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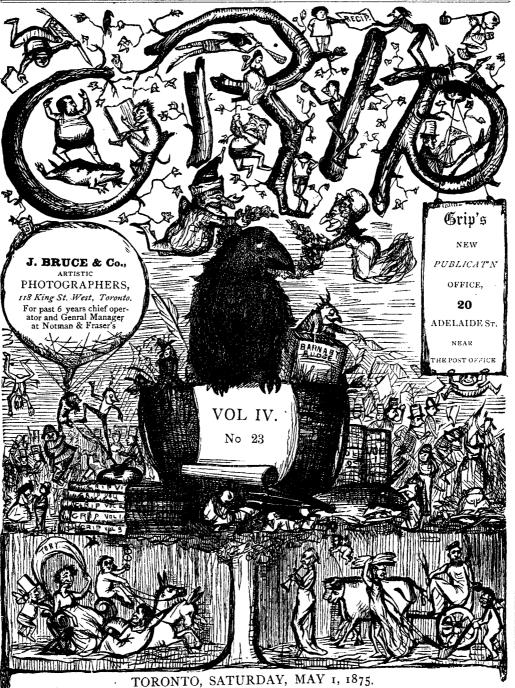
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Answers to Correspondents.

PATRICK MURPHY, JUNE., ESQ.—Your "Bread and butter" is too much spread with the "iles of Grease." Such short-breathed lines are too "fat" for our printers.

From Our Box.

"No scandal about Queen Elizabeth." Well, not much, anyway, considering she only comes to the throne in the last act of "Twixt Axe and Crown". The plot of the drama and its characters are mostly familiar to us in Mr. Ainsworth's novel of the "Tower of London", except iar to us in Mr. Ainsworth's novel of the "Tower of London", except that the giants and dwarfs, who play so important parts in that marvellous story, do not appear in the play. The villainous Spanish Ambassador, the cruel Bishop Gardiner, and poor, sickly, ill-used, crossgrained "Bloody Queen Mary" herself are old friends of ours. Then there is Elizabeth's first love, Courtenay, who in the play comes out rather better than in the story, but is remorselessly killed off at the end to make things square with history, and keep the Queen single. We admired Mrs. Rousby very much, and weliked her acting. Both her appearance and style are a great contrast to those of Miss Neilson, over whom she nossesses a great advantage in a singularly pleasant voice. We were and style are a great contrast to those of MISS NEILSON, over whom she possesses a great advantage in a singularly pleasant voice. We were rather surprised, in a very crowded house, to miss our friends the swells of the side-boxes. Where, oh where, were they? and where were their bouquets? Still the play went on, the audience managed to support life and the actors received due applause and got recalled without the inter-

and the actors received due applause and got recalled without the intervention of the gorgeous ones.

"Perhaps they're on the railway,
Perhaps they're gone to sea."

Anyhow, we saw them not. It may be that one such splurge is enough in a season. It certainly is for the regular frequenters of theatres. But to return to our subject. "The play's the thing" and a very good play too, with so many patriotic English aspirations in it, as to give the idea that it was written in honor of St. George's day. MRS. ROUSSY looked charming, and acted with all the dignity of a princess. MR. BARNES as Courtenay was very good, having thoroughly mastered the character of the rash and impulsive young man, who is for ever getting himself and his friends into scrapes. MRS. LINDEN had a part not likely to find the favor of the audience as Queen Mary, and deserves the more credit for her faithful rendering of a not very pleasant task. The two villains of the piece, Simon Renard and Bishop Gardiner had not half sufficient force given them by MESSRS. CLARK and LAURENS, while MR. MELTON, who had but little to do as the airy, fantastic Sir John Harrington, did the little well, and MISS LIZZIE RICH deserves great praise for her Isabel Markham. She should be careful however when she attempts to lift Mrs. ROUSNY, the task being rather too much for her. Taking it altogether the play was a success and was heavy well prefermed. Gallis MRS. ROUSBY, the task being rather too much for her. Taking it altogether the play was a success and was very well performed. GRIP is pleased to see that there are plenty of people left yet who can appreciate the quiet style of acting, though it might have been truer to history if Elizabeth had stamped her feet and sworn occasionally.

Addressed to the Rev. H.H. Waters, of Babylon,

On reading his Sermon on 18th ult., before St. George's Society at St. James Cathedral.

