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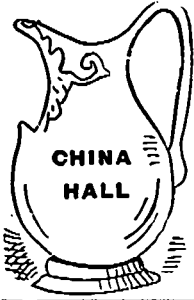
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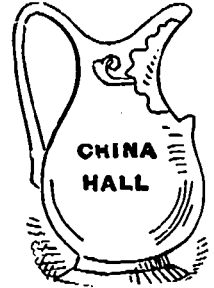


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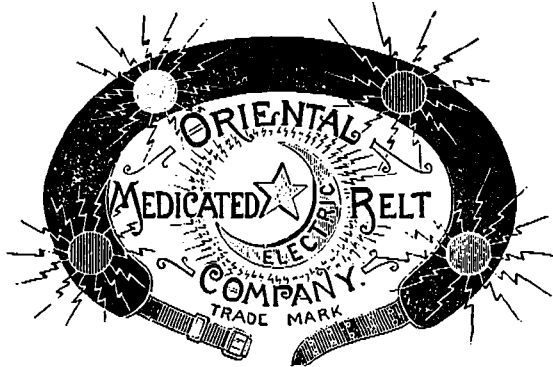
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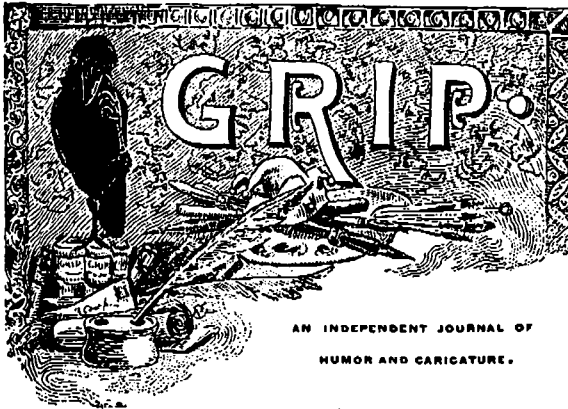
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Comments on the Cartoons.



THE FALCON.—In taking the active part he did in the late contest, Sir John was really playing the part of Falcon for Sir Charles Tupper—a by no means dignified descent from the Conservative leadership. Evidence has been accumulating to prove that the Old Man really has at last abdicated in favor of the ex-High Commissioner. When the announcement is formally made we may expect some interesting developments in the better section of the party—something in the nature of a revolt.

THE FISHERY SQUABBLE.—The relations between Canada and the United States remain “strained,” though it is hoped some mutually satisfactory understanding may be soon arrived at. Uncle Sam’s threat to cease all intercourse with Canada might, if carried out, be found to tell more against his own people than ours. As Mr. Wiman remarked in his speech the other evening, John Bull would no doubt retaliate by ceasing to do business with the Americans—and this is something they have hardly calculated upon. Meantime it all looks very childish—a national reproduction of the little school-girl drama of “I shan’t play with you any more, so there!” When are the nations of this world going to learn sense?

THE CHIEF MOURNERS.—The Fleming by-law was duly passed on Monday week, notwithstanding the plaintive appeals of Baxter, Dodds, et al., on behalf of the poor unfortunate seventy-five whose licenses will be cut off in May. Most touching descriptions were

given by these very humane gentlemen of the hardships in store for the doomed saloonists and their families. True, these hapless men will then have to work for their living, but they will have the consolation that their new occupations will not necessarily mean the ruin and degradation of their neighbors. They may still further cheer themselves with the thought that they are shortly to be followed into respectable retirement by their remaining fellow-“tradesmen.”

THE STREETS OF TORONTO.

In a race run from one end of Baldwin Street to the other, a bald man wouldn’t necessarily come in ahead of a long-haired poet. And if a long-haired poet is to be found anywhere in the city, it is not likely to be on Lombard Street, any more than printers are to be found on Inkerman Street, or bishops on Bishop Street, or prohibitionists on Water Street, or pedagogues on Birch Avenue, or pork-dealers on Saulters and Markham Streets, or old slaves on Massey Street.

You may search all over River and Harbord Streets, and you will not find a single schooner tied up for the winter. Neither will you find Sumach Street thronged with shoemakers; nor will your progress on Bismarck Avenue be obstructed by a mob of Germans. We feel sure that at any hour of the day there are just as many Scotchmen on St. Patrick and Erin Streets, as Irishmen on St. Andrew’s and Scott. And in this connection it may be remarked that every man who happens to live on Nelson Street or Trafalgar Avenue does not, just for that reason, expect that England will do his duty. He has to do it himself, like men who live on other streets.

Hope Street is not decorated with allegorical anchors; flocks of sheep do not graze on Sheppard Street; there are no target-ranges on Shuter Street; and Sullivan Street has never been graced with the presence of the illustrious John L. Czar Street was never damaged by dynamiters.

The residents on Euclid Avenue do not, as a general thing, devote their elegant leisure to the higher mathematics, nor those on Classic Place, to the perusal of Pliny and Athenaeus. No Greely expedition has as yet perished on North Street.

“The eye of the *vox populi*” is not sternly fixed on Baxter Street.

We have a King Street and a Queen Street; but our fathers unaccountably neglected to leave us an Ace Street and a Jack Street. Peradventure it was their wont to hold these cards in their sleeve.

We have Prince, Princess, Earl, Duke, and Duchess Streets; yet these do not supply us with scandals in high life, nor does the last mentioned flood us with trashy novels. Elm Street is not the slipperiest in the city; but you are just as likely to be wrecked on a banana-peel there as on Peel Avenue—and your person will smite this terrestrial ball with just as much force.

