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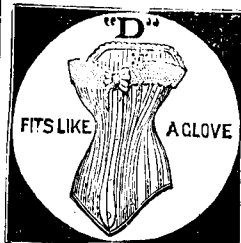
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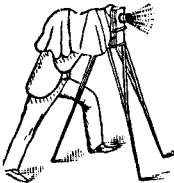
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POLITICAL DYNAMITE !

UNCLE THOMAS—"Now then, Mr. Justice, you let up on this prosecution foolishness or I'll let this satchel drop !"



TORONTO, SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 1892.

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- 4th. All articles submitted to be marked "competition," and to be the property of the Grip Printing and Publishing Company.
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- 8th. All articles to be sent in by March 1, 1892, when the competition will be closed.
- 9th. There is no limit to the number of articles that may be sent in by any competitor.

The result of the competition and the successful articles will be published in GRIP as soon afterwards as possible. The best of the non-successful ones will also appear.

COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



RICHARD REVOLTS.—In his recent speech at Almonte Sir Richard Cartwright for once fairly boiled over. He came along just after the Conservative meeting, at which Sir John Thompson and Mr. C. H. Tupper had worked the "loyalty cry" for all it was worth. These star orators had, of course, denounced the Grit policy of Unrestricted Reciprocity as the quintessence of treason, and by implication, if not directly, had held up the leaders of

that party as a parcel of annexationists. This was more than Sir Richard could stand, and when he got before the electors he laid aside for the nonce the air of aristocratic hauteur which sits so becomingly upon him, and went at the Government chaps with bare knuckles. He declared that he was in no mood to take lessons in loyalty from a Government presided over by a man who had signed an annexation manifesto; nor from members of that Government representing the Maritime Provinces, a section that was certainly not in a position to give On-

tario instructions on such a subject. That he, the descendant of U. E. Loyalists, should be called a traitor by "titled blockheads," whose trade policy had driven a million Canadians out of the country and whose administration was a mass of rottenness that had disgraced the Dominion in the eyes of the whole world, etc., etc., etc. Oh, it was a scorcher, if strong language goes for anything. And it was justifiable, too, if strong language is ever justifiable. It is time the clap-trap loyalty cry was stopped, so that the question may be discussed on its merits. Nobody knows better than Sir John Thompson that this twaddle about Free Trade meaning annexation is "rot," and as a man of character and intelligence he ought to be ashamed to stoop to it.

POLITICAL DYNAMITE.—Uncle Thomas McGreevey and his chum, Nick Connolly, declare that what they call their persecution at the hands of the Government has gone far enough. In a recent interview McGreevey threatened that if the Minister of Justice didn't "let up" on it, he would unfold a very interesting tale to the country which would make things lively for certain ministers. Nobody doubts he *could* do it, too.

THE NEW DOCTOR.—GRIP extends his congratulations to Mr. Mayor-elect Fleming, on his gallant victory in a hard-fought battle. And, now that the smoke has cleared away and the smell of the powder vanished, we wish him all joy of the big task he has taken in hand. Mr. Fleming, according to the *Globe*, was the only one of the candidates who had a clearly defined and business-like plan for the reduction of the city debt, and the reorganization of the departments. People are going about saying that the new mayor cannot perform one-fifth of the things he promised; but, of course, this conclusion is premature. We wait with interest to see the plan put in operation, and if it proves a success Our Bob will deserve a great deal of credit in addition to the \$4,000 cash.



WOMAN, lovely woman, is stepping to the front politically in this city. Three members of the superior sex have found places on the School Board and GRIP is proud to have it to say that his ballot helped to put them there. Perhaps before long we may hope to see at least one alderwoman from each of the wards, and when that day arrives Toronto will have the best council she has ever boasted. By the way, doesn't the very fact that we speak of a city as "she" imply that woman suffrage is in accordance with the fitness of things?

WOMAN, in thine hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy and hard to please,
In public life thou'lt prove, of course,
The gray mare is the better horse!

CONSISTENCY is a jewel, but it is one which we don't often see flashing on the shirt front of the Protectionist. We notice that our contemporaries of the N.P. persuasion are not behind others in chronicling the progress of science in the air-ship direction, and when the problem is solved they will jubilate and enthuse like the



THE PRIDE OF WEALTH.

DEAD-BEAT (*humbly, to swell, old-time friend of his*)—"Lend me five bob."

