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These young women are not fooling away their time, as you may suppose, reader. They are engaged in making a hat, a la mode.

## HIS NATURAL LEADER.

T
HE present city council promises to be above the average for honesty and ability, though it would perhaps be too much to hope that it will be entirely frec from inside cliques and coterics. It would be nothing but natural, for instance, that Ald. Lamb should feel disposed to follow Ald. Sheppard. The latter has mothing to do with crooks, of course.

## THE HUSKIN' BEE.


:VF been luokin' from the hill topsocr the fields of wavin* corn,
An' thinkin bout the fun we ll have, a luskin' in the bart.
We've never had a I luskin' a l'arin' Bee or Dance,
let Iasl: for ever talkin' 'bout givin loys a chance.
He's kinder "r'nst the dancin': to his mind tain't jist correct, luat says as bow he's willin-if the lastor dont object: Seems now-a-days that l'reachers, an most of DeaconstorJest visit round the neighbors, an' tell "em what to do.

Nost everybody hereabouts has a huskin' in the fall
Lut somchow or another we ve not had one at all.
Cos whenever its been talked about there's allus been a row, An"I ain't so awful sartin but what there ll the one now.
finnyway I've been a rectinin" "hout how many theréll belake hrown says how he's comine an his sister sed she de see: An' then theres Billy Mortom, with his girl, what's got red hair. An' Samely Joncs that s courtin' Irescilly Ann St. Clare.
\%eke Smith 'll do the fildlin', an likely bring Doll Thorne, That s the one he's been a sparkin', sence ever I was born: Test like as not old Jones 'll come. perhaps Samanthy too... En' Elicr Hawkins with his wife, an all their noisy crew.

Well, now, begesh : that's curi"us, there comes old Deacon IIorne A cuttin' cross the medder, an' strikin' fer the com. Bet ennything he's comin' to talk about the Bee, An' try (o stop) the dancin or the fiddin', don't ye see?

Now the Deacon 's sure to argie the case upan the groundThat no sich thing as dancin in the "good look" can lef found. An' how a feller 's sinnin' to hev' liddlin' at the Bee, "Cos its g'nst the Methodist ducirin" an" their "Theologee." Well I haint much good on argyment, leastways on thet ther kind, So I'll jist keep on a hoein while the cleacon speaks his minel. An' kinder look my maddest, 'an sometimes serateh my hearl, But never once disputin' 'hout what the deacon said.
l'tll jest be like the deacon to make a little swear, When he sees I'm not disputin', an' actin' kinder queer, Then dad 'll start a whissel, or else begin a hymn, Jest like he does in meetin, till the Deacon swears ag'in".

But 'tain't no use a wonderin' 'bout how its goin' to end, The Deacon 'll do some talkin', on that ye may depend. luat dad'll likely end it, by sayin'-well-he'll secSo its likely there'll be dancin" at the Huskin' Bee.
T. M. Hurmble.

NOTES ON THE GREAT HAGARTY-SCOTT-ROSS-M'LELLAN-KIRKLAND-MEINTOSH IMBROGLIO.

MISS HAGARTV'S chief cause of complaint against the Honorable Doctor George William Ross is that when she returned from Europe she found herself "Scott free."

Mr. Hagarty's letters to the press would seem to indicate his belief that in English translation of "Hic jacet" should be placed over someloody's door in the Education Department.

The Honorable Minister's trouble appears to consist chiefly in his having a poor forgettery, or a good onewhich?

Dr. McLellan's vindication of his chief evemplifies what is known to the scientific world as self-deglutition, but as in the case of the feathered species, it requires more than one of them to make a summer.

## A SLIP OF THE PEN.

OUR acknowledgments are due to Saturday Night for a very generous "send off" in its last issue. Admonition is blended with praise in a fatherly manner that we quite appreciate, but when the writer, "Mack," warns us to aroid the mistakes of the "old" Grip" and steer clear of "annexation" among other fads that he names, we deem it a duty to call his attention to this slip of his well meaning pen. It is true that (through an enthusiasm for humanity which we hope was pardonable) Gril used to be perhaps too much in earnest for a mere jester on the questions of Prohibition, Just Taxation, Free Trade, and other great questions, but not a line was ever written or drawn in support of Amnevation, if by that term is meant the political union of Canada and the United States. "Mack" will kindly make a note of this. Meanwhile we are willing to believe that the word found its way into his catalogue inadvertently.

