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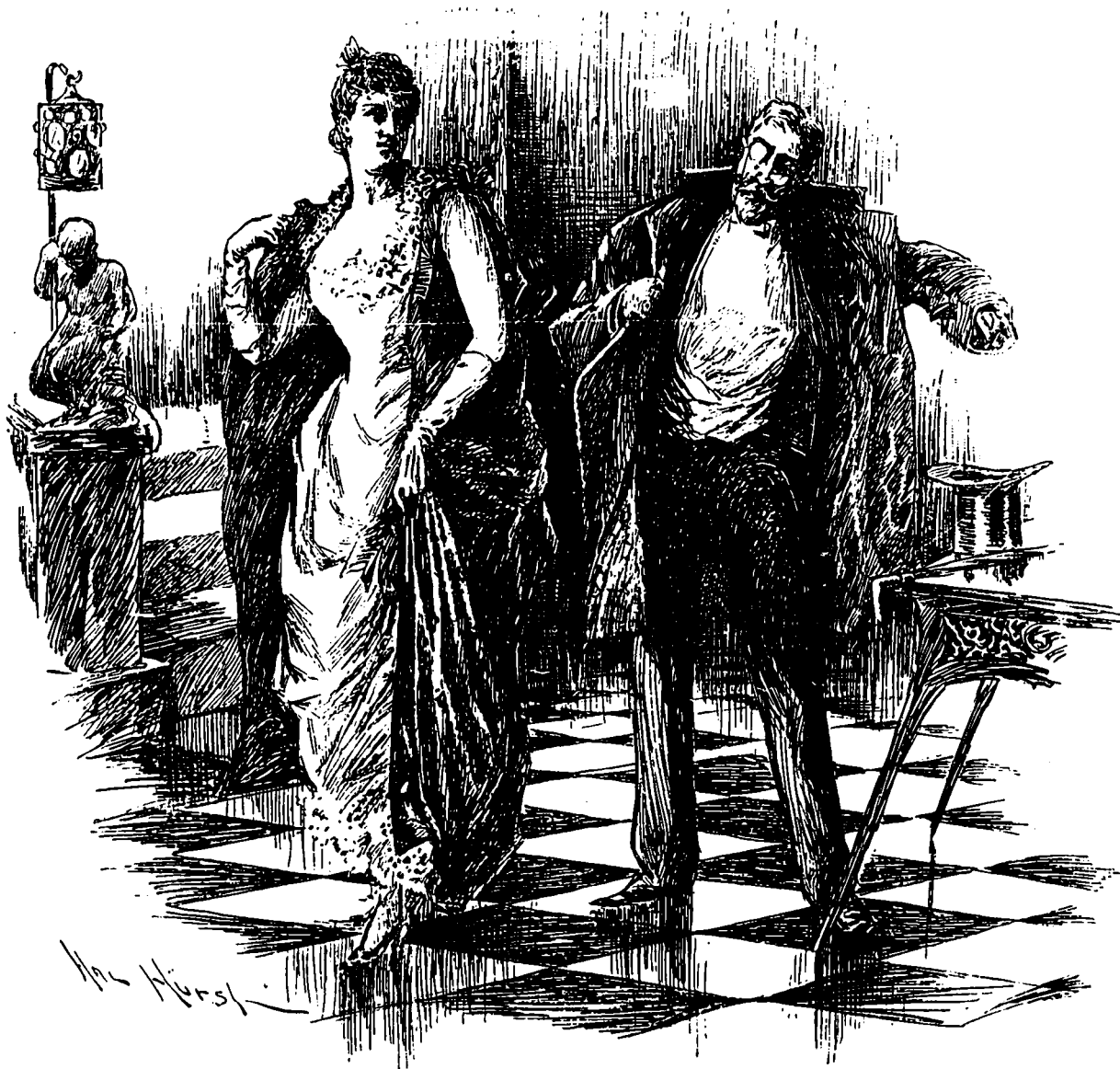
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