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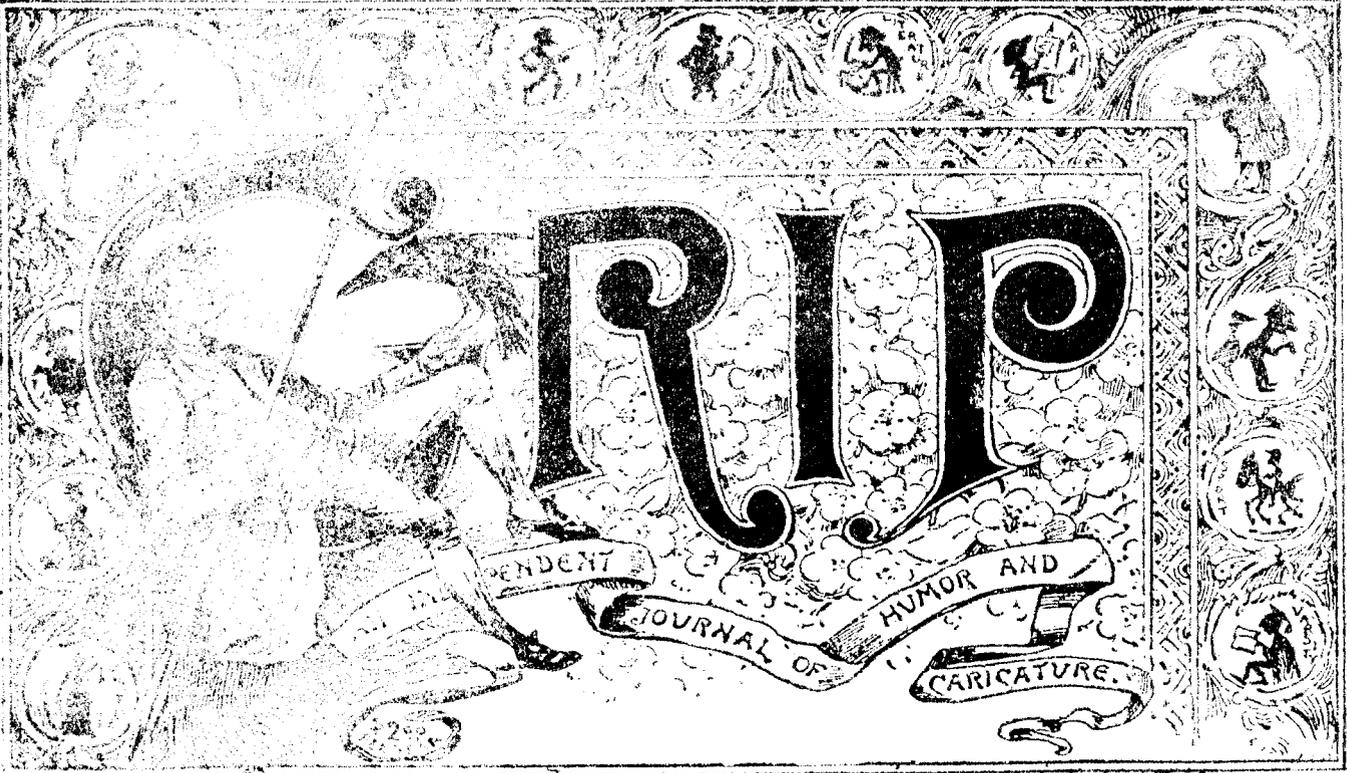
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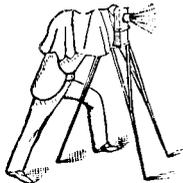
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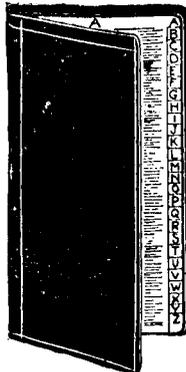
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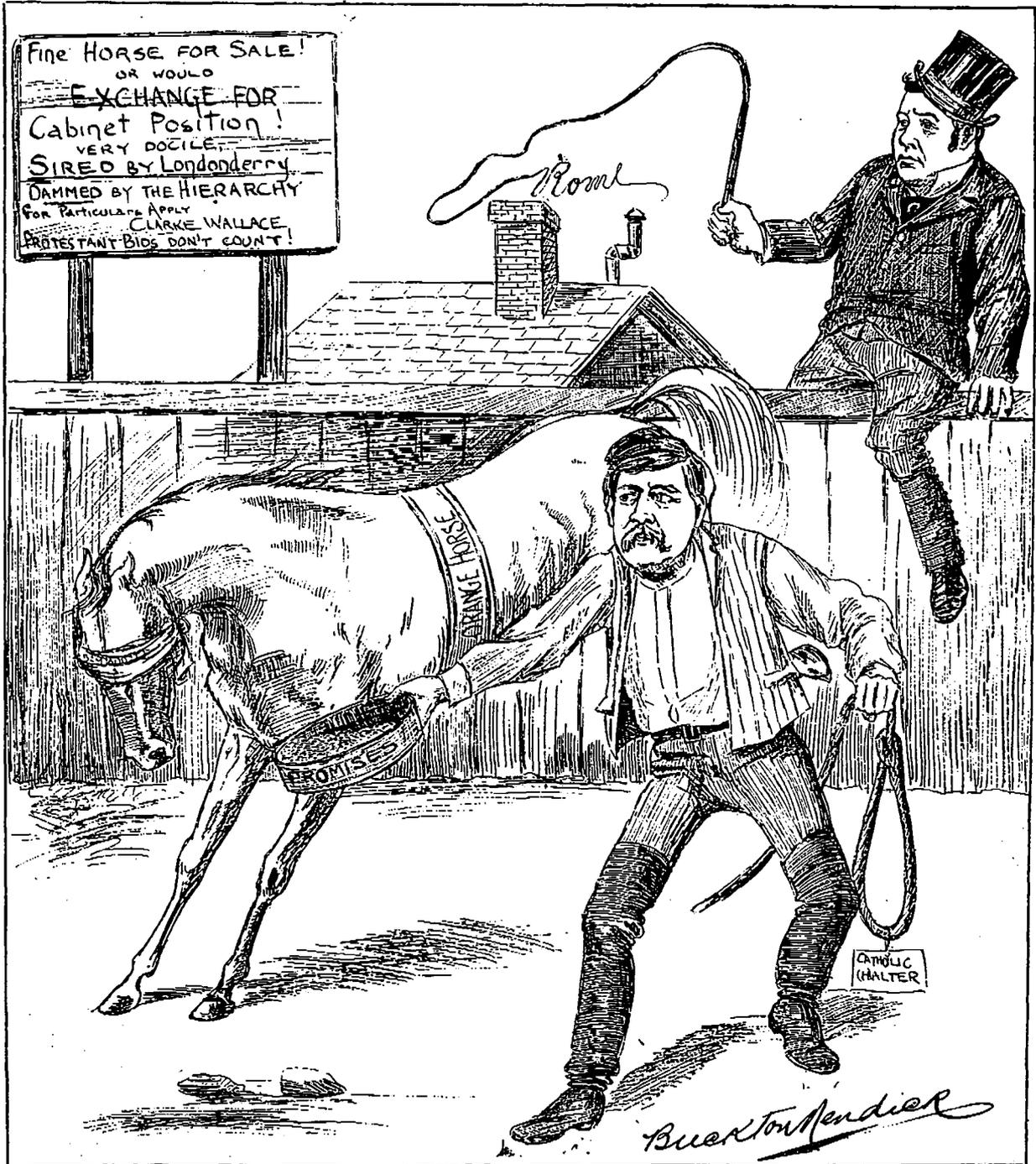
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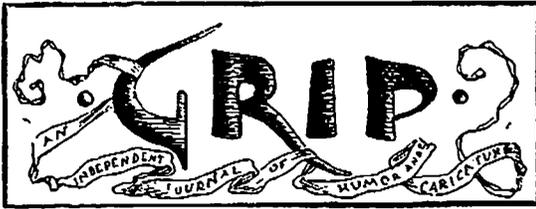
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1892.



