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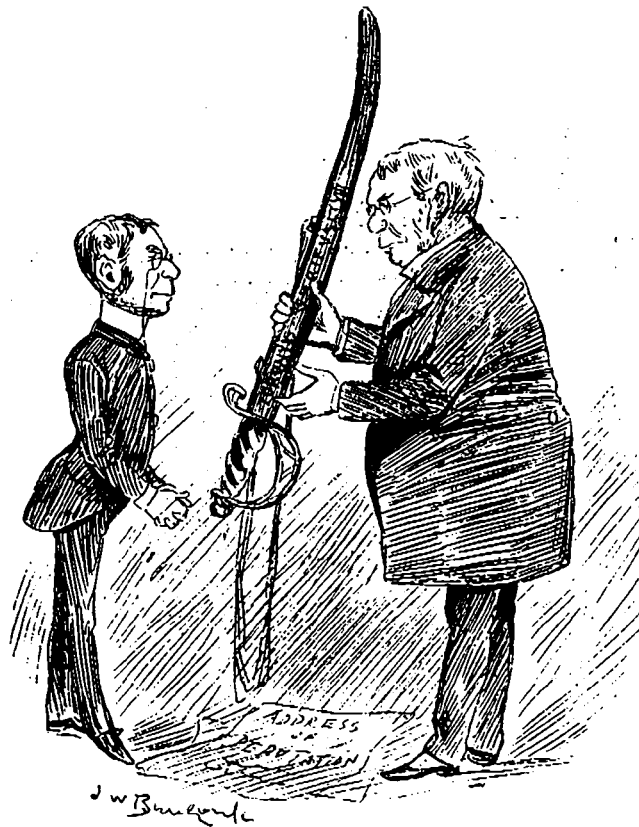
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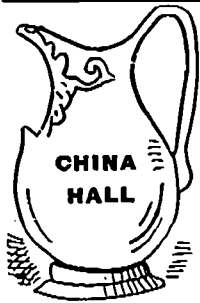
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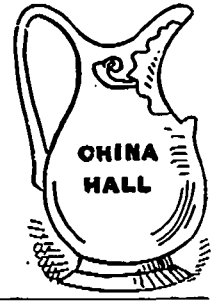
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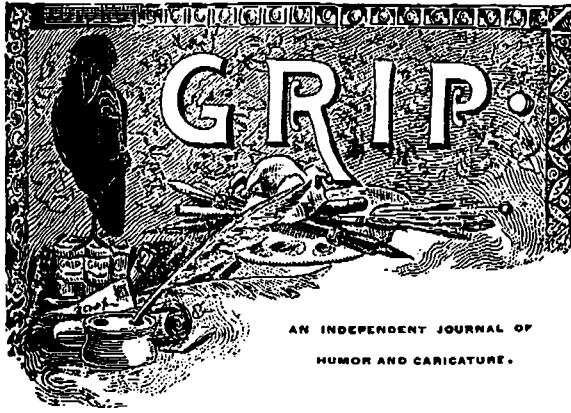
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Look out for No. 2 of Grip's Own Library—Jubilee Jollities—ready June 1st. Price 10 cents a copy.

Comments on the Cartoons.



ERASTUS WIMAN'S GLORIOUS VISION.—In an open letter to Mr. V. E. Fuller, published a few days ago, Mr. Erastus Wiman calls the attention of the Canadian people, and more especially the farmers, to the golden opportunity which is now presented for securing a commercial union with the United States. In eloquent and forcible terms the writer dwells upon the vast advantages to be gained to Canada by Reciprocity, and he asserts that a very large majority of the American people favor the step, which only requires for its consummation a settlement of the fishery dispute, and the display of a neighborly feeling on the part of Canada. That our agriculturists are at the present time in a depressed condition is only too true, and it is impossible to think of any means for their relief other than the securing of a greatly extended market, with better prices for their products. These boons would certainly be obtained under a Reciprocity treaty, which would open up a vast field of purchasers just at our border. As Mr. Wiman puts it, if the farmer cannot prosper in Canada there is no hope for the country, for every other interest depends largely upon the prosperity of this one. Reciprocity would be a direct as well as indirect benefit to many other important branches of industry in the Dominion, and would undoubtedly achieve the greatest good of the greatest number. There is a disposition, however, on the part of

