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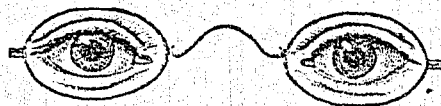
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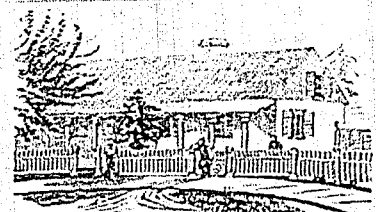
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That statesmen have the worm is seen
By all their winding play;
Their conscience is a worm within,
That gnaws them night and day.—POPE.



THE next species we have to consider is that known as Politicians.

All statesmen are politicians, though all politicians are not statesmen, just as all flesh is grass, but all grass is by no means flesh. Of this fact the bard was, no doubt, fully cognizant when he wrote the above lines.

Politicians, like poets, are made—not born.

The name is compounded of French and High Dutch, as follows:—*poli*—polite, and *schune*—to shun; hence *politshun* or politician, signifying an animal to be politely shunned or avoided.

This species has been well known in all ages,—in fact rather too well known. It was first discovered in the Garden of Eden, by Eve, and can, therefore, boast of a long line of ancestry.

It is capable of undergoing transmutation to any infinite extent, and appearing in various forms and colours under different circumstances. It will, for instance appear to one person as *blue*, and another *red*, and many are the vexatious, though bootless, disputes which have occurred as to its red colour.

It appeared to Eve in the form of a serpent, and persuaded her to eat of unwholesome and forbidden fruit; for which act of transgression, she and her family were ejected from the garden, without any reference to the question of "Tenant Right." It is from this disgraceful incident that the species derives its name, it being to this end that the serpent beguiled her, in order to deprive her of her natural rights.

The world has ever since been very careful in dealing with it; but owing to the remarkable power it possesses of changing its appearance, many are, nevertheless, deceived.

This species abounds in great numbers all over the world. The best specimens are, however, to be found in the old country, where they have been, in some measure, cultivated, and consequently brought to a state of great perfection. In many respects it resembles the jackdaw, being very fond of talking, but very much disinclined to work, and much given to speculation and petty knavery of one kind and another.

In its habits it is found to be as changeable as in form and appearance. According to Brown (the greatest of living naturalists, and author of a work on geology, entitled, "The Superiority of Clear-Grit over all other Minerals," and several other valuable works), who has exhausted the *Globe* in his researches after the different varieties of this animal, it will at one time be found living only on the choicest of game, which it has hunted down with the greatest perseverance, or fought for with

enduring courage, and at another, revelling amid the foulest corruption.

Like the mud-turtle, it is covered with a large and horny shell, impervious alike to stabs and blows, and which enables it to undergo considerable abuse without injury, and on which it can carry a burden of surprising weight. On account of this shell, it is often made to serve the same purpose, as was the turtle, on whose back a man mounted, who found himself inextricably bemired in a mud bank, and rode safely to *terra firma*. But it is only those who are well acquainted with the habits of the species, and know how to manage them, need venture on this achievement, as otherwise they will inevitably fail.

There are a great many specimens of this species in Canada; but as they are well known here, it would be a work of supererogation to describe them more particularly.

As a rule, they live as long as they can, which is frequently to a great age, probably on account of their general inutility, as they are not worth the trouble of *huntingdo(w)n*.

In disposition they are as changeable and uncertain as everything else, being docile or dogged, fierce or fawning, according to the circumstances in which they find themselves placed.

When fully developed, they are very powerful, and it is not considered a pleasing or safe experiment to rouse their animosity or place oneself in their power.

Altogether they are one of the most remarkable species of mankind, and serve to prove, as the man said when he was examining the skeleton of a jackass in the museum, "how fearfully and wonderfully we are made."

THE NOMINATIONS.

