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Cartoon Comments.

LEADING CARTOON.—The Reform theatre is under new management-a fact which is every day becoming more patent. The present managers have east aside the old-time policy of cold-shouldering certain well-known political stars, and are presenting themselves in an "engaging" attitude towards these gentlemen. The first move was to offer Mr. Goldwin Smith as many open dates as he wished to accept-an act of good temper which was applauded by all the habitues of the Grit House. And now acting-manager Mills has been making overtures to Mr. William McDougall, whose performance of "Wandering Willie" is amongst the brightest recollections of old political play-goers. The late manager, Mr. Brown, wouldn't give old Mac. an engagement on any terms; indeed, he plainly declared that he would rather rent the house to a scratch Tory company any time. But Mr. Mills wisely sees that Macdougall is a good card yet, and if properly managed would "draw" crowds that no other actor can reach.

FIRST PAGE, - Apropos of the Press Lacrosse Club Dinner (noticed elsewhere), we give a little sketch of the progress of a game now going on between Grit and Tory.

EIGHTH PAGE, -Mr. Mowat is still suffering from his nightmare, and the doctors say there is no hope of his entire recovery so long as John A. keeps his present attitude.

THE PRESS LACROSSE CLUB DINNER.

Rossin House. Last Saturday night. Splen-

did table. Jolly company. Big success.
But what we wish to note particularly was the discussion, neatly introduced by the chairman, on the subject of forming a Press Club in Toronto. Everybody spoke favorably of the idea -some enthusiastically. About seventy genuine press men were present, and the presumption is the talk was practical business talk, which will eventuate in action. Moses Oates' idea that the Lacross Club be accepted as a nucleus did credit to the level head of that great almanae man. We hope it will be acted upon, and would suggest that the authorities of that club call a meeting of press men, at which regular action may be taken to put the affair in shape.

BOOK NOTICES.

"The Life and Speeches of the Hon. George Brown," a bulky and handsomely bound vol-ume, by the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, and printed by the Globe Publishing Company, has been laid on our table. As may well be imagined, Mr. Mackenzio's characteristic minute attention to detail is one of the chief features of an admirably written book: the subject being the life of a gentleman whose history is identified with that of Canada during one of the most interesting periods of the country's existence.

The volume is one of absorbing interest throughout, and reflects the highest credit on author and publishers alike, and will prove a most valuable addition to the libraries of those who are interested in Canada's history, and that of a man whose talents were so ably used in the furtherance of the country's welfare. The frontispiece of the book is an excellent steel engraving of Mr. Brown, and presents a striking and faithful likeness.

Puck's Annual for 1883. New York. Keppler and Schwartzmann.

This important chronological and atmospherical work for the current year is just to hand. It arrives late in the season, and even new Puck appears without his winter trousers, his tailor having cruelly disappointed him at the last moment. The public maw, which was so generously filled with GRIP ALMANACS a few months ago, will find this annual very toothsome, especially in its pictorial department, which is made brilliant by the pencils of Keppler, Opper, Graetz, Pillaw and others. There are some first-rate things, too, in the letter-press, notably "Mr. V. Hugo Dusenbury's poetical contributions, which we understand to be the work of Mr. H. C. Bunner, the accomplished editor of Pack. 25c. pays the bill at any of the book stores.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 21.- (Special.) - Thomas Duplessis, agent, threw himself from the secand storey window of the Hotel Rivard this afternoon, carrying the sash and curtains with him. He was mentally managed. Ale so caped serious injury, but fell into the hands of the police, who have locked him up.

We reprint the above telegram, not because there is anything funny about it, but as a signal exception to the rule that the police are never about when they are wanted. In this case they appear to have been directly under the hotel window with most fortunate results.

Mr. J. D. EDGAR addresses a meeting in Temperance Hall this evening. His subject is "Canada's Right to make her own Commercial Treaties." Of course she is, but why doesn't Of course she is, but why doesn't



"NAKED WE CAME, &c.

Jones. -- Did you hear that old man Robin son is dead?

SMITH.-No! How much money did he

JONES-All he had !

MY LADY'S GLOVE.

A TALE OF LOVE, AND WOE AND MISERIE.

