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FAIR NUMBER.
The present number of Grip is a trifle more gorgeous than usual, in honor of the Great Fair. This extra illumination in the way of color (for of course nothing can be more brilliant than the ordinary issue, in an intellectual sense) has been achieved by a considerable expenditure of time and labor. If it gratifes our patrons as an exhibition of enterprise befitting the Queen city, and worthy of the greatest comic journal Canada has ever boasted (speaking with studied modesty), we are satisfied, especially if that gratification takes a practical form and inspires every non-subscriber to slap his knee emphatically and declare that he will forthwith send in lis name and his \$2. This, we say, will completely repay us for our extra effort-if this declaration is acted upon in overy such case.

Leading Cartoon, -It will be best perhaps to let the reader wade through this double page without a guide. If he loses his way it will not hurt him. We simply warn the searcher after political truth that the sketches are innocent of political meaning, and nothing short of a visit to the Fair ground will throw any light upon them.

First Page. -This is allogorical. Not that it is intended to convey the idea that our city aldermen are given to "brass and wind"Ghir would be the last to insinuate such an atrocious libel. We call it allegorical, because it is not a literal fact that the Fair was opened by a performance of the city councilmen. It is a fact, however, that this Fair occurs' in the jubilee year of Toronto, and forms a fitting wind-up to the demonstration of Junc. Careful readers of the posters will observe that the By show is called the Semi-Centennial Exposition.

The Beaten Champion.-Sir John Macdonald has for a long time been, in the political arena, what Ned Hanlan has been in the aquatic world. Both have met with defeat at last-the former at tho hands of Mowat and the latter by Beach. If we estimate the character of John A. aright, he will not take the disaster too much.too heart, but after the Local Pow-wow is over, will come up smiling and hoping for better luck next time.

Agrioulture and Mandfactures. - No government can hereafter hopo to live in Canada that fails to appreciate the importance of Agrioulture and Manufactures-the literal
support of our Dominion. The grand display in these departments at the Exhibition is well calculated to impress this upon all intelligent visitors. It is our happiness at the present moment to be able to congratulate our husbandmen on a bountiful harvest, the result of well directed industry blessed by a benign Providence; and it is also a fitting occasion to express our admiration of the grand progress our manufacturers have made in all directions, and to wish for them a long continuance of the prosperity they are enjoying.


GLORY OVERMUCH.
Bad Mail Boy.-Mister, don't you think you're in danger of bustin' ?

## [A FORECAST OF THE MOWAT PROCESSION.]

The Palp Tower. Ontario, a noble maiden; Grifina, an ancient spinster, occupant of the Pulp Tower.

Ontario :-
Come to the window, Griffina, and lay paste and acissors down,
And gase upou great Mowat with all the gazing town; Oh look on grucious Mowat, on spectacics and face, He bows to all the people with a Christian Statesman's
For grace;
For ho! to-day, the Grits are gay, their talk is high-
And on'thé weird and wild kazoo triumphant strains are
Look forth on castern King-strect, tho seething, surging mob
Shout loud "Eh mon, yon's Mooat !" Guidsakes, what says The Globe?
And lo! here comes the Deacon! his best store elothes he weare,
In which he writes Globe articles, in which ho says his prayers I
So come to the pulp.tower window, lay down your "gutter sheet's guide"
To look at noble Mowat, Ontario's joy and pride.
The Pulp Tower's mistress apoke not, more glum her And on her ancient
And on her ancient cheok the brass looked duek with bronze iike hue.
( So Jooks the 1 yympis of Duchess-street, whon husbandFus seen some eyc
(secn sompacamp or passing tramp purloin her flask
"I will not go" she said, "guess no! me lay my scis-
sors down
To gaze on that littlo tyrant with all the gazing town, The mob are met to greet tholr pet, who eppite of all my gaying
'Go, go away !' preferred to stay, my maiden heart disI thirat for blood ! and shall throw mud induatriously down