These annual gatherings came off with due pomp and ceremony. This man promised that, and the other one this, well knowing that his promise could not be kept. But little recked he, if they'd only elect him, of what came. Time will show whether these present-time-servers will serve their constituents well. The Mayor seemed likely to have a rival. The plot seemed cut and dried, and the prime actor was present, but, seeing it was "no go," he betook himself to his judicial chambers. The venerable "Father" then had no trouble in walking in. In the East a *Bez(o)urney* was returned; and, like a rock, stood the little Centre Ward representative, whom "Fred." had not the courage to face. St. Ann's did well in again accepting the offer of the Water Works man, who will yet do good service. The most curious election was that for St. Antoine. A *weaver* presented himself some time ago with a flourish of trumpets, but was driven out to the hum and drum of a loom, worked by an Aldermanic butcher. The prowess of David was such as to frighten away other people, even though they might be Sons of Anak. By dint of malt, &c., a *tailor* again got in the St. Lawrence. There is to be fun in St. James', St. Mary's, and West Ward, which will be duly chronicled. GRINCHUCKLE can't say how they'll go, but pretty close runs will be made.

THE "HAMILTONIAN" CHARGE.

John H——'s shoulders are terribly broad;
He is stalwart and mighty of limb;
His paunch *prononcé* testifies that no fraud
On his victuals is practised by him!

Enamoured of candlesticks, crosses and rites;
Possess'd of a mighty digestion,
He thought of a Canon to make but two bites,
And digest him right out of the question.

His teeth were well filed by his Lordship of O.,
Who rubbed them with venom both certain and slow;
A blessing then gave him, and told him to go
And chaw up to pieces his reverend foe!

No fear of his Lordship the Canon doth feel;
He laugh'd at his foolish abettors;
He's sheathed in stout mail, from his head to his heel,
By the late Metropolitan's letters!

John H—— issued, both pompous and proud,
And, gnashing his teeth, madly ran on;
He flew like a boar-hound, with growls fierce and loud,
And snapp'd at the breech of the Canon.

Oh, horror! his grinders are shivered like glass;
He roars like a bull in a passion,
And swears that the Canon is founded in brass
To ruin his teeth in that fashion.

A DISPUTED ACCOUNT.

It appears that the "St. Patrick's Hall Association" are at loggerheads with a G. T. R. official, who gave his gratuitous opinion as to the roof of the Hall, and now wants "taching" for it. Law is thought to be their ultimate course, but will it pay either plaintiff, defendants, or lawyers? The contending parties may not prove such fat "wethers" as they are supposed to be, and then who'll pay expenses?

WATER! WATER!!

A story is told of a "barnacled" City Councillor who made it his business daily to go down to Lachine to measure, with a long pole, the depth of "frazil." His appearance in this "pursuit of knowledge under difficulties" can be better imagined than described.

MCGILPIN LATITUDINARIAN SOCIETY.

At the last regular meeting of this Society, the following subject was debated, viz:—"What is the pleasantest season of the year—Winter or Summer?"

Mr. McMOONSHINE occupied the chair.

Mr. GANDERLONG was called on to open the debate, and support the winter side of the question. He arose and said:—"I never prayed for the gift of eloquence till this evening. This subject demands our closest study and most careful attention, and I trust that it will be discussed in that calm and dispassionate spirit which its importance deserves. I am fully convinced in my own mind that winter has much the better claim. In

this delightful season we have pleasures without number. We have sleigh riding and tobogganing, with their charming associations, skating and snow-shoeing;—while summer fails to furnish us with any sport corresponding to them. On the other hand summer has many disadvantages not to be met with at this season of the year. For instance, mosquitos are very numerous, and extremely annoying and dangerous. I have known persons so reddened and raised in lumps by the sting of these poisonous animals that one might suppose they were smitten with leprosy.

Mr. WOODLES—I have no doubt the gentleman has mistaken chicken-pox for mosquito bites.

CHAIRMAN—Order; no interruptions.

