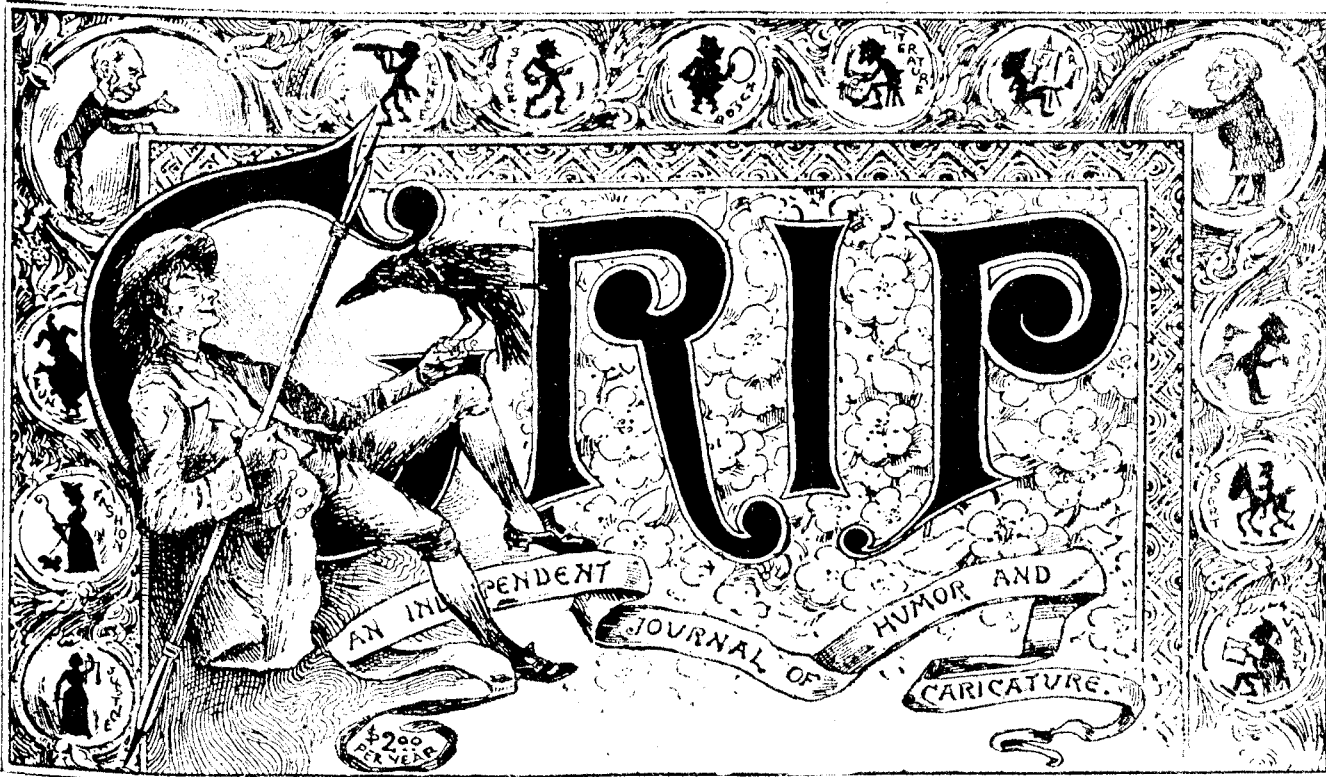


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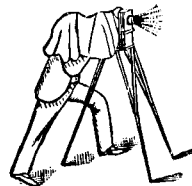
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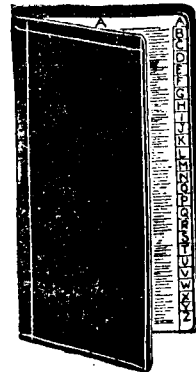
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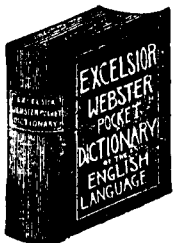
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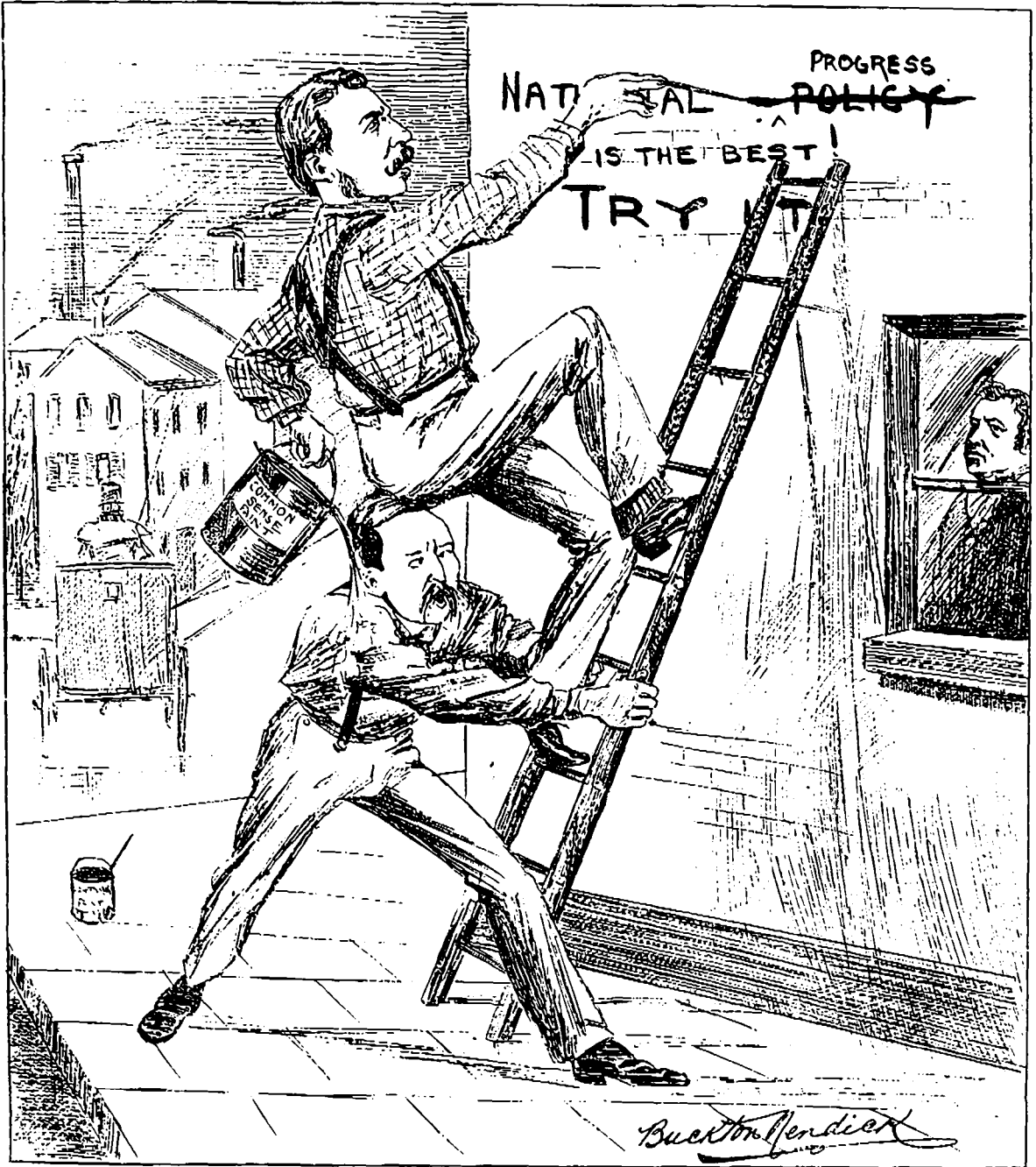
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1893.