SWELL (*handing it over*)—"Now, old man, for goodness sake don't booze it up."

DEAD-BEAT (*haughtily, pocketing the two half-crowns*)—"What right have you, sir, to dictate to me how I should spend my own money?"—*Sydney Bulletin.*

rest of us. They don't seem to remember that, if their political economy is sound, it will then be necessary to put a roof over the country to save us from the "deluge of cheap foreign goods."

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'TIS thus that Protection so blatantly taught
By our Tippers and Fosters (you've heard 'em),
Is to that bourne of all fallacies brought—
The *reductio ad absurdum.*

* * *

LONDON the Great has been stirred up over a certain anonymous pamphlet scandalizing the Prince of W—, but perhaps you read the very guarded cablegram in Friday's *Mail*? It is alleged that the sender of this message had, so it is understood, the fear of a libel suit before his eyes, and, according to the story, he felt obliged, it is said, to be very careful to say nothing definite. It is also asserted, still according to the story, that this is the reason why he made his narrative absurd by beginning every sentence with such expressions as, "It is understood," "So it is alleged," "It is furthermore said," etc., etc.

* * *

OUR new mayor has had the advantage of receiving an excellent tonic to strengthen him in his good resolutions just before taking his seat in the civic chair. It would appear that parties connected with one of the papers which supported Mr. Fleming, are flattering themselves that they are now in the enjoyment of a "pull" at City Hall, and can get any sort of schemes put through if it is made worth their while. These would-be boodlers

ought to be instantly undeceived. We expect the Mayor to take the earliest opportunity of undeceiving them, and the more vigorously he does it the more he will be respected.

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MME. PATTI ought to be informed that high tariffs are very unpopular in this country at the present time. She is, no doubt, a nice little woman, and perhaps she can sing as well as or even better than our own Mme. Caldwell, but \$3, \$4, and \$5 per ticket is coming it too strong even for devotees of the great N.P. No, Diva, dear. Not this evening—some other evening.

* * *

HERE'S a little fable by our own Æsop: "The Ox asked permission to appear before the Owl Association to make a statement of what was known as the Anti-Poverty Theory. Permission being granted, Bos duly attended, and made a speech to this effect: 'That it was not in accordance with justice or expediency that the Dog should be permitted to continue monopolizing the manger, and thus keeping the oxen from eating the hay which he was not himself eating; or only granting that use on payment to him of a heavy rental.'

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"NOW," said the Ox, in concluding his address. 'Our society proposes this remedy: that as hay was never made for such a use as the Dog is putting it to, his monopoly of it should be destroyed. For this purpose the rental value of it should be taxed into the public till. It would then do him no good to hold it as he is doing merely for purposes of exploiting his fellow creatures, for the rent we pay him he would have to pay to the community. I hope I make myself clear?'

* * *

"PERFECTLY clear," said the Owls, 'we quite grasp your meaning. We have read your theory up thoroughly, so that we understand it perfectly. While thanking you for your address, we would point out that there are certain practical difficulties in the way of your proposed remedy. It will suffice to mention one. Granted that hay was not meant to be owned and controlled by Dogs for purposes of boodle, still you see it *is* so owned. The thing should never have been begun, but it *has* been begun, and we must just let it go on. The Dogs have vested interests which we can't touch without being guilty of confiscation of rightful property. The case is hopeless. Good day.'

SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE.

"HOW does Bridget get on since she joined the Army?"

"Well, I am satisfied that it is a case of genuine conversion."

"How so?"

"Well, she always tells me now when she breaks a dish."

ENVY.

MICK O'DELL (*of the third concession of Bellarney, to neighbor, whose son has just returned from College with a degree*)—"And is dthat the bye that has all the larnin'?"

NEIGHBOR—"Yes."

O'DELL—"And hes he all the larnin' he kin get?"

NEIGHBOR (*puzzled*)—"Well—er—yes."

O'DELL (*reflectively*)—"Well, if I hed all dthat larnin' I'd be a clark in a stoor!"



LEAP-YEAR.

MRS. JIMPSECUTE ON DRESS REFORM.