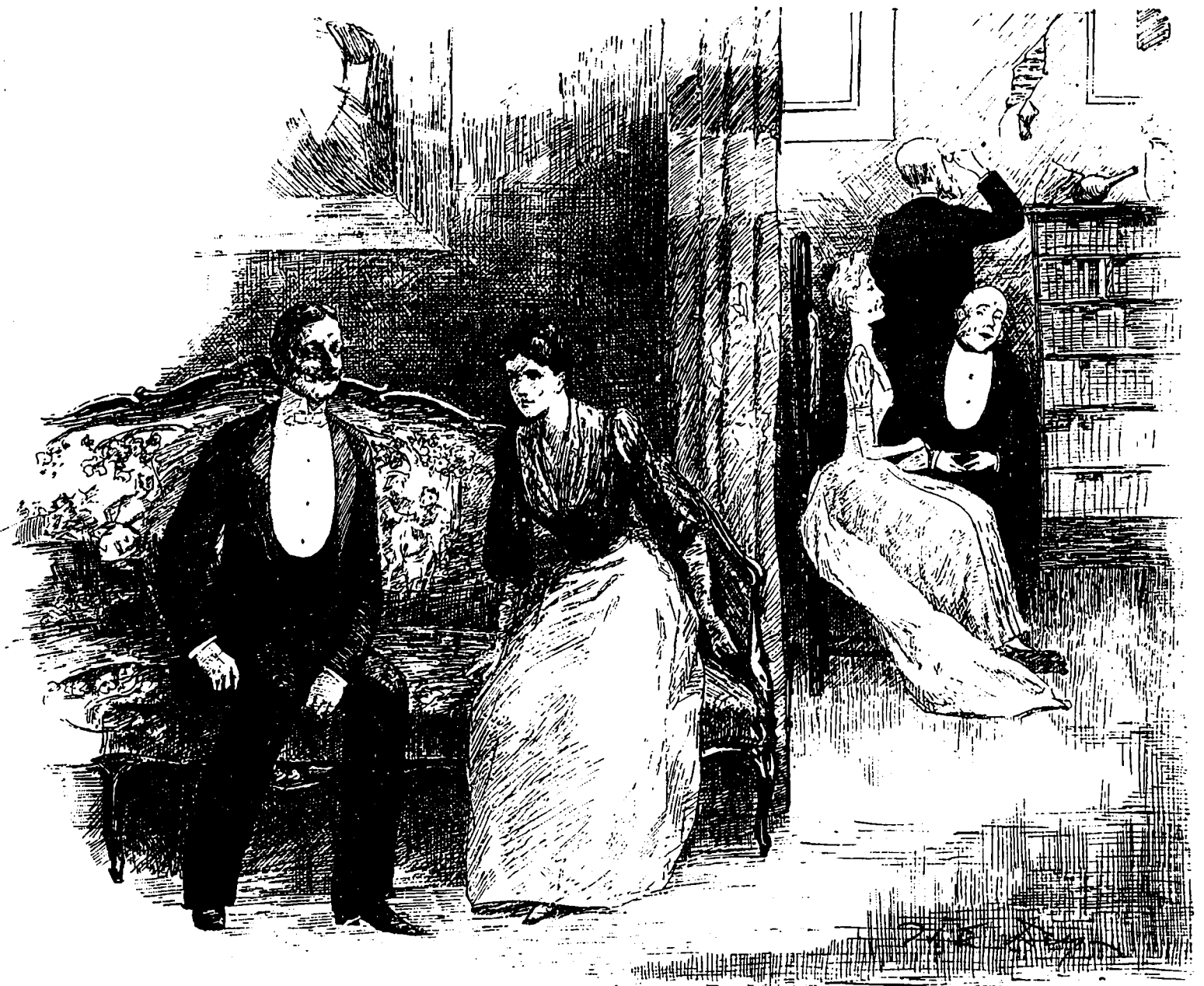
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LOVE'S STAGES.



