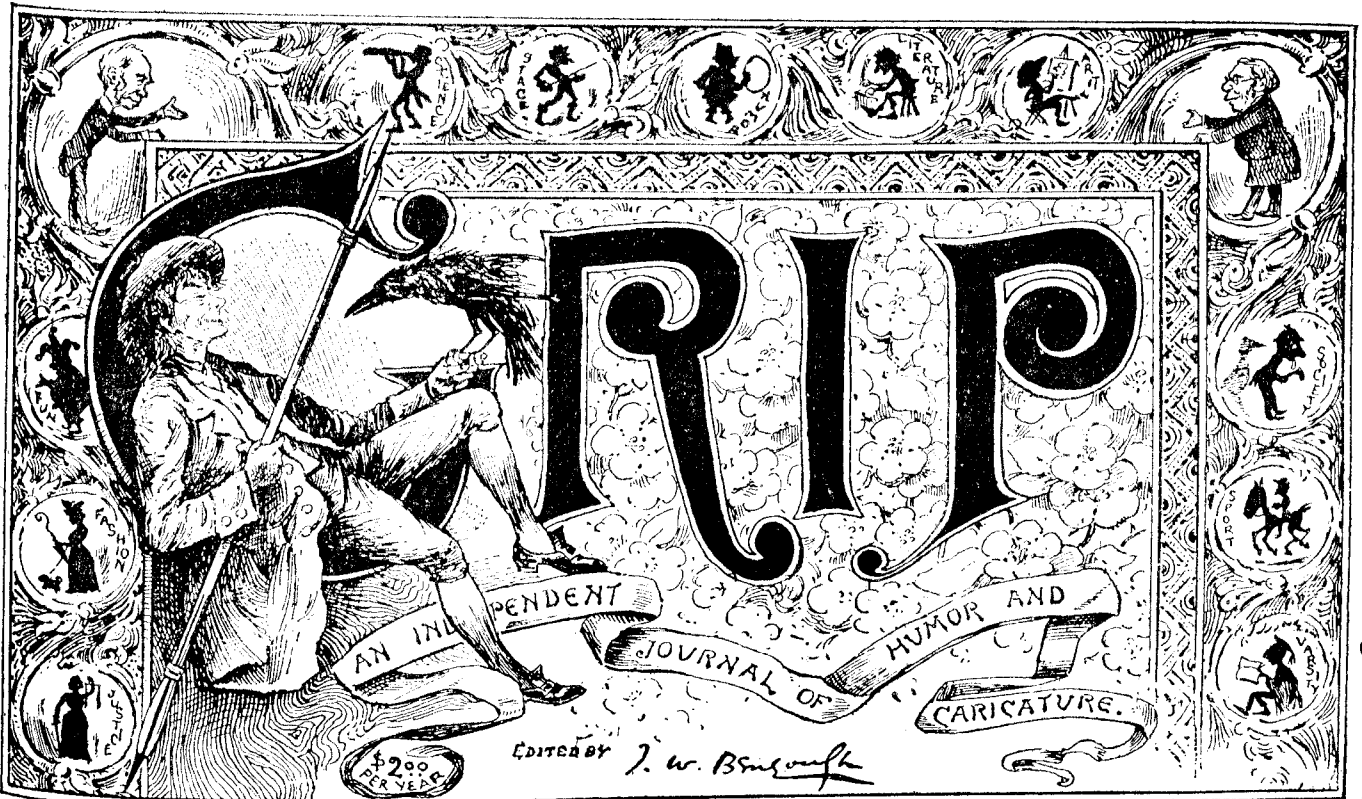


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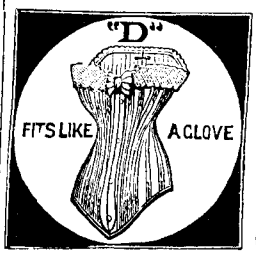
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COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



THE THIEVES' KITCHEN. — Sir John Thompson, who began his Parliamentary career with the finest chance that has ever fallen to the lot of any Canadian public man, has, with what looks like malice aforethought, accomplished his own political ruin. On every occasion which has been presented to him of justifying the high opinion the public were anxious to entertain of his character, he has utterly disappointed and chagrined his would-be friends. Now, as if in cynical contempt of himself and his once high aspirations, we find him engaged

in forcing through the House a measure which every independent journal of the country describes as a piece of infamy. This is the so-called "Redistribution Act," more truthfully termed "Gerrymander number two." The object of this bill, as everybody knows, is, under the lying pretence of equalizing the representation, to so arrange the constituencies that a minority of the people will be enabled to elect a majority of members. It is the same old fraud over again, with some aggravations, and in point of morality it is precisely on a par with the plans and specifications which more vulgar rascals might prepare in view of committing a burglary. That such an act should be fathered by the one member of the Cabinet who was so recently regarded as the very bulwark of the Government's respectability, may give us some idea of the depth of degradation which we have reached as a people. For, if Sir John Thompson did not count upon the utter absence of a moral sentiment in the electorate, he would never dare to perpetuate such a job in the face of day. That the bill will go through without material modification may be taken for granted. It remains to be seen whether the electors are as meanly partizan as Sir John considers them.