"NO, I did not Mrs. Dewsbury," said Mrs. Jimpsecute, indignantly. "Such nonsense! what would I want to go and see a woman make a circus performer of herself by jumping from one dress into another in two minutes for, and telling people a lot of trash about leaving off corsets, which I'm sure must be most uncomfortable as well as unbecoming and unladylike, and indeed I've always worn them all my life, and always intend to, in spite of what these dress reformers say about their being unhealthy, and I think Mrs. Jenness Miller, or whatever her name is, but most of these people take any name that they think sounds well, so you can't say anything about that, had far better have stayed in Chicago with her poor little nine-week old baby, instead of gallivanting round the country to show herself off, and tell women who know just as much about it as she ever did, how to make their dresses. Of course, any one might know that a woman that would get up on a platform and try to argue against corsets and petticoats wouldn't care anything at all about her baby, nor her husband, and if I were him do you suppose I'd let my wife go running around talking about dress reform and throwing her clothes off and on to please a lot of gaping idiots and fools that are never satisfied unless they've got hold of some ridiculous new fad to talk about, not if they paid me a thousand dollars a night I wouldn't."

"No, Mrs. Dewsbury, I don't think any sensible woman wants anything to do with these new fangled notions about dress reform which any of these fly-away Yankee women take up, and if they go taking off their corsets the next thing they'll want to do will be to get divorces and go preaching or practising law, or running for parliament, you needn't tell me that it's got nothing to do with divorces. I tell you I know better, these things all go together, and everybody knows that in Chicago and New York anybody can get a divorce, and most of the women there have been married and divorced half-a-dozen times, and you never know where it'll all end when once you begin, and when she says women can't stand or walk properly in corsets it's really too

absurd and foolish for anything, for haven't we all worn them and our mothers and grandmothers before us, and I'm sure they were a straighter and stronger and healthier and had better complexions and not half so sickly and ailing as most of the women who want to change the good old fashions and run after all sorts of new and outlandish notions that'll lead to no good and upset everything. And indeed, Mrs. Dewsbury. I'm thankful I've got no vote, for I don't want one, and wouldn't go near the polls, not if I had a thousand, because it isn't a woman's place, and neither would I encourage any woman to go and make a mountebank of herself, and talk about dress reform, when she might far better be sewing at home, if she has a home, as every woman ought to have. I shouldn't be at all surprised if we have annexation if such things are allowed, and I don't know that it would be any worse than the new style of dress which is just simply abominable, and I don't really know what the women are thinking about now-a-days to encourage it."

PEDAGOGIC TRIALS.

TEACHER—"Now, children, it must be stopped! I will not have you chewing gum in this disgusting way. How would I look with a lot of gum in my mouth?"

BAD SMALL BOY—"Ain't you got none?"

TEACHER—"Why, certainly not!"

BAD SMALL BOY (to delight of his friends)—"Law, Ma'am! What does your teeth grow in?"



IT WAS PUT ON.

MAGISTRATE (to witness—actor who, in his evidence, pretends to be afflicted with stuttering)—"But you don't naturally stutter. I have seen you on the stage and you don't stutter there—"

ACTOR—"No; but on the stage that is only put on."—*Sydney Bulletin.*

SNOWED UNDER.

Oh, the snow, the horrible snow !
Under its surface we mournfully go,
Falling around us so flaky and cold,
No use to swear or to worry or scold.
Drifting, shifting and weighing us down,
'Mid the yells and the hoots which resound through the town,
Figures in many an ominous row,
Tell the tale of the fall of the ballot box snow.

Oh the snow, the horrible snow,
We are "in it" alas! and 'tis frigid, you know.
Of our hopes we are shorn, of our influence bereft,
And 'tis fitting the day should be cold when we're left.
Piling still higher majorities rise,
Oh, who could have dreamed of such painful surprise,
When before the elections we ventured to blow
We hadn't a thought of the ballot-box snow.

Oh, the snow, the horrible snow !
Heaping around us to add to our woe,
As the votes they roll up, and our chances decay,
Our dreams of the future are vanished away.
Rejected, snowed under, outclassed as N.G.,
Put away on the shelf to our enemies' glce.
Oh, ye who for office ambitiously glow
Take warning from those who are under the snow!

ROMANIZING OUR SCHOOLS.