WHEN pretty Mamic's soft red cheek
Was turned away in childish pet
Disconsolate I'd go and seek
The solace of a cigarette.

When Sylvia, Gwendolen and Kate,
Whose coquetries have left their scar,
Successively refused to mate,
I'd substitute a strong cigar.

Now maiden ladies look askance,
Both they and I are over-ripe,
Eliminating all romance,
I knock the ashes from my pipe.
J. F. S.

A BALTIMORE minister preached on the subject: "Why was Lazarus a beggar?"
We have not his answer at hand, but it probably was: "Because he begged."

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THEE GONE.—*Romeo and Juliet*.

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THE suggestion that ocean patrol boats should be placed at various points on the Atlantic, to lend their aid to ships in distress, is not so ridiculous as might at first be supposed. The proposal is receiving a good deal of attention among those most interested in the matter,—the thousands who yearly migrate to Europe. The recent accident to the "City of Paris" makes the danger of that class of vessels known as ocean racers very real. These ships, hitherto pronounced the safest, are now, as a result of this accident looked on with a good deal of suspicion, and ocean travelers are looking with returning favor to the staid old steamships which popular verdict pronounces "slow but sure." Patrol boats stationed at fixed points on the ocean would help both alike. Of course accidents are few, but if such a measure could save but one vessel and its living freight a year it would be worth adopting. The question of ocean navigation is one of infinite importance in these days of enormously increasing traffic between the old world and the new. Canada is fortunate in having sailing from her shores vessels which are fast enough for most people, and have a record for safety second to none.

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THIS question of ocean racing suggests a kindred one which is becoming more serious every day—life racing. "We are born in a hurry, we live in a hurry, we die in a hurry, we are driven to Greenwood on a trot," is Talmage's epigrammatic comment on human life. We do everything at a rush, and call it push; we work till we collapse, and call it enterprise. Health, nerve force, leisure for consecutive thought, and even amusement are often sacrificed in the mad rush for wealth and position. If we collide with another fellow on the ocean of life and sink him, we congratulate ourselves on having one less opponent, and sail away on the tide of prosperity. If in internal collapse sends our good ship to the bottom, wrecked

physically, mentally, or worse, the world says "poor fellow!" and proceeds to follow in our tracks. Here in the Dominion we have not as yet reached so high up in this scale of modern development as in some other parts of the world, but we are "getting there" fast. Take time and enjoy life while you have it.

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THE occupations which women adopt in these days, both for mercenary and philanthropic ends, must startle the many good people who seem to believe that the highest ambition of womanhood should be to look everything and be nothing. The ladies of Quebec are to be congratulated on the effort they are now making to show that women can be useful as well as ornamental members of society. In the formation of a ladies ambulance corps they lend themselves to a work of mercy, for which many women are eminently fitted, despite the orthodox belief that the sight of blood makes a woman either faint or scream.

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IT HAS often been remarked how readily the names of childhood stick to one. Very ridiculous it is at times to hear grown up men and women called by names which would seem to be exclusively suited to the days of long dresses and "endless imitation." But how easily they stick. A young gentleman at present in Washington, the two-year old grandson of President Harrison, is known all over the continent as "Baby McKee." If a young man of his inherited wisdom ever requires to go to school, he will be known as "Baby McKee." If he lives to manhood,—and a young man possessing such a name will be peculiarly liable to do so,—he will mingle in society, business and politics, called behind his back if not to his face "Baby McKee." If, like his grandfather and his grandfather's grandfather, he becomes prominent in public life, the newspapers will be full of "Baby McKee;" and if he should succeed them in seeking the presidency, the party cry that will carry him to victory—or the other thing—will be "Hurrah for Baby McKee." In fact, many Americans profess to believe that the memory of Baby McKee will be green long after the deeds and words of his grandfather are remembered only on the statute book. Of course "Baby McKee" won't like to get his fame in this way; but the more he shows his dislike the more he will get the name. Moral—Beware of "pet" names.

PRISONER—"Yes, your Honor, it is true that I was intoxicated last night; but I can explain all if your Honor will give me a little time."

HIS HONOR—"Ten days."—*Puck.*

HE—"Will you have some ice cream?"

SHE—"I don't care."

HE (relieved)—"All right, we won't have any."—*Yale Record.*

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

THERE is a good deal of talk among Montreal society people just now about conversation. "Talking about talking" is a somewhat abstruse occupation, but just at present it is the fad. The discussion has arisen on account of the statements of some very wise people, who allege that conversation, especially among the younger element of society, is sadly degenerating. The cause they claim to find in the preeminence of sports and amusements in these days, and the consequent lack of time for mental development. Sport, they point out, is eternally seasonable here. In other parts of the world young people have of seasons sport and seasons when there is time for other occupation; but here in Canada, summer and winter, and even the transition periods, have each their special form of recreation. Just how much this has to do with the vapidness of conversation cannot be easily determined, but the current opinion seems to be that it has a good deal.