THE next man who proposes anything for the good of Toronto will be met with the taunt "that he wants to get the city by the throat." See if he doesn't.—*World*.

Well, if he doesn't there will be no thanks due to the *World*, whose hireling pen is always at the service of any schemer who tries to grab civic franchises worth millions for a song.

AS was to be expected, the tone of the speeches at the Board of Trade banquet, on the 5th inst., was of a decidedly optimistic character. The glorious future in store for Canada was depicted in glowing colors, and the figures of speech, which always do duty on such occasions, were liberally interspersed with figures from the blue-books showing that the country ought to be enjoying remarkable prosperity. The exodus and the actual depression under which the commercial, industrial and farming classes are laboring were conveniently ignored. It is not difficult to convince gentlemen, who, by reason of ample official salaries or special legislative privileges, are placed outside of the pressure of the struggle for existence, and have partaken of a remarkably good dinner, that everything is all right. But the average citizen who shares none of these advantages and whose actual everyday experience tells him that it was never harder to earn or keep a dollar than it is to-day, will hardly be disposed to share their enthusiasm.



THE most notable utterance of the banquet was Premier Thompson's reference to contemplated alterations in the tariff. He admitted defects in the N.P., and stated that the Government proposed, in the language of one of the moltoes which adorned the toast list, "to lop the mouldering branch away." In other words some of the pampered industries which, notwithstanding the tax levied on the consumer for their support, have not succeeded in thoroughly establishing themselves are to be struck off the list of tariff beneficiaries. This is exactly what was suggested by Mr. Cockburn, who, in his recent speech which excited the wrath of the Tory press, was evidently merely throwing out a feeler for the benefit of his political leader. The *World* and *Empire* consequently find themselves placed in a very ridiculous and humiliating position. After roundly denouncing the member for Centre Toronto for assailing the N.P. they now find themselves compelled

to praise as the acme of statesmanship the policy they attacked as suicidal and little short of treasonable. Surely the Premier might have had enough consideration for his obsequious newspaper henchmen to have given them a timely hint of what was coming and so saved them from the need of swallowing their words.

NOT long since an inconspicuous little item appeared in the papers to the effect that the Dominion Government had issued currency up to the limit of \$20,000,000 authorized by the present law. It excited little or no newspaper comment, and yet it is considerably more significant than many of the topics which are discussed till they are threadbare. An increase in the volume of currency would do far more to promote such measure of Canadian prosperity as is possible without Continental Free Trade, than any modification or re-arrangement of tariffs. The allusion of Mr. Foster to the Government's action was greeted with applause at last week's banquet. The Government could not do a more popular and beneficial thing than to ask Parliament to authorize a further issue of twenty million and then as soon as possible take advantage of the opportunity. It would, of course, be loudly condemned by the blue-mouldy political economists, the bankers, mortgage-holders, usurers and all whose interest it is to keep money scarce and dear, because it is the commodity in which they deal. But it would be thoroughly appreciated by the traders, manufacturers, farmers and artisans, all who have work or goods to dispose of and find it difficult to live because of the chronic "tightness" of money.



THE VERY increase of the Dominion note issue is a blow at the absurd "gold basis" superstition which holds

the commercial and industrial world in bondage to the Shyllocks. The true basis of a currency is not gold or silver, but credit, but because,

as a concession to popular ignorance and stupidity, governments are obliged to treat a palpable fiction as though it were a reality, and require some semblance of a metallic basis, the community is the poorer not only by the tribute levied by those who control gold, but to a far greater extent by the stagnation resulting from an inadequate circulating medium. Any measure is a step forward which reduces the importance of gold and substitutes the public credit. It is to be hoped that the Government in future, instead of running to England when in need of money and borrowing—not gold by any means, but the credit of Lombard Street money-mongers—will have the sense and courage to utilize the credit of the country for which no usury need be paid.

THE noticeable omission to send an invitation to the Board of Trade banquet to U.S. Consul Pope is hardly calculated to impress the Americans with the sincerity of the friendly feeling professed towards them by the Premier.

TOO PREVIOUS.

AN INCIDENT OF SCHOOL LIFE IN MONTREAL.

NOT long since a lady received a letter which ran in this wise :—

MADAME—In reply to your very insolent letter I wish to inform you that if you are not satisfied to let your sons submit to the discipline of the — school you must withdraw them at once.

‡The lady was muc urprised and very indignant, as she had not written to the master at all. Calling her small sons, she enquired if either had been punished the day before, and found that the younger had been severely whipped for a very venial offence, but the brave little seven-year-old had been too proud to speak of his humiliation. The lady drove to the house of the school-master ; on meeting whom, she said, " I am Mrs. Furious."

" Indeed," replied the pedagogue, with a scornful curl of his lip.

" I have come to ask what you mean by writing such an insolent letter," she demanded.

¶" The letter explains itself, madame, it was in answer to your own insolent letter, and so I told you I wish you



THEY DON'T SPEAK NOW.

MISS YOUNGWIFE—" Jack is very jealous of me."  
MISS MAUD—" What an absurd fellow he is."



HE DIDN'T COUNT.

"HELLO! All alone, eh? Never saw a car so empty before."

" Weally? Why I came down in it the other morning and the twam was empty the whole way!"

APRES LE COMBAT.

WHAT did ye git fur Christmas?

DICK—" I got full's a tick."