Ontario :-
Thou hag unblest, give us a rest, have on our patienco For you I'grect tho escheat sheet wo strike in all the city,
You slay the Grits, not them it hils, but docs them service hearty
And in the ken of all wise men deqrades the Tory party! Good Pulp-Tower-guest, give us a rest, havo on our paticnee plty,
far bettor join with mo and nine, the triumph of the city 1
ir $\begin{gathered}\text { ohn or Blake for Canada's sake, in love, in spite of }\end{gathered}$ party,
And Torics rulo may Nowat greot with gratulations
Mowat shows good sense (ho does) and nothing can be plainer
That of vast tracta of land through him the Province has Let Torics frankly own the fact, like honest mon, and show it,
By joining with the concourse vast who'll cry "Hoomy for Mowat."
C. P. M,

## HAIL TO THE QUEEN CITY.

[The following has been anonymously received, but is supposed to have emanated from somewhere in Qucen-street west,-say about the region of the Agylum.-Ed. Grip.]
The year of grace eighteen hundred and eighty four has been one of jubiles for the Queen City of the Lakes. From the earliest moment when gentle spring, smiling upon the waters released them from Winter's chill embrace, and our fair city hustled around like a Newport Belle coming out for her first soason, bedocked herself with Nature's jewels, donned her sumptous raiment, and placed her diadem glittering with electric aparks to heighten and render more attractive her wondrous grace and beauty, there have been sounds of mirth by day and rejoicings and revelry by night, and trade has been immensecoff; for now her merchant princes are occupying the ad interim in examining the remnants to see if there still re. main sufficient to last the season, and ever and anon diving deep into the recesses of thair cash box in order to whoop her up through the fall, and the lordly hotel keepers are calculating how long the run of bank presidents and cashiers will hold out to be treated as Dukes and Knights in this hospitable city, for an almost insignificant sum in fiat money. At present our fair Queen of but fifty years is more buautiful than Lilly Langtry, and more important than Moses Oates. From the moment of her ascent to the throne and the wielding of the royal sceptre, she has been favored of men, the cavy of the women and the subject of adoration for the continent. Our Yankee neighbors visit her, and the atmosphere becomes redolent of Bourbon straight; and fair spceches are made of annexation. From Nova Scotia and the coast come her blue-nosed adorers by the multitude, and her docters talk learnedly of the virtues of cod liver oil and the beautics of soft coal fires. Quebec smilingly sends her contingent, and the first Lord of the Treasury shuts up shop, pats or the combination and takes the first train west, and saloon keepers soon get tired. Our farmers visit her from the far portions of the Province to do her homage and are promptly met with old acquaintances who loan them a \$1000 bond to keep in place of $\$ 137.50 \mathrm{in}$ ready cash, a transaction which if properly framed on their return home always recalls the price of a yoke of oxen, and occasions energetic remarks anent the homage paid. The smoked contingent from the ambitious city arrives to take in her glories, and the boulevards are strewn with the shells of the festive peanut, and the cedar-paved roadways disclose small hills of the covering of the water million, with the empty pop bottles that formerly contained the antidote. Manitoba admirers throng the city to acknowledge her peorless fame, and straightway the hotel keepers affix the legend "no cheques cashed," and anti-Scott gargle is raised to fifteen cents,
whilat the news from the province is as truthful as the statements of the Anti-Scott act crowd. From Assiniboya and Alberta her devotees appear, and Columbia contemplates a wholesale migration on arrival there of Chap-leau.Ottawa-Chinois commission; but the end is not yel, and the glories of the Semi-Centeninl will be eclipsed by the Demonstration, and numerous thousands will take part in tho procession, and the people are happy-for fine steamers still ply from her wharves, and the schonaers of beer up town are more than half froth, but the enterprising citizen gets a free ride on the one and stands the bertender off for the other. And now the British Association of scientific anomalics, seeing the error of their ways will render their homage, and we will rejoice with exceeding joy. They have rusticated recently in the overgrown village of Montreal and the adjacent suburb of Ottawa and the village papers have grown wise and abstruse in their dissertations on evolution, substitution and abstraction. Little Dick has indelibly impressed it upon the minds of those learned men of science, that only one thing more is needed to malse this country perfect, that is for Posing Tommy, P.M., to get a grip on the strings of the shekel bag of the great confederation, so that in due time he can enjoy his ten cent an acre farm at the foot of the rockies away from the hurly burly, and watch the other boys scramble for the assignats. A small contingent of the men of science, however, did not remain; they passed through our fair city like a blue-coated pill through a sick French liberal, for the C.P R. has thein in reserve and intends to try if a froe ride west will have the same effect on thoso learned brains as a Grand Trunk pass on a Montreal Alderman. The means are the same, but the end differs. The one is to beat Canadians, but the other is to loosen the purse strings of the Britisher, for the books to be published on the return of the wise, about what we don't know about Canada. will be household words in the babitations of the unonlightened. Howover our joy must be restrained, for we have a sorrow. The association of science is not complete. Where is the Rev. Jaspar who so forcibly illustrates the theory that tho sun do move! Where is Henry Ward Beecher, the Hades Annihilator? or George Erancis Train, or Sir Isaac Newton, or Charles S. Parnell, or Bradlaugh, or the Duke of Argyle or Bill Smith or John Carling. Harry Fiper or Col. Denison, or the thousand other shining lights who should radiate amongst us and add their homage to our Queen. Echo answers, and a tear js shed for the absent herocs of a free trip, and long weels of disputation on the paleozoic age and tho sporadic spread of the cholera germ in the poor mau's beer is forgotten whilst we acquine the long disputed territory to add to Ontario's domain. But thousands are coming to the Mowat Demonstration with millions yet unheard from, and for the next fow weeks the committees will rejoice, the merchants will work off old atock, the brewer put more salt in the lager and the citizen with one hand aloft and the other tight clasped on his plug of tobacco and an empty pocket book, will feel chock full of glory, and with strong breath will Hurrah for Mowat, the Boundary Award ${ }_{1}$ and the Queen City's Exhibition.

