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Comments on the Cartoons.



A New Idea.—Sir Hector Langevin, as leader of the Government protem., has distinctly refused to bring down any more papers pertaining to the North-West Rebellion, and in this course he has been sustained by a majority of forty-nine. The plea is "the public interests"—as before. This is done at great self-sacrifice on the part of the Government, as, according to Hon. Thos. White, the papers in question if laid upon the table would fully vindicate the ministry against the suspicions now generally entertained. It's a great pity Sir Hector didn't suggest the appointment of a select confidential committee to examine the papers in question and testify to their "dangerous" character, because, as he may not be aware, the excuse is looked upon as exceedingly gauzy. Moreover, it is a bad example to set to the minor public servants of the country. Next thing we know, our

postmasters will be claiming the right to use their judgment as to what mail-matter they will deliver to us when we call of a morning. The "papers" in the post offices are just as much the property of the postmasters as are those documents at Ottawa the property of Cabinet Ministers. The party at Mr. Speaker's right hand should not forget that as yet they only own the timber limit and coal mine portion of the country; the rest of it still nominally belongs to Us.

Tim Ikish Stew.—Thursday, April 8th, will be a memorable day in the political history of England, as the climax day in the career of the greatest Statesman of this century. Amid surroundings quite unique, with not only a crowded house and an eager nation, but it might almost be said, an excited world hanging upon his utterances, Mr. Gladstone stood up to develop his plan for the settlement of the Irish difficulty. Ireland, hungry and expectant, has been for a long time awaiting the arrival of the dish ordered—Home Rick. On Thursday the dutiful William made the first step toward the fulfilment of the order, but whether he will ever deposit the Irish Stew on Paddy's table, or be tripped up by Chamberlain before he gets there, the world awaits anxiously to see.

MIKADO CHARLTON.—Mr. Charlton has a sublime object before him in the bill he has so persistently introduced, and there is every prospect of his perseverance bringing ultimate success. The arguments with which the worthy member has been met in his content in that seduction should be made a criminal offence and punished accordingly, have always been of a flimsy character. These, however, have now been fully met by amendments in the bill, and if the measure does not now gain the consent of the House people will be

justified in drawing conclusions not very flattering to Mr. Charlton's opponents. The chief opposition has hitherto come from the Senate—a chamber made up, with a few honorable exceptions—of hoary-headed noodles whose ideas of morality are not such as we would like to have disseminated amongst the youth of Canada.

GOOD-BYE, SWEETHEART.—Hon. Peter Mitchell has at last torn himself away from the embrace of the Government. The action of the majority in sustaining Sir Hector Langevin in his refusal to bring down the North-West papers, did the business. Henceforth the Hon. Peter will refuse even the moderate measure of support he has hitherto accorded to the Cabinet; but it does not follow that he will join the Opposition. We hope he will not. The country needs a few sturdy members, independent in fact as well as in name.



Mr. George Belford, an English elocutionist, who has been making a short tour of Canada, appeared before a select audience at the Normal School. Theatre, on Friday evening of last week, and presented a varied programme with marked ability. The audience was most enthusiastic throughout, and warmly supported the vote of thanks tendered at the close of the entertainment. Mr. Belford is strongest in the department of heroic declamation, but his comic efforts were also above the average, though his selections in the latter line-notably the "Annual Dinner of the Society for the Distribution of Blankets and Top Boots amongst the natives of the Cannibal Islands," and "My First and Last Appearance on Any Stage," had the disadvantage of being too London-y for popular use in this country. Mr. Belford is to appear again shortly, and we heartily recommend our readers to go and hear him.

THE "Mikado" is with us once again with his accompaniments of pretty little maids, comical ditties, gorgeous scenery, splendid dresses and catching music. Standing room only, of course, unless you are wise enough to get your seat well in advance. Nobody really takes in the fun of this clever piece on a first hearing, and if you go twice you can hardly stay away at all thereafter.

MR. SNELDAKER, a gentleman of high reputation, has taken the management of the Yonge Street Opera House, and has already succeeded in making it a pleasant and popular family resort, where performances of merit are given every afternoon and evening.

A LIE has no legs, although it can fly beautifully around the whole neighborhood, and pay every one of the gossips a friendly visit.

. When a woman will she will, depend on it. And yet she must verify your promise to post that letter by going through your pockets when you come home again.

Good for the Government! They don't propose to let the American senate steal our fish as that august body proposed, but have taken active measures to defend our waters. Perhaps the loss of a few piratical fishing-smacks will bring the Government across the way to the conclusion that it even pays better to act decently.