My very brain whirls when I think of all that has happened within the past few days. If this tale smacks of lunacy, I cannot help it. I am, at the present moment, an irresponsible being. I am pro tempore non compos mentis, through wo-men tis who have achieved my ruin. Reason totters on her throne; staggers, wobbles. Soon may she be thrown therefrom.

This is a pun. Laugh. I would feign relate my wrongs May I? I may. I will. Ah!

Miserie. All sigh.

Every day I saw her. Every day, at a

respectful distance, I worshipped her more and more. Worshipped her wildly, distractedly, yearningly: I knew her not, but I loved her, ah! how I loved her. She had burst upon my vision in one of my daily walks; She walked in beauty like the,—like the very mischief. From the hour when I first beheld her, I felt that I was, so to speak, gone. But why dwell upon those charms that can never be mine? Tis vain. Let me proceed as coherently as my shattered state will permit—per mitt, ha! 'tis yet another ghastly pun. I am in very truth, in a bad way.

Day after day, as I have said, I saw her tripping along in dainty attire-she never seemed a-tired though. She was fond of pedestrianism. So was I, and thus it came to pass that we constantly met, though "we never spoke as we passed by," we glanced at one another and proceeded on our ways. I never dared to speak, though I longed with a longing that was painfully long to do so all along. But an opportunity arrived at last, and I resolved to take it at the flood, as one of those poets remarks. Queer fellows, poets! I once knew a poet who had only one shirt -but this is a a poet who had only one sint — out this is a digression; my mind wanders; let me to my tale—not shirt tail, no, no. Alack, also, well-a-day. In one of my daily walks, as I proceeded, thoughtfully runninating on her who had enthralled me, my eyes bent upon the ground, I espied, lying directly in my path, a dainty little mitt; a dear little feminine, furbound mitt. My heart sprang into my mouth. I gulped it down again and felt better. Instinct told me at once to whom that mitt belonged, and with a wild yell of delight, I sprang forward and secured my prize. I pressed it to my lips. "The fates are at length propitions," I cried, "Kiss-mitt." It was still warm. The

vital spark was not yet extinct, and I thrust the corp—I mean glove—into my bosom. Again and again I drew forth my treasure and kissed it. The delicate rose scent still lingered around it. From that moment life seemed to be lit up with a roseate, glorious, final transformation - scene - in - a - pantomime light, and I walked on air. I weigh 210. What should I do with my prize? Twere bliss to keep it; 'twere blister to give it with my own hand to its fair owner. Perchance in the transfer my fingers might come into momentary, though blissful and ecstatic contact with there. There was deliciousness in the very thought. For three days and three nights I kept it in guilty, sweet delight. By night I dreamed of it, and, waking, drew it from beneath my pillow and showered the spooniest of osculations upon it. Ah! love, thou art a superior. mystery. By day I hugged it to my shirt bosom, occasionally, nay often, drawing it out to repeat the nocturnal process. On the fifth day I wandered forth to the spot where I had found my treasure. Joy of joys! She comes, she comes. I will return the glove, and thus secure an opportunity of addressing her. Be still, my heart. Peace, little flutterer. Bust not my costal cartilage. With face allame and faltering gait—rather poor style, laugh, all laugh!—I approached her, holding the dainty glove in one trembling hand, whilst with the other I raised my hat. With wild, wandering words of explanation, I begged her acceptance of her property. Ah! me. Those eyes; they or her property. An: me. Those eyes; they pierced me through and through. I weigh 210 and am fat. With a blush, probably, methought, of the consciousness of love, she reached forth her taper fingers and took the little glove, and then, blind to my eyes' confession, she spoke—oh! those tones; rippling waters, tinkling of silvery bells, pink ice green, eyerything that sounds lovely massed waters, tinking of silvery bells, place ceream, everything that sounds lovely massed into one,—and said, "Thank you sir; my aunt, who lost it lately, will also thank you, I am sure," and with a stately bow passed on. Her aunt! her aunt! that prim mediaval old relic! that stiff, shady old prude! fifty or five hundred at least. Ye gods! what have I done to deserve this? Heavens! spare my intellects. Anathema maranatha on the worthless, wretched, vile and hideous old glove! Fan me.

HIS LORDSHIP'S NOSE;

HOW JACK FROST SNUBBED THE PEER,

In a not very distantly bygone year,
There sailed from England to Canada here,
Lord Ivanhoe Vereker
Vere de Vere,

His blood, if all that His blood, II all that he said was true. Was the deepest and darkest of indigoblue, And he'd say to Can-ada's noblemen few, "Poolt! Poolt!