some of our manufacturers to oppose the idea of a commercial union as inimical to their interests, and to take the ridiculous position that the country must forego the prospective benefits out of regard for them. We don't believe any legitimate manufacturer would be in the least injured by Reciprocity, and most of them would be greatly helped. But that ever-ready organ of narrow-mindedness, the *Toronto World*, has been egged on to do its little best against the proposal, and its line of argument is a sufficient indication of the weakness of its cause. This consists in a series of pitifully mean personal attacks on Mr. Wiman, to whom base and selfish motives are attributed. We know nothing of Mr. Wiman's private "schemes"; they have "nothing to do with the case," so far as we can see. We are able to judge for ourselves whether Reciprocity would benefit Canada, and believing that it would we go in for it regardless of whether Mr. Wiman becomes the owner of New York or not. Meantime when the *World* has given proof that it possesses a tithing of Wiman's Canadian patriotism, it will be time enough for it to become his censor.

THE TORONTO SHRIEVALTY.—There can be no question that Mr. Mowat has made a political mistake in appointing his son sheriff of Toronto. It is mighty inconvenient for a political leader to have a son, unless he belongs to the Tory party. In that case it is quite according to Hoyle to put the young man where he will do most good for the family pocket. None of the canons of political morality are outraged, and the cry of nepotism is calmly smiled down. Now Mr. Mowat knows well enough that the case is quite different with a politician of the other camp, and he may be perfectly certain that the organs of the Conservative party will never forget, on auspicious occasions, to remind the electors of this piece of flagrant iniquity—as no doubt they will call it.

LANDSDOWNE AND O'BRIEN.—The arrival of Mr. O'Brien and his colleague Kilbride, the "terrible example" of landlordism, will, it is to be hoped, be regarded with a philosophical calmness by the Canadian public. If O'Brien's mission is (as alleged) to assail Lord Lansdowne, and to evoke a feeling of hostility against him throughout this country, it ought to be a flat failure. We have nothing to do with Lansdowne here in his capacity of landlord; we only know him as the Queen's representative, and in that character he is entitled to our respect. What the real facts may be as to my lord's dealings with his tenants we do not know; certainly Mr. O'Brien's ex-parte statements cannot be regarded as conclusive. And in any case, as already stated, it is none of our business. While we bespeak for the Home Rule orator a patient and respectful hearing, we cannot conceive what good his tour is likely to do the cause he has at heart.

THE MANITOBA BARONS.—A formidable deputation from Manitoba has been interviewing the Government and urging that august body to stop disallowing railway charters granted by the Provincial authorities. Poor Manitobans! it is too bad about you! First, you vote solid for the party of John A. and in favor of the bargain with the Syndicate which contains this disallowance clause. Then, when the clause is enforced, you yell with rage, and the very next time you go to the polls you plump for Sir John again. Now, how does the average politician deal with people of your kind—partisans, whose blind slavery to party overrides even their own personal interests? Why, just as the shrewd Old Man has been dealing with you—smoothes them down with a few soft words and sends them home happy, and then goes right on disallowing their charters as before. And serves them jolly well right if they haven't any more spunk than to lick the hand that smites them.

SAYINGS.

"PREVENTION is better than cure," as the rat said when he killed the kitten.

"I'll soon have the hang of it," as the new executioner said when the first rope broke.

"Pressing civility may become oppressive," as Jones said when he shook hands with Squeezum.

"Your attentions are too pointed," as Harry said when Araminta tickled him with a hair-pin.

"Oh, you prodigal!" as Araminta said when Harry returned the endearment.

"Set not up your horn on high," as the deacon said when he took a sly drink behind the screen.

"In the struggle for existence in fashionable society only the *best fitted* survive," as the tailor said when he had read Darwin.
 F. BLAKE CROFTON.



HIS PROFESSION.

Enquiring Youth—What trade do you work at, Mr. Doolan?
Mr. Doolan—Thrade? Sure I'm fwhat they calls a Broker.

SAVE THE ISLAND!