Yonge Street is one of the oldest in the city; Bleeker is not one of the bleakest. There are some friends of ours on Ulster and Pembroke Streets, who are not forced by circumstances altogether outside their control to visit their uncle occasionally.

All the journalists in the city do not reside on Wood Street. Rose Avenue by any other name—but we must hasten to remark that a funny man with any self-respect would scorn to live on Chestnut Street.

And in conclusion, Front Street seems to be the only street in the city which is rightly and properly named; for GRIP makes his home thereon. And GRIP generally occupies a rather conspicuous place in the foremost rank of the procession.

W.J.H.



"IT IS THE CAUSE!"

Aggrieved Party—Beastly (hic) shame not clean (hic) sidewalks!
People mi' s'pose a person was (hic) drunk!

THE JUNIOR PICKWICKIANS

AND THEIR MEMORABLE TRIP TO NORTH AMERICA.

CHAPTER XXXI.

"Now," said the hospitable old gentleman bustling about and placing a spirit lamp on the table and setting a tiny saucepan to boil over it, "we'll be all right in a brace of shakes. Now here," he continued, opening a locker and producing several articles of clothing, "get into these; the fit will not be exactly fashionable, but that's nothing. Now then, off with those wet things. Here, Jeff," he bawled, going to the foot of the companion, "come down here, look sharp; take these wet things and hang 'em up to dry. Why, you look gorgeous, Mr. Yubbitts," as that gentleman donned the trowsers and other articles which, being Mr. Douglas' own personal property, and that gentleman having a decided tendency to *emboupoint*, whilst the superfluous flesh on Yubbitts' frame was not very abundant,—gave him an extremely loose and rigged-out-at-a-ready-made-slop-shop appearance. "Now, take some of this," and he mixed a steaming rummer of brandy and water spiced with lemon peel and nutmeg, and held it towards his guest. "Ah! that feels comforting, eh?"

"Indeed it does, sir," replied Yubbitts, gulping the fragrant compound down, "but I sincerely regret—"

"Not another word about that," Mr. Douglas broke in hurriedly; "tut, tut, man, you talk as if you had committed some terrible crime. Now say no more about it. Have another glass?" and he prepared to mix another jorum, which, however, Yubbitts declined.

"Well, then, put on this coat," dragging to light a long linen duster. "There put that on; now, then, come up on deck and charm any stray mermaids we may run across—for I am assured by several highly respectable mariners whose habits, however, border on the convivial, that such things exist in these lakes as well as in the ocean. Ah! here we are. Well, Elsie," as they stepped on deck, "got over your fright? All right now," and thus the genial old gentleman ran on, putting every one at his ease and in good humor. Mr. Bramley was seated on a camp stool by Miss Douglas' side as she reclined in an easy Indian chair. That worthy was evidently very much impressed by the charms of the fair young lady,

for there was a melancholy, pensive look in his eyes which neither Yubbitts nor Coddleby recollected ever to have seen there before, and which could only be attributed to the first dawning of that passion, at once so tender and so irresistible—Love.

Mr. Douglas, taking an arm of Yubbitts and Coddleby, one on each side of him, strolled up and down the deck; a short promenade it must be confessed, but sufficiently roomy to give them half a score of paces each way, whilst Bramley resumed the conversation which had been interrupted by the appearance of his friend and Mr. Douglas on deck. The breeze had freshened considerably since the yacht had got fairly out into Lake Ontario, and the beautiful little vessel was now dashing on at a speed of fully nine knots an hour, though, the breeze being almost dead abeam, she was wholly free from any rolling motion, and glided onward, slightly leaning over to starboard, but without any of that unpleasant pitching, which would have undoubtedly accompanied her progress had the breeze been more directly aft.

Mr. Douglas appeared to be blessed with a perpetual flow of high spirits, and anecdote after anecdote was related by him which called forth roars of laughter from the two gentlemen with whom he promenaded his little deck, as the *Elsie* sped onward, straight as an arrow, under the skilful guidance of Mr. Chambers.

The rest of the crew had but little to do on this particular cruise, though the owner of the yacht explained that they were by no means always as idle as they were to day.

"I wish Crinkle had been with us," remarked Coddleby, "I am sure he would have enjoyed himself; and this glorious, bracing atmosphere could not fail to inspire him with some ideas for a poem of more than usual merit."

"You dabble with the Muses yourself, I believe, do you not Mr. Coddleby?" inquired Mr. Douglas.

"Occasionally, sir, occasionally, but I experience considerable difficulty, however, in making my lines rhyme, which may be considered a defect in poetry," replied Coddleby.

"Well, it can scarcely be called a recommendation, though a great many of our poets seem to find a similar difficulty, if I may judge from pieces I have read of which Canadians were the authors," said Mr. Douglas.

"Ha! I was not aware that you had any poets in Canada," returned Coddleby, apparently surprised.

"Oh, yes, indeed we have several," replied Mr. Douglas "at least they write verses which occasionally rhyme, and which sometimes contain sentiments which do credit to the original authors from whom our bards steal them. There resides in Hamilton, I believe, a gentleman who has given us several effusions from his pen, and who, I am told, read a lengthy poem in the presence of our Governor General and his royal spouse; the Princess has visited several health resorts since, but such shocks are not easily recovered from."

"Indeed," said Yubbitts, whose white duster flaunted gaily in the breeze, and streamed away to leeward like a flag of truce. "I wonder the Marquis stood that."

"Well, he could not well help himself," returned Mr. Douglas, "I believe he and his charming wife were so hemmed in by the aldermen and others of the city I mentioned, that escape was impossible. The way of a Governor General is indeed hard, and he has to put up with things of which we ordinary mortals little dream."

With such chat the time was whiled away, till Oakville appeared on the starboard bow.