THE PASSING OF ARTHUR.

THE story of the bold Sir Bedivere, Told on a summer night at Camelot, While a great banquet lay along the hall:

After a hard-fought battle in the west, King Arthur—having beaten the heathen back— With the bravest of his knights, a hundred spears, Rode far, till o'er the illimitable reed, And many a glancing plash and sallowy isle, The wide-winged sunset of the misty marsh Glared on a huge machieolated tower That stood with open portals.

They entered in
And rested; and the stoutest of them all,
Thereafter having sallied forth, despoiled
The neighboring hen-roosts, while some others found
The goodly cellars of that castle old,
And bore therefrom the wines. And the great hall
Rang with a noise of feasting and carouse.

And some, far spent with utter weariness, Or reeling from the revel and the wine, Lay sprawled along throughout the corridors; While other of the knights—wine heated they, Having made another raid upon the cellar—Lifting a voice of riotous applause, Gathered 'round one that smote his harp and sang, "We won't go home till morning."

Apart from these,
Sat Tristram, and Geraint, and Launcelot too,
And a few others, at a quiet game,
Which Tristran had expounded, naming it
Poker. In all such craft well-skilled was he,
For he had gone among the goilless host
Of heathens, swarming o'er the northern sea.

And Arthur, coming, saw—nor liked the sight, For he and Guinevere had prayed the knights Not to play poker. Chiding them, he spake, "Unknightly and untrue! Full well I know When that authority forgets the king.

And homage fails the queen, what must come next!"

But Tristram, raking in a little pile, Took the cigar from his mouth, and paused to say, "After the King and Queen, my lord, comes next The Jack. You should read Hoyle."

Whereon the King Gazed at him blankly for a time, and passed.

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THE PHILOSOPHY O' THE MITHER-IN-LAW.

THE WAREHOOSE,

April 1st, 1886.

Maister Grip-Did ye ever sit doon an' think oot the philosophy o' the mither-in-law? It's something like this: -When a man maries a bonnie bit lass her laughin' een, her neat ankles, her jimp waist, an' licht airy feeger are a' sae photographed on his mind's c'e, tae say naething o' this heart, that hooever muckle she may change in coorse o' time this photograph is aye the same. A photograph taen by the sun on a caird is naething compared wi' the likeness stampit on the heart by the a' pooerfu' licht o' love. Then again the change is gradual, the bloom o' youth fades frae the cheek, but somehoo' ye never miss it; the gracefu' feeger may become angler an' o' a vinegary thinness, or wha kens, very likely develop intill the very stoot mawtron whose greatest trial in life is tae ras doon tae lace her ain shoon. But a this comes on a man as I said afore—gradual—ye grow auld an' ugly thegither, an' by slow degrees. But when without a word o' warnin' the mither-in-law, a full-fledged monster in the iron gray stage o' a woman's existence, springs oot o' the door o' a hack an' lichts wi' her trunks on the

sidewalk in front o' a man's door like Minerva springin' full-airned frae the head o' Jove—hech, man! the shock is awfu! There she is, a byordinar substantial fack, yer wife's mither, no to be explained or argued awa by ony logic, the maist formidable fack yeve ever encoontered in this vale o' tears, an sic a picter o' robust health that ye turn yer face tae the wa', so her sharp een mayna see yer jaw drop in fell despair.

Maister Grip sic an experience has just been mine. She was fairly sprung upon me, ma mither-in-law—ma very hand shakes an' the great blobs o' prespiration stood on ma broo when I think about it; an' o a'e thing, I'm shure, I'll never be the same man again, never as lang as that woman is within the range o' a telescope. Ye see we were sittin' quite cosy at oor denner, me an' ma wife, just like twa doos in a dooket, when up drives a hack tae the door an' stops there. I was jist in the ack o' liftin' a bit tawty tae ma moo when ma wife jumps up an' cries, "Well! well! there's ma mither!"

"Yer-wha?" says I.