"THE worst Council Toronto ever had," is the usual verdict of the citizens when the aldermen complete their term of office. About all that can be said for the present sorry lot of delinquents is that none of them are under suspicion of actual bribe-taking, their opportunities in this respect not having been equal to their predecessors. But in point of general incapacity, inveterate pig-headedness, narrow-mindedness and prejudice they are fully up to the standard of previous Councils, whose official rushlights have gone sputtering out amid general contempt and execration, leaving nothing but a bad smell. The lamentable failure of the re-organ-

ization effected last year to secure a better class of aldermen is no cause for surprise when it is considered that the changes most urgently required, viz., the payment of aldermen and the abolition of the property qualification, were not made. Until this is done it is useless to expect any improvement.

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THE last conspicuous instance of the utter unworthiness of this shallow-pated presumptuous gang of wrangling nincompoops is the treatment accorded to the Single Tax resolution for submitting the mode of taxation to popular vote. This had been urged by large and influential deputations of citizens of all classes. The cowardly tricksters dared not, therefore, ignore it as they evidently would have liked to do, so they disposed of it by striking out one of its most important provisions and submitting it to the vote, not of the electors, but of those qualified to vote on money by-laws alone. In this mutilated form it is, of course, worse than valueless. If the electors condone the insolence of these ignorant, swell-headed Jack-in-office by re-electing a single one who consented to this scurvy piece of business, they deserve nothing better than to be misgoverned by such cattle as the Jolliffes, Crawford and Saunders.

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SOME wicked and traitorous persons unknown, but presumably including in their number the reprehensible E. A. Macdonald, have emitted an evening paper entitled the *Sun*, devoted to the propagation of annexation sentiments. And they still live. So far the building where it is printed has not been destroyed by fire from Heaven nor the windows broken by an outraged mob of loyalists. It is inexplicable and calculated to make one doubt the eternal fitness of things.

Still no doubt the *Sun* has its uses. It is a good paper for business men and municipal candidates to insert their rival's announcements in, so as to bring them into public contumely. It would not be consistent with our loyalty to wish it any considerable measure of prosperity, so it must worry along without our benediction as best it may.

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W E wonder if it has ever occurred to the men who, like E. E. Sheppard, think the quickest way to the favor of the electors is to broach magnificent schemes for making Toronto a big city by attracting manufactures, railroads, etc., that the number of people who would benefit, supposing all these fine projects were realized, are, after all, a small fraction of the population. The only people who have any real interest in seeing Toronto doubled or quadrupled in size are the handful of monopolists

who would profit directly by the special privileges conferred on them, and those who have land to sell or rent. To the laboring masses and the majority of those engaged in trade the increased concentration of population at any point brings no improvement in their condition. It is true that the market for labor or commodities is increased, but so are the number of competitors. The

larger the city the harder are the conditions of life to all except the property-owners. If Toronto were the size of New York or Chicago we should have more millionaires but we should also have a larger proportion of men and women in abject poverty than we now have.

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THIS is not a matter of mere inference or speculation, as we have our own experience to guide us. Toronto has fully quadrupled in size during the last quarter of a century. Well, are the working and trading classes any better off in consequence? Is not the struggle for existence just as keen, the consequences of failure just as bitter as ever? Aldermen and thick-skulled persons of that order may be carried away by the specious argument that bonusing factory lords, surrendering to railway kings everything in sight and piling up a load of civic debt makes "more work," but a grain of intelligent observation ought to convince anyone capable of reasoning that "more work" simply means more competition for a chance to labor, and that in the end we are, all of us—except the privileged classes—poorer to the extent of the burdens imposed on us for benefit of land speculators.

