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THE QUIZZICAL MAX.

NO happier thought could have occured to a Celt than that of getting up a comedy-lecture in which he would criticise the Anglo-Saxon in the latter's own language and to his face; and to no more competent Celt could this idea have occurred than to the gentleman now so widely known as Max O'Rell. The inspiration, being acted upon, has resulted in an entertainment which gives unlimited amusement to the English-speaking man all over the world, while at the same time it supplies its clever proprietor with a vast amount of fun, travel and hard cash. The audience which greeted Max O'Rell at Massey Hall on Monday evening had to all appearance as enjoyable a time as it is possible for people to have with any regard to their buttons and other frail fixings. The French humorist was in splendid form, and notwithstanding that many of the good things were said in his former Toronto lecture, everything seemed fresh from start to finish. At the hands of such a genius a bill of fare consisting of chestnuts only would go down with most audiences as a veritable banquet.

## THE DETROIT MARVEL.

THERE is a gentleman in Detroit named Owen-Dr. Orville W. Owen. In his house he has a couple of large cylinders placed close together, like panorama rollers, and upon them is fixed a long web of cotton. Upon this cotton are pasted the pages in reqular order of the complete works of Francis Bacon, Shakespeare, Spencer, Burton, Greene, Peel and Marlow. By means of a cipher which he clains to have discovered in the Shakespeare plays, Dr. Owen has deciphered from this web a continuous, coherent story in blank verse, written and hidden by Sir Francis Bacon, who claims to be the real author of all the books referred to. Already three volumes of the story have appeared, and the fourth is now announced. Included in the contents of the fourth is a complete tragedy in five Acts entitled, "Mary, Queen of Scots," which is declared by the New York Herald to be "surpassed in dramatic fervor by nothing in the Shakespeare plays." The volumes may
be obtained from the Howard Publishing Co., of Detroit, price 50 cents each. That the prodigious claim made on Bacon's behalf can be true is unbelievable, and yet, if untrue, how are these volumes of consecutive, coherent and highly poetical matter to be accounted for? That is the literary question of the day, and a shrug of the shoulders does not answer it satisfactorily.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

(From an early issue of the Irorld.)

TTHE latest from the seat of war in the east is that the Japs will not attempt for the present to reach the Chinese capital. The journey is a long one and the roads are bad. It would be a great convenience just now to the invaders if there were Sunday cars, but China happens to be in that respect as far behind the age as Toronto.

We think we may with all modesty claim for the World a good share of the credit for the present boodle investigation, and we hope it will go on until the crooked Aldermen are all exposed and cleaned out. The good name of Toronto is at stake, and to retain that good name before the world we must have honesty and uprightness at the City Hall. There is only one thing more essential, and that is Sunday cars.

The revolution in New York City by which Tammany has been downed, and a new era of purity and good government inaugurated, has been credited chiefly to the patriotic labors of Rev. Dr. Parkhurst. No doubt that gentleman and his allies deserve hig! credit, but the real reason of the marvellous overturn is just a little below the surface. It was unquestionably the ballots of the common people that did the business, and Dr. Parkhurst no doubt first awakened public opinion on the subject, but all would have come to nought if the people had not met together down town to discuss the quastions involved. Most of this discussion was done on Sundays, when the citizens had leisure, and they got together, be it noted, by' mcans of the Sunday Cars. If Toronto wants its Tammany upset, let it clearly understand that only by haaing Sunday Cars can the work be accomplished

Rubenstein, the great pianist, is dead. He ranked as one of the greatest-if not the very greatest-player of his time, and besides being a notable artist he was a man of charitable impulse. The illness from which he died was the result of wear and tear to his constitution occasioned by his frequent trips abroad. He visited Toronto some years ago and if he spent Sunday in this city-a point upon which we have no precise recollection-and over-exerted himself in walking to the distant parks, it is morally certain that his demise was indirectly due to the unreasoning prejudice of those of our citizens who are dead set against Sunday cars.



Temperance Orator-"Friend, you wouldn't be out of work only for the saloon."

Soake-" But you would."

## THE EDISON DOLL.

A Farcical Tragedy in One Act.
Dramatisad by J. W. B., from a humorous poim by F. alustiy.
DRAMATIS PERSONふ.
Mr. Jinkins, a Bachelor.
Mrs McMurphy, a Charwoman.
Flossie Fitzaltamont, a Juvenile Patrician. Boodles, a Shop-boy.
Scene-A scantily furnished lodging for a single gentle. man. Grate, with smouldering fire, $R$. table, $C$. Shelf on rear wall with a square parcel in brozun paper upon it. A fezo chairs, pictures, ctc.

