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**COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.**



**SIR HECTOR TAKES A HORN.**—A sensational turn was given to the investigation before the Privileges Committee on Tuesday of last week by the resignation of Sir Hector Langevin and his voluntary appearance before the tribunal to read a statement in his own defence. It is generally believed that Sir Hector was moved to this highly becoming but long delayed step by some words used by the Premier in the Senate a day or two before—to the effect that it was the intention of the Government to make a thorough investigation of the charges now before the Committees, and to visit vengeance upon the guilty parties, be they high or low. The explanation supplied by Sir Hector himself is that he did not feel

called upon to resign until the charges against him had been formulated, which was only done on the completion of the evidence submitted by Mr. Tarte. The main thing, however, is the statement in defence, which was a voluminous document and purported to deal with all the charges made directly or indirectly against the minister. To sum it up in a few words, Sir Hector pleads innocence and ignorance of all the rascalities carried on in his Department. The dilemma in which he found himself had two horns—as is customary with dilemmas: if he aided and abetted the frauds he was a rascal; if he knew nothing of them he was unfit to occupy such a position.

Sir Hector has made a frank confession of his incompetency and so steps down and out. It may soften the pangs of his suffering to know, however, that the *Ottawa Citizen* rates him as one of the ablest and most active and industrious departmental heads the country has ever had. In face of his own statement, this seems to be pretty hard on departmental heads past and present.

**WAITING FOR HIS ANSWER.**—Mr. Walter Barwick, a Toronto barrister, having made a formal charge before the Railway Committee of the Senate to the effect that about \$100,000 of the subsidy voted to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company had been deflected to private or political uses by the Quebec Government, an investigation was ordered, and an opportunity was given for explanations. Count Mercier, for some reason or other, did not rise up and indignantly demand a full and immediate enquiry as might have been expected from a man of his chivalry. He has not done so yet. The enquiry has meanwhile been opened, and at this writing it looks as though Mr. Barwick's charges are fully sustained. Mercier's silence amounts to a plea of guilty, and we now listen attentively for the strains of the new and popular Opposition song—  
—“Turn the Rascals Out!”



**R. BLAINE**, of Maine, is famed as the “magnetic” statesman, but as an electric battery he is a small circumstance compared to our own Count Mercier. *La Patrie*, of Montreal, relates, as an instance of the Quebec

Premier's magnetic power, an incident of his visit to the Trappist monastery at Bellefontaine, during his late ramble in France. “Mr. Mercier had hardly placed his foot on the threshold of the door, when two monks prostrated themselves and lay flat on their stomachs, waiting till the Prime Minister of Quebec raised them up again.” *La Patrie* does not say whether the illustrious Count *did* raise them up again, or whether he seized the excellent opportunity of walking on them, as they deserved.

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**A DISPATCH** in the newspapers states that thirty Russian emigrants who arrived at Boston on a steamer from Liverpool, were refused permission to land, as they were deemed likely to be a public charge. In plain terms, they were shut out because they were poor. It is not stated that they were criminal, vicious, or diseased—they were merely destitute. And this is the America that a few years ago used to be pictured as stretching her arms towards Europe, and inviting the oppressed and downtrodden of the effete monarchies to come to her bountiful shores! The very same America—but not so large as she used to be. A country that has no free or very cheap land situated well within the bounds of civilization, has no room for poor emigrants, and this is now the case with the United States. Landlordism has put its barbed wire fences around all the available land, and is sitting in idleness waiting for rents. What a pity these poor Russians happen to be land animals!

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THE PAINFUL DILEMMA OF MR. JOHN A. MACDONNELL, OF ALEXANDRIA.

MY feelings are outraged—I'm sorry and sad,  
My pride in my party is gone;  
There's a work that I wish to possess very bad,  
The life of the recent Sir John.  
I love to dilate on his glorious career,  
When the Grits he bedevilled and fooled,  
We never shall equal, I very much fear,  
The statesman so wisely who ruled.

But, come to find out, I can't get such a book  
Without paying tribute to Grits;  
Such a thought drives me wild—you can see by my look  
That I nearly am driven to fits.  
There's Adam's biography—every one knows  
That of Grits he's the rankest—each page  
At our dearly loved party deals venomous blows,  
The thought of it fills me with rage.

The other—Macpherson's book—may be all right,  
Sir John's nephew must surely be sound,  
But my feeling was much the reverse of delight  
When the measly prospectus came round;  
For a name met my eyes which is potent to thrill  
My bosom with hatred and wrath,  
"GRIP Publishing Company." Bitterest pill!  
Its fragments I strewed on my path.

Oh, villainous scheme! Oh, degenerate days!  
Fiends! Miscreants! Traitors! Begone!  
Shall they glean Tory shekels by sounding the praise  
Of the great, good, lamented Sir John?  
Between Adam and GRIP which is worst of two ills?  
Loyal Tories will doubtless agree  
That 'tis cruelly hard to bring grist to such mills,  
But we *must* have the book, don't you see?

STILL IN BUSINESS.

