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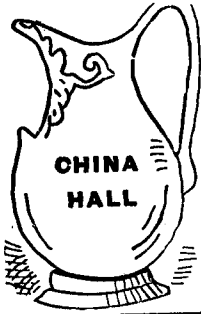
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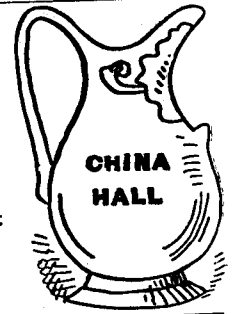
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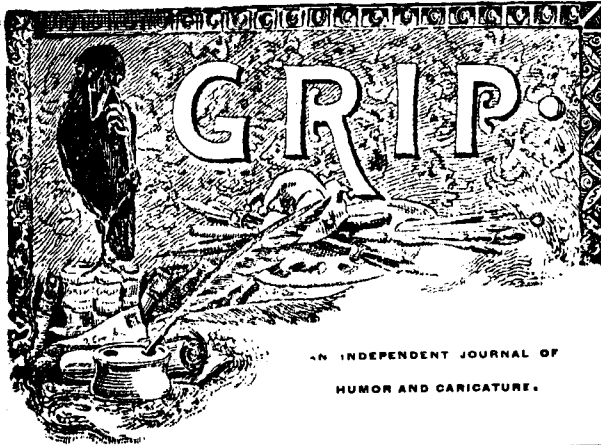
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**NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.**

OUR friends are reminded that the magnificent lithographed plate, "Prominent Conservatives," issued as a supplement to Midsummer GRIP, will be sent to every subscriber applying for same and enclosing five cents for postage.

**THE HOLIDAY "GRIP"**

WILL be issued next week, and will contain twenty-four pages. Amongst the attractions will be a very amusing DOUBLE-PAGE CARTOON on the Result of the Ontario Elections, and special contributions by Alex. McLachlan, J. W. Bengough, Scottie Airlie, and other popular writers. The number will be one of the best ever issued. No increase in the price—5 cents per copy.

**Comments on the Cartoons.**



A FALLACY BROUGHT HOME.—Although we are, with the great body of the Prohibitionists in Canada, sorely disappointed at Mr. Blake's present attitude on this great question, we do not for a moment lose hope in the cause, and what is more, we keep a steadfast eye on Edward Blake as a man who is soon to join our ranks. He is a man of transparent honesty and sincerity—and we can honor him, as we do, though in the meantime we may differ from him upon a matter of opinion. We know that Edward Blake is so great a man that he would not hesitate to acknowledge an error if convinced that he had made one, and he can be relied upon to act in accordance with his convictions regardless of political results. Our hopes for the cause of prohibition are accordingly based upon the confidence that Mr. Blake will soon be convinced that he erred in supposing that Canadian public opinion is not

now ripe for the overthrow of this national crime of the liquor traffic. We believe it is ripe, and that fact would have been demonstrated emphatically had Mr. Blake declared himself for the immediate, total and complete annihilation of the thing. His words would have flashed from end to end of this Dominion, and like a gleam of summer lightning would have brightened a million unhappy homes. In an instant the Reform Party would have been inspired with an enthusiasm which it has never hitherto known, and if there were some defections from its ranks, the gaps would be more than filled by worthier men from the Conservative Party. If Mr. Blake wants to see the grandest display of public joy and fervor that Canada has ever known let him put this to the test. Let him declare now—as he must declare before long—that as a Christian man he cannot and

will not longer hold fellowship with this "throne of iniquity, which frameth mischief by a law." Meantime, in his speech at Aylmer, Mr. Blake entirely overlooked the educative character of prohibitory law. Why is it that in the county of Halton, for example, no professedly decent person will either sell or buy liquor, whereas in Toronto highly respectable people will do both? The people of Halton are on a higher plane, and why? Because the law is their schoolmaster, and has taught them effectually. Decent people respect the law, and other are obliged to. This fact is further illustrated in Mr. Blake's own pleasant home, which is under a Prohibitory law so far as liquor is concerned, and we have taken the liberty to peep in there unbidden for the purpose of pointing the political moral to the Liberal leader.