Mr. GANDERLONG—Then again, we have the sun pouring upon us his burning beams, parching us with thirst, scorching our faces, and melting our brains—

Mr. BUBBLETON—(interruptingly)—I protest against this last remark, as it does not apply in the gentleman's own case.

CHAIRMAN—Order! order!

Mr. GANDERLONG—There is dust flying about in every direction, filling our eyes and loading our lungs, and rendering us uncomfortable and wretched. (Applause.)

Mr. BUBBLETON then spoke on the opposite side. My worthy opponent has undoubtedly made the most of his subject; but that he has been guilty of gross exaggeration, no person will deny who is happily possessed of brains, and capable of distinguishing chicken-pox from mosquito bites. Would any person of judgment hesitate for one moment to decide in our favour if asked which he preferred—perpetual winter, with snow and frost, icicles and icebergs, meeting the gaze on every side; or perpetual summer, with its beautiful green coat covering the landscape; fruit and flowers in abundance, to gratify the palate, and gladden the eye; birds singing merrily on every hand, and the balmy breeze, laden with rich perfumes, fanning the cheek and refreshing the senses?

Mr. ADDLEHEAD—The gentleman's *common* sense must have been exposed to a northern climate. It is evidently frost-bitten.

CHAIRMAN—We cannot have any caustic remarks during the debate. It is quite unparliamentary.

Mr. BUBBLETON—I think that my opponents feel the force of my remarks, and the weakness of their own position; and as there are other gentlemen to speak on this question, I will refrain from saying anything more.

The gentlemen, when called on, said that the subject had been so ably discussed, and treated in so exhaustive a manner, they were left with nothing to add to what had already been so well said. The Chairman then summoned up the arguments, congratulated the speakers on the amount of study they had evidently given to the subject, the able and eloquent manner in which it had been discussed, and gave it, as his opinion, that the weight of argument was slightly in favour of the affirmative.

The subject for next debate is: "Whether the man that owned the dog, or the man that owned the goose, should be held responsible for the payment of a pig killed by the dog, but hissed on by the goose?"

IN MEMORIAM.

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR CHARLES WYNDHAM, K.C.B.

Hush! hark, 'tis the knell
Of a soldier; the bell

Which, in solemn tones, peals from yon tower to tell

Of a brave man now gone to his rest,
In Death's uniform drest,
While upon his cold breast
Are the honours he won,
Ere life's battle was done.

See, he lies still in that rough narrow shell;
Around his rugged bier is cast

The glorious flag, whose folds recall
The blood-stained heroes of the past,—
His best, most fitting funeral pall.

The flag beneath whose shade he fought
On Russia's heights, on India's shore;
And led to victory only sought
O'er mounds of dead, through fields of gore.

Hark! now 'tis the sound
Of the gun, which, around

Through the darkly-thronged streets, makes the echoes abound
And each minute repeats the sad tale,

Of a form cold and pale,
Without motion or breath,

Which has stood face to face
With the grim tyrant—Death!

Now encircled at last in his iron embrace.

Oh, England, may thy warriors be
With equal honour ever laid

To rest, beneath on land or sea—
The last sad debt of nature paid.

So shall thy flag, where'er unfurled,
Triumphant wave—thy subjects' pride,—
Emblem of truth throughout the world,
For which our fathers fought and died.

DOMESTIC ENJOYMENT.

SCENE: THE DINNER TABLE.

FATHER—"That was a curious thing happened
this——"

JULIUS (*the eldest son, a venerable gentleman of four-
teen*)—"Put your fork straight, Lucy; it is an eighth
of an inch wrong."

LUCY (*a six-year-old*)—"Taint, and you have no
business."

JULIUS (*excitedly*)—"I have; it is:"—(*still louder*)
—"put it straight."

FATHER (*wildly*)—"What do you mean, Julius?
Leave things alone."