LAST night when rowing in my boat,
 I dropped the oars and let her float,
 The hour was still, the stars were blinking,
 I leant me back and fell a-winking;
 And through my half closed eyes could see
 A shadowy form lean over me.
 A vision dim, but, oh so fair!
 She seemed a thing of mist and air.
 Upon the island shore she lingered,
 And nervously her curls she fingered,
 As, looking round on every side,
 She bent her head and sadly sighed.
 "Ah, me! and must we then decay,
 Fall, crumble down and fade away."
 Her words my sympathy did borrow:
 "Goodness," I cried, "tell me your sorrow;
 Art from the lake or from dry land?"
 "I am the Spirit of the Island!"
 Off flew my cap—low bowed my head—
 "Spirit of Health, all hail!" I said,
 "From childhood's hours I have adored thee,
 And oft, I fear, have sadly bored thee,
 When roaming o'er thy sunny sands,
 In spoony hours with fond clasped hands;
 For all of which I crave your pardon,
 And beg you now to me unburden."

"Oh! do you wonder that I grumble?
 To think you'd let me slowly crumble
 Into the water—disappear
 From off the landscape! Much I fear
 The sickly, fretting, teething babies,
 And the poor mothers—worn out ladies—
 Would miss my fresh, health-giving air;
 Why don't you speak up over there?
 To me you owe no little pleasure,
 Sport, recreation, without measure,
 Your boys and girls, so tall and fair,
 Without my healthy, bracing air,
 Had ne'er so fair, so handsome been,
 Had they when babies never seen
 My picturesque and blue lake shore,

And breathed its pure air o'er and o'er.
 Here the tired housewife, far from well,
 Comes for a blessed breathing spell;
 Paterfamilias himself,
 Here flees from business, care, and pelf,
 And happy within sight of home,
 Most feels himself a boy become.

"Besides, here's a consideration,
 Enough to cause you consternation,
 When Boreas, rushing from his cave,
 Lashes to foam the billowy wave,
 Will you not miss my friendly strand,
 That breaks the blow and stays his hand?
 How is 't you money so apprise,
 Yet nature's priceless gifts despise?
 To celebrate the Jubilee
 You scatter money far and free;
 All right, no doubt—but when my fate
 The question is, you hesitate;
 Although my welfare is your own,
 And no outlay could e'er atone
 For loss of me, and all I give;
 Speak then, oh, friend, and let me live!"

She ceased, her tears upon me rained,
 Into the twilight dim she waned;
 But deep into mine inmost heart,
 Her words fell with a bitter smart.
 I seized the oars and homeward rowed,
 Inwardly vowing I'd be blowed
 If municipal legislation,
 Or aldermanical oration
 Could help the Island—'twere a pity
 We could not save it to the city.
 A health resort—a pleasure giver,
 "A beauty and a joy forever."

JAY KAYELLE

THE JUBILEE HISTORY OF CANADA.

IN consequence of a sorrowful bereavement* the illustrious author of the above work has been unable to issue any portion thereof at present; but trusts to do so very shortly. In the meantime contributions come slowly in. The only one received this week was twenty-five cents from "Ariel, (Muskoka)" who wishes the author's photograph. He will forward it as soon as it is taken, which will be after the Hair Restorer has re-covered his noble nob with its natural fly-protector. Many questions regarding Canadian History have been received and a few are now answered. The others did not accompany the stamps, which are necessary to elicit any reply at all.

"Where did the North American Indian come from?
 (5 cents enclosed.) LIZZIE."

The indefatigable historian would be happy to oblige "Lizzie" with the desired information, if she would kindly state which of the few thousand remaining red-men she particularly refers to. "Lizzie" might as well ask where the Smith came from or where the Jones is going to. Persons asking questions must particularize in order to save trouble. Further information respecting the Indians will cost a further inclosure of stamps from "Lizzie."

"How did Wolfe take Quebec? CARON."

We are glad the great historian has been asked this question, for he has obtained much new light on this important capture. Montcalm used to keep his troops on the alert by continually crying "Wolfe" when there was no Wolfe. The troops naturally grew tired of this cry, and one day when the general shouted "Wolfe" again they refused to turn out of their tents; the whole gar-

* The only bereavement suffered by the illustrious mugwump was occasioned by his family discovering and taking away three bottles of what he was pleased to call medicine. He raved for two days; but is now much better. The history is not yet commenced. O. SCROGGINS.

rierson shouting "Castanee," which they then used for "chestnuts," being more classical. However, the "Wolfe" came that time and cleaned out the fold. This is the straight business account of the matter, told for the first time.

"When did the first Italian settlement occur in Canada?
 II. PAZZO.

