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ATTORNEY-GENERAL MOWAT'S REPLY TO THE CHESTNUTTY QUESTION—  
"WHERE ARE THE POLICE?"

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 The gravest bird is the Owl.  
 The gravest fish is the Oyster.  
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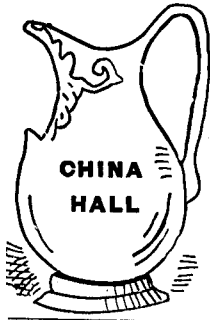


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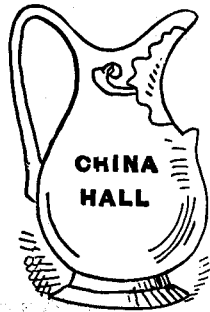
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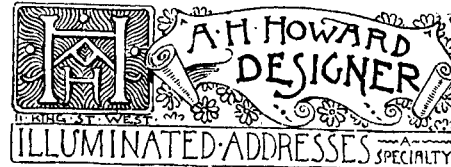
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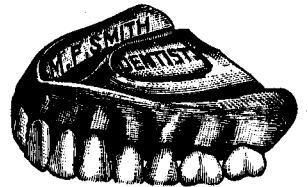
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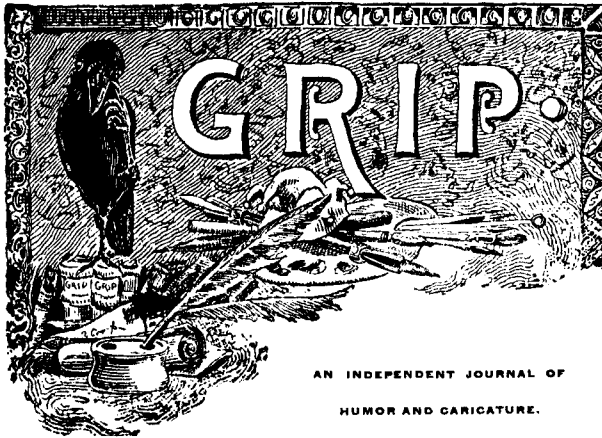
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**NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.**

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

**Comments on the Cartoons.**



**THE MAIL'S NEW DEPARTURE.**—The *Mail's* *coup d'etat* is the sensation of the hour. As an interesting puzzle it beats anything in the pictorial rebus line. The public cry out for light and knowledge upon the affair, and as GRIP's mission is to spread light and knowledge abroad, we cannot ignore this cry. The double-page of sketches is an honest, earnest and generous attempt to supply the necessary information. A careful study of the cartoon will lead to the following among other conclusions: That the sudden flop of the *Mail* was a painful surprise to the Cabinet; that the *Globe* is no longer the organ of the Radicals, but a rather antiquated and Toryish sheet which ought to exchange headings with its contemporary of the tall-tower; that Bunting and Sir John understand one another and are both working in the interests of the Tory party, one trying to catch

the Protestant vote and the other the Catholic; that now is the chance for the old *Leader* to be resurrected and resume its ancient position as Tory organ; that the bottle has been banished from the *Mail* office; which affords a fine opportunity for a sale of red-nose specific to the reformed staff of that journal; that while the lamp holds out to burn, even the *Mail* can become a Prohibitionist; that Sir John has been robbed of his organ and left with a perfectly useless monkey; that the Tory party has been humiliated to the last degree by the *Mail's* advocacy of prohibition, manhood suffrage, labor reform and emigration reform; that upon these spirited and popular steeds the *Mail* is dragging along not only the Tory party but the Grit leader as well. If this doesn't make everything clear, we give it up.

**THE ARRESTED HAND.**—GRIP takes the first opportunity of acknowledging the fact that, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, the Mowat Government has been doing its duty in the matter of putting down dynamite outrages. This is proved now by the arrest of the man Hand at Sarnia, after long-continued and clever work by the Government detectives. GRIP having been amongst those who charged the Government with supineness, is glad to acknowledge his mistake and to give the executive the credit justly their due.

