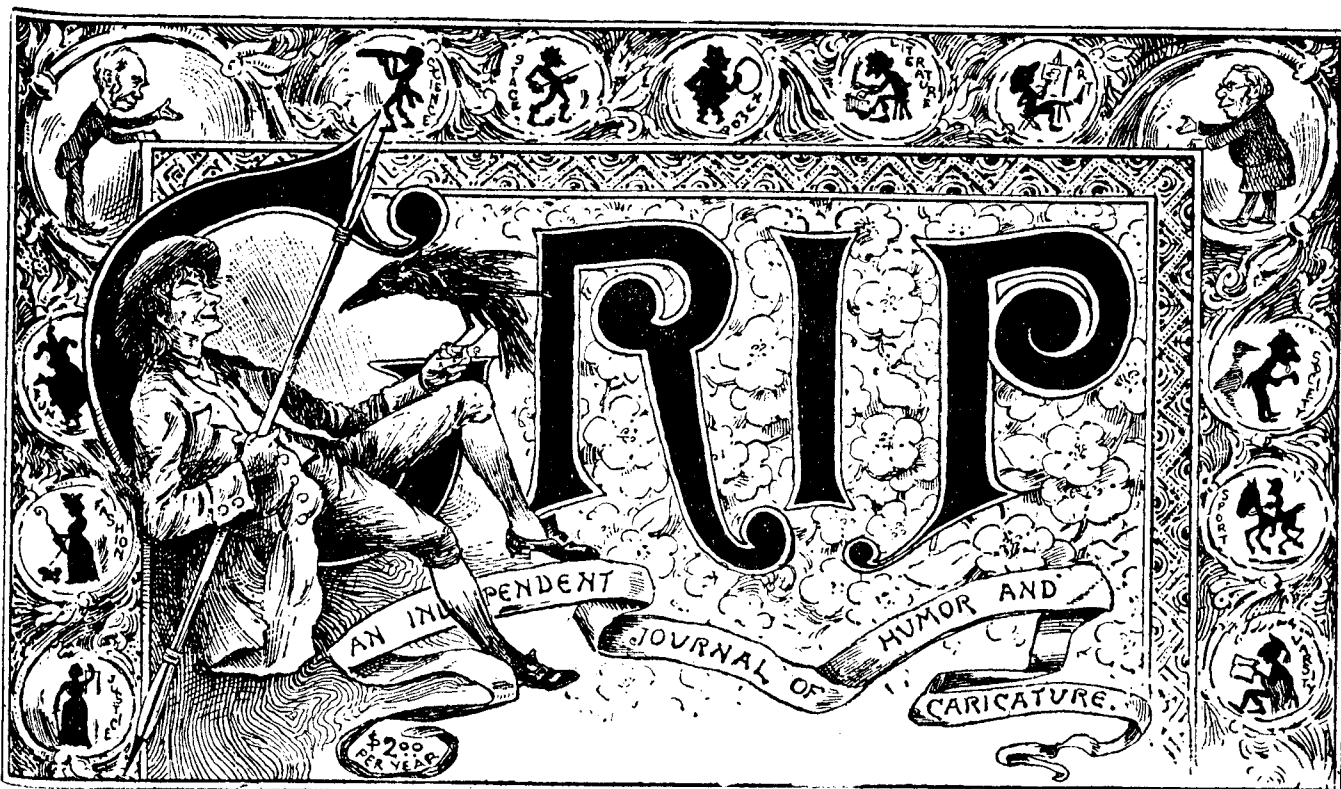


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# Boomerangs of Slander



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WHEN the highest civil tribunals of the land take notice, judicially, of any new discovery, and upon valid proofs of its originality and merit assume toward it the attitude of defence and protection against the secret counterfeiter on the one hand and the open slanderer on the other, even the dullest people begin to take an interest. Public curiosity turns at present on the new drink for the sick known as "Microbe Killer," the discovery of William Radam, of New York. In Texas the Supreme Court has decided that the larceny of a great idea for mercenary ends is the same as the larceny of a horse or a side of bacon, and the production and sale of a counterfeit "Microbe Killer" has been enjoined and suppressed. In New York more recently Chief Justice Andrews, of the Supreme Court, decided that a printed article holding the remedy up to public ridicule, in face of the amplest proof not only of its marvelous power over disease but of its utter harmlessness to those using it, was libel *simon-pure*. A trade sheet known as the Druggists' Circular published such an article, and under that Supreme Court ruling its polished arrows of derision returned to it as the unpolished boomerangs of slander. As to the nature of Mr. Radam's discovery, it may be explained by illustration and parallel. Mr. Radam never discovered a new elemental principle or force and never pretended to. He simply found a new medium by which the clear curative principle of certain crude elements may be conveyed through the system separate and apart from the unclean or poisonous concrete in which that curative principle is naturally embodied, just as we extract the luminant principle from soft coal and fill a room with innocent light free and apart from the poisonous vapor from which it is derived. Drugs are part poison, part medicine. They represent every form of medicinal virtue in every form of foul embodiment, like precious jewels in filthy settings. Yet drugs have always heretofore been administered in the crude or concrete form, so that we can't take a liver pill or a nerve tonic without being poisoned at the same time that we are medicated. Even the silly chicken, scratching for corn in the alley, is taught by nature to separate the grain from the manure; but the sick, in order to secure the medical grain found in drugs, must swallow manure and all. By Mr. Radam's discovery the curative virtue of drugs is released from the concrete and applied to disease in the form of healing gasses, just as nature, from the bitter and poisonous seas, exhales the vaporous medicine we breathe in the sweet sea air. Neither Morse nor Edison discovered electricity. They simply discovered vehicles for getting it out of its natural embodiment and applying it. Morse found a way to make it run along a wire and write, and Edison a way to make it run along a wire and talk. The value of Radam's Microbe Killer is also simply that of a new vehicle, a new medium by which the curative virtue of drugs is released from the solids that contain them and applied to the human system without danger of defilement or poison.