MR. BROWN (returning to his old home after years of absence and chatting with a former acquaintance)—  
"By the way—is old Mr. Flint still in the sulphur business? I suppose he is."  
FORM. ACQ.—"Well—I hope not. But then—one can't tell."  
MR. B.—"What do you mean?"  
FORM. ACQ.—"He's dead."

THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.

MRS. BEWZER—"Sick, indeed! Don't tell me! you're drunk. That's what's the matter with you."  
BEWZER—"Your mishtaken, m' dear. 'Sure you it's all-coholic."



SEVERE.

CADLEY—"What are the rules of this club about paying accounts, anyhow?"  
SKINNER—"You ought to know. You are the best posted man in the club."—*Harper's Weekly.*

or Tory, who believes in it. John Bull's next move will be in the direction of sweeping away the tariff he has, not in the direction of making it higher to please the Colonies or anybody else.

IT is announced that Mr. Tarte has taken action to recover damages against Uncle Thomas for his breach of the Independence of Parliament Act. The case seems clear enough, as the Uncle acknowledged that he was the real owner of the subsidized steamer *Admiral* during nine years, in which he sat and voted in the House. He is liable to a fine amounting to over \$1,000,000, and he ought to be made to pay it.

THE Quebec boodle case is as bad as anything that has yet been revealed at Ottawa. The evidence given up to this writing (Monday 17th), indicates a straight steal of \$100,000 by Pacaud, who is Mercier's right hand man. Can there possibly be any explanation forthcoming which will divest it of criminality? Not that we can imagine. And if not, let Quebec rise and turn the rascals out!

MR. JONES, the editor of the *New York Times* who died a few days ago, rejected a bribe of \$5,000,000 cash offered by Boss Tweed to induce him to forego the publication of certain documents exposing the doings of the Tweed ring. Here was a case of moral heroism which Mr. E. A. Macdonald ought to sit down beneath the shade of a Bellamy tree and profoundly consider.

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"Is it hot enough—"  
Click! Bang!  
Through the street the echoes rang;  
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Justifiable homicide."



FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS.

"He flew to the rescue"





### "WORSE REMAINS BEHIND."

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MR. ROBINSON—"Yes; and I think he might do worse."

MR. JONES—"He's going to—he intends to marry her."

### TIERNEY ON BIKES.

MISTHER GRIP.—SOR. On the chivick holiday av coorse, I didn't work, so I med up me moind I wud go up to Rosedale, beyant, an' see the sports wid thim bikes. Yez'll understhand fwhat I mane. Its bikes, they call bisickles; thim two wheeled consarns yez may see ivery noight ghostin' up an down Jarvis street—an' be the same token, knockin' yez down an' killin' yez as lave as not, seein' that thim blaggards av bies has no loights an' no bells to give the alarrum, though the laws sez they must have that same. Sure they kem moighty near knockin' the loife out av me wife, Norah, the other noight whin we wint to cross the shtrate. "Howld on!" sez I, an' she stopped jist before the wheel was goin' to crush her. "Its all right, mishter," sez the omadhaun av a sikelist, wid a sickly shmile. "Cape yer oyes open," sez he, "an' yez won't get run over." Where was the polace, MISHTER GRIP? An' sor, the girruls is intil it, too, roidin' wheels loike a lot av witches on broomssticks. Me girrul, Bridget, has tuk a faver till go into this new fad, an' is forever at her mother to plade wid me to get her a bike. "G'lang out av that wid yer crazy nonsense," sez I to Norah, whin she mintoned it. "A bike is it? How much are they," sez I. "Bridget tells me," sez she, "ye can get a purty wan for wan hunder an' thirty dollars," sez she. "So chape as that?" sez I, "an' me gettin' wan-fifty a day whin I have a job, which is now an' agin. Sind the young lady into me shtudy," sez I. Bridget kem in luckin a thriflc shy. "Howld up yer purty head, Biddy, me darlint," sez I, "an' confide in yer pa," sez I. "So yez wud loike a bike, as I am inforrumed?" "Yis, pa," sez she. "Well, well," sez I, "an' I'm sure nar' a wan av thim judines in the ladies' club wud luck bether nor you flyin' round on a wheel," sez I. At that she brightened up, an' a ray av hope wint across her face. "Yis, pa," sez she, "I'm sure it would do me good." "Is it yer health ye mane?" sez I. "I didn't know ye wor ailin'. Fwhat moight be the precise nature av the complaint that throubles ye?" sez I. "Oh, pa," sez she, "I'm not to say sick, but I fale a wakeness in me—in me lower limbs," sez she. "Do ye now," sez I. "Its exer-

cise ye want thin, I shupose." "Yis, pa, sez she, "jist the exercise av workin' the peddles of a bike," sez she "Its the up an' down threddle movemint I nade. Molly O'Brien towld me so, for that's fwhat the doctor orthered for Miss Flora Flimsy, the young lady av the house fwhere Molly is chambermaid, an' her pa got her a bike, an' now she is splendid." "Well, well," sez I, "its the threddle motion ye need is it?" "Yis, pa," sez she, "that's jist fwhat I need." Thin I let on to be thinkin it over seriously. "Just the threddle motion wid yer feet up an' down?" sez I again. "Yis, pa," sez she. Wance more I wint into a riverie, an' thin at last sez I, "Me moind is med up, I'll get ye wan." "Oh pa! a bike," sez she. "Oh, you darling pa!" "Howld up, Biddy me darlin'," sez I, "I didn't say a bike, its the threddle motion I mane. I know fwhere I can get a second hand sewin' machine chape," sez I, "an' yez'll have it this very day. That'll give ye the very threddle motion ye need for yer poor weak limbs, an' ye can help yer mother, me darlin', fwhile yer takin yer exercise." Well, MISHTER GRIP, av ye niver saw a mad girl in yer loife, ye shud have been there to see me Bridget flounce out av that room! I've heard no more talk about the bike since thin.