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EASTER week has certainly afforded the average individual very little opportunity for that solitude which many people deem so essential to intellectual progress. People who are "in the swim" have found it about the busiest week of the season. Among the various sets which constitute Montreal's "four hundred" there has been a nightly succession of important events. Society has thrown off the solemnities of Lent, with the consciousness that it has religiously observed them, and this consciousness has lent additional fervor to the Easter festivities, both social and ecclesiastical.

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PEOPLE who find their recreation in lectures, concerts and similar feasts of reason have had a large variety to choose from during the week. Principal among the first named was the appearance of that enterprising young woman, Miss Nellie Bly, whose story of what she saw and did not see on her way around the world was listened to by a few interested Montrealers Tuesday night. Miss Bly's career is a striking instance of what a woman can accomplish when she has plenty of nerve and pluck. She told her story well, and made a favorable impression on her audience.

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THE dress rehearsal of Watts Phillip's three act comedy "Paul's Return," by the M. A. A. Dramatic Club Wednesday evening was attended by a large and fashionable audience. The rehearsal indicated a thorough mastery of their parts by the members of the club. The regular performance takes place too late for notice this week.

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THE bachelors ball Thursday evening was a big success. The youth and beauty of fashionable Montreal were largely represented, and the occasion was a delightful one for all concerned.

A VERY pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Georges Church Tuesday afternoon, the bridegroom being Mr. George R. Robertson, Jr., the popular young curler, and the bride Miss Mary Shepherd, the youngest daughter of R. W. Shepherd, Esq. The bride looked very pretty indeed. She wore a gown of white silk trimmed with tulle, orange blossoms and a large bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Robertson, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Bowie of Ottawa. A largely attended reception followed at the home of the bride's parents on Sherbrooke street, after which the young couple left for a tour in the States. The presents were unusually handsome, and included a large case of silver spoons and forks from Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, a dinner set from Doctor and Mrs. Molson and a magnificent diamond bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. Dean Carmichael performed the ceremony. Mr. Robertson was given a congratulatory dinner by his friends at the Windsor a few evenings ago.

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FAIR HOSTESS: *So your engagement has dropped thro'.*

VISITOR: *Yes, dear. It grieved me very much as he was such a charming fellow, but so very slangy you know. I told him candidly I'd give him the go-by if he did not shut up, but he kept at his old trick, so you bet I just switched him off.*

A WOMAN'S THINK.

BESSIE: What do you think of Fanny's seal-skin?

JESSIE: Think it's plush.

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

LADY: I would like to get a servant girl. The family consists of my husband, myself and five children.

EMPLOYMENT AGENT: Very sorry, Madam, but you will have to kill off some of the children.

A CRITICAL PHYSICIAN.

DOCTOR, I wish you'd go up to Mrs. Blank's and see my friend Jarrett, the actor—he is very sick."

"Sir," replied the Doctor, "curing hams is not my specialty."

IT will be a cold Dey for Algiers when the monarch of that country dies.

OCCASIONALLY.

"YOUR English humorous paper is called *Punch*, I believe," said an American young lady to a visitor from London.

"Yes," replied the latter, "and do you know it sometimes prints a really funny piece."

THE USUAL REMEDY.

VINNIE GARR: Had you heard that Miss Tryon caught a husband?

SIM TONSON, M. D.: No; what is she taking for it?

VINNIE GARR (*sweetly*): Oh, washing.



SO THERE WAS.

O, JAMES, come quickly, Freddy has swallowed his mouth organ." "Is that so? Then there's music in the heir."

A FRUITLESS DISCUSSION.

THE name was long discussed—George, Henry, John,
Tom, William, and 'twas settled to be Earl.
A heavy gloom their faces spread upon,
When came the Doctor's verdict: It's a girl.

WITH A FROZEN EXPRESSION.

"SPEAKING of ice-carnivals," said Weakbrane
the other evening, "reminds me of
an account I once read of an ice-palace in
a Russian city, where they had a statue of
Venus, made entirely of ice. That must
have been a novelty."

"Well, yes," responded one of the hope-
less ones, "yes, I should say it was rather
a nude-of-ice!" and the ensuing silence was
so distressingly noiseless that you might
have heard an engagement ring.