Don't talk to me of your gentle blood, Why home you left is as clear as mud, You deserted that land for lingland's good, It would

Be rather absurd for any one here To vie with Lord Ivanhoe Vere de Vere, And the madness, as shown in the very idea Is sheer."

This nobleman argued that what most shows That the purest blood in one's arteries flows, Is that feature one smells with and snuffs and blows, The nose.

His own was an arch of a style unique, With a lump in the middle and a turned down peak, A little more Roman perhaps, than Greek, Such a beak!

He cherished that nose like an only child, He stroked its arch and complacently smiled, And if you made inn of it, wasn't he riled, And wild?

He held that nose high aloft in air, He fondled it publicly everywhere, At every fete that nose was there, And seemed his Lordship's every care To share.

Well, winter came on and the bleak winds blow. The frost froze hard and the sneak winds ofew.
The frost froze hard and the snow flakes flew.
The bays were congealed, and the lakes were, too,
Such cold was only remembered by few,
Whew!

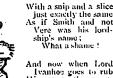
Lord Ivanhoe Vereker Vere de Vere Drove out in his sleigh as became a peer, He defied the Canadian atmosphere Saying "Nought in this land need a nobleman fear;" But here

Came the first of Lord Ivanhoe's awful woes, On peer as on peasant the chill wind blows, And though it is fearful to tell—his nose Froze.

He rubbed it with snow, which is good they say. He poulticed it, bathed it with arnikay, But it wouldn't get well, and in bed he lay

With grief it was thought my lord would have died, When the doctor sat down by his grand bed-side, And said, "Your nose is mortified; I decide

That it must come off. "And off it came



And now when Lord Ivanho: goes to rub His nose on the street, some ill-utored cub Of a boy calls out to his pal, "Say bub, Shoot that snub,"

My lord, they tell me cannot live long With a nose like those of the commonplace throng,
So I'll toll his knell at
the end of this song,
Ding dong!



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SHOE.

I am a lady's shoe. One of a pair ; size, No. 12. When the author of my being made us, he smiled quietly to himself, but I knew not why, then I know now, for I have seen more of the world. For weeks, aye, months, I stood on a ledge in the window of a Toronto boot and shoe store. No one seemed to require my services, at least none of the ladies of the Queen city. Time passed on, and I observed that the old gentleman with the mowing machine always cast a glance of satisfaction, as he scooted by, upon the high heeled absurdities and thin, paper-soled mon-strosities that stood in our window. He knew that as their popularity increased, so would the garners of his bosom friend—That "Reaper whose name is Death"—be filled in proportion: the Mower the Merrier, ha! ha!

And still 1 stood, unnoticed save to call a fleeting smile to the patrician features of such of Toronto's daughters as chanced to see me, till at length a change came o'er the spirit of my dream. One morning two young ladies entered the store, and asked to be shown entered the store, and asked to be shown some shoes. They were strangers and evidently did not belong to Toronto. "Certainly, miss," said the bland proprietor of the emporium, "about what size?"—glancing at the blads of the lady who had spoken. "I take porium, "about what size?"—glancing at the podals of the lady who had spoken. "I take No. 4's" she replied. "These are the very thing then, miss," replied the urbane one, taking down me and my mate. "What size are those?" she asked. "No. 4's, miss," he replied. Heaving help him! The sight of me and my companion, a pair of 4's (!) brought a straight flush to the lady's check. "The deuce" whispered my pal to me, "if we are soled we will never be-tray our master." "Never," I replied, though my respiration became slow—temperature 109 in the shade—and pulse feeble, as the would-be purchaser

removed the boot she had on and essayed to draw me on her foot. "Fits like a glove, does it not, miss?" remarked the oily one, as he dusted a little flour into my chum and scaped the receptacle for the os catcis. "It does in-deed" replied the fair one, as I split from stem to stern, and gaped with suppressed agony and laughter at one and the same time, over and languer at one and one same time, over the instep. "You have a very neat foot, miss" continued the bland one. "So I am told," replied the victim, "but our city is famous for the delicate feet of its lovely daughters," "And where may I have the pleasure of sending these shoes, miss," asked the leather moulder, "where do you reside?" "In Hamilton," replied the lady, laying down her card, and passing out of the shop.