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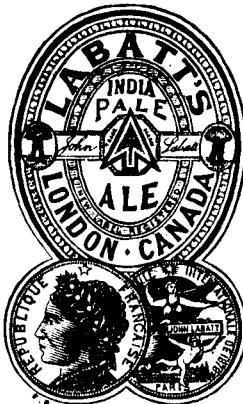
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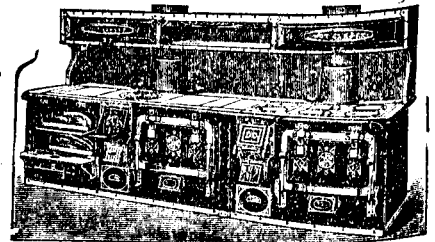
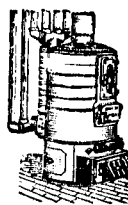
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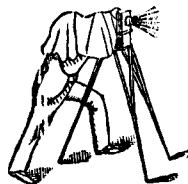
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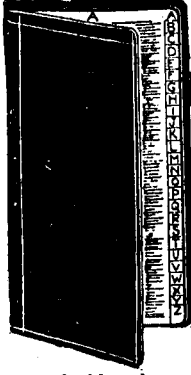
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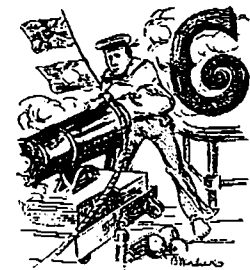
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COME now, the School Board do show spasms of intelligence occasionally. They have bounced four of Jim Hughes' supervisors, thereby saving \$6,000 a year. It would have been a good thing to do even if they hadn't saved a cent. The whole tendency of the Inspector's methods is wrong, and the Board cannot too soon get back to the old idea of placing every responsibility on the teacher and getting rid of the spies and bureaucrats.

THE question of Sunday street-cars is up once more for discussion and it is likely that a plebiscite will again be asked for. There is a good deal to be said on both sides. The plea that the crowded population of the city should be afforded some means of access to the suburban breathing places is one of growing force, and it is altogether probable that the argument of public necessity will in the end prevail. It is to be regretted that no sufficient safeguard against the overworking of the employees of the company exists, as the clauses in the agreement supposed to protect them are not worth the paper on which they are written. No doubt the corporation will violate them as soon as they see it to their interest to do so and work their men seven days in the week; and it is equally probable that other rapacious employers will follow their example. However the people ought to have thought of this before they consented to hand the city over to a monopoly.

HAMILTON papers complain that the women of that suburb come over to Toronto to buy their dry-goods. But then, Toronto men often run over to Hamilton to buy wet goods, which evens things up.

THE Chicago World's Fair—but we guess we'd better not say anything, remembering that Toronto once had an alleged Carnival with "four days solid enjoyment."

THE Ratepayers' Association are against the alteration of the Street Railway agreement so as to allow the com-

pany to control the streets. This is the strongest reason so far advanced in favor of the proposal. They were never before known to be on the right side of a public question.



necessity of keeping his intellectual faculties in abeyance when discussing points of doctrine in future.

THERE have been two shameful instances of judicial injustice lately which, owing to the slavish cowardice of our press, have called forth but little adverse comment. George Pyke, the absconding official of the Imperial Bank, has been let off by Judge Morgan with three months' imprisonment for stealing \$12,000. This is only one of several instances showing Mr. Morgan's unfitness for his position. Then there is the persecution of E. A. Macdonald, who has to serve a like term for "contempt of court," although the creditor at whose instance the proceedings were taken has received a partial payment and expresses himself satisfied. Mr. Macdonald is evidently kept in jail because he is politically obnoxious to the ruling class. Our judicial system is almost as rotten as that of the United States—which is saying a great deal.

#### SOMEWHAT FASTIDIOUS.

SILLSMITH—"Here's a fellow advertises that he wishes to make the acquaintance of a lady of non-mercenary disposition—wonder what he means by that?"

TOMBROWN—"Oh guess he wants one that ain't been in the Mercer."

#### IGNORANT COLLEGIANS.

MRS. JIMPSECUTE—"Here, just listen to this, Henry, out of the *News*:  
Lieut.-Gov. Kirkpatrick quoted statistics to show that one in every forty college graduates makes his mark.

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 RECTOR (*impressively*)—"The Bishop is in Heaven."  
 MR. NEWRETURNED—"Dear! dear! I am very sorry to hear it."

OPTIMISM AND PESSIMISM.

S LIGHT not, O hopeful Optimist,  
 Thy Pessimistic brother;  
 Know ye what caused ye to insist  
 On differing from each other?  
 By circumstances forced to choose,  
 When fate or wisdom chided,  
 He may not, in his choice of views,  
 Have been by Wisdom guided.

