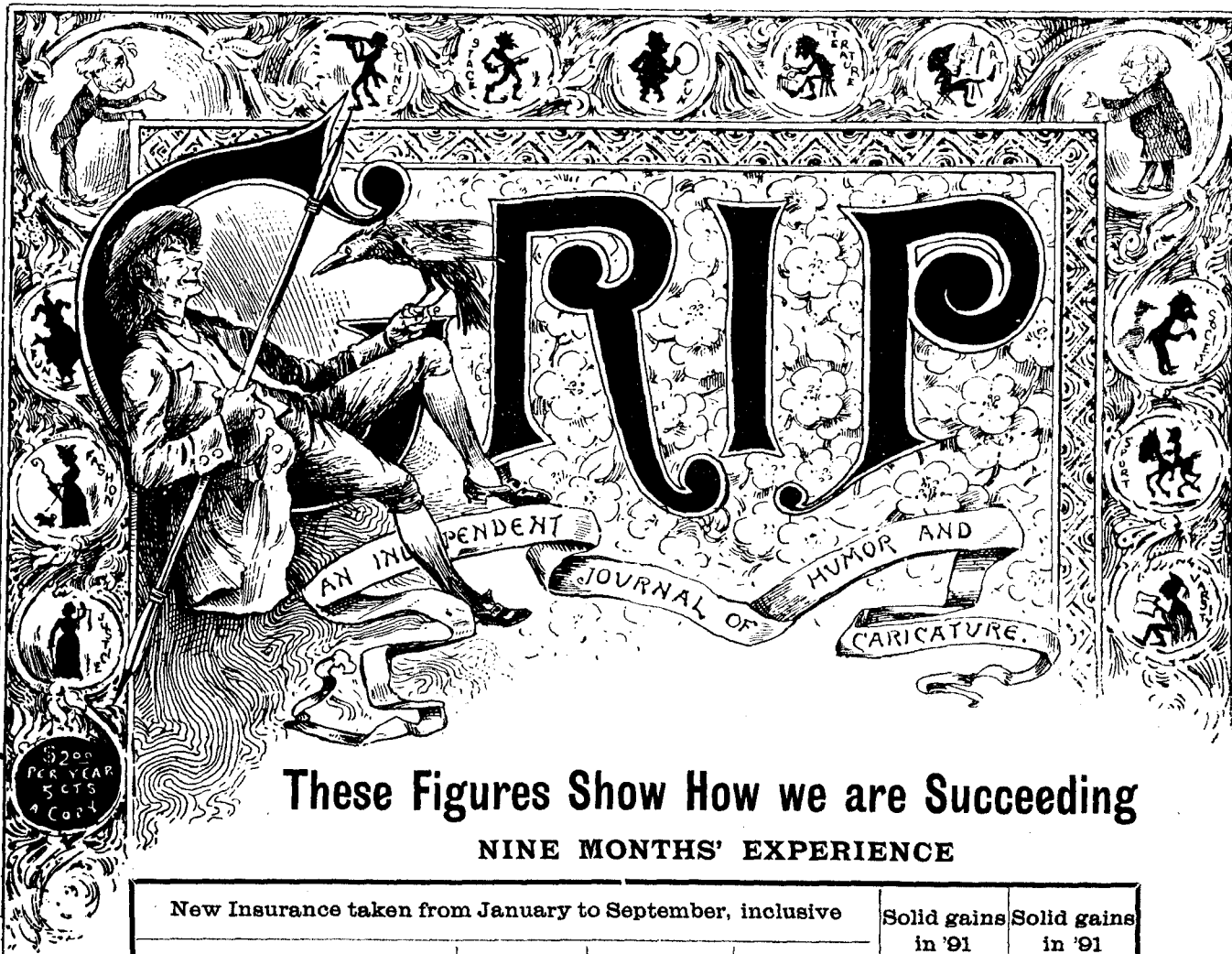


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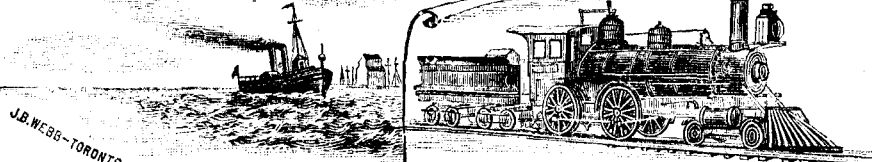
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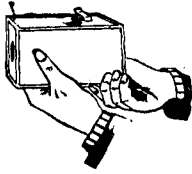
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**THE CAUSE OF THE ANNEXATION MOVEMENT.—**

STONEY POINT, ONT., Oct. 20th.—A public meeting was held at Desjardines hall, this place, this evening for the purpose of advocating the political union of Canada and the United States. Notwithstanding that rain had been falling for days and the roads were almost knee deep in mud, the attendance was very large. Mr. Israel Desjardines, who has been one of the most active Conservatives in the West, and is president of the Local Conservative Association, took the chair, and declared himself strongly in favor of political union. Speeches followed by the warden of the

county, Messrs. F. P. Boulter, Dr. Brien, ex-M.P., Sol. White, M.P., and others. The speeches were listened to with interest and were loudly applauded. A resolution, moved by Mr. A. M. Aubin, and seconded by Mr. C. Mailloux, endorsing political union, was carried unanimously by a standing vote. There was intense enthusiasm. The speakers announced that urgent requests were pouring in on them for meetings at Woodstock, St Catharines, Bothwell, Niagara Falls, Thamesville, Winnipeg, Sarnia, Amherstburg, and many other places. A continental union club was organized with a large membership, with A. M. Aubin, president; C. Mailloux, vice-president; M. Queenville, secretary.

