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Perdita-" Day before to-morrow."

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Bunco Steerbr Tarte-" Say, Johnny, ain't we goin' to get a hold of de stuff inside of dat jay's grip."
SHIFTY ThONPSON -" Not much, pard. I ain't in it. He's too big fur me, an' he ain't such a jay as he looks. I'm off. You an Laurier kin tackle de job, if you want to."


The gravest beast is the Ass; 7he gravest bird is the Owl;
The gravest fish is the Oyster: The graecest man is the Fool.

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PPRESIDENT CLEVELAND has confirmed the favorable impression created by his statesman-like inauguration speech by his action in withdrawing the treaty providing for the annexation of Hawaii. The whole project therefore falls to the ground. At an early stage of the proceedings it became abundantly evident that the so-called Hawaiian revolution was in no sense a popular movement, but simply the action of a few Americans interested in the sugar plantations and other enterprises. The sound, practical common-sense of the American people is opposed to anything like jingoism or foreign aggression in which glory is made the pretext for promoting the private interests of a few influential schemers. There is evidently going to be much less consideration afforded to large corporate iuterests under Cleveland's administration than has been the case during the corrupt Republican régime.


HE dismisal of Dr. Allen, the Medical Health Officer is a particularly gross piece of partizanship on the part of Mayor Fleming and his supporiers. There is no doubt that the action is the result of personal and political spite against an officer who has performed his duties fairly well, with the object of making room for some favored follower of the Grit faction. But it is all nonsense to talk of it as though it were some new and unheard of proceeding when it is notorious that party considerations bave always dictated the course of the Council in relation to municipal appointments. In the past the City Hall has beenl a rank and reeking hot-bed of Toryism and membership in the Orange order, or the Sons of England has been regarded as a more essential qualification for office than honesty or efficiency. Mayor Fleming and his backers are but following the bad precedeut set by the dominant party in the past, as everybody might have expected. When Tories and Grits abuse each other over the affair itlis merely a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

$\mathrm{D}^{\mathrm{R}}$R. TALMAGE is undoubtedly\{? very"clever lecturer. It takes a more than ordinarily smart man to get a reputation for brilliant oratory by retailing such a hash of common-place twaddle and stale, last century jokes as that which formed the substance of his discourse in this city. Nothing succeeds like ${ }^{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ isuccess-and Talmage must be voted a success.


HE ${ }^{2}$ public appreciation of Talmage ought to serve as a lesson to ambitious youths to beware of originality and stick to the wellbeaten ruts, if they wish to please the people. Nothing goes like platitudes, and nothing makes an audience feel so uncomfortable as an original or unfamiliar idea.


Sur-" Do you consider mine a pretty name?"
He-"I do, indeed. I wouldn't change it for the world."

ARESOLUTION moved in the Commons by Mr. Israal Tarte, condemning the shuffling policy of the Dominion Government in assuming to act "judicially" on the Manitoba School question on the pretence that their advice to the Governor-General could not be called in question by the House, excited a lively debate. It was voted down by a majority of 49 . The fact that McCarthy and O'Brien, the ultra-Protestant representatives, and a few Roman Catholic extremists voted with the Grit phalanx in support of this resolution, is a curious illustration of the extremely mixed-up state of politics at present.

THE assumption of Premier Thompson that the Ministry possesses the power to consider vexed questions judicially and so escape ministerial responsibility, deprives the loyalists of one of their most crushing arguments against annexation-that it would expose us to the evils of an elective judiciary. If his contention is good the ministers form an elective judiciary already.
"DATRONS OF INDUSTRY" is a most unfortunate name for an association animated by a desire to better the condition of the workers. The cause of all the trouble is that industry has been "patronized" a great deal too much. The idea conveyed by the word is that of dependence and servility. There is not a scheming
political fakir or an unctuous plutocrat in the country who does not seek to patronize the worker and expect his bomage and support in return. What labor wants is not patronage but justice and equality.

IT is no use for an editor to seek political honors. The spring poet and rejected contributor vote will give it him in the neck every time.

A GOOD way of preventing the circulation of United States money, paper and silver, in Canada is to refuse to take it. It is not a legal tender, and displaces just so much Canadian money on which the country gets a profit. - The Empirc..