In the year 1801, when Innocenzo Aglio, with his wife Filippina Melagrana, and ten children, entered Quebec after a most wonderful journey from Rome through Turkey, Russia, Central Asia, Siberia, and across the great Lone Land. The Jubilee History of Canada will contain full particulars of this wonderful story of adventure. The family prospered in Quebec by selling *ghiaccio pieno di crema* (Anglice "ice-cream"), but were ultimately devoured by bears near Rimouski, whither they had gone for ice too late in the spring, tra-la. (The stamps enclosed by "Il Pazzo" have all been used before; but as the author did not specially mention unused stamps, he feels bound to accept them).

"What are the proper arms of Canada? Answer at once as I want to use them.
 ESCUTCHEON."

As Mr. S. Kutcheon (who is evidently no scholar and should make his mark if he cannot spell his own name correctly) is probably going on a hunting trip in a hurry, we will not spoil his sport by withholding the information asked for. Canadian arms used to be tomahawks, bows and arrows, stone hatchets; but we should recommend a double barrelled breech-loading shot gun now.

"Please give derivation of Choctaw, and settle a bet.
 DOUBLE OR QUITS."

Quits. In future any questions that involve bets will not be answered unless the stakes be placed in the hands of the illustrious author of the J. H. of C. The derivation of Choctaw was nearly lost in the remote clouds of antiquity, and would have been entirely, had not the eminent historian saved it from oblivion. It is a remarkable case of inversion and corruption. The original words were applied to the tribe of Indians who first used tobacco, and became corrupted to their present form through the following changes:—(1) Took-a-chaw—(2) Took-chaw—(3) Tok-chaw—(4) Chok-taw.

Pokerville. P. QUILL.

UNRECORDED CONVERSATIONS OF GREAT MEN.

III.—HUXLEY'S MERRY JEST.

"I UNDERSTAND you were laboring last evening under extreme cerebral excitement," remarked Huxley to an acquaintance whom he met emerging from a London apothecary's shop.

"I have just been procuring some bromide," returned the other, smiling feebly.

"I believe," said Richard A. Proctor, who was with Huxley, "I believe that you magnanimously offered to clean out two bobbies with one hand tied behind your back, and that you drew a great crowd by rendering several vocal selections very acceptably—"

"Good heavens!" ejaculated the hero of these exploits "did I do that?"

"Very acceptably," Proctor persisted, "though with a rather thick utterance. You made the street, however, howl with melody, and you were the admired centre-piece of a large and enthusiastic celebration." And he turned to Huxley for confirmation.

"I haven't the slightest—I don't remember—" gasped their mutual friend, putting his hand to his head vaguely. "Last evening is a perfect blank to me!"

"Would we not be justified, now," Huxley enquired of Proctor, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "in placing this upon record as an exceptionally well authenticated instance of Unconscious Celebration?"

IV.—AT THE CLUB.

Sanders—Ah, deah boy!

Flanders—How do, old chappie? you're looking monstrous well.

Sanders—Ah, thanks awfully, old fel, whacher been doing with yourself, me boy?

Flanders—Weading, old chappie,—weading *Lang's Letters to Dead Authoors*, doncher know.

Sanders—Gawd!

Flanders—Fact, deah boy.

Sanders—I say, old chappie, wasn't there a lettah to Goldwin Smith, doncher know?

Flanders—Haw, haw, haw! weally, old man,—haw, haw, haw!—I must tell that to the boys.

Sanders—Haw, haw! I suppose, deah boy, that when, ah,—what you call him—wites *Letthahs to Authawhs Who Ought to be Dead*—

Flanders—Hee, hee, hee!—now don't deah boy! hee, hee! don't, weally, I pway you! I cawn't stand it, now,—hee, hee, hee!

Sanders—Weally, old chappie, sometimes I—

Flanders—Oh, magnif. deah boy. Such weally clevah things, doncher know!

Sanders—Oh, thanks awfully. Have a B. and S., old chappie?

Flanders—I'll go you, deah boy.

W. J. H.



POINTS FOR HIS DISCOURSE.

"Rev. Robt. Wallace contemplates preaching a series of sermons on the present state of departed spirits."—*Globe*.

ONE MORE INSTANCE FROM THE KITCHEN.

BIDDY (retiring from an engagement)—Well, mum, as I am afther laving you now, I will give you this note saying you are a good, quiet woman to work for; so if you want to engage another lady for housekeeper there will be no throuble.

SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CANADIAN BARDS.