OUR OWN HAMLET.—All the world's a stage, and Mr. Blake is a bright particular star in the character of *Hamlet*. The qualities which make the personality of the *Prince* a subject of perpetual interest to Shakespearean students, are those which render Mr. Blake an interesting study to his countrymen. There is no apparent solution to the enigma in either case. In the "modern instance" we find a man royally endowed intellectually and morally, and filled with a noble ambition to serve his country. In the path he longs to tread there is no apparent obstacle, while Fame and Honor, twin angels—instead of the ghostly visitor of Elsinore—beckon him on. The times are, of a truth, out of joint, and, in the opinion of his countrymen, he is the very man who was born to set them right—yet he hesitates, "unpregnant of his cause." The ardent patriotism which inspires his breast is for some mysterious reason suppressed,

"And thus the native hue of resolution
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THE World preaches a homily on the death of Wm. Astor, taking for its text that gem of platonic philosophy. "Man is not made happy by increasing his possessions, but by diminishing his desires." Coming at the height of the campaign in East York, this is timely if not significant. Perhaps Mr. Maclean has discovered that he was slightly in error

when he assured the farmers of that constituency that the N.P. had made them all rich, and now he shrewdly seeks to point out to them that poverty, after all, is the really blessed condition, if you only look at it in the right way. Well, it is to be hoped the philosophy will duly impress them. It is at all events more substantial diet than that hollow mockery, the N.P.

AT the nomination in East York Mr. Maclean stated that he was unaccompanied by any Conservative speakers, but in a short time Mr. Larke, of Oshawa, and Mr. Campbell, M.P.P., of Algoma, turned up in that capacity. Alluding to Maclean's statement, Mr. Preston, engineer of the Reform machine, used the expression, "I do like a good liar." whereupon there was something of a row. The fact really was that Maclean did not know of the presence of his friends, and Preston protested that he did not mean to call him a liar. Taking the expression as it was uttered, and giving due weight to its author's explanation, an interesting question arises. How comes Mr. Preston, who used to be a good young man to have such an exuberant fondness for liars? Can it be that he is brought into association with persons of that sort in the vicinity of the Reform Club? We cannot believe it,



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but in any case he ought to do his best to get over the strange infatuation. It may weaken his own respect for the truth if he doesn't.

AS to the Mr. Larke above referred to, that cheerful bird continues, after the manner of larks, to soar away from the solid ground of facts into the upper regions of fiction as he sings his morning carol in praise of the protection humbug. He is naturally an intelligent man, and he ought to know something of political economy, but the grotesque bosh he talks as to the prosperity which the custom house has brought to Canada is evidently uttered in all sincerity. It is a striking illustration of the saying that a man may make himself believe anything if he keeps at it long enough.

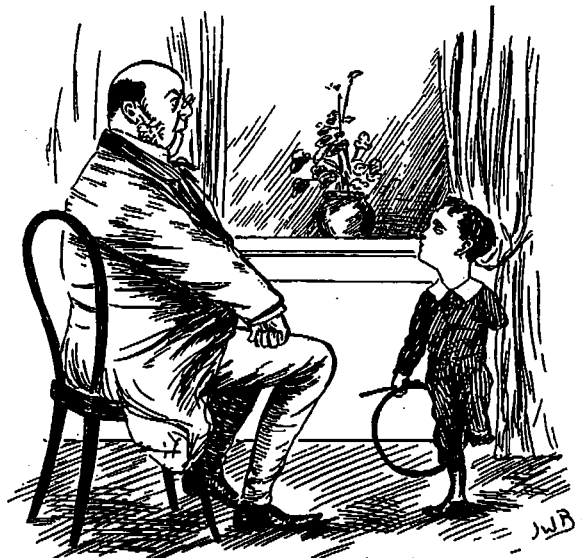
OUR Highland regiment began its career by shocking the good people of Toronto by a Sunday parade. The offence was, of course, aggravated by the fact that the Kilties are nearly all good Presbyterians. But it is only fair to remember that they are but human, and it would be too absurd to expect them to march straight to the kirk by the most direct route, when they were out for the first time with their new clothes on. A painful suspicion haunts the public mind that the church part of it was, in fact, only incidental; that, as in the case of all military church parades, the public demonstration was the thing, with the divine service tacked on as a bit of pious humbug.

AT the close of a single-tax lecture in Ottawa a few evenings ago, the customary privilege of asking questions was extended to the audience, and Mr. A. C. Campbell undertook the task of furnishing the answers. His replies, it need scarcely be said, were in all cases prompt and satisfactory. In one particular instance he was keenly witty. A young gentleman rose and propounded a case as follows: "I buy a picture from an artist for \$100; in, say, five years I sell the picture for \$5,000, and you agree that I am entitled to the profit on the transaction. Now, at the time that I bought the picture a friend of mine bought a piece of land for \$100, and at the time I sold the work of art he sold his land, also for \$5,000. You deny his right to this profit. Upon what rule of justice do you make such a distinction?"

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WHEN will the authorities of the city of Toronto get sufficiently ashamed of the stage fittings of the Pavilion to spend a few dollars in making an improvement therein? At present it is unsightly enough to rob the very finest concert of a great part of its charm. A broad platform without a scrap of carpet, enclosed with cheap looking screens, made of the ugliest wall-paper that could be found in a day's journey. This is the æsthetic framework for an Albani, a Scalchi, a Paderewski or a Lloyd! To be sure, our concert managers try to relieve the depressing effect of it all by setting out a few plants here and there, but this seems only to aggravate the ugliness by contrast. It would cost but little to make the stage and its surroundings beautiful, and the job ought to be done at once. Mayor Fleming, you're a young man of taste—we appeal to you to abate this municipal scarecrow.

