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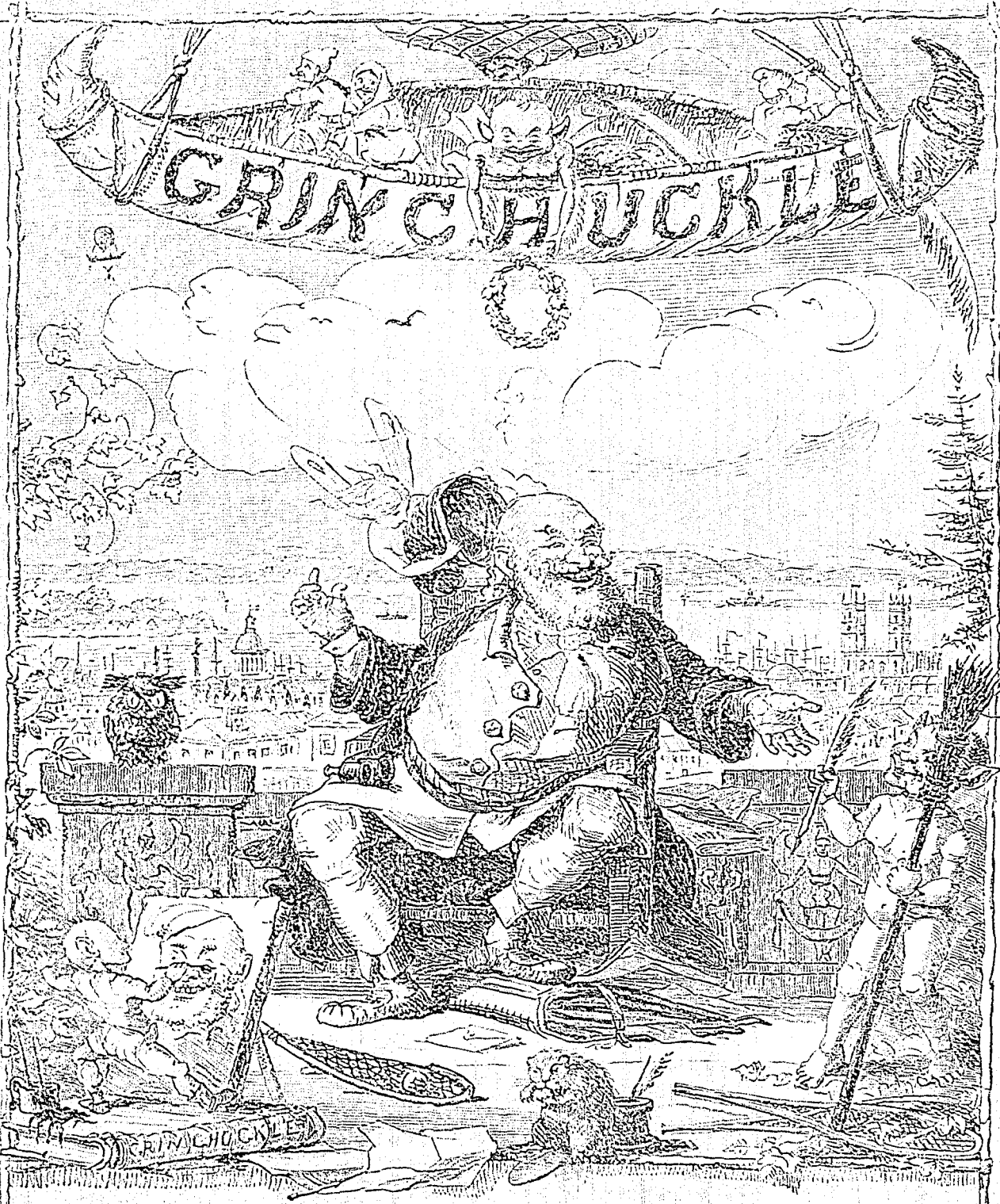
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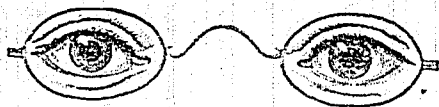
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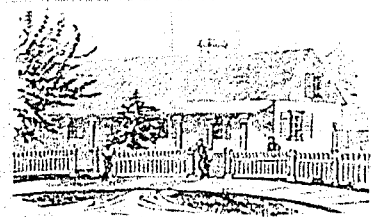
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E come now to a species, of which it may be said—slightly altering the words of Dryden, applied to a vastly different subject—

"The force of nature could no further go. She made the third to join the other two."