## (CONTINUED.)



MR. J.-I will love you, Dolly -I zoill love you! What heart could steel itself against such an appeal! It comes from a phonograph I know - but, beaven forbid that I should treat it lightly on that account. It is the voice of my long-lost love, as thou art the image of her! I will love you, Dolly. Speak to me again. Tell me once more that you love me. See, I touch the little spring. Speak with that voice which thrills my soul.
[The Doll repeats the words again.
You arce my Dolly - and I suill be "always very kind to you." I will pour out for you the burning affection so long pent up in this blighted bosom. I bless the hand-friend's or foe's-that sent you to me. Come, rest, nestle in this desolate bosom next my heart, and let me recall the blissful days of long ago when-

Hc is standing with the Doll in his arms. Re-enter Mr.s. McMurphy. Mfr. J. hastily conceals the Doll bencath his coat-tails and puts on an air of claborate indiffercnec.
Mrs. McM. - You'll excuse me, Misther Jinkins, sor, for shteppin' in widout knockin', but I thought mebby ye moight be takin' a nap. Sure, me mimory is failin' me, so it is, an' I clane forgot to take me parcel wid me.

Mr. J. - (metch cmbarrassed and alarmed)-Your parcel ?
Mrs. McM. - Yis, sor. A bit av a parcel me daughter Norah gev me to lave at Mrs. Bradley's, that kapes the fancy-work shop beyant, bein' that I must pass the dure.

Mr. J.-Er-what sort of a parcel was it, Mrs. Mc. Murphy?
[ Hc is nevously contialing the Doll bencath his coat..]
Mrs. McM.-A bit av a pase-boord box, I think it was, wid foss an' fancy work in it, to be returned to the shop. It was covered wid paper, so I couldn't say, but it had the feel av a box.

Mr. J.-Are you sure you brought it with you this morning ?

Mrs. McM.-Oh, I'm sartin. Niver a doubt avit. Sure, Norah handit it till me whin I was lavin' home, an' "drop that in at Mrs. Bradley's as you pass," sez she, "an' tell her I'll be in to see her this avenin'," sez she. Have ye happened to notice it in your apartments, Misther Jinkins, sor?

Mr. J. (neriously)—No, Mrs. McMurphy-I'm quite sure I-a-

Mrs. McM:- (suddenly scing the box: the Dcll came in)Sure, there it is now, roight forninst me oyes! (She rushes and scizes the box.) But, saints defind us! Av it isn't open an' impty!

Mr. J. - Er-er-are you sure that's-
Mrs. McM. - (ichemently) Sure! Av coorse I'm sure! Call the police, Mr. Jinkins. There's thaves in the primises !

Mr. J. - Thieves, Mrs. McMurphy ?
Mrs. McN.-Yis, thaves! Oh, the blaggards ! Norah'll murther me:

Mr. J.-I'm very sorry, Mrs. McMurphy, very. I can't imagine what -

Mrs. McM. (suddcoly inspircd)-Oh, I see it all. It's your little joke, Misther Tinkins-though it's little I wud expect you to play sich a prank.

Mr. J.-Me, Mrs. McMurphy ?
Mrs. McM.-Yis, you-though whin I left you a whoile ago I thought ye wor feelin' more like weepin' for yer blighted heart nor playin' a lark loike this on a poor lone widdy that never did ye a bad turn.

Mr. J. - Me, Mrs. McNurphy? I assure you I-I-
Mrs. McM-Oh, it's the straight face ye can kape! But sure, sor, I'm in a hurry, an' don't kape me waitin'. It's choild's play, enioirely. Give me what ye tuk out av the box.

Mr. J.-What I took? Do you really believe I-
Mirs. McMr.-Av coorse je did, ye shly ould joker! Ye have it in yer hand there behoind yer back.

Mr. J.-Mrs. McMurphy, I assure you, you are mistaken. I haven't even seen your box or fancy work.

Mrs. McM. - Worse an' worse! Sure it's carryin' the joke too far whin a dacint gintleman loike you wud tell a barefaced loy-av I may be so bould. Not seen me box, whin it's there on the table forninst ye, an' the contents in yer hand, there? Come, now!

Mr. J. (showing a hand)-On my honor, Mrs. Mc-Murphy-see for yourself.

Mrs McM-Ah, but let me see the other, you shly fox - av I may be so bould!

Mr. J.- (withdraving his hand after cxchanging Doll into the other.) There it is.

Mrs McM. - Oh, be done wid your foolery-show me them both at wance, thin!