"Ma mither," says she, "she's just come frae Californy." I canna describe the cauld grue that began tae creep doon ma back-bane, but wi' that a capawcious feeger appeared at the dinin'-room door, an' after wheezlin an' kissin' ma wife she tuk a bird's eye view o' me frae tap tae tae, includin' the petawty I was still haudin' on ma fork, an' then she says, "Well, I suppose we'll have to put up with him," wi' sic an air o' resignation that fairly tuk ma breath awa'. In a half paraleezed condition I laid doon ma knife an' fork an' for ceevility's sake says I, tellin' her a thunderin' lee, "Yer welcome mem!" But when I tuk her hand tae shake it (as a mere maitter o' form) the deevil a shake was in it, it just lay in ma life as cauld an' lifeless as a dead fish. Noo, if there's onything that chills the life bluid in ma veins a'e meenit, an' then sends it gallopin' wi' indignation the flare in ma face the next, its a cauld, clammy, heartless hand, a twa fingered hand, it's waur than " the curse in a dead man's e'e," an' if there's ony reciprocity in this world it ocht tae be first an' formost in a handshake. Hooever, I conquered masel, she was ma wife's mither after a,' sae I says, " Haul in a chair an' hae a bite o' denner." "Hadn't ye better go and carry up them trunks," she says, "and put them in the best bed-room, and by the by don't forget to pay the cabman." I said naething, but I felt something like a Scot's thrussle beginnin' to bristle in ma inside; nevertheless, there was nae doot that auld woman was accustomed tae command —ye cud see it in her e'e. It cowed me, sae I set ma teeth thegither an' paid the cabman, an' after patiently carryin' five dirty, muddy trunks on ma back up the stair I slippit oot o' the back-door an' awa' tae the wareho se without feenishin' ma denner. The meenit Maister Tamson clappit his e'e on me he cries, "Why Airde! what's up? are you sick?" "Yes," says I, "I'm sick baith in mind an' body-ma-ma gudemither has cone!" Weel, Maister Grap, I never afore got sic sympethy. sic a display o' christian fellow-feelin'. A' afternoon the basement was fu a' clerks sittin roon on packin' boxes wi faces as lang's an ell, a' condolin' wi' me on the grate calamity that had befa'in me -an' next week I'll gie ma experience at supper-time wi'the auld leddy.

Yours in great meekness, Hugh Airli

Pur a beggar on horseback, if you haven't got any use for the horse; but a better scheme is to furnish him with a railway pass to the next town.



AN IRISH BOY-CAUGHT.

The Stern Parent. -- BEGORRA, DINNIS, AV YE MARRY THAT GYURL, I WILL CUT YES MIF WIDOUT A CINT, AN' LAVE ALL ME RALE ISTATE TO THE CITY, SO I WILL!

MR. O'ARNPRIRE'S OBJECTIONS.

Usen the promoters of the new cemetery came to Dennis O'Arnprire to know if he wouldn't take stock in it. Mr. O'Arnprire, who, besides being a bit of a capitalist, is also a trifle of an orator when his temper is roused, walked around from behind the bar and thus addressed the delegation:—

"An it's for me to take stock in a grave-yard, yer afther, gintlemen, is it? To buy shares in a human bone-garden, do I undherstand? To invist me little savin's in shkiliton beds, I belave? To make mesilf wan av the syndicate av a corpse farm, eh? To put me shmall surplus av hard-airned money into cossin mor'gages, so to shpake? Troth, gintlemin, yez hev come to

the wrong cushtomer, widout a doubt or a ha'porth. To make a short story long I'll say no, point blank, first, and give yez me raysons afther. D'yez think I'm the man to sink money into a schame that'll thrive me only be the death av me friends an' neighbors? Am I the sort av citizen to sit out on the dure-shtep an' be waitin' wid anxiety for the cholera to give us a call? Do I luk like a chap that 'ud dance wid glee whin the doctors an' undhertakers shtruck a lively run av thrade? Does me face or me coorse av life bethray e'er a sign that its intherest aff the dust av me fellows I'm achin' for? Was I ivir known to grin wid delight whin tould that the fayver was in town? an' would I be wantin' to, ayther? Shure, av I bought a shlice av yer cimitery on shpec, there isn't a man who tuk a plot but 'ud be sayin' to himsilf as he kim up till the bar, 'Luk at O'Arnprire, the ghoul, hopin' iviry day he sees me 'll be the lasht until I'm carted to his siction av the grave-yard! Oh, the miserable dealer in dead mins dishposal! Luk at him!! Luk at him, would ye !!!' Shlape, is it? It's nivir a dacint wink I'd enjoy, what wid dhrames av me pathrons' ghosts huntin' me an' beratin' me for a polthroon, an' the thoughts that iviry cint av per cintage I dhrew shmilt av the tomb! No, gintlemin, I may dale in liquid shpirits, but I'll nivir have it said agin me that for part av me profits I was behouldin to the shpirits av the dead an' gore. I'll not aven buy a lot for mesilf to live in whin I die. Let me heirs do that for me, or the town will. D'yez all mind?"

SATAN is the Father of Lies—on the Mormon principle.