Such is the Governor, or *Zoolite*. This species appears to occupy an *inter alia* position, being evidently

designed by nature to connect, as it were, two of the grand divisions into which the world is divided,—namely, the Animal and Mineral Kingdoms. Whoever will take the trouble to study, for a short time, that vast and magnificent system of things which comprises the world, will discover that not only between the large divisions, but between every species, no matter how small or apparently insignificant, which differs from some other in an essential degree, a third is placed which partakes of the natures of both, and forms a sort of connecting link between them, joining, by this means, the whole system of creation in one magnificent family or chain. So well is this known to naturalists that they will describe to you a member of this huge body politic, though they may never yet have seen or heard of it, but which they will tell you must inevitably exist somewhere. Thus, between beasts and fishes we have animals known as amphibious, being neither wholly the one or the other. So, also, we have flying fishes, and birds which are equally at home in sea or air. Between vegetable and mineral, and mineral and animal, also, the same rule infallibly holds good.

Of this nature is the Governor, or *Zoolite*, which connects the two latter divisions of nature, being a sort of animated fossil, with the form and appearance of man.

It was supposed to have been one of this kind which was dug up in the States a short time ago, and which excited considerable curiosity, as a petrified human being. This idea is rendered all the more probable, from the fact that it would require a very short period of petrification to convert them into a purely mineral substance.

This species is not very common anywhere, which is, perhaps, a wise provision of nature, as they have never been found to confer any great benefits on mankind,—to fill the position we have described, evidently being the only object for which she intended them. A few, however, are found in almost every country, chiefly belonging to menageries and exhibitions, of one kind and

another, being, from their variety, a subject of interest to almost everybody.

In this capacity they are to be tolerated, but, like the Grand Trunk Debentures, one does not want too many of them. They are, besides, very expensive to keep, as they require not only to be luxuriously housed and fed, but a large sum has to be paid for keeping them,—probably on account of their dangerous character, for though they are not, generally, of a ferocious disposition, yet they have frequently been known to break away from all control, and commit such ravages as to render them unsafe to be trusted. Thus, a few years ago, in Jamaica, one escaped in this way, and created considerable consternation, by killing a number of people before it was again taken; but it was at last captured, and sent to England, causing considerable curiosity and excitement in that usually peaceful country. Nor is this the only instance, as many others might be cited to prove the savage taint which frequently runs in their veins.

This species has been known to naturalists, and the world generally, since a very early period,—indeed it is frequently mentioned by the writers of the Old Testament, from which we would infer that, at that time, they were pretty common; but, assuming that to be the case, they must have gradually decreased in numbers, probably owing to the progressive tendencies of the world being uncongenial to their existence, as has been the case with many species of the lower orders of animals. It is *large*, and rather finely made, with a noble step and somewhat pompous carriage.

There are several specimens of this animal in Canada. There is one, particularly, in Quebec,—a very fine one, we believe,—belonging to a zoological society there, which often creates considerable interest and amusement, by the fantastic tricks which it has learnt to perform, and which prove, notwithstanding the theory of many scientific men, that this species *is* endowed with some degree of intelligence. This one, when irritated and angry, will throw itself in a passion, and *bellow* in the most frightful manner.

There is another at Toronto, belonging to a similar institution, which, though not so ostentatious in appearance, or altogether so perfect a specimen, will, when enraged, *howl and* "roar you as 'twere any nightingale."