THE UNRECONSTRUCTED REPORTER.—When the Mail declared itself independent of the Conservative Party, it was supposed that the whole staff were made aware of the change. It is quite evident, however, that the reporters are constantly forgetting it, as they keep right on as before describing every Conservative meeting as a "grand triumph," "ovation," etc., etc., with corresponding *diminuendo* for the Grit meetings. Mr. Bunting must be very angry at this, as he has a perfect right to be.

THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.—Mr. Mercier says that English *must* be the language of this continent, and he does not go in for making French the popular tongue. It is suitable for polite society, etc., and should be retained in that sphere only. Mr. M. must, therefore, share the general disapproval of the state of things in Eastern Ontario where, it is alleged, French and French only is used in many of the public schools.



THE annual conversazione of the Commercial Travelers' Association, of Ontario, will take place in the Pavilion, on the 30th inst., when the Knights of the Road and their friends will no doubt be out in full force. Those who remember the brilliancy of the last gathering will make a special effort to be present, we are sure. A splendid musical programme has been prepared, as a preliminary to the ball.

"THE Great Home Rule Debate," a highly amusing contribution in the North and South of Ireland dialects, by J. W. Bengough, in the Holiday GRIP next week. Look out for it.

**A G-ROSS ERROR.**

OUR esteemed artistic contributor, M. Coté, has been caught in a big blunder—so an esteemed correspondent thinks. In the cartoons in which he has recently pictured the fortunes of the Quebec Premier, M. Coté has presented the Gritt Ross instead of the Tory ditto. This, our correspondent thinks, argues an inexcusable ignorance of the fact that Quebec as well Ontario rejoices in the possession of two Ministerial Rosses, and that the present premier is *not* the Ross who was lately a colleague of Mr. Joly. No; M. Coté is not an ignoramus, but he is a sly dog, and he correctly guessed that *we* were mixed on the Ross question. He took advantage of this to help his party a little by making fun of the Rouge Ross instead of the Bleu. But his trick is now found out, and hereafter we will insist on the right boy getting the birch.

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## The Lay Preacher ;

OR, RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD REFORMER.

- “AND still when to earth some great conqueror comes,  
We offer him homage profound,  
Mid the blaring of trumpets and beating of drums,  
The calm voice of wisdom is drowned ;  
The prophets, the priests, the Messiahs of earth,  
The sad-eyed and lone weary ones,  
No heralding trumpets blare forth at their birth,  
No shouting, no beating of drums.
- “But the world grows sick of the drum and the fife,  
Of the wreck and the ruin war’s wrought :  
And here, in the great battlefield of our life,  
Henceforth shall our battle be fought.  
Here bloated Wealth rears her palatial abode,  
E’en where the starved laborer dies,  
And our prayers and praises ascending to God,  
Are mixed with his curses and cries.
- “While men like mere cattle are chained to the soil,  
Their strength and their energies spent,  
That others may seize on the fruits of their toil,  
’Tis vain to preach peace and content.  
How long shall mere old feudal barriers stand ?  
A mockery, a hollow pretence ;  
On nature, on manhood, we take up our stand !  
And the lordship of plain common sense.
- “’Tis time sentimental mere moonshine should cease,  
That maunders of friendship and love,  
In the dear humble cottage with virtue and peace,  
’Neath the outspreading wings of the dove ;  
Such veils cannot hide the aristocrat’s greed,  
Alas they are all out of place !  
If he’d be a lord or a true knight indeed,  
Let him look the stern truth in the face.
- “Talk not of what your fighting forefathers did,  
That’s all braggadocio vain ;  
In charity let their achievements be hid,  
Come wipe out this terrible stain.  
Go forth to the great battlefield of our time,  
’Tis there thou art called on to-day ;  
Go shelter the weak from temptation to crime !  
And thy heart’s better instincts obey.
- “’Gainst fraud and injustice the battle shall be,  
And all the iniquities old ;  
The Hero to be, must Humanity free  
From the terrible fetters of Gold.  
The Angel of Warning o’er Britain now floats !  
Hear’st thou what the spectre doth say ?  
Hush ! ‘Stern oaths are muttered in grim, husky throats,  
To rend from the spoiler the prey.’
- “But such would be folly and madness, my friends,  
Unite ; to each other be true ;  
On Union and Knowledge your future depends,  
And not on the will of the few.”  
While frankly and fearlessly thus he foretold  
Of the good or the evil to come,  
He looked like a seer or a prophet of old,  
That could not or would not be dumb.