BRAG is a great dog, Ho'd fast is a greater, and Laylow watches chances and walks off with the bone.

TIME & TIDE weigh it for no man. You have either to take their word for it, or buy your coal from another firm.

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CAPTAIN GEDDES, ENTYMOLOGIST.

EXAMINING A CURIOUS SPECIMEN OF A BIG BUG CAPTURED AT A GOVERNMENT HOUSE RECEPTION.

SKILLY-GO-LEE;

OR, THE FATE OF THE FOUR CREES,

A Tale of the Wild West,

OLD Skilly-go-lee was a redskin Cree, And a hostile Indian chief; He'd make free with whatever he'd see, For he was a first-class thief; He was the boss to steal a hoss, A mule, an ox, or a cow, But the Indian chief he came to grief, And I'll just tell you how. Bring out your pipe and take a swipe. I'll tell you the story now.

Old Skilly-go-lee with young bucks three,
Came down from the north to raid;
The settlers few he put in a stew,
For he made them all afraid;
At the sight of his paint the women would faint
When he'd ride up to the door,
And for a "hand out" he'd loudly shout,
And then he'd call for more;
He'd eat that too, then say "bo joo,"
But he never shed much gore.

With his tommy-hawk, he could split a rock At a hundred feet or so; With his scalping-knife he could take your life, And would if you'd ever say "no" To his mild demand, and his smile so bland, In about a minute and a half; But he never would kill when he had his fill, (He could eat a small sized calf); So you will see, old Skilly-go-lee Was not a safe man to chaff.

Well, one fine day, he rode our way,
(I was down on the C. P. R.);
We were blasting rocks, you could hear the shocks
For miles both near and far:
Each dynamite charge was not very large
So we carried them around where we went,
And every night we'd stow the dynamite
In a safe place far from our tent;
Some crevice or crack, not far from the track,
In, a place where the rock had been rent.

Old Skilly-go-lee, who had been on a spree,
One night came prowling around;
He saw something white! 'twas the dynamite,
A cartridge that lay on the ground;
"Ugh! ugh! he! he!" said Skilly-go-lee,
As he placed it in his pouch,
"Some fat, some fat! I heap like that,
All the same as good cocoush!"
So Skilly-go-lee and the young braves three
From the hills did straight debouche.

With twigs of a briar they lighted a fire,
When they got to the foot of the hills;
Then they got out their flour, which they mixed half an hour
With some water from one of the rills;
And they put on the cake to let it well bake
With some permican they carried case of need;
Then they all squatted round the fire on the ground
In readiness to satisfy their greed;
But the old Indian chief, the cunning old thief,
Thought he'd have his own private feed.

On the end of a twig, with some Indian rig, He fastened the dynamite.
And he stuck it in the fire ('twas his funeral pyre), Then, sufferin' Scott! what a sight!
Old Skilly-go-lee, and the young bucks three Were blown into chicken feed;
There were pieces of Crees all over the trees, And here and there a glass bead;
And the dynamite just served them right, At least so we all agreed.

Now this is true, that I've told to you, Of the old chief Skilly-go-lee. Of his dynamite steal, and his dynamite meal, And the fate of the young bucks three.

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"PROCRASTINATION."

"Another instance of procrastination!" remarked Mr. Newgay, as he finished reading out to a friend the newspaper heading to the latest account of the defaulting American bank cashier.

"'Procrastination' is a new name for it, ain't it?" ventured his friend. "But may be the delinquent hesitated too long before joining the noble army of Enos?"

"No, he made a prompt and successful retreat in good order with the funds. But it was 'procrastination' all the same!"

" Explain !"

"Well, 'procrastination is the thief of time,' isn't it?"

" Well ?"

"And 'time is mon——'"

"Hold on, Newgay! Let me privately give you a word of advice. You have mistaken your calling. A man as smart as you really ought to go and hire himself out to some hospital as a mustard plaster!"

ONE good turn deserves another. The young poet dashes off a few lines, and then the editor dashes off the young poet. The result might also be represented by a few — ————!



"SPRING, GENTLE SPRING."
(AS OUR POET EXPERIENCED IT LAST WEEK.)



A NEW IDEA—QUITE.

li ake (coachman to Miss Canada).—My Mistress wished me to call for her North-West letters and papers.

Langevin (a tublic servant).—Tell your Mistress she shan't have them—it wouldn't be good for her --(aside) or me.



LATEST LITERARY NEWS.

AT THE "MIKADO,"

Tomnoddy.—I—aw—see that Gilbert and Sullivan have—aw—stwuck upon a bwight idea to—aw—pwotect their next opewa in Amerwica.

