-headed parley vous I had been speakin' till. "I beg yer pardon," says I an' awa I gangs to look for Sandy, an' there he was, kickin' up a terrible row wi' the crowd an' tryin' tae get them to understand that they had stealt his watch. Something gar't me stick ma hand in ma pooch just at that meenit an'—sure enough there was nae watch there—an' hame we gaed thegither, twa April fools. Next letter I maun tell ye hoo I was lockit in the pantheon. Meanwhile,

I am, yours truly,

HUGH AIRLIE.

PROVERBIAL PHILOSOPHY.

"WHY is a woman with a secret like Time?" blandly inquired Mr. McGlue, of his better half, just as he rose to leave for the office. Then, before the luckless lady had a chance to frame an answer, the villain replied: "Because Time will Tell!" And with a sardonic laugh, he fled.

Next morning, when Mr. McGlue was particularly anxious to have an early breakfast and get to the train to see a friend off, he was studiously permitted to snooze away for half-an-hour beyond train time, and when he reached the matutinal meal table he was appalled to notice that breakfast was over, that the table had a demoralized appearance, and that his amiable wife was calmly engaged at her work-basket by the window.

"Er—eh—w-wh-wh-what in—what the—. Excuse me, Mrs. McGlue, but will you——"

"Answer another conundrum, dear?" broke in the lady with an angelic smile. "No, but perhaps you will answer one for me: Why am I like Time this morning?" He tried to escape, but the solution of the riddle reached him as he strode indignantly down the hall: "Because Time waits for no man! Ha! ha! ha!" If he had banged the door ten times more angrily he could not have drowned the awful consciousness, that when a woman wants to get even with you she'll take trouble to do it.

LETTER FROM THE FAKIR.

EDITOR GRIP,—

CHICAGO, April 27.

I PROMISED to write you and let you know how I found matters here. I am doing splendidly, and am in a position to give a few pointers to my fellow capitalists in Toronto. When I arrived I went straight to the Palmer House, the leading hotel, and engaged apartments. I ordered a bottle of champagne and asked the manager to join me, as I had an important financial proposition to make to him. After we had chatted a while, I broached my scheme.

"You have considerable opposition in the hotel business here," I said.

"Yes," said he.

"And you have to cut rates I suppose sometimes?"

He allowed that they occasionally did.

"Well then," said I, "my idea is this. They get up corners in everything now, coal, lard, wheat, pork, oil, etc. Why not get up a corner in hotels, and raise your rates all round?"

"How'd you work it?" he asked, eagerly.

"Why, just the same as you'd work any other corner. Form a big joint stock company, capital fifty million dollars, and buy up all the hotels in the city. Run them under one management. I feel so certain," said I, "of the success of the scheme that I would put half-a-million into it, perhaps more."

"It might go," said the hotel-man thoughtfully. "You're about right. Ours is pretty nigh the only business that there ain't no combine in, come to think of it. But I'm afraid some of 'em would refuse to come in."

"Well, if they do, what's the matter with getting a bill through the legislature expropriating them and giving us a monopoly? How high do legislators come here?"

"All the way up from a free railroad pass to a couple of thousand or so. There are half a dozen or so virtuous and incorruptible fellows in the House that you can't do anything with, not for less than ten thousand each, anyhow."

"At that rate I suppose a monopoly bill could be got for about half a million, allowing for lobbying expenses and everything?" said I.

"Yes, it would take all of that. And then we should want a hundred thousand or two more to fix the judges, if it got into the courts, as it likely would. But there'd be big money in a hotel combine. I'll think it over and let you know."

While he is thinking it over of course he don't trouble me about my bill, so I'm that much ahead on the racket, anyhow, even if it don't pan out. In the meantime I am gaining the confidence of moneyed men, and working another scheme. The great peanut-selling industry is another branch of trade that hasn't yet been cornered. There are about 200 peanut stands here run by Italians and such. I am getting up a joint stock company, capital \$750,000 for the purpose of carrying on the street peanut trade. We propose to buy up all the peanuts wholesale and freeze out the Italians. I have got several shares taken up and the first instalments paid, so that we have been enabled to commence active operations by engaging a managing director at \$5,000 a year. The managing director is of course me.