## LETTERS GONE ASTRAY.

Dear G-FF-N,-Thanks for your editorial on the Easex addresses. Yes, Blako must have written then. You say you are quite convinced of that, and no further proof is neceseary. I myself think it was he who did the shameful deed. Such a displey of chronic imbecility could emanate from no other source. Blake, as you very beautifully put it, has "no literary style," or any othor style, for that matter. I have often asked him to have some
atyle about him, but to no purpose. The man is so hopelessly and consumingly ignorant that no person on earth can ever raise him above medioority, One hundred and thirty-eight words to the sentence. 1 couldn't make it quite so many, but as you are an expert at figures, I have no doubt your statement is perfectly correct.

But, whisper ! Do yon think my popularity is on the decline? I am a little anxious lest there might be some foundation for the rumors that are current to that effect. Not becaure the Grit papers have said it, you know. They lie knowingly and systematically, and only hit the truth by accident, as they appear to bave done this time. That little tyrant, Mowat, seerns to be the white-haired boy just now. It is but a little temporary breeze of popularity, however, and will soon subside. Keep the omnipotent N. P. constantly before the public and all will be well.

Yours as ever
JoHn A.
Dear Kyle, -I'm doing a grand and glorious work hore for the cause of humanity and the Trades Benevolent Association. I'm about busted for money, though. Send me up about $\$ 300$ at onco. Can't do with less. Simcoe is a big county, you know, and the people very impecunious. I was thundering mad at you for even suggesting that I was spending too much monoy, Spend more than the temperance people? Why, of course I do, you don't expect me to be so infernally stingy as those Scott Act fanatics, do you? Why they spend nothing, absolutely nothing. They never lave to buy a man a drink; they apend nothing for bribes; they pay no $\$ 1000$ a month for orators, nor do they cven offer a man a dollar for groaning at our meotings. This latter item, with us, is very important, both in its results, and in what it coats. I must have another $\$ 300$ or $\$ 400$ or surrender to the enemy. Which ahall it be?

Yours sincerely,
Jayiing Dodds.


Mr. Roundabout (who was out late last night, and wants to head off a storm by saying something nice)-We have been married twenty years, love, and you look as young as ever !

Mrs. $R$.-As for you, you haven't changed a particle!