The graduates of McGill University dined at the Windsor hotel last evening and spent a pleasant time on their departure at the end of their term. Seventy-seven manuscripts were sent in for the prize offered for the best poem on the Queen's Jubilee. It was decided, however, by the literary judges that there was not sufficient merit in any of the poems for anyone to gain the prize or be read at the banquet.—*Toronto Mail, May 2.*

NO 77 LOQUITUR.

SEVENTY-SIX, my comrades brave,
Wherefore did we rant and rave?—
Buried in one common grave—
Our poems on Jubilee!

Wherefore did we songs indite,
Drive our quills with all our might,
Drive them far into the night?
Diddle-diddle-dee.

O my gallant seventy-six,
Forsooth we're in a sorry fix,
Not worth a red were our best licks,
Diddle-diddle-dee.

Withered all our hopes and dead,
Flower and fruit together fled;
All our grave wisacres said
Was fiddle diddle-dee.

Canadian, and Canadien,
Perchance there'll come a moment when
They'll hear from some of us again,
In-ci-den-tal-lee.

A CAT-EGOOICAL QUESTION.

SUNFLOWER TERRACE.

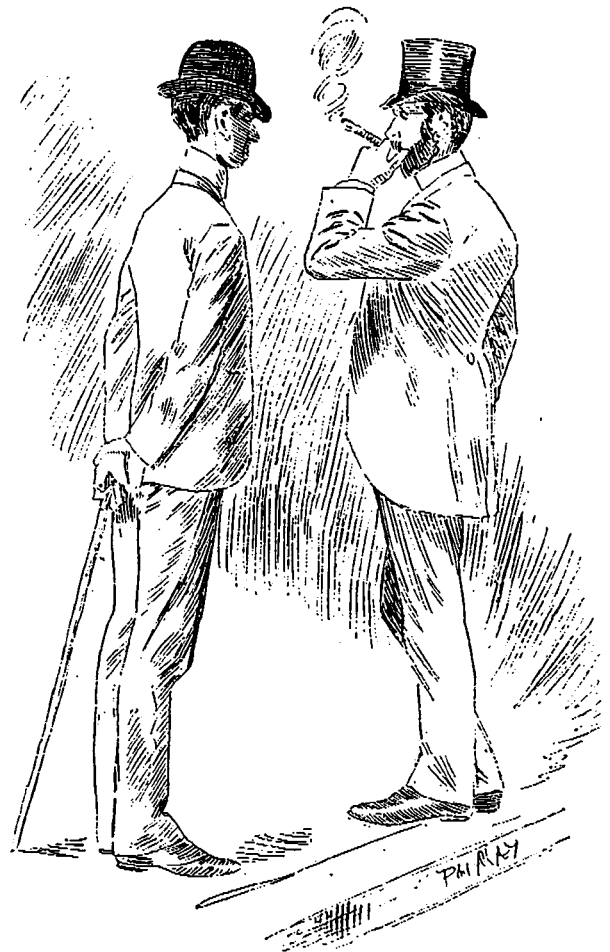
MISTAH GRIP,—Sah—I take de flo' on a question ob privilege. Amid all dis yer outcry about de 'stermination ob de dogs what am de prospects ob de cats? In de fust place, what am a cat? If you axes de man who lies down to sleep after a days whitewashin an' calcomin' he am bound to swar dat a cat am a demoniacal compound ob a dog, a hurdy-gurdy, an amatoor prima donna, a teethin' baby, an' a Scotch bagpipe. It am all dat. De voice ob de cat am capable ob great genuflexion an' it am got a wonderful register when it am a sittin cheek by jowl wid de chimney pot.

De fust indication ob a cat in yo' vicinity am a low moan—so sof' and low it sends de blood to yo' heart pit-a-pat, what am dat? Dis am followed by anoder groan dat trails off into a long wail dat makes yo' wool riz, case it might be a baby on yo' do-step, an' while yo' am a lyin' there tellin' de folks in yo' mind dat it am a mystery to yo' ho' dat ar chile come there, dere am a shriek like to raise de roof ob yo' head, a shriek dat takes yo' by de scurf ob de neck an' sets yo' right up in bed, stiff as a poker an' cold as ice. What am happened anyway? Am it murder in de air? Now comes de tuning ob de bag-pipe—whew! an' a screamin' an' a spittin' an' a clawin', an' dere am a dull muffled scabblin' an' thuddin' an' rollin' over an' over in yo' inyan bed under de winder an' when yo' turn yo' frightened eyes to de scene ob action yo' ken see de tufts ob fur rise and float like thistle down between yo' an' de moonlight, an' at las' yo' know what's de racket an' yo' roll ober on yo' side an' swar softly at de cats. After all it am only cats yo' think, an' now yo' will go to sleep.