THE cry that our school system was being Romanized has pretty well subsided, as it failed to dislodge Mr. Mowat, but it will probably be started again shortly before the next Provincial election. In the meantime, an insidious movement, which, during the heat of the contest, would have been viewed with the greatest alarm and consternation by the upholders of sound Protestant principles, is taking place so quietly that probably little will be known of it outside a small circle of educationists until the mischief is done. The following letter recently received by Bro. James L. Hughes, from that stalwart and vigilant anti-Romanist, Bro. William Kildogan, of L. O. L., 10,625 1/2, speaks for itself:

JAMES L. HUGHES, ESQ.,
Public School Inspector, Toronto.

DEAR SIR AND BRO,—It is a shame, so it is, that the good Protestants of Toronto will allow the Jesuits to be shaming all the time to introduce the worst features of Popery into the schools and



TASTES.

JILLSON—"Don't the city water disagree with you?"
BILLSON—"No; I drink it with impunity."
JILLSON—"So? I generally drink it with whisky."

pervert the minds of innocent children, and not a word said agin it. Just look at this now. I send it you from a report in the *Mail*, a sound Protestant paper, do you mind, of the meeting of the High School Board. "Mr. W. Houston called the attention of the board to a notice of motion introduced by him some time ago, urging that the Roman pronunciation of the Latin language be adopted in the schools. This, he thought, would facilitate the mastery of the Romance languages." What do you think of that, Bro. Hughes? Roman pronunciation! Separate schools is bad enough, but when it comes to boldly and treacherously teaching Roman pronunciation in the High Schools, then I say, sir, it's time for every sound Protestant to stand up and denounce such Jesuitical actions. I don't know what to make of the *Mail*. It hasn't a word to say, good or bad, about it. When our lodge meets next week we'll pass a good strong resolution on the subject, and if our member don't let the government hear from him about it, we'll know for what, and he need never show his nose in the constituency agin. And if you don't come out and let them Jesuit tricksters and deceivers know what you think of them, and hold them up to public vituperation, you're not the man I took you for either, so you're not.

Yours fraternally,
WM. KILDOGAN,
G.P.W.M., L.O.L., 10,625 1/2.

A MIDNIGHT EXPRESS.

JACK (*laying down paper*)—"I have just been reading of a man on horseback who kept up with a fast train for a number of miles. Don't believe any horse could do it!"

TOM—"Oh, that's nothing! Why, once-I saw a man on foot keep up with a train for ever so long."

JACK—"It wasn't going fast perhaps?"

TOM—"Fast! You just bet it was—made one's head swim to see it whirl by!"

JACK—"Ah, indeed! (*Cuttingly*). And may I ask where you saw this wonderful performance?"

TOM—"Certainly. Right here in Toronto Pavilion. By the way, the train was attached to the belle of the ball. She was dancing with the man in question."

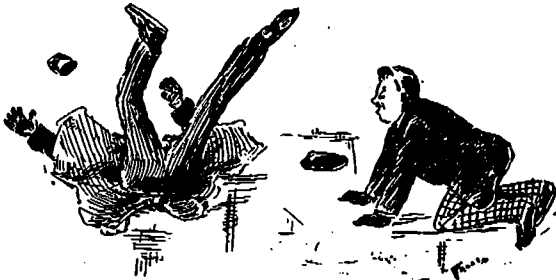


"NOT IN IT."

"NEMESIS."



MR. SMARTY—"Come here and I'll pick you up, Jawkins."



MR. JAWKINS—"No; you come here."

THE PERSECUTED SAWSER.

"SUCH a house for heat!" exclaimed Mr. Sawser, as he came home from his office one day last week. "None of you seem to have the least idea of how to run that furnace properly; we're always being either frozen or roasted alive! It's perfectly stifling in here! Do you want to have all the children sick on your hands? You know it's the worst possible thing to have your house overheated. I suppose if I have anything left after settling the coal bill it will go towards paying the doctor. Eh?—'not too hot'? What are you talking about? Why, if you'd open a window the atmosphere of the whole city would go up ten degrees. But no danger of you opening a window! It's a thing you never could rise to, anyway. Oh, no! The children might take cold, or the plants get frozen, or—you 'do air the house every morning.' Oh! I like that!—windows up about an inch, and down again like winking—afraid a little fresh air might get into your house. One would suppose by your actions you expected it would steal something. 'Why don't I open the window now if I'm too hot?' There you are again. Of all the silly women I ever listened to!—Raise the windows, throw open the doors! Oh, yes! certainly! You see, we are so rich that we've nothing to do with our money—nothing at all—we only burn coal for the pleasure of seeing how much we can waste on trying to heat the universe! Do you think I'm made of money? and that you have nothing to do but let that boy of yours put all the coal in the bin in the furnace at once, and then when it's hot enough to roast a pig—I don't care whether the neighbors hear me or not—hot enough to roast a pig, I tell you, say, 'Well, open the window.' I'm not going to open the window! I suppose you don't care if I catch my death with the draughts. You 'do your best to have things comfortable.' 'Better attend to it myself!' Perhaps you'd