Mr. R.-Not changed! how can you say that?
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## HO I FOR TEE NLLE

Major Fred. Donison's off for the Nile
With a Canuck contingent lor his rank and file,
Thin hahitang, half-hreods and brave Iroquels,
Who will leave far behind them each papoose and squaw, How to drag up a hoat through a steep catarict, And armed with his piko-pole the raftsman don't fear The face of an Amb or carc for his apcar.
For have they not breasted ficrec Othawa's tido,
And sang their gay songs on the St. Lawrence wide? The boy's are all right and they're bound to go through If they only keep clear of the skinta-wa-boo. And when they come back from the batnke of the Nilo It'e hoped that each voyageur has a large "pilo," Angil get wroto up iu history by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

## I MADE A PUN IN ENGLAND.

Dear Grip,-I'vo just returned from the Old Country-miserable old place-seems so small and pokey after this "boundless continent of ours." You can't throw a stone with. out winging a nobleman; the place is fairly crowded with 'em, and I was on very intimate terms with some of the aristocracy, ran short of "tin" in fact, and used to dine with His Grace Duke Humphrey pretty regularly. But the worst of those Britishers, that is, when they are on their own soil and before they get their brains oxygenated and ozoned by a trip to Canada, is their density and opaquoness in the matter of secing a joke or a pun. As an example of this I give you a little poem descriptive of ny visit to the Royal Academy, and the fearful result that ensued when I, in my effervescent manner, fired off a mild little pun. You see I hadn't time to write the pun down and put it in ilalics and oxplain it and introduce a column of $11!$ !'s after it, hence the consequences.

I am very unhappy.
ary Visle to the royal academy.
In my mildly contemplative way I wandered through the picture mart, On either side, yome gravo, some gay, Hung many works of painters' art.
Fult many a gem of purest ray
Serene, hung pendant from the lino;
Not in dusk cavern hid
Not in dusk cavern hid away
To, unappreciated, suine.
To, unappreciated, suine.
In mildly contemplative mood
Beforo each work I gilent stood
As contemplative critic oughi.
And then methought, as backward flew My mind to words in Holy Writ; The men who these fair pictures drow

Thoy are, in truth, well-favored wights, Whose pictures hang upon these walls, Though some in most atroclous lights Are dimly seen within these halls.
I thought me then of scripture story,
" EFen Solanion in all hia chory
Wau not It a a liko glory
And then-
Ah ! plain prose will suffice for the rest. A low-bred, contemptible, beer-muddled custodian of the place overheard me and banged me over the head with a club, and I fell to the earth, and was borne forth, and lo! D. and D. appeared against my nathe at Bow-street next next day.

## PUSSIE'S PETITION.

TO MISS BELLE-, ST. PATRICK-STREET TORONTO.
Most charming Mjes Belle, since the Doctor my master Has told me about my dear sissie's disastor,
How you fed her with milk, how yon stroked her and How petted her,
How she ran to you mewing when anything fretted her, How a bad boy quite at for a place that's not nice To ho evar trapped down thero with rats and with mice Wrom your garded piazza, one terrible day. Till we go to tho good place, and lap milk for ever Wo mett not-on earth she will purr to me never : But the Doctor-who's wise, if not good (what a pity !) Says perhaps you may kcep me for your littlo Kittie.
C. P. M


THE M.P.'S WIFE MAKES A SUG. GESTION.

Rural Dell.
Dear Mr. Grlp,-I oan't think how it is that you don't put Lucius among the pictures in" your distinguished paper. Matilda, my sister, who is in poor circumstances, says it's becanse "he ain't prominent, just a wire for the big ones to pull, and that there are bundreds more like him." Of course Matilda says a good deal for mere spite, for in the first place who that evor saw the Member for Rural Dell would think of comparing his manly massive physique to a wirc, and who I'd like to know knows better than his wife that he isn't to be pulled when-when-, well, I suppose I must be ineligant for once, when he gets his back up-yet there is a grain of ill-natured truth in my sister's remark, for with the spirit of the age I can truly asy : What is lifa if you aren't sometimes in print (I don't mean that cheap style of summer clothing, far from it, as a newspaper man you'll understand me), and I own up, I should like to see $I_{-}$- in $G_{\text {rip }}$, not of course in a ridiculous position. but for instance, his portly figure clad in his best broadcloth, his polished beaver hat, well-brushed mutton chop whiskers, and gold chain, soliciting votes, or speaking to an admiring and cnthusiastic audienco checring lustily while he wildly promises Ruraldellers everything they want. Being of an ever retiring disposition I would not like to make any grander suggestions. I leave details in your hands; but the day I find Lncius smiling on the pages of your paper will see me a proud woman, and depend upon it, I'll flourish Grir with triumph over the onvious head of Matilde.