But yo' reckon widout yo' host—dat ar cat am a second Macbeth, he hab murdered sleep. Yo' am just a doverin' off when yo' hear de voices ob de night call, purriah! purriah! purriah! all along de roofs an' de fences an' de back yards, an' you wakens up and waxes purfane. Den

dere is "silence deep as deaf fur a time," "silence am music asleep," an' you try to go like de music, asleep. So you might, only dat de music wakens up again an' yo' waken up too—oo-oo-oo! wau-aw-oah! Golly! de whole orkestry am in full swing now, an' so am you, fo' yo' spring out o' bed an' fire de whole pawtable furniture ob de room out into dat back yard—to make scatteration of dem dere howlers—an' not only dat, but yo' fire yo' boots out after 'em too, an' when you do waken late nex' mornin', it am rainin' like mad an' dere am yo' boots full ob water an ebery thing in dat back yard soakin'. An now, sah, I axes yo' what about de law in de matter ob cats?

J. K. WASHINGTON WHITE.



SELF ESTEEM.

Snigsby—What are you thinking of so seriously, Grigsby?

Grigsby—Nothing.

Snigsby—(absent mindedly)—You flatter me!

ON A HORSE-CAR.

"I was conductor on a car once where a funny thing happened," said the conductor to me, as we both stood on the back platform of a Church street car one evening. "The rays of the sinking sun fell athwart the city as my car wended its way up a well-built street, with residences on either hand. Silently I watched the golden glory deepen; and in the wonderful pale rose-light that fol-

lowed and bathed the car, I looked in at the passengers. One one side was a handsome girl—a lady to the fingertips of her little gloved hands. On the same side, near the front of the car, sat a grizzled old tough, with a wooden leg—his name was McMullins. On the other side, near my door, sat a young swell, in a checked suit, high collar, cuff-buttons, and pointed shoes. There were just these three in the car.

"I noticed that the dude was making great efforts to attract the attention of the beautiful maiden. He gazed on her and thought her fair, and I stepped in and said, 'Fare!' myself. The dude started. Then with a graceful bow he took a five-cent piece from the young lady, which she asked him to hand me. It was a battered nickel, with a hole in it.

"He gazed at it—his hand seemed to tremble. He gave me ten cents, and kissing the battered five-cent piece, he hung it on his watch-chain, with killing effect. He did the act like a tenor in opera.

"After he got through, the young lady gave me a ticket—you see she had passed the battered five cents for old McMullins.

"Well, I escaped to the platform as soon as I could; and I guess anyone could tell from the back of my head that I was grinning in a happy way for a minute or so. When I turned around again, McMullins was gazing dreamily at the top of the car, where the opal hues of the deep afterglow faded into purple; and he was saying in a low, husky voice, 'Ah, there! Arthur. Don't put your arm around me, dear, till we get past this block.'

W. J. H.

MR. O'BRIEN'S FIRST ORATION AGAINST LORD LANSDOWNE.

[GRIP has been favored with the MS. of the speech which will, it is supposed, be delivered on the first arrival of the patriotic orator. It is full of the most beautiful language and the choicest rhetoric.]

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have crossed the foam-flecked and stormy billows of the raging and majestic Atlantic, to bring before the free born and freedom-loving sons of Canada, where the Maple blushes over injustice, and the willow weeps over iniquity, the wrongs and woes of my oppressed country. (*Intense sensation.*) The eyes of the whole world are upon us. The conflagration has begun, and if it is not nipped in the bud, it will sweep on unbridled and deluge the empire in ruddy gore. (*Cheers.*)