QUERY?-Should not a good practical farmer like the Hon. John Dryden be styled one of the judges of the land?



HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT.
(Scenc. Entrance of Eastirn Block, Ottaswa).
Political Friend: "Sir John, is'nt that pretty candid?" The Premier: "What do you refer to?"
Pol. Friend: "The word on the door. I know the Grits say that the only way to get into the Departments is to have a 'pull,' but I didn't suppose you'd openly advertise the fact!

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

(as IT was and is)
At Ottawa.--"Are you a Tory?"
At Toronto.-"Are you a Reformer?"
At Both.-" What church do you belons to?"
(AS IT WIIL BE.)
At Ottawa.-" Are you a Tory ?":
At Toronto.-"Are you a P. $\mathrm{I}^{2}$.A., or a P.I. man?"
(as it ought to be.)
At Both Places.-" What are your business qualifications?:" "Hare you a good character?"

## FOR THE NEXT DICTIONARY.

Priving; Press. - The great general of the people, who has driven the enemy from the fortified heights of power, and compelled him to give battle in the open field of thought.

Clock.-A doy we keep to bark at us.
Marriage. - Harness for a pair.
Experience.-The scars of our wounds.
Luxury.- The hectic flush of a consumptive nation.
Hamilton is blowing and booming ; it has recently grabbed the iron works, at the present moment it is negociating for big steel wagon works: but its loudest and largest AD is its very own A. D. Stewart. We shall see whether this is the kind of ad. that pays best.

If Sheriff Mck゙ellar had his venerable photosraph taken about this time it would probably show an aurcole, or Awrey-ole (how d'ye spell it ?) around his head.

## WHY WOMEN WEAR "WATER FALLS."

A question'tis why Women wear a fall :
('Tis truth it is to pride they're given, all,)
And pride, the proverl) says, "still goes before a fall."



## BUT WORSE REMAINS BEHIND!'"

-Shakespeare (on Boots).
THE TORONTO SWEATER.
In a siutij;, stilling place,
The workers sew away,
At a cruel, killing pace, For beggarly, starveling pay.
They are toilings night and day In this fetid, horrible perch, Making trowsers and shirts for a (Catter) pillar of the church.

Swent, sweat, sweat,
"Competition's the life of trate," Sweat, sweal, sweat, God knows not the wage that is paid:
And we whose souls are aflame, And whose hearts at this infang leap,
Are we not also to blame
With "Sell us our trowsers inetp!"
" Give us our shirts at cost,
Or well go to the shop next door !"
Then we wonder that souls are lost,
or that they make slaves of the poor.

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& \text { Sweat, sweat, sweat, } \\
& \text { But: give us our "bargain thay:" } \\
& \text { sweat, sweat, sweat, } \\
& \text { God cares not what wage ye pay : } \\
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THAT Mr. Adam Brown, of Hamilton, has it in contemplation to write an Iutobiography under the taking title of "The Reminiscences of a Showman." And why not? Barmm mac: al lot of money out of such a book: Wiman is at the present moment enjoying a world wide fame as the author of "Chances of Success:" Macready. Irving, Wilder and many other stage celebrities have written their Remimiscences, and none of these persons ever had a better right to put pen to paper than has Mr. Adam Brown. The public willawait the forthcoming work with impatience. Thousands who have hung upon his eloquent lips as he stood upon the darkened stase and dilated upon the limelight views of the World's Fair will be deeply interested to kuow just how he folt at those supreme moments. They will take an almost morbid interest too in the details he may give as to what the committee men said and did when they met him at the station; how he liked being lionized at the hotels where he was put up; the particulars of his many inevitable squabbles with the fellows who worked the lantern, etc., etc. As the pioneer of all the thousands-if not millions-of showmen who are now entertaining the public with World's Fair views, Mr. Brown will have a right to speak with peculiar authority.

[Sceve-The Retiring Roon at a popular Concirt.]
First Fair Elocutionist (who has just returned from the stage, after. rendering "Barbara Freitch ")-"Erhow did you like it?"