Jack was a Pessimist, whilst Tom  
 In Optimism delighted;  
 Now both have changed and each has come  
 To favour what he slighted.  
 Both were in love and Jack proposed,  
 By doubts and fears tormented;  
 For him in joy the evening closed—  
 His charmer had consented.

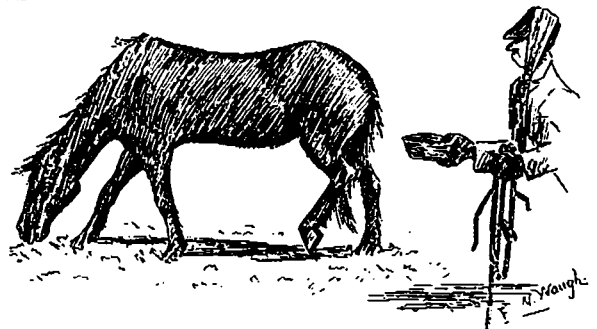
The change begins—he dreams that night  
 Of future prospects rosy—  
 A home, an angel fair and bright  
 To make it neat and cosy.  
 With happiness his bosom swells,  
 His hopes grow daily stronger;  
 The clouds of doubt love's sun dispels—  
 He's Pessimist no longer.

Tom's idol proved a thing of clay,  
 When fruit was growing mellow;  
 She jilted him to run away,  
 And wed another fellow.

His hopefulness at once takes wing,  
 He nurses up his sorrow;  
 Nor deems the future e'er can bring  
 A single bright to-morrow.

Quick is the change from hopes to fears  
 For one in his position;  
 His confidence soon disappears,  
 He's haunted by suspicion.  
 Of faith and trust and love bereft,  
 What cause for hope? where find it?  
 Departed Optimism has left  
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in five years fur doin' up a man wid er razzar, cum erlong an' took her away to Hamilton. 'Cose dat busted up de persecushun, kase no widder couldn't reasonably be allowed ter hab mo' nor one husban' simultaneously, an' my character am vindicated befo' de world.

Howeber, dat am extraneous to de subjick, wat I propose to expatriate onto, wich am representashun fur dis church inter de gubberment an' de judicial bench, an' de offices an' eberywhar. Wharfo' am we excluded from de high places? Am dar any ob de membranes of dis assembly ob de faithful into de cabinet at Ottawa? Or inter de ministry of Sir Olivah Mowat? Or eben de city council or de school board? Not one ob dem! Am dat gibin de culled man a fa'r show?

Now my brudderin dey am pussons in dis congregashun jes' as capable ob managin' de affairs ob de kentry as Sir Thompson or Mistah Fostah or Olivah Mowat. Ain't dat so? Ob c'ose. Den wharfo' am we ignored

in dese heah appintments? Whar's de freedery ob de British constitushun ercodin' to wich all men are bawn free an' equal, ef not mo' so, includin' de right to life, liberty an' de pursuit ob office? Dey is mighty fond ob 'splanifyin' dat to us erbout 'lection times but de res' of de period we am hewers ob cordwood an' drawers ob water or uster be sech. Kaint eben be dat now since de buzz saw and de city water-works hab busted up dem purfesshuns. Am dar no balm in Gilead? Lemuel Peters you jest put dat ar jack-knife back in yo' pocket an' quit whittling onto de benches. Selah!

Yes, my pachydermatous constituents, we'se jest got fur to git togedder an' bring de potency ob de ballot into de fiel'. Look what de women ob de United States hab



### CHOLLY'S DILEMMA.

CHAPPIE—"What's the mattah, dear boy?"

CHOLLY—"I'm in a quandaw y' know. Maud says I must speak to her father to-night, and I don't know what to do, weally. If I leave the door open he'll gwowl at me, and if I close it I cut off my means of wetweat."



### DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

ARTIST - (newly married) "Gracious heaven!"  
HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW—"I've just been telling Alice she ought to be ashamed of herself never to have used this beautiful large tudio for drying the wash!"—Pick-Me-Up.

done to raise demselves in de scale sence dey got de ballot. W'y, I was readin' into de paper dat dey am ballot-girls ober dar wich kin make mo' money in a month nor wat any ob you could git in a year. We'se got fur to bring pressure to bear. It am all very well fur dem ter put two or free cullud pussons inter de Pos' Office fur to carry roun' letters, but dem small offices doan' count, fur dey hain't no chance ter git away wid no boodle. W'y, dey darsn't open one ob dem registered letters an' take de money out fur dar libes. Wat kin' ob a office do you call dat? It am a holler mockery. What we desiderate, brudderin', am some ob dese soft snaps like w'at Fostah an' Caron an' Petah Ryan got, whar de salary is high an' de work easy an' de chances good, an' we'se jest gwinter git 'em ef you follow de advice ob yo' pas-



ture an' doan' frow yo' good votes away on de politicians wich wanter hog ebery thin' fur demselves. Ain't de cullud vote jes' as good as de Catholic or de Presbyterian or de Orange or de Methodis' vote?

Dis business ob ignorin' dem wich doan' make no kick fur dar rights am a heap tougher onto us nor de Methodis'. Kase fur wy, ef a Methodis' doan' git no show on ercount ob his 'ligion, wy, all he got to do am jest to quit bein' a Methodis' an' jine some udder church like Sir Thompson done. But wen dey draws de culler line on us dey am no do' ob escape, an' we am left to grind in de prison-house.