I come to denounce the rack-renting, peasant evicting, and murderous tyrant, who sits peacefully upon the vice-regal throne of this free and glorious Dominion. (*Prolonged cheers.*) This murder-loving son of Mars, this blood-thirsty Sassenach, whose heart is as hard as an oyster-shell, and whose soul is as small and dry as a peanut, has broad estates in the refulgent but down-trodden island of the saints, the home of St. Patrick and the emerald garden of the world. (*Cheers.*) He has spent thousands of Saxon gold on his fertile farms, to make them richer than the choicest gifts of unaided nature could have done. And, do ye believe it? Hold your breath while I whisper the diabolical crime in your patriotic ears, he leases these farms to the oppressed sons of Ireland, at a rental which gives him the exorbitant return of one per cent. on the outlay. (*Groans, hisses, cat-calls, cries of "Down with the traitor!"*) Think of leasing farms and cottages! Did ye ever hear of such grasping greed in your free and fertile Dominion. (*Never, never. Down-right robbery.*) But the end is not yet. He leased

a wee bit of a farm of 600 acres with a fine mansion to one tenant, and another farm of 400 acres, with a more modest mansion, to another, and then had the unblushing and insulting effrontery to send his blood-thirsty agent to collect the rent, (*cries of shame, shame*) instead of leaving these gentlemen to live in peace, with their conservatories, lawn-tennis grounds, and other places of innocent recreation, this rack-renting villain, this soulless and thieving rascal, this perjured and forsworn tyrant, wanted them to pay rent. (*Oh! oh! shame, shame! The murdering thief!*) Did you ever hear of such a thing on this side of the Atlantic? (*Niver.*) Do landlords here demand rent from their tenants? (*No, they just lease their property out of pure benevolence.*) Do money lenders expect such an unjust and exorbitant return as one per cent.? (*No; no return at all. Even the Jews will give money for a-half per cent. and the Canada Permanent Building Society for nothing, just out of goodness.*)

Then, I was not mistaken, ladies and gentlemen, in supposing that your wide expanse of forest, your ocean lakes, and your trackless prairies, had developed in this great and glorious country, true principles of justice, and had softened your heart to sympathise with the suffering children of Ireland. (*Cheers.*) Rise, then, brethren to punish iniquity. Down with the tyrant! May his hair grow grey with the stings and arrows of a troubled conscience, and his feet totter with the curses of the poor farmers he has disturbed in the free possession of his farms.

Reject him from being governor. Pelt him with rotten eggs, and demand a just man like Mr. Parnell, Mr. Dillon, or even your humble servant, to rule over this fair heritage. (*Prolonged cheers, explosion of bombs and infernal machines, while a torpedo boat runs wildly round the hall, discharging torpedoes through the windows in the direction of Rideau Hall.*)



NEIGHBORLY OBSERVATION.

Ethel—Why does your ma always kiss your pa when he comes home?

Maud—Because she loves him, of course.

Ethel—Oh? Why, my ma said it was to find out if he had been drinking.

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She only said, " a mouse ! "

She did not scream, or faint away,
As other girls would do,
But simply rose and shook her fist,
And sweetly murmured, " shoo ! "

We're married now, and I have cause
What once I prized to rue,
For as her courage still remains,
So also does her " shoo ! "

'Tis not the harmless syllable
I've written just above,
But one she snatches from her foot
And fires at me, the dove !

If courting I might go again,
The maiden of my dream
Would be one whom a mouse would cause
To mount a chair and scream ! W. H. T.



"GOOD THINGS FROM GRIP" is the title of a neatly printed brochure which has just been placed upon the market. The title indicates the character of the work, and, if we may blushingly say so, the contents are really good things, by pen and pencil. A special original double-page cartoon entitled "The Caricaturists and their game" is given. It contains portraits of all the leading comic artists of the day and a great multitude of the distinguished men of all countries who are the playthings of their pencils. Price, only 10cts.

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THE admirers of Mrs. May Agnes Fleming—and all who delight in lively, dramatic fiction are of the number—will rejoice at the announcement of a new work from her pen written, be it remarked before her death. The title is "Love's Young Dream, or the Mystery of Gower Hall." The work has been published in very attractive form by The National Publishing Co., of Toronto.

NEW MUSIC.—The Anglo Canadian Music Publishers' Association has favored us with copies of the latest choice publications, embracing the popular baritone song "They

all love Jack" (fifth edition); "The Little Wonder" song by Paul Rodney; "Une fête à Terianon," Gavotte, by Henri Roubier; and "Cynisca," Valse, by Pierre Perrot.

ANOTHER WIMAN SCHEME.

MAY we venture to call the attention of our excited contemporary the *World* to the following ominous extract from Mr. Adam 4-Paw's advertisement:—

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FASSING SHOW.