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DR. RYERSON, who received the Conservative nomination for the vacant Toronto seat in the Provincial Legislature, is a man after the party heeler's own heart. He has a "bar'l" and is willing to tap it freely for the benefit of the party workers. It is possible that the doctor may have other qualifications for a representative, but he has never given any proof of them or shown any interest in public affairs. Two weeks ago probably not one in a hundred of the electors could have told, if asked, what side of politics he was on.

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THE *Globe's* liberal and democratic views in the abstract on the question of municipal government would have vastly more weight but for the reflection that when any practical question arises, its course is controlled by the arch-intriguer Robert Jaffray. The latter is one of the leading spirits of the Ratepayers' Association, a body which aims by insidious methods to rob the people of even the semblance of self-government, and hand over the control of civic affairs to irresponsible commissioners.

TRIALS OF AN ARTIST.

D'AUBER—"Well, I sold my picture for what it was worth."

SMEERE—"That was rough on you. How are you going to keep the wolf from the door."



GOOD FOR THE AUDIENCE.

CLARA—"I'm getting uneasy about my sore throat."

MAUD—"Oh, its nothing serious."

CLARA—"But I am afraid it will prevent my talking at the opera to-night."

NOT HIS BUSINESS.

GOODUM—"Do you expect to fill a drunkard's grave?"

OLD SOAK—"Not mush, (*hic*) 'sh too hard work. Whash matter wiz er blooming shexton?"

THOUGHTFUL HUSBAND.

WIFE (*preparing to retire*)—"What on earth are you doing?"

HUSBAND (*turning his pockets inside out*)—"Trying to to set your mind at rest so that you will get a good night's sleep. I want to show you that there is nothing in my pockets."

AT SIR HOGGERY'S DINNER PARTY.

CHAPPIE—"Ah, you here old man? Awfully mixed crowd, isn't it? There are actually a couple of tailahs heah, by Jove."

CHOLLIE—"You don't tell me. That's just splendid, you know! Shall get ouah host to give me an introduction to one of them and go wound to-mowwow and ordah a new suit."



IRONY.

GUFFLES—"Say, conductor, you aint running this car on time this morning."

CONDUCTOR—"Guess not. What do you suppose the rails are for?"

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TORONTO, city of my boyhood's days,
Although from thee I've wandered many miles,
Still I will never cease to sound thy praise
No matter who it riles.

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Thy lack of doctors—showing widespread health—
Thy water, pure and clear.

Thy enterprising builders, who erect,
Whole rows of houses rented right away, (?)
Thy daily papers, which all lies reject,
And tell the truth, they say.

Thy bicyclists, who win thee great renown,
Thy college students, heard from now and then,
Thy maidens fair, (in summer fairly brown),
Thy worthy aldermen.

But then, if I, one-half, would try to praise
All of thy features which deserve a mention
Methinks I'd be, for my remaining days,
Entitled to a pension.

So long, fair city, may thou ever grow,
And may thy real estate in value gain;
From lauding thee, no matter where I go,
I never will refrain.

—G. M. L. B.

NO DANGER.

MRS. DEWSBURY—"What a plain servant girl you have, Mrs Jimpsecute!"

MRS. JIMPSECUTE (*triumphantly*)—"Yes, Henry is rather susceptible, and I won't have any mashing busi-going on if I can help it."

MRS. DEWSBURY—"I don't think there's much danger then. A girl so homely as that couldn't mash a potato."



MR. POSTLECREED'S SHORT SERMON.

"NOW, my dear," said Mrs. Postlecreed to her husband on a Sunday morning as the bells were ringing for church, "Be sure you don't preach too long. The congregation got very restive last Sunday for you spoke for over thirty-seven minutes."

"Did I, Julia?" asked Rev. Pilgrim Postlecreed, "I tried to be as short as possible considering the subject. But the trouble is I never know exactly just how long I have spoken. I get carried away by my subject sometimes, and I suppose I really do try the patience of the congregation a little."

"More than a little, indeed," replied his observant spouse, "I wish you'd make it a rule not to exceed twenty minutes."

"But I do, how am I to know, my dear, when the time's up? I can't very well turn square round and look at the clock behind the pulpit

For if that trick I ever tried
I should appear undignified
In Rum-ti-foozles eyes,

like the Bishop in Bab Ballads' who refused to amuse the natives, by hopping about and holding up his other leg."

"Oh, that's easily managed," exclaimed Mrs. Postlecreed.



APPROPRIATE.

FIRST TRAMP—"W'y do dey call Cristas a holler day?"

SECOND TRAMP (*clutching his waist-band*)—"Cos some of us is holler on dat day—dat's de reason."

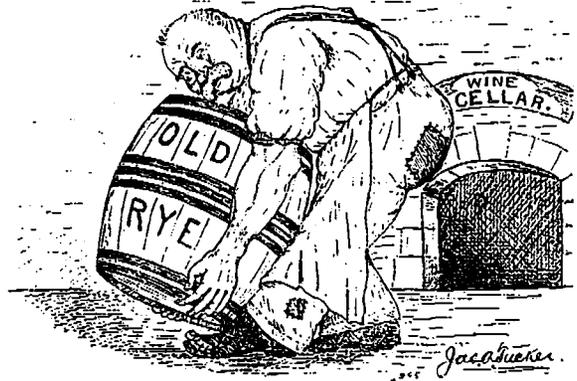
"What, that acrobatic trick I spoke of? Really, Julia, I'm surprised—"

"No, you silly! I mean stopping short when you have spoken twenty minutes. I'll give you a signal. When you see me raise my handkerchief so, (*suiting the action to the word*), you've spoken long enough, so you can bring the sermon to a close as soon as possible without seeming too abrupt."