CANADIAN.

THE HOPE OF THE NATION.

Proud Wood-chopper John—Just one thing amiss with this feller, Mary!

Mary (concerned)—You're never satisfied. What's wrong now?

John—There ain't 'nuff of him. Such a bonnie 'un should 'a bin twins.

Mary (happy)—Hear that, now, an' him the eleventh! Gracious!



AMERICAN.

WHAT HOPE FOR THE NATION?

Depressed Theodore—Excuse me referring to a rather painful subject, Edna.

Edna (concerned)—Confide in me, dear, have you been caught short on the Stock Exchange to-day?

Depressed Theo.—No, I am still a double millionaire. I refer—ah—to the twins. Is it not too bad to be burdened in such a manner, especially when you think what a happy, untrammelled life we promised ourselves?

Edna (sympathetically)—Yes, indeed! I perfectly agree with you. The twins have dashed our hopes completely. Please ring for their nurses. I think we have kept them our usual daily five minutes.

"WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS."

"Now, my friends," said Mr. Douglas, "there is nothing to be seen at Oakville that I know of, and I propose that we go ashore there—with the hamper of course—and find out some secluded spot for luncheon."

No one displaying any desire to negative this proposition the *Elsie* was run in alongside the wharf, and Chambers sprang ashore and secured her. Mr. Bramley, then anxious to display his gallantry, hurried to get on to the wharf in order to assist Miss Douglas to do the same, but in his anxiety to demonstrate that, if somewhat stout, he was by no means lacking in agility; he, instead of going forward and leaving the boat at the bow, undertook to step ashore from the stern which was swaying loose, the consequence being that as he placed one foot on the wharf, the *Elsie* was gradually shoved away from that structure, and Mr. Bramley, with one foot on board and the other on shore, presented the appearance of an animated Colossus of Rhodes, his position becoming momentarily more hazardous and uncomfortable, the rest of the party not observing his predicament as they were, some leaving the yacht in the orthodox manner, whilst

the remainder were down below in the cabin, busy in bringing up the hamper.

"Here, Mr. Chambers, give me your hand quick, I'm splitting," he roared. "Be quick, oh!" he cried, as his feet were now fully a yard and a half apart. But as Mr. Chambers was assisting Miss Douglas to disembark, he could not fly to his assistance, and the result was that Bramley, with a despairing cry, lost his balance and saved himself from being torn asunder by plunging into the lake between the boat and the wharf. He rose to the surface in a few seconds, however, and Miss Douglas, seeing at once what had occurred, rushed to his aid and stooping down succeeded in thrusting the hook of her parasol through his necktie, thereby adding to his peril and making it appear that, if the immersed man was not drowned he would certainly be choked to death.

(To be continued.)

SOMETIMES mothers secrete the erring boy for fear the father might hide him when he comes home.

A DRAMATIC MANUSCRIPT OF GREAT INTEREST.

THOUGH it has never, perhaps, fallen to your lot to lounge picturesquely in the green-room, you have surely happened to be in the Union Station when a dramatic troupe was arriving or departing. Did you never, on such an occasion, see the man with the tall silk hat, the eye-glass, and the long "loud" overcoat with a cape? Have you observed him punctiliously waiting attendance upon the stylishly dressed young lady who stepped out so jauntily, whose large, handsome eyes had seen a great deal of the world, who had her long hair bleached to a light yellow, and who knew that she didn't look a day over twenty, and felt rather gaudy on that score? And when he had seen her aboard the train, haven't you watched him stroll off with a short cigar between his teeth, and the long strap of his little valise thrown over his shoulder, to inaugurate an able and energetic discussion with the baggage-men, about the seven trucks piled with the heterogenous baggage of the troupe? Haven't you lost yourself in envious admiration of his distinguished looks, his *sang-froid*, so to speak, his *savoir faire*, and that sort of thing?

Well, illustrious reader, if you've been there, you'll know what I am talking about when I say that G. Ashford Chelsworth was one of those eminent and striking individuals. He travelled with the famous actor in English melo-drama, George Temple, who has long since retired to his castle on the Rhine, where he staves off the *ennui* that will come upon us in our leisure hours, by clipping the coupons off Government bonds in a languid, careless, indolent way. Through G. Ashford Chelsworth, there has lately come into my possession the original manuscript of the greatest English dramatist's most famous work. It is on five sheets of letter-paper—an act sketched out on each sheet. Not for worlds would I allow this priceless treasure out of my hands long enough to have a *fac-simile* of it made, with all its blots and erasures; for there was genius in every stroke of that pen!

But I was not rooted, inseparable objections to allowing what is legible of the MS. to be reprinted in GRIP. And, illustrious reader, this is it:

"CRUEL LONDON, OR THE BLEEDING HEART."

ACT I.—Stanhope Villa, Suffolk. Antique Interior—the old Baronet in his arm-chair—fire on the old hearth-place. The Lady Gladys. Scene in Garden—moonlight, vines, lattices, that sort of thing.

- His presence fills me with loathing.
- Begone, ungrateful child! and may a father's curse—
- Talk not to me of love!
- Margaret, I have never ceased to love you—
- But I must dissemble.
- Unhand me, villain!
- Ha!
- Stand off, if you value your life!
- I will be revenged for this, Jasper Harcourt!
- Oh, Jack, Jack, must we then part?

ACT II.—A dull, drizzling day on the Cornish coast. The life-saving crew—Light-house (practicable)—fisherman's cottages—Dewdrop, the fisherman's child—Song, "The Bleeding Heart." The Wreck. On the Cliff.

