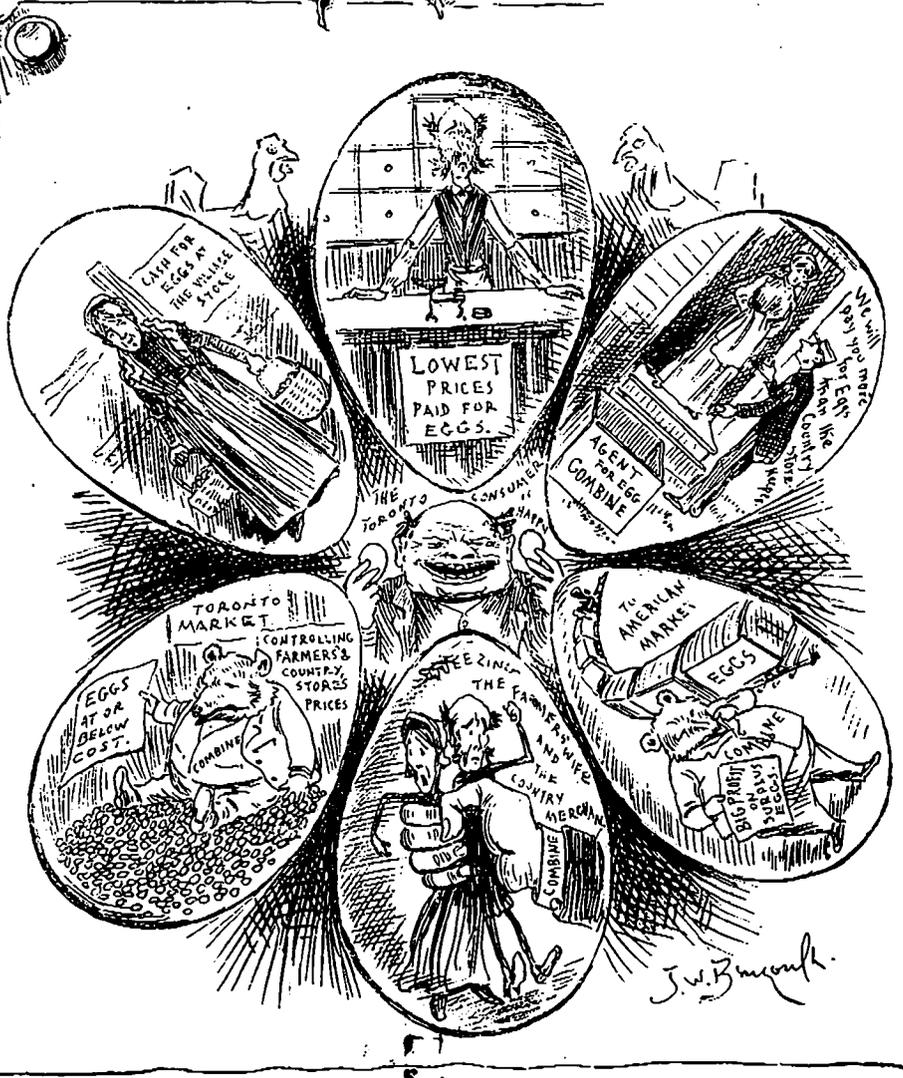


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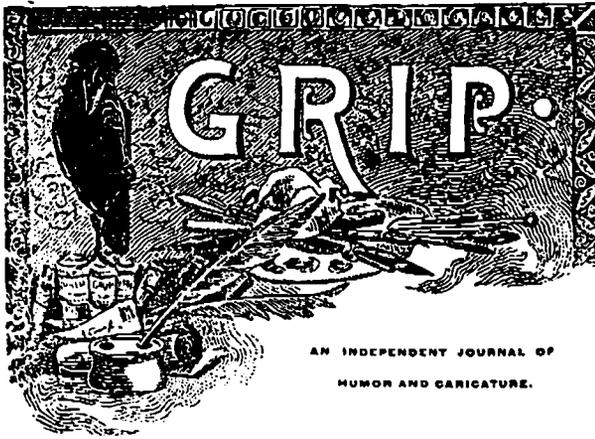
THE LATEST YOLK IMPOSED ON THE FARMER BY THE CHICKEN-RY OF THE MONOPOLISTS.