### A BRAY FROM A J. A.

MR. J. A. MACDONNELL, of Alexandria, Glengarry, has availed himself of an opportunity to express his opinion of GRIP by means of an open letter in the *Empire*. He doesn't think much of this journal. He calls it "a venomous and unpatriotic concern," a "wretched enterprise," and "a journal deservedly held in contempt by every true and loyal British subject and patriotic Canadian"—of the Macdonnell stripe, of course. These are hard words, but, coming from this particular gentleman, we take them as really the highest compliment that has ever been paid to GRIP. We are proud to have earned the "contempt" of such people as Macdonnell, for it is conclusive testimony that our course has been reasonably straight and honorable. But perhaps it is necessary to explain who this person is. A few of our readers may recall him as the feather-brained dude who was on one occasion summoned before the bar of the House of Commons for an exhibition of bad manners on the floor of the Chamber, to which he had been admitted as a visitor by the courtesy of one of the members. Others may remember him better as the author of that high-minded utterance—so worthy of a "true and loyal British subject and patriotic Canadian"—that it is chiefly when your party is in the wrong that you should support it! In his letter to the *Empire*, Mr. Macdonnell claims to have been the late Premier's "firm and steadfast friend." It was the misfortune of Sir John (as of every



### AN EGOTIST.

EGOTIST—One who gives undue prominence to his I.—*The Dictionary*.



other great leader) to have an assortment of fool friends amongst those who followed his banner, and of these this man was easily first. He did more in his insignificant way to bring Conservatism into disrepute than might have been supposed possible in a person of his mental limitations. This is the estimate in which he is held to-day by the Conservatives in this city who knew him. For ourselves, we could heartily reciprocate his contempt were he capable of inspiring so strong a feeling. As it is, we simply regard him with momentary curiosity, as a queer product of Canadian politics—useful in his way as an illustration of what brainless partizanship and conscienceless self-seeking can come to.

**A QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE.**

A MASON and an Odd Fellow were disputing about the precedence of the two orders.

"Ours is unquestionably the oldest secret society extant," said the Mason. "Archæological science proves that we date back to the building of Solomon's temple."

"But we go back far further than that," said the wearer of the three links.

"Oh, how far I'd like to know," replied the Mason, sneeringly.

"Back to Creation itself. You can't deny that Adam was an Odd Fellow."

"Good enough, but the Masons have held the leading position, anyway. The very names of the orders prove that."

"How do you make that out."

"Why everybody knows that while Masons are skilled mechanics, the hod fellows are the laborers who carry the materials up the ladder."

Adjournment of the craft from labor to refreshment.

**OUR FRESH AIR FUND.**



THE response to our appeal in last issue has been most gratifying but there are still many of our kind-hearted readers who have overlooked this little matter, and will, we are sure, be glad to have a hand in the good work. It will be noticed that most of the money received has come from outside the city, some of it from distant points. Isn't this rather calculated to make our city

readers, who have not yet contributed, feel a trifle mean? Come, wake up, friends, and retrieve your reputation while there is still an opportunity.

**THE FUND.**

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MR. "GENTLEMAN" ARNOLDI proposes to adopt an appropriate crest—a brass puppy, rampant.



**DROWNING HIS SORROW.**

**THE DOCKING QUESTION.**

SOME discussion having of late arisen over the practice of docking horses' tails, MR. GRIP has paid handsomely for the following professional opinions as to whether or not docking is a painful process. He trusts they will set the question at rest :

25 HOOF STREET.

MR. GRIP—SIR,—You ask me for my professional opinion as to whether docking is painful. It is only necessary that I should state what the process is—it consists of cutting off a horse's tail with a pair of shears and then searing the end with a red-hot iron. I have performed the operation over and over again, and can say that it never gave me the slightest pain.

Yours, J. CHUMP, V.S.

MULE STABLES, TORONTO.

MR. GRIP—DEAR SIR,—I do not think docking hurts a horse. In fact, I am of opinion that a horse rather enjoys it, as the animal always wags his tail in the most delighted manner after the operation is finished.

Yours, A. HEARTLESS, V.S.

MR. GRIP—SIR,—All this talk about docking being painful is old woman's twaddle. How can it be painful when a horse has no feeling in his tail? And my belief is that he has no more feeling in his tail than the average vet. has in his heart.

Yours, etc.,

R. HARDBAKE, V.S.

MR. GRIP—SIR,—I don't know whether it hurts the horse much, and I don't care. It is a good paying job, and doesn't the Bible say man is to have dominion over the beasts and dock their tails if he wants to? I hope the cranks who want to get a law passed against docking will fail, as it is one of the best paying parts of our business.