- Come hither, child.
- Your story has touched me deeply.
- Perfidious wretch!
- Believe me, I would not for one instant—
- Take back your sordid gold!
- Wed you, Jasper Harcourt? never! I would beg first!
- I will be her relentless pursuer.
- He dr-r-rove me from his door!

ACT III.—Alone in London. Great Scenic Effect—Holborn Viaduct—The Disguise. Recognized!—The Snare—Gimlet, the detective. —The dastard villain.

- Let me forget the past.
- Base villain, leave me!
- I loathe his titled guilt and infamy.
- You will follow him to the death?
- I will—And Gimlet, the detective, never fails!
- They little know that beneath this smiling face—
- Let us talk apart.
- At nine, then, on the embankment—
- Thank Heaven I am better now.

ACT IV.—The Thames Embankment. Electric lights—realistic effects. Poverty, pomp and woe—the police officer. Clerkenwell—entangled by fate. Morning on the river.

- All goes well.
- But we are observed.
- Before Heaven, I am innocent.
- Don't trifle with me, I have you in my power!
- Are you, then, absolutely implacable?
- Augustus, I swear to you by the Heaven above us that never for one moment—
- But is this a time for jesting?
- Will you see an innocent man—
- Go, and may Heaven forgive you as I do!
- At last I am alone.

ACT V.—At the villa. Autumn in Suffolk. The road—the old gate. At the Baronet's bedside—Re-united! The old stained-glass window (practicable) in the hall. The portrait—the long-lost will—the last moments.

- The dear old home is unchanged.
- Sir Richard lies at death's door—
- My darling! my darling!
- Jack!
- Now Heaven forgive me, my children! Twenty long years ago your father, John Aylmer, confided to my care this document.
- I thank thee, Heaven! and may a broken old man's prayers—
- In the broad western world our terrible story is unknown. There the golden lovelight of a happy home awaits us, my darling.

[CURTAIN.]

Doubtless you will marvel that such a grand work of art as "Cruel London" was upbuilt on such slight, incoherent, and seemingly chaotic foundations as these. In the groundplan given you find no suggestion of the famous scene in the London slums, the German Jew, the Dynamiters, and many other scenes and characters you wot well of in the great play. But these five sheets of letter-paper, in the handwriting of the great master, hold not only the germ of "Cruel London," but by far the better part of all the "English" melo-dramas of late years—at least that's what G. Ashford Chelsworth tells me.

Go to, illustrious reader; get thee to a beanery. For such is genius!

W. J. H.

THE FAR-SIGHTED ENGINEER.

ON a Grand Trunk train going east the other day were three or four politicians, on their way to a meeting, to be held that evening, and among them were William Paterson, M.P., and E. H. Britton. The train was slow and kept losing time in the most provoking way, and as evening approached, the politicians began to lose their tempers. Finally the train halted at a point about fifty miles from Toronto, and from the window the passengers noticed a finger-post bearing the words "Go Slow."

"I say," said Britton, "what wonderful eyes our engineer must have. Do you see that post and the notice 'Go Slow'?"

"Of course we do," answered everyone. "It's not twenty feet distant. What in — has that to do with the engineer's eyes?"

"What has it to do with them," said E. H. B. indignantly, "why, the engineer must have seen that notice before we left Toronto. And by Jupiter," he added, "he has followed his instructions."

The train was now about three hours late and the conductor was the only man who failed to see the joke.



THE FALCON.

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Scene—Near Red Parlor, Queen's Hotel.

Proprietor—Hello! What're you going to do?

Porter—Why, bounce them burglars, of course! Don't you see em there?

Proprietor—Burglars? nonsense; those are *Globe* reporters paying their usual respects to Sir John!

SCOTT'S OPEN LETTER TO ADAM AUSTIN.

DEAR MAISTER GRIP,—A clap o' thunner in a clear sky cudna hae surprised me mair than Audam Austin's letter in yer *Carnival* number. That accusation o' GRIP abusin' Maister Blake lichted on me like a thousar' o' brick; like Paddy, I wasna dead but speechless. A' the same—dinna you rin awa' wi' the idea that ma tongue 'ill be in ma pooch when GRIP *versus* Blake is the case in progress. Haith na!

Audam, ma mannic, GRIP abuses *naibody*—no even yersel, hoo'er muckle ye may deserve it for settin' yersel' up as a "thorough prohibitionist." There wasna' a *thorough* prohibitionist i' the country but was surprised an' disappointed wi' Maister Blake's speech on the subject. This was "he wha was tae redeem Israel" they thocht, an' the neat way they got left, sha'na we find it in the chronicles o' the struggles o' the Temperance Pairty in Canada.

An' noo Audam, wi' regaird tae Maister Blake as a man, let me just whisper i' yer lug, that GRIP an' masel' yield the palm tae *naibody* in respect an' admiration for his mony gude qualities. His purity o' life is a comfort tae think o' in thae days o' newspaper revelations, his ability gars me think he maun hae a gude sowl o' Scotch bluid in his veins—an' his honesty is best kent tae them wha hae dealin's wi' him. As auld Fooler the phrenologist wad say, "he'd be a gude deal better if he wasna' sae gude." A *public man*, hooever, tho' he may be abune suspicion, is never abune creecicism, an' as a public man, Maister Blake hasna' enough o' the deevil in him tae keep the deevil frae him, or lang afore this he wad,

wi' resolute richt hand, hae seized the scourge o' a Prohibitory law an' chased the deevil o' drink oot o' the kintra he aspires tae rule. Moreover, as a statesman, Maister Blake disna' emphaseeze the first rule o' statesmanship, which, accordin' tae Gladstone, is "TO MAKE IT EASY TO DO RIGHT AND HARD TO DO WRONG." If the saloon doors were closed forever, it wad be made difficult tae continue the monstrosus wrang o' sellin' death an' destruction tae hundreds o' citizens, an' mak' it very easy for mony a puir temptit sowl tae gang hame sober wi' his week's pay in his pooch, when noo, he can hardly, wi' a' the strength o' love for wife an' weans, an' God's grace tae back it wi', resist the solicitations o' freens, the force o' habit, an' the deadly irresistible cravin' o' hereditary appetite. Maister Blake's tacit sanction o' an open traffic in intoxicatin' drinks maks it hard tae dae richt—an' easy tae dae wrang.