The gravest beast is the ASS.
 The gravest bird is the Owl.
 The gravest fish is the Oyster.
 The gravest man is the fool.
 Wm. Miller

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THE BIG SNAKE KILLED AT LAST.—The monopoly monster in the great North-West is dead. Sir John wants it distinctly understood that he performed the herculean feat of slaying the serpent all by himself, and that the pleadings, threatenings and kickings of Norquay and Greenway and all the rest of them, had nothing to do with it. Well, the matter of apportioning the glory may be squabbled over for ever and a day, so long as the fact remains that the big snake is dead, beyond all hope of resuscitation. If Sir John can convince himself that the remarkably favorable terms upon which the C.P.R. Syndicate consented to the cancellation of the monopoly clause of their charter were due to his statesmanship, and that he took action of

his own motion to free the North-West, we do not grudge him a particle of the self-approval he must enjoy. We do not see, however, what he could have "done about it" if the railway people had demanded \$15,000,000 in cash instead of merely asking a 3½ per cent. guarantee upon bonds to that amount. He has, in our view, had a miraculous escape; nothing but the most unaccountable generosity on the part of the Syndicate saved him from a final and fatal catastrophe. We hope it will be a warning to him never again to insist on putting such a clause into a charter against the plain dictates of prudence. But now that it is all over—now that our great Western domain is safely out of the clutch of the gigantic monopoly—we can afford to let Sir John think anything he pleases. The rising sun of hope floods the prairies with its cheerful light, and the whole population, Grit and Tory, caper with glee at the prospects of good times coming!

THE EGG COMBINE.—Quite a pretty little scheme, this egg-combine, by which the farmers and country storekeepers are chiselled out of a couple of cents per dozen on hen-fruit. And, like all

the efforts of genius, marvellously simple. Toronto being the controlling market for eggs in this part of the Dominion, it is only necessary to control the Toronto price in order to be able to dictate terms to the farmers and middlemen in the matter of eggs. The combine controls this market by keeping it well supplied, and selling, if necessary, at or below cost. The surplus eggs they ship to the American market, where eggs command a high figure, and thus do they fill their pockets with wealth as honestly made as the average fortunes of the day. It is pretty hard on the farmers' wives, to whom eggs represent pin-money; and it is sure death to the unlucky country merchants. The only consolation these worthy people have is in knowing that at least the Toronto consumer has every reason to be happy under the arrangement.

THE MONTREAL STATUE.—The project of building a statue of the Virgin Mary and placing it on the summit of Mount Royal is likely to be abandoned by the Roman Catholics of Montreal, out of deference to the feelings of the Protestant minority. M. Côté's sketch intimates that this decision is in accordance with the principles enunciated by St. Paul in his letter to the Romans of an earlier day—a principle which Christians of all denominations are too apt to ignore in their actions.

REV. B. J. WATTERS, Parish Priest of Goderich, addresses us as his "dear friend," and asks us to sell some tickets for his lottery. This illegal gambling racket is, of course, in aid of the holy cause of religion, and we take this, the first opportunity of bringing it to the knowledge of Rev. Father Watters' other "dear friend," Attorney-General Mowat. Go for him, Oliver!

A JUBILANT rummy up the country sends GRIP a telegram crowing over the Scott Act Waterloo. He signs it "Liberty," of course—the glorious liberty to make drunkards having once more been authorized by law in Simcoe, Bruce, Huron, Dufferin, Renfrew and Norfolk. GRIP has a profound respect for public opinion, but no majorities against the Scott Act can alter his estimate of the liquor traffic, which, he may take the opportunity of saying, he regards and always will regard as an unmitigated nuisance and curse.

IT is to be hoped that our good friend, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, feels duly honored by the fact that his deliverances on the drink question were used as campaign documents by the rum-sellers, and no doubt helped to re-legalize the traffic. He ought to be quite satisfied. In all the counties above named the "wines of Palestine" will now be on draught, and their beneficent influence will be seen in the criminal statistics of the year.

FOR one, GRIP can find no tears to shed over the so-called disaster. The Scott Act, under the manipulation of a Government whose whole sympathy is with the liquor traffic, is a mere misrepresentation of Prohibition. The only worthy feature about it is that it outlaws the traffic, and helps to elevate public opinion. What the country wants is straight out national Prohibition, enforced by a Government that believes in it. There must be no John Carlings in the Cabinet.

THE present Government is a little too previous in some things, although it has a *penchant* for blue-mould in most matters. Here it has gone and ratified the Fishery treaty without waiting to see what the American Senate intended to do about it. And the Senate aforesaid has incontinently kicked the document out of doors. The shrewd Yanks can now reopen the question, don't you see, and, beginning on the ratified gains, grab with both hands for more.

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“SHE KNEW.”

Lady (from Hamilton).—Is that chicken by the gate a Brahmin?

Farmer.—No, he's a leghorn.

Lady (from H.)—Why, to be sure, how stupid of me! I can see the horns on his ankles!

THE CHRONICLES OF THE COMBINE.

IN the year of the feast of the bissexile, wherein, by ancient custom and tradition of our forefathers, the woman may, without loss of honor or respect unto herself, propose unto, and covenant to take unto herself, to love, cherish, and support the elusive male:

In the same year the chief rulers of the people did make unto the nation an appeal concerning the laws of tithe and custom, which they had aforetime caused to be levied upon certain merchandise, being brought from other countries; upon the juice of the grape, and fine linen; and frankincense; and the sap of the sugar cane.