like me to get the meals and dust the house—I wonder you don't make me sit up all night with the baby, and do the washing and ironing! A man that works as hard as I do all day down town, slaving away to try and keep his wife and family in comfort, expects a little different treatment when he comes home at night. I thought when we took a house with a furnace in we'd have some comfort this winter. What? You thought so too—I'm unreasonable? Well! upon my soul! *Me* unreasonable—*ME!!* Why, many a man would take to drink with such a wife as you; you make home perfectly miserable with your nag-nagging! A person can't say a word or offer the slightest suggestion without getting jumped on. But I suppose you can't help it, it's your nasty disposition! Well, I'm thankful *I'm* not built that way!"

And this reflecton somewhat soothing Mr. Sawser, he allowed his worried wife to hang up his overcoat, bring him his slippers, give him the evening papers, and serve him with the carefully-prepared meal which was awaiting him. *

MISS TORONTO SKATING.

SHE glides away—her shining eyes
Glow like the flash of kingly gems;
Each royal foot the ice-field tries
And spurns the frosty diadems.
Her furry wrappings softly float
About her sweet and panting throat.

The blood is dashing thro' her veins,
Her heart exults—her feet take wings;
The flush her queenly forehead gains
Beneath the icy ocean rings;
Just one of all her floating curls
Would buy a world of southern girls.

THE KHAN.

Let us the picture now complete,
As oft we've seen such visions end,
In different ways shoot out her feet,
And so she must perforce descend.
It well might chill the listener's blood
To hear the dull and sickening thud!



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“WHITE SLAVES.”

(FROM “TRUTH,” BUFFALO.)

FOR a week past “The White Slave” has occupied the boards at the Lyceum; hundreds of people have seen the play, and hundreds have been deeply moved by this portrayal of the cruel and inhuman brutality of chattel slavery.

Women sentimentally inclined were seen to weep and we do not believe we miss it much when we say that from the heart of almost every person in the audience there arose an involuntary “Thank God, slavery is abolished.”

But is it? Is there no slavery in our midst to-day? Why did the abolitionists seek to free the colored people? It was to destroy this power that the law gave some men to brutalize other men and degrade women to the position of breeding animals.

But do not the same conditions exist to-day? Are there not men to day who are permitted by law to brutalize other men, women and children, black and white?

The telegraphic dispatches a few days since, told us that 3,000 men employed by Carnegie, Phipps & Co., would receive as a New Year’s gift, notice of a reduction in wages. Look about you in our own city. See the starved, pinched features of poorly clothed men seeking employment. Are there no slaves, no masters in Buffalo? Is this slavery, which uses Hunger for its blood-hound and Cold for its lash, which enslaves educated men and drives sensitive women to lives of shame, any less cruel than negro slavery was? Is a system of taxation that encourages the employer to get all he can out of the laborer in the shortest possible time, and then throw him aside to starve or beg, any less cruel than that which made it usually to the master’s interest to preserve the health of his slave? Let the ministers of our city answer these questions. What a pity that industrial slavery does not furnish interesting material for a strong play; if the social question were staged it might arouse sympathy, and a healthy interest among that class of theatre-going people who to-day show an utter incapacity to comprehend the wrongs and sufferings endured by our commonplace and unpicturesque industrial slaves.

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THE EDITOR GREETES HIM.

[EDITOR’S ROOM—Enter Young ’92, carrying various belongings.]

“GOOD-MORNING, Mr. Ninety-two!
They said you’d call some day,
And, by the luggage that you bring,
I see you’ve come to stay.

“Pray take a seat and make—Oh, thanks!
The same to you yourself!
Now, tell me what’s to be and who—
Eh?—‘What’s that on the shelf?’

“Oh, that’s a store of things that were
In the time of Ninety-one.
Perhaps you’d like to look them through,
Just for a bit of fun.

“You recognize the fine display
Of prominent folks of note,
Some so disposed of by private wish,
And some by public vote.