**THE VERY SIMPLE CANADIAN PUBLIC.**—And now we are to be called upon to pay \$180,000 for the satisfaction of having it proved to us that Sir John Macdonald's views on the McCarthy Act were wrong. Having declared that Act valid, against the opinion of lawyers as good as himself, he persisted in putting it in operation. He appointed officers whose salaries amounted to rather more than \$180,000, and these officials collected that sum for licenses. The Act being then declared unconstitutional, null and void, this money has to be handed back to those who paid it in, and the question arises, Who should hand it back? It ought to be refunded either by the officials who pocketed it for salary, or by John A. himself out of his own resources! or by the pig-headed majority that helped him to carry through his cranky whim. But no; they are going to charge it to the easy-going Canadian public.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE, SEATON VILLAGE, *September*, 1886.

**EDITOR GRIP**—DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly find out for me whether the policeman who cracked open the man's skull with his baton on Toronto street a fortnight ago, would like a good paying job for the winter? The man who fells bullocks for me is sick, and besides he is no good—that's to say, I always thought him good till I saw the way the baton came down on that fellow's head,—the Lord knows whether he has come to consciousness yet or not, he wasn't three days afterwards, anyhow—and all the papers have become suddenly silent on the subject as to whether he is dead, alive or insane. You might when you are about it, see after that too. Well, tell the policeman that I will give him five dollars a day for the winter if he will fell cattle for me as he felled that Hamilton man—just one sounding crack, and it's all over; won't mind giving you a handsome commission, so you can get him to come.—Yours very truly,

JOHN SLAYEM.  
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**THE SUBBURY COPPER-MINE.**

*Van Horne.*—There's millions in it!

**THE MAIL.**

It will be no longer safe to ask the *Mail* what ails it. It might hurt its feelings. Neither would it be polite to ask it to keep its *spirits* up, and we suppose any allusion to it as *lying* on its *bier* would be considered a *rum* remark and not at all *gintee*.

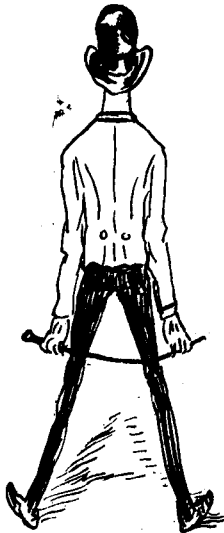


Something neat and natty,  
Full of wit and fun—  
Early in November  
You can purchase one.

THE JUNIOR PICKWICKIANS ;

AND THEIR MEMORABLE TRIP TO NORTH AMERICA.

CHAP. XVII.



ARRIVED at the bar, the stranger suggested a brandy smash all round, and that delectable beverage having been prepared and disposed of, the five took their departure in the direction of the Albion, the Junior Pickwickians being highly indignant at the treatment to which they had been subjected. As, however, their newly found friend assured them that their conduct throughout the affair had been admirable, and that Bramley had shewn himself to be "real downright smart," their feeling of annoyance was soon dissipated, and they chatted freely as they walked along.

The hotel was reached in due course, and much to the gratification of our friends, their "luggage" arrived there a few minutes after them.

During the walk between the two hotels, their guide had informed our friends that he was from "the other side," though whether that term meant the other side of the St. Lawrence or the Atlantic they were at first at a loss to divine. He was a most talkative individual, and displayed an amount of inquisitiveness that quite horrified the four Pickwickians, who, however, took his questions in good part, and answered them as fully as seemed to them necessary and advisable.

"Now," he said to Mr. Bramley, as the five sat down on the piazza of the house, after rooms of the four 'explorers' had been engaged *without* pay therefor being demanded in advance, "now, what business might you and your friends follow?"

"Oh! no particular business, sir," replied the gentleman addressed, "we are merely on a tour through the country, though we purpose combining business with pleasure."

"Not in the dry goods line, eh?" queried the other: "I thought it possible you might be introducing some new fabrics of English manufacture into this country: pretty well fixed, I reckon?" he continued after a pause.

"On the contrary," answered Bramley, "we are any thing but fixtures, we —"



"You don't understand me; I meant pretty well supplied financially. Intend to locate in this country?"

"At present our intentions are to see all that there is to be seen," said Bramley; "our future movements are not definitely settled."

"Ah! well, you should come to the other side, gentlemen, to see sights; ours is a glorious country, and, I venture to bet, it whips anything in the old world for sights. We are a great people, an enterprising people, and wherever the Stars and Stripes float, there you will find the American people going ahead."