And there abode in the city of the Mount Royal certain men, who, by refining the sap of the cane, and adding thereto glucose and divers other compounds, did convert the same into yellows, and granulate, whereby the people were enabled to give a pleasant flavor to their flagons of tea, and of coffee, and of toddy; yea, tradition sayeth even unto the lemonade at the feast of the tabernacles. And they were passing rich.

Wherefore, when certain leaders of a portion of the Council, who were evilly disposed into tithes, and customs, whereby the yellows, and granulates of other countries, even unto the land of the covenant, were forbidden the ports of the nation, spake against the enactment, then did the chief officer of the refinery, named Georgious, a man of mighty valor, girt his loins about, and, on high places, did utter bitter and grievous words

against these evilly disposed persons; and unto the laborers in the market places, wherein his voice was heard, did thus hold forth:—

Know ye, oh people, lo, these nine years have we heaped up shekels, by reason of the tithe; and have given ye employment at great wages; and have attained a cheap market where ye may obtain yellows and granulate for your flagons of tea, and of coffee, and of toddy, and for your lemonade at the feasts of your tabernacles.

Now, hearken and consider, for peradventure the wiles of these evilly-disposed persons shall prevail, and the great Johannes be driven from his seat; then shall we close the doors of our refinery, and the smoke of its furnace shall no more darken the sky; and ye shall go forth into exile, ye and your wives, and your little ones.

And the people cried with a loud voice: “Let Johannes the Great reign.” And it was so.

And there abode in that city certain merchants who sold unto dealers, living in the regions of the Ottawa and Gananoque, and other remote places scattered throughout the land, even unto the borders of the great lakes, the yellows and granulates, which were refined by Georgious and his workmen.

And there were certain other merchants, who retailed their wares to the inhabitants of the city only; and who also to them retailed yellows and granulate, for values just as much as they could obtain, and no more.

Then did Georgious issue unto these merchants a manifest signed by his own name, setting forth certain wily reasons for the which they should combine together with him, and make their own prices for the yellows and granulates, saying: Lo! the St. Lawrence refinery has been consumed by fire; and the Halifax!! is it not in our own hands?

Wherefore, men and brethren, bind ye together, and unto us, that we may show the people of this land our power, and may make unto ourselves shekels of gold and shekels of silver. And the merchants said, Amen!

For the people, even the electors, had listened unto his words in the market places, and had set their marks opposite the names of those who were chosen to support Johannes the Great.

And certain young men, being ready writers, sat them down and indited on parchment the rules and laws of the guild, and the same were carried forth by servants of guileful tongue unto the traders scattered throughout the land, and many, for the love of lucre, did sign it and bind themselves to carry out the laws and enactments of the combine.

So the merchants in the city of Mount Royal, and throughout the land, became tributaries unto Georgious, and could not so much as call their souls their own, but were subject unto his will, and did buy at whatever seemed unto him good, and did sell at whatever prices were determined beforehand by the rulers and teachers of the combine and considered themselves made up forever.

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(Specially drawn for Grip.)**BITING OFF HIS NOSE, ETC.**

What's the matter Mike? you look sick.
 O'im starvin.' We're on a stroike, and o'I havn't et anything for days.
 Why don't you go to work, then?
 Work! and let the monopolists thrive off me? o'I'll doi first.

Boundlightly, seeing that he afterwards became apostate, and left his first love, and the name of the other was James Adam, a son of Mathew, the same being a leader of a great sect, and a man of good conscience.

And when he refused to sign the roll, lo and behold Georgious spoke unto him bitter and burning words, and said, Thou shalt not have yellows or granulate from us, saving thou pay so much more than the Guild.

But he turned himself away and called unto him his sons and said, We will not sign this roll, forasmuch as it seemeth unto me an abomination that men should grind down the face of the poor.

What aileth now the land of the covenant that we may not get goods from thence, and sell unto the people? And his sons said, even so.

So they and Boundlightly did send mighty ships unto that country, and argosies, which did carry them cargoes of yellow and granulate, which they forthwith sold throughout the land.

But Georgious, when the news was brought unto him, waxed exceeding wroth, and gnashed upon them with his teeth, but they smole and heeded him not.

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OUR LEAP YEAR BALL.

DEAR MR. GRIP,—

I thought you would like to hear about our Leap Year Ball. It was just the sweetest thing that was ever given in this dear old city, and Mabel Smith says she would not have missed it for a coupè. Just think of one

of the lordly mansions on the mountain being thrown open, with all its luxurious appointments, to us girls, to have all the fun we wanted, and to pay off the men in their own coin! Didn't they look silly sitting about the room, waiting to be asked to dance, while we went about and filled up our programmes with all the nicest fellows and the best dancers? They tried to look indifferent, but it was a dead failure. They haven't studied the art so long as we have, and we could just see that they were on pins and needles. My! but they made stiff wall flowers, and they found out how pleasant it is to "blush unseen and waste their sweetness on the desert air." There was one dude, we just boycotted. He goes to all the parties dances twice, and passes the rest of the evening holding up the door post. Well, we just let him see we didn't approve of that sort of thing, by never asking him to dance at all. Didn't he look small! It was almost pitiful to see his anxious glances, when any girl came near him engaging dances, and passed him by, as if she were quite unconscious of his dear existence.