THE Grit orators and organs in Ontario should "draw it mild" on the iniquities of the Dominion Franchise Act until something is done to place the voters' lists of the Province in a condition more in accordance with justice. At the late election in this city hundreds of voters found themselves disfranchised through no fault of their own. The parties ought to pool their issues on the voting list business and abolish both acts, placing the franchise on the square, honest and practical basis of manhood suffrage.



ADAPTED BY NATURE.

UNCLE BALDWIN—"Well, my little man, and what do you propose to be when you grow up?"

JIMMY—"Editor of a one-sided party paper, sir."



INGENIOUS.

MAMMA—"Edwin, you have been chewing tobacco, and I'm going to punish you."

TEDDY—"No'm, I didn't chew a bit. I only had it in my pockets to keep the moths from eating holes in 'em."

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DEAR GRIP,—What Canada lacks is local pride and traditions. I've known this for some long time now, but with that brand of modesty which is so truly Canadian, I have kept the matter dark, to see if I could make any money out of it. Not being a politician, I find I cannot. So I hope Canada will forever credit me with giving to my dear country, without hope of personal advancement or sordid gain, this great information. I tell you, MR. GRIP, what Canada stands in need of (besides one honest politician, of course,) is a shoal of bards to arise and sing the beauties of every cross-road in the country *a la* Bonny Doon and Twickenham Ferry. I've been investigating the matter, and you may believe me when I say that, taking it at so many gallons' output per annum, we have rivers in Canada that can double discount Doon, yet not a soul but the razor-backed hog of the country yearns for the banks of our streams. This is the fault of our native raised poet. He is too much given to sunsets, heathen mythology, Parnassus and other foreign parts. Let him arise, rub his eyes, look around him and sing in burning numbers the unrivalled beauties of Woodpecker's Point, Hog's Run, and Dubbs' Corners. To show you what I mean I will now embalm for all future generations a classically cognomened rural locality from which I have just received a kind letter. Please hold on tight to your chair while I give you

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From chic Chicag to gay Madrid,
And Paris, chiefly known through Worth;—
In Windsor, Ont., I was a kid—
Drunk beer in Berlin—on the Spree.—
And gaed roun' Glasca unca dry,
Yet fate has ever held from me
O'Leary Station, P.E.I.

This verse shows how the name of the place inspires the poetic soul.

O'Leary! Bless me, but the name
Has such a verdant, emerald smack,
It lifts me from this land of fame,
And, heaving, hurls me thundering back;
And lo! I see a patriot stand
Proclaiming loud by all that's high
He'll boss the next election, and
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Now we picture the manly pride and indignation of this figure that rises to the poetic mind.

His double-breasted upper lip
Twitches with shame, his passion burns,
When some poor snivelling native slip
After his country's flesh-pot yearns.
His is t' e right the sheep to shear—
He dares the doubters to defy—
I know it, though I've not been near
O'Leary Station, P.E.I.

Then we turn ourself loose and trooping to memory come the O's who, salaried with such self-abnegation, have, time out of mind, filled our public offices.

O'Leary! why, how that name brings
To memory of him who thinks,
A nature narrow in most things
But cosmopolitan in drinks.
Hosts of big O's who ever see
That those who toil beneath the sky
Provide place, pap and P.I.E.,
O'Leary Station, P.E.I.

Now we apostrophize with "thy" and "thee." This is a poet's trade secret, but, as there is no money in it, I give it free.

Fair fertile fancy-feeding spot,
Fain would fleet fickle-fettled fame
Have passed thee by, but my eye caught
Thy classical poetic name,
Thine arms—a pick, a pipe of clay,
A pig, and rampant to the sky
An Irishman proclaiming, "Shtay!"
O'Leary Station, P.E.I.

Before publishing this, MR. GRIP, I think you should invest in a few town lots at O'Leary, as there is sure to be a boom. There may be money in this suggestion, so please keep it dark. Yours as ever,

LONDON, ENG.

JAMES BARR.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"A MAN and a Woman," by Stanley Waterloo, is received from the publishers, F. J. Schulte & Co., Chicago. It is a fascinating story, and deals with the divorce question from a liberal and progressive point of view. Its descriptions of life in the woods of Wisconsin are powerfully drawn, the author evidently having a keen eye for the beauties of nature. Its concluding scenes are strongly pathetic. It is a work that appeals strongly to thinkers on current social questions. The price is fifty cents, for which sum it will be sent to any address, post free, by the Grip Printing and Publishing Company.

AFTER TENNYSON.

THE daylight falls on Caron's hauls,
For Edgar knows the entire story,
And Thompson tries with legal lies
To shield that rascal boodling Tory;
Shout, members, send the wild echoes flying,
And echo answers echo, lying lying, lying.

The darkness sleeps on Rideau's steeps—
The Crown's a name without a mission,
Our honor's lost, knaves rule the roast,
And stolid Stanley goes a-fishin'.
Shout, boodlers! send the wild echoes flying,
And echo answers echo, lying, lying, lying!