WE shall believe in the sincerity of Canadian loyalists when we find our tradesmen of that persuasion following the Empire's advice and patriotically refusing money that they can get rid of at par, on principle. It is doubtful, however, whether the Empire itself would refuse good Yankee dollars for subscriptions or advertisements. What a lot of humbugs these loyalist blatherskites are!

## SIGNS OF SPRING.

I
HEAR a dainty step approach, I hear a silken rustle,
I know she's after bonnet cash, So from the room I hustle.


## A BORN STRATEGIST.

Lord Deadbeat_"I understand that jou've bin crost in ove. ole plug."
Viscount Hardnut-"Yep.'
Lord Deadbeat-_" Well, just waltz in an' manipulate de heart strings of de kitchen scullion while I steal de dorg's dinner, see?;


THE LIGHT WEIGHT CHAMPION.
Smith- "Now are you sure that bread is good and light?" Kussenumer-"Light! Vy, mine fricnt, dot bread vas so light dot I haf me dose inspectuors of vaits and measures five times here this month alretty.'

## THE*SAME IDEA.

RS. BOOSYMAN-" Have you a song"called 'Not Drunk,' by C. A. White ?"
Music Denler-"Never heard of it, ma'am. Are you sure that's the title?"

Mrs. Boosyman-"Yes, 'Not Drunk,' or something like that."

Mlusic Dealer-"WVe have 'Only Tized,' by the same author. Perhaps-"

Mrs. Boosyman-" Of course-that's what I wanted. It's the same idea, anyway."


## DIDN'T LIVE IN TORONTO.

SON-" 1 'a, what's a microbe?"
Father-"Don't know, my boy. I never saw one."

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, which occurs annually on the 17th inst., is the most conspicuous event in the month of March. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, and in his time had a pull with the boys pretty nearly equal to that of Sir Mowat or Boss Croker of Tammany Hall

His birthplace is a matter of uncertainty. There is littie doubt in the minds of most commentators that he was there at the time, but he failed to take sufficient observation of his surroundings to enable him to identify the locality with any degree of precision. Subsequently, when he got up in the world and acquired
celebrity by his eloquent and forcible style of oratory, he had as many native places as Mr. Gladstone or the late Sir John Macdonald. He is claimed by England, Scotland, Wales and France, but there is every reason to suppose that he was a genuine Irishman, or how did he come to be called St. Patrick ?
The date of his birth was about the year 372, and when sixteen years of age he was carried off by pirates, who sold him into slavery. He remained seven years in the County of Antrim, during which time he tended bogs on the mountains. Beng a saint, he could not swear at them, so he was not successful in this line of business. The spectacle of a saint trying to remonstrate with a drove of Irish pigs, scattering over the hills in a dozen different directions, and unable to use language appropriate to the situation, might move the sternest Orangeman to pity.
Finally, Patrick escaped to the Continent, and after many adventures was ordained as a bishop, and returned to Ireland to convert its heathen inhabitants. The Druids, were against him, but he rung in a few miracles on them, and at last the earth opened and swallowed them. However keen competition may be, there is always an opening somewhere for men of enterprise.

Patrick's greatest miracle was driving the snakes and other venomous reptiles out of Ireland. The only snakes now extant there are the alcoholic variety, which the saint was never able to get away with, and Tim Healy. His favorite vegetable was the shamrock, which, notwithstanding its name, doesn't resemble the real rock to any noticeable extent.
St. Patrick succeeded in his design of converting the natives, and lived to the venerable age of 121 , if tradi-


MARRIED NOT MATED.
tion is reliable. His anniversary is celebrated every year by parades, dinners and eloquent remarks concerning the need of Home Rule for Ireland, and his memory, which is inseparably intertwined with the Shan Van Voght and cead mille failthe, is affectionately cherished by every politician who realizes the solidarity of the Irish vote.


THE UNEMPLOYED.
Can't Mayor Fleming Find Them a Job in the City Hall?


POSITIVE AND COMPARATIVE.
SHE-" Did you hear Wild last week ?"
HE-" No. I did better-I beard Wilder."