"That is an excellent idea, Julia," said Mr. Postlecreed, "and will save me a world of trouble."

"Very well then, that's understood," replied his better-half. "I'll give you the sign when to stop."

"Look here, Mrs. Postlecreed, a nice mess you've got me in with the church by your shameful conduct this morning. The people are wild with excitement. Didn't you notice the way they acted as we came out, staring at me and shaking their heads. I overheard old Mrs. Bulstrode say to her husband, as we came down the aisle, 'Why, its perfectly scandalous. Mr. Postlecreed didn't speak more than five minutes,' and the deacons and leading parishioners are holding a consultation in the vestibule, and the long and short of it is that they'll conclude that my usefulness is at an end. Five minutes—madam! Yes, five minutes—before I had fairly enlarged on Firstly. You and your handkerchief signal have ruined me—"



WRESTLING WITH THE SPIRIT.

"Pilgrim Postlecreed! Hear me half a minute. Was it my fault if I had a cold in the head? I couldn't help using my handkerchief, and never thought about the signal at the time."

"Well, all I can say is it is most unfortunate, and we may think ourselves lucky if I don't lose my position over it. To think that I sat down after preaching only five minutes," and the wretched minister groaned at the thought of the hideous anomaly which a five minute sermon presented to his mind.

Singular to relate, however, the congregation didn't view it in that way. A few of the elder members were scandalized, but the great majority regarded it as a desirable innovation. And public opinion crystallized so firmly in his favor during the week that his original intention of making a full confession and explanation was abandoned. The five minutes sermon was a nine days wonder, and all sorts of hypotheses were advanced to account for so extraordinary a departure from pulpit conventionalities. And to this day when the affair is recalled the gossips assert that the cause of Mr. Postlecreed's abbreviation of his discourse was the painful discovery that his wife was carrying on a handkerchief flirtation with a Toronto dry-goods drummer, which upset him so that he was unable to proceed.

ONE DEGREE ABOVE ZERO.

JEMIMA TO DAD—"I heerd Squire Jones say we was goin' to hev the Reverin' Joshua Markerley after next conference."

DAD TO JEMIMA—"Well, we jist ain't, Sissie; we can't afford to fall so fur behind our neighbors. At Poggsville and Sherk's Corners, and Spriggin's Creek, and Bloomington, and Doople's Bridge, and Mount Maria, they're promised D.D's., or L.L.D's., or Ph.D's., and we're bound to keep up. All them fellows that ain't doctor of something or 'nuther kin go out as missionaries to Quebec, or the Holy Land, or Manitoba."

IDENTITY.

(A LONG WAY AFTER T. B. ALDRICH.)

SOMEWHERE in desolate boom-swept space,
In suburb-land, in pasture-land,
Two Equities met face to face,
And bade each other stand.

"And art thou real," cried one agape,
"Or unsubstantial, vague like me?"
"I know not," said the Second Shape,
"For the mortgages are three."



"But really, Pilgrim, I—"

"Oh don't explain, don't say you didn't mean to! Why, I made sure you must have made a mistake at first but you gave me the signal *twice*, so, of course, I supposed I must have been speaking long enough. What demon of malice prompted you, madam, to make a laughing-stock of your husband and create a scandal in the sanctuary by your ill-timed jest?"

"But, Pilgrim dear—"

"I am not angry with you, Julia, not carried away by passion, but simply sorry, very sorry, that you should so far have forgotten what is due to me as a preacher of the Gospel—what is due to yourself as my wife—as to deliberately plan to render me ridiculous in the eyes of the congregation—"

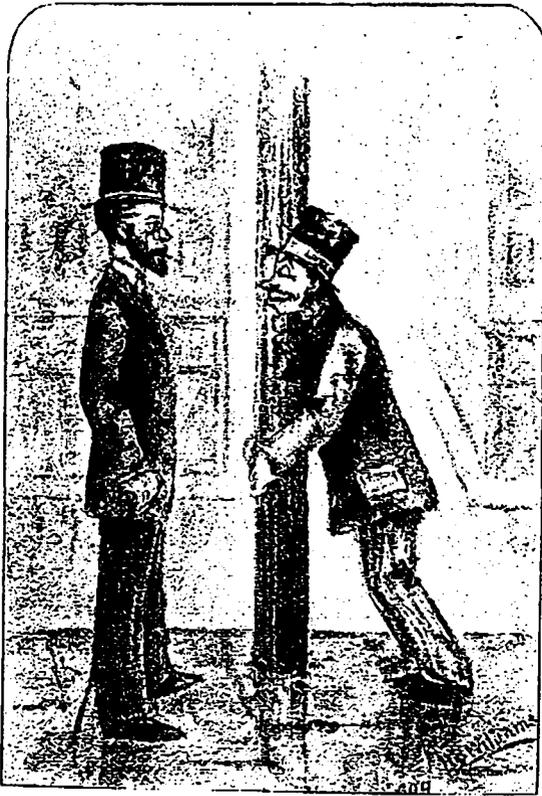


HAS HE FOUND HIM?



THE ANNUAL SQUEEZE.

A GRINDING MONOPOLY NO SOCIAL REFORMER HAS DEvised A MEANS OF SUPPRESSING.



NO TRUE FRIEND.

BUZER—"I've (hic) jush been spendin' even'n wiz a fren'."

STEADIMAN—"Judging from the load he gave you to carry he must have been an enemy."

VERY INNOCENT.

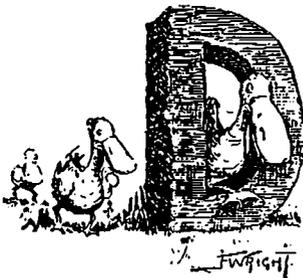
SHE broke my heart, she broke my purse,
She broke our sworn engagement,
And yet she said, this artless maid,
She knew not what my rage meant.