AN ARCHÆOLOGICAL ANECDOTE

BRO. DAVID BOYLE, of the Canadian Institute Museum, while skirmishing in the township of Ermosa for archæological remains on September 5th last—there's nothing like being precise in these matters when you are telling a true story—came to a farm-house on lot 29 in the 3rd concession, at about three p.m., and asked the farmer, John W. Winstead by name, for permission to explore Indian sepulchres on his lot. The agriculturist consented, and Bro. Boyle worked away all that afternoon, but without much success. He stayed over-night and resumed his labors on the following day. As he was leaving at half-past four in the afternoon without having obtained the relics he was in quest of, Mr. Winstead condoled with him on his failure.

"I reckon most everythin' in the shape of dead men's bones an' tommyhawks has been carted off this here farm long sence. Last thing they got wuz wen they dug out a old well which had caved in years ago, an' they found a skelerton into it. Said it wuz a white man, though—durned if I kin see how they could tell that. It's Injun bones you're after, an' I allow a white man's remains wouldn't be no kind of use to you."

"Well, that depends," replied Boyle. "You say these bones were found in a well that had caved in?"

"Yes."

"Why, that was a find of extraordinary archæological value. The deceased was certainly one of the ancient caved-wellers."

And he drove hastily away.

PREMIER ABBOTT TO THE WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

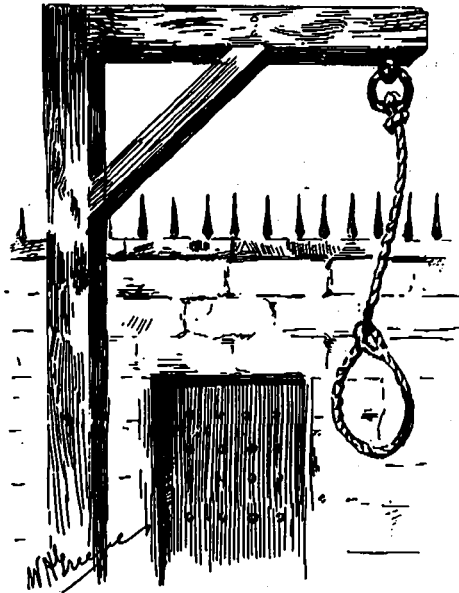


BELIEVE me, dear ladies, I'm quite of your mind, You have set forth your case with a deal of ability, our arguments fully convincing I find, And entitled, I'm sure, to the utmost civility.

It did not require such a charming display Of beauty and grace and tasteful spring dresses As you have brought into my presence to-day, To incline me to listen to all your distresses.

For years I have studied the question you raise,

And I go the whole hog on your Rights, my dear mesdames,
For who could on Woman's sweet countenance gaze
And contentedly leave all the power to the Adams?



LATEST IN NECKWEAR.

(Worn only by high-strung people.)

The men, as you say, are but half of the race,
And both sexes are needed to round out society;
And you urge the high mission of feminine grace
In our public affairs with the utmost propriety.

In short, there is not a word left to be said;
I'm with you throughout, with the greatest of pleasure,
But I really can't promise, my dears, I'm afraid,
That the Government's likely to bring down a measure.

The fact of the matter, between you and me,
Is that Thompson and Caron and Boswell and Foster,
And all of the others are scared as can be
To take such a step for fear of disaster.

They know mighty well that 'twould finish their reign,
And they'd quickly be robbed of their wooden majority,
For women would beat them in contest of brain,
And worse still, would insist on political purity.

So, m sdames, although I'm a friend of your scheme,
You can see, like yourselves, I am tied down most cruelly;
Many thanks for your call—'tis a lovely spring dream—
Good day, and believe me, yours ever most truly!

THE LIMIT REACHED.

SHE—"Oh, John, I must have one of those new seamless dresses which are becoming so fashionable."

HE—"Gracious! You don't mean it, Susan?"