The above interesting, not to say startling, despatch, which appeared in the dailies of the 21st, furnishes a "stoney point" for the restrictionists to consider. It conveys in a very emphatic way an idea of the unrest which exists in the western portion of this Province—and which is not greater there probably than throughout the rest of the Dominion—and by so doing it once for all gives the lie to the tales of "prosperity and happiness" which some N.P.

organs still have the hardihood to repeat. The annexation movement is not very formidable, to be sure, though if the despatch is trustworthy it bids fair to spread,—but it is great enough to indicate the verdict of the people on Protection. These farmers, who ploughed through knee-deep mud to attend an annexation meeting, and voted unanimously in favor of that fad, simply declared that things have come to an intolerable pass, and that they are ready for anything. They do not really care for political union with the United States—not one man in twenty of them. What they are after is the commercial advantage that scheme offers. If they could get access to the markets across the line they would be perfectly satisfied—and once more we tell them that it can be secured by Reciprocity. Canada will never consent to annexation—and it is at least doubtful that the people of the States would vote to admit the Dominion. But both peoples are agreeable to free trade relations. Meanwhile, what has brought us to the condition in which annexation meetings are possible? The fool-begotten and boodle-nurtured policy of restriction. This is the apotheosis of "Loyalty!" Once more is the old adage verified—"Experience keeps a dear school, but Canadian voters will learn in no other."

ON THE SCENT.—"Don," of *Saturday Night*, is noted as a shrewd observer, and when he deliberately expresses his skepticism about the purity of the Mowat Government, the rumors which have of late been floating about will lose none of their interest. The *Hamilton Times* dismisses "Don" with the statement that he is "an old Tory with whom the wish is father to the thought." But "Don" is not a Tory at all—quite the opposite, in fact, if he may be judged by his writings. This is aside from the question, however. What the public of Ontario want to know is, are there any grounds for these insinuations of corruption? That question can be easily settled as soon as the House meets, if anybody cares to specify charges and call for a committee. Meanwhile it may be assumed that the Attorney-General enters a very energetic plea of not guilty.



R. ERASTUS WIMAN has been interviewed once more on the unfailing subject of Canada. This time it is the *Brooklyn Eagle* he favors with his views, and we transcribe just one sentence from his statement for the benefit of the *World* man and others who so glibly refer to 'Ras as an Annexationist. Listen: "My position in this matter is simply this: That Annexation is unnecessary, is undesirable and is impossible." That is tolerably clear and explicit, but it won't prevent these "patriots" from reiterating their slander.

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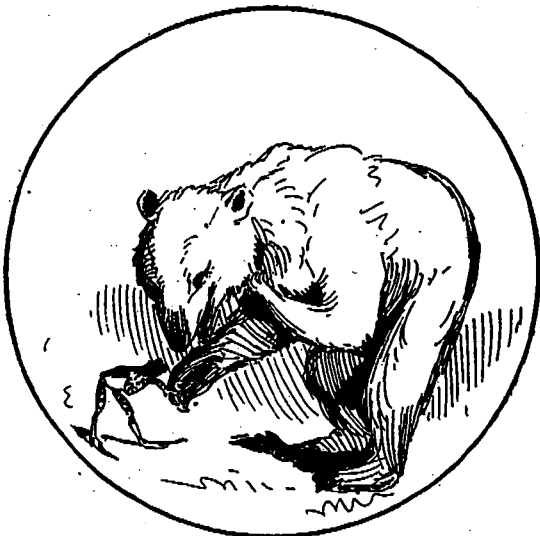
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PASSENGER—"But hold up, mister. Doesn't it say on the bill that this here railroad carries folks through to Chicago without change?"

#### PULPIT PERSONALITIES.

**REV. DR. GRONER** was delivering an excellent sermon on the "Perils to National Morality":—

"Our country is passing through a crisis," he said, "which demands honest men in high places. Unless Canada is to be degraded in the eyes of the world, we must rise to the occasion and put an end to the corruption which is disgracing us. Trading politicians must be frowned down. The grosser element which is debasing our public life must be suppressed."

At this point Mr. Lightscales, of the People's Grocery, indignantly rose and walked out of church.

In a subsequent interview with one of the deacons, he said he didn't mind political preaching, but when the minister got to throwing slurs at the grocery trade, which was just as good as any other honest business, he thought it was time to quit.

#### THE BOON HE WANTED.

**MUSICAL ENTHUSIAST**—"Ah, that was a grand entertainment at the Auditorium last week. Wouldn't have missed it for anything. If we could only have a Blind Boone always with us!"

**PLUGWINCH**—"Humph! Considering the kind of music we hear most of the time, I think a deaf boon would be more appreciated."





### A BACHELOR ARTIST.

MISS FRESHEY—"Yes; I've matriculated, and I'm going in for the B.A."

MR. FITZASEEL—"B.A.? Bachelor of Arts? Well, but look here, if that's what you're going in for,—er—why not take me?"

### THE KRIEGSVEREIN.

IS IT ESSENTIAL TO IMPERIAL FEDERATION?

OUR Imperial Federationist friends are all at sixes and sevens over the stand taken by the English Imperial Federation League, which throws cold water on the preferential trade idea of Sir Charles Tupper and insists that the first if not the only essential element of federation is the *Kriegsverein*. At a recent meeting of the Toronto branch the matter was talked over in an informal sort of way.

Mr. Castell Hopkins was disposed to agree with the English view. A *Kriegsverein* was essential. No nation had ever retained its ascendancy without it. Rome, the mistress of the world (hisses from some of the Orange brethren)—ancient Rome, he referred to, which had laid the nations under tribute. She had no *Kriegsverein* and she fell from her proud pinnacle of pre-eminence. Had France possessed this source of national security the horrors of the Revolution would never have been enacted. The foresight of their English brethren in insisting upon this long felt desideratum was commendable.

Mr. R. Cuthbert asked if the United States had one.

Mr. Hopkins replied that our American neighbors were a remarkably astute people and were conscious of the value of those safeguards which tended to the preservation of autonomy.