Yours, etc., L. BOODLESON, V.S.

MR. GRIP—SIR,—It doesn't hurt a horse any more to have his tail docked and then cooked with a red-hot iron than it would hurt you to have the same done to your arm. But even if it did give the animal pain, what of it? We must all suffer sometimes for fashion, and I suppose horses like to be stylish as well as women. Do you suppose if it was fashionable to dock, say the ears, of swell ladies there is a fashionable woman in Toronto who wouldn't be glad to go through the operation? Horses is just the same.

Yours, ISAAC SNAPPER, V.S.



#### A NEW FIELD FOR AMUSEMENT.

"Several fashionable hay-making parties have lately taken place."

Our Artists attempts in the above sketch to give an idea of what the new fashionable curiosity is like.—*Funny Folks.*

#### CRUSHED ENTIRELY.

MY DEAR HANNAH—It was with the deepest sorrow that I read your plaintive appeal for mercy to editors in GRIP. Hannah, are you laboring under the impression that editors are angels in disguise? Because, if so, the sooner you wake up to the fact that they are only men (and therefore incapable of showing mercy to us) the better for yourself. Another thing, I was very much shocked at the cowardly anxiety you betrayed lest you should in the future become one of the despised "seventy-nine." Now, as far as I am concerned, I crave no higher privilege than to share the shelf with the *unchosen* majority. All honor to the "noble old girls" who, against their own inclinations, are forced to live lives of "single blessedness" (the blessedness, of course, falling upon the men who didn't get them). Then again, the very idea of bewailing the scarcity of men as you did. Hannah, do you never read anything? Are you not aware that this world is eventually to reach a state of perfection, and in order for that to be brought about *men must die out*? There is no other alternative. My only regret is that I may not live long enough to see that *blessed* day. If I were at the head of the Government I would prescribe a few wars, just to rush things. However, the day must come, sooner or later, so I will just wait, meekly wait and murmur not. It is painfully evident by your glaringly truthful letter that you adore men. Hannah, *crush* that as you would a mosquito; do not, I beseech you, allow that to grow. It may be that you are now treading in the footsteps that I once trod. Alas, yes, I must admit, that, once upon a time, (only once) I adored a man, at least what I fondly imagined was a man. He was young (so was I then) but

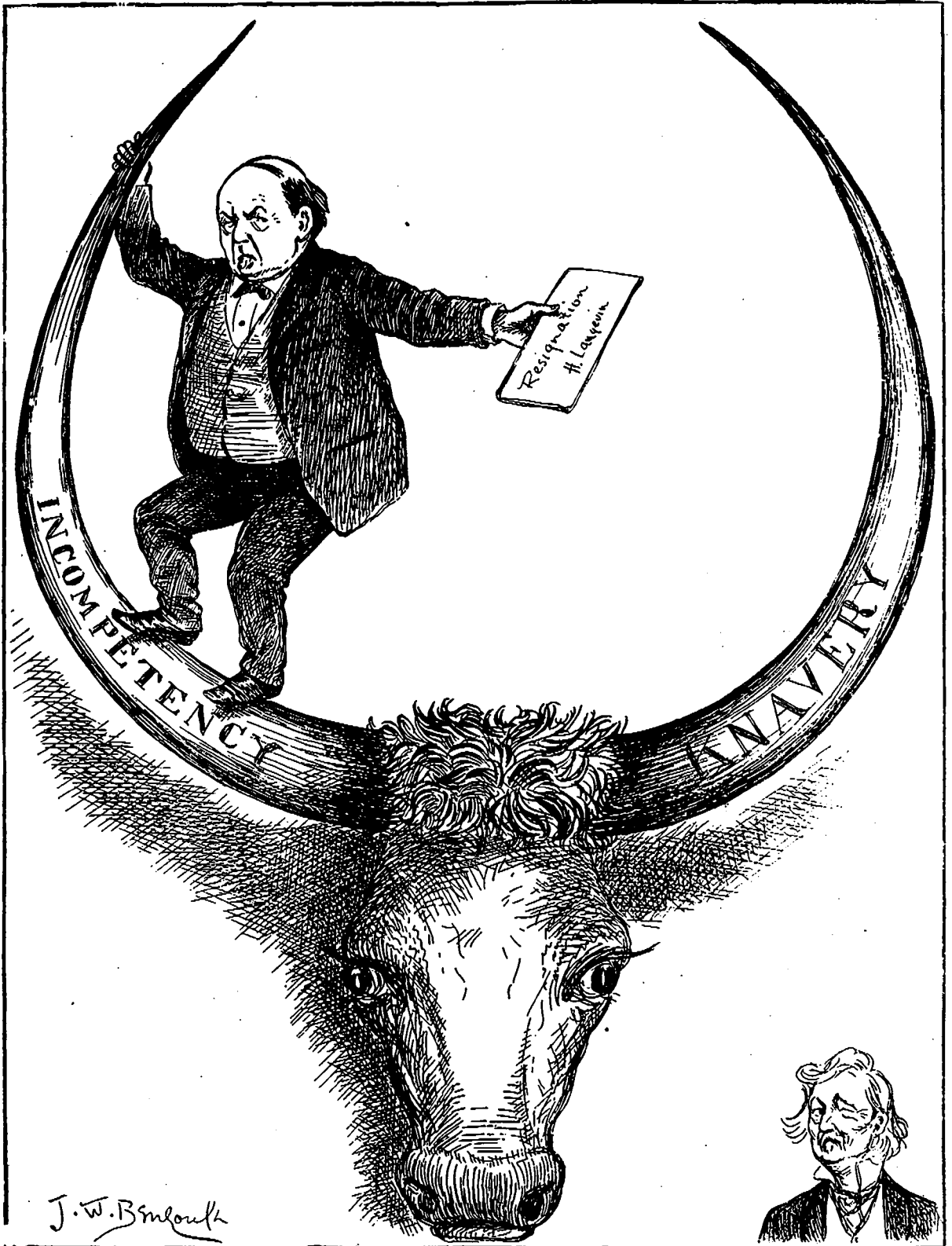
oh, Hannah, picture if you can, my anguish and despair when I learned that instead of being a man, my idol was an ass—yes, an ass. You wonder how I learned it. Listen! That *quadruped* (I cannot call him a man) had the opportunity of winning *me* for his wife—he did not grasp it (or me either). What clearer proof than that did I require to convince me that he was an ass? Do I not stand to day an animated embodiment of the truth of that assertion? For I lived through it, oh yes, I lived—if sorrow killed people this world would be uninhabited. I'm still alive, and whenever I get an opportunity to denounce that article, commonly called a man, I *grasp* it (the opportunity I mean). It is out of pity for you that I give to an unsympathetic world this sorrowful chapter of my life. I thought my heart was dead to all feeling, but when I look back now and think of his beautiful long nose and curly eyebrows—ah me, well, take my advice. If you value your peace of mind *never* go too near a moustache. Hoping that you will derive great benefit from my experience, I remain your real friend—ONE OF THE SEVENTY-NINE.