MOONSHINE.

"IT'S all moonshine."
"What is?"
"The light of the moon."

NOTORIOUS.

THERE is that hor-
rid, ill-fitting rid-
ing dress of mine. I've
tried to give it away sev-
eral times, but nobody
seems to want it."

"It is very difficult to
get rid of a bad habit."

A GREAT IDEA.

"WE must fake up
some new freak
or close the show."

"I have it! Just the
thing. Get an Anarchist and make him
sit in a bath tub."

A WITHDRAW GAME.

SHE (at a late hour): Do you play
checkers, Mr. Spoons?

HE: Yes, sometimes I do. Why?

SHE: I thought so. You remind me of a cautious
checker player.

HE: In what way?

SHE: It takes you so long to make a move. And
then he jumped.

AN ATHLETIC RACE

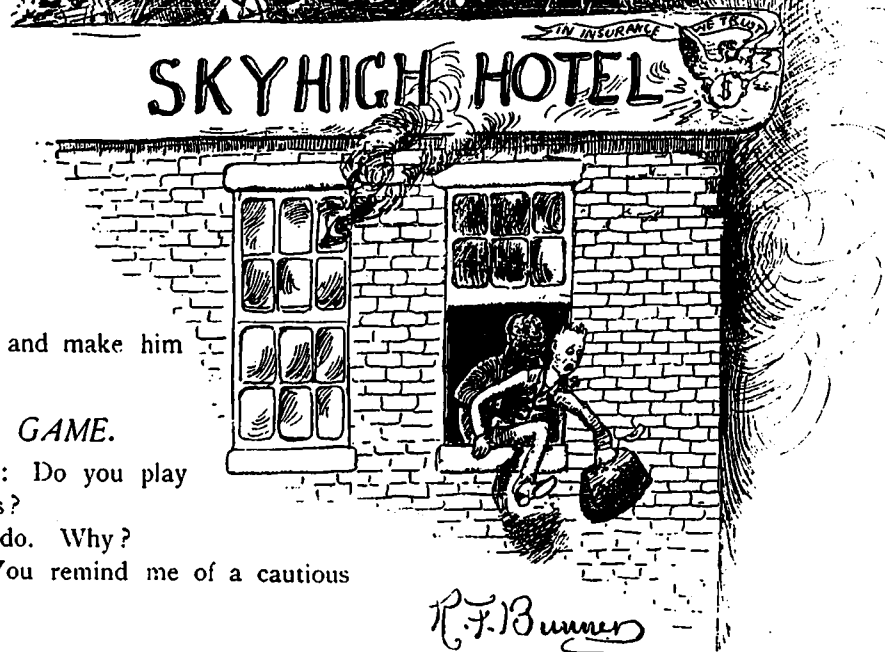
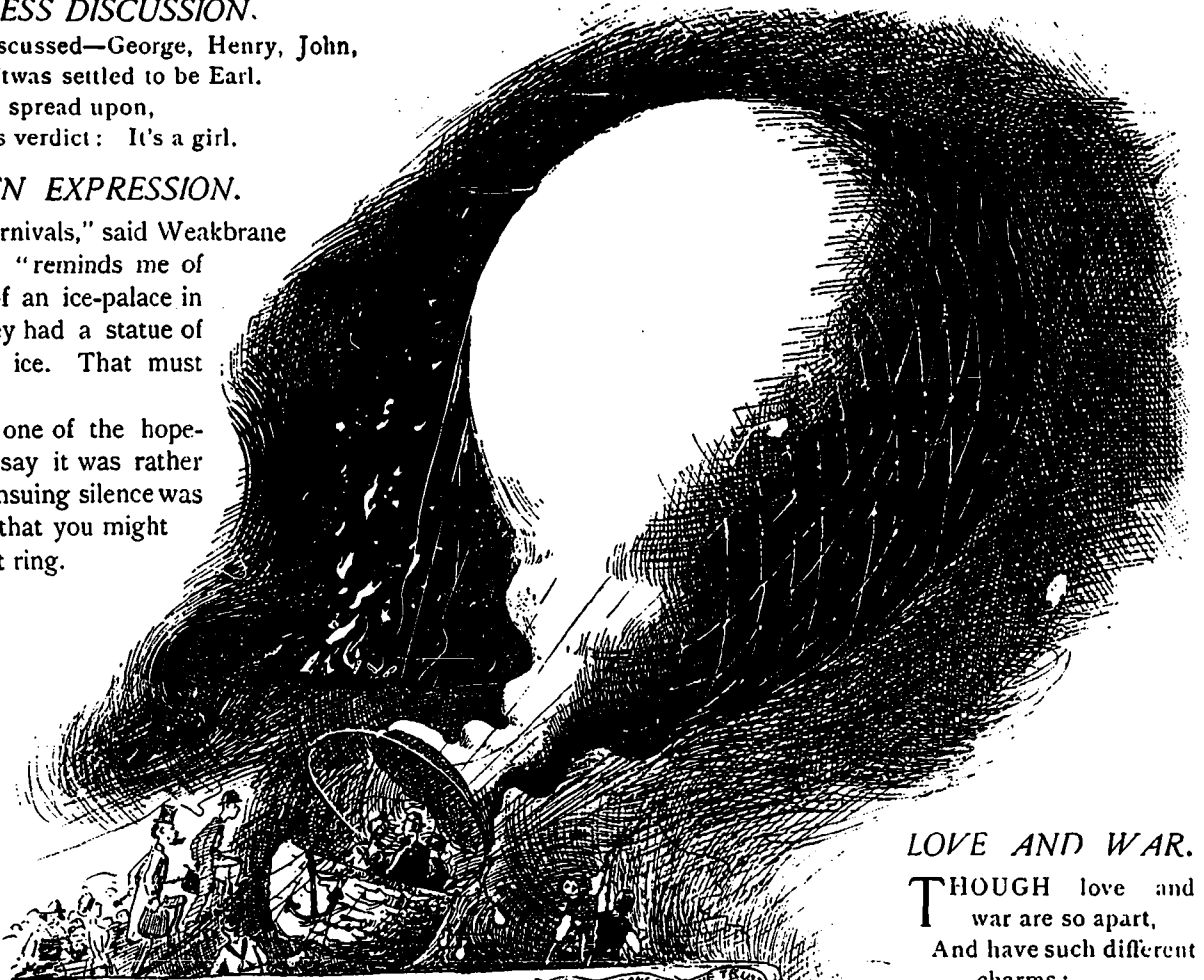
"IT is a curious habit those Grecians have."
"What's that?"