Mr. Cuthbert asserted that a *Kriegsverein* was superfluous, if not indeed contrary to the foundation principles of the British constitution.

Col. Denison expressed himself as being opposed to all Yankee democratic innovations of this character. Let them read the history of the rebellion of 1776, when his ancestors—

A VOICE—"We have heard that before."

COL. DENISON—Or the war of 1812. Was there any talk of *Kriegsverein* then? No. The U.E. Loyalists would have perished in the attempt rather than sanction such a measure.

H. K. Cockin, the poet of the movement, who had been busy writing in a corner during the proceedings, taking advantage of a lull in the debate, said that he had just penned a little poem on the subject, which, if they liked, he would read to them, as follows:

THE KRIEGSVEREIN.

The *Kriegsverein*! The *Kriegsverein*!

All hail with loud acclaim,  
In storm or calm, in rain or shine,  
It guards our nation's fame.

Then hail the sign  
Of the *Kriegsverein*,  
Let it float o'er land and sea;  
'Tis mine, 'tis thine,

The *Kriegsverein*,  
Whatever it may be.

The stalwart sons of Britain stand  
As a rampart on her shore,  
She is girt with a valiant hero-band,  
Oh, list to the lion's roar!

Then haste to the shrine  
Where the *Kriegsverein*  
Flares forth like a meteor free,  
And we'll quaff red wine  
To the *Kriegsverein*,  
Whatever it may be.

Oh! breathes there a caitiff wretch supine,  
Who his country would betray,  
When he marks the sign of the *Kriegsverein*

Let him tremble in dismay!  
We'll garlands twine  
'Round the *Kriegsverein*,  
As a symbol of the free;  
Let it shine so fine,  
The *Kriegsverein*,  
Whatever it may be.

The poem was loudly applauded, and after some further remarks from Ex.-Ald. Frankland, who said that he must reserve his judgment until he had fully considered the effect which the *Kriegsverein* would be likely to have on the cattle export trade, the meeting broke up.

### GENERALIZING ON INSUFFICIENT DATA.

THE following question and answer appear in the correspondence column of Saturday's *Evening News*:

Which is correct? "It is a curiosity which I found," or, "It is a curiosity that I found."—IGNORAMUS. Either is correct.

The editor seems to be as great an ignoramus as his correspondent. How does he know that either is correct? Both may be wrong. It all depends on what it was that "Ignoramus" found. It might have been a cigar stump, or a yellow dog, or an umbrella, or a street railway ticket. None of these are curiosities. Or perhaps he didn't find anything. What's the sense of attempting to answer questions of this kind without having all the facts before you?

### ALWAYS A GRIEVANCE.

STOREKEEPER (to farming customer)—"Well, Mr. Yokel, you've got a grand crop this season, anyhow. I congratulate you."

MR. YOKEL (after due consideration)—"Ye-es; but it's very wearing on the land!"





### IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AT OTTAWA.

(From the Sydney, Australia, Bulletin)

JONES—"This is a pleasant surprise. And what are you doing now, old man?"

BROWN (*languidly*)—"Oh, I've been in the Government service for the last four years, doncherknow."

JONES—"Four years! When are the usual defalcations coming to light?"

### CHATTER.

MR. LONGHAIR—"Now, Theosophy teaches me that I have seven bodies in one."

MR. JUMPUPPE—"Your appetite convinces me that it teaches truly."

JUMPUPPE—"A finely edited edition of Ibsen's plays is to be published before long."

JASPAR—"Who is to edit it?"

JUMPUPPE—"A doctor who is a specialist in hereditary diseases."

CHOLLY—"See that cad ovah theah?"

CHAPPIE—"Ya-as."

CHOLLY—"I was sitting heah this mawning and he came ovah and awsked me what I was thinking about."

CHAPPIE—"Wat a dwedfully insulting insinuation!"

JASPAR—"Why do you suppose you were created with a black skin?"

SAMBO—"Guess it mus' 'ave been soz I could go to a hen roost at night 'thout bein' seen."

JACK—"I understand that Ethel's family is of excellent extraction."

MAUD—"Perhaps they are descended from a dentist."

CHAPPIE—"They say that theah is an age coming when men will have no teeth."

CHOLLY—"Deah me! what will they do with their toothpicks then?"

JASPAR—"Adam must have been the first of dudes."

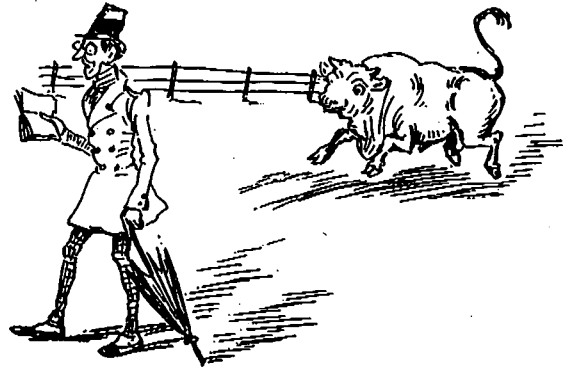
JUMPUPPE—"Indeed."

JASPAR—"Yes. We read that he had a Cain."

MISS FROSTIQUE—"I can trace back my ancestors hundreds of years."

MISS CAUSTIQUE—"From personal recollections, I presume."

### THE PROFESSOR'S ADVENTURE.



I.



II.



III.