"I am quite willing to accede that the Americans are an energetic and a shrewd race," returned Bramley, "but they seem to me to lack caution to an extraordinary degree; the American mercantile houses appear to have a habit of 'smashing' very often and very suddenly."

"Well, we do bust up pretty considerable frequent, that's a fact," said the other, "but that merely proves that we run things at high pressure, sir, and *must* get ahead *or* bust."

"Well, sir, I mean no offence," broke in Mr. Yubbits, "but, from what little I have read about commerce and business in your country it seems that some of your merchants 'bust,' as you express it, in order to go ahead."

"That's the 'cutest thing I've heard said to-day," exclaimed the American, laughing heartily. "Now, what line might *you* follow, sir?"

"I have no business or profession, sir," answered Yubbits, "though I entertain the greatest respect for those who have: I —"

"Been pretty well raised, I reckon," interrupted the other; "guess you went through Oxford college, now?"

"I never was at the university of Oxford, nor in fact at any other; when you speak of Oxford college, I presume you refer to some collegiate institution of that celebrated university which comprises some forty different colleges," replied Yubbits.

"Do tell!" exclaimed the American; "is that so? Well, I would'nt be surprised but what our Harvard or our Yale could whip 'em all in a right down *bona fide* intellectual set-to. There's some smart men, sir, to them places; reel right down, genuine smart men!"



"Doubtless, though I don't think——" began Bramley.  
 "Oh! well, gentlemen, you're prejudiced, naturally prejudiced in favor of your own institutions," interrupted the stranger; and then consulting his watch, he added, "but I must leave you for the present, as I have an engagement. Take something in the fluid line?" His invitation having been declined with thanks, he left our friends and departed, having handed them his card before he went, on which were the words, "Cyrus Peabody, Commission Merchant, Chicago," with a pressing invitation to them to look him up if they ever got so far west as the city mentioned on the card, which they promised faithfully to do.

"Not a bad sort of fellow" said Yubbits when the stranger had gone, "but terribly biased in his views, eh?"

"Well," returned Bramley, "I don't know; remember *Punch*, Yubbits, and what came of your expressing your views."

"Oh! hang it, don't mention that *Punch* affair any more. By Jove! after this I'm going to praise every Canadian and American 'institution' to the skies in the presence of strangers; it won't do to be tramping on people's corns all the time; but, I say, I vote we turn in pretty soon; I'm sleepy, and our train leaves for Ottawa at 7.15, remember."

"Well, it wouldn't be a bad move," assented Bramley.

"I really think though," remarked Mr. Yubbits, "that we are cutting from Montreal rather too soon. There must be lots to see here, and we have seen nothing."

"For my part," said Bramley, "after the indignities to which we have been submitted by that impertinent Jack-an-apes at the Calathumpian, I don't care how soon we leave the place."

"By all means," interposed Crinkle. "let us get to Ottawa; I long to see that river which Moore's melodies have immortalized."

"So be it," rejoined Bramley, and the four separated for the night.

Early next morning they found themselves at the station of the Occidental Railway, and before long were speeding away from Montreal. None of them had ever before ridden on a "railroad car," though they had seen similar vehicles in England, where they were just being introduced. For a wonder, they were unanimous in their sentiments of approval of the American style, and compared the large roomy car with the close stuffy English carriages, very much to the advantage of the former.

They were much impressed whilst on the three hours run between Montreal and Ottawa, by the appearance and manner of a young man seated just in front of them, who was very stylishly dressed, and who seemed, in his own estimation at least, to be some one of vast importance.

"Probably," remarked Coddleby in an undertone to Bramley, "probably he is some *attaché* of the Governor General; possibly an aide-de-camp. He has a military cut, and I should't wonder a bit if he was some young English swell; and quite likely a sprig of nobility."

"I've no doubt you're right," said Bramley, who entertained a deep veneration for anything in the shape of an aristocrat. "I should like to become acquainted with him. He might be useful to us, you know; his influence at Rideau Hall might be of great service to us."

"Well," said Yubbits, "these military fellows don't like everyone to make too free with them, and I would not venture to address him; it might result in a snub, and we've had enough of that sort of thing for a while, I hope."



"Very true, we had better run no risks," returned Bramley.