At supper time we took our partners down, and didn't we give it back to them for their shabby treatment for the past three years! We helped them to just a little taste of anything they wanted—not enough to satisfy the most delicate appetite—and then we offered them our arms and took them upstairs again, as quick as possible. Some of them we didn't take down at all, so they might see how awfully jolly it is when a poor girl is left behind with no one to see or care whether she gets anything to eat or not. Then we went down and stayed about an hour, having just the loveliest time you ever saw. We got enough to eat for once in our life, and we had toasts and sung "Jolly Good Fellows," and had the dearest old gossip about the

men. It was too funny for anything to hear all the little experiences of the evening related at their expense.

When we returned to the ball-room we found them wandering about as if they didn't know what to do with themselves, so that we took pity on them, and made it a little more lively for the rest of the evening.

My! haven't they been good ever since! I think a Leap Year Ball, once a year, would do them all the good in the world. If we have another you may expect to hear again from

Yours devotedly,
 MONTREAL, April, 1888.

KATIE.

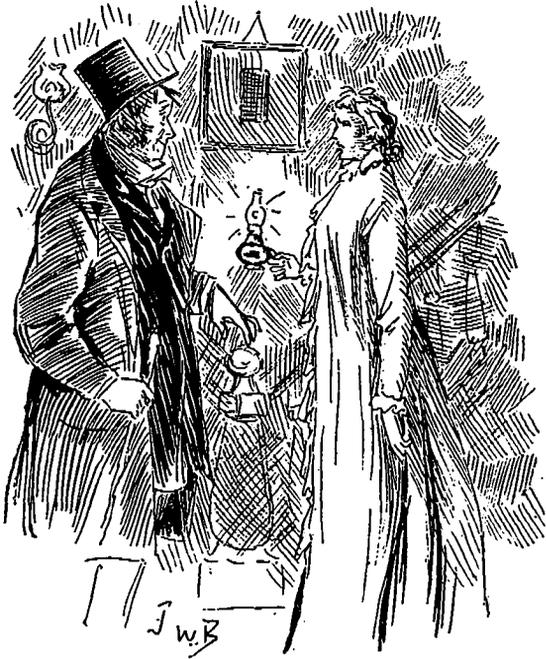
A FEW MORE EXTRACTS

FROM "THE JESTER'S HANDBOOK, OR EVERY MAN HIS OWN HUMORIST."

WE give a few more clippings from the pages of the entertaining volume above mentioned, which, we understand, is meeting with a ready sale among diners out, politicians, and the large class popularly known as "Smart Alecks."

AT THE TAILOR SHOP.

"I want a new suit. Have you anything to suit me? Credit? Yes, of course. I wish to present a creditable appearance. Yes, that is a fine piece of tweed, the Boss Tweed, I suppose. But I think I prefer this article of twilled goods. As Shakespeare says 'Tis enough, 'twill serve.' You have quite a display of fashion plates. I judge that your store must be well patternized. That



CANDOUR.

Irate Wife.—This is a pretty time of night! You should have been home full two hours ago!

Boozy Husband.—Yesh m'dear, bur I wasn' full two 'rs ago!

style of coat prevails in fashionable coteries, eh? Curious, isn't it, when you come to think of it, that they do not make pants in a pantry, nor yet vests in a vestry.

FOR A SUMMER RAMBLE IN THE COUNTRY.

"'S weat weather; I feel it at every pour. List to the robins' note on yonder bank. That sparrow, now, is of a different specie, but will pass current, as it has flown across the creek. Hark to the merry whirr of the mowing machine—the old-fashioned scythe is no mower! The ancient Scythians are now extinct. Mark yon stalwart peasant garnering the festive potato-bug. The Egyptians worshipped bugs, in which respect they did not differ much from us, for we too worship in-sects. Seated on this fallen beach tree I could fancy myself at the Island. Why so? Why, because I'm on the beach. But the oaks (hoax) are too obvious to sustain the delusion. How sad to reflect that they are doomed to fall before the woodman's hacks.

AT FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

Good afternoon, ladies; I will quaff with you 'the cup that cheers but not inebriates.' I do not like the (hic) cup. Cream, if you please—the lac-teal fluid, so called because you can drink milk when you lack tea. Yes, I will take another. A cup'll (couple) be better than one. I declare I'm becoming a regular Bohemian. Will I report the affair for *Life*? Certainly, if you'll give me the details. In society reporting we need the name and a-dress! If you want your horoscope read you must tell when you were born. The idea of such a revelation is enough to give your horror-scope!