ALEXANDER MCLACHLAN.

## THE JUNIOR PICKWICKIANS ;

AND THEIR MEMORABLE TRIP TO NORTH AMERICA.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

“I CAN never sufficiently thank you for your bravery and——” began Mr. Yubbits’ fair companion, after they had walked a considerable distance in silence ; but that gentleman interrupted her with,  
“Now, please, Miss—Miss——”  
“Douglas,” said the lady.  
“Miss Douglas, please say no more about the affair ; I only did what anyone would have done in my place,

and I sincerely hope that that fellow has got a lesson ; what a cur, a man—no, I can’t call him a man—but whatever he is, he must be an arrant cur.”

“Oh ! Toronto abounds with just such creatures,” rejoined Miss Douglas, “though I was never before subjected to any annoyance from them. I certainly think you punished him severely, though no more so than he deserved.”

“No, I should think not ; it was lucky for him that my friend Bramley did not chastise him——”

“Which was Mr. Bramley,” enquired the lady.

“The stout one who—who—who put his arm round you when you were fainting,” replied Yubbits.

“Oh ! indeed,” said Miss Douglas, blushing, but with a captivating little laugh. “Is Mr. Bramley, then, so very terrible ?”

“Miss Douglas, he would have killed that fellow if he had been roused,” answered Yubbits. “He is very powerful, and when righteously indignant forgets his strength.”

“Dear me, I should not have thought it,” remarked the lady ; nor in fact would anyone else, and why Mr. Yubbits should have made such a statement was exceedingly mysterious, though he possibly may have had his reasons for doing so.

“We are nearly home now,” said Miss Douglas, as they emerged into a broad, smooth street, the sides of which were lined with elegant boulevards before residences whose imposing appearance was indicative of wealth on the part of those dwelling in them. “This is my street.”

“I am sorry to hear it,” responded Yubbits, on whose susceptible heart the beauty of his companion was making some slight inroads, though occasional thoughts of Fanny Dawson greatly aided him in repulsing them. “I have enjoyed my walk very much indeed.”

“Oh ! you must come in and let papa thank you,” exclaimed Miss Douglas, as they halted before a large handsome house standing some fifty feet back off the street, and in front of which was a neatly mown lawn and several flower beds, gay with the brilliant hues of their floral treasures, and Mr. Yubbits was raising his hat preparatory to bidding her good-bye. “He would never forgive me if I allowed you to go without being introduced to him ; please come in,” and as she started off up the path to the front door, Yubbits could do nothing else but follow, and soon found himself in a most tastefully and richly furnished drawing-room, in the presence of a very handsome gentleman of about fifty, but whose stalwart, muscular and erect figure showed but little of the effects of the weight of his half century of years, and an exceedingly pleasant looking lady who appeared to be fully ten years his junior, and who, from her strong resemblance to Mr. Yubbits’ companion, was evidently the mother of that young lady, for the same glossy dark hair, deep hazel eyes and pleasing smile, displaying even rows of small, snowy teeth were to be seen in both ladies.