"Why, I understand that whenever two Grecians meet
they have a tug-of-war."

"I WANT no office under President Harrison," exclaimed a
man in the smoking car.

"You are a philosopher," replied a fellow passenger.

"No; I'm a Democrat."

THE FIRE ESCAPE PROBLEM
SOLVED.

PORTER: Don't jump, sah! De Proprietor
hab provided a Patent-automatic-self-acting-
hot-air-balloon, right over de elevator shaft, dat
inflates herself in case of fire. Jes' step up troo
de skylight an' take yo' seat, sah?

LOVE AND WAR.

THOUGH love and
war are so apart,
And have such different
charms;

Yet when he takes her to
his heart,

He loves the call to
arms.

GOOD FOR EVIL.

HE was guilty of a
very uncivil ac-
tion in libelling me, but I
shall heap coals of fire on
his head."

"How?"

"By bringing a civil
action against him."

POLICE PROTEC-
TION NOT NEEDED

GOOD MINISTER:
I wish you would
call the attention of the
Chief of Police to that
terrible riot which was
going on during the en-
tire service this morning,
and demand that the
streets be better patrolled.

SEXTON: Please, sir,
there was no riot outside

this morning. That was a little misunderstanding in the choir.

THE most interesting thing in print last year was our
last summer girl. We state this as we go to press.

SEEN AND HEARD AT OTTAWA.

SOCIETY is moving along slowly. There is no gaiety as yet worth mentioning. Those big cards of invitation sent out from Rideau Hall are received no more, for reasons stated last week. Cabinet Ministers and their wives realize that Easter is only just past, and that the present week would be an unfavorable one for giving entertainments, and their example seems to be followed by those of lesser official degree, until next week at any rate. Members of Parliament and Senators have nearly all returned from their brief Easter visit to their homes. Many have brought their wives to town with them, and some pleasant days may yet be spent before the Session closes. Of course, the afternoon "At Homes" are as usual all crowded, but over that five o'clock cup of tea the gossip seems to run more on new dresses and new bonnets than on any social event or bit of scandal.