Your staunch friend and admirer,
Eliza Pencherman.
P. S.-If it is possible that you have never visited Rural Dell or seen Lacius, I could send you a picture of us both, taken together when we were first married, and if you think best you cad leave mide out, though $I$ am generally considered the best looking.
P. S. No. 2-Why don't you start an inquiry column. I want dreadfully to know if it is ctiquette for me to write on my visiting card, Mrs. Pencherman, and M. P. in the corner. I never know the day I might be in Toronto and want to call at the Government House, and it would be so awkward not to know what's what. I've noticed people put P. R. C. sometimes, and I do love to be stylish, which isn't so easy when you reside in a small place like Rural Dell, where the most of the people are of the "Jen sais quoi" gender, a terrible drawback to a superior lady like myself.

## THISTLEDOWN.

## I.

A little fluff of thistledown had reached that stage of maturity when the time drew nigh for it to take leave of its parent stem and set forth on its wanderings. And as it sat and pon.. dered in its mind what great deed it might accomplish it was sore perplexed, for it felt its own insignificrnce and lack of magnitude. And as it reflected it was overcome by its feelings and gave way to tears.

## II.

"Why weepest thou, oh ! little fluff of thistledown?" asked its tall neighbor, the muilein stalic, "why weopest thou thus bitterly?"

And the little fluff answered, "Because I am so small, and even now I must set forth on my travels and I know not how to accomplish some great deed, and I am ambitious."

Then the mallein stalk comforted the little fiuff and told it how it might fly to the garden of some great and pious man and bring forth many thistles amongst the goodly fruits in the gardon; and the great and pious man might swear.

But the little fluff was not satisfied, and yearned to do even more than that.
"Then trust to luck," replied the mulloin stalk. "Keop up your stamina and the powder in your pistils dry, and you will be all right. Tra-la.la."
"Tra-la-la," answered the little fluff of thistledown, as Zephyr came singing along and lifting it in his arms bore it away over field and meadow toward the boundless ocean.

## III.

"All hands handa on deck; man the pumpa, heave the dry goods clerks overboard; belay, the right bower; hard a-port; a vast heaving."

Such were the hurried commands that Captain Ichabod Applesass, of the good slip Kerchunk, of the United States navy, roared through his speaking trumpet, as his gallant vessel careened deeply to starboard, and countered heavily on the wind's eye.
"Fourteen feet of water in the hold, and all the grog watered," reported the ship's carpenter to bis commander.
"Then wo shall sink," returned the latter.
"Sink it is," replied Chips, and as he yet spake the spleudid man-of-war lurched three points abaft the binnacle and went to the bottom.

## IV.

The vanity of the little fluff of thistledown was gratified. It had collided with one of the finest vessels of the American navy and had sunk it.
-SwIz.


MORE PLAIN THAN PLEASANT.
Old Lady (to simperint elderly young lady, who is said to be engaged to a widower)-An' when is yer marriage tae come aff?
S. E. Y. L.-Oh ! Mrs. Brown, don't tease me; that's an old story.
O. L.-It canna be that, for the man's wife's nae lang deed.

THE PIOUS LANDLORD.
WHEN YORK MEETS SCOTLAND THEN COMES THE tug of war.
"Losh, mon!, I canno alloo ye to cut wood on the Sawbath."
Such were the words that broke on iny ears. as, one Sunday morning, I prepared to asw a few aticks of wood in the cellar of the house in which I rent apartments.
My avocation compels me to depart from home betimes in the morning, and when I ra. turn at eve, the uncongenial task of "bucking " wood is frequently postponed, and on the morning in question, a bitterly cold one, I found myself without a solitary sliver of nood wherewith to increase tho atmospherical oaloric of my rooms.