I saw the famous hog-killing machine in operation the other day. It suggested an idea. Why not run a similar concern for destroying the curs captured by the dog-catchers, instead of drowning them? Make a public spectacle of it and charge an admission fee, which would

defray expenses of the system. But the Toronto Aldermen are such wooden-headed chumps that its no use trying to tell them anything.

Remember me to the gang and please send GRIP regularly.

Yours, etc.,

THE FAKIR.

POLITE SOCIETY NOTES.

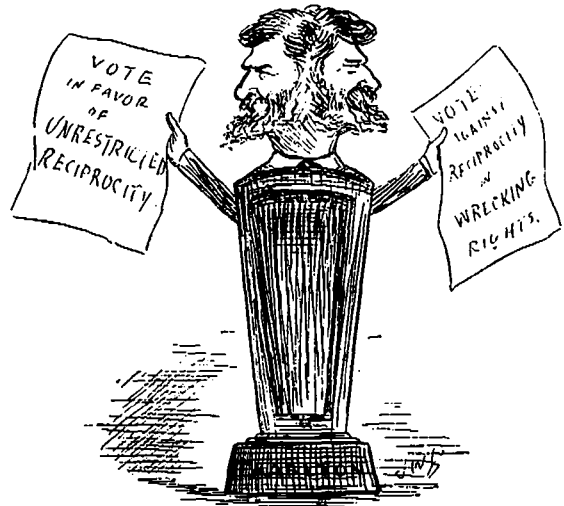
WE understand Miss Ada Frizfrontolet has accepted the position of label-poster in the box factory, at an advance of ten cents on her present salary.

THE familiar and muscular form of our friend Mr. Patsy Tuff again adorns our street corners. His lengthened residence in Kingston where he was the guest of the Government has greatly improved his appearance—so much so, indeed, that our constables seem unable to keep their eyes off him.

THE well-known favorite, Miss Mamie Trounce, has returned from Hamilton. She was so much in demand there by gentlemen of the blue uniform that in order to obtain rest she sought the calm retreats and sequestered vales of Toronto, where she officiates as perambulatorice to a family in the rag and bone collection line.

THE coming event of the week will be a farewell supper to Mr. Sam Brose. Mr. Brose has accepted the control of one of the regular promenades on the police service, and has consequently sent in his resignation—along with his portfolio to Shedden and Company, for whom he teamed for many years. We trust he will handle the baton as gracefully as he did the ribbons of the Co'y.

THE engagement of Miss Pansy Potwelyper, chief superintendentess of Mrs. Bluffem's boarding house cuisine, has been publicly announced, the bridegroom elect being Jake Janiper, Esq., long known as the A 1 concoctor of cocktails, and a reliable administrator of whiskey straight. Called to the bar at the age of fifteen, his genial manner, suave address, large area of shirt bosom, and oiled hair, soon made him a shining mark.



A PARLIAMENTARY JANUS.

SHOWING WHAT FUNNY LOGIC EVEN SO CLEAR-HEADED AND WELL-MEANING A MAN AS JOHN CHARLTON MAY INDULGE IN.



"MERCIER IS FULL OF HOPE."

—News Item.

MUNCHAUSEN IN OTTAWA.