Indeed and please your reverence, I think you're very wrong-In Canada we tune our harps To quite a different song; Our experience of this Country Is a far more cheerful thing; 'Tis of plenty and prosperity We feel inclined to sing.

Nine families from Staffordshire Together came last fall; We find there's work for all to do, And food and clothes for all. 'Tis true indeed the climate's cold— But the people's hearts are warm, And when we're snugly housed in doors, We do'nt much mind the storm.

We've schooling for the children, And no more pence to pay, From Church and Sunday School they now Need never stop away,
And Sir, can you believe it,
We're going to keep a cowIn towns it may be harder,— We do'nt live there any how.

Then at Christmas time, I tell you, We had a jolly feast The grown up ones paid 60 cents— All came, down to the least. Nine families together dined And had good Christmas cheer, Of fowl and beef and pudding too, So cheaply purchased here.

We've written home to tell them. And more are coming soon, We hope that they may join with us And sing a cheerful tune. your harp is on the willows, Sir, Pray take it quite away; And no more doleful ditties Chant over us we pray!

Modern Miracles.

GRIP lately perused the pages of a Spiritualist paper, published in Chicago. Here he found events recorded by the side of which the miracles described in *Church Chimes* sink into utter insignificance. One writer gravely details how the spirits at a scance in Boston, windows and doors being closed, filled the room with the most beautiful flowers, one lady being presented with the somewhat inconvenient gift of a rose-tree, roots, earth and all. In a city where spirits comport themselves in this fashion let the owners of conservatories look to it. In another place we fashion let the owners of conservatories look to it. In another place we read of a delightful city inhabited by spirits, where a Boston ghost was staying with the late ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and most of the inhabitants were engaged in literary pursuits. We cannot realise the fact of this being such a species of paradise if the editors of all the papers went on as they do on the earth. Besides, whom do they get to subscribe? We found a well-meant caution against giving alcohol to dying persons, but somewhat marred by picturing the disembodied spirits as "reeling and jabbering with intoxication." One lecturer suggests that funerals be conducted in a cheerful way and the horses gallop if the weather is bad. A great point is made in favor of Spiritualists who are declared not "to be a set of lunatics, but to have a singular power of healing lunacy." They must give each other considerable employment in this way. And yet there are people, who are ready to believe all the outrageous nonsense we have quoted and a great deal more, while at the same time they proclaim themselves in advance of the whole of mankind, to have cast off the trammels of superstition. "A mad world, my masters."

Not Platitude.

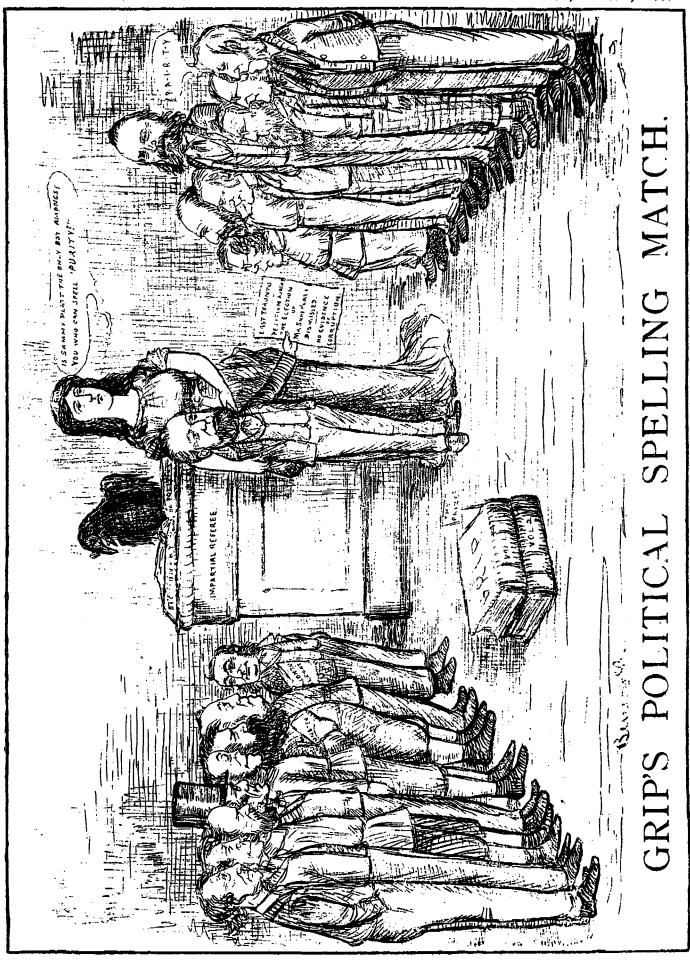
" Grip" to the Member Elect for East Toronto.