A TRUE FRIEND OF LABOUR.

O'HARA—"It's the foine politician O'Toole is. It really do one good to shake hands wid him."

FLANNAGAN—"It do indeed, ispecially at election toimes. He always laves a two dollar bill in the workin' man's fist then."

AIRLIE SUPPORTS SHEPPARD FOR MAYOR.



DECLARATION.—*Whereas*, some envious, licht wuttit, an' ill pretit gomeril, anxious to get into print an' tell a'body hoo there were hoofs as well as horns at St. Andrew's ball; an' *whereas* they've ta'en it upon them to haud me up to public ridicule as a drunkard,

an' a haveril, in a letter purportin' to be written by my wife; We therefore, Mr. an' Mrs. Hugh Airlie, hereby declare the hale thing to be the decoction o' some unknown bletherskite; an' we hereby declare our joint intention to treat the hale thing as we would treat a flee

blister; namely, wi' silent contempt; poorin' mortification on the head of the writer by disdainin' to tak the smallest notice o' sic a manifest lee.

Signed,

HUGH AIRLIE, Esquire.

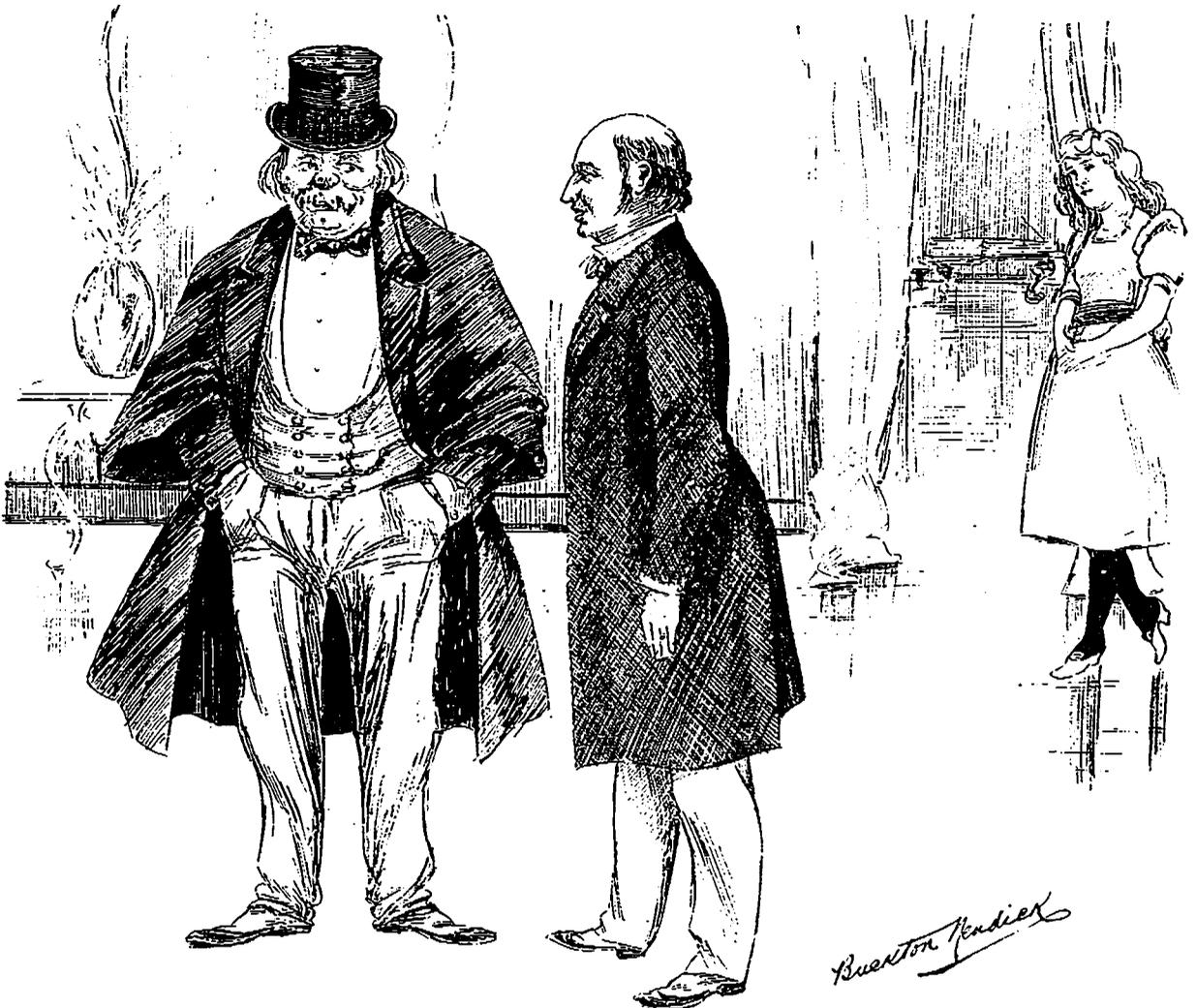
MRS. HUGH AIRLIE × Her Mark.