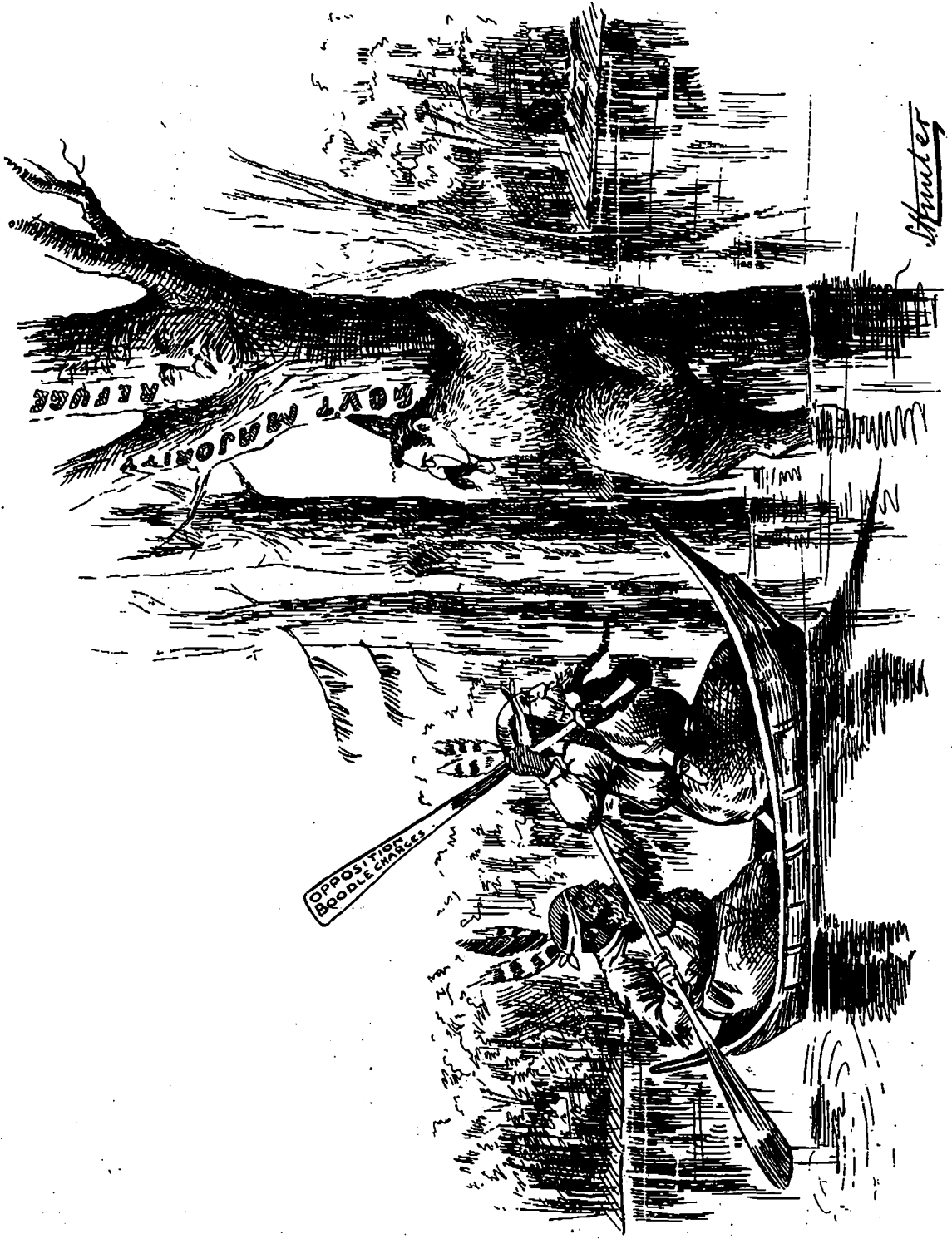
SHE—"But I do, John. I haven't a thing to wear."

HE—"Oh, get a new dress if you want it, but for any sake don't let's have any seamless business. The one you wore at the Jiggersnoots' ball seemed little enough, and there are limits, you know."

AN OBJECTIONABLE PERSON.

TORY—"By the honesty with which he has administered public affairs, Premier Abbott has removed odium from the Government."

GRIT—"Yes, I allow he was one of the worst of the lot, but there's others just as bad as him. Why didn't he remove Caron as well?"



HIS LAST RESORT.



THE THIEVES' KITCHEN.

PUTTING UP A JOB TO CRACK A CRIB.

J.W. Benjamin



AND THE STRING WILL NEVER BREAK.

MR. BIGGLESWADE TAKES THE STUMP.

SO at last I've got the opportunity I've been looking for ever since I joined the Young Liberals a couple of years ago and found out that I really could make a decent speech, without stammering and hesitating and looking over my notes every few seconds, as I used to do at the old Snooks' Corners Debating Club. Well, there's nothing like practice, and when a fellow has been pounding away at it as long as I have, taking lessons in elocution and going to meetings two or three times a week, it's about time for some practical result. They'll have to bring us young fellows with brains to the front, and retire some of these moss-backed old chumps that have run the party into the ground, if they ever mean to do anything. I told Preston as much when he asked me if I wanted to take the platform for Leslie.

I wonder if my speech will catch on. I suppose the *Globe* will give me half a column or so. My! won't it everlastingly paralyze the boys at home when they read of Fred Biggleswade figuring among the big guns in a Toronto election campaign! I'm loaded for bear this time, you bet. I've been doing nothing but look through blue books for the last couple of days to get my facts and figures all right, exposing the corruption of the infamous gang of boodlers at Ottawa, and I've got a peroration that ought to raise the roof off. Jagson and Peters and McGuffy promised they'll come along and applaud for all they were worth at the right places. If it goes I guess they'll take me on as a regular campaign speaker, and then it won't be long before they find me a constituency somewhere. That's better than settling down at the Corners as a country lawyer all my life, which was the height of my ambition three or four years ago. How city life does broaden a man's ideas!

But what's the matter with the people? The audience is very slow in gathering. It's a quarter past eight and the hall isn't a quarter full. They say it's always the way at election meetings. Wish they'd hurry up and commence. There'll be about half a dozen speakers, I suppose, and it'll be late before we conclude. I shall want half an hour at least—perhaps more. Why don't the crowd come in? It's shameful to keep us waiting in this fashion.

Ah! here come three more men and a couple of boys,

which encourages somebody to move that Mr. Chumpley do take the chair. He looks like a thick-headed old duffer, but of course he's an extensive property owner, man of local influence and all that sort of thing, so they tickle his vanity by giving him prominence. Of course he won't want to speak.

Don't he though? He began to make a "few preliminary remarks," and has been talking away for the last ten minutes, reviewing the doings of the Family Compact, the Pacific Railway Scandal, the gerrymander and I don't know what else. Will the man never stop? What's the cheering for? Surely nobody is fool enough to applaud that twaddle. Oh no—it's the candidate, Joe Tait, and half a dozen others who have just come in. Thank goodness, the blathering old fool is down at last!

"Gentlemen, the candidate, Mr. Ald. Leslie."