Friend PLATT, your hand! And let us clasp It with an earnest hearty grasp,
As but an "old bird" can,
And, as we feel the hand we take, Apart from old acquaintance sake, Is of an honest man!

Do not, because Conservative, Sift measures thro' a party sieve, But let the good alone, Or, like the tale—not over new-Of poor Dog Tray, and you pursue A visionary bone!

The Grits are in and you are out; But Fortune will not always flout, Altho' she seem to bear a Grudge against the party styled
The "gentlemen's," and that sad child
Lugubrious MORTARA.

May common sense, -not those of Don-Direct your energies anon, And keep your cranium level. Make your speeches short and few— Subscribe to GRIP, and then will you Not fear the-(printer's) Devil !



Grip's Spelling Match.

A number of prominent politicians were lately convened for the fashionable amusement of a spelling match. GRIP consented to occupy the position of judge, objections having been made to the conductors of several of the leading journals on the ground of partiality. several of the leading journals on the ground of partiality. It was determined that the contestants should be divided according to their political proclivities, and that the prize, a handsomely bound volume of GRIP should be the property of that party whose representatives remained last on the floor, every failure to spell a word correctly excluding the perpetrator from further participation in the contest. To universal surprise, three Parties appeared on the scene, Mr. J. V. Spoiin and Dr. Devlin, of Hamilton, and Captain Wynne, of St. Catharines announcing themselves as representatives of "Canada First", while the rest of the assembly capaged themselves under the respective leaderships of St. Laun A bly ranged themselves under the respective leaderships of SIR JOHN A.

selves as representatives of "Canada First", while the rest of the assembly ranged themselves under the respective leaderships of SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD and Hon. GEORGE BROWN.

The first word given out was "Canvas". This had the effect of disposing of all three of the Canada First men, whose early retirement was greeted with shouts of derision.

The next word was "Ballot." An elderly gentleman on the Tory side was heard to mutter that "it was'nt English," but it was passed round with universal success. The first victim was Mr. Plumb, for whom "Oratory" proved altogether too much, an attempt to introduce an additional "r" turning out fatal. Mr. Mackellar made a most extraordinary jumble out of "Agriculture" and was ordered to retire. "Drinking-bar" disposed of two gentlemen from British Columbia, who tried to condense it into two syllables. The apparently simple word "Petition" had an extraordinary effect in thinning the ranks of the competitors, who seemed disposed to try every way of getting over it, but the right one. Dr. Tuprer got hopelessly confused with "Intercolonial" and had to step down and out. Mr. Charlton in whom a great deal of confidence was reposed by the Reformers, confessed himself ignorant of the meaning of "Reciprocity," and the Premier came to grief in a futile attempt at a new way of spelling "Prohibition," Mr. Rykert was here discovered to have pasted a dictionary into his scrap-book and was ordered out of the room for referring to it. "Debenture" broke down Mr. Crooks, and Mr. M. C. Cameron, who was chuckling at his discomfiture, tried to "c" too much in "Accounts." "Colleague" removed Mr. Mowat from the scene. Sir Francis Hincks, who had come to town expressly for the occasion, was completely bewildered by "Currency" and, after several attempts and stoppages to correct himself. removed MK. MOWAT from the scene. SIR FRANCIS HINCKS, who had come to town expressly for the occasion, was completely bewildered by "Currency" and, after several attempts and stoppages to correct himself, gave it up. Hon. W. McDougall found terrible difficulties in the word "Principle." After several corrections he finally, with a glance of self-approbation, decided on P-r-i-n-c-i-p-a-l--and went under,

The competitors finally were narrowed down to the leaders of the two great parties, who had spelled every word in safety, and MR. PLATT. Amid breathless silence GRIP announced "Purity" as the word. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD frankly confessed he had never heard of it, and declined the attempt. "P-A-I-R-T-Y" shouted MR. BROWN. On being informed by the inexorable judge that he was wrong, he left the room in a passion and Mr. Platt who modestly gave the correct spelling, was adjudged the victor, amid considerable applause.

Kissing and Kissing.

At Montreal last week a youth of nineteen and three girls aged seventeen, sixteen and fifteen, were arrested on Sherbourne street, for kissing and playing with each other and obstructing the sidewalk. The young man was fined \$5 or one month, and the girls discharged.—World.