DEAR MAISTER GRIP:—Havin' hereby discharged the above duty to mysel', the public an' posterity, I noo proceed to say that though it was my intention to rin for Mayor this year mysel', I immediately tore up the manifesto I had prepared, (it took me three weeks an' I lost seven pounds five ounces an' a half in the time) an' took a back seat in favour o' the chap wi' the hair, and the nose, an' the coo-boy hat. I hold it as a solemn article o' faith that the man wha can start a newspaper like the *Saturday Night* an' build it up, an' keep it up on the vanity o' human nature, makin' the concern stand on a'e leg, as it were, that leg hein' the society column; inscribed wi' the names o' folk, whase hale ambition in life is to see their names in print as "people in society;" I say that the man wi' the wit to see, and the darin' to lay hold o' human vanity an' convert it into the current coin o' this Dominion is a man eminently fitted to sit at the helm an' steer the coorse o' municipal affairs. An' if ye can bring forrit any man that kens mair aboot city affairs than a journalist that makes a paper pay in a country whaur literature, except at second hand, is a drug in the market, an' art is recognized only as affordin' a certain class o' lawyers an opportunity of shavin' Canadian genius, as close to the epidermis as the razor o' a shyiock will alloo thereby gien the puir victims and chance a' deein' o' inanition, or cardiac, is capable o' bringin' ocean ships up the Don, makin' lazy ruffians support their families in the doin' o't—an' gude kens a' what else. I hae onlimited faith in a man wha can start a paper an' I'm gawn to start ane mysel, but this is a secret as yet. It's to be christened wi' saut watter frae the Forth Bridge an' the name is to be THE AIRLIE BIRD AND FIRST WORM. The person sendin' in one hundred names o' subscribers will be entitled to receive one volume of the Epistles o' Airlie, handsomely bound in Morocco, five thoosan' copies bein' noo *en route* for Tangier to be bound there. To the pairty sendin' in two hunder names a stuffed solan goose, frae the Bass Rock; it's a wee dusty wi' kickin' aboot in the garrett, an' the feathers are rubbit off its back whaur the laddie used to ride on't for a hobby horse, but itherwise it's a great curiosity. To the little boy wha sends in fifty names I will present a fine mongrel, collar an' a'. He's an' ill-natured snappin' way wi' him, sair gien to bitin', but no bad itherwise. An' to the person sendin' in a thoosan' names, a free deed o' a hoose, garden an' pigstye with freeish and entry thereto, pleasantly situated in the Orkney Islands, within five minutes walk o' the light-house, an' left to me an' my heirs by my respectit grannie. Sic offers canna fail to mak the AIRLIE BIRD a welcome visitor to every hoose in Canada, an' the morality o' the scheme bein' onquestionable, we expect to retire on a when thoosan' a year afore very lang. A' this, of coorse, is in enter noo, sub-rosy confidence—frae.—HUGH AIRLIE.

UNACCOUNTABLE.

TROLLICAR—"What's the trouble between you and Snarler? He was abusing you like a pick-pocket yesterday."

GAFFICK—"Was he though? That's strange. I never did the fellow a good turn in my life."



Burton Hendick

AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT.

BIMBY—"I am so glad you have come. We are to have some delightful music."
 TYPICAL GERMAN—"Yah! But fere ish de bier?"

HE COULD NOT TELL A LIE.

[SUGGESTED BY DALTON MCCARTHY'S CONFESSION AT THE
 RUSSELL ANTI-HOME RULE MEETING.]



POLITICAL George Washingtons
 Are birds extremely rare;
 You may go a-gunning thro' the world
 And find but few, I swear!
 Truth's not a healthful atmosphere
 For the buzzards of the nation,
 And they shun it by the first great law—
 That of self-preservation.

At last we've found a specimen
 Of rarer breed—your eye
 Rests on a true George Washington
 Who cannot tell a lie!
 Remorsefully and tearfully,
 Does he display the axe
 With which, as he confesses,
 He has made some naughty hacks.

He owns he used that dangerous tool—
 Political Expedient—
 And voted 'gainst his conscience—
 To his party boss obedient!

But, with regret and sorrow,
 His shame he now confesses;
 And a strong determination
 To wipe out that shame, professes.

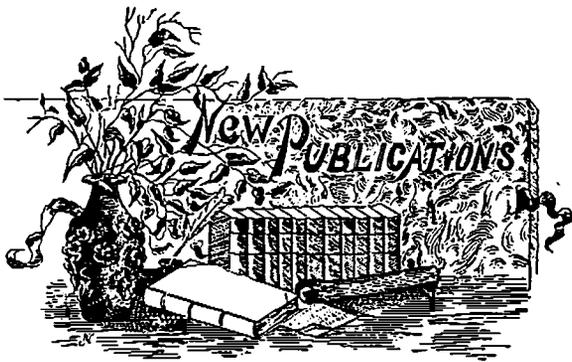
McCarthy! would that in our land
 Were more like unto thee,—
 From this vile party slavishness,
 This sickening serfdom, free:
 Men who, when conscience smote would not
 In cowardice repress it,
 But, feeling they had done the wrong,
 Would manfully redress it.

—JAS. A. TUCKER.

TALK IS CHEAPER.

MR. VERBOSE—"Silence is golden."
MISS CAUSTIQUE—"I suppose that is why you
 give us so little of it."

If a man's philosophy is such that he can live up to
 it, he only wastes his time when he tries to preach it.
 No one will think it worth believing.



THE Christmas number of the *Home-Maker Magazine* is a splendid one, having as frontispiece a colored portrait of the late poet-laureate. The biographical sketch accompanying it is illustrated with views of his birthplace and other localities associated with his memory. Among the contributors to this number are: Douglas Sladen, Jennie June, Marion C. Smith, and Alice King Livingston. There is a great variety of matter and a profusion of illustrations in the best artistic taste. The price of the *Home-Maker* is 20c. a copy, or \$2 per year, but subscribers to GRIP have the opportunity of securing this high-class publication on specially favourable terms. GRIP and the *Home-Maker* will be sent to any address for one year for \$2.75. Send the cash with the order to Grip Printing and Publishing Co., Toronto.

THE December number of the *Sunbeam*, a bright little college magazine, is a credit to the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby. The matter is thoughtful, entertaining and well-arranged.