TOM—" I got a pretty bad cold."

HARRY—" The boss gave me the kick."

SAM—" I looked for a rise but was sold."

BILL—" I got an awful big head."

JACK—" I lost three days' pay."

JIM—" My girl cut me dead."

NED—" I got busted over the way."



DEPENDS ON CIRCUMSTANCES.

HE—" Would you be very angry if I were to steal a kiss?"

SHE—" Well, that would depend very much on who you stole it from."

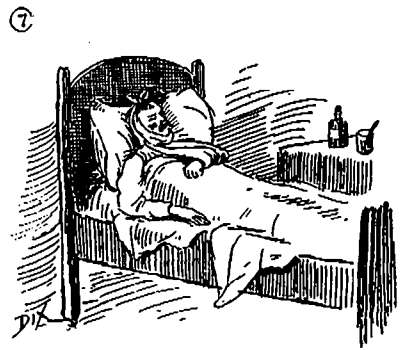
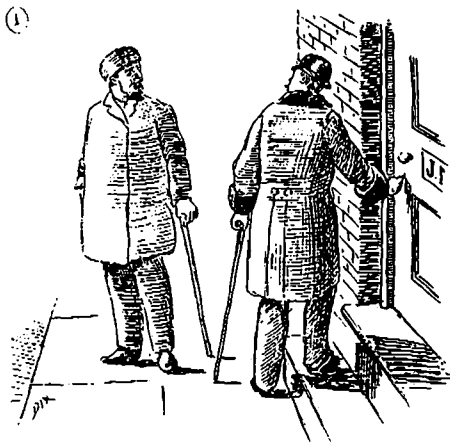
to withdraw your boys from my school at once," he replied.

" But I never wrote you in my life, sir, and I demand to know how you dared to write me such a letter."

Then the dominie began to see that he had made a mistake and explained that he had received a letter the day before, which he had supposed to be from her. On producing the letter it was found to be anonymous, but ran this :—

" SIR.—If you should dare to whip one of my boys in the brutal way that you did young Furious yesterday, I should go to your school and pull your nose," adding some far from complimentary remarks on the cowardliness of whipping young children so brutally for such trivial offences. The quick-tempered, but slow witted dominie, had leaped to the conclusion that it was the indignant mother who had written to him.

Of course ample and abject apologies followed, and the lady was begged to return the letter, but this she declined to do.



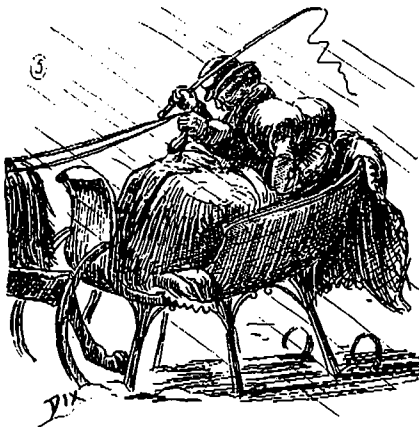
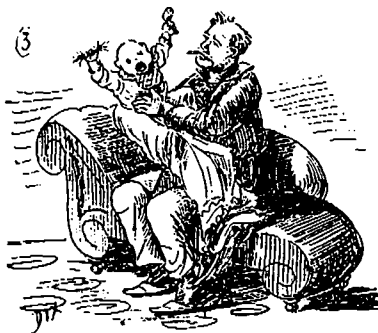
NEW YEAR'S MISHAPS.

- 1.—“Hello, Tom, not patronizing your office on a holiday, are you?”  
“Well, old man its like this you know. Last public holiday my wife arranged a pleasant time for us to end with a sleigh ride, I liked the idea too, but before starting out—
- 2.—“She thought I'd better split up an extra supply of kindling, having so much time you know. And then it was—
- 3.—“Perhaps, Tom dear, you wouldn't mind looking after baby while you enjoy your smoke?” Well, perhaps I enjoyed it, but the baby seemed to be having most of the fun.
- 4.—While my wife was getting ready, I thought I would just trim off the icicles from the cave of the verandah, but why an avalanche should come off the roof just at that particular time I haven't been able to account for yet.
- 5.—When at last we did get away there was a regular blizzard going.
- 6.—And some way or other we finished up our drive in the ditch.
- 7.—It took me a good month to get over that holiday, and really I don't think I can afford another. Ta-ta, old man.”

IT WASN'T SECONDED.

THIMBLEBY—“Hello, Jagster, I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit drinking.”

JAGSTER—“Sho I did. But nobody sheconded motion, 'n' resolution thash not sheconded 's no good. Come 'n' take something.”



THEY HANG.

TOURIST—“I suppose your society has some hangers-on as our society in the East has.”  
WESTERN ARISTOCRAT—“Oh, yaas. Horse thieves.”

CHEAP AT THE PRICE.

SINGULAR as it may appear, it is nevertheless true that a Hamilton young man has perpetrated a conundrum and begged our acceptance of it. But more remarkable still, it is not a bad conundrum—we say nothing about the spelling, as it comes from one of our own suburbs. Here it is, *i.e.*, the conundrum:  
“We read a great deal, in the columns of the *Times*, *Herald* and *Spectator* about the grand show of gold oar

which is to be maid by Ontario at Chicago, but why (as we have the respected member for South Wentworth as the commissioner,) is this just what we might expect?  
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P.S.—If you think this is worth 25 cents, kindly remit to —, Locomotive St., Hamilton.”  
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BORAX—“Do you call a newspaper office a factory?”  
SMILAX—“Well, no. I should rather call it a fictionary.”





**WANTED ALL HE PAID FOR.**

PHOTOGRAPHER—"She stands a little bit awkward—I think I'd better give her a rest."

SOLOMONSTEIN—"Yes, dot ish rightt. Gif us all dot ish gumming to us."

**ALL IN THE FASHION.**

SHE wore a V shaped corsage  
The night when last we met,  
Methinks I see before me  
Her scornful beauty yet.  
But when I knelt before her  
To urge my fervent suit,  
Her father on my V shaped pants  
Impressed his V shaped boot.

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**A SICKLY PUN.**

BORAX (*who reads the World*)—"Oh, it's all very well for Cockburn to say that the people should not be taxed to support sickly industries. But which are the sickly industries?"

SAMJONES—"Well, there's reaping machines, for instance."

BORAX—"Oh, nonsense! One of the most prosperous and well-established—"

SAMJONES—"Sickly—sickle-y. Don't you see?"

BORAX—"Um. Fill these again, barkeep."