“Oh ! papa,” exclaimed the young lady, taking off her hat and gloves and running up to the elderly gentleman and throwing her arms round his neck, “I have had quite an adventure which, however, terminated happily ; thanks to the bravery of this gentleman, who rescued me from the insults of a horrible man who was so rude to me as I was coming from church.”

“Ah ! Elsie,” said her father, kissing her affectionately, “you would go alone though I advised you not to do so ;—and you, sir,” he continued, turning and holding out his hand to Yubbits who was standing, scarcely knowing

what to do, "I thank you from the bottom of my heart for any aid you may have rendered to my little girl," and he shook hands warmly with our friend, who merely bowed and muttered, "Nothing at all, sir—duty—Englishman—rude scoundrel," and such like fragments.

"This is my wife, sir," he continued, leading Yubbits up to the pleasant looking lady, "Mrs. Douglas, who I am sure joins me in thanking you—Mr.—Mr.—why, Elsie, you have not told us the name of your chivalrous knight errant."

"Why, papa," exclaimed his daughter, blushing and laughing, "I don't know what it is, myself." Mr. Yubbits speedily informed them on this point, and Mr. Douglas, ringing the bell, desired the servant who appeared in answer to it, to bring some wine, and begged his daughter, who was really an excessively pretty young lady of eighteen, her beauty showing to still greater advantage now that her hat was removed, to relate the particulars of her adventure, which she did, much to the indignation of her father, who expressed a desire to horsewhip the cowardly rascal who had dared to insult his idolized daughter, for such Elsie Douglas evidently was, and who, together with his amiable wife, was profuse in his thanks and gratitude to the gallant Yubbits. That gentleman, with his characteristic freedom from reserve, gave Mr. Douglas a full account of the Junior Pickwick Club and the objects that had brought himself and his friends to America, and in which recital the elder gentleman appeared greatly interested. "Well, sir," he said, as Mr. Yubbits finished speaking, "anything I can do to further your views, I need not tell you I will do; I insist upon you bringing your friends here to dinner to-morrow, nay, better, to ensure their coming, I will call at the Rossin House to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and I will take you for a short cruise in my yacht;—you shall come too, Elsie—and we will have a day on the water, after which I shall, personally, conduct you all hither to dine." Mr. Yubbits expressed his gratification at this arrangement, and after spending a very pleasant hour and a half, he bid the amiable family good night, and departed.

As he walked along Elsie's bright, beautiful face would come before his mental vision, but was speedily eclipsed by the laughing countenance and cherry lips of Fanny Dawson, and anyone who might have chanced to be near enough to him as he hurried along, would have heard such utterances as the following: "She's a charming girl, by Jove! and the very thing for Bramley. Yes, she'll suit Bramley to a T: modest and unaffected; the very thing," and it was evident that Mr. Yubbits' mind was contemplating something which was to sadly disturb the peace of that of his friend and leader, Bramley, for he looked neither to the right nor to the left, till he arrived at the Rossin House, where, on enquiring at the office for his friends, he was directed to a private room up-stairs, where he found them enjoying a light supper, and where he was hailed with loud expressions of admiration for the glorious achievement of the evening of which he had been the hero. He soon informed his friends of all that had occurred since he had parted from them, and the intended yachting expedition was hailed with delight from all except Crinkle, who remained firm in his determination to go out to Rosedale and get to work on his poem on the morrow.

(To be continued.)



### THE COMPLETE CURLER.

SCENE—*The Granite Rink. Curling day.*

*New Member*—There, I've got a Kilmarnock, and a volume of Burns' Poems, and a broom! What more do I need?

*Old Member*—Ye'll need naething but parritch and a Scotch brogue, the noo!

### LAMENT OF JAMES L.

G. W. Ross, I do abuse,  
But what's the Hughes!  
O, what's the Hughes!  
With cool contempt he treats my views,  
So what's the Hughes!  
O, what's the Hughes!  
I fire the hearts of Orange True Blues,  
But what's the Hughes—  
No earthly Hughes!  
All others see my little ruse,  
So what's the Hughes!  
Yes, what's the Hughes?