INFANTICIDE.

One of the Upper Canada papers says that Miss Rye is getting rid of her children rapidly. Fatal effects of Old Rye. What suggestions of unutterable horror! How does she get rid of them? By starvations, drowning, hanging, suffocation? Or is she too kind to them, and does it by stufication, thereby inducing indigestion, colic and wry faces? What wretches these newspaper men are! "Getting rid of them,"—too bad!

"The bank whereon the wild thyme (time) grows" appears to be an ever-verdant one, judging from the quantity of that article in the hands of some of our young bloods.

The "Rights" women are generally most anxious to secure marriage rites.

G. W. S.—'S PRAYER TO THE COUNCIL.

Ye Councillors all, both the big un's and small,
I rise for to speak in my place, Sirs—
For in talking, you know, as in writing, I'm "tall,"
As I blushing confess to your faces, Sirs.

You know that I'm fond of my baccy and grog;
On the cheap, too, I got your smoke, Sirs;
When I said I did not, I must have been in a fog,
And I'm deucedly sorry I spoke, Sirs.

There's a serious subject, I wish to suggest,
And of troubles to me 'tis the next, Sirs;
It nearly concerns our comfort and rest,
When we're called to give up our ghost, Sirs.

They say when we leave this here circular globe,
With the cares of this world overcome, Sirs,
We are laid very low, with no need to be blowed,
And we're terribly nibbled by worms, Sirs.

So when you, in sadness, take me to the grave,
And leave me alone, black as night, Sirs,
To keep up my spirits, I humbly crave
That you'll see I am buried quite "tight," Sirs.

As a Councillor high, what have ne'er told a lie,
Your "Stephens" would have you to know, Sirs,
That if you'll attend to this job by and bye,
I'll drink to your health when below, Sirs.

N.B.—G. W. S. apologizes for two or three un-clerical errors, which would not have appeared had the above lines been competently revised.

(From our Special Reporter.)

CONSULTATION OF (CURRENCY) DOCTORS
ON MISS CANADA'S SPRAINED ANKLE.

The consultation was held in the *Corn Exchange*, as the doctors feared *corns* would supervene if the matter was not attended to.

The origin of the name *Corn Exchange* is disputed. Some believe it is so called from the number of grain-dealers *cornered* there; others, that it refers to the number of half-*corned* gents around on an afternoon.

The chair was very properly occupied by Mr. Gold,—the *subject* to be "dissected" having reference to gold and silver.

Dr. W—R read the prescription of the family physician, but, being in Latin, the quacks did not understand it, and shouted against it accordingly.

Dr. D—G—LL thought it a case of great cruelty, and had repeatedly called Mr. F. Mackenzie's attention to it. He had often *witnessed* Miss Canada's sufferings, and heartily approved of strengthening the young lady's ankle with what was commonly, but erroneously, called a *plaster*.

The council of veterinary surgeons reported that three of their number had seen the young lady skating; that she skated gracefully (as ladies always do); and that, in their opinion, the pleasure of being pained was greater than the pain.

A voice was heard. He (or she) spoke *ironically*. It was absurd to compel the young lady, against her will, to change her skate, even if she were willing.

It was finally resolved that the appearance of suffering seen by Dr. D—g—ll and others was owing to some

ocular defect in the optic nerves of these gentlemen, and that it would be better to wait till an ounce of gold and an ounce of silver became of equal weight.

Another meeting, at which the young lady was present, is reported elsewhere.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

HOME SICKNESS.