Well, if I couldn't make a better speech than he can, I'd be ashamed to run for parliament. Of all the lame, hesitating, schoolboy efforts—but the idiots are yelling and pounding like all possessed as though he was really saying something brilliant. Of course that's all arranged by our heelers. Nobody in his senses would cheer such nonsense. Just wait till they hear my speech! I'm next on the program. Ha! he's taking his seat amid a final outburst of applause. Now for it!

Hello! How's this? Cries of "Tait!" "Tait!" from the audience. Upon my soul, if that blooming old idiot of a chairman hasn't called on Joe Tait instead of me! Why it's shameful! It's a quarter past nine already and Tait will speak for half an hour sure—so that by the time I come on most of the people will want to go home. I declare it makes me tired. Did you ever listen to such a conceited, empty-headed wind-bag? Oh, yes, he's got a loud, tearing voice and can roar like a bull of Bashan, but what infernal rot it is! And the idiots in the audience appear to like it. Why, there's one confounded lunatic actually shouting "Go on!" when he hints at the advisability of his leaving off. I wish I had the moral courage to call out "Cut it short!" I'm sure that would be more in accord with the feelings of the intelligent portion of the audience—that is if there are any intelligent people present, which I'm inclined to doubt. Through at last, thank goodness, and I sincerely



WHY THIS IS THUS.

"So long as America clings to the Protective policy, you need not tremble for your commercial supremacy."—Gladstone, to the Merchants of Liverpool.

hope he'll be so hoarse to-morrow that he can't speak above a whisper. Surely at last—

Shunted again! Chairman—confound him!—says:

"We will now have a few remarks from Mr. Blathers." Member of Committee whispers: "Sorry to give you the go-by old man, but you know Blathers is a doubtful man and we want to nail him." Nice way to treat a man, isn't it? Here I've been working for days to get up a real first-class address and I'm to stand aside for a bull-headed lout that hasn't got a single idea and can't speak a sentence without making the most frightful grammatical blunders—just because he's got "influence." Fancy that shambling, big-eared galoot having "influence!" Why, he hasn't even a decent suit of clothes!

Now the crowd are getting restless, and some of them are beginning to go out. No wonder! What self-respecting man would listen to a fellow who says: "Them men which has been sent to represent us has done many things they hadn't ought." Wonder if they expect me to stay and speak to empty benches! Apparently not, for Committee man whispers to me: "We'll have to bring the meeting to a close. Will you move a vote of thanks to the chairman?" No indeed! I'll see him—! Why, I call that adding insult to injury!

I shall vote for Maclean. I don't agree with his politics, of course, but after all, the Tories have more sense than to put up a lot of blathering nincompoops and half-baked ignoramuses to talk, and keep men of brains and intelligence in the background. I've no use for any such party.

ALL IN DUE FORM.

A CANDIDATE'S SUSPENSE RELIEVED AFTER FIVE DAYS WEARY WAITING.

THE following correspondence explains itself:

DUPLICATE RETURNS FOR EACH CANDIDATE.

By virtue of a Writ of Election for the Electoral District of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, dated the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, to me directed, I hereby declare Nelson Gordon Bigelow, Esquire, duly returned to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the said Electoral District of the City of Toronto.

As witness my Hand and Seal this fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

PETER RYAN [L.S.]
Returning Officer.

To PHILLIPS THOMPSON, ESQ., Toronto.

TORONTO, May 5, 1892.

PETER RYAN, ESQ., Returning Officer.

DEAR SIR,—

Yours of to-day duly received. Many thanks for your kindness in taking the trouble to relieve my suspense as to the result of last Friday's contest. The announcement that Mr. Bigelow has been elected was not altogether unexpected, as some rumors to that effect have been in circulation. It is, however, always more satisfactory to learn the cold unpleasant truth in these matters at the earliest possible moment, than to continue cherishing expectations which in the end prove unfounded.

I trust that you have by this time also broken the tidings as delicately as possible to my fellow-unfortunates, Messrs. Kent and Macdonald. I am sure that your words of cheer and sympathy in this hour of affliction will tend to lighten the blow and assuage despondency. For myself I am pleased to have this evidence that even the stern duties and responsibilities of official life cannot altogether eliminate from the human breast those kindly emotions and love for our fellows which tend to uplift humanity and strew flowrets, as it were, along life's rugged and ungranolithic pathway.

I trust you will pardon the suggestion that you might communicate the result to the newspapers, as it is quite likely that others in addition to the candidates may feel some slight degree of interest in the matter.

Yours truly,

PHILLIPS THOMPSON.



THEY BOTH SUPPORT THE LANDLORD.

OH! VIVE L'AMOUR!

THE City Council propose to await the decision of experts who have been sent to investigate the Love system in Chicago, before deciding with regard to the street railway motor. The *Mail* points out that "it remains to be seen whether the action of the Love system will be effective after the wear and tear of years." Judging from the evil notoriety which Chicago has obtained in the matter of divorce, its Love system must be radically defective. "Let Love through all your actions run" is a good motto, but we don't want it exemplified by a series of actions against the city.

TOO PREVIOUS.

FAIR CANVASSER—"I have called, sir, to ask you for a contribution to Foreign Missions."

POLITICIAN—"Why, my dear lady, don't you think it a little premature. No use talking about Foreign Missions till Canada gets the right to make her own treaties."

BOTH WRONG.

PLUGWINCH—"Which is right—'Your vote and interest is requested for Ald. Leslie,' or 'Your vote and interest are requested for Ald. Leslie'?"