SOME QUESTIONS

FOR THE NEXT CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION. Taken from Facts.

Two years ago an infant phenomenon was introduced to the theatre-going public. She was then five years of age. The same phenomenal child is still before the same public, but she is now only four years old. Twenty but she is now only four years old. Twenty years hence, what age will she be if she lives?

If the poet Gay can make "blizzard" rhyme with "kangaroo" (as he can and does), why should people be prevented from punching his head? and how many thousand blows on his head with a s'edge-hammer would it take to produce concussion of the brain?

Zinci sulph. 1 oz. Value, 3 cents. Aqua pura, 8 oz. Value, nil. Phial. Value, 1 cent.

Put these three articles together and state their value, or allow a doctor to do the mixing and let him put a price on the combination. How much will he make it?

The Globe uses over *200 miles of paper in length per week in its daily issue; the Mail between 100 and 200. If the issues of each for one week were burnt in a separate bonfire, from the ashes of which could the greater amount of lye be extracted?

Find, by algebra, the percentage of bank clerks who part their hair in the middle, and the time spent daily on the operation. Then state what clothing they wear under their ulster besides a collar and pair of culls, and a boot or two.

Given, a girl with a large mouth, pulse normal, temperature variable, respiration, when not impeded by chewing gum, 19 per min., and No. 5 feet. How many pounds of caramels will it take to fill her up? And if her "feller" is a junior salesman at some haberdashery, with no credit at the taffy architect's, how long will it be before she is filled up if he is her only "feller?"

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THE GREAT MONTREAL CARNIVAL.

FROM CRIP'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

My Dear Mil. Genr.—By the time you rethis the great carnival and curling bonspiel, most appropriately so called, for I can assure you I saw many a bon spill executed by the performers, will be tottering on the confines of past and present. I would that space would permit me to throw my soul into a lengthy description of all that took place, for such a gathering of the elite of every place of any pretensions whatever, surely never took place before; and the scene, as viewed in the magnificent cooler, was gorgeous in the extreme, the rich costumes, and exquisitely tinted noses of the mayors from other cities, forming a rich harmony of color. But this gathering, sir, has at length come to a head, and in a few more hours will be—bust. I shall only be able to give you a brief description of a few of the most distinguished visitors, besides myself, who were present, and of the characters assumed by them on the occasion. I have endeavored, in my humble way, to sketch these individuals, and forward you the result of my labors.

First and foremost came our revered chief-



" TOM, TOM THE PIPER'S SON,"

whose appearance and get up were the signal for rounds of applause, though many were bewildered at his assumption of a character so peculiar. He, however, explained the matter to your representative, saying, "I might, with propriety, have taken the role of the Piper himself, for those who dance are expected to pay the piper, and I have made many of my acquaintances pay dearly for their light fantastic efforts: but I am far too modest," he continued, blushingly, "for the old man's part, so take that of his son and help myself."



AS "G, WASHINGTON.

Sir Charles, in his continental cocked hat, and old time make up, as the "father of his country," fairly brought down the ice-house. The sheen of his little hatchet was reflected from a thousand points on the walls of the vast refrigerator. Your representative, in order to test the thoroughness of his get up, asked him whether he loved Ed. Blake with the fondness of a happy mother for her first-born. "Old

man," he replied, "I cannot tell a lie, even if I had time to hatch it. Ax menosuch questions," and with an ingenuous smile pervading every nook and cranny of his countenance, he swept off to mingle with the glittering and jewelled throng of governors, newspaper men, mayors and such



AS MICAWBER.

Dick came in with his white hat perched jauntily over his right ear, swallow-tail coat, tights and gatters. He looked the character to perfection; hard up, ready to negotiate a note on any terms, and equally ready to grab anything to his advantage that might turn up. He was unanimously voted a complete success, and advised by solicitous friends to stick to the assumed character for ever.



AS OLIVER TWIST.

Mowat, as Oliver Twist, was a dead failure in one respect, as he looked far too fat and comfortable for his part. Again, Oliver T. was a very good, honest little boy; he was, also, in the language of the Artful Dodger, "unkimmon green." Readers, compare and keep mum. His, Oliver M's, first move was to button-hole the Piper's son and demand "more." "Yes," replied that worthy, "you shall have it; I will give you more; but not this eve, some other eve; at the next election I will give you more—trouble." Poor little Twist retired to a corner and melted away soveral chunks of the icy edifice with his scalding tears.