THE Toronto Opera House has undergone some alterations which have greatly improved it. The management continues to be able and wide-awake, and the patronage good.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN's new opera, "Ruddigore," is here at last, in all its wealth of mirth, melody and scenic display. The most competent critics pronounce a high opinion of the music, though it is generally thought that in the libretto the inimitable Gilbert has nodded. The reader is advised to go and see for himself. That he will come away highly pleased may be safely promised.

UNUSUAL interest is manifested in the concert to be given at the Toronto Opera House on Monday evening, 16th. The leading attraction on the occasion is Mr. Frank Lincoln, who is pronounced the finest musical humorist of the American platform, and who visits our city for the first time. The programme also embraces contributions by Mlle. Victoria De Angelis, of New York (soprano); Miss Jossie Alexander, elocutionist, and Messrs. Warrington, Litster and Arlidge of this city.

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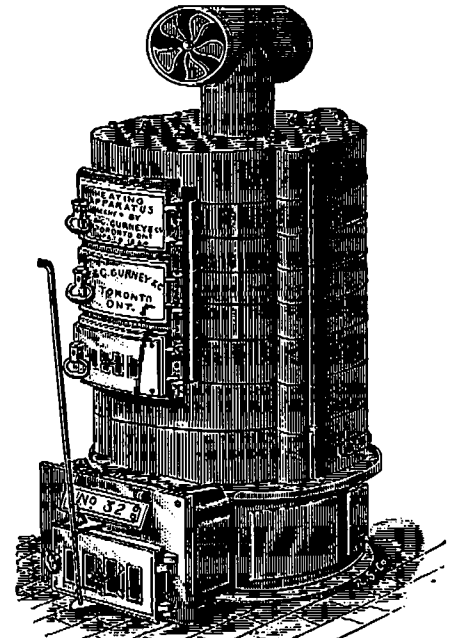
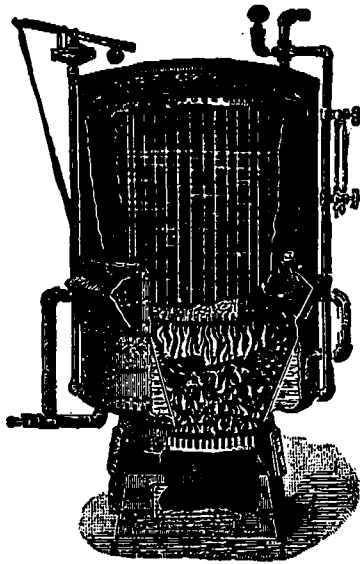
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Notice is also given that the General Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at two o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, 7th June, for the purpose of receiving the annual report, the election of directors, etc. By order of the Board,

S. C. WOOD,
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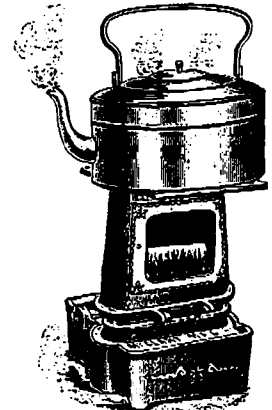
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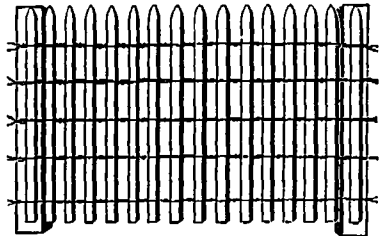
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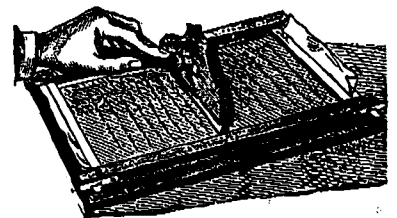
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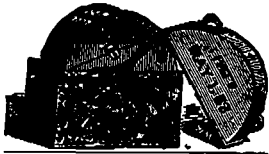
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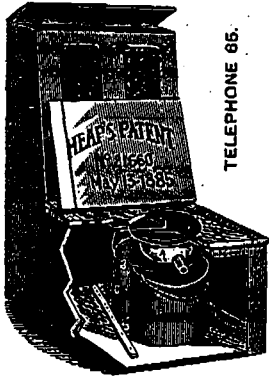
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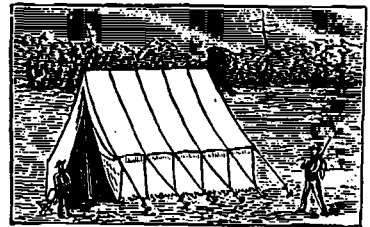
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