**THE PAVEMENTS BELOW.**

AND now the street department  
Of Shcol's in full blast,  
So many resolutions  
On New Year's Day were passed.  
And though they work like demons,  
As well such toilers may,  
Material still accumulates  
For pavements every day.

THERE are limits to human inertia.—Nobody ever saw a tramp too lazy to work the growler.



#### QUITE SATISFACTORY.

GUEST—"Is this hotel furnished with fire escapes?"

CLERK—"Well, no; but it is thoroughly supplied with fire inspectors' certificates."

#### THE FORTHCOMING SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,—I am glad to meet you. I was once only a common M.P. myself, but I have worked up tolerably well. You may have observed that Kingston boys generally "get there." I am a Kingston boy—or was. I am gratified to remind you that your Premier has been made a K.M.G. As Sir Noll, he now actually holds higher rank than the Premier of Great Britain and Ireland. This greatness was thrust upon him—he did not want it by any manner of means—it was wholly opposed to the traditions of his party, but he sacrificed himself as a loyal citizen. For the same reason (that is to say, not because he was be-knighted, but because he was loyal), he bounced Myers. Myers deserved bouncing, Q.E.D. Sir Noll ad-Myers loyalty. I trust, therefore, that no member of the Opposition will twit the gallant knight about his knighthood. It is, perhaps, well that on this account my friend Jim Metcalfe is at Ottawa. In fact, I am sure it is.

We all regret the indisposition of the gentleman whose duty it is to have the credit of appointing professors, and authorizing text-books. It is yet hoped he may find a safe retreat in Middlesex. You have all profound reasons to congratulate yourselves on the fact that offices in the gift of the Government are specially reserved for you, that is, offices that are worth anything. You have also cause to rejoice that the Government can appoint one of yourselves to a position of emolument by special legislation, as was exemplified last session, when both sides voted to enable a sitting member of the House to draw a comfortable salary. The contention that this sort of thing is calculated to destroy the independence of Parliament has no foundation, for it can be shown that Wentworth is just as well represented to-day as it ever was.

Gentlemen of the Legislature, your labors during this session will be very light, as there are really no important questions to discuss, if we omit reference to visionary theories of taxation and representation.

You have cause for satisfaction in knowing that the last sale of timber limits netted two million dollars, and that the surplus is now upward of twelve millions, or would be if there was no serious deficiency in more than one account.

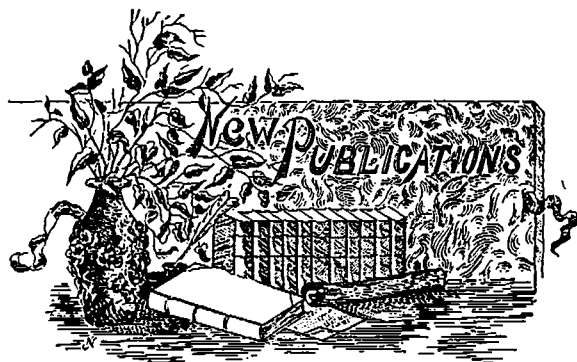
I desire to felicitate you, gentlemen, on your meeting for the first time in these new and splendid buildings. If they have cost a few cents more than was contemplated, I am sure you will heartily vote the necessary amount; in fact, you've got to do so, for it is already expended, but this will be recouped by the sale of the old buildings and site, making the surplus at least \$13,000,000.

Gentlemen, the double Registrarship in Toronto works admirably.

It may also be candidly admitted that the Hon. A. M. Ross continues able to draw his salary.

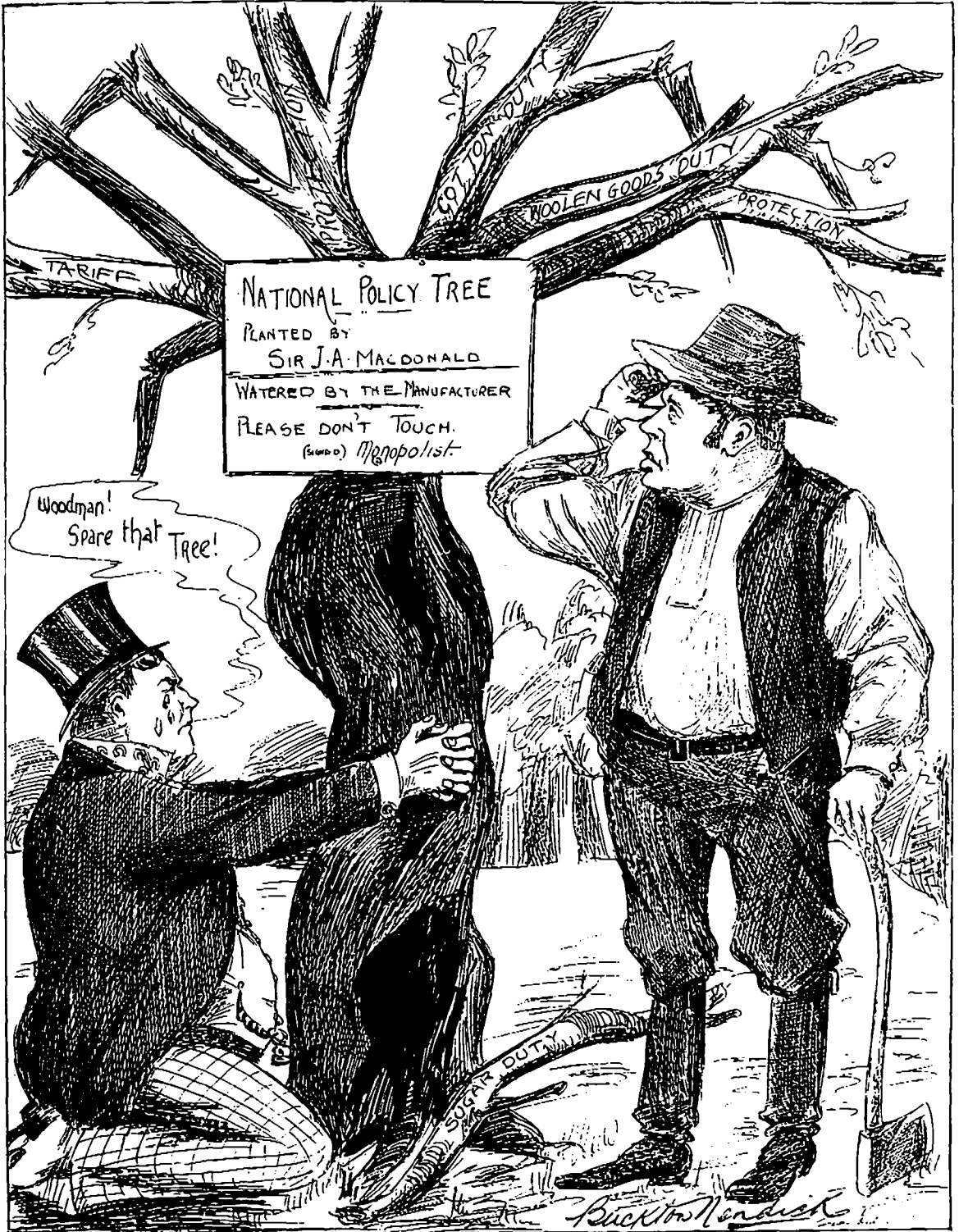
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, you will be asked to vote a larger amount for the maintenance of the new buildings than of the old ones—the increase in brooms, soap and black lead will be very considerable.