AT A 'SILVER COLLECTION' LECTURE.

Rather reminds me of an English church service. 'Collect,' you know. Well, I will contribute my *quota*.

This is the ante-room, I suppose, so we must ante up. The lecturer has a silvery tone, but his notions are somewhat sentimental—five-cent-imental.

SEED THOUGHTS.

It is said that in France they call a pipe-organ a *toot ensemble*.

WHEN one ties a stocking round his neck for sore throat, might not his neck be said to be a hose-reel?

AT this season of the year the young ladies are complaining that their lips are apt to be troubled with chaps.

THE poet has undoubtedly made one of the best puns in literature when he says "Water the wild waves saying?"

A SWEET girl graduate *in prospectu* wants to know if an 'Arch-duke' means one that has curvature of the spine.

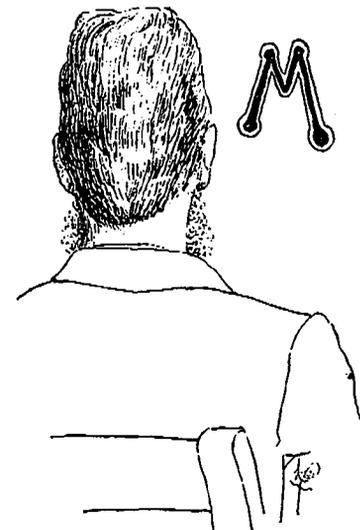
It is rumored that the words of the old song are to be changed so as to read "Silver threads among the Goldine."

NOT to be outdone by New York, the *Standard* clique in Montreal is going to erect a gigantic statue of a female figure. There is a good deal of difference in the ideas, however. The statue on Bedlow's Island represents "Liberty Enlightening the World;" the Montreal statue will stand for "Superstition Darkening Quebec."

SUMMER RESORT ATTRACTIONS.

WEAVING AROUND COMMONPLACE LOCALITIES THE CHARM OF LEGENDARY LORE.

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A LIKENESS—TO A HAIR.

R. J. INLDEDEW DUXTER, LL.D., author of "Western Warblings," recently issued by The Fakir Publishing Co., begs to intimate to hotel proprietors, managers of summer resorts, and others interested, that he is prepared to supply at as low a rate as is consistent with artistic workmanship, appropriate legends, anecdotes and reminiscences calculated to add to the interest of the various localities. Mr. Duxter feels sure that the importance of this feature as a means of investing summer resorts with additional

attractiveness will at once be appreciated. He need only refer to the benefits conferred upon Catskill Mountain resorts by Irving's legend of Rip Van Winkle, and what Longfellow has done to advertise Nova Scotia, by his poem of Evangeline, to convince enterprising Canadian hotel men and real estate owners that a few well worked-out legends associated with the locality in which they are interested would be an investment which would repay them a hundred-fold. He will undertake to throw

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THEATRICAL MEM—A DEAD HEAD.

as it were the mellowing atmosphere of romance and poesy around the neighborhood at the following very reasonable rates:—

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If desired Mr. Duxter will visit the locality for the purpose of working up the details of the legends, and adapting them to the features of the scenery, and of coaching the oldest inhabitants, whose co-operation it is of course desirable to secure. For this service he will charge \$3 per day and expenses. It is hardly necessary to point out that the guides, tradesmen, boat-owners, and other residents being all interested in encouraging summer travel, will as a rule be ready to express implicit belief in any legend which may be given currency.

The following testimonials from former patrons sufficiently indicate the advantage of the project:—

MUD CREEK HOTEL,
MUSKOKA, April 12, 1888.

J. INGLEDEW DUXTER, ESQ.
DEAR SIR,—As a liar you are a phenomenal success, your Indian legend is a great fake. It caught on first rate, and saved me fully \$100 in advertising, being reprinted gratis in many papers. Send me half a dozen first class fish stories. Yours, etc.,

J. BIDDLECOME.

MYSTIC FALLS HOUSE,
MYSTIC FALLS, March 30, 1888.

MY DEAR DUXTER,—I can heartily certify to the efficacy of your legends in stimulating interest and increasing summer travel. Your story of the "Lovers Leap," and the ghosts of the lovers hovering on moonlight nights over the falls drew very well. I am having it reprinted in the local papers ready for the coming season, and have hired two reliable citizens to see the ghosts just as soon as the warm weather sets in.

Yours truly,
W. SHARKEY.

SMITHERS HOTEL.