Then as a Liberal—a Reformer—what on earth is a Liberal but ane wha mairches wi', or is ahead o' the times he lives in. An' yet here is Maister Blake frichtened tae attack auld customs an' auld license laws, made at a time when folk were less enlightened than they are noo; when the wealthy minority were everything, and the people werena thinking individuals, but "the masses." A "rest and be thankful" kind o' Reformer, wha reforms naething, wha, without a protest, sits an' uphauks the maist monstrosus wrang o' the nineteenth century, tae wut: a government derivin' revenue frae the destruction o' its subjects. If Maister Blake thinks the drink traffic richt, or Christian, he ought to oppose a' legislation against it, but if he thinks it wrang, unchristian an' dangerous, as nae doot he does—then his duty as a statesman is clear, but that duty is just what he declines tae do.

As leader o' the Opposition, an' in the face o' his denunciations o' the government for, as he says, causin' the death o' twa' hundred citizens o' the Dominion, I wad just like tae speir gin he's nae breath left tae denounce the sanction by law o' the yearly destruction o' thoosan's o' valuable lives and countless treasure? He's aye croak, croakin' aboot financial bunglin', but is there ony financial bungle to compare wi' the bungle o' gettin' monee oot o' folk's pooches through the sale o' drink, wherewith tae build an' keep up prisons, an' asylums, to ereck scaffolds an' rin the hale machinery o' the criminal law, tae punish crimes that are the direct result o' the drink traffic? Man, it's waur than poorin' water in tae sand, for ye may calculate the possible loss o' water, but what human calculation can estimate the loss o' life, the loss o' happiness, o' respect, o' character, o' hope itself; the yearly legacy o' poverty, immorality, hereditary disease an' death to the young generation, a legacy that'll cost the country mair than ony revenue can ever compensate. For sic iniquitous financial bunglin' as this oor clear-headed statesman has nae word o' censure, Audam; he'll pawkily wait a wee, he'll wait for the rooks tae flee awa' afore he'll venture to pull doon their nests. Oh for the speerit o' John Knox! to whom richt was richt, an' wrang wrang, an' self interest an' men's opinions *nul*.

The corruption at Ottawa is anither fruitfu' subject for the ire o' oor Edward, yet he deliberately countenances, baith by his speech an' his inaction, the maist corrupt an' dangerous an' rowdy element in the country, the saloon element. He opposes monopoly, yet he sanctions the hugest, maist heartless monopoly on the face o' the earth; he opposes high taxes, yet winna see that the great cause o' cost to the country is the drink traffic; ye arc fond o' ca'in' him a national statesman, yet he canna grapple wi' this ane momentous, pressin' national question.



THE ALARM!

Farmer—HURRY FOLKS! I'M SURE BY THE SQUEALING THERE'S A BEAR AMONGST MY PIGS. [See page 14.]

Judgin' by yer ain devotion tae Maister Blake—Oudam—I canna but think that, had he the courage o' his convictions, to seize this bull by the horns instead o' bein' perched atween them as he is noo, if he wad in this maitter *lead* instead o' followin' his followers, he wad be rewarded by sic an endorsement o' temperance sentiment as wad secure, not only his position as head o' the government, but also the foremost place in the gratitude an' affection o' a liberated people. The prospects noo, however, are, that less likely men will tak' the tide at the flood. But whaever it be that inaugurates this great reform, may it lead them on tae fortune. Yours truly,

HUGH AIRLIE.

THE FISHERY DISPUTE.

A bill introduced into the House of Representatives, Washington, by Hon. H. F. Buncombe.

WHEREAS a small and insignificant country called Canada, situate lying, and being somewhere to the northeast of the United States, and consisting of some rocks and a scrub of prairie, covered nine months of the year with eternal snow, has had the presumption, audacity, and unparalleled cheek, to guard its fisheries from the just spoliation of the honest fishermen of this Republic, therefore be it resolved:—

- I. That a policy of complete sure intercourse with the natives of the Dominion be declared, *sine die*, *E Pluribus Unum*.
- II. That the tracks of all Canadian railways running into St. Paul, Chicago, New York, and all other towns and cities whatsoever, be boycotted, bulldozed, and pulled up by force and violence, the irons to be used by any flats who may be induced to purchase them for laundry purposes, and the ties to be sold in New York fashionable clothing shops.

- III. That no British or Canadian vessels be allowed to approach the shores of this free country, on ocean or lake. Ships sailing to New York may not come nearer than will suffice to catch a glimpse of the electric light from the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island. Those sailing to Boston must head about and return, as soon as they smell the tea which British Tyranny forced our forefathers to cast into the harbor.
- IV. That no British subject shall be allowed to put up at any first-class New York hotel, at a less charge than \$4 a day.
- V. That no fish, fruit, grain, or any produce or commodity whatever, shall be allowed to enter these United States from the Dominion.
- VI. That, in case these stringent measures shall not bring the Dominion to its senses, then even the very air blown across the lakes or frontier, from that barbarous country, shall not be permitted to touch our shores.
- VII. That, in the event of the failure of the aforesaid provisions of this act, as a last resort, the United States fleet of one vessel, shall be let loose from its shed at Lackets Harbor, and shall at once, with the Great American Eagle screaming from its mizzen, proceed to chaw up, devour, and otherwise masticate all the Canadian towns and settlements along the shores of the Dominion.