It was Sunday, as I have stated, but Farmth must be attained at any cost, and a little fracture of the first day of the week, methought would do no harm.
But my landlord thought otherwise. He is a mighty professor of religion and a grocer withal; he is a Scotchman, as his dame Gregor MacGregor MacPherson would seem to suggest, and, in addition to the usual commoditics to be found in a grocer's emporium, ho deals in that which at the last stingeth like an adder and is sharper than a thankless tooth or a serpent's child,-viz, ardent spirits.
My landlord, as I have intimated is "unco guid," and from chilly morn till frosty eve the building wherein he and I reside re-echo with the sound of psalmody and hymnal melody and
"On Jo-horr-don's storrmy ba-ha-a-anks I eton'"
and similar airs ring through the wolkin as the pious grocer sands his sugar and mingles the luscious sloe-leaf with his tea, and warbles aloud in the excess of his religious fervor.

The situation is explained ; pious landlord; over-worked tenant : Sunday morning and no woorl cut.
I had scarcely mado the first fell gash in a stick of wood when the opening words of this tale saluted me, supplemented by
"Ye musna cut wood aroon ma preemises o' the Sawbath. I wilaa pairmit sic a deesecration $0^{\prime}$ the blassed day."

My landlord stood behind me, and he looked determined.
"But, fair sir," I urged, "I shall freeze, and I have no firewood till I cut some."
"Ye maun gang cauld then," was the reply, "for I canna alloo ye to cut wood aroon ma hoose o' the Sawbath."
"But I shall freeze."
"I carena, ava; yo may pull an ox or an ass oot $o^{\prime}$ the pit the day, but ye musna whustle nor cut wood."
"I should like to push an ass out of this cellar," I inurmured to myself, but restraining my indignation, I resolved to resort to strategy.

I am a Yorkshireman and I did not desire to be beaten by this snuftling Caledonian, so I said,
"‘'Well, if you won't let me cut wood today, I must have something to warm mo. You have spinits in your store; let me have a bottle of rye?"
"Hae ye ony siller?" suspiciously queried the grasping Scotchmen, bis national love of the bawbees asserting, itself.
"Of course I have," I replied.
"Oo ay ; gin ye hae the siller I'll gie ye a mutchkin or twa," said the holy one, and we ascended to the grocery where the tradesman banded me a bottle of whiskey remarking the while
"There's a lon' that is fa-hnirror than da-hay"
and then demanded payment.
"By the was," I remarked, putting the bottle in my pocket, " / like yourself, bolong to a Christian denomination; mine forbids the payment of money on Sunday. For that reason I never put anything in the contribution plate at church on that day, and it would be inconsistent were I to pay you filthy lucre for sordid whiskey. What is sauce for the goose is sence for the gander. I must defer payment indefinitely. If it is wrong to saw Fruod to-day it is ton timea worse to pay for liquor. Twig ?" and I smiled a smile that was very expressive.
The good man felt that I "had" him. His wholo grasping nature was rising in arms, so to speak, as ho feared the coveted bawbees were to be denied him, and his physical inability precluded the idea of resorting to violence, on his part, to regain possession of the bottle in my pocket.
"Weel"" he said, at last, pale with anger, "weel, gang yer ain gate and saw year wood,
but gie me the siller for the whuskoy," and he extended his hand.
"I think not," I replied, "my church would run mo out if it knew I wias guilty of a momentary tranaaction on a Sunday. Moreover I don't feel like "bucking" wood now; I can turn into bed and this whiskey will keep me warm and "es'-to the payment, why, Inspector Dexter shall decide about that. The fine for selling licuuor to-day, $I$ believe, is $\$ 20$ or fifteen days-twenty dollars, my friend; two thousand bawbees; think of that ! I'll saw no wood this morning-some other morn-ing-good morning," and as I retired the good man swooned away into a barrel of galt mackeral that smelt to heaven.
Thus did Yorkshireman prove a mstch for crafty Scot. Ha! ha !
-S.