I'm gwine ter hab a interview with Sir Dalton McCarthy jes' as soon's he gits back frum Englan' an' tell him dat dis heah t'ing ob gibin' de culled man de cold shake w'en de offices is being 'stributed hab got ter stop, an' ef he's willin' to do de fa'r squar thing an' git us representashun onto de Cabinet an' in the bench we'se got ter rally roun' him. Selah!

De choir will come to ordah jes' as soon as de tenor am disposed to quit fooiin' wid de female contralto, an' sing de cantata, "Wen I kin read my title clar," after wich de pecuniary oblation will be received.

#### POETS BEWARE!

At the meeting of the Toronto Principals Association to-morrow evening, Mr. Markle will read a paper on "Poetical Merits." Mr. Armstrong will submit a resolution favoring the infliction of corporal punishment by truant officers, and the discussion on press criticism will be again taken up.—*Empire.*

IT is quite natural that there should be a feeling on the part of the public that something should be done for the suppression of poets. The evil is undoubtedly a great and growing one, as any editor can testify, and as the point at which forbearance, etc., etc., has been pretty nearly reached, the votaries of the muse are likely to hear something drop anon. But even the best of causes may be ruined by injudicious zeal and the impatient advocacy of extreme measures, and we cannot approve of Mr. Armstrong's proposal for the infliction of corporal punishment by the truant officers, though we are free to admit that in some cases such a penalty would not be disproportioned to the offence. The general tendency of such a vigorous method of repression would be to excite sympathy for the offenders, and render them heroes and martyrs in the eyes of maudlin sentimentalists. It is very doubtful whether such a law, if adopted, could be enforced. In the meantime, the fact that such



#### 'SOPELESS CASE.

ASKER—"The Anarchists are holding a meeting in that hall. I wonder what is their password."

ROYSTER—"A line from Dante, I fancy."

ASKER—"Indeed!"

ROYSTER—"Yes. 'Who enters here leaves soap behind.'"

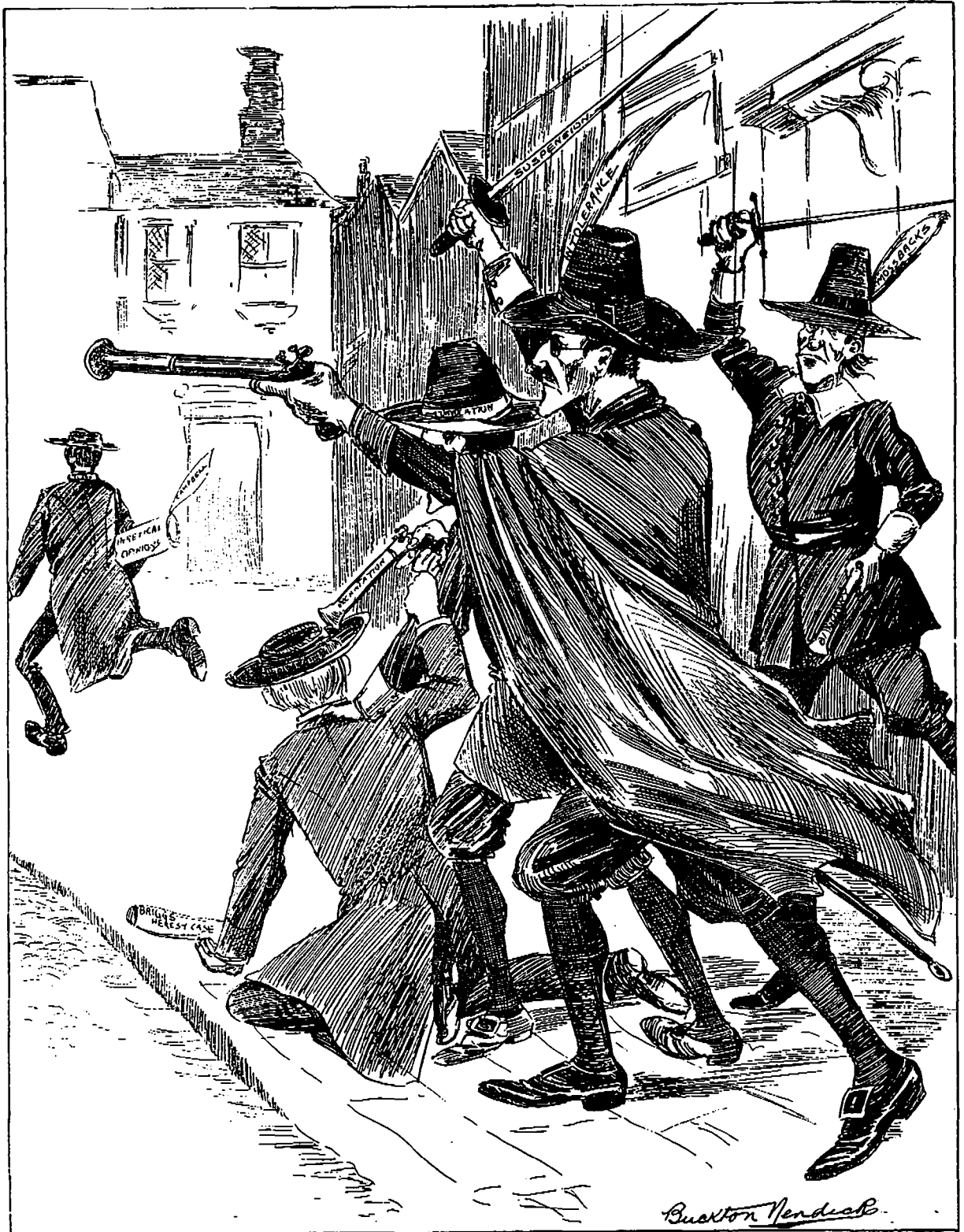
a drastic penalty is being seriously contemplated ought to be a warning to the more pertinacious offenders that if they persist in their course some form of retribution is likely to overtake them.