AS ROBINSON CRUSOE.

The poet looked and acted his part to perfection, which is to be accounted for by the fact of his long residence at the deserted hamlet of Niagara; in fact he privately acknowledged that the state of solitude in which he existed had always put him in mind of R. Crusoe at Juan Fernandez, and this vividly brought home to him his own condition of "leftness." His secluded manner of life was, however, very conductive to a placid and calm state of mind, and he was, even now, preparing to launch a new volume of poetry on the public. On hearing this, the visitors at once took up a subscription to enable Mr. Plumb to remove to some crowded city, and thus avert the threatened catastrophe.



AS EXCELSIOR.

This statesman sailed in in great state, his banner with the strange device flaunting merrily in the blasts of the E flat cornets and trombones of the band. His face was decorated with the usual spectacles, and that celestial, yet sardonic smile so well known to the Ontario hayseeds and hawbucks, who have studied it when its owner has eloquently discoursed to them of the price of buckwheat, boundaries, autonomy, Ontario rights, and other cheerful subjects. Sir John, on seeing him, roared out, "Hallo! Ned, this is not the glorious 12th. Why comest thou hither as King Bill the III? Oh! you are 'Excelsior Take care, my boy, that you are not picked up 'in the morning cold and grey,' one of these fine days, dead and frozen out of further political efforts." "Tis true," replied Ned, "that I carry a strange device, but is it, let me ask, stranger than some of yours, Sir John?" "Whisht," replied the chieftain, "I care not. If olks say I sometimes get high, but you are welcome to get higher if you can," and the two retired to a neighboring buffet. It was a pleasant tho' affecting sight to behold two such men thus forgetting sight to behold two such men thus forgetting sight to bohold two such men thus forgetting their political animosities for the nonce and exchanging their excerable jokes with one another. Would space permit I could draw out this description to an indefinite length, but I must now conclude, remarking as I do so that during the few days that your representative tarried in Montreal, he felt himself to be where he was in his element, first, as the representative of the leading paper of the world, and secondly, in the society of all those who are great and good and honored in this glorious Canada of ours.

MONTREAL.

Fogg dropped into a saloon the other morning and ordered a cocktail made up of raw eggs, beer, brandy, pepper sauce, and of every other article he could see in the place. "That's a queer drink," remarked a bystander. "It's mentioned in Scripture, however," replied Fogg. "How d'ye make that out?" asked the other. "Why, isn't it a unique horn?" replied Fogg with a leer. "Come now, that's not original, is it? "asked the friend. "Well, no; I must own up that I cribbed it from Grip's Almanac for 1883." Now for sale at every bookstore.



ENGAGING A "LEADING SUPPORT."

(Another bit of enterprise under the New Management.)

["WHEN THE TUG OF WAR COMES HE (MR. McDOUGALL) SHOULD TAKE OFF HIS COAT AND HELP HIS OLD FRIENDS."—London Advertiser, edited by Hon. D. Mills.]

Couchstone's Calk.

Now it really is not to be expected that a fellow can get off any very brilliant jokes with one-half of his cerebellum or cerebrum (which is it?) frozen into something that doubtless looks like a congealed "trifle," whilst the other portion, the side next the stove, is bubbling and boiling like the seething contents of the witches' cauldron in "Macbeth," but that is just my case to a T this week, so I sincerely trust that anything particularly exemenating will be passed over by the reader with a sigh of pity for the writer's deplorable condition; and, apropos of this terrible cold snap (for which Vennor, Oates, and old Moore will have much to answer and suffer for in the dulcet subsequent, when / prophecy that all the frigidity now accumulated in their being will be thoroughly thawed out), I would wish to remark right here that - -- et is a darned good thing these nights.

I will follow this effort up by asking a little conundrum, to which I am driven by glancing over the columns of some of our alleged funny co-tems : here it is :

Why are a prisoner's hours of incarceration very much like the jokes above referred to? Because they are passed in durance.

I have just looked out of my window and seen a sight that has harrowed the very subsoil of my soul, and I remark, with sorrow, that there is many a slip between the saloon and the lamp-post, and also that frail humanity does not know at this time which end is Perhaps not; but it knows, to a point, which end is down.