This disease is not fully understood by the profession. Young and old are subject to it, but its attacks are more violent upon the young. Homœopathic treatment seems only to aggravate the case; but if persevered in for a length of time—say for two or three years—it invariably effects a cure. The old Allopathic treatment, however, is the kind generally resorted to, as it is found to afford immediate relief, though the patient is always liable to a relapse. A change of air is very apt to bring it on, and it is very difficult to treat it and an affection of the lungs at the same time. It affects one all over as much as the measles, but its manifestations are not so plainly indicated. Its symptoms are loss of appetite, a dislike of everything and everybody within sight, except the postman and a large flat whitened spot on the point of the nose, caused by pressing that organ against window panes. In an aggravated case this disease often takes the form of a *mania scribendi*. The post-office becomes a place of intense interest, and the post-boy a ministering angel. If this reckless functionary should not prove accommodating, symptoms of water on the brain occasionally appear. There is a dull, heavy feeling from the throat to the pit of the stomach, like as if one had swallowed a leaden bullet with a long woollen string attached to it. The most effective cure yet discovered is to drive the patient at once to the nearest railway station, put a blister of Canada greenbacks directly over the heart, with instructions to "went." The patient is sure to recover.

BLUES.

This disorder attacks all classes of society, but not all individuals. Children generally have it light, and soon get over it. It is, no doubt, catching if no preventative is used, but it mostly catches the same person over and over again. It is a good deal like the ague; having it once makes you all the more liable to have it again. I have known a man to take it at the mere mention of his wife going up town. Even a slip of paper with a well-known grocer's name on it will sometimes bring it on. It derives its name from the visage of certain dinnerless gentlemen, on washing days, having a strong resemblance to the indigo-bag. It has been said a man may be a "bluenose" and yet never have had the "blues;" if so he has had a very narrow escape. Homœopathic treatment has always been found to be worse than useless. *Greenbacks* are much preferable to *blue pills*. The cause is generally owing to *tightness* somewhere—sometimes in one branch of trade, sometimes in another—sometimes with the employer, sometimes in the employed. When this cause is noticeable in a man the "blues" often run at once through the whole family, although he may not have them bad till next day. A little *loose* cash given daily for some time will soon change the *colour* of matters and effect a cure.

TIMOTHY TIDD, M.D.

THE PICTURE GALLERY.

(The following appears to have dropped from the pocket of an art critic. As no name was attached to it, there is little probability of finding the author):

The art of painting may be traced to the earliest days. The study of the nude was probably the first style developed, and the taste for fruit pieces soon was recognized on the pallet. It is unquestionable that the line of beauty was typified by the serpentine flourishes which prevailed in these early days. Tracing the line of thought down through the ages, Tubal Cain did something in brass, which no artist can want. As the poet says—

"Hear it not ye stars!
And thou, pale moon, turn paler at the sound!"

Or, to turn to the glorious Shakspeare, who does all things well—

"In framing artists, art hath decreed,
To make some good, but others to exceed."

Appelles, Phidias, Titus Andronicus, Marcus Curtius, Horatius Cocksles, Anacharsis Cloots, Apollo and the Medicine family, rise up, before the mind's eye, in a long procession, from hoar antiquity. With them all is beauty—for criticism would be out of place, since

"He that paints,
Or makes a feast, more certainly invites
His judges than his friends; there's not a guest
But will find something wanting, or ill-drest."

The Olympic Games are full of artist life; the Isthmian Games—how glorious!

"But who can paint the lover as he stood?"

Who that has stood in the Vatican, or Burlington Arcade, or Holliwel Street, or under a dry arch in London, but has drunk in draughts of beauty?

"High in Drury Lane,
Lulled by soft zephyrs through the broken pane!"

The dreamy, rural fancies which such scenes call up, can never be forgotten by the true artist.

After such dreams to turn to any native—very native!—productions:

"Hyperion to a satyr!"

What glowing beauty in the green sea of canvas produced by Mr. Vout? How the green waters roll,

"And tumble, break-neck, falling from the clouds!"

What imagination—what skill in touch—what a breadth—what a magnificent *chiaro scuro*—what a light—what a height—what a depth—what a pea-green—what a glory—what a fall!—Ye gods! what a fall!—

"From the sublime to the ridiculous is but a step!"

Sam Patch was nothing to this—it is all *patch*! The imagination is, after all, the thing for a painter, who has

"Exhausted worlds, and then invented new!"