Second Do. Do.-"O, splendidly! you did it awfully well. Especially the old woman's voice. But then, of course, you ousht to!"

## MR. O'DAY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

To The Right Hon. Sir John Sparme Thompson,
Praynter of Canada.
Dear Sir John:-
IN omittin' to minshun yerself an' the Yallow Martin, whin alludin' to sich purty birds as Grip an' the Phaynix last week, I pledge my veracity that no offinse whatsomever was intended. Indeed I wudn't be cock shure but that the same Yallow Martin is quite equal to a Paycock at laste; an' if it plazes ye, I'm prepared to say so. And as fer the Sparrows-although no great beauties to look atthey are so chirp, an' pugnashis, an' so well able to hould their own, that I'd back 'em for anything,-even agin the grate American Aigle himself. 'Tis wan of sich that should have gone to Washington jist now: Or why didn't yez think of Grip? The Larke that has been sint may be a sweet singer, an' able to whistle Yankee doodle dandy, but tis a plucky bird, like Grip, or wan of the Sparrow family, like yerself, that's wanted, at this time, to take the consait out of the proud bird o' freedom. A loud crowin' rooster, like wan ye know at Ottawa, won't do ; nor a bantan, like Tom Daly, that crows in an' out of sayson, nor any ar the blackbirds an' vultures that yez are keepin' roostin' upon the moulderin' branches av the decayin' Tariff tree. Grip, wid his cuteness an' sthrong bake, is the only Bird that fills the
bill-for where he found he cudn't compate upon aquil terms, he wud be shure to win afther the ould fashion, by puttin' a grain o' salt upon the tail of the aigle. An' that's as much as any represcntative ye sind to Washington will be able to accomplish.

An'spakin av birds: Isn't that fearsome fowl that feeds upon politishuns (See Grir No. 2), a cawshun! I said A Caw-shun, - Yerbum Sar.

Give me respectful compliments to Wise Aberdeen, who needs no cawshun, -

Your thrue frind,
Tim O'Day.

## CIVIL SERVICE WIT.

TWO members of the Ontario Civil Service passing along College street the other morning, on their way to the Parliament Buildings, one remarked: "How rapidly they build houses nowadays," pointing to a neat threestorey house, " they commenced that house only last month and they are already putting in the lights." "Yes," rejoined his companion, "and next week they will be putting in the livers.'
(P)Shaw: Head of the Executive Committee is it ?Why Sheppard and Thompson are the Head(s)men of the Council.


THE :LEADER LED.
MARTIN (ín Impudent Bov)-"HURRY UP, GUV'NOR, OR YOU'LL CHOKE HIM!"

## SIR NOLL.

(With Apologics to Kiudyard Kipling).
'Chere's a pleasant little man, Which is Noll.
Wears the tallest hat he canOtr Noll.
He has ruled us twenty years, Spite o' Tory jibes and sneers,
He's the best of all premiersAin't you, Noll?

Then here's to Noll, the lawyer, Little Noll, Noll, Noll! He's a regular top-sawyerFighting Noll, Noll, Noll ! He's the Duke of No Surrender ; He's our boundary defender, And our Statutes' wisest mender-Ain't you, Noll?

If a follower kicks the trace, Look at Noll.
If a member wants a place, Watch for Noll.
He has eyes all round his coat, He can spot a shaky vote, He knows how to steer the boat Don't you, Noll?

He's a little down on gin, Prudent Noll:
What he wants is sober menAin't it Noll?
But he'll pause on action's brink,
IIe'll take ample time to think,
Ere he takes away our drinkWon't you, Noll?

What he does'nt know o' law, Cunning Noll.
Vou can ask the Tories forCan't they, Noll?
O, he's little, but he's smart,
He knows all the statesman's art,
And he does not shirk his partDo you, Noll?

Now they've made a blommin knight Out cr Noll.
Which was nothing more than right-Was it, Noll?
And a handle to his namic
He wears, he's not to blame,
For he treats us just the sameDon't you, Noll?
Then a health to Noll we'll quaff, İitte Noll, Noll, Noll :
Pocket Blackstone an' a half, Fighting Noll, Noll, Noll!
We shall shortly have some sport,
For he means to hold the fort, And we'll give him our support-Won't we, Noll?