Of course, 'tis nice to air my views—  
My vanity it doth amuse;  
But now I tremble in my shoes,  
Lest when the people come to choose  
Trustees—they'll give my friends the noose.  
And with Grit blood the Board infuse,  
And so my billet fat I'll lose,  
Then where's the Hughes,  
O, where's the Hughes?

### THE ABUSE OF VIRTUES AND USE OF VICES.

It is well, in the first place, to beware of that most insidious virtue of modesty, which, consisting, as it does, in the affectation of a belief that your merits are fewer and your defects greater than you know them to be, is no less odious in its nature than lamentable in its effects. Like the brutal athlete of the prize-ring, this virtue first knocks you down and then falls on you, and he who has succumbed to its first attacks, unless by a supreme effort he can shake off the deadly grip, need never more hope to rise. Like the canker-worm, it delights to feed upon the youngest and freshest blossoms, and has stricken down many a youth in the very flower of his promise. Let the violet, despised, contemned, hidden in deep and shade-ridden dells, be a warning; and the sunflower, bright, glorious, and the observed of all observers, an example. Do not hide your light, but set it distinctly before the eyes of your friends, and if they refuse to see it, use a



**MARRIAGE OF THE "STANDARD" AND "LE PATRIE."**

(The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Beaudry, pastor of the "Suisse" church. The parties of the Centre and East acted as maids of honor.)

*Ladébauche* (rushing in with two children)—I OPPOSE THIS MARRIAGE! THE BRIDE HAS NOT INFORMED HER HUSBAND THAT SHE IS OBLIGED TO BRING UP THESE TWO CHILDREN!

reflector. Remember that nobody takes you for more, though some may for less, than the value you put upon yourself; therefore, like the wise "bulls" in the city, send your own price up, and let not the seductions of modesty be the cause of your being misappreciated or forgotten.

Shun no less the time-serving virtue of punctuality. Remember that time was made for use and not for abuse. The use of fixing an hour is to show the time before which an appointment is not to be kept, and by no means to show the time itself. The abuse of it lies in confounding the time fixed for an appointment with the time for keeping it, and has arisen from the moral obliquity of a few erring creatures who, sunk in the depths of this virtue, are known sometimes even to come before the hour fixed, and then to add to their abuse of time an abuse of their more vicious and still absent friends. The baneful effects of this virtue may be appreciated by a consideration of the advantages arising from a practice of the contrary vice. In the primitive ages rising early was advocated as a means of gaining time. Rising early has now, through the march of intellect, become quite exploded, and going late has taken its place, as the unpunctual telegraph has taken the place of the punctual post. Be tender, then, of your hostess, my young friend, when you are asked to dinner. Remember that if you arrive at the quarter to eight indicated on the card, you will probably just catch her going up stairs to dress, and

reflect that by delaying half an hour you gain it for the practice of vice and the improvement of your fellow-men.

It is advisable to be on your own guard, too, against the selfish and destructive virtue of Charity, which, if indulged in, will but too probably precipitate you into the black gulf of Truth and Generosity, and will inevitably destroy forever your chances of rising to eminence. Fortunately the victims to this vice are but few, for if generally practised it must lead, at no distant period, to the utter dissolution and extinction of Society. The evils it brings in its train are fearful to contemplate. Fancy is crippled and Invention annihilated by it. Conversation is made by it to clank along in the chains of strict veracity, instead of soaring on high on the wings of Malice, and the pure stream of Scandal is poisoned at its very source, if not utterly dried up. Let the sense of what is due to your neighbours, and to the interest you should take in their affairs, preserve you from this virtue, the demoralizing effect of which will, we are certain, commend itself fully to your intelligence.