#### MORE THAN CONVENIENT.

BORAX—"Do you know Samjones, I'm afraid you'r a little too flippant. You shouldn't be all the time indulging in 'foolish talking and jesting which is not convenient,' as the Scripture has it."

SAMJONES—"Ah, but my jesting isn't of that kind—it's always inconvenient. More than that, it would be positively inconvenient to stop it."

TOO FLIP—The boy who is all the time tossing coppers.



### THE PURITAN RENAISSANCE.

REVIVAL OF THE GOOD OLD ECCLESIASTICAL SPORT OF HERESY-HUNTING.



THE LIBERAL CONVENTION'S ANSWER.

LAURIER—"AND NOW, GENTLEMEN, WHAT POLICY SHALL WE ADOPT?"  
CHORUS OF VOICES—"WHATEVER YOU PLEASE, MR. LAURIER."

## HERESY-HUNTERS, ANCIENT AND MODERN.

IN days of old  
When priests were bold,  
And prelates held their sway,  
The heretic  
Was fired quick  
In good old-fashioned way—  
Tied to a stake,  
'Round him they'd make  
A pile of faggots high.  
Thus impious doubt  
Was soon burned out,  
And heretics were shy.

But in our time  
'Tis held a crime  
The heretic to burn ;



## A DIFFERENCE IN SIZE.

VISITOR—"You never eat more than one piece of pie at a time, do you, Johnny?"

JOHNNY—"Not when I cut the pie myself."

## WHAT ELSE COULD BE EXPECTED?

SAD thing about Boffinger, isn't it? Such a steady respectable fellow, too."

"What's happened?"

"Oh, he's bolted, after committing several heavy forgeries."

"You don't say! But I suppose his business training and associations account for it. He was for several years in the employment of the Forge and Bolt Co."



## A KICK.

JIMMY THE TOUGH—"Here, young feller, take yer ole room, I don't want no more of it."

NIGHT BOY—"Why, mister, did the bugs bother you?"

JIMMY THE TOUGH—"Did dey? Say, a reg'lar army of em' 'trowed me off'n de bed onto de floor so's dey could get up an' drill!"

For faith is cold  
And doubt more bold,  
And men dare think and learn.  
Some lingering trace  
Yet finds a place  
Of faggot, rack and stake ;  
He who dares doubt  
Is fired—out—  
All for religion's sake !

## NO CORPUS DELICTI.

PILGARLIC.—"How did the Grand Jury come to return 'no bill' in the case of the green goods men?"

BINKERTON.—"What else could they do? The green goods men didn't send out any bills—nothing but sawdust."



## IN THE MENAGERIE.

LION—"Shut up, you old fool."

LIONESS—"Why?"

LION—"I can do enough grumbling over this tough joint. What business have you 'to put your roar in."

**A SOLEMN WARNING.**

I AM firmly opposed to life insurance. I was some time ago connected with a down-town office, where, frequently, a life insurance drummer was wont to visit. One day when I was in our drummer friend appeared, and, out of pure deviltry, I suppose, the head clerk introduced me to the agent, by name Mulcifrage, saying that here was a man who did not carry any life insurance, for the simple reason that I had not yet found a company good enough.

Then I was in for it. He met my every objection with a table showing that his company gave more advantages per square mile than any other on earth. I feigned sickness and urgent business, and got away with the statement, for which I despised myself, that when I had found a company offering terms that had money in it for me, I would invest.

He was back next week and again the week following. He haunted that office, and always waited till I came in. He wanted me to dine with him, drink with him, and, if I hadn't done something dreadful in the end he'd have wanted me to sleep with him.

Within the next three weeks he called on me forty-seven times by the cathedral clock. Then, for a time, he ceased to call, and I thought him gone for good. One day urgent business called me away to an outlying part of the city, (most business men have to go out-lying sometimes.) I got a telephone message from the office to the effect that a large and weighty letter awaited me. Oh! that was joy; hadn't heard from home for three months. Eh? it couldn't be a wash bill—they were all C.O.D. It might be that Snooks had paid up at last! Impossible! too good news to be true. Hold! I had it. It must be from my respected mother-in-law, to say that she and her two maiden aunts were unexpectedly delayed, and could not come down at fair time as had been arranged.

My mind was made up. Business might go to Sheol, I would go for that letter. I arrived at the office in some haste and more perspiration, to find that the letter was a new table of rates and profits from Mr. Mulcifrage, and asking for an interview. The "boys" saw that they had over done it, and let me alone. I said no word, each muttered utterance was a procession of syllables, containing all that theology could invent, or demonology put in practice for the proper disciplining of the unfaithful. I promptly sent an answer to this effect :



**PARENTAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF BUDDING POETIC GENIUS.**

I.  
THE EDITOR—"You flabbergasted young idiot, do you think I am bringing you up to make yourself the butt of the whole community."