“Here are nods, and smiles, and election wiles,
And promises sown broadcast,
The flowers of speech too frail by far,
And never intended to last.

“These are they in the china vase,
They’re withering now, you see,
In sympathy drooping their little heads
With the alderman ‘not to be.’

“Those bundles are questions of vast import,
That have worried the minds of men,
They’ve been shaken, and beaten, and laid aside—
To be brought out, no doubt, again.

“But enough of this—I’d like to know
What you’re bringing to give to me.
Is it wealth and fame, and an honored name,
And of happiness the key?

“If you only bring me the same old thing—
Some grey hairs, a wrinkle more,
Dear-bought experience, law suits, la grippe,
Excuse me—but there’s the door.”

NOTHING WONDERFUL IN IT.

“YOU have read that extraordinary article by Mark Twain on Telepathy, I suppose?” enquired Bander-snatch of his friend Dedbroke.—“wonderful thing. He took up a letter which the postman had just brought and without opening it told who sent it and what it was all about. Most marvelous!”

“Don’t see much in it” replied Dedbroke.

“Why man what could more conclusively prove the subtle chain of communication between one mind and another and the power of those at a distance by utilizing the magnetic currents so as to influence the thought of others. ‘There are more things in heaven and earth Horatio,’ etc.”

“Why I’ve done as much myself many a time, Bander-snatch.”

“You don’t tell me so? Why, you must have remarkable psychic powers.”

“Don’t know anything about that, but that Mark Twain act isn’t much of a trick. Look here now for instance. This letter has just come in and hasn’t been opened yet, I’ll bet you a dollar it’s from my tailor—that it calls attention to the fact that my account has been standing for over two years and that if not settled forthwith he will be obliged to put the matter in the hands of his solicitor. Open it and see for yourself. Didn’t I tell you? Oh, I can work those kind of miracles just as easy!”



THE NEW DOCTOR.

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AT THE ITALIAN OPERA.

MISS CUTTLOUBE—"What is the meaning of prima leggiera, Charley?"

CHARLEY QUIDAWEKE—"Oh, I expect that's the new name for the ballet-girls."—*Sydney Bulletin*.

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Then the fakir getteth in his little work,
With the backing of some aldermanic friend,
He requests a little ad.,
And he hints that if it's had,
That the honest sheet its influence will lend.

"Bribe the editor?" Oh, nothing of the sort.
He's an honest, unsophisticated man:
But if you should think it wise
On large scale to advertise,
It might prove to be an ad-vantageous plan.

But how stupidly some people sometimes act
When promoters give a snap like this away;
Who would churlishly refuse
Thus to subsidize the *News*
From the millions to be made in Ashbridge Bay?

A QUESTION OF—SMELL.

DEALER (to customer)—"Yes, mum, there's a bargain.
Chickens comes very low this season."

LADY (surveying poultry doubtfully)—"I don't know.
Seems to me this chicken is pretty high!"

SMILEY'S SOCIAL.

"IT'S time to get ready for the social," said Mrs. Smiley.

"What social?" asked Mr. S.

"Why, the church social of course."

"What church? I never heard anything about it."

"Yes, you did—you told the elder yesterday that you'd be there."

"I never; I never seen the elder yesterday, and I never heard about any social, and I hain't going—so there?"

"Why Jugartha, you *know* you did."

"Well, I hain't going, my chilblains is so blame bad that I can't walk."

"Very well, we can stay home, but it seems too bad that I can never go anywhere without such a time. Before we were married—"

"Confound it all! I spose I'll have to go. Blame the blame luck anyhow!—my clothes ready?"

"Yes, they're all out on the spare bed."

Off went Mr. Smiley saying uncomplimentary things about "women."

"Here, I can't get this collar on. If you're bound to drag a fellow to socials you'll have to fix him up."

"Yes, dear."

"Don't, yes, dear, *me*.—That's just the way with you women, you—"

"Well, well, never mind, are you ready now?"

"No, I hain't got a handkercher."

"Yes, I put one in your coat pocket."

"It ain't either" as he jammed his hand in his left pocket.

"Other pocket—do hurry!"

"Who but a born idiot would stick a handkercher in a right pocket. I always put 'em in the left—are you ready?"

"Yes, I'm ready."