THE *Weekly Bulletin*, of Boston, has been greatly enlarged and improved and has changed its title to the *Weekly Review*. It is a unique publication and a valuable aid to journalists, literary men, politicians and others desiring to keep abreast of public opinion on any question. Its special feature is an index to all noteworthy articles on any subject appearing in the press of the United States and Canada, and a system by which copies of any particular articles desired can be ordered at a very reasonable price.

THE SHEPPARD'S DREAM.

THE Sheppard sees in vision fair,
Before his glowing raptured eyes
The palaces and lofty domes,
The temples, and the stately homes
Of a vast city rise.

Himself as ruler of the land—
He sees enthroned in chair of state,
While thronging myraids hail his name,
And pay loud tribute to his fame
Who made the place so great.

He starts—and falling 'gainst a pole,
Even as he yet entranced doth gaze,
The misty fabric disappears
Which fond imagination rears
As through a Summer-haze.

A TRUE SAYING.

"AGE overtakes us unawares," remarked the sentimental young man as he was out strolling with his best girl.

"It does indeed," said her father, as he came up behind and kicked the young man over a seven rail fence.

CALMING THEIR FEARS.

CLARKE WALLACE (*to deputation of Equal Righters*)—"I can give you positive assurances, gentlemen, that the Government will do nothing to interfere with the rights of the people of Manitoba to control their own schools."

SPOKESMAN OF DEPUTATION—"What proof can you give us of that?"

CLARKE WALLACE—"Why, we intend appointing a Royal Commission to enquire into the matter."

SPOKESMAN—"Ah, if you'll only do that it will be quite satisfactory. The country will then understand definitely that you mean to let things alone."

NOT IN IT.

WILKS—"Well, I do hope Bilks will get the registrarship of our county."

DILKS—"Is he the present M.P.P.?"

WILKS—"No."

DILKS—"Was he ever the member?"

WILKS—"No."

DILKS—"Is he a defeated candidate?"

WILKS—"No."

DILKS—"Is he the son of the present member?"

WILKS—"No."

DILKS—"Then how in thunder do you expect him to get such an appointment? Why, he is absolutely without any claim or qualification."

It is not always the soft headed man who gets mashed on himself.



"WANTED—A MAN."

MISS FLIPPY—"I think *Saturday Night* is about the only paper worth reading. Its society news and stories are just lovely."

WIDOW GUSHER—"Yes, my dear; and then 'Don's' editorials are so true and forcible. He seems to enter into and anticipate one's own ideas so much."

MISS FLIPPY—"I can quite understand your appreciation. He has been crying aloud lately that a man is wanted."



THE REASON WHY.

"EDITORS never send my poems back."

"That's easily explained. No doubt you forget to enclose stamps"

OUR NEW TOBOGGAN SLIDE.

YES, I was there.

"Have a good slide?" did you say.

Well, yes—the slide was all right as long as it lasted. It was the termination of the blooming thing which turned the short-lived joy and exultation of the dizzy whirl into funereal woe and sadness. I lost most of my clothing, got several joints dislocated and my system generally shook up and shattered.

It is a good place to break in a man for a career as book agent, alderman or baseball umpire. If he is tough enough to survive the perils of the toboggan slide he can fearlessly brave the risks of any calling however hazardous—unless it is calling a man of superior muscle a liar.

There are people who say they enjoy tobogganing, but if so, it must be a morbid and acquired taste like the penchant for limburger cheese, or the desire to become a Provincial Legislator. No sane and healthy mind would hanker in that direction. For myself I would sooner anchor to an adjacent stump or something and let the rash and heedless tobogg past me to destruction without a sigh.

But to my tale—Our toboggan slide was built on a precipitous hillside by a cold hearted and surly misanthrope, who, having been jilted in his airy youthhood, had soured on his fellow-man and woman. He presented it free to the town and smiled a grim, sardonic smile, when the vote of thanks was presented to him. 'Twas a subtle scheme to glut his embittered soul with the woe and misery of humanity, the sigh of the orphan, the tear of the widow and the low deep chuckle of the undertaker gloating o'er his gains.

I held aloof from the insidious sport at first, but gradually its subtle fascinations wooed me with their syren spell. I dallied coyly awhile with the vice which had entwined others in its thrallsome folds. The mocking laughter and jeers of comrades who had become hardened and blunted toboggists prompted me to cast aside the safeguards of early training and take the headlong plunge.

I yielded to frequent solicitations, and with two companions essayed the desperate venture. One of

them, a stout and portly maiden, occupied the middle as ballast, while I was seated behind.

They told me to gather my legs in a bunch and sit on them, which I endeavoured to do, while a cold perspiration bedewed my brow. Every second seemed an age.

At last we are off—we glide—we fly—zip! zip! zip! ge-whizz!

All the evil actions of my past life rose in retrospect before me.

I wonder if my friends will be able to identify my remains.

Will the obituary notice say that I "had not an enemy in the world," and that my untimely decease "cast a gloom over the community?"

I wonder if my wife will marry again.

Whizz! Whizz! R-r-rip!

Alas, how short is life! If I had it to live over again I would be a better man.

Bang! Thud!

And then everything swam before me, and consciousness became a blank. Owing to the vehicle of destruction having come in contact with a snag I had been jolted off and been whirled into collision with the stumps, rocks and brushwood which lined the track.

After a while I came to—I was glad it was only to—I shouldn't have been surprised if it had been any number. I had shed most of my garments and was a broken-up and demoralized wreck generally.

I was assis'ed home, bandaged up, and left to my reflections. I have utilized my period of enforced retirement in trying to think of mean and scurrilous things to say about the caitiff who invented tobogganing, but imagination reels baffled before the task of doing justice to the miscreant.