At this moment the train stopped at a small station, and another young fellow entered the car, and catching sight of the subject of the foregoing remarks, walked up to him with a smile of recognition and extended his hand. "Glad to see you, old fellow," said the new comer. "Didn't expect to find you down here; didn't know, in fact, you were on the road just now. Been out long?"

"Three weeks," replied the other.

"Still with the same house, I suppose?" asked his acquaintance.

"Oh! yes; first rate lot, you know; highest tone merchant tailoring establishment in the country."

All this was said in so loud a tone that our friends could not fail to hear every word, and the conversation equally "shoppy" was still carried on in the same strain.

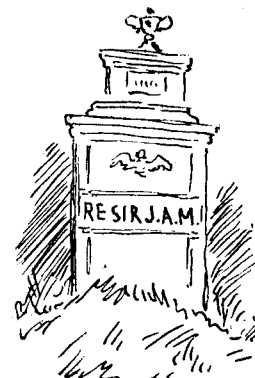
"By Jove!" exclaimed Yubbits to his companions, "if they ain't a couple of bagmen; ho, ho, ho. Tailor's bagmen; ha! ha! ha! How about your 'sprig of nobility,' Coddleby?"

"Well, Yubbits, you know you took him for a military man, yourself," retorted the person addressed.

"Pooh! pooh!" said Mr. Yubbits loftily, "I could tell the fellow was a cad directly I looked closely at him; and when he began to talk 'shop' to his friend I knew it."

The disagreeable subject was allowed to drop. The journey was continued without further incident, and before half-past ten the four stepped out of the car on to the platform at Ottawa.

(To be continued.)



**SUGGESTED MONUMENT**

For a certain eminent statesman—tho' we hope he'll never need it.

**THE INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST.**

BY C. W. B—G.

I'm an independent journalist,  
 Don't forget it if you please,  
 For I find myself forgetting it  
 With quite aggravating ease ;  
 And I'd much like to be reminded,  
 As of youthful Q's and P's,  
 That I'm *really* independent,  
 —O very independent—  
 A bold and independent journalist.

She awoke and called me early,  
 She did, my mother dear ;  
 She insisted I'd been dreaming,  
 A dream so very queer ;  
 That I'd shouted through the darkness,  
 In tones both loud and clear,  
 " Yes, I'm *really* independent,  
 Altogether independent,  
 A bold and independent journalist.

The vision that appeared to me  
 Upon my little bed,  
 While on a downy pillow  
 Nestled my weary head,  
 Was an aged statesman sobbing  
 As " Christopher," he said,  
 " Are you really independent,  
 So very independent,  
 So old and yet so bold a journalist."

Yes, it's hard to realize it,  
 At times I'm moved to say :  
 Can the mysteries mesmeric  
 Have charmed my sense away,  
 And shall I surely find that  
 On " coming to " some day,  
 I'm no longer independent,  
 A very independent,  
 A bold and independent journalist ?

Ye stars that twinkle up above,  
 Ye flowers that bloom below ;  
 Ye hills and dales, ye bosky vales,  
 With autumn's fires aglow,  
 Ye twinkling rills bear witness all,  
 As warbling on ye flow,  
 That, just now, I'm independent,  
 —O ! very independent,  
 A boldly independent journalist.

**SOLVING THE LABOR PROBLEM.**

BRANTFORD is signally distinguishing herself in a unique and original effort towards solving one aspect of the Labor Question, besides owning Sheriff Scarfe.

This one aspect of the Labor Question has presented itself, with bold and daring front and unflagging pertinence—" from time immemorial "—as a tombstone dealer or a subscriber to a monument fund might be led to express it. Ever since Adam peremptorily refused to run an errand to the grocery, alleging that he had made a prior engagement to go fishing, has the hydra-headed monster, Laziness, been rearing its horrid shape and stalking with proud mien through the land, like a press agent of a circus.

But right in its conquering path looms up the Telephone city, and gently but firmly remarks : " Hell—O ! "—or words to that effect.

To descend from the region of metaphor to plain, unvarnished, simple recitation, after the style of a London *Advertiser* editorial, let us cite the cold facts of the case. The *Telegram*, an apparently Tory newspaper, is responsible for them, and they must therefore be correct :

FACT NO. 1.