This is not an ode-not it !
But you've helped us all a bit,
Though you are a bloomin' Grit, Bless you, Noll!
G. C.

## A GOOD PROTECTIONIST.

ALD. I.AMB is determined to get a by-law through to compel the saloons to close up at nine o'clock cvery evening, if he has to fight all summer. Like the good, prudent parent that he is, the worthy alderman has the safety of his own boys in view. He rightly believes that Lambs and Kids should be protected from the prowling traffic after nightfall.

Mrs. Malaprop says she can't understand why the P.P.A. should wish to be so secretious, since it is to all intentions and purposes a sacreligious Association.

## DEXTRINE, DEXTRAN, DEXTROSE,

DOWN in St. John they are having a sweet row over a molasses question. There is a dispute whether an article, hundreds of casks of which have been sold, is genuine molasses or a mixture of glucose and other stuff. Samples have been analyzed and the matter reported to the Dominion government for a decision. The papers have been full of expert opinions and analyses, and the words dextrose, dextran, and dextrine have been dextrously hurled this way and that. According to the latest advices the case, as viewed by the enemies of the molasses in question, stands about this way:

> The sugar cane said to the bect,
> As they stood by the side of the pan,
> Do jou think you can ever compete
> With me as a source of dextran?


MEREDITH'S CHILD'S PLAY.
 A P.P.A. REMONSTRANCE WITH "GRIP.'"

N OW, Mister (irip, attend, For the I'.1'..'.,
a few werds from a friend, For the I'.l'.A.;
You will have us all undone,
If those pictures jou keep on, And make of us such fun, Say the l'.l'.A.

First, we're a "farsome fowl," Say the J.'I.A., leeding, like a ghoul, Say the P.P.A.: On politicians rank,
Who to the lips have sanl:,
In foul corruption's tank-Say the P.P.A.

Then you make us a mad lull, Say the l'.1'A.,
Of ferocity so full, Say the P. P.A.:
That with Meredith we snil,
langing to our ail
Whilst his lot he does bewailSay the P.I'.A.

Now in number four or five; Say the I'.I.A.,
10o manage to contrite, Say the I'P.A.,
(Since at these two weve grinned)
To paint our vote as pinned
To a great big puff of wind, Sa) the P. D.A.

## THE REVIVAL OF THE OVER-SKIRT.

T
HERE is a whisper in the fashion books that the long obsolete over-skirt is to be revived. The pictures, it is true, have not yct reasserted the sway of graccful draperies we last knew by that name, but nevertheless the garment is coming upon us, or rather upon the feminine half of the world.

It is, to be sure, ugly enough to dismay anyone but a modiste very much a-la-mode, but that's nothing; when was ugliness cver a bar to style?

Husbands and fathers have found the one-skirted garment of to-day expensive enough. They shudder 'midst the contemplation of the present low state of themoney-market, at the idea of paying for double skirts.

Isn't it time that men combined to find out the fiend that sets the fashions, and insisted on his or her cutting the skirt to suit the times, not his or her fancy?

People have been slaves long enough to this tyrannical unknown ; it is more than mortals should be asked to bear that he should force over-skirts, in these days of under-pay. Should men really be courageous enough to form a protective search society to discover the whercabouts of this conscienceless being and deal him summary vengeance, there is no doubt but that they set themselves a difficult task, as it is said he has provided himself with innumerable hiding places $\mathrm{u}_{\mathrm{p}}$ the sleeves of his patrons.
J. AI. Loes.

## TOPSY-TURVY.

W E must have manufacturers 'tis said ; What then? They surely ought to carn their bread, And not like nestlings cry till they are fed, Nor should we feed them-
That we must have mechanics' just as true, But then, if we can find them naught to do, We do not feed them, but we let them go To those who need them.

But do we on the right foundation build ? A country; with industrions farmers filled, By whom its fertile acres all are tilled, May take for granted,
That it will get, and that without delay, Factorics, mechanics, and the long array of dealers, doctors, lawyers, -we may sayNore than is wanted.

'TIS FOLLY TO EE WISE.
I.

Clerk.-" Have a care, sir, that's paint."
Mr. Jay.-Paint? So I see. An² a very nice shade it is, too.

II.