A bas les backelors. $oldsymbol{\mathring{A}}$ la lanterne with them? Why should their imbecile ravings be heeded by those who are in a position to give them the—the—contradiction, and, if necessary, send for them with the intimation that they are unarmed, when they (the bachelors) may place themseelves under police protection or not as they see fit : this, apparently, being the correct thing to do in, at least, the upper circles of American society. And here I wish to relate a little story clipped from Chicago Cheek. As it is from a Chicago paper, it is merely necessary to mention that fact. Had it, however, been taken from a Detroit paper, I should have felt myself bound in duty and honor to not only state the name of the paper, but to supply information concerning the ham-let wherein it is published, for the benefit of those who have never heard of the city of Detroit or the river. Those Detroit fellows are very touchy when they do occasionally get off something funny, and cherish it with all the fondness of a mother for her only offspring: for these funny things, in Detroit papers, go hand in hand with the angelic population of the celestial regions, and their visits to us are very few and far between. But this is the story :-

ONLY TEMPORARY.

Dan Pillsbury overtook an acquaintance coming down town from his boarding house the other morning, and the two entered into a quiet conversation as they jogged along in the

into the control action is they jogged along in the nipping, frosty air.

"Well, our old friend Pullsifer was married last night," remarked Dan gravely.

"No!" said his acquaintance, "you surely

don't mean that."
"Fact," said Dan.

"It's only temporary, I hope."
"Temporary!" exclaimed the astonished an. "Why—why what do you mean?"

Dan. "Why—why what no you moun."
"Temporary insanity. You don't suppose thing in his right Pullsifer would do such a thing in his right mind, do you?"

All of which forces me to remark that that

acquaintance should never be permitted to act as a nocturnal foot warmer for one of those beings who are

"In our hours of case Uncertain, coy and hard to please." Then and then only.

I often read of bodies, long interred, being exhumed and found to have turned over in their collins. Physicians state that the accumulation of noxious gases is the cause of this, but I beg to differ with them. My theory is that there is some way in which the sayings and doings of those still in the flesh are communicated to those who are supposed to be dead to all impressions from the living world, and that the effect of these communications is to make those alleged cadavera long to get up and "git;" hence the queer positions in which these bodies are often found. Such stories as these bodies are often found. Such stories as the following, communicated by the occult means already alluded to, would surely be sufficient to make the departed Messrs. Blackstone, Coke, Littleton, etc., etc., long to step upon the face of earth once more and strangle the infamous originators of them without further ado :-

APT TO THE LAST.

A well-known criminal lawyer, who prides himself upon his skill in cross-examining a witness, had an odd-looking genius upon whom to operate. The witness was a master shoemaker. "You say, sir, that the prisoner is a thief?" "Yes, sir; cause why, she con-fessed it." "And you also swear that she bound shoes for you subsequent to the confession?" "I do, sir." "Then (giving a sagacious look to the Court) we are to understand that you employ dishonest people to work for you, even after their rascalities are known?" "Of course, or how else could I get assistance from a lawyer?"

I have just moved into a new quarter of the city and all my coal and wood are deposited in the shed. I made inquiries as to the character of my more immediate neighbors. Every one speaks most highly of their moral probity. The one on my right hand repeats a grace twenty minutes long before each meal, and never uses a big, big D. The one to the south is a very good man I am told, and an eloquent temperance orator. I revere religion and would not be deemed a scoffer at things which were never intended to be made light of, but, as I found padlocks were only twenty cents apiece, and staple, etc., another ten, I have purchased one and it looks very protty and picturesque on my wood-shed door.

I passed a milk-wagon a few minutes ago, and the sight of the vehicle suggested the story of a little girl who recently went to visit her grandfather in the country. She was fond of milk, but firmly refused to drink any while there, without giving any reason. When she there, without giving any reason. When she returned she was asked, "You had nice milk to drink, didn't you?" "I gness I didn't drink any of that milk," she indignantly replied. "Do you know where grandpa got it?