As soon as Liberty was unvailed in New York, a newspaper reporter asked her what struck her most forcibly in this country. "The astonishing number of poets you have here," she immediately replied; "and if one can be found who has not written a poem about me I should like to see him. He must be a greater curiosity than myself."—*Norristown Herald*.



THE EXPLANATION!

WAR DECLARED!

SIR ADOLPH.—Attention! General. This spread eagle bluster of the Yankees has raised within my breast a thirst for gore, and from yon ancestral hall, will don me a coat of mail before the morrow's sun has shed its first bright rays. To arms! to arms! and that immediately, for I have said it. They have shown their hand, their coasts are unprotected, their army is demoralized, and while they are yet napping we will them annihilate. Call out the troops, horse, foot and artillery.

General Sir Fred.—You have spoken, my dear Sir Adolph, and thy command shall be obeyed.

Sir Adolph.—Ere to-morrow's sun sinks below the distant horizon the world will learn that I, Sir Adolph, have declared war against the United States. Yea, more, have declared it in French.

General Sir Fred.—Stay yet a moment longer, good Sir Adolph; pray, what disposition shall be made of Amyott?

Sir Adolph.—By the gods of war! Yes! what shall I do with Amyott, the *bete noir* of my very military existence. Eureka! Eureka! Had Aristotle been possessed of only one-half my tact, that makes me equal to any emergency, he would have made his mark in the world, and his name would never have sunk into obscurity. I have it, dear Sir Frederick, I have it. Why, invalide him of course; make him *non compos*, or anything, only that I may be rid of him.

General Sir Fred.—But really, Sir Adolph, you take me by surprise, as you no doubt hope to surprise the enemy.

Sir Adolph.—Thou hast spoken well, my dear Sir Fred. Is not this world made up of surprises? and are not the happiest events of our lives often those of surprise? Was it not a suprise party to both of us when Her Royal Majesty said "arise Sir Frederick," "arise Sir Adolph,"

and only because *we* killed a few Indians. 'Tis by this little piece of strategy which I have just imparted to you, dear Sir Frederick, that I hope to win fresh laurels when Her Gracious Majesty shall say, "arise Lord de Quebec," "arise Lord Batouche"—for you shall share half the plume—when the war is over. Good morning, General; don't forget to call out the troops to-morrow.

PASSING SHOW.

THIS week the favorite German Comedian, Chas. Gardner, is appearing in "Karl the Peddler."

"PASSION'S SLAVE," which is to be presented at the Toronto next week, may be emphatically pronounced a success. It is a powerful melodrama full of interest from beginning to end, and abounding in passages that give scope for fine acting. The plot, which forms the basis of the play, is intricate and admirably developed. The scenery is very effective.

SENTIMENTAL.

"AH!" sighed Angelina, as she gently closed her blue orbs beside her Edwin,— "Two heads are better than one."

Young Woman—Mr. Algernon, can you tell me the name of that Bulgarian prince who has lately had so much trouble? *Dude*—Er—Let me think. *Young Woman*—Oh, pray, don't let me put you to so much trouble.

Barkeeper—You don't need a drink. Take the ten cents and get your shirt washed. *Guzzler*—Can you get a shirt washed for ten cents? *Barkeeper*—Yes. *Guzzler*—I didn't know. I don't wear nothing but a necktie. Gin, please.

HOW DUNDER VHAS SHWINDLED.

"I SUPPOSE I vhas shwindled some more," sorrowfully remarked Mr. Dunder as he paid a visit to sergeant Bendall.

"Not a doubt of it. What's your story?"

"Do you pelief dot a man can read somepody's mind?"

"Well, I've heard of mind-readers."

"Vhell, two mans come in my place last night when I vhas all alone. Vhas I Carl Dunder? I vhas. All right, one of dot pair vhas a mind-reader, and he like to gif me some points. He doan' do it by everypody, but I vhas such a friendt of der poor dot he like to oblige me. Vhell, sergeant, dot seems all right, und we lock der door and sot down. I vhas plindfolded mit a handkerchief, und der mind-reader says:

"Now, Mr. Dunder, you fix your mind on some subject shust so hardt as you can, und keep awful shtill. If you take dot pandage off or shump aroundt dot preaks me all oop."

"Vhell, Sergeant, I fix my mind on dot time I falls off my parn on Hastings shtreet, und maype two minutes goes by und nopody speaks to me. Den der oldt woman comes down shtairs und I take off der pandage. Dose mans vhas gone."

"And what else?"

"Two boxes of cigars and fife pottles of whisky. Vhas it a shwindle on me?"

"I should smile! Mr. Dunder, you are very soft."

"Sergeant, look in my eye! I vhas going home. Tonight somepody vhill drop in. Vhas I Carl Dunder? I vhas. All right. Mr. Dunder, I like to read—!"

"Yes."

"Dot vhas all, Sergeant! If some inquest vhas heldt you remempor dot I vhas a shwindled man, und dot I kildt him in self-defense!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

POPS AT PUBLIC POSERS.

You have doubtless attended meetings at which the luminaries of the social, religious, or political world around you have given their views upon events ancient and modern. But have you, dear reader, ever torn yourself away from the spell of their eloquence, to note the peculiar position or pose into which some of them unintentionally fall? Of course you have not, therefore, you will thank me for placing before you the result of my observations of public speakers and their peculiar poses, which, in more senses than one, make them posers to their audiences.