In Canada we're slow. In fact we're very far behind.— Tis Jonathan the world can show The proper kissing page, and go Two-forty speed. In short you know Can go it blind!

The boys he does'nt fix With fines and such like "notions," while In osculation's various tricks With lasses' lips their own they mix Like—well—vulgariter, like bricks— Lured by love's smile,

The "kiss of peace," and lo!
The kiss of sudden "inspiration," Poor dullards! nought of these we know—
"Conciliatory" osculation,—
And "paroxysmal" buss-sensation;
We cannot show.

Nor e'en forget the kiss "Tripartite"—couplet kiss in big; Or buss triangular—whose bliss To those who run the kissing rig, No doubt must be, like roasted pig, Most savoury dish!

A cents-able verdict. CROOKS vs. The Mail.

Questions for Candidates for Admission into the Good Graces of the Conservative Leaders.

1. Is there as much talent among the Conservative leaders as is generally stated? If so how many.

2. Mr. McDougall asserts that "he (Mr. McD.) and Mr. Cameron perfectly understand each other". Is it your candid opinion that Mr. Cameron can understand Mr. McDougall? Apply the fable of the

3. If the Mail was able to damage CROOKS 20cts, worth. How much

harm could the Leader do?

4. If the Mail has damaged Mr. CROOKS 20cts, worth, how much has it hurt Hon, GEO, Brown. Reason this from the infinitesimal calculus.

5. What is meant by "Conservative Reaction?" What is meant by

5. What is meant by "Conservative Reaction?" What is meant by giving as the date of its occurrence, the Greek Calends? Calculate from Dr. Tupper's experience in Wellington.

6. From Mr. WILLIAM McDougall subtract the cpithets "Wandering Willie," "Billy McDougall," "Frozen William" and "Look to Washington Will." and show that o remains, and show that Mr. Cameron's continuance in the leadership is a "rank" injustice to the other members. the other members.

7. Whose address reminds you of the remark of a western candidate who at the close of his speech said "Them's my sentiments, gentlemen, but if they don't suit you they kin be changed." Reason from Butler's

QUESTIONS FOR DITTO. REFORM.

1. Prove that the Globe is satisfied (a) with the result of PLATT's election trial, (b) with the result of the last Ontario Election, (c) with the conduct of "certain," members last session. Reason from MILL's

2. On what grounds do you rest your belief that Messrs. CARTWRIGHT and FOURNIER will be satisfied with the change in the government moved by The Mail and seconded by The Globe.

3. Prove clearly that the Hon. Geo. Brown is not a "defunct politician". How many dozens of seats, to your knowledge, have been offered to Mr. Crooks, and also show that since the late verdict in his (CROOKS') case, he is no longer entitled to be called "poor".

4. Which is the "spiciest" paper in the Dominion? Give the Globe's

remarks on this question.

5. Give a synopsis of (with the Mail's remarks on) the English-Long-bottom-Prince-Pardee-Mackenzie-Canadian-Oil-Wells-Bubble-Case.—Give also a diagram connecting with it the Globe, Atlantic Cable, Reciprocity, Beecher Trial and Copper Pyrites.

The Modern Sphynx.

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Woman, thou art the Modern Sphinx, Man cannot guess thee, He sometimes fears and from thee shrinks, More oft he'll bless thee!

Sometimes thou seem'st but made for show, But this most odd is, There's fire beneath thy coldest snow, A heart beneath thy boddice.

False, not completely false art thou: Affliction's showers And the sharp teeth of Sorrow's plough Bring up sweet flowers.

Thou art a riddle, Modern Sphinx, We cannot guess thee; But most male monsters might, I think, Soon learn to bless thee.

Croaks and Pecks

CROOKS declines to go south-for his health-i.c. to South Simcoeso the Reformers can't gain that constituency by hook or by Crook(s)

ACCORDING to the Boston Journal, the present British House of Com mons, which contains a number of brewers, is called the "Bung Parlia ment." But this is right. It the House of Lords monopolizes all the peerage, it is fitting that the House of Commons should have its beerage. London Free Press.

THE Liberal of the 19th contains a letter from the Rev. Mr. JOHNSON in which he says that he is overboard now like JONAH. Oh no, Mr. JOHNSON "not for Jo"-nah, we think it is the people that is over-bored with that subject.

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