I now declare this meeting opened for the transaction of business.



THE January number of the *Review of Reviews* is a brilliant number. Its principal feature is a paper on President Diaz and the people of Mexico, with a large number of illustrations. Articles on the Pasteur System of Inoculation as a Preventive of Cholera; the University Extension Movement in the United States, and a biographical sketch of F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, are among the varied and instructive contents of the number. The "Progress of the World" department keeps the reader thoroughly informed as to all important movements.

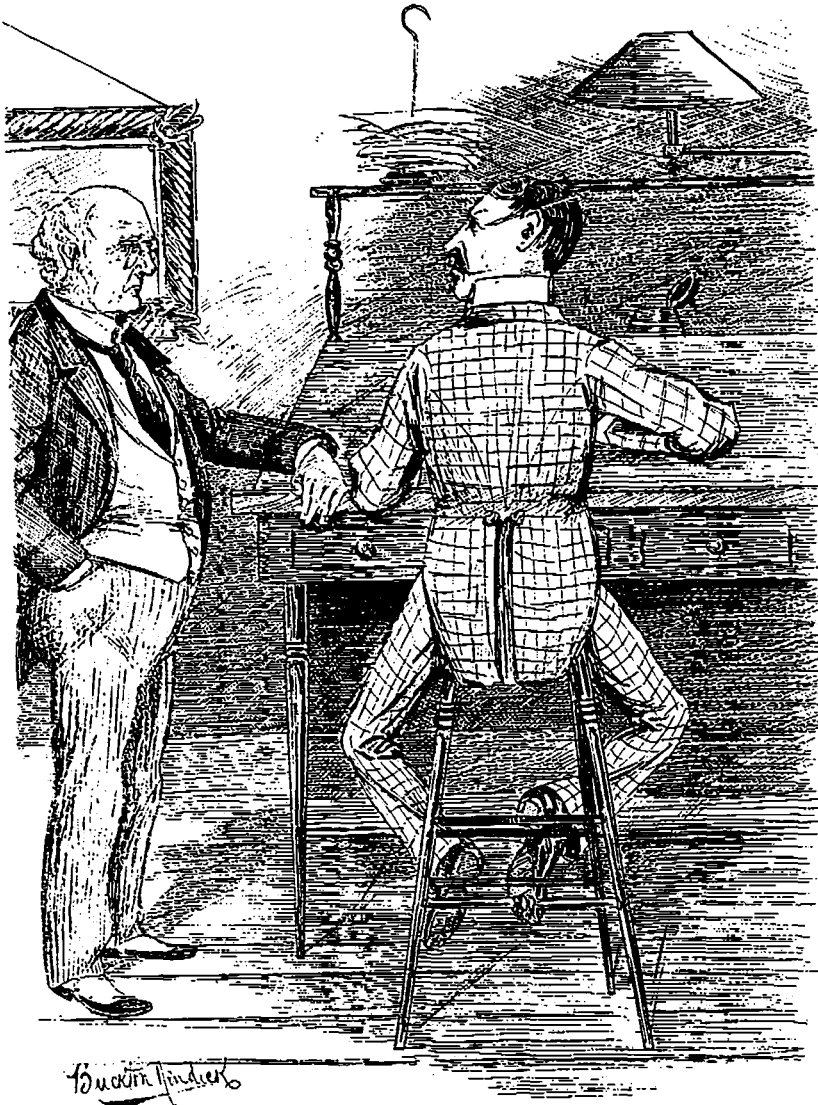
"POEMS, Lyrical and Dramatic," by John Henry Brown—J. Durie & Son, Ottawa, publishers—is a neat little volume of 204 pages, displaying decided poetic talent. The lyrical poems are melodious and pretty, the author clothing his thoughts in choice and smoothly flowing language. Many of them are a great deal more than this, and in thought as well as form rise to a high poetic level. The writer is evidently a man who is not afraid of his convictions, and some of his utterances are exceedingly outspoken. The latter portion of the work is a dramatic poem entitled "The Mad Philosopher," which, though not without blemishes and lapses into commonplace, deals in a telling and interesting way with a strong theme—the fall of a noble and over-wrought intellect, misled by an unattainable and Utopian ideal.



IT ALL SEEMS ROTTEN.

WOODMAN THOMPSON—"I SAID I WOULD 'LOP THE MOULDERING BRANCH AWAY,' BUT WHERE TO BEGIN?—THAT'S THE QUESTION."

## COMING BACK TO THE FARM.



## WISHED IT STRICTLY PRIVATE.

MR. BALLCRANK—"I'd like to get off this afternoon to attend my aunt's funeral.

MR. JOBLETS—"I am very sorry to hear she is dead, and as you have been with us so long I'll close the shop and we'll all go in a body."

MR. BALLCRANK—"Rather than put you to so much trouble I'll obey the Scripture and "let the dead bury its own dead."

(And he gloomily resumed his writing.)

## L'ISLET.

DIONNE, says he, "With Caron's help  
I'll make the Liberals smart."  
But what he thought would be a "pie,"  
Turned out to be TARTE.

A. M. ULE.

## CAPTURED THE COLORED VOTE.

PULSIFER—"Tell you, the darkey vote in my ward went solid for me."

SMILAX—"How did you get your pull? Did you treat the coons?"

PULSIFER—"Oh, no. I know a trick worth two of that. I let them treat me."

YES, Neighbor 'Lige, I'm back again,  
back to the same old place,  
I've been huntin' wealth and ease of late,  
but now give up the chase.  
In future to the p'ough I'll stick, like  
cobbler to his last,  
For a farmer, of all men, should stay  
just where his lot is cast.

I don't exactly know what happened to  
my wife and me  
To fill our empty heads with such a crazy  
loon's idee.  
For here our folks have lived an' died  
since George III. was king,  
Since father's gran'ther got a grant of  
land for soldiering.