A case of " mash"
At sight, I think, Was at the Rink.

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"Ding-dong, dong-ding," (Funny-moon)
Fond hearts to link, Thro' Moss Park Rink.

## CANTO II.

Wedding long past, Babe on floor Loudly howls beHind the door, While parents' chink Not at the Rink.

Mother goes to Skate no more;
Rocks another Which does roar.
Dad tries to slink Of to the Rink

While she bends o'er Washing tub,
But she pets him With a club,
So he den't clink At any Rink.

Petted hubby Seeks divorce,
And his troubles Are of course,
As all must thirk, From Moss Park Rink.

Tario.

THE BEAUTY OF SILENCE.
EARD melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter."-Keats.
Once I thought the poet's phrase, l'aradoxical-absurd,
Now I think that what he says
Bears the truth in every word.
When the organ-grinding wretch,
With his weapon comes this way
Playing for a half-hour stretch
Nougbt but "Ta-ra-boom-de-ay!"
In engagements wrong is frequently the past participle of ring.

A MOSS PARK RINK ROMANCE.


Loud play'd the band,
Dude got rash,
And took her hand;


STREET GYMNASTICS.
"I say, mister, doin' a bit of fancy walkin' ?"

ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON


"HIGH" ART.
Paterfaminias-" Great Scott! What's all the smell about?"
Miss Dabdier-" Well Daub, the artist, was in and said I wanted some warm colors in my foreground and I'm just getting some ready."

## TOO BIG.

JASPAR-"Brown is a square, straightforward man. He never has to swallow his words."
Jumpupfe-" No, and he couldn't if he had to. He is a Bostonian."


## WILLING BUT WEAK.

Doctor-"I recommend cqual parts of whiskey and maltine. Do you think you could take it?"
Patient (doubtfully)-" I don't know, doctor. If I can get any one to take the malline, I will try to take the whiskey."

## CANADIAN PICTURES WITH FRENCH VARNISH.

MR. BELL SMITH'S interesting lecture at the Ontario Society of Artists, on the 7 th inst., was an event of sufficient import to the art lovers of Toronto, to deserve a passing comment. He gave us the inevitable view of the Quartier Latin, with which all readers of Paris life are so familiar from the late Mr. Laine Mackey, and the host of society writers, who consider it so essential a part of their sacred duty to describe it that one would think it a kind of penance proscribed to all scribes, to prose on previous to their final admission, after they have "shuffled off this Canadian coil," to live there eventually.

Oliver Wendell Holmes' saying that all good Americans, when they die, go to Paris, is now an article of faith among the $A$ Esthetics, but to an artist there are


DIDN'T WANT A SYNDICATE.
He-"I cannot help loving you."
She-" I don't want you to help. I want you to do all the loving required yourself."
some disabilities connected with this post-mortem inheritance of the kingdom that are rather discouraging. Of course it is nice for us provincials to know that the elite of Canadian artists study in Paris, and that on their return a sort of reflected glory sheds its effulgence on their bumble brethren. We bathe and bask in it as best we may, and it is only on such red letter occasions as the one in question, when the whole galaxy of Paris cultured ones foregather and combine their joint effulgence in one ray of blinding glory, that we benighted outsiders, can appreciate the condition of outer darkness in which we grope our inglorious way. There is no native marble out of which a Canadian artist ran hope to "cut any figure," that would be in the same catalogue with the smailest model in plaster of Paris-

The trip just gives the Paris stamp.
The art's no art without that.
Without the necessary excursion to the modern Athens
no mere provincial artist would dare to claim equal excellence for his crude productions, he must do the capital of France to get the necessary Gaul. But for fear these ravings should drive us shivering outsiders in-Seine with envy, with a passing compliment to the work of the elect among our O.S.A. brethren, we will take French leave of them and the subject.
S.M.J.
P.S.-Paris suggests Apollo, and in case we have offended any such divinities by throwing the apple of discord among them, the most greece-full thing to do is to Apollo gize.
"Outside of Dufferin county Sir Oliver Mowat's loyalty limps."-Empire. Probably Elgin Myers carried a brick in his coat-tail pocket.