P.S.—Say Hannah, if that man ever does come back and ask you again to be his wife don't be a fool. Say "yes," or else send him to me. F. W. HARVEY.

#### ALL THE RAGE.

WAYBACK—"Little Annie Rooney" is all the rage in Bobcaygeon, just now."

BEE SWAX—"All the rage, eh? Why, it can't excite more rage anywhere than it does here. An organ-grinder who played it on Chestnut street was nearly killed yesterday"



SIR HECTOR MAKES HIS CHOICE BETWEEN THE HORNS OF THE DILEMMA.



## SCANDALOUS.

MRS. HAMFAT—"Just look at that girl—the hussy! I wouldn't ride one of them bicycles on the public street—not for—!"

MRS. FULLWAIT—"Nor me, neither!"

## LETTERS TO ABSTRACT NOUNS.

To *Boodle*.

SIR—As one of the most popular notorieties of the day, you are entitled to the honor of having one of these letters addressed to you. Please do not suppose it to be in the slightest degree a mark of respect, for your very name prohibits any feeling of that sort. And speaking of names, I have more than once expressed my astonishment at Shakespeare for being author of that very silly question—what's in a name? William was a man of remarkable discernment (at least he always gets that credit) and he must have known that there is everything in a name—whether a rose would smell as sweet if you called it an onion or not. Take your own name for example. "Boodle!" It is brimfull of meaning. It calls up courts of justice and investigating committees, lawyers, perjury, prison and a whole host of similar mental pictures. It expresses whole volumes of unpublished and unpublishable rascality. It is a sort of verbal wink, suggesting vast things that might but must not be told. How tame and weak beside it is the name "money," which in reality means the same thing! There is a world of moral difference between the two words "The love of money is the root of all evil," we are told. This is for individual application. In the case of corporations it should be read "the love of boodle," etc. You are *par excellence* a public character, and if you should defer to the prevailing fashion amongst celebrities, and write your Reminiscences of Parliaments, City Councils, Street Railway Companies and what not, I have no doubt it would eclipse any similar work of the season for spiciness. As a public character you enjoy an influence greater than that of any other abstract noun I can think of. Before your wiles Oratory is just wind gone to waste; Patriotism, Honor, the good of the people—how often all these have fallen at your touch! Not that any

real Patriot or Honorable man blanches before you—but alas, there are so many of the spurious pretenders who *are* reachable and whose votes count. It must make you swell with pride to know how easily you can overcome mere logic in the settlement of great issues, and to know that you are ranked amongst the most potent of modern political agencies. But politics is not your only field. You take some interest also in tenderer affairs. It is commonly believed that you have supplanted Cupid in the courts of Hymen; or at least that many of the most fashionable marriages of the day are brought about by your influence, and owe nothing to Cupid's dart. I suspect that this is true, at least, in nearly every one of the matches made between European aristocrats and American heiresses. These unions are arranged at the agency which you have opened in partnership with Ambition—it being your part to transfix the titled personage, and Ambition's to capture the willing victim who is always, according to Mr. Jenkins

of the press, beautiful as well as rich. (At which stereotyped statement you must often laugh, knowing the facts). Well, it is to be hoped you get some satisfaction out of your doings in the world, for you are the cause of a vast deal of misery. You have unquestionably made the human heart harder than it was ever before, and developed human greed and cruelty to a terrible degree. But I suppose it would be as useless to curse you, as to plead with you to give up your evil work, so I do neither. I simply remain, Yours indifferently. JUNIUS, JR.