I saw him squeeze it out of an old cow!"
"At least," I moralized, "our city dealers
can plead a mitigation of this offence; in fact, I am informed that a few days ago one of our lacteal (alleged) fluid vendors took a trip into the country and on his return was loud in his denunciations of the reckless manner in which savage wild beasts were permitted to roam through the rural "deestreecks." "Why. Why, what d'ye mean ?" asked a bystander. "Mean! enough I should think," he replied; "why I enough I should think, he replied; "why I saw a whole troop of ferocious horned brutes, and nary man thought of shooting em."
"Why those were coven, man," replied the other. "Geewhillikins! dew tell!" exclaimed the milkman. Nuf ced. TOUCHSTONE.

A GOOD REASON.

(Arkansaw Traveller.)

"Look here," said the Governor to a high State official, "when are you going to pay me that \$10?"

"Upon my honor, Governor, I don't know."
"Why, sir, the other day when I mentioned the fact of your indebtedness you asked me where I would be Tuesday?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, wasn't that a promise that you would pay me Tuesday?"

"No, sir."
"Why, then, did you want to know where I would be Tuesday?"

"Because I wanted to know where you'd be so I could make arrangements to be somewhere else.

"FEMALE COMPLAINTS."

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> Headquarters Republican Party NEW YORK, Jan. 1883.

Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B.

DEAR COLONEL,-Having observed in a recent issue of the N. Y. Sun that you are the greatest statesman on earth, with the exception of Bismarck only-now that Gambetta and Bosonsfield are dead—and knowing that the Republican Party of this country is at present desperately in need of such a leader, I write to ask you what your terms would be to take hold of our machine and run her for a few years. We are prepared to deal liberally on a cash basis with a first-class man, but if you are not what the Sun has represented, you needn't hother answering this letter, as we are in such an all-fired mess at the present time that nothing short of first-class ability would be equal to the task. Awaiting your reply,

I remain, Yours anxiously, Roscoe Conkling. Ex-Boss Rep. Party.

OTTAWA, Jan., 1883.

R. Conkling, Esq.
Str.,—Yours to hand. Would like further particulars before giving definite answer. As I have unfortunately lived most of my life in Canada, it is but natural that I should be in utter ignorance of your political affairs. I may say that the Sun has described me correetly. As to a cash basis, I am not particularly given to money grubbing, but if you think there's a good chance of getting into office and staying there that's all I want.

Yours with esteem, John A. M-

N. Y., Jan., 1883. Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald.

DEAR GENERAL,—I send by express a bundle of American newspapers from which you may learn something of our form of government, &c. What we want just now, however, does not call for any particular knowledge of political principles—we simply want to get into office again. I may state that we have just been kicked out most ignominiously, and onless we can get up a good cry we are done for. From what I hear, you are the very man for us, having a special genius for getting up plausible gulls to catch the voters. What is that N.P. of yours we hear so much about? Do you think you could work that racket that N.F. o.

Do you think you count
here? Awaiting your reply,
Yours, &c.,
R. CONKLING.

OTTAWA, Jan., 1883.

DEAR CONK,—Yours rec'd. Sorry I can't possibly arrange to take the leadership of the Republican Party. Have had a tempting offer from the Democracy, through Mr. John

Kelly, which I must also decline. Would go without hesitation if it were not for the fact that the instant I withdraw my party here goes to pieces. The N.P. is the very thing you want, and what I would at once introduce were I leader—only it would be an N. P. of Free Trade instead of Protection. I can't go myself, but send you my talisman. Here it is -Go for the people's heart by way of their pockets. It never fails.

Yours with much esteem. J. A. MACDONALD.

Telegram.

Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald : Free Trade's our lay, Thanks. Sorry you couldn't come.

R. Conkling.

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YE DOOK AND HYS COMPANIE.

Hys Grace ye Dook came o'er ye sea And started a goodlie companie,

A goodlie gang they were I ween As erst in Canada had been seen.

They came in droves and eke in mobs To join ye companie of ye nobs.

Men of much wealth and tight of fist. Did write their names down on the list.

They bought ye stock and they bought ye shares. Gad Zooks! they thought them millionaires; They bought them coats of beaver fur, Just like Hys Grace of Manchester.

They bought them canes with ivory crooks, And they fancied themselves so many Dooks.

And thought of the large prospective gains They'd make from their "spec" on the prairie plains.

Here times were slow and they couldn't wait, Each wanted to make his fortune straight.

And many a flagon of wine they took, And drank to the health of the noble Dook.