Charles Donovan was charged at the police court this morning on remand with wandering without any visible means of subsistence. The prisoner is charged at the instance of his brother, who complains that he will not work. The magistrate sentenced Charles to 30 days in the common gaol.

The editor calls this " a hard case." Charles, accepting the term in its sympathetic sense, doubtless agrees that it is hard—on him. The magistrate, you will observe on reflection, considers gaol a cure for organic inertia.

FACT NO. 2.

David Brown, a repulsive looking man, was charged at the police court this morning with being drunk and disorderly. He was discharged on the understanding that he obtains employment by Saturday.

In this instance, pause and consider that his worship regards whiskey and work as bane and antidote respectively.

FACT NO. 3.

At the police court this morning Henry Washington, a colored man, was charged with loitering. The prisoner said when he was arrested : " If this is the way you treat coloured gentlemen I'll get." Mr. Weyms reminded him until to-morrow morning on his own recognizances. On getting outside the court the fellow ran for all he was worth.

*En passant*, let it be noted that on this occasion it was " an Ethiopian on defence." But, to resume the thread of our discourse, please carefully make that in the instance just quoted the thoughtful Cadi reasoned within himself that as the colored loiterer had been run in, he might with justice be given a chance to run out.

We might go on multiplying items of this tenor if we could only stand the special notices sandwiched between the able local paragraphs in the paper.

But, we fancy, enough has been shown to justify our calling the attention of the Supreme Court of the Knights of Labor to the powerful but unobtrusive way in which Brantford is at once advancing to the true interests of industry and keeping up its police court trade.

For a giddy young city, burdened with three daily papers and an interesting languishing monument scheme, the capital of Brant Co. is nobly emulating the historic Riley, of hostelry fame.



**PRESENTING THE DARK SIDE OF THE GAME.**

We have omitted to publish the dialogue accompanying this piece of by-play ; it is too awful.

A ROMANCE OF COLOR.



THE story that I shall relate to you is one that has impressed itself upon my very fibres. Feign would I refrain from disclosing it but I cannot refrain. Mystic as the meanderings of the *Mail*, as the ways of city Aldermen, as the many varied slippings on banana peel in the leafy months of June and July, is the story I have to tell. I loved, deeply and passionately loved Mary Ann, and she reciprocated. But—she had red hair. Thoughtless, giddy reader do you ask why should

she not have red hair? Listen:

Years ago in my heedless youth I had sworn never to marry a girl with red hair, sworn of on chewing gum, taffy and my father's revered left slipper (with which he used to wallop me), and by everything most holy, and to Mary Ann I had disclosed my vow. But Mary Ann was not to be daunted. In a particularly fascinating manner she winked at me and uttered the prophetic (too prophetic) monosyllable, Rats! *She had determined to dye her hair!* For Mary Ann had a maid (of all work), a tender blushing girl of twenty-seven summers, whose hair had changed from a bold and fiery sunset glow to a delicate and subdued greenery yallor color. How was the mystery to be explained? Mary Ann determined to explore. She professed all on a sudden a violent desire to learn how to make pie. Necessarily in order to make pie she had to go down to the kitchen. After making one pie (the eating whereof alas! nearly sent her father to an early grave) she discovered a bottle near her menials table on which were the words "Hair-dye," with "loves a cumer." Mary Ann easily guessed that this was the magic bottle that had so beautified her maid. She remembered how the family pies often came up mysteriously yet beautifully colored. Seizing the bottle in her hand she flew up to her chamber, poured the contents over her head, and, how can I tell it,—turned her hair, *Blue*. The rest is shortly told. I could not marry a girl with blue hair. Mary Ann married a barber, under whose skilful management her blue hair became green, a beautiful shade of green such as was never seen before. She lived happy ever afterwards, while I am dragging out a miserable existence and trying to become color blind.



BEECH got away from Ross with ridiculous ease, and he beat Gaudaur as clearly as *Grip's Comic Almanac* will beat every other work of the kind when it comes out in November.



Of course there are two or three little matters connected with "Professor" Wiggins's system of predicting storms which the ordinary individual cannot comprehend; but there is one thing that puzzles us more than all: why by all that is hurricanal and cyclonic should he have chosen the twenty-ninth day of September for his "earthquake, storm, and tidal wave"? Surely any date would have done. But the preposterousness of choosing the twenty-ninth of September! the day to which every sensible person looks forward as that upon which to cook and eat the fattened goose—Michaelmas day. At all events the "Professor" has succeeded in cooking *his* goose this time; let us leave him with the hope that the pangs of indigestion are not very severe.