De Hass .- Aw? How do they pwopose to do it?

Tomnoddy.—Deuccily clever, b' Jove! Gilbert's own idea, I should fancy. They intend to have their next piece—aw—written and composed by an Amerwican!

AN ANXIOUS ENQUIRER.

SATURDAY'S papers contain the following astounding bit of news from London. "The Cabinet meeting this afternoon lasted an hour and a quarter. After the adjournment Mr. Gladstone took a drive in the park. All the ministers looked serious before and after the meeting."

The reporter fails to draw any conclusion from the serious aspect of the members of the Cabinet. It is too bad that an anxious colonial public should be left to its own rescurces in this matter. Surely so keen and exact an observer of human expression has the wit to interpret all this gloominess of aspect. Has it any political meaning? Does it import disaster or success to Home Rule or the Land Purchase Scheme? This is what we are curious to learn. Or does it simply mean that the august personages in question were out of sorts from the reactionary effects of a late supper or too liberal potations. Possibly it indicates serious differences of opinion upon the merits of some noted race horse or renowned actress. May not strong east winds with low barometric pressure have had something to do with it? A meteorological observation would have assisted us in understanding the situation.

It is to be observed that the meeting in question lasted an hour and a quarter. Had the length or brevity of the session anything to do with the matter? Looking at the important part of the report, that the seriousness was apparent before as well as after the meeting it is improbable that this was the case.

It is not stated whether it is or is not an unusual occurrence for Mr. Gladstone to drive in the park. Presumably it is a rare event, as it is noted so carefully. This important fact does not seem to afford a clue to the secret indicated by this all-pervading sadness.

The question naturally arises, what would have been the political significance of a rollicking, beaming, a pleased expression, or a languid, or amiable, or fierce, or jolly, or bored appearance on the part of all the ministers

both before and after the meeting.

It is said appearances are deceitful. What if our reporter should have mistaken the expression of the ministers. Another page of untruthful history would have been written. Let us hope he has been correct in his reading of their expressions.

To return to our complaint, we are still in the dark, we are plunged in painful and deepest suspense. They should see to it that when facts so important as the above are cabled all the way from London, some explanation should be given for the enlightenment of anxious newspaper readers.

J. W. G.

STARTLING STATEMENTS.

In an account of the storm of April 6th a city paper says:—"The effect of the storm on the street car service and the poor horses was distressing." Then about nine lines down it goes on:—"At 6 o'clock it began to look as if traffic on Yonge Street, and other lines running north, would have to be suspended. At this hour three or four of the heaviest laden cars of the day pass up the Yonge Street line. They are usually monopolized by business and professional men. Two heavily laden cars left the corner of King about the same time. Neither of them reached Queen Street. The load proved too much for the poor brutes."

This from an influential journal is too hard, and surely the Board of Trade will set its "poor brutes" section at work to frame a resolution deprecating the using of such a term in papers of influence and circulation, a copy of said resolution to be engrossed and forwarded to the offending journal, so that the resolution may be engrossed whether the editor's attention is or not.

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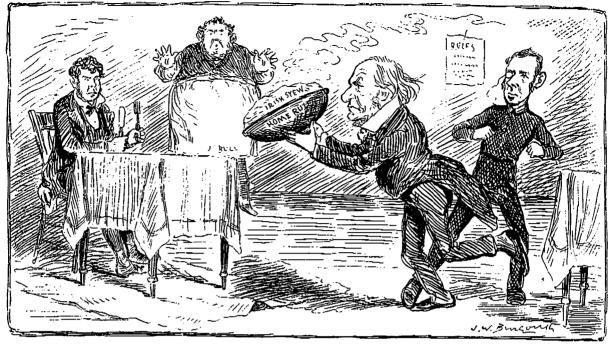
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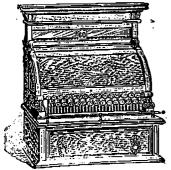
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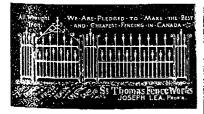
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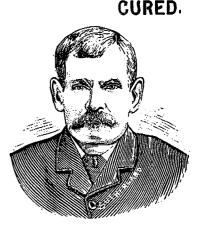
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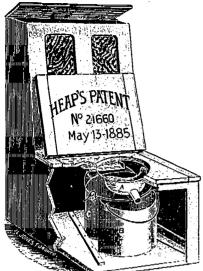
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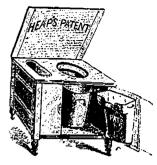
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