Never was anything like it seen in heaven or earth, unless it be the green light, coming in at a stable, on some heavy cows, due to the remains of the green which would not wash from the brushes, they had got such a soaking from Niagara—

"The green-eyed monster!"

Any that has seen, like me, the master—

(This is all that was found; and it is, evidently, not complete. Part of another sheet, in the same handwriting—which, however, did not appear to have any connection with the art criticism now given, was rolled outside. It is a mere fragment, and reads thus):

—"opinion; for, painful to state, these critics have 'damn'd, with faint praise,' some of the best pictures on the walls, while others—remarkable only for their size, their coarseness, and inharmonious colour—are lauded to the skies. Amid such written trash, it is certainly refreshing to read the sensible and timely remarks of *your* art critic, on this Exhibition, in your issue of this morning. Yours, etc.

"AMICUS PICTORUM."

Any one who has lost these sheets can have them returned, on application to *Grinchuckle*.

THE SILVER NUISANCE.

"The public will find the correspondence between Sir Francis Hincks and the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, on the silver question, highly entertaining and instructive. The thing is so clear that comment is unnecessary."—*Gazette*.

"Highly entertaining"! The same journal contains several notices of highly entertaining and instructive meetings, a lecture, concert, &c. These may be, perhaps, classed among entertaining things; but what entertainment, strictly speaking, can be found in a correspondence of this kind? It may be very well for money grubbers; but all newspaper readers do not belong to that class. They don't look to the dollars as such, but only for the "entertainment and instruction" they may obtain by their expenditure. The paragraph seems a libel on our citizens. The whole thing, however, is so clear that "comment is unnecessary."

CITY REPRESENTATION.

The "great well-known" and *purse-revering* Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has lately appeared in a new *role*—as candidate for the representation of a Ward in the Council. He seems to have had an eye for sometime *toward* this, and to have used the other office to *forward* his views in this direction. He appears to have been not a little *backward* in coming *forward*, as his candidature is only announced close on nomination day. Probably "the Divinity which shapes his ends" is the Citizen's Association, of which clique the candidate for re-election is not a member. There may be sufficient "sheep" to be led by the ring.

WEIR AGAIN.

We find we were mistaken in ascribing Mr. Weir's having been recommended for the honor of Knighthood to Sir Francis Hincks. He owes his spurs to Sir John Rose. We conclude it was done "Sub Rosa." Some joker dubs Weir "Master of the Rolls," in allusion to the packages in which coin is made up. Poor man, he seems to get no "quarter," or, at least, not "half" enough. He must feel "dolorous" by being so put on his "mettle."

A valuable aid in the Montreal Water-Works—Fil-teau (filter).



THE CONNOISSEURS.

FIRST NEWSBOY.—“Well, Mr. Hart, can you perceive the difference between a Leggotype and a wood-cut badly done?”

SECOND NEWSBOY.—“No, Mr. Leonard; there are both on 'em here in this *New Dominion Magazine*—but it 'ud take the Art Association to discover which is which!”

FIRST BOY.—“That is so; but Nash came from a great family of carvers—of course, he is first-rate! And although the Leggotype can beat such work as that any day, pretension is the thing!—Nothing like it!”

A YOUNG LADY'S APPEAL TO A GALLANT KNIGHT.

MISS CANADA—“Oh! Sir Francis, I am suffering so much from this light American silver skate. It is no mate for the heavy gold one on my other foot. The doctors differ, but I shall never get along without another gold one.”

SIR FRANCIS H—s—“The doctors, be-fiddled! Who asked the doctors? I'm your doctor! You shall have the gold skate, my dear. Mr. Weir will attend to it. Meantime you can strengthen your ankle with a twenty-five cent Dominion Plaster.”

MISS CANADA—“A thousand thanks. Oh, I'm so glad!
(Aside: *But I'll burn the Plaster.*)”

SIR FRANCIS H—s, (whose hearing is sharp)—“I hope you will.”