Not less heinous is the virtue of Constancy, that illiberal and short-sighted policy which, if unchecked, would restrain loves and friendships within the limits of a few individuals, or at most of a few narrow circles, and destroy altogether the humanizing effects of flirtations and introductions. Let generous affections have full play, untram-

melled by the crippling influence of former loves and friendships. Change is the law of the world; do not fail, therefore, to apply it, and never let sentimental short-sightedness deter you from courageously abandoning old friends and bygone loves for the new affections which are constantly springing up in the human breast.

We now come to the most odious and atrocious of all the modern virtues—need we say that we allude to the monster Sincerity? How many a worthy man has been wounded to the death by this weapon—so dangerous, even in the hands of the vicious—so fatal when wielded by those who are not bound by the time-honored rules of deception and conventionality. It respects not age—not even the age of woman; it rejects the claim of the sex to the proud title of “the weaker;” it would measure men by the adventitious merits they possess rather than by the immutable attributes of their condition, and over the pale but still glorious rays with which we strive to gild the world it would throw the grey and sombre pall of truth and fact. To guard from the attacks of this virtue, we would only say that its very essence is deception; for as nobody, in the present improved state of Society, expects you to be so heartless and unprincipled as to say what you mean, if you do say it you are clearly practising the grossest of frauds upon those who listen to you.



Mrs. Moore's (Miss F. J. Hatton) Christmas carol, "Come Children" (in Harper's Young People for November 23rd), has met with so much success that twenty-five thousand copies are circulated and more have to be printed. "Good News on Christmas Morning," one of Mrs. Moore's contributions to the "St. Nicholas Song Book," has also gained so great a demand that it is the only song in the book which the "Century" Company have printed separately. Both these carols will be sung at the principal churches in this city on Christmas. We are pleased to chronicle the continued success of this Canadian composer.

Look out for our double-page stunner next week on the result of the Ontario elections. Bound to tickle the party that wins, and to draw tears of mirth from the other fellows.

#### AN ACROSTIC AND A PRAYER.

BORNE behind a human creature,  
Useless as a sleigh in June,  
Surely never such a feature,  
To a mortal's form 's in tune;  
Leave it off we do beseech her,  
Early leave it, leave it soon.

POLLUX.

SCOTTIE AIRLIE'S address to the electors! The canny chiel is comin' oot for mayor!! See the Holiday GRIP next week. You'll roar with laughter at this clever hit.

#### "MOWAT MUST GO."

OCH! 'tis the poor Grits I'm just afther bewailin',  
They can't escape now by no manner av manes;  
Other folks want a chance at the pickins' an' stalin's  
An' each swate parquisite that to office purtains.

It's meself recomimbirs the way last election  
The *Mail* twanged away at his one-string banjo;  
The tune I forget—but he sang to perfection,  
An' the chorus it always wint "*Mowat musht go.*"

But, bedad, Mowat shtayed! an' the cute little divil  
Wint over to England an' bate poor Sir Jahn;  
But this time we'll trap him so nate an' so civil,  
An' let him get out av the trap if he can.

The country is all in a terrible ruction  
(*Sure it's all in me oye*) but the cry it strikes home—  
All about this poor Province goin' clane to destruction,  
An' the schools all priest-ridden an' makin' fur Rome.

The papers are afther discussin' the subject;  
But it's Mowat we want to be takin' a walk,  
An' Jim Hughes is the b'ye to accomplish that object,  
For Jimmy, you know, is a terror to talk.

He won't touch upon politics once—oh no—catch him!  
He aint such a fool as to give us away;  
But he'll talk to them school law the way it will fetch 'em,  
An' bring Lynch an' Mowat in just by the way.

He'll show how the Archbishop's mane interferin'  
Has shut the blesht Word o' God out av the schools;  
An' then about Mowat go rippin' an' tarin',  
An' swear that the voters are nothing but fools.

To put up wid the like, when here's Meredith waitin',  
Wid the Catholic question to tackle and cope;  
The Bible entoire in the schools reinstatin',  
Wid the ould Orange gospel, "To hell wid the Pope."