Madame Laurier and Mrs. Mackenzie have among the rest returned to town, and their joint evening receptions on Saturdays will be resumed.

Lady Macdonald gives a dinner party to-day (Saturday) at Earnscliffe as usual.

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THE most popular of the new-comers to town are probably Colonel Lay, United States consul general, and his family. His daughter, who was one of Washington's belles last season, goes everywhere, and has quite taken Miss Hotchkiss's place in the capital's society.

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A FANCY bazaar was held on Thursday by the Christ Church branch of the Ministering Children's League. It was in aid of the Children's Hospital, that pretty little institution that caused such a tempest in society last fall. Lady Stanley of Preston resigned the presidency of the institution it will be remembered, and it was feared that the whole affair would fail. However, Her Excellency relented, and graciously assisted the scheme on. The institution is in the hands of some of the highest and brightest ladies in Ottawa society. The bazaar was a great success. Luncheon and five o'clock tea and an amateur concert were some of the attractions. It was held in Carsley's big branch store, by kind permission of the proprietor.

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STRANGE as it may seem, Ottawa is the one city in Canada where society is great that cannot boast of those very pleasant affairs,—theatre parties. Why this is, I do not know. Perhaps the only theatre the capital can boast of is not sufficiently large or well situated for such parties. Ottawa hardly ever has a really good show. The city is noted as a poor one for business, and the theatre is not as well furnished as such places of entertainment should be.

And yet on nights that the vice-regal party graces the occasion with its presence, hundreds of the most fashionable of Ottawaites attend, and the "house" is brilliant as regards dress and personal beauty. But theatre parties, those delightful little meetings of a chosen few, with dainty little suppers afterwards, are verily almost unknown.

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IT was hoped that the Easter vestries had brought to a happy termination the disputes in connection with St. George's Church, but the trouble has again broken out. Some of the best people in town, such as Chief Justice Sir William Ritchie, Justice Gwynne, Justice Burbidge, Lt.-Col. Irwin, Anderson, Tilton and Major Waish, Sheriff Sweetland, Charles Magee, and others belong to this church, and the schisms existing for some time past have caused a great scandal in society.

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EVERYBODY is looking forward with pleasure to a dance to be given on the 16th inst. at Earnscliffe, by Miss Mary Macdonald, only daughter of Sir John and Lady Macdonald. A large number of invitations have been issued, and the affair promises to be unusually enjoyable.

Miss Gregory, B. A., Mus. Bac., gave a charming little "At Home" at the Russell on Monday afternoon last. On the same day Miss Honor Clayton of Daly street gave an afternoon tea.

The only dance of any moment given this week was a small one for young people, given by Miss Wright of Wellington street.

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LIEUT. EUG. PANET, a son of Col. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia, will arrive here shortly on a visit. He is in the Royal Engineers, and has been for some time stationed at Chatham. He is now ordered to India, and will likely spend several years there.

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PROGRESSIVE euchre parties are still to the fore. The many new and ingenious games which have been brought into fashion by society people, to while away the evenings with, are in the long run obliged to give way to progressive euchre. Donkey parties and pistol shooting competitions sometimes take place in Ottawa drawing-rooms, but progressive euchre parties are given weekly all through the winter season. Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Maclaren street gave a most enjoyable party on Tuesday night, and Mrs. A. J. Russell-Snow of Slater street gave another on Friday.

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THE HON. MRS. ALIAN, wife of the Speaker of the Senate, has her daughter, Mrs. Allan Cassels, of Toronto, with her on a visit.

RIDEAU.

MUSIC.

AS the time for the Philharmonic concerts draws near, interest in the great musical event of the season increases, and it is satisfactory to hear that the tickets are being so well taken up. The programme was described at length in last week's SUNBEAMS. The "Elijah" is to be given on Wednesday evening, "Faust" on Thursday, and Harriss "David before the King" and the "Stabat Mater" on Friday.