(Vide CARTOON)



-NOW-SHOEING. — This snow shoeing is a queer sort of business, especially to a stranger who has never before tried to navigate with the aid of snow riddles. How he flounders, especially if he happens to get into a drift! and how is he to “pick himself up,” supposing he falls?—his legs are perfectly unmanageable. This is the trying part of the business to the amateur, and if he does not get frozen he may think himself lucky. But there is an amusing side of this

matter for inepters, and that is on the occasion of what are called snow-shoe races. GRINCHUCKLE was the other day at the first “fixture” of the season, and there he saw a large number of that class of individual “who and there money are soon parted,” who had neglected business and everything else to be present. A number of ladies were on the stand, shivering with cold, and stamping their feet to prevent “frozen toes.” The discomfort of a snow-shoe field was even sufficiently jolly to induce them to leave the warm fire-side for the cold outer world. The competitors, as a whole, looked ridiculous “dressed to kill” themselves—wearing “tights,” as merry-andrews, sprights, tumblers, &c., &c., and even his Satanic Majesty had such an ardent admirer that he could not wait till his time came to pay him a visit, but must forsooth attempt on earth the devil. Teeth were heard chattering at a great rate, and a race day seems to be cousin-german to a death-bed scene. The bell rang, and a number of fellows came to the starter,—some of them without socks, and the “calves” fairly blue with cold. They start—there's a scramble for first place,—some one or other falls—so does another; legs are stretched, tongues loll out of mouth about a foot; the racers shuffle off at a brisk rate; some one leads; then there is a “brush” at the “home stretch; one tramps on the others snow-shoe, place him *hors de combat*, and wins the race. The down-trodden one protests; the judges can't agree on their decision, and the giving of the prize is put off. This is, indeed, a satisfactory conclusion of the day's sport, and in another week the same dose is repeated. This is a “general,” but tolerably correct, account of a snow-shoe race. After giving so faithful an account, GRINCHUCKLE may, perhaps, be permitted to suggest to the Clerks of Courses, not to be quite so rough with parties who may step on the track, but let them “rope the course,” which will, by this means, be kept in better running condition than otherwise.



THE YOUNG LADY'S APPEAL TO A "GALLANT KNIGHT."

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

"Twixt John S. and John A. a sharp contest arose
About payment of judges—a delicate matter—
For judges are men, who, as everyone knows,
Must be *courted* and paid—but especially the latter.

So John S., having friends on the bench, who, he thought,
For a little more gear might not like him the worse,
Just instructed his flock—who are easily bought—
To vote them more funds from the popular purse.

But John A., who considered the judges his own
Most particular care—by the new Constitution—
At once vetoed the bill, so that up to "the throne"
This new "States Rights" problem was dragged for solution.

They were both of them lawyers, and argued the case
With a great deal of wit and a wig full of learning,
For John A. was renowned for rhetorical grace,
And John S. for his talents in "nicely discerning."

So straight to the point he at once went, and said,—
"The case is just this, as your Lordship will see,
"That the judges are quite insufficiently paid,
"And the funds are our own without mortgage or fee

"So, considering these matters, we thought we'd the right
"To dispose of our own in whate'er way we pleased,
"But respecting the judges this insolent knight
"Has declared their 'allowance' shall not be increased."

This seemed quite absurd, but the knight then arose,
And with look full of learning and gravest concern,
Said,—"The new Constitution, your Lordship well knows,
"Is the point upon which all our arguments turn.

"And the new Constitution provides in a way
"That leaves no room for doubt or mistake or evasion,
"That the judges shall look to us only for pay,
"And this bill, therefore, strikes at the very foundation.

"On which we are striving to build up a new
"And a glorious structure, by Liberty crowned;
"But should this precedent be granted by you,
"Both our hopes and our edifice come to the ground."

The Court looked bewildered, but finally said,—
"Twas its settled conviction, and could not be *swerved*,
"That the judges could be by whoever wished paid,
"But the new Constitution must—shall be preserved."