## A POINTER EOR THE DOCTOR.

Dear Grip:-
The facility with which Dr. Wild finds examples of fulfilment of prophecy, and the suitable application of scriptural language to the every day events of our modern life, must command the admiration and wonder of all lovers of the remarkable. I am more than astonished however, to find that onc passage in the New Testament has escaped the notice of his eagle eye. I refer to that plain allusion to Mr. Mowat and Sir John in the parable of "The hypocrite." To an unprejudiced mind there can be no doubt whatever that the beam there spoken of as standing in the way of the removal of a certain mote, has direct reference to that "stick of timber" which Sir John has had in his eye for many a day, and which he more than once has spoken of as "Not for Joe, oh no, no! not for you Ontario!"' The best proof of this theory lies in the fact that it is this very beam, or "stick of timber," which prevents the Premier from successifully gerting that Mowat out of the eye of the public of Ontario. A short time ago the crank that turns the Mail orgsn kept grinding incessantly that "Mowat must go, Mowat must go, Mowat must git from Ontario." Accordingly, probably to escape the din, ho went-to England, and returned-victorious; and now though all Torydom nay pretend to rejoice that the bone of contention has been borne off by the right dog, still we know that it is, like the beam, all in their eye-and quito as apen to doubt as the existence of a mythical personage known to sailors as Betty Martin. That "stick of timber" or beam will for ever pre-- clude Sir John from removing that Mowat. I do wish Dr. Wild would tackle this and handle it in his owa able way.

Yours very truly,
A SON of the Profits.

## THE BIRTH OF IHE LATEST MUSICAL INSTRMENT.

Haroun el Hamfat, minstrel to the king,
Ono sultry day lay prone within his tent;
The lazy brooze scarce breathed on anything.
In through the doorvay stole the insidious scent
Of trople fowers and of spicces raro,
Whose perfume loaded all the idle nir.
Haroun el Hamfat, minstrel to the king, Felt gicepy for the hour was aiternoon, An vailh had striven his well-loved lute to tuno. But fruitless all; the drowsy god doth creop). Towards El Enmfat, and he fallsasleep.
And as the elept he dreamt that in his tent Stood myrial muley, nill countless in array, Which till their breath with nsuch fatiguo was spent, Would all incesant long and loudly bray. And jackals, voiceu then camo joining in,
And added to the pandomoniad din. And added to the pandemoniw din.
Such gounds Haroun El Hamfat no'er bofore Had hoard : a pup whose tail is tightly hold Within the fast cloged hinges of a door With such discordant tones had nover yelled. They wero as thouch nll Hades' imps were loose
And yelling, shrieking, howling like the deuce.

El Hamlat woke and found that he had dreamed, But still those sounde were ringing in his eard ; Thought hut a vibion, all so real it secmed That Hamfat broke down and gave way to toares For his musician'k soul with anguished pain Was tortured by this mose discordant strain.
(Some daye befors, the minstrol by the king Had been commanded to, at onec, invent Some brand new kind of music instrument; And with this regal order on his mind Haroun hud fall'n asleep, the thing to find.)
Straichtway he hied him then to Hassan Jones,
" A cunning worker in the sounding brass,
"Make me," he cried, "an instrument whoso tones Shall be like those of braying mule or asg
But make them worse if possible." "I will,", But make them worse if possible." "I will,",
Replied H. Jones, "I guess I've got tho ekill."
Then Hamfat told good Jones about his dream, And of the awfol munds that he had hearl: "The instrument," he gaid, "muat have the scream Of cirle who eeo a nouse; the jacknss-bird Must sing no less discordant; it must gound Far worse." Said Jones, "In two monthe call around."
Two moons elapsed. Haroun FI Hamfat came And bowed him lowly down before the king.
"Hasn't got the instrument?' the jatter cried, '"The asme I have, and here, my lord, behold the thing. My lord's commands in all I have obeyed." And here be showed the thing that Jones had made.
"Tis well," replied the king "now let me bear Upon this instrument of thine a tune; Now do thy beat, for thou slait be a peer
of this our realm." "I will" replied Haroun He placed the nouthpiece to his nimble toncue And drew much air into cach mighty lung.
And then lie blew a blast : the mighty king Thurat his forcingers in each recal ear. The courtiers fied in terror scampering : The queen fell dead o'crconno with awful fear. And, when the sound Jad died away, Haroun, Enquired, "shall I discourscanother tune?"
The king had had enourli, yet, curlous all, Ho asked Ilaroun El Hanmfat what might bo The name wherchy he did intend to call
The new invention : "What's its name ?" aaid he, "My licge," replied the minstrel, "my invention new Is known-" "Ay what?" "Is knownras tho kazoo."