PROF. DUXTER, BUGGTOWN, January 16, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—I may say that the local tradition supplied by you of a skirmish between Yankee and Canadian militia in this neighborhood has done much to promote our interests. It would no doubt have been considerably more effective but for the fact that the Oldest Inhabitant who witnessed the affair when a boy is somewhat addicted to liquor, and seldom tells the story twice the same way. He is so unreliable that we have dispensed with his services, and wish to replace him. If you can secure us in Toronto a man who will fill the bill—one of venerable aspect, with a long white beard if possible—we will find him board and clothes during the season.

Yours respectfully,
P. HIGGINBOTTOM SMITHERS.

P.S.—By special arrangements entered into with Mr. David Boyle, the well-known dealer in Indian relics, Mr. Duxter is enabled to procure for the benefit of his patrons supplies of Indian antiquities in the latest styles, on terms very slightly in advance of factory prices. These relics if judiciously planted and discovered accidentally, at an opportune moment, can be used in corroboration of legends or otherwise, and seldom fail to excite curiosity and boom the locality as a centre of romantic interest. A very superior article in Algonquin skulls is offered at cost price. Catalogues sent on application.

GODFREYE ;

OR, THE TRIUMPH OF A WALKING-STICK.—*Concluded.*

THERE, quite still, in a half-kneeling attitude, with his head half-submerged in the water-hole, and in a position betokening that he had been watching as the boys had reported, was Godfreye de Sinclaire. He was frozen stiff, all but his brain, which had crystallized into a tiny lump, and now rattled in his skull as they moved him. To the cape of his long coat of the three checks was pinned a piece of paper. Being unable to decipher the hieroglyphics upon it, which had been traced in lead-pencil, the men carried the paper to the deputy of Godfreye's department. That high official had only one document in Godfreye's handwriting in the department, namely, the poor fellow's application for appointment, which, by the way, was the only one Godfreye had ever been known to write ; except his acceptances to the balls at Government House. But the deputy was a shrewd, clever man, who had dealt with many and varied hand-writings, and he made Godfreye's intelligible. The note translated, ran as follows:—

"I am going to die. I feel it ; I feel it in my bones. (We should think he must have.) I have lost my walking-stick. It fell through this beastly hole, and I have been watching heah evah since the mawning for it to come up, and it hasn't come up yet. I am vevy tired, but I'll keep on watching, because it might come up, you know, and then go down again, just like ddowning people, you know. I could nevah go back to town without my walking-stick. Just fawncy walking home down Spawks stweet—I could nevah go any othaw way—with-out my walking-stick! Widiculous !

"It is now evening, and the sun is setting. It looks glowious. I am going to take another look now.

"GODFREYE DE SINCLAIRE.

"P.S.—It is vevy cold.—G. DE S."

Poor Godfreye ! As he had no relations and did not leave any money behind wherewith to provide himself a funeral, they merely tumbled him into the hole, and the little heaps of cigarette ashes round about were strikingly appropriate. Confidentially, we are afraid the fish will be disgusted. He had never taken into consideration the fact that the head of the walking-stick being of celluloid, the whole durned concern would infallibly sink. The department is mourning that it has lost such a valuable—celluloid—head.



LET THE ROMANS REMEMBER PAUL'S EPISTLE.

Catholic Majority (to Protestant Minority).—IF STATUES OF THE VIRGIN MAKE MY BROTHER TO OFFEND, I WILL BUILD NO STATUES WHILE THE WORLD STANDS!

A MEAN ATTACK.

"SEE here," said the assistant society editor to his chief, "the Stumptown *Gazette* wants to exchange I guess. They have given us a first-class notice."

"Hand it over," said the editor. He fastened his eyes upon the paragraph carefully marked with a blue pencil. Presently a scowl corrugated his brow as he read, "Humph!—'thoughtful and suggestive editorials'—'bears evidences of profound research and appeals strongly to those of high intellectual tastes'—'distinguished for its breadth of view and keenness of analysis'—well of all the mean, spiteful, malicious hounds—to try and stab me in the back in that fashion. Wants to exchange does he? I'll see him —"

"But it struck me as a pretty good notice," said the assistant.

"Good notice!" shouted the proprietor. "You call that a good notice? Great Cæsar, man, what sort of a paper do you think I'm running? If the people ever get the idea that we are publishing stuff that it requires brains to understand we may as well close up. No sir, it will never do to let that impression get abroad. Throw the blamed sheet into the waste basket and try and make your stuff a little lighter. If it ever strikes you that you are giving vent to an idea strike it out. That's something that our crowd can't stand."

STANDING BY THE EMPIRE.

A BROTHER JOURNALIST COMMISSERATES THE CAPTIVE EDITOR.



CONSTABLE, excuse me for a moment while I have a word or two with the prisoner. No, you needn't remove the hand-cuffs; but you might take off those leg-bracelets, they are rather too cumbersome, not to mention conspicuous. There, thanks! Now, with your club in one hand and your pistol in the other, you can stand right at the door, and if there should be any attempt at escape on the part of the felon, you

will be prepared to frustrate it or kill him—I guess it wouldn't matter much which, to him.