BORAX—"Both wrong. It's wrong to ask votes for any such man, no matter how you put it."

A WAIL FROM THE WEST.

GOOD-BYE, fare thee well, Manitoba!
Thou land where 'tis forty below!
I go, though I search the world over,
To some place without blizzards or snow.

Where in ev'ning's soft glow we may linger,
That is, I with the girl of my heart,
Nor fear that Jack Frost's icy finger
May withdraw from its wound cupid's dart.

Where sunshine and warmth are abounding,
And all is delicious repose,
With damsels so dusky surrounding,
Though scanty and light in their clothes.

Where birds of all hues iridescent
'Mid palms flit from blossom and bough,
And life is contented and pleasant—
So different to what it is now!

Where, instead of cold waves that alarm us,
Blue waves kiss a coral-girt shore,
Where at ease in loose robes and pyjamas,
She and I will recline evermore.

WINNIPEG, April, 1892

F.F.D.

THE ARTFUL DODGER.



OW the following scrap of Dickens' manuscript came into the possession of GRIP need not be stated. As every one familiar with the works of the great English novelist will agree, the passage was evidently written as an episode in the story of "Oliver Twist," but for some reason or other, was omitted from the published edition. Its curious bearing upon a case now before the Canadian public, aside from its intrinsic literary value, invests it with peculiar interest at the present moment. The MSS. runs as follows: "Having, with a sagacity beyond his years, pieced together the proofs of the Dodger's guilt, Oliver determined to lay the case before the good old gentleman under whose hospitable roof he was involuntarily domiciled. He felt sure that so good a man, with so profound a regard for the reputation of his establishment, and so sedulous a desire for the moral welfare of his young lodgers, would hasten to make due enquiry into the matter, and, if the charges were proved, to visit condign punishment upon the culprit. This confidence on Oliver's part sprung not merely from his general high opinion of Mr. Fagin's character, but from a recollection of a recent deliverance by that virtuous person, to the effect that if any boy ever had any charge to make against any other boy in his boarding-house, he pledged his honor that a full and fair investigation would be promptly made.

Accordingly, the next morning, while Mr. Fagin sat at his frugal breakfast, Oliver waited upon him. He noted with satisfaction that the good old gentleman seemed to be in an unusually pleasant and judicial state of mind. Yesterday's stealings had been highly satisfactory. "If you please, sir," said Oliver, making a polite bow and speaking with more confidence than usual, "I have some serious charges to make against Jack Hawkins,

alias the Artful Dodger, a member of this House, and one of your colleagues in the ministry."

"Indeed, my dear?" replied the Jew, with an encouraging smile, "Charges against the Dodger, have you, my dear?"

"Yes, sir," rejoined Oliver.

"Very good, my dear. Tell me what they are, and don't be afraid to speak out."

Whereupon Oliver formulated his charges, which were, in effect, that the Dodger had made a corrupt deal through Nancy, whereby he had accepted from Bill Sykes a certain amount of money from a fund which Mr. Fagin had entrusted to the latter for the carrying on of a certain specific business, and that this crookedly secured boodle had been applied by the said Dodger to certain illegitimate purposes, which were duly stated in detail. Having finished the reading of the indictment—for Oliver had carefully committed it to writing—he respectfully awaited Mr. Fagin's action.

"Very good, my dear," said that gentleman at length, but in a tone which expressed neither horror nor surprise, "very good—only your charges are not specific enough, my dear."

"I'm sorry for that, if you think so," replied Oliver, "but I've given the names, amounts, dates and places, and I don't see how I could make them more specific."

"Vell," responded the Jew, "what do you wish me to do, my dear?"

"I think, sir," said Oliver, "you ought to investigate the charge before a committee of the House."

"Thank you, my dear, you are a good boy," said the old gentleman kindly. "I will see that justice is done, my dear."

It was with some anxiety that Oliver awaited the opening of the enquiry, and several days passed before Mr. Fagin again referred to the matter. At length one morning, when the members of his household were all present, Fagin rose in his place and said:

"My dears, I wish to inform you that the charges made against our dear friend, the Dodger, by our good little boy Oliver, will be enquired into right away. As they were not specific enough, I have gone over them with my dear young friend, the Dodger, and he has altered them to suit himself, and they will now be investigated and reported upon, not by a committee of your number but by a commission composed of Jack Hawkins and the Artful Dodger. I hope this will be quite satisfactory to you all, especially to the Dodger."

"Carried!" shouted Charley Bates.

And then the whole company burst forth and sang "God save the Queen"—that is, all but Oliver, who felt that an outrage on justice had been perpetrated.

TARA, ETC.

THE harp that once in Tara's halls
Its solo music played
Don't du-ett any more because
Its strings are badly frayed.
So sleeps the pride of Erin's fame;
In Tara's mute decay,
The sole remembrance of the name
Is Tara-boom-de-ay.

NO ALTERNATIVE.

MRS. CADGER—"John, you'll have to have coffee for your lunch to-day; there's no alternative."

JOHN (who hates coffee)—"Well, but isn't there any tea?"



HE WANTED A TEST.

WOMAN OF HOUSE (to tramp)—“Why don't you follow some calling?”

TRAMP—“Madam, you just hustle around to the house, put a good square meal on the table, and then call me, and judge for yourself whether I'll follow it or not.”

GROWING INTELLIGENCE OF THE MASSES.