## THE SCALPEL

ETERNAL FITNEES.
A trunk line war of rates seems inovitable.
Well I anything queer about a trunk line having things clothes ?

## MORE TO THE PONNT

An offort is to be mado to creato a trado betwoen Montrenl and tho minor West India ports.

But what about a trade between Montreal and the Miner North-West regions?

## two great men.

Victor Hugo works only in the afternoon, doing most of his writing standing up at a ligh detk.
How different from a celebrated Canadian literateur who works sometimes at poctry up till midnight and does most of his writing up in a tall tower:

## settles it.

- New York, Aug. 23.-Commiander Schley said yesterday that be was positively of the opinion that the fleyl was romoved from the bodies of Greely's mon simply for the purpose of eatching shrimps.

Now, this ought to be perfeotly satisfactory, All we wanted to know, was where the flesh had gone to? Of course those who would use human flesh for bait never would think of making any other use of it:
"that was the cause of it."
Benjamin F. Buticr wis in 1843.4 an agent for an actress, Mism IIldrith.

This is what makes the General so popular with the press gaug.

## CARNEGIE'S BOTHER.

Androw Carnegic, of Penusylvania, owner of n numbor of newspapers in Bengland, says tho Si. James' Gazctec is ripht in osserting that ho would destroy the Crown and House of Lords it he could.

Well, there does seem to be some little diffculty in the way, come to look into it I
bad beginning.
Bjom Bjornson, a very gifted son of the great ipoct But, pghaw! No printer will: ever get through with a paragraph startinglout in this shape.

## BY THE POWERS.

U. S. merchants are said to be expecting in material incresso in trade with China consequent on tho war.
Just soi It takea the American nation to look after its real interests. While the fool powers are fighting, this cute power keeps on working. Uncle Sam knows? when he has a good thing. $\%$

## OWES FOR HISTPAPER

King Ludwig, of Bavaria, risea in the night, has a black steed eaddded, and dashes off at $n$ whirlwind epeed up and down the hill roods-which aro well kept for that reason-liko a phantom horeoman pursued by somo relentless decrec of the supormatural powers.
What Lur. had better do, then, is pay his subscription to the local newspaper and be done with it.

MOVED BY US SECONDED DY -
A baltimoro physicinn says that the superfluous hairs Which make thoir appearance on the lips of ladies, an olcetric ucdle into the hair ccll of oacl individunt bair, and thell passing a spark of electricity through the needle.
That's such an casy way out of tho dificulty that the Baltimore physician is open to grave censure for keoping quist about it all this time.
bane and antidote.
Professional beggare are on the increnso in Toronto.
But the professional burglar scares us most. What is wanted are professional policemen as an antidote for both pests.

TIME'S UP, OLD MAN,
Abhantee wants to bo annexca to Britain.
And does it not seom about England's time for annexing something or some one? Mus'at have too long between 'nexings, Gladstoue !
important omission.
d girl in New York state is sald to have existed 163 days without food.

It isn't said, however, how long the reporter was without an item before he struck this grand one. The pirl is prostrato, of course? The reporter is lying, too.
a PLUMDERS' boom wanted.
An attempt is to bo made to organize the plumbers of the Dominion.

Let, therefore, all the newspapors atart to work and pipe the littlo lay; for does not the plumber lay the little pipe?

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