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"GREAT men have been among us," are with us. Now the greatest of these is "your affectionate 'General,' Booth." Great he undoubtedly is, for now-a-days the measure of greatness is the number of those who acclaim, and of acclamers in the form of red-shirted h-dropping hallelujah lads and lasses he has many, for has he not drawn with him the third part of Sansculottism? A great work, however, certainly he has accomplished, in quantity, if not in quality. Saul (in the shape of our respectable churches) has slain his thousands; but David (in the shape of this new church—as surely it may now be called) has slain his ten thousands. Truly he has overcome a mass of *Philistinism*—moral, if not intellectual, Philistinism. As so often happens, Saul with all his glistening armour of stained-glass windows and choral services, and melodious ritual, achieves but little; it is the simple sling and stone of honest enthusiasm wielded by a Sansculotte that lays the Philistine giant low.

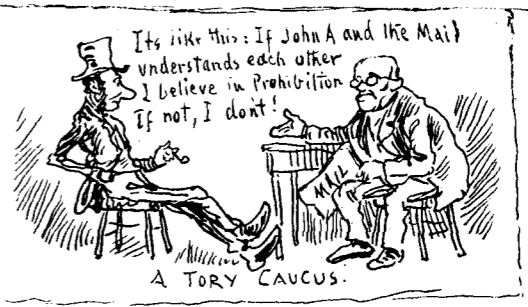
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TALKING of "hallelujah lasses," what charming creatures they are!—ahem! well; let us say, the youthful among them are. Is it the unbanged brow or the simple dress that does it? or does the source of their fascination lie deeper? Is it the pleasing expression? the frank eyes? the unfurrowed forehead? the general look of unconscious innocence? "Sober, steadfast, and demure," might be their motto—and yet there is not wanting in some of them a certain *abandon*—a religious *abandon*, it may be called, a sort of combination of "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso," which is extremely fascinating.

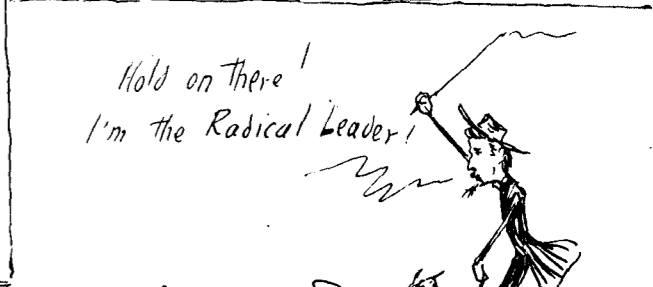
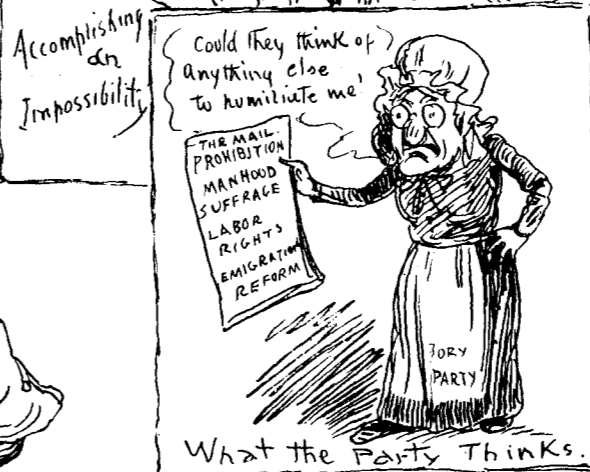
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What is the secret of the Army's success? Is it emotional excitement? Succeed they certainly do. Only the other day I talked with a "Special Sergeant" (his besetting sins, he told me, were—the same old story—wine and—or rather whiskey) who was really and truly reclaimed. There he was, sober and moral; an ocular demonstration of the efficacy of emotional excitement—if emotional excitement it is that performs these wonders. This fact of thousands being brought literally "from darkness into light" ("sweetness" they certainly do not acquire) is one worthy of no little thought.