## RE THE BOODLE.

(MR. O. E. MURPHY IS ACCOSTED ON THE STREET BY A WOULD-BE WELL-WISHER OF THE HON. TOM, WHEN THE FOLLOWING DIALOGUE ENSUES):

*Well-wisher*—

NOW, Murphy, you rascal, what is it you're trying to make us believe, when we know that you're lying, When you swear that poor Mac, honest Tom 'tis, I mean, In collusion with some other boodlers has been; 'Mongst whom was yourself and the Connolly Brothers, Bob the Skunk, Sir Hector, besides a few others; Each of whom, as you tell us, has made quite a haul From the funds that were voted to build the cross-wall And the other improvements; come now, Murphy, come! You're an infernal liar, as sure as a gun. Do you think, for a moment, we mind what you say, When you'd have us believe Tom would act in this way? We will not believe you though you swear on a stack Of Bibles a yard high, when you charge our poor Mac, Whom we've always respected, with being a thief; Why, the thing is preposterous, 'tis past all belief; Tom McGreevy's character to us is well known, And of this we're quite certain, 'tis as good as your own.

*Murphy*—

I care not a fig what you think of McGreevy, But I know that the Lib'rals at least will believe me When the whole facts come out and the proofs I adduce In the shape of some letters which may be of some use In bringing about—well, let us say the downfall



## TRAGIC RESULTS

Of a general mix-up of coats after Mrs. Swellerton's evening party.

Of McGreevy, Sir Hector, Sir A. P. *et al.*  
 For others there are, too, whose names I withhold,  
 Who are all much alike as are sheep in one fold.  
 And, as the old saying runs, "One sheep spoils the flock,"  
 I'm that sheep in this case who shall cause such a shock  
 To poor Uncle Tom's nerves, and Sir Hector's also,  
 That neither of those worthies will know where to go  
 To escape from the shame which I'll bring on their heads,  
 But will doubtless fall sick and soon take to their beds;  
 Or else, like Boss Tweed, trim their sails and take flight,  
 And over the border in haste and in fright  
 To some harbor of refuge in Uncle Sam's land—  
 (But perhaps they have this thing already well planned)—  
 Where, once having arrived in that "Home of the Free,"  
 They'll then be quite safe, as all boodlers should be.

*Well-wisher—*

What the deuce now, Murphy, have the Lib'ls to do  
 With McGreevy, Sir Hector, or even with you?  
 Are you not a True Blue, as we always have thought,  
 Or can it be possible that you have been bought,  
 And that you are leagued with those Lib'ls so smart,  
 Who are known to be scheming at present with Tarte?  
 For if such be the case, Murphy, mind what I say,  
 A trap you'll get into, sure as night follows day.  
 But what say you, Murphy, what letters are those,  
 Of which the contents you intend to disclose?  
 Are they the same letters on which Tarte has founded  
 His charges 'gainst Mac? Are those charges well grounded?  
 Would you have us infer that you hold in your hand  
 The political lives of our Ministers grand?  
 Such men as Sir A. P.—our armed Protector,  
 As also the great and the mighty Sir Hector;  
 And good Thomas McGreevy, who cares not a straw  
 What his agents may do when it's not 'gainst the law.  
 Make no false assertions, or, my faith, you'll lament  
 Your want of discretion when to jail you'll be sent;  
 For the law, now-a-days, in such matters as this,  
 Is extremely severe, should your evidence miss.

*Murphy—*

How it comes that the Lib'ls have something to gain  
 From this boodling matter is quite clear to my brain;  
 And yours must be muddled when you cannot discern;  
 But wait, my dear fellow, and you shortly will learn.  
 Now, regarding my being a Blue or a Red,  
 What my politics were I have never yet said.  
 As a good Yankee boodler amongst ye I came,  
 And immediately started once more at the game;  
 That I've made quite a name at it I do not deny,  
 But as to my politics, "that's all in my eye."  
 With the powers that be, be they Blue, Red or White,  
 Green, Orange or Purple, or as black as the night,  
 You will ever find Murphy, believe me you may,  
 For "whilst the sun's shining I always make hay."  
 How it comes that wee Tarte, who has heretofore been  
 As staunch and as true Blue as ever was seen,  
 Is found with the Lib'ls (for we cannot ignore  
 The fact, for 'tis patent, that at last he's gone o'er),  
 I will not attempt just at present to explain,  
 But this much I'll say,—he's a regular Jim Blaine.