One of the most noted of platform posers is the Tea Pot Orator. This poser is usually one of the fluent kind, one whose language flows readily but who heeds not Shakespeare's advice to "suit the action to the word." He rather prefers to pose as an animated tea pot on two legs, though the concoction which issues from his lips is often weak and lacking in flavor, often tinged with bitterness, unsweetened with the sugar of leniency and wanting a dash of the milk of human kindness.

Another peculiar poser I have noticed is the Pump Handle Speaker. He is a spouter whose utterances come forth very irregularly, all gush and gasp one minute and spiritless prating the next. But what else expect you from a pump! Having no "well" upon which to draw this speaker is soon pumped dry.

The next worthy of notice is the Urn. You have met him of course! Why a public speaker should assume this pose is a question I am not prepared to answer. At

hazard I would say that either his ribs are weak and he needs support, or it is assumed as a position of indifference, or he has a liking for the chorewoman's kimbo. However this may be, this speaker is decidedly more ornamental than useful, and would be more in his place lecturing upon the dead languages in some university.

Another variety is the Windmill. Have you ever been fascinated with his eloquence? This poser is usually of the fiery class of speakers, whose eloquence causes his arms to act the part of miniature millsails and sweeps up and down according to his words. Had nature so endowed him this speaker would swing them in a circle and thus complete the fricture. Considerable wind is needed to keep up this mill motion, and the Windmill poser possesses it in large quantities. From this circumstance he is often known as a "windbag."

The next that falls under notice is the Hat Rack Speaker. This poser is a short remove from our friend the Urn, but with this exception, that he is useful as well as ornamental. He is probably the commonest amongst the public posers. When he assumes this position he holds it often for two or three minutes, the only variation being an occasional shake of the clenched hands by way of emphasis. When this poser is speaking, I look for one of the supporters to rise and hang his christy upon one of the extended limbs. I have done. If these random pops at public posers proves popular enough to persuade even one of the person popped at to put away his peculiar pose, there my purpose will have been accomplished.

TITUS A. DRUM.

ENJOYED THE SENSATION.

"DID you lose anything, mister?" said Q. Bloggs to a gentleman whom he observed carefully scanning the sidewalk on Yonge Street one night last week.

"None of your business if I did," growled the man. "You aint the one to help me find it—nothing honest looking about your physz."

This would have crushed any ordinary lawyer, but Quizzeriah Bloggs is one of a kind who can't be crushed, and the next minute found him deeply engaged in assisting to regain the lost treasure. After a minute or two the strange gentleman shouted gleefully:

"I have one! I have one!" and the next minute he sat down on the sidewalk with a crash that might have been heard across the Don. Bloggs ran to his assistance, but the stranger said:

"Leave me alone! I want to enjoy it! Been hunting an hour for this banana peel. Went to the grand opera house and got my head stretched so darn far looking over a big hat, that I had to take a tumble to get the vertebra properly lowered. Going to stay here half an hour and enjoy the sensation."

And Bloggs is wondering yet whether it was only a ruse to get him out of the way.

SOUTH Wellington and the Royal City are about to turn over a new leaf by sending to our local legislature a Scotsman who *can* appreciate a joke. We hail him as a "vera brither." N.B.—The other fellow thinks this is no joke, however.

WHEN you meet a defeated candidate talk of the crops—refer to the weather—inquire after his family—go back even to the Revolutionary War, but don't speak of the election. Have some mercy on a fellow human being.—*Detroit Free Press.*

"I've reached my base," said the ball-player who slipped up on a piece of orange peel.

YOUNG men who are too fond of their aunts, are apt to fetch up at their uncle's.

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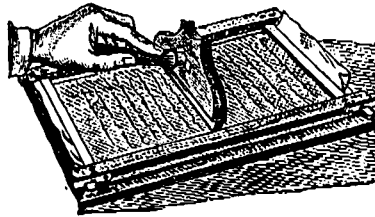
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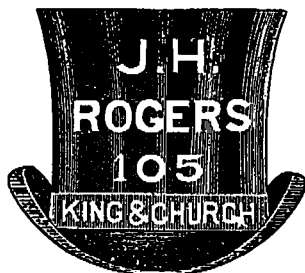
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The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Western Assurance Company was held at its offices in this city yesterday.

The President, A. M. Smith, Esq., occupied the chair, and the Managing Director, having been appointed to act as Secretary, read the following

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS :

The Directors have pleasure in being able to report to the Shareholders that the business of the Company for the past year has been fairly profitable in all its branches.

A synopsis of the accounts for the year, together with the Profit and Loss Account and statement of Assets and Liabilities on the 31st December last, is submitted herewith.

The revenue account shows a net premium income of \$1,385,084.49, being an increase of \$70,625.15 over that of the preceding year; and after providing for all losses incurred the profit balance on the year's transactions amounts to \$122,325.70.

Two half yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum were declared, and after payment of these, \$75,000 is carried to the Reserve Fund and \$5,391.50 remains at the credit of Profit and Loss Account.

The total surplus funds of the Company now amount to \$740,391.50. Deducting from this the amount necessary to re-insure or run off all current risks, estimated at \$504,654.85, a net surplus of \$235,736.65 is shown over and above capital and all existing liabilities.

The increase of the capital stock to \$1,000,000, authorised at the special meeting of shareholders on the 26th of February last, was carried out by the issue of \$200,000 new stock, and the calls made upon this, amounting to fifty per cent., have been fully paid, making the paid-up capital \$500,000.