Heavens, David, what does this mean! How in the name of Peace did you ever get into this horrible hobble! Don't take on, now; I am not meaning to be unkind. But, great snakes! I never thought to find you in such a heart-rending predicament. Dear! dear! What did you do it for? How in the name of all that's prudent and cautious and decent, did you ever come to be guilty of this thing? There's some infernal mystery, some diabolical plot, some dog-gone diviltry about the whole wretched business! It fairly drives me wild to think of you, my old chum, my erstwhile bosom friend, my quondam —! Jumpin' Jupiter, Dave, am I only dreaming, or is it stereotyped copper-faced, 13-ems wide reality? Here, old boy, shake, anyhow! I'm not the man to go back on an old newspaper brother, even if he is knocked into pi! Hang it all, David, I'm sorry for you—deuced sorry. But the thing is done and

you can't help it now. If I were in your tough trouble, I'd plead guilty on the spot and let 'er go, Gallagher! 'Pon my soul I would, Davy! When you come out, the miserable racket 'll be pretty well forgotten and old friends 'll come to you again by degrees. It's rough to do time, I know—not that I ever went down myself, but I've known tramp printers to get thirty days, and so you see I've a sort of notion from their stories how a couple of years 'll catch a man. Mortal frost, David, who'd a' thought it! You, you above all others!! Say, I can't begin to realize it all yet! The worst fix you ever were in? Well, I should say so! But don't think I am hard on you, Dave, I'm only sorry—bitterly, next to blubberingly sorry for you, old man, and if there is anything I can do for you down at—down at—down there, I was going to say, I guess they'll let you write me about it. I mean to see what I can do with a petition. I'll worry the Government. I'll go down to see the Minister of Justice, personally, about amending this moss-backed law. I'll get my exchanges to copy articles in your behalf. I'll move heaven and earth for you, old fellow, notwithstanding what may be said against me. It's tough, David! Awful tough!! Frightfully tough!!! But keep up your pluck, and who knows but that executive clem——. All right, officer! I'm done. Thanks for your indulgence. I used to know the prisoner, and was just giving him a little parting advice. It's kind of you to relax the rules in my interest. Yes, I'll see you over to the train. There she comes now! Good bye, David! I hope when your time is up that you'll make up your mind to live a ——! Poor Dave! T. T.

"A SHATTERED IDOL."

I LOVED my true love long and dear,
(But now I find she was short and cheap),
By day I held her ever near,
She hovered o'er me whilst asleep.

I watched the changing hues that glowed
O'er her fair, sweet face and slender neck,
What those colors varying might have showed
I care not now, nor little reck.

She was my pride—my only joy,
Of her own sweet kind a perfect type;
For me her pleasures could never cloy,
But she's broken now—my old clay pipe!

CUT PLUG.

A NEW HUMORIST.

GRIP is always delighted to discover humorous talent anywhere, and especially in Canada, and to welcome new funny writers to his columns. This accounts for the alacrity with which he gives the following amusing epistle the honor of insertion:—

EDITOR GRIP,

PEMBROKE, April 20, 1888.

SIR,—Unless your paper can assume a better tone towards temperance people, you can cease sending it to me. Your attitude towards Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of late is undoubtedly beastly and marked by low taste.