Arrah! Jimmy's the b'ye! but it's not his intintion  
To touch upon politics only to show,  
Just be chance as it were, incidental to mintion  
(For the sake of the party) "that *Mowat musht go.*"

BARNEY O'HEA.

#### A GHOST STORY WITH A PURPOSE.



IN a misty evening in November, an alderman was proceeding on his way home to the bosom of his family, when on nearing an electric light, he raised his eyes and saw standing directly in his way, a horrible figure, with the weird light, from the swinging lamp overhead lighting up with ghastly and ghostly effect, features, surpassing in their hideous form and bearing and sardonic expression, anything which the alderman had ever imagined or dreamed of—even after his cheese for supper. In quavering accents, partly caused by fear, partly by the qualius o' quivers of an uneasy conscience, which though of aldermanic leather-y-ness did quate a little at the remembrance of the *last contract*, out of which he had chiseled a few odd hundreds. "Wh-wh-who are you?" he stammered—while the vision of his "ain



THE WIND AND THE SUN;

OR, COERCION VS. CONCILIATION AS AN "INFLUENCER" OF IRELAND.

—Punch.

fireside with its allurements faded before the over-mastering fear that shook his aldermanic soul—

"I am Malaria!!!" came in a deep, bass tone, from the throat of the gigantic figure—

Aghast—horror stricken, the alderman stared with round eyed horror at the spectre—"who are you, and where did you come from?"

Malaria laughed, a hollow—and sardonic laugh—which froze the marrow in the bones of the alderman, and made him think of his sins.—"who, am I? Why, I count in my horrible, and noisome ancestry the Black plague of London, cholera, all the plagues and pestilences, which have swept the world since the Flood!!! Where do I come from? ha! ha!—ha! I am in your midst—an invisible and impalpable presence—not spiritual ha! ha! ha! but smell-nal everywhere, where the modern drainage system hold sway—I am King!!!"

"Why do you appear to me? I am an honest man?" quavered the poor alderman"—

Malaria breathed over him—he grew pale—looked very sick—longed for his wife, an Ippe-cac—then in a rasping, dreadful voice Malaria spoke:—

Malaria, do hereby challenge the thirty-six aldermen of the City of Toronto, to meet me—drawn up in battle

array—armed with all that science—no!—the system of drainage—can furnish to withstand me, and my dread powers—I claim, as the challenger, the right of choosing the ground of conflict—Gooderham's Byres—day, Friday!!—ha! ha! ha! the unlucky day?"—

I, Malaria mel'ed into the surrounding air—no more did his awful form obstruct the aldermen—pathway home—but on the ground at his feet lay a horrid strip of yellow paper, written in letters of fire, on which he could decipher the words of the challenge!!!

Glad to possess this document as an evidence that he had not dreamed a dream—a spirituous dream—he wended his way homeward, starting at every lamppost and under every swinging electric light, nor could all the blandishments and questions of the wife of his bosom elicit the cause of his gloom.

JONES—I would not be surprised at anything—Smithers—Not if an angel were to appear? Jones—Well, that might astonish me a little. Smithers—A female angel, for instance? Jones—Female angel? There ain't any other kind; not much. —Pittsburg Dispatch.





### A FALLACY BROUGHT "HOME."

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*Guest.*—ORDER UP THE GROG, OLD CHAPPIE. I ALWAYS TAKE A NIP ABOUT THIS TIME IN THE EVENING.

*E. B.*—BUT, MY DEAR SIR, WE KEEP NO GROG IN THIS HOUSE. PROHIBITION HAS RULED HERE FOR THE LAST THIRTEEN YEARS.

*Guest.*—AW! BUT, MY DEAR FELLOW, I'M NOT EDUCATED UP TO PROHIBITION, DONCHER KNOW. IT IS FAR IN ADVANCE OF MY SENTIMENT, I ASSURE YOU!

*E. B.*—SO MUCH THE WORSE FOR YOU, THEN. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THIS LAW WILL EDUCATE YOU UP TO IT WHILE YOU REMAIN HERE. I HAVE NEVER KNOWN IT TO FAIL.