II.  
THE FARMER—"Hooray! Hooray! Hooray! By gum, Willum, as yer father I'm proud of yer, poetry's only nat'l to you ennyhow with that thare eddycashun you've got."

III.  
THE MERCHANT—"Py crashus, Shakey, dis vas vine, unt I bet peesness vas viner vone huntret ber sent ven I hafe me this boem in mine clothing advertisement in dot nexst Saturday's World."

IV.  
THE POET—"Alas, my son, I had other hopes, but I see that we are to have poverty always with us."

"MR. MULCIFRAGE, Agent for the Reversible, Solid Brick, Choke-Bored, All-Wool, Steam-Heated, Nickel-Plated, Manifolded, Insurance Company:

"I am in receipt of your favor. A clerk telephoned me that a letter awaited me, and, thinking it might be some disagreeable domestic matter, I came back over two miles to get it, and was greatly relieved on finding that it was from yourself and on the subject ever dear to your heart. I thanked the clerk for his promptness in calling me, particularly as he has not been noted for promptness since coming to our office, which he did when a mere lad, though tall for his age, as was his father before him, a man of splendid physique, who lost his life by a fall from a trapeze some years ago while in the employ of a circus that travelled the country by mule train. I can't imagine a mule train travelling now when railway fares are so cheap. But the office-boy is putting up the shutters, which reminds me that :

The sun is low, time speeds the parting ray  
The cowboy hastens to the field away,  
The evening shadows fall, as dies the breeze;  
The festive hog is rooting 'mong the peas.



### FRIENDS.

MISS ANN TIQUE—"I get a photograph taken of myself every year."

MISS CAUSTIQUE—"What a big collection you must have, dear!"

The greedy grocer swears he'll no more trust,  
I'll finish this line rhyming, or I'll bust.

"Here, we notice that if the grocer hadn't trusted, he wouldn't have busted, but to meet such a contingency, if he had taken out a policy for \$10,000 and had the decency to die 'ere the second premium came due there had then been something for the creditors, and mayhap a dot for the widow, causing her heart to sing for joy, while the cowboy hies him to the meadows to procure the cream for her ladyship's tea, as the mists hang low and the evening shadows fall around.

"Thus do we review in retrograde order the several incidents connected with this sad occurrence, trusting that, when our time comes we can do it. I cannot but hope to hear from you again, feeling in the words of the sage that 'a dollar a-piece all round makes the whole world kin.'"

I state the facts as they occurred, in the hope that it may be a warning to reckless and persistent people. Mr. Mulcifrage takes the opposite side of the street, and a fresh ward has been prepared in the Provincial Asylum for complicated cases.

O. G. WHITTAKER.

### TOO FLY.

"FOOLS rush in where angels fear to tread,"  
And would you seek to know the reason why,  
It is that angels use their wings instead;  
Celestial visitants are always "fly."

### UNCONSCIOUS HUMOR.

VISITOR (in Queen's Park)—"Is that the Brown statue?"

SCOTCHMAN—"What statue did ye say, mon?"

VISITOR—"Why, the statue of George Brown, the great Reform Leader."

SCOTCHMAN—"Ay, thon's the mon-u-ment."

SOME statuary is suggestive and pernicious in character, but moralists agree in regarding the Venus of Milo as quite 'armless.

JUNKETING does not prevail among the City Fathers so much as formerly, but they still have an occasional Jollification.

### THE ONLY KIND.

BORAX.—"That fellow is a downright rascal."  
SMILAX.—"Like enough. Did you ever hear of an upright one?"

### BEFOGGED ON THE BAY.

SNARK.—"We'll be all right soon. We'll be sure to hear the fog horn."

SNORK.—"That's a fore-gone conclusion."

### AN ANATHEMATIZED NUISANCE.

"SAY pa, will there be a dam to that new rolling mill just by High Park entrance?"

"Yes, my son, several. In fact there will be more dams in connection with that mill than any other I know of."

### TWO OF A KIND.

SIR HOGGERY GRABSNEAK.—"What a blooming set of snobs and lickspittles those Yankees are. The way they are going on over the Infanta Eulalie and the Duke de Veragua is perfectly sickening."

LADY GRABSNEAK.—"Yes, it's disgusting. There never were such toadies anywhere. By the way, Hoggie, dear, I want five dollars for my contribution to the wedding gift of the dear Princess."

SIR HOGGERY.—"Why certainly, my dear, and you'd better put down Gladys and Lucinda for five dollars each as well. Our family must be well represented on the list."

The surest way to commit political suicide is by shooting off your mouth.



### DIDN'T AFFECT HIM.

RUSHABOUT—"Yes, sir, that was quite a scare the way the conduit burst last winter. It was thought it might affect the water supply."

OLD SOAK—"You don't, say (hic)—Never heard of it."

## ÆSOP TO DATE.

No. 11.