WONDERFUL!

The publisher of a journal in New York, who had
long been warning the public against carrying large
sums of money into public places, was lately robbed,
in the Academy of Music, of \$9,000!

"List! 'tis music stealing!"

The wonder, however, was, not that he should be
robbed there, but that a *journalist* should have \$9,000
loose change in his pocket. To be sure, he was a
publisher, which makes all the difference. The line-
upon-line men are neither so fortunate nor so unfor-
tunate.

Doctors say that brain fever is caused by the wearing
of the enormous chignons, now in fashion. May the
women who suffer not be called hair-brained?

EDGED TOOLS.

The Quebec Legislature does not move rapidly. It
is inclined to be put on the stationery list,—goes in for
free paper, free pens and pencils, and free knives. The
Members are also anxious for free drinks, but have not
spirit enough for this in a legitimate way. These
singular blades determined to abstract their neigh-
bours' knives (French steal), and very adroitly managed
to secure them,—not to take home to their *enfants du*
sol: that might be some excuse. The Member for
Missisquoi solemnly stated, that "to his personal
knowledge a number of the *honourable* members had
pawned the knives for liquor." Poor fellows! \$6 a day
is too little for these worthy representatives. Why is
there not a levy made on the Province for drink for
these virtuous and thirsty souls, and not compel them
to take this "tincture of iron," and to *pawn* the knives,
too. These are the pledges legislators give that they
will faithfully serve the country. G. W. S. boldly
bought and imported his own cigars—at the expense
of the City! But to pawn stolen knives for liquor!—
How can Sir Narcisse see *his* Province so disgraced?

LATEST INTELLIGENCE!

The uses of the telegraph are so various that new
beauties are developed every day. The four o'clock
edition of the Montreal *Evening Telegraph* of Tuesday
last, had the following piece of startling intelligence,
just received from Spirit-land, as the sentiment is not
to be found in the published works of the gentleman
whose name is given as the author:

"I would rather my daughter should have a man without money,
than money without man."—THEMISTOCLES.

There! It requires no little enterprise to publish a
four o'clock edition, for the purpose of communicating
such valuable information to a gaping public!

Speaking of the vestments worn by the ecclesiastics
at Rome, a newspaper item says, "So dazzling are the
colors of the dresses that the bishops may be likened
to a bed of tulips."

GRINCHUCKLE thinks they might much more appro-
priately be likened to a bed of *mignonettes*.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.

A special telegram to the *Witness*, from Quebec, on
Saturday last, says:—"A carpenter named Sussor fell
down here on Thursday evening."

GRINCHUCKLE is in an agony of suspense to know
whether he got up again, and whether he is likely to
recover, and also whether a subscription list is likely to
be started in aid of the "sufferer!"

The question, whether "the man in the moon" is a
lunatic or not, has lately been decided in the affirmative,
by a special convention of *savants*.

MACAULAY SUPERSEDED.—We understand that the
"*Lays of Ancient Rome*" have given place entirely to
the *clericals* of modern Rome.

CITY GAS ASSOCIATION.

A number of the members of this honorable body being absent at the last meeting when GRINCHUCKLE was present—as the *belle lettered* people say—in *propria persona*, desired to have an opportunity of seeing his, perhaps, not lovely but to be beloved phiz, and, therefore, petitioned for a special congregation, which was duly held on Wednesday night, but GRINCHUCKLE was not there—only his representative. Amongst those who had come to do him honour were Aristides and Forceps, Rotten and Value, the Son of Jesse and Old Ireland, together with Manho, Employer and Servant, and Hold-him-down. These were, as has been said before, of the first rank. The second rank were represented by Plankit, William-my-son, and Juliet's Partner, with Lieman, Never-told-a-lie, and Leader, besides Frederick the Small, Jawdone, Robert the Tailor, and Sanctimonious Charles. Stone, Wiseman, and the City Shoveller watched proceedings behind the scarlet judgment seat, and in front of the Workman who presided sat the grey-haired man and his diminutive assistant. With the help of the burly Cardinal, a private detective, and several policemen, Darcy kept order. The gallery was occupied by some of the "unwashed," and upon the side seats sat a deputation from the Licensed Whittling Association.