Mysterious at times are his tactics, and strange,  
 And over a wide field of action do range;  
 With the eye of an eagle, and jackal's keen scent,  
 On political offal he ever is bent;  
 But not in disparaging sense do I say it,  
 'Tis only—but *n'importe*, just take it and weigh it;  
 The conclusion you 'rive at won't matter, I swear,  
 Be it good, bad or indifferent, for Tarte doesn't care;  
 And neither do I, sir,—but gad! I'm astonished  
 At finding myself by you, sir, admonished.  
 An old stager, as I am, I b'lieve can take care  
 Of myself, and avoid such a thing as a snare;  
 Or else let me suffer; but of this I've no fear,  
 Of all *breakers ahead* I will try and steer clear.  
 But what of those letters, eh? Well, yes, they're the same;  
 'Twas a *faux pas*, no doubt, but Bob was to blame  
 For having advised me to go and see Tarte,  
 And have him peruse them; *faix*, he acted his part  
 To perfection itself, but—as the can's o'er,  
 And the milk is now spilled, we will not deplore  
 The loss we've sustained, for "What cannot be cured,"  
 As the old adage tells us, "must needs be endured."  
 So now we're together,—that is, Bob and I  
 Have formed with Israel—that *Jesop* so spry—  
 A Triplicate Alliance by which we are bound,  
 Like those three Continental Heads so renowned,  
 To make common cause, and to hold to the end,  
 Each to the others, and they to their friend.  
 Then with such combination, our forces be'ng strong,  
 T' expose all the wrong-doing will not take us long.  
 By the time this committee gets through with its task  
 Of exam'ning th' evidence, we'll not have to ask  
 Where are Tom and Sir Hector and th' rest of the group?  
 For I plight you my word, they'll be all in the soup.

*Well-wisher—*

But what of yourselves, Murphy?

*Murphy—*

Oh, we'll be all right,  
 Of that there's no danger,—we're not in a fright.  
 Don't you see how this scandal will be the right-bow'r  
 In the hands of the Lib'ls to help them to pow'r;  
 After which *coup d'etat*, as a blind man might see,  
 Bob and I for the future will then be more free  
 To carry on op'rations and get our full share  
 Of the reg'lar profits, with a *bonus* to spare.  
 But enough for the present, I now must away  
 To catch the "one-fifteen," so I'll bid you good-day.

PADDY KERRY.

## NO DOG-CART FOK HIM.

MRS. TONEY (*to Uncle Jake from the country*)—  
 "Well, Uncle, after luncheon I guess we'll go for  
 a drive through High Park in the dog-cart."  
 UNCLE JAKE—"Dog-cart! Oh gosh! I've druv  
 round many a time with a ox team, but I'm essentially  
 durned ef I'm a-goin' to make a holy show of myself by  
 ridin' round behind no dorg-team. It may be Toronto  
 style, but I can't go it, I'd sooner walk any day."



#### A HINT TO HOUSEHOLDERS.

1ST BURGLAR—"Where do you keep your money?"

HOUSEHOLDER—"Er—it's in the pocket of my wife's dress."

2ND BURGLAR—"Come on, Pete, we ain't no Stanley explorin' expedition."

#### SAMJONES DISCOURSES.

"BORAX, let us converse a while upon matters and things. Did it ever occur to you that the reason why so many of our papers publish cereal (serial) st rics is to please their agricultural readers? At least it is bariey possible that such is the reason. Make an oat of it. I have sometimes wondered, moreover, why the publishers did not supply their subscribers with self-binders, so they could preserve their publications for future reference.

"This train of thought was probably suggested by a brief sojourn in the rural districts. I think it did me good, for I gained several pounds, by the way — by the weigh of the automatic weighing machine.

"I should not like to permanently reside on a farm. It would be too much like living in a pawnshop — too lone-some as it were, and then the bucolic mind is singularly non-receptive in the matter of humor. For instance, I ventured upon a few mild and innocuous witticisms on my first advent. I enquired of my host whether he had any rats in his barn, and when he replied in the affirmative, I said: 'Why the cat'll eat 'em,' and he simply stared in blank amazement, and remarked that he'd be durned, or words to that effect, and the hired man grinned and said 'Gosh!' Then I asked him if the fence was a real one or only an imitation one, and if a wether could stand the climate better than any other kind of a sheep, and assured him that the musical notes of the barn-yard were hen-chanting — little simple jests like those, suited to a mind in a backward state of development—but he never tumbled. Since then, when we were alone, he looked at me with a scary and furtive glance out of the corner of his eye; and when a neighbor dropped in, whom I tried with no better success, I saw him shake his head and touch his forehead compassionately as the two conversed together in low earnest whispers. He seemed to feel relieved, as it were, when I left. Is it

not sad, Borax, t<sup>l</sup> at a life of isolation, should thus paralyze man's intellectual faculties, so that the most obvious puns make no impression upon the mental consciousness? And yet that man had a vote.

"I see that Sir Hector Langevin has resigned—so is the general public. Is there not something, Borax, in this fall of Hector to remind us of the ill'e'ad (Iliad) wrought? Don't see it, eh? Well, as the poet says, 'Troy, Troy, Troy again.' Anyhow he will hector the Opposition no more. But perhaps these classic humorisms are beyond your scope — let us to other themes, 'fresh fields and pastors new,' as the Methodists say when their preachers get moved around.