For "fiz" and Hock they loud did cry, And voted vulgar good old rye;

They wore kid gloves and silken hats, Just like A-1-aristocrats,

Or swells with blood of the deepest blue, Like Robert Strogo Montague.

They proud and prouder grew, until Each thought himself a Mandeville.

Their notions rose up high and higher, "Till a cablegram came over the wire

From England's shore across the sea, To Canady in Ameriky.

They from that cablegram did learn The Dook had shook the whole concern;

And they all had the honor of being shook By the hand of My Lord Hys Grace the Dook.

A WAIL FROM THE BANK:

I CANNOT LIE; THE COLD SNAP DID IT.

Oh! I sigh for that ulster I "sponted" in summer!
There's no heat in celluloid collars and culls,
And I envy the warmly clad dry-goods house drummer,
I envy the ladies their tippets and muffs.
Oh! the wind pierces so,
As bankwards I go
All ulsterless, shivery, oh! oh! oh!

Ah! Clara, 'tis thou that I blame for my sufferings, And Chard, its thou that I blante for my sufferings. You hind at ice-tream and candies suggested. You knew that my salary could ne'er pay for my offerings. And I trust that those candies were badly digested. For the wind pierces so,
As bankwards I go,
As bankwards I go,
All coatless and shivering, ugh, ugh, oh!

Oh! lend me two dollars to get out my top cont,
Take up a subscription, ye cashiers and tellers!
And, whatever you pawn in the summer, don't pop cont,
Or in winter you'll rank with those heartrending fellers
Whom the wind pierces so,
As bankwards they go.
All ulsterless, shivery, ugh, oh, oh!

-Ass'r Teller.

[This poem is not exeruciatingly funny, nor elever. When we consider who and what the writer is, we are not surprised at the fact. We are truly sorry for his misfortunes, and shall be happy to receive contributions to assist him to redeem his ulster. Let him take comfort in this fact, however : the ulster is all right and only awaiting the coming of its owner, for when we went, last Saturday, to return the ticket on our own, the tails of Assistant Teller's, which we recognized by the peculiar cut of its reef point, were wildly flip-pety-flapping in the breezes of Queen St. East.

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MR. MOWAT'S NIGHTMARE.—"THE AWARDED TERRITORY IS BEING STOLEN!"

THE CHURCH DOOR HOBBADEHOY.

Oh! I sing

Of a thing
That is seen in the spring,
In the summer and winter and fall;
Where'er

You may stare
It is sure to be there,
And as surely will stir up your gall.

And the name
Of the same
To the world I proclaim—
Is that creature, not man nor yet boy,
But a callow
And sallow,
With complexion like tallow,
And a head that might just as well be a marshmallow;
So perfectly shallow and ideally fallow,
A pimply faced hobbadehoy.

Oh! in truth This uncouth And most angular youth And most angular yourn
Makes me painfully annyr and nervous,
As he stands
With the bands
Of church portal brigands,
As he waits for the close of the service.

Do spy w hat a sly
Cunning look in his eye,
As the girls at length make their appearance,
Oh! I would
That I could
Of the whole callent are What a sly Of the whole callow brood Of these youths make a regular clearance.

Hear him speak :

What a squeak!
It is really unique.
His voice, gentle render, is breaking.
Now tis bass: now it floats Into high alto notes, As he favors his "mash" with some enouse aneces Whilst an impress he fancies he's making. 11. - HIS GARB.

Oh! the "pants"
Of these "gents"
Are really "immense;
Se soulful, so utter, and intensely intense,
As they lovingly cling to the skin
Of the halves
Of his pegs,
Let, calves
Of his legs.

Which are always most painfully thin,

Then his coat

Then his coat
Is so short
That away goes each thought
That is sad, when we see it, or solemn;
Why it's end
Don't extend,
When his body doth bend,
To the close of his vertebral column.

FINALE

I opine You will "jine" When I vote this young fledgling ridiculous:
But why,
Then, should I

Then, snowa 1
The poor creature decry,
When with laughter the lachrymal drop to my eye
He brings, and his oddities tickle us?

Nay, let endeavor To sever

All thoughts that are cross from the subject:
And the while
Let us smile,
In place of permitting a stir in our bile,
For the hobbadehoy is a thing without quile
Tho', in truth, a most laughable object.

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