### SOMETHING EXTRA COMING.

THE work on Grip's Comic Almanac for 1892 is drawing to completion, and that popular publication will dawn upon a delighted world some time next month—the exact date to be announced a little later on. We are in a position now, however, to say positively that this, the thirteenth issue, will far surpass any of its predecessors in every way. In the first place, typographically it will be a thing of beauty. It will be printed upon superior paper and enclosed in a cover of glistening white, the design for the title page being in half tint, and executed in two colors. It will be more profusely illustrated than ever before, and the pictures (which are all original and drawn expressly for the work) will be better than heretofore. Amongst them will be a full-page drawing by Charles Broughton, a Canadian artist, who now stands in the front rank of New York illustrators; and a double-page design by J. W. Bengough. This latter cartoon will be itself well worth the "price of admission—10 cts." It is entitled "The Dickens Christmas Convention," and contains portraits of seventy well-known public men masquerading in the guise of characters from the great novelist's familiar works. Great care has been taken in casting the characters, and the artist flatters himself that in every instance he has succeeded in making a moral and physical fit. Altogether GRIP promises to give his friends, in the Almanac for '92, a Christmas publication which will bear favorable comparison with anything that is likely to be in the market, at about one-third the price of the current Christmas numbers.

### SUGGESTIVE NAME.

IT wouldn't be at all surprising if Lord Hawke carried off some American chicken of the feminine persuasion. Cricket has suddenly become a very popular game in the towns visited by his team.

### ONLY SKIN DEEP.

SHE—"Beauty is but skin deep, you know."  
HE—"In a great many cases. Many fine-looking women have shallow complexions."

### A CASE OF EVOLUTION.

OUR butcher owns a bull-dog  
Of English pedigree,  
As good a sample of the breed  
As you could wish to see—  
At least when first he got it  
It was a model dog—  
Though now it has a contour  
Suggestive of the hog.

Disciples of old Darwin  
Who patronize the place  
Are deeply interested  
In this peculiar case;  
(Which helps the butcher's business,  
For when they're in the shop  
These savans "pay their footing"  
By ordering steaks or chop).

Well, as to this here bull-dog,  
You see, he's fed on meat,  
Pork being his special fancy,  
And doesn't he just eat!  
Well, say, 'cept when he's sleeping  
(Which helps to make him fat),  
He eats 'thout intermission  
Right straight along, that's flat!

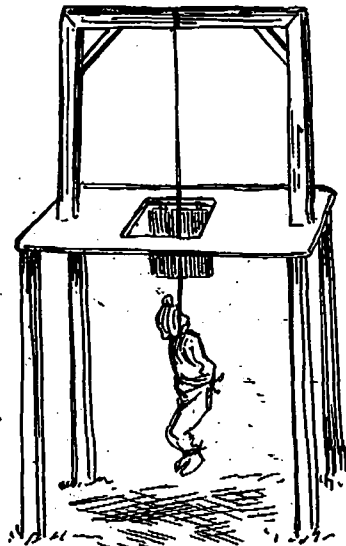
In consequence of all of which  
This gormandizing dog,  
As I've already stated,  
Is turning into hog;  
He's lost his shapely body  
And waddles like a runt,  
His tail's becoming twisted,  
His bark's a perfect grunt.

From scientific interest  
We state this case surprising,  
And not to give our butcher man  
Some dead-head advertising.

—William Beattie.

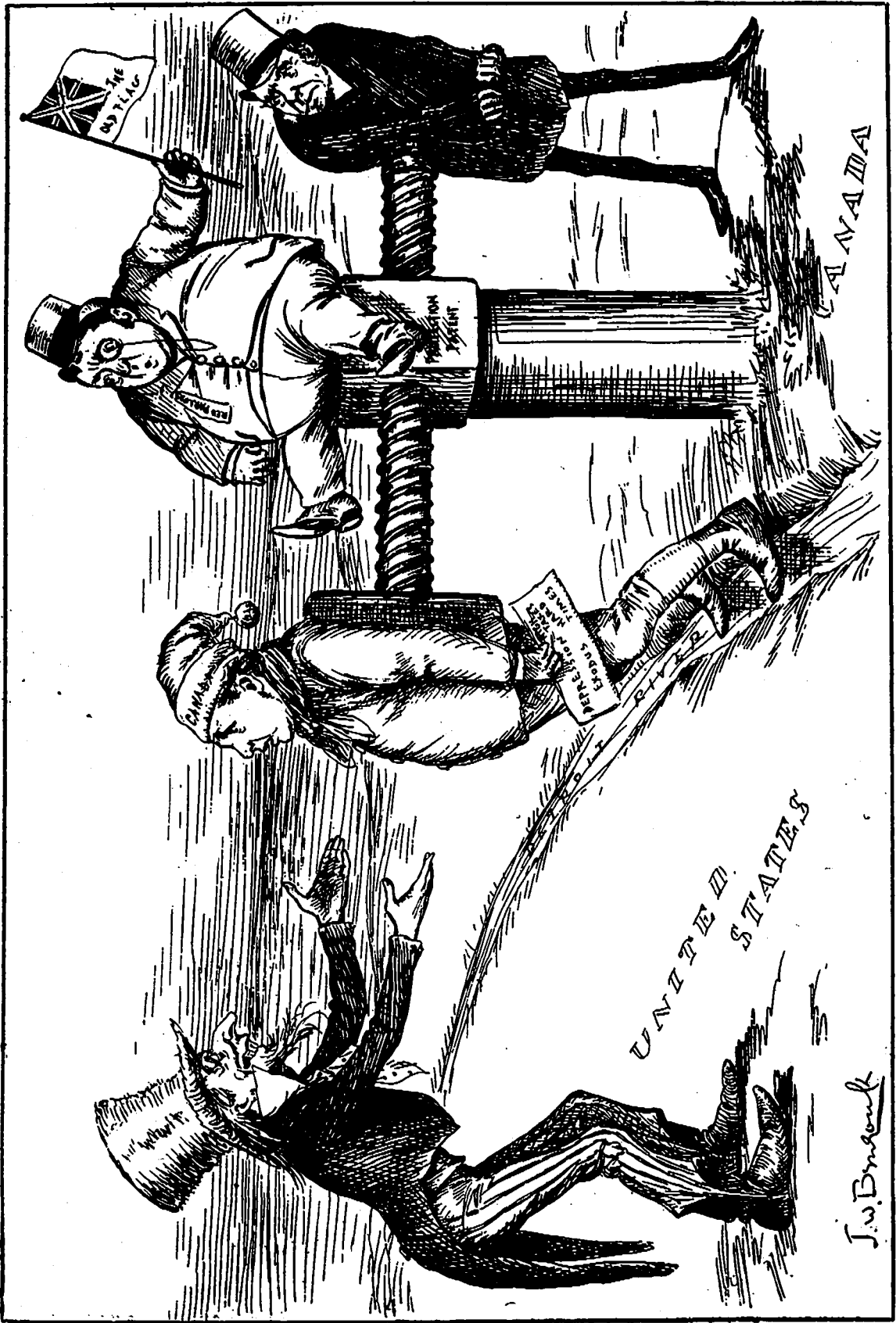
### MEMO. FOR THE COLONEL.