Henceforth, I tobogg no more. One such experience is enough. It may be the poetry of motion, but plain prose is more my style. I'm not in it. I might be if I could be certain of staying in it, but there's the rub. No longer do I dally with the tempter.

Let whoso will adown yon hill
Upon toboggans glide;
The world may woo, in vain thereto
I pass, and let 'em slide.

—PERCIVAL PEAVICK.

THEIR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.



DALTON McCARTHY.—To look out for a new party to attach himself to and in default of finding any to suit start one of his own.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR KIRKPATRICK.—To earn his salary by assiduously attending theatres and social functions.

PREMIER THOMPSON.—To lubricate his Ultramontane policy by plenty of soft snaps for leading Orangemen.

OLIVER MOWAT.—To allow the party to persuade him against his better judgment to accept the lion's share of

the spoils of office.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH.—Not to retire from public life oftener than once every three months.

E. E. SHEPPARD.—To join a few more lodges and societies if he can discover any to which he doesn't already belong.

J. CASTELL HOPKINS.—To invent an appropriate synonym for the phrase "one harmonious whole."

MAYOR FLEMING.—To put his trust in profuse promises and the Cordial Grasp.

MONOPOLIST MASSEY.—To throw a Music Hall sprat to catch an exemption mackerel.

W. G. LAMPAY, OTTAWA.—To devote his leisure to writing loyal and patriotic poems.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE.—To lose no opportunity of showing his contempt for Canadian politics and politicians.

HANGMAN RADCLIVE.—To support the Thompson Government on account of the way it encourages his industry.

EDITOR CREIGHTON.—To admit no news into the *Empire* that are not at least a day old.

A. LAMPMAN.—To try and cure himself of the defect of making his poetry intelligible at intervals.

MANAGER VAN HORNE.—To see whether the Americans will make it worth his while to sell out Canada to them.

ROBERT JAFFRAY.—To call off his dog and go a trifle slow in the Intercolonial deal so as to avert suspicion.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR HUGHES.—To demand an increase of salary on the ground that he is truly loyal and that his subordinates do all the work.

CLARKE WALLACE.—To uncompromisingly oppose remedial legislation for Manitoba until he is taken into the Cabinet and made a knight.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL STANLEY.—To try and conceal, as far as possible, his disgust for the venal crew who govern in his name.

LOUIS KRIBS.—To embrace every opportunity of ascertaining, by personal investigation, whether prohibition really does prohibit.

E. F. CLARKE.—To assist Bro. Kribs in the aforesaid good work and look out for another easy job.



HIS SOCIETY PULL.

"Say, who are ye goin' to vote for fur Mayor, Flanagan?"

Begorry, I belave I've got to support Sheppard."

'An' f'what wud ye go back on Flemin' for?"

"It's jist this way, ye see, Mr. Brogan: He gev the ould woman an' the girruls no end of taffy in *Saturday Night* fwthin they went to Widdy Mulrooney's "At Home," an' they'll give me no pace at all av I don't vote for him."

MUCH OTHERWISE.

CHAPPIE—"I understand that Maud's father put his foot down on youah calling on her."

CHOLLY—"Down! No, demmit! He swung it up."

HE FELT INSULTED.

ASMODEUS—"You appear disgusted. What is the matter?"

SATAN—"I was up on Jarvis street to-day and I heard one dude describe another as a devil of a fellow."

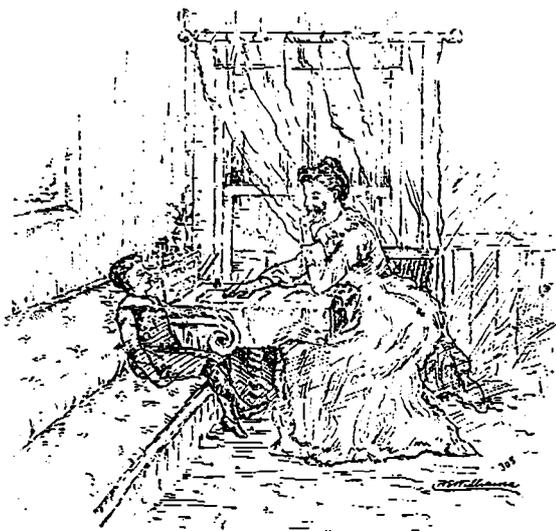
DID HE HIT IT?

A PARAGRAPH in the *Mail* of the 14th inst. indicates a lamentable want of consideration for the feelings of others on the part of a member of the Royal Family. In connection with a notice of the participation of the Duke of Edinburgh in a musical festival at Plymouth our contemporary says:

The Duke adopted a novel method of railway travelling in order to be present at Plymouth. He was shooting at the seat of the Earl of St. Germans, at Port Eliot.

We are not informed as to the effect of his marksmanship, which apparently is not regarded as a matter for serious consideration so long as his Royal Highness is amused. But a gentleman with such lofty ideas as to the royal prerogative must be an inconvenient associate.

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ON GOOD AUTHORITY.

TOMMY—"Ma, I thought you said it was wrong to fight?"

MOTHER—"Yes, my son. Fighting is very wicked."

TOMMY—"No it aint. I heard the preacher read out of the Bible this morning: 'H't h's eye, Peter, be not afraid.'"

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A MEAN MAN'S SMILE.

"HENRY!" she said, disconsolately, "you didn't get me a birthday gift."

"By Jove, that's so!" said Henry. "But, you see, I can't realize that you ever have birthdays."

Then she was happy, and he smiled the mean subtle smile of a man who has saved money.—*Washington Star.*

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HOSTESS (*confidentially*)—"Those are just mistakes."—*Christmas Puck.*

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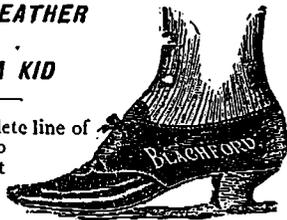
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