"Well, come on then and don't keep a feller waitin' for ever—Why, I've got to help keep door. Got brains enough to grasp that, Mrs. S.? Got head enough on you to understand that I've got an interest in that there social, eh?"

"Why you said—"

"No, I never said nothin'—Ready to go, are you,—ready at last, eh?"

And they went.

ROLLY ROWAN.

AT WASHINGTON.

ADMIRAL OF U.S. NAVY (to secretary)—"It seems certain we will have war with Chili. We must prepare. Write to the Harbor Tug Company and get their price for five of their largest tugs to tow out our men-of-war."

SECRETARY—"Yes, sir."

ADMIRAL—"I noticed a couple of old hulls laid up in the docks. We must buy them. They are rather shaky, to be sure, but we will fix that. Have the decks shingled to keep out the rain, and tie them around with ropes in case of a storm. The recoil of our four pounders, too, might break them to pieces. In case of any attempt to board them have barbed wire put around the railings."

SECRETARY—"Yes, sir; and I had better arrange to have those big wooden fifty pounders in the city park placed on deck. They make a good show and might frighten these impertinent Chilians."

ADMIRAL—"Good idea. See to all these things and report. The greatest republic on earth must preserve its dignity, and the screaming eagle will teach Chili to keep in its proper place."

THE BALLAD OF THE FAIR PREACHER.

THE Reverend Arthur Singleman
Was tall, and slim, and fair ;
An earnest light was in his eye,
A gold tint in his hair.

And as he preached against the wrong
And bold defended right,
His listeners' wrapt, attentive mein,
Was a most touching sight.

The church was filled by young and old—
(Particularly young)—
By every maiden in the town
His praises loud were sung.

The Reverend Arthur, as you see,
(His sermon ne'er was long)
Was popular, was eloquent,
His drawing powers were strong.

And all went well, until one day
The thought came to his life,
"How much more useful I would be
Had I a helpful wife."

Union is strength—and yet we find,
When Reverend Arthur married,
His congregation fell behind,
The girls at home they tarried.

Many who had in former days
His church filled to the portal,
Discovered now that he was quite
An ordinary mortal.

"A good young man, no doubt," but still
"Not quite what they had thought him."
They went elsewhere, and few remained
To list to what he taught 'em.



OVERHEARD AT THE PARTY.

"O, come now ; you haven't the slightest chance with her, you know !"
"Nonsense, sir, I tell you she distinctly smiles upon me," etc.

"GREAT UNANIMITY PREVAILED."

(Meeting of deputy heads of Departments, held in the Eastern Block Departmental Buildings, to consider questions put by the Civil Service Committee ; the General Auditor in the chair).

AUDITOR (*log.*)—"Gentlemen, our first, last and only duty is to consider what our salaries shall be in the future."

CHORUS—"Hear, hear !"

INTERIM—"I move that the salary of the Auditor-General and the Deputy Minister of Finance be placed at \$5,000 each a year, that all the other deputies be paid at the rate of \$4,000, and to meet these increases the salaries of the general service be reduced ten per cent., thus making a clear saving to the Government of \$4,000 a month."

CHORUS—"Hear ! hear ! Hear ! hear !"

INDIRECT RUIN.

JOBLOTS—"I lost \$15,000 last week."

JONES—"Fifteen thousand ! Why, I didn't know you had it. How did it happen ?"

JOBLOTS—"Bought a lottery ticket for the capital prize and didn't get it."

HE WASN'T A FISHIST.

FIRST SCHOOLBOY—"Say, what does this here 'rithmetic mean by a 'rod, pole or perch ?"

SECOND SCHOOLBOY—"Why, you see, they all mean the same thing."

FIRST SCHOOLBOY—"Aw, come off. Guess you never went fishin' or you'd know the difference between a pole an' a perch."



ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

WIFE—"John, it makes me so miserable to see you drinking like that."

HUSBAND—"Nonsensh, my deah ; you're out of spirtsh."

WIFE (*solemnly*)—"Ah, John, I wish you were out of spirits."

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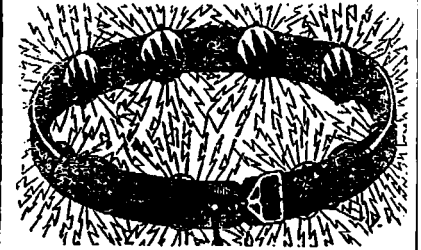
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