THE Canadian scholar is taught that it is patriotism to celebrate the anniversaries of the battles in which we slaughtered our fellow-men.  
Perhaps Cain, if he was patriotic, celebrated yearly the killing of Abel.



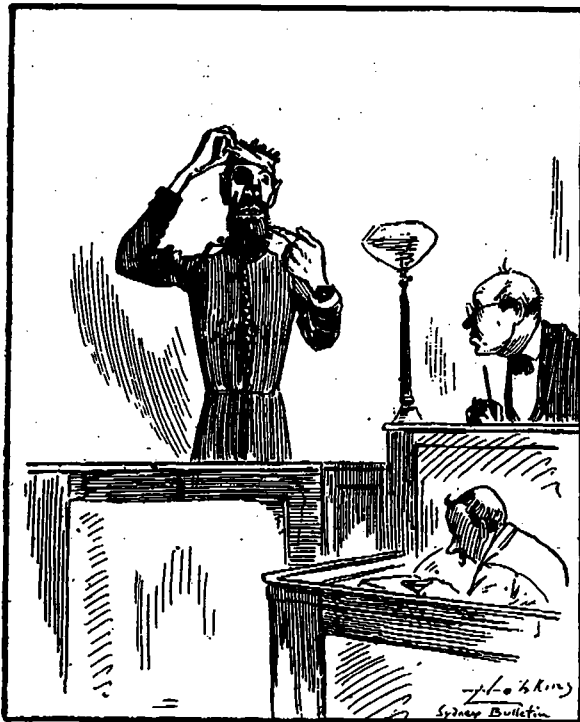
**CITY NEWS ITEMS ILLUSTRATED.**

"FATAL FALL FROM A SCAFFOLD."



THE CAUSE OF THE ANNEXATION "MOVEMENT."

J.W. Brinsford



### OCULAR PROOF.

POLICEMAN XXX (continuing his evidence)—“And besides that, yer Wu'ship, the pris'ner gev me a black oi, which Oi now pro-juice.”

### THE MAN FOR WHOM SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.

A PROMINENT and pervading figure in political life is the Man for Whom Something Must be Done—the torment of Premiers, the skeleton at the feast of party managers—the greedy, clamorous camp-follower of the successful faction whenever there are spoils to be distributed. Without influence or following—without any creditable record on which to base a claim for consideration, under the practically accepted rule of distribution, “to the victors belong the spoils,” he generally manages to carry off very substantial pickings in the scramble, while workers who have borne the heat and burden of the day are turned empty away, simply because he has succeeded in establishing a recognized position for himself as a Man for Whom Something Must be Done. He is a curious anomaly in our political system, a singular exemplification of the readiness of the mass of mankind to take people at their face value. There is a tradition that he has at some remote period made sacrifices for the party. Originally a struggling lawyer, a third class editor, or a not over prosperous merchant, he went into politics, and has since in one way or other been making a great deal better living out of the public by various indirect methods than he ever did at his original vocation. He has generally been a representative for a longer or shorter term, during which he proved himself a signal failure—and perhaps a source of annoyance and reproach to his party. Dropped by his constituents, he has succeeded in foisting himself on the party as a person with claims to consideration as a Man for Whom Something Must be Done. Henceforth his livelihood is assured. He need give himself no further anxiety on the problem of how to make ends

meet, for somehow or other, his party will take care of his future. The real active workers may wait and hope in vain, the veterans who, from a party point of view, have done yeoman service, may experience cold ingratitude, hundreds of men who have successfully fought and written and labored in and out of season, to promote the interests of their faction, may be left to starve, but the Man for Whom, etc., is sure to slip into a snug sinecure and end his days in comfort. When a vacant office is bestowed, as is often the case, on the least worthy of a score of applicants, how certain we are to hear it said in justification, “Well, of course, Barnacles is not exactly the man for the position, but you know, something had to be done for him.” How many useless and farcical royal commissions on every conceivable subject owe their existence to the necessity of making temporary provision for the Man for Whom Something Must be Done? To provide for him the ingenuity of premiers and heads of departments is taxed to the utmost—for he is not as a rule to be put off with any ordinary berth involving hard work at a moderate salary, nor has he the capacity to fill any position requiring talent. But in spite of all obstacles he always gets provided for in one way or another. Fortunately for him it never occurs to the dispensers of patronage to enquire *why* Something Must be Done for him more than for a thousand others who better deserve it. If it did his occupation would be gone.

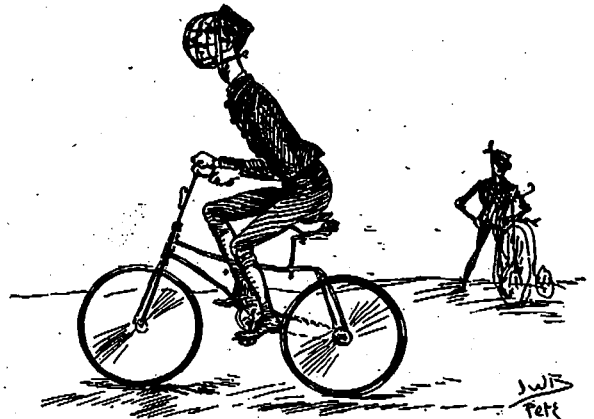
To the young man who is in doubt about choosing a profession, the vocation of a Man for Whom, etc., offers great inducements. It requires very little capital or intelligence, and the career, when fairly embarked on, presents an absolute certainty in the way of a provision for life that is fully equal to an annuity or endowment policy.