## THE TWO GRAVESTONES.

TWO Gravestones stood side by side in a Churchyard. One of Them, which bore Witness to the vanished Mortal Greatness of the Hon. Jas. Murphy, D.D., etc., gazed with Angry Indignation upon its nearest Neighbor, whose Battered Front bore the Plain Name of D. McGinty, the Inscription terminating with the somewhat Irreverent Sentence, "His Last Words were 'Let Her Go.'" "Why do you stay there?" exclaimed the imposing Pedestal, "You ought to be Relegated to the Paupers' Quarter with your Disgusting appearance and Inscription." "Death levels all Things," quietly replied the Weather Beaten Gravestone. "Not at all," snarled the Monument, "The Christian Virtues of him who lies beneath Me, are as Superior to the—ah—Person you Represent as I am to You." "Still I should Have a Claim to recognition on Your Part," pursued the Humbler Stone. "Why?" queried the Pedestal. "Because he whose Name I commemorate, helped your Hon. Jas. Murphy to his Home one night, when That Gentleman with remarkable *Christian Virtue* had been 'painting things Red' in his customary style." And the Silence was Profound.

## MORAL.

Don't Believe everything you See on a Gravestone. Poetical License revels in that Special Department.

## UNSEEMLY RIBALDRY.

"THERE'S a divinity that shapes our ends"  
And bearing this in mind it is not meet  
To jest about Chicago maidens' feet,  
However far their area extends.

## RATE MERIT.

BEE SWAX.—"The *Wobbler* is a paper of rare merit."  
SMILAX.—"Yes, it is very rarely you see a meritorious article in it."

## INTRICACIES OF JOURNALISM.

PUZZLED "EMPIRE" SUB—"What is the view taken by this paper as regards the condition of the United States, anyway? Are they prosperous, or on the verge of national bankruptcy?"

EDITOR CREIGHTON—"Why, it all depends. When we are discussing tariff affairs from a general standpoint the United States are a wonderful instance of what protection can do to build up a great nation. But if it's a question of annexation or reciprocity or anything of that sort, then they are an awful example. You must bear this distinction clearly in mind."



## SEVEN AGES OF DRESS.

ALL the world's a stage of fashion,  
Where women oft are merely Fashion's puppets,  
Where dress-lore hath its many fads and foibles,  
And one fad in its time plays many parts,  
Its acts being several ages.

At first the skins of beasts,  
Did Ceasar tell us, our foremothers ancient  
Sought to adorn their lissome limbs barbaric.  
And then the tunic's graceful folds oft falling  
From neck to ankle, girt around with girdle;  
Loop'd back sometimes for walking or for dancing,  
Worn with the Manche-sleeve and ample mantle.

Then came the Kirtle  
Which sleeveless was, and perchance sideless also,  
Displaying well the garment underneath it;  
But little better oftimes than a jacket,  
And lined with fur, or decked with massive jewels  
To show the noble lineage of the wearer,  
Or some device to please her true knight's fancy.  
Then came the dress that fitted to the figure,  
Corsets that came to stay and ran to waist,  
Bustles, fan-ruffs, wide sleeves and farthingales.

And then the riding-garb,  
Close button'd up to breast in rare round doublet,  
With look severe in cloth of man-like cut,  
Full of conceits to ape the stronger sex,  
But detrimental made by full, long skirts,  
Which peep beneath; and so she plays her part.  
The Sixth Age shifts into the Waistless era,  
When dresses fall in long and straight loose folds,  
Hoops are discarded; but Dame Fashion's voice  
Doth backward turn again towards farthingales  
And calls for crinoline immense in structure.

Last scene of all  
That ends this strange, eventful history,  
A quaint epitome we find of several  
Old bygone ages, in our beast-skin sacques,  
In blazer coats, and in our man-like ulsters,  
In stiffen'd skirts, or clinging Empire robes;  
But yet with taste, sans crinoline, sans bustle,  
Sans everything that is not truly graceful.

NORA LAUGHER.



**TOO SHARP FOR HIM.**

MR. SHINY BLACK—"I move dat we raise de limit in dis little game."  
 MR. DEACON DRAW—"I object. I declines to play in a game whar dar am razors, sah."

**THE MAIN CONSIDERATION.**

I'm a Liberal Conventionist—to Ottawa I'm bound  
 To save the grand old party being run into the ground ;  
 And formulate a policy, which all the papers say  
 Is the only thing to rescue us from imminent decay.  
 If the party leaders want one I their wisdom cannot doubt,  
 But if the crowd had common sense they'd get along without.  
 I don't think that for details good Reformers ought to care,  
 If we only stick together we shall

Soon Get There.

Some say the farmer's wanting this, the working-man wants that ;  
 The manufacturer would like to know where we are at ;  
 And so with other classes, but so far as I can see  
 The more of policy we have the more we can't agree.  
 However, "Policy's" the word, and, therefore, I suppose  
 Whatever Mr. Laurier says spontaneously goes.  
 Free Trade or Reciprocity—for neither do I care—  
 But what's the odds so long as we shall

Soon Get There ?

I'm just a good old-fashioned Grit, and what the leaders say  
 I'm ready at election times to swear to any day ;  
 And all the trouble comes from those who want to be too smart,  
 And in the traces balk and kick till over goes the cart.  
 They don't like this, they can't stand that, to t'other can't agree,  
 Too fast we go, or else too slow and lack a policy,  
 They can't see that when offices the faithful have to share  
 The slickest kind of policy is to

Soon Get There.

I hope they'll now be satisfied—I guess that Laurier will  
 Fake up some kind of program that'll kind of fill the bill.  
 Tariff-Reform, or freer trade, Tariff for revenue,  
 Or Continental Union—will any of them do  
 Just some good, ringing shibboleth and party rallying-cry,  
 I'm not a bit particular to ask the reason why.  
 Hurrah !—for anything you please—abandon weak despair,  
 Turn in and work like beavers, and we'll

Soon Get There.