Mr. J.-Er-you'll excuse me-I really-ahem-there are reasons-er-er-


Niciolis Flood-"Dearest onc, entrust this littic hand to me! I have long loved you unbeknownst, and on political issucs our two souls have but a single thought, our tho hearts beat as one!"
["So far as we can see, their (Patrons') platom contains planks he (Davin) has l.een advocating right along. As to Tarill licform he has been one of the foremost protagonists for it in the Ifouse of Commons, and out of it tuv.-Kigrine Linder.]

Mrs. McM.-Well, if annybody tould me ye wor a frisky an' frolicsome bie like that, I wouldn't ha' belaved it. But I see you want to thry me spryness an' me spunk to come an' take it from you. So here's for you! (She takes off her bonnct and jardet.)

Mr. J.-For heaven's sake, Mrs. McMurphy-I assure you on my honor, I-

Mrs. McM. - Yis, but fwhat do ye kape yer hand hid for thin? 'Ihat's fwhat I'm goin' to investigate me funny, larkin' laddy-buck!
[She starts ion him and he doascs round ami roum the soom in a frimy of fear, titeping the Doll ionctaled. Thig know outr chairs, che, in the scrimmage. Jinkins iontimues to protest frantiartly that he hassin't sein hat wool or hat, and she' insists on his showing his hands. . At last she cotiches him, and after a ciumsy surestle he falls on his iuch, teceping the Doll concealed. Miss. Midifurphy plants a foot on his briast, and raises hir arm in triumphlant attitudi.
Mrs. McM. - Now, thin, whin ye deliver up the goods I'll remove this fut, but not before, av I may be so bould, Misther Jinkins, sor.

Mr. J.-(cxhaustcd)--Good heavens, woman - Mrs. McMurphy-this is most scandalous-this is a diabolical outrage!

Mrs. McM. Is it, thin? An' whose doin's is it but your own? Give me up fwhat yer concailin', an' I'll lave you get up. That's the fairest I can do.
[. 1 rop at the door.]

Mr. J.-Good gracious, woman, there's someone at the
door! Let me up instantly!
(to be continued in olir next issue.)
THE CHINAMAN'S IDEA

O'RELL has a high opinion of Sandy, to whom he attributes many noble traits besides thriftiness. Apropos of this particular feature of the Scottish character, he related an incident. On his recent visit to New Zealand he was at Dunedin, a town as thorcughly Scotch as Edinborugh. There are in fact hardly any residents of any other nationality, excepting a few Chinese, who are not fourishing as they do in most places. To get along at all, in fact, these Chinamen, whose names are as usual Fing Wing or Jing Bang, are obliged to write on their sign boards, Mac Wing, Mac Bang, etc. One day, passing through the Public Garden O'Rell found a Chinaman sitting on a bench, and taking a place beside him the visitor said, "Well, John, and how are you getting along in Dunedin ?" The Chinaman turned a sad and disappointed face to the questioner, and replied in expressive pantomime. Doubling up his right hand he endeavored in vain to open it with his left, and then he said laconically, "Too muchee Scotchee!"

The Aldermen and ex-Aldermen implicated in the boodling investigation seem to regard the taking of an oath as being about the same as taking a nip at Headquarters.



Day by day he stood, stalwart and strong, l'ride and independence writ upon his face
Vet begging, his fellow men among Nut food, not money-no such disgrace-

Bu: only-lbori.

## THE KHAN NODDETH.

GRIP is still keeping a paternal eje on Khan, the poet, watching for the dropping of poetic gems in the Saturday Globe as vigilantly as commoner crows perched in the trees at Rushdale Farm in spring time watch Khan the farmer for the dropping of golden grains of corn. But since "Morning on the Farm" nothing in the gem line has been forthcoming. It would seem that when the Khan's stuff isn't very good it is exceedingly bad. It is either true poetry or unmitigated bosh. Could there be more drivelling doggrel than this:
"Oh, layre ladye, I're pants for thee, I've pants for thee, Ive pants for thee, I slaved all night

Te finish them quite,
I hope you'll tind the make all right,
They're neither too loose nor are they too tight, 0 , fayre ladye,

I've pants for thee."
and so on for four stanzas ! We cannot resist the impulse to parody the metre and say;

O, khan, dear buy, it's awfol rot, It's awful rot, it's awful rot, A:ld how you came

To write the same,
And still expect to keep your fane, And not incur the critics' blame, Give knoweth notI's awful rot.