### A “SINGULAR” ADVERTISEMENT.

THE following extraordinary advertisement appeared in the *Empire* last week.

“One pant and one vestmaker wanted; must be first-class; by piece. Apply etc.”

It is quite intelligible that a man should advertise for a vestmaker, but what on earth can he want with “one pant”? Those articles are nearly always sold in duplicate. Even on the supposition that the advertiser is a one-legged man or a recruit for a Highland regiment who wants to get gradually accustomed to the change in costume, it might have been supposed that he could have had his single “pant” made to order without announcing his needs to the world.



A PATENT SAFETY OUTFIT.

## "ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE."

DRAMATIC GOSSIP.

**MANAGER ABBOTT** is having great trouble in settling the cast of his new comedy, "The Deodorized Cabinet." Mr. Chapleau insists upon having one of the leading parts, and threatens to break up the company if he is refused.

**MR. MEREDITH**, long the leading man of the Opposition Comedy Company at Toronto, has received a tempting offer to join the Dominion Stock Company at Ottawa.

**MR. DALTON MCCARTHY**, who made such a brilliant hit as *Bombastes Furioso* in the farcical tragedy "Equal Rights," is spoken of as leading man in the Toronto Opposition Theatre next season.

**MR. SOL WHITE**, the well-known comedian, is touring in Western Ontario in a border drama, entitled "Annexation." The piece has lots of blood and thunder in it, and is said to be drawing crowds.

**MR. EDWARD BLAKE** has permanently retired from the stage.

**MR. WILFRID LAURIER** opens in Boston on November 17th in a French-Canadian drama called "The Exodus."

**MR. RICHARD CARTWRIGHT** is getting up the leading role in a new spectacular drama called "Grits to the Front." The character is that of *Muddle*, a comic financier. It is expected that the piece will be presented at Ottawa before long.

**MR. TOM MCGREEVEY**, whose success in the farce-comedy "Boodle" will be remembered by theatre-goers, is enjoying a season of rest in the States.

**MR. PACAUD** made a decided sensation on his recent appearance in Quebec in "A Celebrated Case."

**MR. MOWAT**, the well known emotional actor, has secured a new piece for next season. It is a dramatization of Dickens' story of *Oliver Twist*. The title role will, of course, be played by the star, whose childlike and bland style of acting will suit it admirably. The part of *Oliver's* wicked partners, *The Artful Dodger* and *Charley Bates*, will be given to Messrs. Fraser and Hardy respectively.

**MR. NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN** and Mr. Edgar Dewdney are entertaining Regina audiences with a revival of the old-fashioned comedy, "The Rivals." The critics say their support is very weak, however.

**MR. MERCIER'S COMEDY COMPANY** is having hard luck in Québec. Unless things change for the better pretty soon, the prospect is that it will have to disband.

## A REMARKABLE WORK INDEED.

**WE** have received a request to notice a forthcoming novel, by Frank Vincent and Albert Edmund Lancaster entitled "The Lady of Cawnpore" and do so with great pleasure inasmuch as it promises to be refreshingly original.

We are told that "it deals with human beings and subjects them to the passions and emotions of their kind"! Isn't it somewhat remarkable that this brilliant idea should never have occurred to any previous novelist? Evidently two heads are better than one. Those who are tired of heroes and heroines belonging to the brute creation, or animated with the passions and emotions which do not belong to their kind will no doubt wish to purchase a copy of the story.



## SHE KNEW IT.

PARSON—"It is not the body that needs most looking after, my dear young lady."

SHE—"I know it isn't—it's the skirt."

## JUSTICE FOR IRELAND!

GO 'long wid Yankee impidence,  
An' blowin' an' pretentions,  
An' how they bate the world an' all  
Wid makin' av inventions;

An' how that janius Edison  
Eclipses all creation,  
An' knocks the spots aff any man  
Av any other nation.

An' also let the Englishman,  
Who's purty fond av braggin',  
Come aff the roof an' hoide his head,  
An' shtop his tongue from waggin';

An' likewise Germans, Frinch an' Dutch,  
An' ivery other party—  
There's none can howld a candle to  
The land av Moriarty.

Invintive janius shows itself  
Supramely in the Irish,  
An' but for thim the patent laws  
Moight miserably perish.

For—here's me proof—on ivery new  
Conthrivance that's invinted,  
A counthryman av mine, named "Pat.,"  
Has his name plainly printed!

PROF.—"This is a magnet. It will attract pieces of steel, needles, pins, etc., to it."

JACK—"That's nothing. My bare feet do that."



**LIBELLOUS GOSSIP—I.**

MISS ELDERBY (*ending a long and interesting discussion of their pastor*)—"And I'm quite certain Mr. Fourthly doesn't practice what he preaches!"

**THOMAS TOMKINS, M.P.**

TOM TOMKINS was a boddler bold,  
He systematically sold  
His M.P. influence for gold.

Where'er there were canals to dig,  
Or blocks to build, or ships to rig,  
Or any kind of contract big—

Then Uncle Tommy T., M.P.,  
Was always very sure to be  
'Round where the pickings he could see.

"Donations" he was wont to salt  
Within his little private vault,  
And think it but a venial fault.

He went one day to count his tin,  
The combination locked him in,  
He smothered in his money-bin!

The moral's this: If you would steal,  
Don't do it as a private deal,  
But do it for your Party's weal!