MR. GRIP,

SIR,—I paid a flying visit to the Capital this week, and take the liberty of sending you a few jottings from my notebook. You can print them if you feel so disposed, though I made them simply for my own future reference and not for publication:—

Sleeper on C.P.R. Upper berth; my usual luck. Very neat and clean, of course, but draft as usual. Some people honor drafts: I never do. Might have stood it—or, more correctly, endured it in a lying posture, if I had brought a night cap along. Noticed that most of the passengers had thought of that, and put on their nightcaps—internally—in the smoking room before retiring. As for me, the gentle zephyrs that play in the upper regions of the car waded me from my berth and deposited me at rear end of passage—phenomenon due to rapid speed of car. The porter assured me I had drempt this, but how should he know? Ottawa. Fine, cold morning—more cold than fine. Great gloom over everybody in view of the funeral of the lamented White, a genial, good man, whom I knew long and well. Special train to Montreal free to members and press representatives, and everybody seemed to be going. Among them that splendid embodiment of all that is best in human nature—I mean Jamie Trow, of course—at the head of the Opposition delegation, with a couple of the little House pages in his fatherly care. Quiet day at Capital, necessarily. Delegations enough to keep mine host of the Russel and his waiters busy, however. Glance over the dining-room and your eye hits notabilities everywhere. Here's Laurier, a decidedly rising star—the makings, everybody says, of a first-class leader. "Grand fellow!" says my eminent Tory friend—"there's not one of us but respects and esteems him profoundly!" And yonder is Nicholas Flood Davin—the coming Minister of the Interior, they say. Think I'll ask Dr. Wiggins as to the soundness of this prediction. Davin? Why not? Who should know the needs of the great West better than the Regina orator? Ah! and here's Elias Rogers, with that perennial smile. "A man may smile and smile, and

yet be a particularly troublesome witness before a combine investigating committee"—quotation from Mr. Clark Wallace. What Mr. Wallace ought to do is to get coat-pockets prohibited, for Elias goes before the committee every day loaded with documents that the investigators don't want to see. House meets at three. Discussion going on about Behring's sea fisheries. Peter the Great goes for Imperial Government for neglecting Canada's interests, following Tupper's statement. Cartwright backs up the Third Party, and Davies and Mills back up Cartwright. Old Sir John informs these honorable gentlemen that they are too previous, and that when the papers are brought down they will have reason to be ashamed of themselves. This brings up Mr. McNeil, of Bruce, who lectures the Oppositionists on their disloyalty and imparts to them—by special permission of the Minister of Justice—the hitherto profoundly guarded cabinet secret, that Mr. Jos. Chamberlain was particularly anxious all through to protect Canada's interests to the last iota. "Mr. Speaker," says Grand Old Man Mackenzie, feebly rising in his place, "the member for Bruce is to be congratulated on conveying to this House a piece of strikingly original information," whereat Sir John laughs consumedly.

I'll cut these notes off short just here, as I know your space is limited.

Yours,

MUNCHAUSEN.



A PHILHARMONIC REHEARSAL.



“LAST PERFORMANCE.”

Cartwright—“FAREWELL APPEARANCE?” “POSITIVELY LAST TIME?” GOODBYE?”—CHESTNUT!

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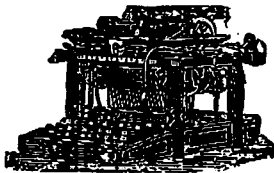


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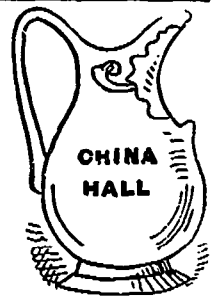
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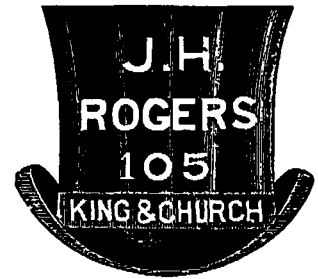
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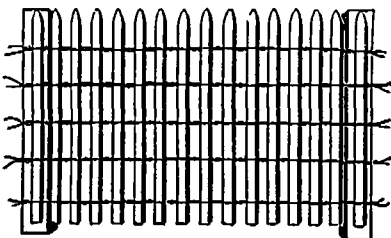


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