The business was opened by a letter read by the Workman from a number of gentlemen in Bytown, who desired to get up an opposition railway to the Grand Trunk. A promise was held out in the epistle of "free drinks and rides," and, as a matter of course, the Association sent three members.

Several members brought in a motion to turn the resting places of the dead into places of relaxation for the living. Some opposed this on account of the cost, but only one said it would be unseemly, whilst another said it would be unhealthy.

Never-told-a-lie did not consider it would be at all unhealthy, provided water-tight coffins were used. He referred to the great plague of London, stating that the dead had been buried in water-tight coffins just under the spot where a big school stood. If water-tight coffins were not used he would pay a good rent for the land for a garden. It must be fertile; bones were good for cabbage.

Lieman considered Never-told-a-lie an authority on all *grave* questions.

Never-told-a-lie briefly returned thanks, on which Darcy, fearing there might be an explosion of gas—so much of it floating round—turned down the light.

Lieman said Rotten was an able fellow—nay, more, he was a jolly good fellow.

Robert the Taylor happening to whisper to some one was told by Lieman to learn to behave.

Never-told-a-lie said he would instruct him for a "quarter."

Sanctimonious Charles fired a bullet made by the Son of Jesse.

Never-told-a-lie crossed the house and had a "confab" with his friend Bayard, and at the same time the Son of Jesse and Sanctimonious took positions on the floor, with their backs to the stove.

Forceps wanted taverns closed early.

Rotten entered into the discussion, citing Chitty, Mansfield, Blackstone, Archbold and Coke in support of "his pretensions."

Forceps "spurred" with Rotten about "blind drunkards."

Rotten thought taverns, even in broad daylight, full of filth and wickedness.

Never-told-a-lie said he wanted a smoke, and asked for one of McConkey's best or Davis' "Cable" cigars.

Son of Jesse asked all hands to go out and take a drink.

Rotten resumed his argument, and asked that tavern keepers might have the benefit of the doubt.

Never-told-a-lie expressed his belief in conversion.

Forceps said Rotten had never been committed since he had been Chairman of the Police Committee. [He here went into a heavy temperance lecture.]

Rotten asked him whether he was sincere?

Forceps said he was, but his was more like the case of the priest who advised his hearers to do as he said, not as he did.

Rotten referred Forceps to Molson's ledger to see whose was the heaviest account.

Forceps was doubtful.

Rotten asked if there was such a thing as getting "legally drunk."

The Son of David said, "No, sirree!"

It was announced that changes were about to be made in the membership roll, and certain gentlemen were appointed to watch over the elections, to see that no one voted twice, that no one drank too much whiskey, and that not more than twenty-five cents was paid for any one vote.

The Workman pronounced the dismissal.

CIVIC ELECTIONS.

The great day of the year has at last come, when the corner pettifogger can show himself to be of some influence, and the poorest householder can have his say in the conduct of public affairs. There are going to be some changes; but these are of general occurrence in this life, and the non-successful candidates are advised not to put themselves about, but to try again. GRINCHUCKLE will be glad to find some of his old friends in the new Council, whose interests he proposes to watch over at the Nomination and Polling days; but he has something of a desire to see some new ones, in order to have other lessons and experiences of human nature. The election cries this year resolve themselves into the "Public Park," which seems to be a case of "wait awhile"; the new City Hall, which is rather too premature a project; the extra Water Supply, a thing of the utmost importance, and improved Streets and Public Squares, which are badly wanted. The water-tight coffin business is to be reserved for next year.

Who will be rejected in the Centre Ward? Baa! Baa!

The Secretary of the S. P. C. A. Society proposes, if elected to Council, to bring up the Calf question.

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