The one that first commenced it was our  
Susie's city beau,  
He got us all dissatisfied, he talked so  
big, you know,  
Of schemes an' speculations with a mint  
o' coin in reach,  
An' nothin' cou'd be finer than the figures  
of his speech.

He said it was a shame for me to slave  
the hull year through,  
When I could make ten times as much  
with scarce a rap to do,  
An' own a fancy house in town, an' live  
in fancy style,  
An' every day add dollars by the dozen  
to my pile.

An' then he charmed the women folk  
with tales of life in town,  
No milkin', churmin', butter-makin' in  
untidy gown.  
No toilin' late an' early cookin' for the  
hired men,  
Nowt but dressin' up for parties need to  
occupy them then.

So I raised a mortgage on the farm, an'  
let it out to rent,  
Because I couldn't sell it, this good for-  
tune did prevent.  
An' I bought the stock an' fixin's of a 90-  
cent store,  
An' moved my family to town, an'  
thought to work no more.

An' with Susie's beau for partner we just  
rushed things for awhile,  
Our trade was boomin' lively, an' we  
seemed to have struck ile.  
Then he an' Susie married an' left us  
pretty soon,  
An' took a trip to Boston to spend their  
honeymoon.

I hain't a knack at keepin' books, that  
was his part, you see,  
But I thought to wrestle through with  
them till he came back to me.

An' I found 'em crammed with figures representin' many a debt,  
But not a bill in bank or till whereby they could be met.

He had raised on everythin' he could, an' of the stock an' store  
Left me the liabilities an' name, but nothin' more.  
So I wound up everythin' as well as I could get it wound,  
An' a wiser, sadder, poorer man, once more I till he ground.

And Susie, she has come back, too, as quickly as she could,  
For she wa'n't long a-findin' out the marriage wa'n't no good.  
He had another wife out there, who came an' claimed her own,  
An' Susie let her hev' him, an' travelled back alone.

An' so the hull of us are back same as we never went,  
'Cept that the land is mortgaged so the interest is big rent.  
But if I kin make ends meet now I'll stick to the old spot  
Till I'm toted to the graveyard in the corner of the lot.

WILLIAM MCGILL.

## STRICTLY PROFESSIONAL.

JASPAR—"Time is the great healer."

JUMPUPPE—"Yes. And in his doctoring he is quite professional."

JASPAR—"Indeed."

JUMPUPPE—"Yes. He brings us death."

## IN THE VERNACULAR.

MISSION TEACHER—"Tell me what you know about the good Samaritan."

MISSION PUPIL—"He was a drummer for some salves and liniments as doctored up a bloke wot wuz knocked out by crooks and gin him a lunch ticket."

## THREATENING THEIR INDUSTRY.

TOM BROWN—"I attended the meeting of the Moulders Union last night. The feilers all seem to have turned Grits. What makes them so mad against the Ottawa Government?"

BILLSMITH—"Ain't you on? Mad? I should say they would be. Didn't the darned old Jesuit Thompson say at the Board of Trade guzzle that he was bound to 'lop the mouldering branch away.'"

## THE LAST RESORT.

ETHEL—"I can't help it, papa, that Mr. H. comes I have tried everything to discourage and drive him away."

PAPA—"Nonsense. You have never tried to sing before him."

## A PERPETUAL TALKER.

JASPER—"I am told your wife always gets in the last word."

MR. TIMIDBOY—"Oh, dear, no, she doesn't. She never reaches the last word."

## DON'T SIT ON THE SAFETY VALVE.

If our erstwhile defenders of freedom of speech  
Would consistently practice the things which they preach  
Annexation would die, we should hear less of treason,  
And the loyalty rot be succeeded by reason.  
Free speech is a blessing, and where 'tis forbidden  
Men's thoughts are unspoken, their intentions are hidden.  
Hypocrisy drives independence from place,  
And cowards and sycophants win in life's race.  
Injustice there dwells in luxurious ease,  
And corruption spreads round like contagious disease  
Forever exhaling her pestilent breath  
On an increase of crime, sorrow, suffering and death.

Let men speak as they will, be not doubtful but trusting,  
The steam that escapes saves the boiler from bursting,  
And true, sturdy manhood not long can abide  
In a country where freedom of speech is denied.

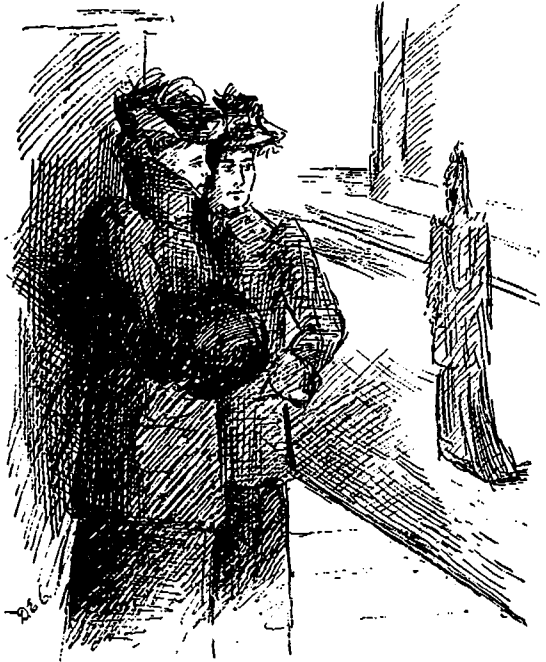
—G.C.

## A REMINISCENCE OF THE SUMMER GIRL.

FLIPJACK—"I see by the papers that an ice gorge in the Ohio river has done one hundred thousand dollars' worth of damage."

BILDERKIN—"Aw—I can weadily believe it, deah boy. I was nearly wuined myself by the ice gorges of last summah."

BUTCHERS usually walk with a shambling gait.



## ACCOMPLISHED.

EDNA—"She is really quite an engaging girl."

MABEL—"How often up to date?"

EDNA—"Nine, with a marriage and a divorce besides."

## THE BUSTED MACHINE.

It was a Tory engineer  
To the night winds gave his plaint,  
"Tis plain to be seen—we've bust the machine,  
'Tis enough to vex a saint.

"The old machine has run for years  
And never made no such breaks,  
We used her rough and we collared the stuff,  
But we've made some bad mistakes.

"Oh merrily ran the old machine  
As the well-greased wheels went round  
For all she was worth—but we wanted the earth,  
And ran things into the ground.