JULIUS—"Well, just look at Lucy's fork!"

FATHER—"I see nothing wrong with it. Be quiet,
or leave the room. Lucy, will you have some meat?"

LUCY—"Yes, please, papa, but no potatoes."

JULIUS—"But you must take potatoes. A girl like
you! Pretty thing, to be sure."

LUCY (*crying*)—"I wont; you're a bad boy."

JULIUS (*furiously*)—"You're a pig."

FATHER (*angrily*)—"How dare you, sir? Leave the
room this instant."

(Julius retires, sulkily.)

FATHER—"After a hard day's work, this is pleasant,
with such a boy. As to telling what happened, that
seems impossible."

(They all eat in gloomy silence. Julius, after a time,
is recalled, and says he has done nothing. After some
trifling conversation, cheerfulness begins to return.)

FATHER—"It was the most curious thing happened
in——"

JULIUS—"Tommy, why don't you cut your meat into
smaller pieces? It's disgusting!" (Shakes Tommy.)

TOMMY (*yelling*)—"Le—le—let me a—a—alone."

(General row. Julius receives a whaling, and order
is restored.)

DOTS.

BLUE AND ALL BLUE.—Policemen generally wear
blue coats, but those in the Lower Provinces have blue
noses.

ODE TO A TALLOW CANDLE.—"O, my country! what
I've *suffered* for you!"

When is a country maiden amongst the stars?
When she's in the milky way.

LATEST FRENCH CANADIAN OATH.—"*Mille Roches!*"

CIVIL SERVICE COMPLAINT.—Tick-dollar-O!

"O, Jupiter O-limp-us!" as the dog said when he
sprained his leg.

Married, on the 25th January, somewhere, Mr.
Theophilus Lyon to Miss Lydia Denn. This is the
latest instance of bearding the lion in his den.

A miserably clothed beggar at Ottawa recently tried
to take the "breeches" off the two Russian guns on
Government Hill. The same daring fellow was once
caught in the act of peeling the "brecks" off a
Highlander, when he was promptly arrested by the
police.

"There, I've done my darnedest," as the Yankee girl
said to her "fellow" when she had mended a hole in
his stocking.

ALPHA-BET.—The first Betsy.

The place where bad cider-makers *don't* go to when
they die—the cider-ial heavens.

SMOKE AND WATER.

Councillor Stephens has given up the "smoke
question," and has turned to water in order to quench
the smoke caused by his inflammatory articles.

"TEMPORA MUTANTUR ET NOS MUTEMUR
IN ILLIS."

A certain Councillor, well known through the "cigar"
correspondence, has gone in heavy on chewing tobacco,
finding cigars too expensive. This is a habit of his
father's, who instructed him to "go and do likewise."



Her Majesty's Rat-catcher cautioning his dogs to keep out of the way when Manton comes round, because he wants them to be engraved by that new process—as yet imperfect. After a cost of \$100,000, and many years practice: it is *witnessed* as imperfect, though time will improve it. Harry thinks that Mr. Peabody could not help being taken; but is glad to hear that the Governor has taken proceedings for defamation of appearance. Harry, patting his dog, says: "Poor doggy, I would not like to have you taken this way; but will take you to another artist, who will make a black cut of you, to make you look ferocious. Keep up. We'll go extensively into the vermin exterminating business, after Lent.

A VASE STORY.

The *Ottawa Citizen*, of Wednesday, says:—

The match for the English Championship, between John Roberts (champion) and W. Clark, jr., 1200 up, takes place at St. James' Hall, London, on the 12th inst. The *Sportsman* speaks as follows of the vase:

A clergyman, who moved from San Francisco to Philadelphia on account of its superior moral tone, had his overcoat stolen while preaching there.

The *Sportsman* appears to be going in for "religious intelligence," and it may be that a cleric was appointed to convey the precious vase in his overcoat pocket. The vase, however, was stolen in the moral city of "brotherly love;" but, may it not be possible that the vase was a sacrificial one stolen from some old temple?