*Guest.*—AW, NO DOUBT! BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE THAT LINE OF ARGUMENT AT AYLMEY, OLD MAN?

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On with the heifer dance!  
Watch but the hind legs prance,  
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Actor to right of him,  
Actor to left of him  
The actor (?) in front of him  
Got left and wondered.  
But the hind legs kept on  
Till the "blue ribbon" won  
Caught the theatric "bun,"  
Not yet six hundred.

Flashed those trim legs so rare!  
Flashed as they kicked in air!  
Dancing a "breakdown" there,  
Doing a "walk-around,"  
While the house thundered.  
Who "h-ifer" saw the like?  
"Heifer"—dently a strike,  
Booth and Salvini, too,  
Now can take to the pike,  
Busted and plundered,  
When Dixie comes to town  
Drawing six hundred.

God of the Statute scene,  
Sprung from "Evangeline,"  
Fed on the Boston bean!  
All the world wondered  
When you to England went  
On British lucre bent  
And brought back well content  
Pounds a few hundred.

When can your glories fade?  
Oh! the great splurge you've made,  
Or else we've blundered.  
Honor Adonis' deed,  
Honor the Light Comede,  
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—Washington Hatchet.

THE young ladies at Oberlin have debated the question: "Resolved, That the extreme development of the intellect chills and destroys the affections," and have decided that it does. The Oberlin girls shouldn't be cast down over this. The extreme development of the ability to make good eatable bread, or sew the buttons on some worthy young man's clothes, or even to help their mothers wash the dishes, was never known to freeze out the affections.—Estelline Bell.

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IN one Connecticut telephone office during the last three years, eighteen switch girls have been married to subscribers on the line. Been switched off from their work, as it were.—Boston Post.

A DROSKY—a regular Russian drotsky—has appeared in Central Park, New York, and great crowds who go up to the Zoo on Sundays to see it, and can't find its cage anywhere around, console themselves with believing that it is a burrowing animal.—Detroit Free Press.

AN aggrieved individual thrust his head into the editorial sanctum and began his tirade of abuse: "Base minion!" "No," said the editor, without looking up, and thing that he recognized the voice of the foreman of the composing room, "leaded nonpareil, please."—Boston Post.

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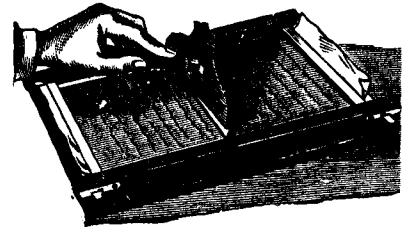
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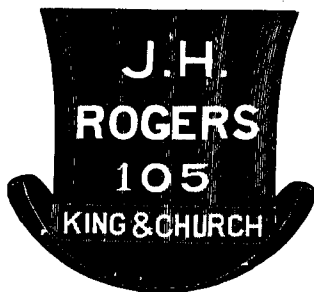
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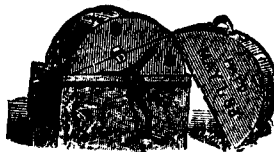


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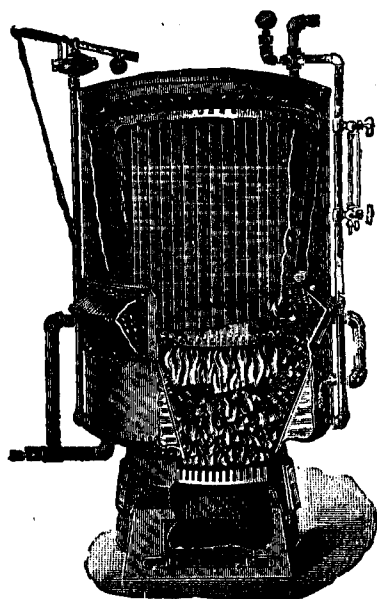
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