"And all was grist that came our way,  
Whether warped, or rotten, or green;  
If they planked the dust, we'd run or bust,  
By the ail of the old machine.

"And candidates by the score we made  
M.P.'s, legislators, mayors;  
Though she felt the strain and 'twas very plain  
That she needed some repairs.

"Last year she somehow quite gave out,  
And in vain was all our toil—  
With Osler for mayor, we couldn't get there,  
Though it wasn't for want of oil.

"We patched her up and let her rip,  
When with Kent we made a start,  
Then all in the shop heard something drop,  
For the fly-wheel flew apart.

"This year electric power we tried,  
And again are put to rout;  
For the fluid got loose and played the deuce,  
And knocked poor Sheppard out.

"The old machine is past repair,  
And its usefulness is o'er.  
It's totally wrecked, and I hardly expect  
It will ever work any more."



### STATE OF TRADE IN ONTARIO.

THE Canadian axehandle manufacturer—his transportation facilities.

(The "facilities" are to be seen following with a grist of axe handles.)

### THE POLITICAL HOODOO.

"IS this Sheppard's Committee Room?" asked a seedy-looking stranger arrayed in a frayed frock-coat and a tall hat that had seen hard usage.

"It is, sir!" was the reply.

"Are you him?"

"No. My name is Summerhayes—I'm managing his campaign."

"Well, I reckon you're the man I want to see. Look here, now between ourselves, is E. E. into this thing fur blood or is he just making a bluff?"

"Mr. Sheppard certainly expects to get elected."

"Good. That's just what I wanted to get at. Ef that's the game him and me can likely do business. Victory! Mr. Summergrass, victory! sits onto his banner like a turkey gobbler on a rail fence. I can do the business for him. For a matter of, say, fifty dollars, I'll undertake to carry dismay and confusion into the camp of the enemy."

"Will you kindly state your business, Mr. —"

"Blooker, sir," said the dilapidated one, going the motions of feeling in various pockets as though for a card. "I find I've no cards on me. Never mind—Tiglath P. Blooker is my name. My business in brief is that of political hoodoo, and for the trifling sum of fifty dollars I will effectually do up Mr. Fleming—knock him out, sir—my system was never known to fail."

"But how do you expect to accomplish that?"

"Don't I tell you I'm a hoodoo? I shall, in case the inducements are sufficient, lend him my fatal and withering support, sir. Owing to the opprobrium which I shall attach to his cause it will shrivel and wilt before the heat of public indignation. Are you on?"

"I don't quite see how —"

"For instance, Mr. Summergrass, supposing that a report were to appear in the papers of a speech by Tiglath P. Blooker—which, is me—in which I say I heartily support Fleming because I know he believes in in annexation. Catch on? Or else if I strike a temperance

crowd I give him away on the head of his saloon support. Or I congratulate the electors onto the chance of electing a liberal, broad-minded man that don't take no stock in the hypocrisy and superstition of the churches, and is only laying low for an opportunity to give it 'em in the neck. Wouldn't that settle his hash?"

"Um I don't think so."

"What! you don't think so? Why, my dear sir, I have had a lengthened experience in politics. I have brought disaster and confusion to the Grits in several elections by my method. Who defeated McKinley over in Ohio, last fall? He was hoodooed, sir, by Tiglath P. Blooker. I championed the cause of high tariff in a series of able speeches pointing out that farmers and workmen were too well-off; and he fell to rise no more. Let me crush the opprobrious Fleming in the grasp of my insidious support."

"Certainly, you are free to support who you please."

"Yes. But the \$50? Does the deal go?"

"Hardly. We are not paying for campaign services."

"You couldn't even say twenty?"

"No."

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THE curfew tolls the knell of parting day,  
The joyful crowd rush on with shouts of glee,  
Don Sheppard homeward plods his weary way  
And damns the whole Municipality.



## CRUSHING.

HE—"Heaven, I think, is a place of endless rest."

SHE—"Then you have it in your power to give me a foretaste of Heaven."

HE—"How?"

SHE—"By giving me a rest."

"How would ten strike you? Five?"

"No, Mr. Blocker, it's out of the question."

"Ah, just so, Mr. Summerfallow. Very well, sir. I shall offer my services to the other side. It's simply a matter of business with me. You will hear of me later on, and when you read that I express my utmost confidence in so ardent an Anarchist as E. E. Sheppard and have every hope that his unflinching denial of revealed religion will commend itself to the electors, there will, I trust, be no hard feeling on either side. It's nothing but business, and you must remember that your party had the first call. Good evening."

## JAKE SILVERTHORN'S COURTSHIP.

WE squatted on a holler log to have a little spark, An' sot thar talkin' silently until it growed quite dark. Ez thus we sot kermoonin' I allowed I'd take my chance An' try an' fe ch Miss Susan with the pint o' Cupid's lance.

I says to Sue, says I—that warn't exactly what I said, But I 'lowed I knowed a feller with no piller to his head Who tired of a single life would with a wife be blessed, Says "I'll find that feller Sue if you will do the rest."

She didn't give an answer straight, but chinneled about the crops; And pretty soon the rain come on and fell in large-sized drops. "Gosh blame it all thar's one chance gone," says I, an' spoke out loud, When out the moon come squintin' from behind a big black cloud.

When I braced up an' tried agin, I meant ter bag my game, "Say Sue," says I. "What Jake?" says she. "How do you like my name?"

"Oh, go along, I must git home, I've got ter milk the cow, An' shut the chickens in the coop an' feed the durned old sow."

"Say, now," I says, "hol' on thar Sue, I've suthin' more ter say; I reckon thar ain't no great need to tear yerself away, Ter put it straight, I want a wife, an' Susan I want you." "B: gosh," says she, "you're jest too late, Bill Harris wants me too."

I never felt so took aback, it giv' me quite a chill To think that I'd been side-tracked by that cussed lop-eared Bill. Says I, "Ain't there no show fur me," and looked her in the face. Says she, "I'll take the one which beats the other in a race."

"That's fair an' square atween ye both, ef William will agree, And ef he won't consent to that why then he kain't have me." Then Susan scooted home, but I sot thar fur I felt queer, Fur I couldn't outrun Harris ef I trained fur half a year.

The days went on, the time was sot an' Bill in splendid trim, He laughed ter split at the idee of me outrunnin' him; But I said nothin' an' laid low "at any rate" thinks I, "Ye kain't tell what'll happen an' I'm bound to have a try."

Well, wen the eventful day come on an' Bill was blowin' round, Thar wuz a bar'l of cider thar wich Sue's old man hed found, An' Susan slyly whispered me "Jake Silverthorn don't drink, Trust me ter fill Bill Harris up, you'll beat him then, I think."