A CONJUNCTION.

Conjunctions, sometimes, are pleasant sorts of things; at others, the reverse. One of these "for better, for worse" arrangements was made a few days since by a clerk in the City Assessor's Office. GRINCHUCKLE hopes it may be all better.

ST. JOHN AND THE CANON.

The battle was over! Peace dawned on the land,
Long torn with dissensions and strife—

The dead were all buried—the hurt doing well—
And we took new leases of life!

When the covetous Lord of Ontario came
To the land where he once hoped in triumph to reign,
And he said, "Is it Peace? I'll spoil that little game,
And the future no man may tell!"

So within the dark workshop of his cunning brain
He withdrew, to make shafts to be fired by another;
And he thought, with delight, of the pain and affright,
Which those arrows would give, when launched by his brother!
Envy, Malice, and Hatred each had a part,
And Hypocrisy sharpened and polished the dart—
And to give to the head of the arrow a smart,
Was a spike from his late Metropolitan brother.

Then the Knight of St. John, like an avalanche, came
On our land, that was longing for rest.

And he recklessly rode, on his paper war-horse,
And fired borrowed shots at each breast.

Oh! never was Knight of such untarnished fame!
So chivalrous to woman! Long, long will his shame
Be the theme of the people, amongst whom he came,
With a sneer for their kindles; and best!

Then arose a calm figure, with locks like the snow,
And a voice that rang clear to them all—

"At my breast alone are their fiery darts hurled,
But my friends, nor myself, fear to fall;
I have worn the whole armour of God from my youth—
My weapons are only the weapons of Truth"—

And the Knight of the Bishop just here lost a tooth,
By a bullet, signed—"F. MONTREAL!"

POLITICAL.

Sir A. T. Galt is disgusted with the corruption in which John A.'s Government is steeped to the lips, and has accordingly left his Conservative allies. He does not, however, make the complete somersault. He has shown "Grit," but not "Clear Grit."

RED RIVER.

Delegates from the insurgents and loyalists have met, and have drawn up a "Bill of Rights." It appears to be not a little one-sided, and should Government fall in, the Red River people will govern the Red River Government. This is a complete reversion of things, and speaks well for the popular progress of the age.

APPEARANCES.

There is a bleak (Blake) look-out for the Conservatives of Ontario.

CUSTOS EST LATRO.

Certain proceedings in the Police Court prove this to be a fact.



CANON B—CH.—“SO SHALL I HAVE WHEREWITH TO ANSWER HIM THAT REPROACHETH ME.”

THE COMMONS, &c.

What a mess there will be in those stately young aisles,
Where so many lie basking in politics' smiles:
With the RYAN' the extra BROWN stout to inflame them,
And the FLINT to strike fire, who the mischief can tame them?
From JOLY they're apt to grow "crabbit" and CROSS,
And each one will seek to proclaim himself boss.
They'll CROKE on their WRIGHTS, and will WEBB in ideas
That no more can agree than a bushel of fleas;
They'll tell HOWE the country is going to ruin,—
That the prospects are BLAKE, and a tempest is brewing;
They'll talk so of COFFINS, our cheeks will turn WHITE,
And some of us e'en may SKEAD-addle through fright;
They'll READ in the future distress and despair,
Till REEZORS and SNIDERS seem choking the air;
McDOUGALL and DENIS they'll ride on a RIEL,
Till the Red River secrets they're forced to reveal;—
The YOUNG ones will shamefully FOSTER their drinks,
Till they spatter the Council with mixtures of 'INCKS.

What need to such people of CHURCH or of ABBOTT?
(Though the MONK's not *in toto* composed of his habit,)
What need of a WORKMAN when liquors abound?
Why talk ye of PRICE where no money is found?