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SCENE—*The House of Commons. Lord Salisbury's Home Rule Bill is under discussion, and MR. GLADSTONE is on his legs.*

*Mr. Gladstone.* I regard this measure as totally inadequate, Mr. Speaker. The Irish people decline to accept it; and on that account, if on no other, it should not be permitted for another instant to hold the field.

*Valentine Vox, M.P., (throwing his voice in the direction of Mr. Chamberlain.)* Shut up!

*Mr. Gladstone.* A dissentient Liberal remarks, with a discourtesy which is foreign to this Chamber, that I am to shut up. I shall not, however, shut up, until I have demonstrated—

*Mr. Chamberlain.* Why does the member for Midlothian frown at me? I never opened my mouth.

*Valentine Vox, M.P. (imitating the tones of Mr. Gladstone.)* Oh! there's an awful whopper!

*Several Tory Members.* Withdraw!

*Mr. Gladstone.* If honourable members allude to me, I have nothing to withdraw. I am—

*Valentine Vox, M.P. (making his voice appear to proceed from Lord Hartington.)* A grand old fishwife! I'm not going to sit still and hear my follower Joseph called a storyteller.

*The Speaker.* Really these proceedings are most discreditable; and I think the member for Rossendale would do well to apologize.

*Valentine Vox, M.P., (still speaking for Lord Hartington.)* Not me! Let Gladstone apologize.

*Mr. Gladstone (excitedly).* I won't apologize for what I haven't said. Was it to be insulted thus that I recently extended the right hand of friendship to the members for West Birmingham and for Rossendale?

*Valentine Vox, M.P., (again throwing his voice in Mr. Chamberlain's direction.)* Keep your right hand! If you think you're going to patronize us, you're precious well mistaken, you ancient disruptor!

*Several Liberal Members.* Shame!

*The Speaker.* I begin to opine that honourable members have taken leave of their senses. If these offensive observations are repeated, I shall be obliged to name somebody presently—I shall indeed!

*Mr. Gladstone (with dignity).* I will spare you the necessity for such action, Mr. Speaker, by quitting this degenerate Assembly ere my antagonists further commit themselves. *(To Lord Hartington and Mr. Chamberlain.)* Henceforth we only meet as strangers.

*Lord Hartington and Mr. Chamberlain (in chorus).* For gracious sake, Gladstone, don't do anything rash. We assure you we haven't—

*Mr. Gladstone.* Contrition comes too late, gentlemen, I go!

*[Picks up his throat mixture, and exit white with suppressed anger.]*

*Conservative Chum in the secret to Valentine Vox, M.P.* Well, I must say you've given the Radicals a regular doing this evening, my boy!

*Valentine Vox, M.P.* Why, yes. My object was to widen the breach between the two factions of the Liberal party, and I fancy I've succeeded. Musn't Randy be chuckling in his sleeve over the outcome of my latest caper!