ACUS.

**WITH GIANT STRIDES.**

ONE of the most prominent preachers in North Dakota is Miss Carrie J. Bartlett, a young woman who stepped from the newspaper office to the pulpit.—*Washington Hatchet.*

'THE cause of Woman's Enfranchisement is going ahead with giant strides and no mistake.

**VERY CUTTING.**

BAGSLEY—"That was a very cutting remark which old Pigsnuffle made when Dasher was boasting that he spent about \$200 a month. He said quietly, 'A fool and his money are soon parted.'"

SAMJONES—"Cutting? I should say so. It's an old saw."

**NOT THAT KIND OF ROYALTY.**

"THIS royalty business is a fraud and a humbug," said an excited individual in the corridor of one of our leading hotels. "It's altogether behind the age. It's ruining the business interests of the Province. Look at the example of the Americans. They are too smart and enterprising to tolerate such a drawback upon progress as the royalty system. It's time we Canadians followed their example."

"I cannot listen to such treasonable language," said Col. Hogaboom warmly. "You are an annexationist and rebel—and as a descendant of the U. E. Loyalist, I allow no man, sir, to talk treason and vilify the Queen's government in my presence."

"Why, who said anything against the government?"

"You did, sir. I suppose you thought that no one present had the courage to call you to account, and now you want to eat your words, after the cowardly fashion of your kind, but I'm not going to allow it. You distinctly said in my hearing that the royalty system was a fraud and humbug, and if you attempt to deny it you are a sneak and a coward!"

"I don't know by what right you presume to take exception to my remarks, but I'm quite prepared to stand by them. I say that the royalty system is an imposition and an injury to the development of Canada—"

"Aha! Take care, sir; that is rank treason" broke in the descendant of the U. E. Loyalists furiously.

"—and that any one interested in Sudbury or Algoma mining properties will corroborate my words. Now what are you going to do about it?"

"O-h! you were talking of mining loyalties," gasped the Colonel.

"Certainly I was."

"Excuse me—ah. I find I made a mistake. I—I—really beg your pardon—good morning."

TEACHER—"What creature has the longest tail?"

BRIGHT BOY—"Please sir, the snake. It is all tail."

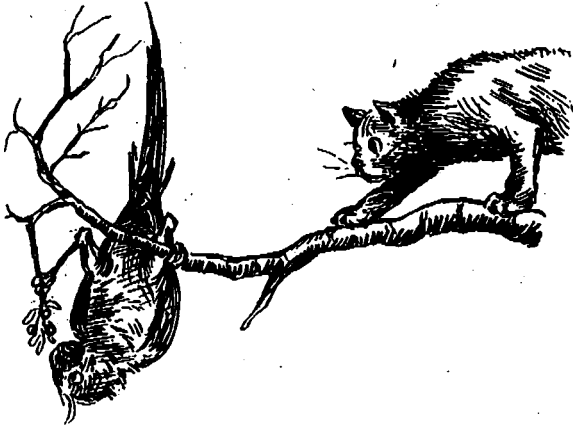


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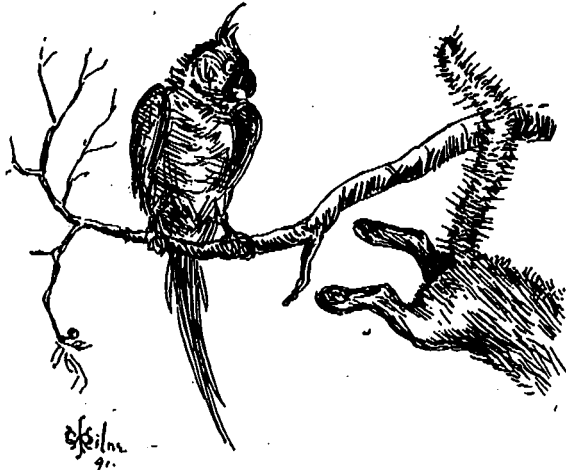
**LIBELLOUS GOSSIP—II.**

But the fact is, he *does* practice it—every Saturday afternoon!

## JOHN THOMAS' SURPRISE.



"Ha, ha!" said John Thomas so cute,  
 "I'll dine on that bird 'mong the fruit."  
 So he sneaked 'long the limb,



But she paralyzed him,  
 Did Polly, with "Scat! you darn brute!"

## HE SAYS WE'RE CLEVAH!

GRIP is a very clever paper. Even if its leanings may not suit the reader, the keen humor of the cartoons cannot fail to tickle and amuse. As often as not they serve to point a moral while they adorn a tale, and everyone who takes an interest in politics should make a point of seeing it. In last week's issue there are several cartoons bearing on current topics, the last of which represents Mrs. Premier washing the Government, to whom she says: "Come, you dirty little critter, till I wash you and clean you up!"—*The Critic, Halifax, Oct. 2nd.*

## THAT INTERMINABLE GAME.

CLERK—"As I didn't have any summer holidays, sir, I'd like to take a week off now, if it's convenient."

EMPLOYER—"Week off, eh? I suppose I must let you go. What are you going to do with yourself?"

CLERK—"Well, sir, I thought I'd like to see a cricket match."

EMPLOYER—"You'll hardly have time. I can't spare you longer than a week, mind."

CLERK—"Well, I have a chance to see an innings or two anyway."

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SMART ALECK—It would not be correct to infer from the expression, "the reigning dynasty" in Herodotus, that the process of rain-making was known to the ancient Egyptians.

F. B.—Of course Samjones is a real person. If he were not, how could we publish his sayings?

IGNORAMUS—A pleonasm is simply a pleonastic expression.

BOBCAYGEON—Sixteen of the authors of the "Beautiful Snow" are dead. Several others, however, are still alive.

INQUIRER—Yes; there are children now born who will probably see the new Court House completed.

ARCHÆOLOGIST—You are right—people probably suffered from hard times during the stone age.