HE TOOK EXCEPTION.
He-"As a rule, a man should not kiss a girl without first securing her permission."

SHE-" There is no rule without an exception.'

" (WEET May, I love but thee alone," Thus sighed the tender youth. "Oh, hear me, then, my passion own, With trembling lips and carnest tone, I swear I speak the truth.'
He paused-a blush oerspread her cheek, She let him draw her near,
Scarce for emotion could she speak,
let did slie ask, in accents meck,
"How much have you a year?"
"I am a bank clerk, dearest one."
He trembling made reply,
"But hope before my race is run A manager I many become,"
He added with a sigh,
So hopeless that she quickly scanned
His face with cooling eye,
And said "she had reserved her hand
For one who had both wealth and land
As well as station high."
w. Comborne-Thomson.

It is gencrally believed that Cbicago girls cannot follow Milton's advice, and trip it as they go "On the light fantastic toe."

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Morning.


Luncheon Hour.


Afternoon


EDinner Hour


Evening?


Night.


## HER TRUE COLORS.

"Haven't you some other shades? Black makes me look so scrawny, and I never thought red suitable for my appearance."
"Well, madam, here are some fine shades of green that I think should be very becoming to you."
"And then do the taxes belong to the aldermen ?"
"Oh, dear, no. They belong to the people, and it is the business of the aldermen to spend them for the public beneft."
"That's funny. I see Ald. Hewitt and some of the rest are going to spend $\$ 10,000$ in pictures of Toronto and a trip to the World's Fair. Is that for the public benefit?"
"H'm! I don't know exactly."
"Is it going to do you any good, pa?"
"Me? Oh, not a bit. In fact, just the other way. If they get more people in here they'll raise our rent."
"And will it do Billison or McSnifter or any of the rest that work in the factory any good ?"
"How should it? They don't own any property."
"There's more people that don't own property than that do, ain't there, pa?"
"I should say so. About five times as many."
"But they've got to pay their share of that $\$ 10,000$ all the same."
"Yes. What are you driving at ?"
"Just one question more, pa. Will they put Ald. Hewitt and the rest in jail?"
"Why, no, of course not! Don't talk like a fool."
"But pa, if they put a man in jail that takes another's moncy for himself instead of spending it for what the owner wanted, why shouldn't they ?"
"Ask me an easy one, my boy. I really don't know."

## HE WANTED TO KNOW.

" PA, I was reading in the paper to-day about a man who was sent to the Central Prison for stealing \$1o. That was pretty hard on him, wasn't it?"
"Why, no, my son, thieves must be punished. Nobody has a right to take money that doesn't belong to him."
"Why, are all those who take other people's money thieves?"
"Yes, of course."
"And do they aiways send them to prison when they catch them?"
"Certainly. You ought to know that. You are too big a boy to ask such fool questions."
"But want I to know, pa. Suppose a man wasn't exactly to steal the money, but you was to -give it to him to go to the store and buy something for you, and he ran off with it, would he be a thief just the same?"
"Yes."
"Pa, what's the City Council for?"
"Why, to run the city-to put on taxes, and keep the streets in repair, and keep up the police force, and so on."
"And we pay them the money, don't we ?"
"Yes, all the citizens and people who live here have to pay taxes."


## A TEARFUL THEOLOGIAN.

"By the way, Mrs. Goody, do you still attend Mr. Movemall's church ?"
"Yes, sir; and oh!'e do preach beautiful!and cries too till'e most chokes 'isself. You cert'ny should 'ear 'in, sir."

IF THE WATERS COULD SPEAK AS THEY FLOW.
(Toronto Virsion.)
ro be said or sunc at city councll and hoakliof heal Ih MEETINOS.
F the waters could speak as they fow along Through the conduit sunk in the bay, Their langunge no doubt would be rather strong, And some curious things they'd say.
Tales where wiggler and pollywog squirm, And the leaks daily wider grow,
Would mingle with microbe and pestilence germ. If the waters could speak as they flow.
Chorus-Stories of wiggling worms,
Of leaks tbrough which sewage can go, Would mingle with microlics and pastilence germ:, If the waters could speak as they flow.
If the waters could speak as they flow along Through the tap at the kitchen sink,
'Twould certainly cause consternation among The thirsty who come to drink.
Sewage decoction may death concenl, Though seeming as pure as snow, And what secrets of fitth would the stream reveal, If the waters could speak as they flow.
Chorus-Stories of wiggling worms,
Of leaks through which sewage can go,
Would mingle with microbes and pestilence germs, If the waters could speak as they flow.