THE following letter appeared in a recent issue of the *Mail*:—

SIR,—On Thursday evening last I happened to be passing the factory of Firstbrook Bros., King street east, and was grossly insulted by a gang of hoodlum employees who happened to be standing in the archway of the building, who used every insulting epithet they could possibly level at me. This, I may say, is a common occurrence in the city to those wearing Her Majesty's uniform, and it is high time some notice was taken of it by the civil authorities.

Yours, etc.,

A SOLDIER.

TORONTO, April 29th.

This is one of the most encouraging indications of the growth of a healthy public sentiment on the subject of militarism that we have noticed for a long time. The masses are beginning to recognize instinctively that the red-coated loafer, who, in order to get an easy living undertakes to do any dirty work in the way of butchering his fellow men that a corrupt and rascally government may have on hand is only deserving of contempt and insult. The “hoodlums” know that they are taxed to keep up a set of swaggering dudes and conceited popinjays whose uniform is the symbol of their readiness to become murderers at the word of command. They know too that in the case of any civil disturbance they themselves might as likely as not be the victims. Why should they not let these lazy swash-buckling bullies know what they think of them? We admit that it would perhaps show a little better taste to refrain from epithets, and treat the passing soldier to a philosophical disquisition on the wickedness and absurdity of the military system, but there are obvious difficulties in the way, and possibly the

“hoodlum's” rough and ready fashion of giving utterance to his opinions is the only one adapted to the barrack-room stage of intellectual development.

A CHUMP CANDIDATE.

THE low grade of intelligence and ability of the men elected at the dictation of party caucuses to represent Toronto in the House of Commons is notorious, and frequently the subject of disparaging comment. It is not, of course, to be expected that under the party system we can send men of the highest class, but there is really no need that they should be chumps or non-entities. The reflections so often made on the calibre of our city representatives are naturally directed against the Tory machine, inasmuch as it is responsible for them, but how much better are the Grits likely to do, judging from their last nomination? Ald. J. K. Leslie, in addressing the nominating convention, characterized the United States as the meanest nation on the face of the earth. What sort of a representative of the intelligent people of Toronto is the man who, in the vain attempt to deodorize his party from the savor of annexationism, could make use of such an expression?

W. F. Maclean may not be all that could be desired as a candidate, but at all events he is not a fool, and would not disgrace us by senseless clap-trap of this sort.

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PROPER ELECTRICITY.

RENFREW, March 15, 1892.

PROF. VERNOY:

DEAR SIR.—I feel it my duty to you and the public at large, to let them know of the great benefit I have received from your electric treatment.

My case was a very peculiar one, and baffled the skill of a great many physicians. I have been a sufferer for fifteen years with a severe pain in my face, and in that time have tried everything and treated by a great many physicians for neuralgia, and had all my teeth taken out to try and allay the pain, but could not get anything to do any good.

The last physician I had advised me to go to Dr. Galligan of this town to inject morphine to allay the pain, but the doctor objected, and advised me to go to Toronto and try your electric treatment, stating at the same time that his sister had been up to Toronto for your electric treatment after having spent one thousand dollars on other physicians who had done her no good, and after three weeks of your treatment was thoroughly cured.

I took Doctor Galligan's advice, and in three weeks was completely cured, have not been troubled with any pain since, and for which I am truly thankful.

My son also has received great benefit from your treatment. If the above should fall into the hands of some poor sufferer it might be the means of their cure by applying to you.

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PARIS, April 21, 1892.

PROF. VERNOY:

DEAR SIR.—About three months ago a gentleman wrote me concerning the merits of your electric battery. The following is a copy of my reply to him. If you can make any use of it as a testimonial, you are at liberty to do so:

"I cannot speak too highly of electricity. Last May I was obliged to give up pastoral work because of brain troubles which started from over-study four years ago. During six weeks of July and August I was treated with electricity by Prof. Vernoy. My whole system seemed to be almost completely exhausted when I went to him, but it responded favourably to the electricity at once. The brain troubles, however, seemed very stubborn in yielding at first, but after three months' use of the battery I was so far improved that I began to preach, and have been able to continue ever since. I am now nearly well, at all events I am almost free from the scalding, painful sensation that I had in the top of my head, when I began to use electricity. I am still using it, and am steadily improving.

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"Hoping you may speedily find that which will restore you to sound health. I am, very sincerely yours,

S. SHELLON.

P.S.—I am feeling very well; am about settling as pastor over a church in Carleton Place, near Ottawa. I hope you will meet with the success in your new enterprise that your cause deserves.

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S. S.

We may add that such cases of nervous exhaustion and brain troubles under the usual mode of treatment, with "a change of air, climate, sea voyage, rest, etc.," usually taken from one to five years to be restored, if at all. By Prof. Vernoy's it seems to be only a matter of weeks or months, less the expensive journey, etc. Those who care to save expense and time, when home comforts and speedy restoration to health and renewed vigor of mind and body, should duly consider the advantages offered through a course of treatment by a desirable system well established, affording such speedy cures and not expensive.

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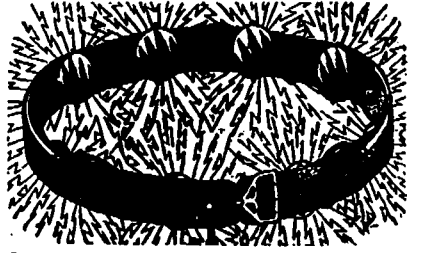
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By order of the Board
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