Let those croakers return to their HOLMES in the WOOD,
And work for their living as honest men should;
But if they prefer to be idle and lazy,
Let us LOCKE them all up with the guilty and crazy:
'Tis NO MERRITT to RANK IN such company as they,—
And far from a bar-room we're better away.
Let's HOLD ON to the statutes already proclaimed,—
Of the *bulk* of our laws we need not be ashamed.

DARIUS WINTERTOWN.

The Fiddler at the Harrow.

ART ASSOCIATION.

It is not true that the Council of the Art Association have as a body, opposed the Society of Canadian Artists. But it is true that the Secretary has refused them the loan of their (the Association's) string, having no wish to be in a(c)cord with them in the *hanging* process, believing if the artists of Canada are determined to *hang* themselves it would not be his duty to give them *rope* enough. He has, therefore, closed the *line*, which has led persons to a train of reflection as to whether, after all, the Art Association, by purchasing Canadian pictures at *half-price*, are the best friends of Canadian Art. They will have the Prince—God bless him—a very amiable young man; and when he gets on the swallow-tail and traditional white vest he will show the others what to do with their hands when they don the indispensable glove of pure white. The pictures, of course, will be all forgotten in the knowledge that they will have the animated portrait of a live Prince to stare at for so much a head; and the active officials will—like Lady Margaret in the Castle of Tillitudelim—have an opportunity of telling futurity what the Prince said when he honoured them with a visit to look at second-hand Art.

AN EPIGRAMMATIC FACT.

It's quite an easy matter
For a fat man to grow fatter;
But for a lean man to grow fat,
It's not so easy that.

Ben Fouson.

TWICE DEAR.

I loved the maiden when a child,
And always thought her dear and clever;
Now she's my loving wife, and mild,
She's dearer to me far than ever.
How dear! her songs are perfect music rills;
DEAR—Yes, I'll prove it *by her dry goods' bills!*

Tom Hood.

A MAIDEN'S ANGER.

I forced a kiss from Janet once—
One, only one, I thought was plenty;
But she exclaimed, "You silly dunce!
You might as well have taken twenty!"

Martial.

"EMBRACING."

A Halifax paper says that, on a recent public occasion, "quite a large number of persons were present, embracing officers of the law, magistrates, jury, reporters, &c. The morning was very tempestuous, raining heavily." Well, there's no accounting for tastes, but GRINCHUCKLE wouldn't turn out on a tempestuous, rainy morning, to embrace the best officer of the law, police magistrate, grand jury, or parliamentary reporter that every carried an umbrella. If it were their wives!—perhaps—hem.

WHO'S ASKED TO RESIGN?

Is it *true* or not that the Washingtonian representative of St. Lawrence Ward has been called on to resign his seat in the Council? Surely the constituency cannot be mad enough to attempt to disown a person so well known for his veracity. He has given up the "cigar question," or we would have said smoke him out, but we confess that the only remedy, in default of his resignation, is to drown him.

WHICH PAYS BEST?

A correspondent asks, "Which pays best—advocating Masonry, or Temperance lecturing?" GRINCHUCKLE thinks the latter, for, since the Chairman of the Police Committee has followed it as his Municipal profession, "Jon Dou Galahad" has given vent to no more "Holy Growls" against him, no matter what our Poet Laureate may have done.