Mr. Jay. - "What docs the feller take me for, I wonder? Guess I know paint when I sec it, ef I am from the country?
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IIas neither, wife, nor chick, nor child, Nor c'er a ponr relation;
Of stores and houses owns whole rows And every one well rented,
let by his talk you would suppose That he was not contented.

When some poor son of want and woe Implores a benefaction,
Its just as good as any show To watch the Deacon's action, Ilis answer is the same to all, Full often have I heard it;
" My income is so very small, "I really can't afford it.
"I should be very glad indeed "To help one so deserving,
"But I've no more than what I need "To keep myself from starving.
"I hope you are a Christian, friend : "O let me then persuade you
"To trust in God, some help IIe"ll send, "He'll not forget to aid you."

The Deacon then, with soul composed, And face to IIeaven up-bended,
letires-the door is softly closedThe interview is ended.
Ah ! Deacon! you'd be honoured more, Twould keep your soul from rusting, fyou would sometimes help the poor And do, yourself, the trusting.
G. C.

## THE GREAT CONVENTION.

MR. Grip, whose sound Protestantism has never for a moment been called in question, was the only jourmalist admitted to the Profoundly Secret Convention of the P. P. A. at Hamilton on Tuesday. He was there in the spirit only, as it was desirable that none of the delegates should be visible to the enemies of the cause. He knows all that was done, but not the most ingenious toriures of the Inquisition (which as is well known are carried on in Canada to-day by the Romans) will extort the first syllable from him. He will only throw out one hint-the country' is now safe, and Rome is thwarted!


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## AMUSEMENTS.

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Paviliontrley entertainmened for the gratulation the 3ith. Whereupon the of Kleiser's to the enterprising manager ar's Star course are in order.
 May. He coast for Majected a trip to success along the to elocute in all the and a good time. We wish him

## PRESS COMMENTS

of $\mathrm{GHE}_{\mathrm{Kl}} \mathrm{firgt}$ two issues of the new edition better thave come to hand; the second more of the old first, and shining with Were old days stood the Were good and stood for the things that right direct, and starts out arain in the Mrection,-Renfrew Mercury.

## Getter, Canada' ***

better thanada's only comic weckly, is tables to delight ever since it rose from its the hand ofons and heople with its ininniOn every of Bengough being discernable Phenix Pablishind Gis published by the Cornwali freenof Tor

Fverione must be pleased to see Guverrone monst be more and to find it issuingr under the editorshipof its founder, Mr. J. W. Bengourh. Canada has only this one cartoon paper, and it would be unfortunate were we to lose it. In powers of satire Mr. Bengourh excels all those Who make cartoons in this combly , and have diminished had he not abindoned the vantage groumd of a critic and eari catmrist to take the most violent side in every social and political question that engrossos the enuntry Those who were not enthusiasts on temperance single
tax Henv-Georreim in-reneral, freu trade Hendryeorgeism ingeneral, trek trade and amnexation all at once, took their doses of old GRiJ during Mr. Bengourh's Iast year of manarement with feelings almost of nabsea, If Mr. Ben groph cansliake himed oose tranmels and ply a fre crityon, he has the akill to win for the new GRIP ia place never occapied by the old Groreven in its palmiest days. The success of the paper should be a matter of pride. but is it is run in the interest of a wild eyed coterie it will share all the vicissitules encounterd by those fandists and their fads. Here's hoping thit Gurr, parified in the mrave, will now shake away from its rarged foundlings and become res pectable and great.-Saturday Night.

One thiner for which "The Mute" feels especially thankful to the new year is Tereappearance of its sprighty. the cuidance of its fommer and old time conductor, Mr. J. W. Bengough, whose pen and pencil have lost none of their
power and piquaney, as a glauce at the cartoons and comments in the new issue clearly indicates. M.. Bengrong's visit to this Institution a short time since is still remembered with pleasure by all connected with it, and he will at all times be a welcome visitor whether
he comes to paint rhe handsome "phiz he comes to paint the handsome "phiz of teachors and heads of departmonts, or
delisht papils and othors with his inimi delight papils and othors with his inma
tablesketehes and stories. Whe Mute habesketehesund stories. "The Mute" heartily wolcomes the return to the journalistic field of its vivacions contemporary and wishes it a long and pros berons carcer mand
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