**A FALSE ASSUMPTION.**

"WHY should our garments, made to hide  
 Our parents' shame, provoke our pride."  
 They don't—as modern fashion goes,  
 The proudest wear the scantiest clothes.

**LAST WORDS OF GREAT MEN.**

SOCRATES—"Thanks ! I don't care if I do."  
 NAPOLEON—"Ahead of the army ; but I guess they'll catch up."  
 GOETHE—"Light—my pipe."  
 NEBUCHADNEZZAR—"Gone to grass again."  
 HENRY VIII.—"Would I had more wives to conquer."  
 PETER THE GREAT—"Petered out."  
 BEAU BRUMMEL—"Awfully bad forin, doncherknow."  
 WASHINGTON—"That hatchet story was a fake."  
 VOLTAIRE—"Elevator or toboggan slide, I wonder ?"  
 AUGUSTUS—"I think that without undue egotism I may say that I was a success."  
 CÆSAR—"I tumble to your racket, Brutus."  
 COLUMBUS—"If I could only have lived to see the World's Fair."  
 DR. JOHNSON—"There is intellectual pabulum for reflection in the consideration that mundane evanescence,—but I really haven't time to complete the sentence. Get Bozzy to do it."  
 LOUIS XVI.—"Somehow I seem to have lost my head."



**AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY.**

JAYSON—"Now, young man, I wish you'd let me know just how many yards of stuff it'd require to make my wife a dress."  
 CASHLETS—"Well, that all depends. Now if she wants an umbrella-skirt with milliner folds she will require almost fifty yards ; but if it is for a bathing-dress, three-quarters of a yard will be enough."

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## KEEP 'EM OFF.

BLEEKER.—"Do you have those rods on your house to protect you from lightning."

UNCLE TREETOP.—"No; from lightning-rod agents."

No girl's musical education is considered these days until she can sing as if she were having her teeth pulled.

"DEAR ME!" cried mamma. "What is the baby crying for?"

"He's mad at me, mamma," said Mollie. "I was trying to make him smile with the glove-stretcher."—*Harper's Bazar*.

THE tendency these days is to be too grasping, and our buyer is afflicted that way at times, and bought too heavy this spring. Add to our already large stock makes us over crowded. To get breathing space we offer special inducements in gas, electric and combination fixtures, globes, etc., for balance of June. This is R. H. Lear & Co's. notice, of course, 19 & 21 Richmond West.

## A BOOM.

EDITOR *Bungtown Bugle*.—"What circulation are we claiming now?"

FOREMAN.—"Nine hundred."

EDITOR.—"Better claim nine hundred and fifty this week. I got two new subscriptions to-day."

WHEN a man is generous to a fault, it is never one of his wife's.—*Inter Ocean*.

MISS BUDD (*to famous pianist*).—"That music was truly divine, Mon-jour."

MONSIEUR.—"Ah, Mam'selle, zat is indeed praise; for who but an angel would know divine music?"

THE World's Fair will not be permitted to live only in the memories of those who saw it, and in the files of newspapers. The Bancroft Company, Auditorium Building, Chicago, have in preparation what they call *The Book of the Fair*, which will be a permanent and illustrated chronicle of the exhibits. The text is by Hubert Howe Bancroft, and the illustrations profuse. As pointed out in the preface, the Exhibition of 1851 was contained in a single edifice of one million square feet, while the space occupied at the World's Fair of today is eight or nine times as great.

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A dream of filmy laces;  
And ne'er the semblance of a frown  
Her airy smile displaces.

She contemplates the glossy folds  
That catches the light serenely;  
Her head she at an angle holds  
That makes her more than queenly.

"Success upon Commencement Day  
I'll win beyond conjecture,  
In this gown, with my sweet essay  
On Roman Architecture."

—Puck.

## A FATAL DEFECT.

EDITOR—"No, sir; we cannot accept your story, 'The Maui Violinist.' It is a good one in some respects, but it has one fatal defect."

AUTHOR—"What is that?"

EDITOR—"You do not mention that his favorite instrument was 'a genuine Stradivarius.'"—Puck.

A GREAT deal of repentance nowadays is done in broadcloth and ashes of roses, instead of sackcloth and ashes.—*Texas Siftings*.

MR. M. A. THOMAS is now at St. Leon Springs, where he has assumed the management of the Palatial hotel there, which opens 15th inst.

"THIS machine only registers 250 pounds, and I weigh in the neighborhood of 300."

"Oh, well, if you want to ascertain your exact weight, drop a nickel in twice, and foot up the aggregate."

## AN ANCHOR TO WINDWARD.

"GOING to the World's Fair, of course?"

"Yes;—self-protection."

"How so?"

"To stave off the fellows who will want to tell me all about it for the rest of my natural life."—Puck.

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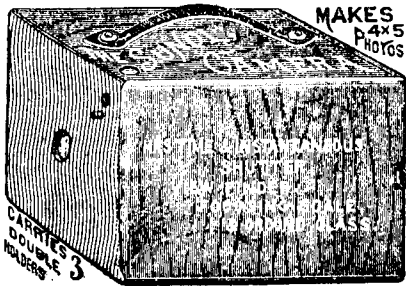
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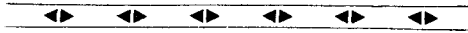
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