Budger (rciding)-" ' Hot drinks inside.' Why fellow's an ass. Where else could you put 'emi? Does he think a man wants to swim in whisky?"

## AFTER GOLDSMITH-AND A SNOW STORM.

WHEN wayfarers would take the trolley And find too late that drifts delay,
What art can soothe their melancholy,
Or aid them on their homeward way?
The only way their course is hastened, Through wintry blasts and snows that balk
To $h$ imes 10 goose-pastures adjacent,
Is bravely to set out and walk.

## OF DOUBTFUL PARENTAGE.

DLUGWINCH-"Who is really the father of the N.P.?"

Beeswax-" Nobody knows for certain, but the Finance Minister is its Foster father.


KINDIY MEANT.
Friend-" Have patience, old man, and you will get along all right."
loung M.D. (whose practice is not hoomins)-" Have patients ! What the - do you suppose I have been hunting after for the last six months?"

## THE MOST APPROPRIATE REMARK.

" F the waters could speak as they flow" what would they be likely to remark during a spring flood ?
Dam it!

©A CASE OF GRIPPE.
Ansy-" There, piay don't wise-you don't look equal to it. What in the world's the mattah, me deah fellah?".
Cholix-"Oh-aw. I met my uncle from the country this morning, and he actually insisted-aw-on shaking hands with me. It was too tewwible!"


AFTER THE SALE.
"A great many horses are being sold for bis prices, nowadays."
"Yes, and I imagine that in many cases the buyersare sold also "
lie An; tho' ye craw,
Ic may be still-o' bricht plumes shorn, The same jacklaw.
An' Brither Burns jist whispers -"Ben.
O, wad ye tak a thought au' men!
An' spite, an' spleen, an' malice sen
Frae out jer breast!"
Depend on't tis a filthy hen Thax fyles her nest!
Young Canada high aims may ettle,
An' is a tritle fu' o' mettle.
Todrive, she's sometimes unco kittle Try soothin' syrup :
For faith jer whup may prove bu: britle,

If in the stirrup.
True, it may be she hauds her ain
When ye may aiblins be but fain Some tishy points perhaps to gain Or loread an' cheese,
Of try that lanks may seal alane

On Behring seas.

## STILL UN-AWDE.

KO W J U S E—"This scheme of having Awde inspect our milk don't go. Wouldn't mind being inspected by some man that knew his business, but an old woman like that-""

Skincew-""Ah, I suppose you call him an old woman because he wants to be an Ann Eliza-as it were."

Kowjuse-No, I could stand an Ann Eliza but that fellow's a CharlotteAnn."

Thus do the merry cowjuice distributors temper

ADVICE TO BEN HARRISON.
hy james hogg, remivivus.
 grane, has ta'en crack, me back, shud pack

AR President, it gies me pain To hear ye only grunt and

Because that Cleveland chiel
Yer bread an' buter.
But, up! ma man, yer breeks ye'll stain
There in the gutter.
Sae, sit ye doon, an' bae a
For by the plaid that clathes
I think 'iwere better ye
In peace jer duds;
Then howl because ye've got the sack;
An' deal out thuds.
Tush ! man, conie pree ma sneeshin' horn; Fer thooms, the' big, I winna scorn; Some feels are bred, an' some are born,
the despotism of inspection with epigram.

## THE EDITOR'S LIMITATION.

ASSISTANT-_"What makes the editor-in-chief look so broken up?"
Office Bov-"He tried to blue pencil his wife's millinery bill but the milliner insisted that it should go as it was."

## THE KIND THAT PAYS.

W[FE- "What is your ner poem about?" POET-"Spring."
Wife-"But do spring poems sell well ?"
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