The Directors have pleasure in acknowledging the efficient services of the officers and agents of the Company, to whose efforts are largely due the satisfactory results of the year's business which they are now enabled to present.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Fire Premiums.....	\$1,236,165 76	
Marine Premiums.....	358,760 43	
Less re-assurance.....		\$1,592,926 19
		207,841 70
		\$1,385,084 49
Interest account.....		37,154 79
		\$1,422,239 28
Fire losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to Dec. 31, '86.		680,684 52
Marine losses, including an appropriation for all losses reported to Dec. 31, '86.		190,708 30
General expenses, agents' commission and all other charges.....		428,520 76
Balance to profit and loss.....		122,325 70
		\$1,422,239 28

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dividend paid July, 1886	\$22,045 38
Dividend payable Jan., 1887.....	24,544 15
	\$46,589 53
Sundry accounts written off.....	3,062 40
Carried to reserve fund.....	75,000 00
Balance.....	5,391 50
	\$130,043 43
Balance from last year.....	6,013 18
Premium on 143 shares new stock.....	1,704 55
Profit for the year.....	122,325 70
	\$130,043 43

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid up.....	\$500,000 00
Losses under adjustment.....	94,118 75
Dividend payable January, 1887.....	24,544 15
Reserve fund.....	\$75,000 00
Balance profit and loss.....	5,391 50
	740,391 50
	\$1,359,054 40

ASSETS.

Cash on hand and on deposit.....	\$188,127 01
Debentures.....	71,602 18
United States bonds.....	542,780 00
Dominion of Canada stock.....	119,387 25
Mortgages.....	17,150 00
Bills receivable.....	49,370 78
Interest due and accrued.....	4,261 29

Company's building.....	65,000 00
Re-assurance due from other companies	22,519 79
Bank stocks.....	62,500 00
Loan and Investment Company stocks	63,400 00
Agents' balances and sundry accounts	152,955 20
	\$1,359,054 40

A. M. SMITH,
President.
J. J. KENNY,
Managing Director.

WESTERN ASSURANCE OFFICES,
TORONTO, February 12th, 1887.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Western Assurance Company:—

GENTLEMEN,—We hereby certify to the correctness of the books of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1887, which we have audited, having examined the vouchers verifying the same and the above statements agree therewith.

R. R. CATHRON,
JOHN M. MARTIN, } *Auditors.*

Toronto, Feb. 12th, 1887.

In moving the adoption of the report the President said:—Gentlemen, it is with feelings of no ordinary satisfaction that I rise to move the adoption of the 36th Annual Report of the Western Assurance Company, which will be seconded by our Vice-President. Our able and efficient Managing Director has laid before you a full statement of the Company's affairs as they appeared on the books on the 31st December last, which I am sure must be very gratifying to the stockholders. Our business has steadily increased in volume, and has been profitable in all its branches, enabling us to declare two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, and after writing off all known bad and doubtful debts, we have added to our Reserve Fund the handsome sum of \$75,000. In addition, we have, during the year, allotted to you 5,000 shares of new stock at par, which at present market quotations is worth about 160, so that on the whole I think you will agree with me that we make a very satisfactory showing for the past year, and that the results of the business have fully justified the increase in the capital which the Directors recommended in February last. For the present prosperous state of the Company's affairs I feel that under a kind Providence we are largely indebted to the watchful care of our Managing Director and his able staff of Superintendents, Inspectors, Agents and other Officers of the Company, both in our own country and the United States, who appear to have vied with each other in their endeavors to forward the Company's interests.

Mr. Wm. Gooderham, Vice-President, seconded the report, which was unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their services and attention to the interests of the Company.

Messrs. Wm. Anderson and E. J. Holmes, having been appointed scrutineers, the election of Directors was proceeded with, which resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen to serve during the ensuing year:—A. M. Smith, Esq., Wm. Gooderham, Esq., Hon. S. C. Wood, Robt. Beatty, Esq., A. T. Fulton, Esq., Geo. A. Cox, Esq., Geo. McMurrich, Esq., H. N. Baird, Esq., and J. J. Kenny, Esq. At a meeting of the Board of Directors held subsequently, A. M. Smith, Esq., was re-elected President and Wm. Gooderham, Esq., Vice-President.

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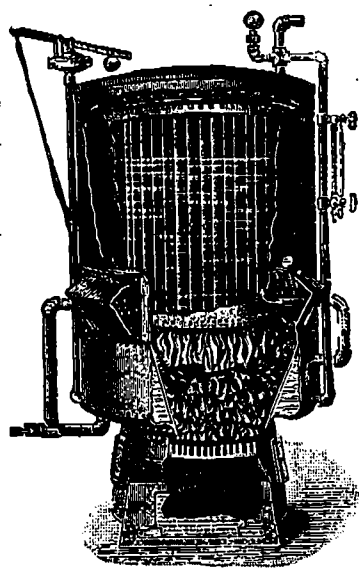


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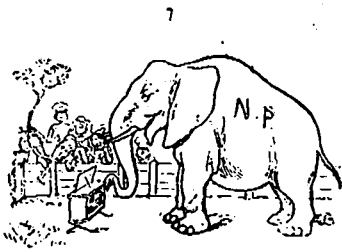
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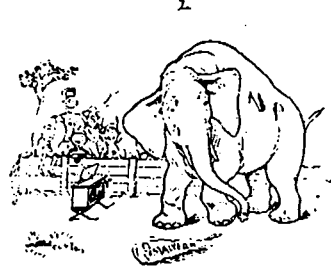
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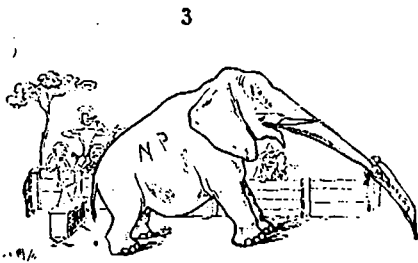
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