An' Bill he dranked an' Sue she smiled an' filled his glass agin. "Twon't hurt ye William 'tain't as though 'twas tanglefoot or gin." So Bill he kep' a-drinkin' an' afore the mark we toed He staggereed fust ter one side then the other of the road.

In short he couldn't run wuth shucks an' I had won the race, Though I went from start to finish at a slow an' easy pace; An' as I c'aimed my Susan's hand she winked her tender eye, An' whispered "that thar cider wuz about one-half old rye."



SOUVENIR SPOONS.



IT WORKED.

OLD SNIEGELFRITZ puts out a new sign which seems to attract great attention.

### HOW IT WAS CAPTURED

HAVE a cold ; it's nearly better now, but yesterday it was a noticeable sort of cold—lowered my voice two octaves and induced me to wear a fur collar, so my friends were all onto me. Met a man I knew in the street car, and first thing he said was :

"What a horrible cold ! How did you catch it ?" Now, I think that question is perfectly idiotic for any man who's been anywhere in the same concession with a thermometer these last few days.

"Oh," I answered cheerfully, "I set a trap for it in the back-yard, and it came sneaking over the fence to steal chickens and got caught." He merely said he was sorry it had gone to my head, and whistled to the newsboy to bring him a paper. I never saw him read in the car before ; says it's bad for the eyes. When I wanted to get off the conductor said :

"Bad cold, sir ; how did you catch it ?" I told him it was standing on the platform of street cars—which I haven't done since last September—and that the electric cars went so fast they raised a breeze—but he rang the bell twice, and I had to jump off or be "Another Victim of the Trolley" in the evening papers.

The office was just as curious to know the method I had employed to corner that cold as the street car had been. I told the book-keeper I had gone gunning for it out in the country with a Winchester rifle. Then the stenographer, who can never hear anything when she's running that machine, came to a halt and asked sympathetically :

"How did you catch such an awful cold Mr. Scrap ?"

"You see, Miss Keybanger," I began, "I went out into the woods yesterday—she was listening with grave sympathy—" and I took a butterfly net and a specimen box, and really it wasn't hard to do ; they're quite tame." She turned round and began to hit the typewriter, registering two or three vows not to send flowers to my funeral

when that cold settled on my lungs and took me skyward, and trying not to hope that it would be soon. I tried to explain the butterfly net method more at length to the office boy when he came in, but he wouldn't listen. In short, I spent most of yesterday trying to make people listen to answers to their own questions, without the success that usually attends my conversational efforts. And when I got home at night my sweet sister Ethel asked :

"How did you catch such a frightful cold, Tim ? Shall I make you some hot lemonade ?" I didn't want to risk my chance of the lemonade, so I told her the truth.

"Ethel," I said, laying my fur collar in her chair, so she couldn't sit down again before making the lemonade, "This English language Macaulay was so stuck on is nevertheless ambiguous and hilly and uneven in some sections. I didn't catch this cold by my own unaided exertions, as even your brilliant intelligence allows you to believe. Ethel, this cold caught me."

TIMOTHY SCRAP.

### "WOMEN WERE BORN THE PETTICOAT TO WEAR."

WHEN I behold the Forty-eight,  
"The Kilties," pass along,  
I'm not so sure the petticoat  
To woman doth belong.

The height of fashion at "The Fall,"  
A skirt did Adam wear ;  
And yet, since then, in petticoats  
"A falling off is there."—(Shakespeare.)

As our bra' lads, the Highlanders,  
The petticoats put on,  
Should we, Toronto lassies scorn  
Divided skirts to don ?

Long live brave Jenness-Miller,  
May she obtain great riches  
In helping us, her sisters,  
Who are born to wear the breeches.

POLLY PRATTLE.



IT WORKED.

II.

But on coming out later he finds that "döse tam poy's" have been fooling with it.



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**AT THE FUNERAL.**

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SECOND SISTER—"Can't. Left my embroidered handkerchief at home."—*Texas Siftings.*

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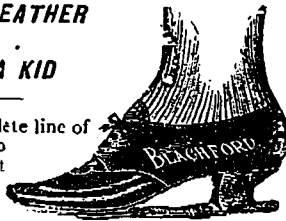
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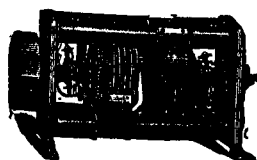
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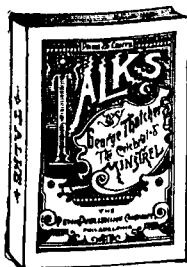
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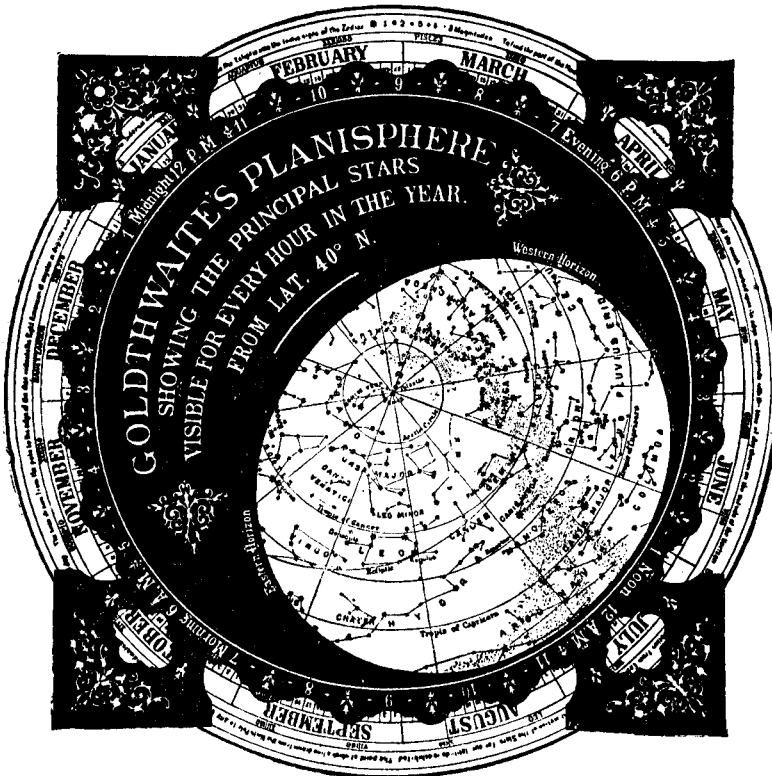
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