QUIDNUNC—The phrase, the "Four Hundred," has different meanings, according to locality. In New York it means the members of the "best society," so-called. In Toronto it means candidates for the mayoralty.

P. Q.—We cannot undertake to give a definition of the real meaning of the word "crank"—As commonly applied it means any person whose opinions don't happen to agree with yours.

## SUPERFLUOUS.

OUR society people are now agitating for a bridle path in addition to the carriage drive. This is a piece of unnecessary extravagance. The drive is a good enough bridal path, if we may judge from the number of fashionable weddings that have resulted from the afternoon outings.

DR. HARVEY'S SOUTHERN RED PINE for coughs and colds is the most reliable and perfect cough medicine in the market. For sale everywhere.



## THE PHILOSOPHY OF "SPORT."

PHILOSOPHER—"Would you mind telling me why you go off to hunt deer every autumn?"

SPORTSMAN—"Certainly, with pleasure. To be perfectly frank, it's because every year about this time I feel an overmastering desire to kill something. I have an irresistible hankering for blood."

PHILOSOPHER—"Thank you. That is a valuable memo. for my forthcoming work on 'The Civilized Savage; or, Jack the Ripper a Normal Type of Man.' Much obliged, sir."



"I SEE they have renewed some more of those Grecian statues."  
"Weren't they nude enough before?"

No agency ever heard of by man can boast of such mighty successes and wonderful cures as Paine's Celery Compound.

#### DR. T. A. SLOCUM'S

OXYGENIZED EMULSION of PURE COD LIVER OIL. If you have Difficulty of Breathing. Use it. For sale by all druggists. 35 cents a bottle.

JUST now the freshman fresh-infests  
The college halls elate,  
He'll fresh and fresh and fresher grow  
Till he's a graduate.

"HAVING used Burdock Blood Bitters for Loss of Appetite and Headache, I heartily recommend it."—Helen R. Sinclair, Ninette, Man.

#### WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT?

IT is one of Grothe & Co.'s Plug Hat Cigars. Cannot be beat. Try one. L. O. GROTHE & Co., Montreal.

SHE was a dainty autumn girl,  
Her eyes were soft and sweet,  
But, woe is me! the hair she wore  
Looked like a sheaf of wheat.

UNFIT for work or play, cross and miserable too, all because of a Headache which a few doses of Burdock Blood Bitters will remove.

HE—"Here is a poet who has written some verses entitled 'By the Sea.'"

SHE—"Well, I suppose a poet could buy the sea as easily as he could buy anything else."

You have been closely confined to the office for some time, have worked early and late, and have become wearied, nervous and pale; you need an invigorator and strengthener, one bottle of Paine's Celery Compound will accomplish wonders.

#### WORTHY OF MENTION.

IT is always a pleasure for us to call attention to the success of any of our worthy home institutions, and in this instance owing to the marked success shown thereby, we have particular satisfaction in mentioning the advertisement of The Temperance and General Life Assurance Company on our first page of cover as specially worthy of perusal. It indicates a degree of success which must be most gratifying to all concerned and merits our congratulations.

"I DEMAND toll," he said, stopping her before the gate.

"It's too suggestive of a funeral," she answered, "to toll the belle."

"WITHOUT doubt," Mr. R. E. Hartt, of Sambro, N.S., "your B. B. B. has done me a lot of good. I was sick, had no appetite, and was very weak, but it has helped me and made me feel smart."

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A POET showed to me some verses once;  
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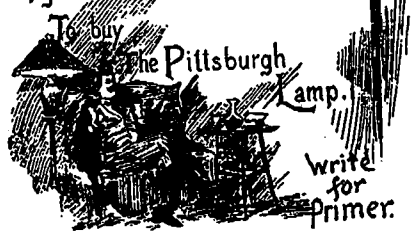
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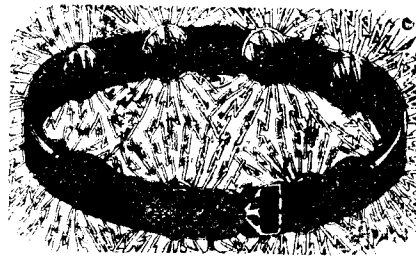
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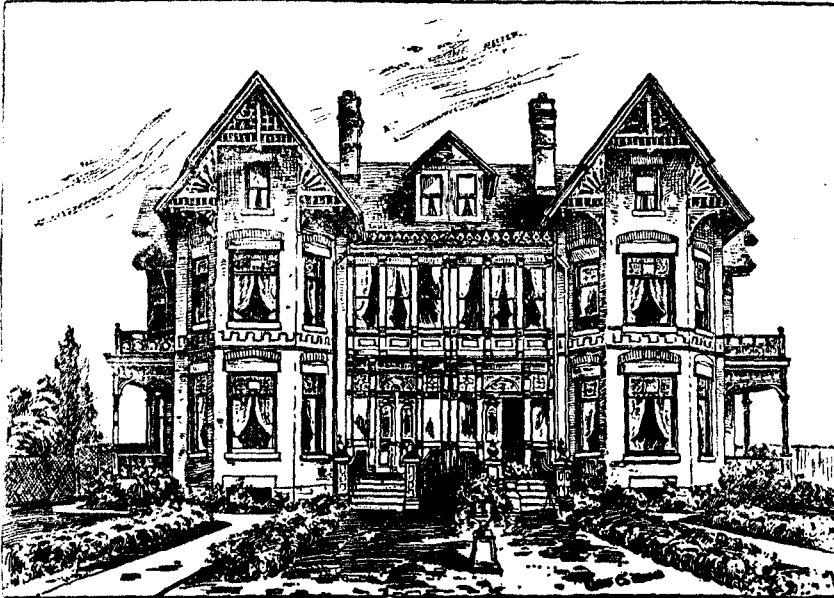
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