R. S. V. P.

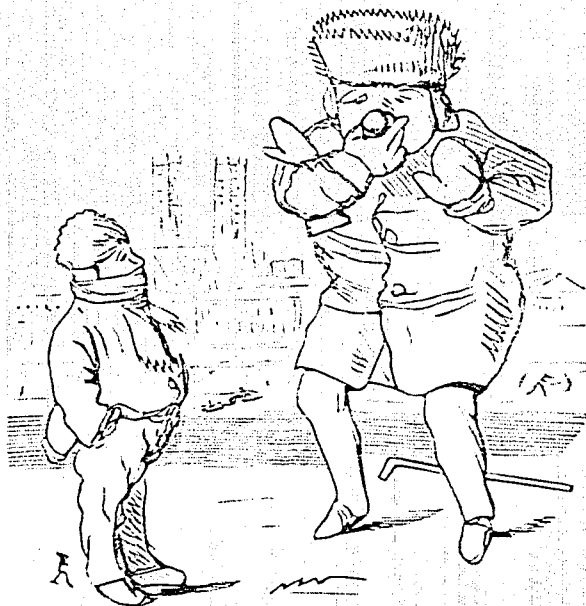
Why did Alderman Alexander vote against the closing of taverns at either seven or nine o'clock? Is this not going directly in the teeth of the "pie-house organ?"



THE RECEPTION OF A PETITION.

"Zeke Trimble" gets up a petition against the return of the Mayor, to which he obtains two names, seemingly taken from some Ledger, and not veritable signatures. He presents this to O'Flaherty, who says to him,

"Be off, ye thavin' Trimbler, or I'll be afther softenin' yer head wid this bit of a shtick!"



A COLD SCARE.

The above represents the fright of a new arrival in Canada, who, in crossing the ice from St. Lambert, is told that his nose is frozen.

CANADA CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Some of the delegates have returned from the Great Railway Meeting at the Capital, and now congratulate themselves upon the good stroke they have made by hitching themselves on to Richardson's coat-tail. One of them says there is money to be made at it. It is to be hoped so.

AHEAD OF TIME.

The Ottawa *Evening Mail* came out, the other day, dated the 31st of February. GRINCHUCKLE understood February has only 28, or, at most, 29 days. The extension of the month, perhaps, has been made in anticipation of the millenium.

PAYING WITHOUT TOO MUCH PRAYING,

versus

TOO MUCH PRAYING WITHOUT PAYING.

The leading incident in the following doggerel dialogue is an absolute fact:—

J. S., a notary noted as a prompt-pay, and, therefore, pretty popular, "confabbeth" as follows with J. D., who "daily witnesseth" that he is widely if not *well* known:

J. S.—Chief of the holders-forth, J. D. of the saving ilk,
Surely this bill, long overdue, you do not mean to bilk?

J. D.—I am really very sorry at being compelled to say,
That although *it is for bibles*, the bill I cannot pay.

J. S.—You roarer of morality, I now can see slap through
Your style of doing others, as you would not they'd do you.

J. D.—Thou awful man, who dost imbibe like a lost Baal's son,
Tremblest thou not to thus address a well-known praying one?

J. S.—Tremble?—not much; as I am not a bird of the
trimble feather:

*Liar*s are trimblers—bilks also—that's why you pull together.

J. D.—I must admit, though it comes hard, that, on this occasion,
I'm acting with the liar's chief and his foul association.

J. S.—Acting has been your game, J. D., for many and many
a day;
Less acting and more working would help your debts to pay.

Believe me many think, J. D., it's a thing was never meant
That even the *unco guid* should pay a dollar with a cent

J. D.—Forbear, forbear! I humbly crave—I now give up the
fight;
Your speaking out so plainly shows me in my true
light;
Other people's peccadilloes to the public I have shown
In so many editions, daily, that I quite forgot my own.

POLITICAL.

Galt's leaving the Government is said to be owing to a personal "pique," he took against Hincks in 1854. With sixteen years' accumulation of ill-feeling, Sir Alexander Galt's hate ought to have assumed almost gigantic proportions, and, certainly, should have induced him to array himself, without scruple, in the ranks of the Opposition, in the same bold manner McDougall has done.

WHAT'S IN THE WIND?

There's a screw loose somewhere. The officers of the Mount Royal Rifles threaten to resign on account of their men not having received their pay. Some of them are charged with having "wormed" the money from the Government, and "screwed" it in their own pockets. This, GRINCHUCKLE understands, is not the case. Then there must be something rotten in Government affairs.

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