## THE OTHER AUTHORITY.

B
KiUDSTREET no rating gives this youth, let he must be of Fortune's sons, For wher. papus woula know the truth, Ilis standing is straightway proved by duns. Smith, Grig é Co.'s Illustrated Monthly

## GOOD IDEA.

MR. ROBERT RAE suggests that on New Year's morning at least one million Canadians rise up and sign the total abstinence pledge-and stick to it. The suggestion is greeted as a happy thought, and steps are being taken to give it effiect. One idea is that it should be an early function in every household, father, mother and all the boys and girls pulting their mames to the pledgecard, which may then be framed and hung upon the wall. If only the idea can be made known widely enough, the response by families will, we are sure, be general, but there is no reason why cards should not also be distributed in churches and other public assemblies for signatures on the eve of the New Year.

ThE LEAGUE.

THE Toronto Art Students' League is composed of fellows who differ from the average artistic fellow in this-that they work as well as talk. They are an independent-spirited, manly set-we are not now particularly specifying C. Nacdonald Manly who is one of 'emwho for years have stuck together through many vicissitudes and worked zenerously for the love of Art. Every year they remind the outer world of their existence by issuing a beautifully illustrated calendar-a verit ble sem of typogr:phic and pictorial art. That for ninety-five has just made its appearance, and fully sustains the high standard already set, though as a practical work of reference in the average Eitchen it is distinctly inferior to the common or garden Almanac, because the consulter would be sure to get so interested in the drawings that he or she would forget all about looking for the date. The contributors this year are Messrs. A. H. Howard, C. W. Jefferrs. G. A. Reid, I. Jephcott, I. A. Kelly, R. Holnes, J. Willson, F. H. Brigden, C. M. Manly, D. A. McKellar, H. Hancock, G. E. Spurr, J. H. F. Adams, D. F. Themson and R. Weir Crouch.


## THE MISSING WORD.

Street Preacher: "What does St. Paul say on this pint-? I repeat, me brethren, what does St. Paul say(with a ycll) - What are the words of St. Paul ?"

Policeman (interrupting):-"Sorr, I'd have you remember that missing word competitions is illaygal."


SUPERSEDED.
Mr. Sissy-But why don't you play with your pretty dolly, Ethel?

EThel-I don't care for the was baby any more, 'cause we've got a real meat baby now.

## PEOPLE ONE DOESN'T LIKE.

No. vili.
The Person who is neter in a Hurry.

HE does' $i$ believe in modern rush, he made up his mind long ago that it's slow and sure that wins the day, and no matter how little time there is he's quite certain 'ie'll get there.

The house may be on fire or your train ready to start, but tiat does not quicken his movements. There is always plenty of time in his calendar, insurance on houses, and more than one train a daj. He doesn't believe in taking time by the forelock; he prefers waiting for it, to running the risk of injuring his nerves by doing things hastily. You can't disturb his equanimity by telling him you see moss growing upon him, because he says 'it looks venerable, peaceful and well-to-do, and that you are merely a rolling stone that does not gather any."

He likes to do things deliberately, and to take time to think about them, and naturally it is of no cousequence, if he happens to take your time too. What if the hours and minutes are your only available assets, he feels perfectly at liberty to draw upon yoa for any amount. whether he presents you with an equivalent or not. He is firmly convinced that hurry always rhymes with worry, and he will none of it. You may argue that need frequently requires speed, but he doesn't see it. Nothing will induce him to make a racehorse of himself, he is afraid of the pace that kills, he is generally of the opinion that he'll end up all right, while you'll probably be prematurely 'broken up.' Of course all the human hares fall asleep midway in the race, and are passed by the tortoise who is dead sure of walking off with the first prize. He certainly has the same outward hard shell :ts that plodding animal, so why expect him to understand the wild delight, the exhiliration of one throbbing with life and energy. If you insist on trying to take him with you, you'll find that you have only put a drag on the carriage, and have to do double pulling, while he'll keep the reins in his own hands.

For all you can say or do, the more you hurry the less he does. If you find him irritating, he thinks you and your rapid ways idiotic, but while he annoss you, his equilibrium is not upset, and that's why you hate him, and long to shove
him along and introduce a little of your electricity into him. You can't do it, he is essentially a non-conductor, a slow moving unsensitive body that won't be moved by your strongest batters. He reserves all his nervous energy to himself, and lets the other people do all the rushing and pushing for him, and grows aggravatingly fat, while they wear themselves out waiting for him. If you like to make a trolley car of yourself, he'll ride you, but you needn't expect anything more from "the person who is never in a hurry."
J. M. Locs.