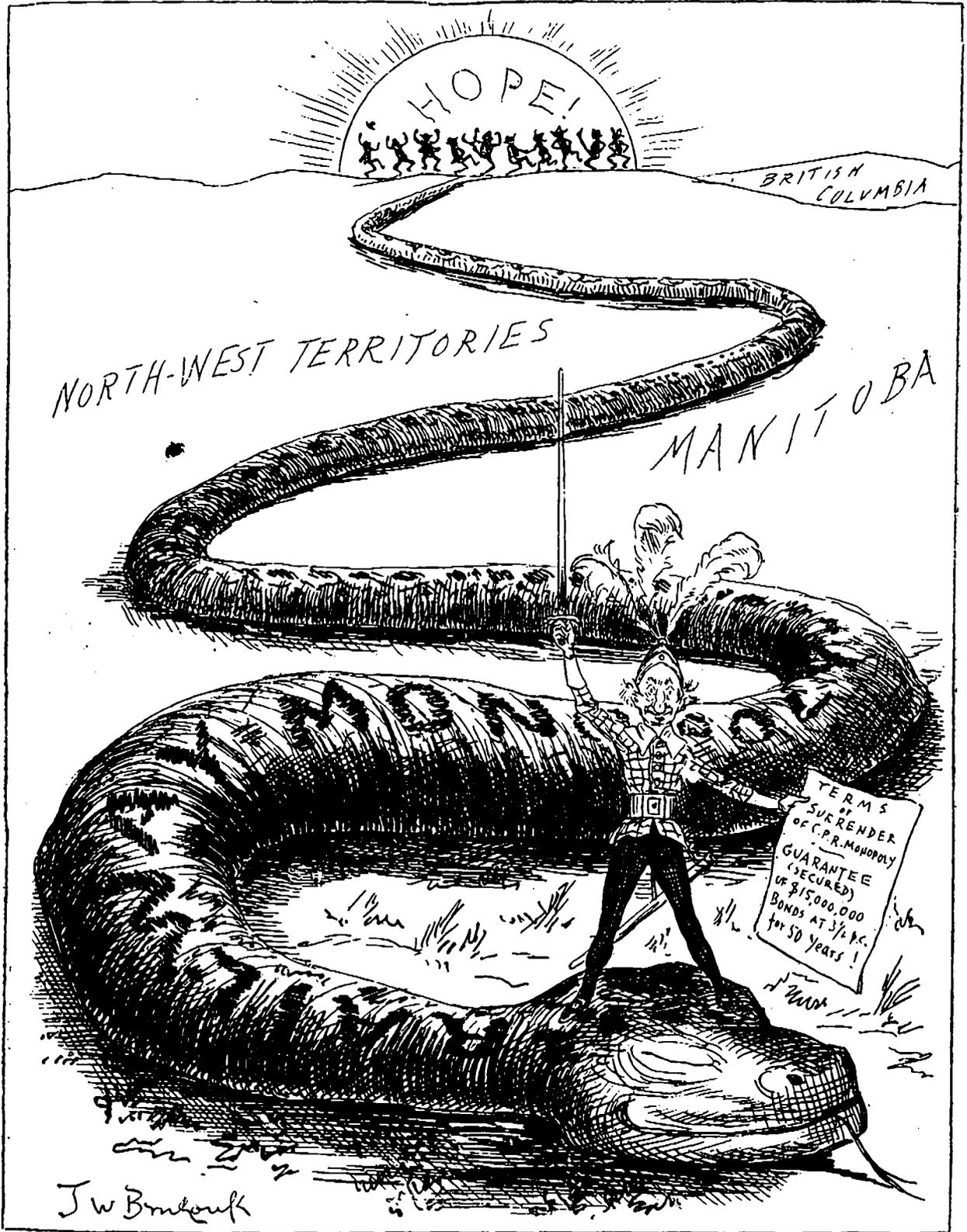
Because, forsooth, Mr. McD. differs from you as to what constitutes true temperance, he must be held up to ridicule in your columns, and in a most offensive and untrue way. Mr. McD. has a good right to his views, and besides that he has the good sense of this country at his back and *you know it*.

Without respect,

HECTOR FRASER.

On second thought, these are best you know, stop sending paper now. I will be then spared any further pain, which it may please you to inflict.

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A SOG.

'TIS the first day of sprig,
Ad all the birds sig
Their sweet, tedder sog to the roses;
The lilies will bloob
Od code widter's toob—
Such a tibe we're havig, oh, Boses!
—*Washington Critic.*

"ROSINE, why is it I find that fireman sitting in our kitchen so much."
"Well, Madam has said very often she was so afraid of fire."

A WORN-OUT society belle is like old maple sugar. It has a certain kind of sweetness, but has to be laid on the shelf when the new crop comes out.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

THE right place for a dynamite cartridge has been found. It is under Libby Prison after the gang of Chicago jackal speculators have paid their money for it.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

AN exchange says "Walt Whitman has commenced to write poetry again." He has also commenced to write something else. We don't know what it is called, but it is printed in the *New York Herald*.—*Norristown Herald.*

AN exchange wants to know "why it is, with so many negroes dying, nobody ever sees a black ghost?" It is for the same reason that, with so many white people dying, nobody ever sees a white ghost.—*Norristown Herald.*

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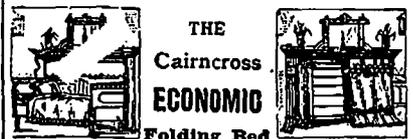
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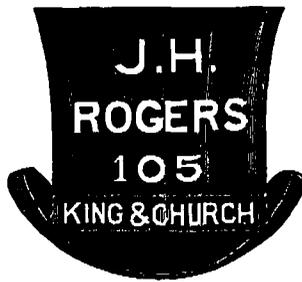
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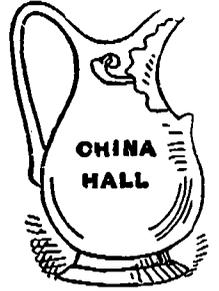
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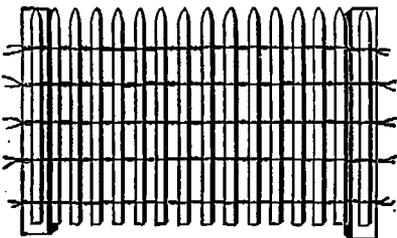
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