*[Lounges off to moisten his vocal chords as curtain descends.—Funny Folks.]*

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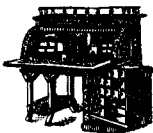
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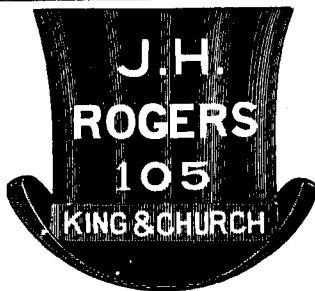
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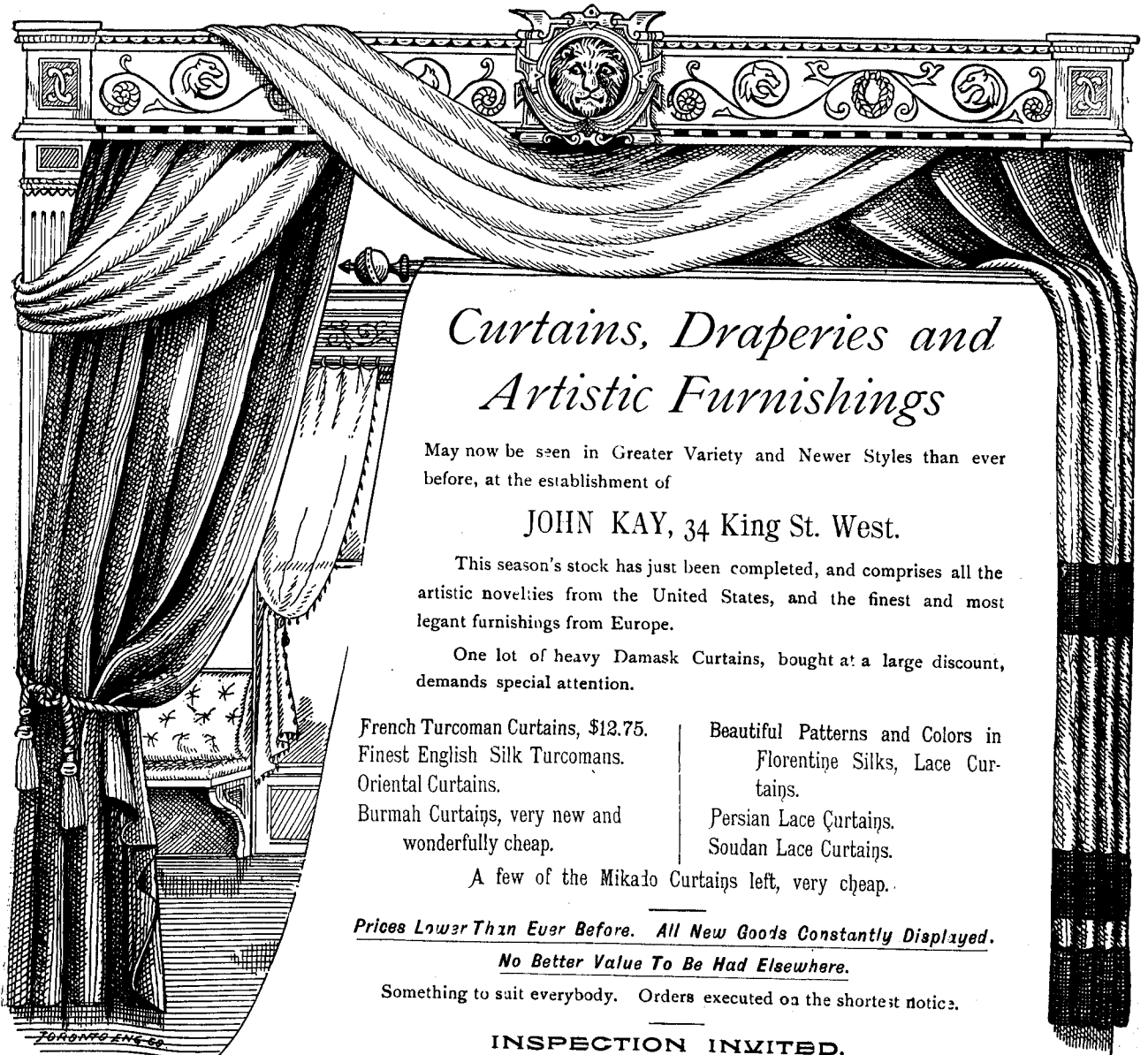
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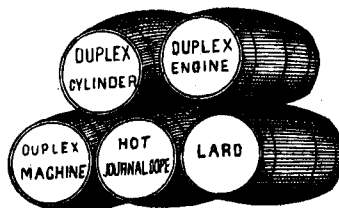
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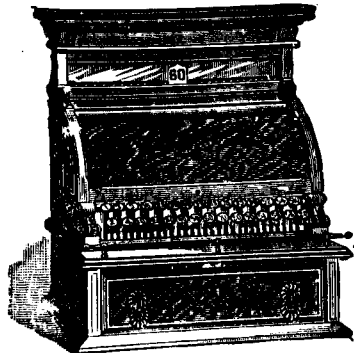
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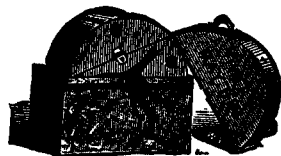
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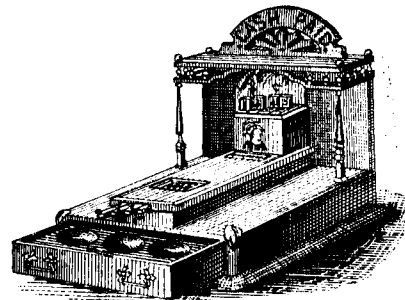
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