## CANADIAN PATRIOTISM.

T has been said of Canadians that they are lacking in patriotism and national pride. If the charge is true, the reason is not obscure. From our stage of "Inng clothes," we have dutifully looked up to nur illustrious mother with adoring affection, so content with the reflected glory of her achievements as to be unconscious of our transition through "shortening" and "first trousers" and of our ability to use our limbs in lusty self-defence in every other direction.

This filial sentime:it, no doubt, does us honor, but unlike most good things we may have too much - such a mischicrous amount of it as to draw of the loyalty required for home use in subverting many of the accepted notions about this "Canada of Ours," among foreigners.

It would seem from many of their observations that we are the progeny of a cross betreen the Crow-foot and the Esquimaux: And if not actually living in wigwams of skins and bark, these superseded edifices are still to be seen in some utilized shape on the premises. Our climate is a continuous Arctic winter, our children disporting themselves on the glaciers and playing leap-frog round the ice-bergs on the milder dass, and we may expect to be met with an incredulous look when we affirm that there is an intermission during the year when the earth is visible, and they can make the traditional mud-pie and even swing in the open air with ears and noses intact. How much of this may be due to our zeal in writing up and illustrating carnivals and ice palaces,


Mrs. Parvey-Newe (to the doctor)-"You needn't come here any more, sir. I will secure a medical man who knows something of good manners!"

Doctor-"Indeed, madam? In what way have I offended you?

Mrs. Parvev-Nette.-"In what way? Good gracious! Haven't jou had the audacity to say that my husband's blood is impoverished?

until they seem to be the special and abiding features of the eountry, we will not preterd to say.

A popular foreign novelist in an eloquent burst says: "I'd rather be a sreen savage in Formosa or a drunken Indian at Otiawa than," etc. Formosans may speak for themselves but we irotest against the implication that the anciety of our cami:al has a dusky element in war-paint and leathers, and that our legislation is carried on under the inspiration of "s tire water," and wholesome far of the temahark.

In the Canadian Building at the Chiengo Fair, tro gods nocupied a place oi promineace, much to the perplexity of many visitors, $n$ valbly a party of famales who stovd before them in wide eped wonder. $\because$ Land sakes $: "$ exelamed one. "I never knew beire that Caizadians worshipped idols," "I didn't. cither." said another, but ansions not to jud.er as ton harshly. aided, as if in sudden illumanation, "welt, they alf dont. I'm ecrain. they all donit. for I saw a Canadiain family in Colorado and I'm su re diay were Christian=, for they went to charel like other people:"

Cowd Murt

## " UP TO DATE" VERSES.

Deals Grip:

ITE observed with admiration amounting to awe, a species of paetry which seems to have infesied cur periodical literature for some time back. Ins writers and admiters, who are seneraly antiquated matiens who seem trginct to write and talk like young meib, and tough experienced matrons wha have lons since deposited their sponses "where the wiched cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," say that this sort of peetry is too "recondite," two deep-too aitngether subtile, for the compreinension of ordinary vilgar minds. Through the kindaess oi my venera!: atain. Mrs Seraphina Slogger, (a shining light of this pecuiar calt): I am enabled to present to your notice three itific sems of poesy, written by her shortiy before her remonal to Toronto, where she is now under treatment for sume brain trouble or other. The first gem is of a pastoral nature. It is entitled

November Noodlings, (my weakly poem).
"Atumnal evening hurries cier the iown,
I notice all the leaves are getting sorter brown.
On Tomkin's ban the last rays of the sun,
light up the roosting turkeys one by one.
Ked are the leaves upon the Maple iree,
Red as the nose of any drunk can be!
November's night expands its ebon wing.

Canalipic chickers to their perches cling.
At Scrugsin's bar the chief ones of the town
Now lift their spints up by pouring spirits down.
Now shines the noon upon the shimmering street:,
Oif lovers sippung surrepitious sweets,
Their shacows fall across my lonely room,
Id like to be behind them with a broon:
Anel midaights bour traws near with solemn tread,
"Tis time wotake some heer, and so to bed."
With your permission the other specimens next week.



NOT TO BE DENIED.
Mistress-"You've been eating onions, Norah !"
Norah - "Sure, ma'am, it's a moind reader you are, entirely!"

GRIP SUPPLEMENT．
December 15th， 1894.


秉群空
（2）
GRTEO

Respects
Sir：
 little label un yon com or＂rip＂．H wont take a moment．There．．．You sex， $11=1$ dato indicates the trine of to which you have paid， and i jon eck on from that Dale down to the End or Dec is （a thun hate or $\$ 2$ pen Jean）gan will know sxaelty how much （if any chimp）you owe m．


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