"The M.P.'s have nade another salary grab, adopting the common expedient of signing a round robin in favor of an additional five hundred apiece. There is usually some one around robbin' where the politicians are gathered together. I don't know what the country is coming to. My favorite author, Shakespere, says 'Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,' and these boodlers seem to be trying hard to live up to the sentiment, for if anything would bring

about the end of a country the rascality of those fellows at Ottawa would."

#### "SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL."

*Sparks from the anvil now again are hurled,  
Which, like the sun, illuminate the "World."*

**M**ETHINKS the Keily-Everett street-cars oughter  
Be run hereafter by the Keely motor.

A curious fact—explain it how you like—  
That blacksmiths never work unless they strike.

The campers out, who go on pleasure bent,  
Are usually on jolly times *in-tent*.

"Pray, clear your mind of Kant" quoth T. Carlyle;  
I never read him—don't admire his style.

"The devil was sick—the devil a monk"—too thin!  
I'd hardly dare to ring that chestnut in.

Why, when we tell old jokes, do folks cry "chestnuts?"  
Nuts well matured are surely much the best nuts.

'Tis strange the *Christian Guardian's* tone should be  
That of the guardian of monopoly.

How goes Sir John's Memorial Fund? Well, slow;  
They've raised enough to sculpt the statue's toe.

Canadian loyalty is strong, no wonder  
Only the loyal get a chance to plunder.

"Turn out the rascals!" Pause e'er you begin it;  
Turn them *all* out, and who'll be then left in it?

An optimist's a conscienceless old bloat,  
With lots of cash, and gorged up to the throat.

An honest politician! Let me gaze!  
He can't have been elected many days.

*Silent the anvil—off the apron's jerked;  
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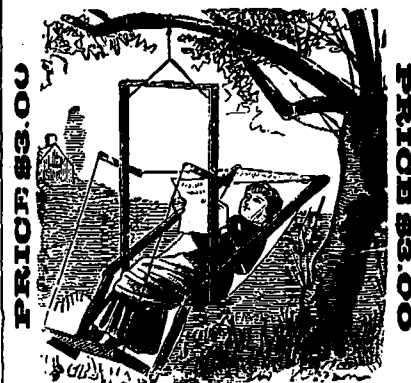
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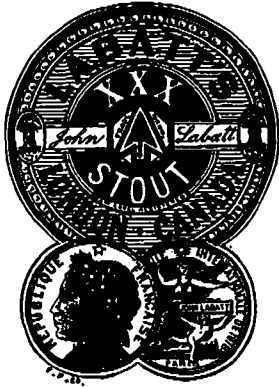
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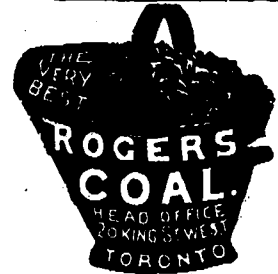
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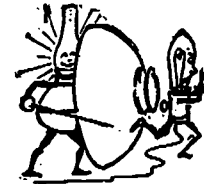
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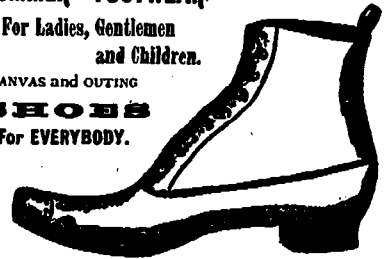
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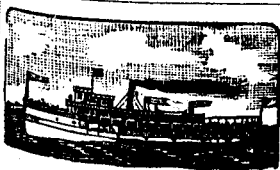
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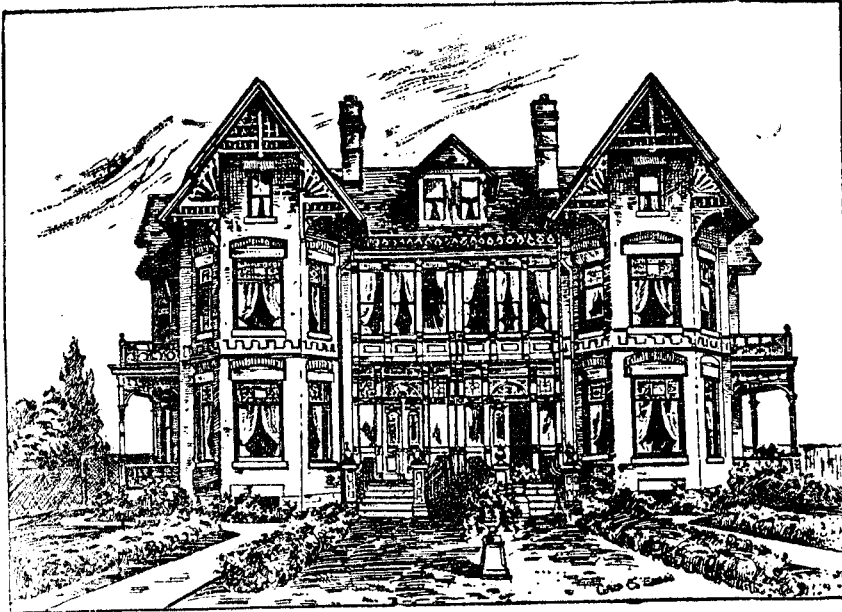
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