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THE yearly concert by Mme. D'Angelis Waters' pupils is always interesting as an index to the musical developments of the fashionable young ladies of Montreal. The concert at the Windsor Hall on Tuesday evening could not, of course, be described as a finished musical performance. Some of the young ladies are but meagerly gifted from a musical standpoint; others have voices not yet fully developed, while the vocal powers of the majority would be heard to greater advantage in a drawing-room than in a hall of the dimensions of the Windsor. But the concert evinced careful and painstaking training on the part of Mme. Waters, and a remarkable improvement in the singing of those of her pupils who have been heard before. Specially was this noticeable in the case of Miss Ada Wall, whose most artistic rendition of Donizetti's "Salut a la France" showed her capable of still greater things. Miss Wall's lower notes are exceedingly rich and resonant, while the higher register is clear and truthful. Miss Florence Cheese deserved all the applause she got for her vivacious rendition of Godard's "Florian's Song". Her voice is not yet fully developed, but it gives promise of great beauty. Her style is most pleasing, and the distinctness of her enunciation is a virtue which most of the young ladies would do well to imitate. Miss Mary Prowse, who sang Strelezki's "Wandering Wishes," has a voice of excellent tone and purity, and Miss Janie Lovell exhibited good method and considerable dramatic force in her rendition of Gounod's "Lend me your Aid". The pupils sang several selections tastefully in chorus. Mme. Waters, accompaniments were most artistic.

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THE performance of Mendelssohn's "As the Hart Pants" at the Emmanuel Church on Good Friday evening was very creditable to Mr. Horace W. Reyner, the conductor. The choruses were, on the whole, well rendered. The attack was, with a few exceptions, excellent, the parts were well balanced, and the *ensemble* effective. The most effective feature of the concert was the artistic singing of Mrs. Chambers' who sang the recitatives and solos. To pick defects in such singing would be to be hypercritical. Mr. Pitt displayed a tenor voice of much purity in "Be thou Faithful unto Death," but his singing lacked animation. His voice was heard to better advantage in the male quartette, "Though o'er Earth still Sleeping," an exception-

ally fine rendering of which by the tenor voices was marred by one of the basses, whose voice, of a grating metallic order, jarred with the mellow tone of the others. Mr. Crawford threw considerable vim into his rendition of "Arm, Arm, ye Brave". Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Reed, organist of the American Presbyterian Church, whose accompaniments showed that he has thoroughly mastered the art of playing piano and orchestral accompaniments on the organ. Though their very beauty was their lack of prominence, as a feature of the concert they deserve special mention.

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TOO little attention is paid by church choirs to hymn singing. At the Emmanuel concert the seasonable hymn sung to "Rockingham" could have been given with much more effect. In the verse sung by the sopranos alone the change from the despair of death to the glory of the resurrection was absolutely unmarked till the chorus joined in the next verse. Expression should be produced not by the quantity so much as by the quality of the voices. I remember once hearing the conductor of a prominent choir somewhat disconcert his lady singers by adjuring them to sing the line of a hymn which read "For love I sigh, for love I faint," as if they meant it. His words contained the secret to good solo and chorus singing. Sing always as if you mean everything you sing, and even if your voice be a mediocre one, the result will be far better than the prosaic performances of lackadaisical people whom nature has more highly gifted.

SEMIQUAVER.

MUSICAL NOTES.

The wishes of very many friends in this city accompany Mr. Horton Corbett, late organist of Christ Church Cathedral, who has left to fill a similar position in Buffalo. Christ Church Choir presented Mr. Corbett with a well-filled purse before he left.

Mr. George Couture has ceased to be organist and choir master of St. Andrew's Church. Mr. C. A. E. Harriss, of the Church of St. James the Apostle was offered but declined the position at St. Andrews.

Mr. Thompson's concert at Victoria Rifles Armory, Tuesday night, was a musical and financial success. Among the artists were Mlle. Tessier, Mrs. T. Ramsay, Prof. W. E. Buck, Mr. J. H. Parker, Miss McConochy, Miss E. Riley and Prof. E. Lavigne.

Mrs. Parratt, late organist at St. Jude's, is to be given a complimentary concert in the lecture hall of the church, Monday evening.

The Jubilee Singers delighted a large audience at the Queen's Hall, Thursday evening.

At the concert of the Nazareth Blind Institute on Wednesday evening Miss E. Tessier, Miss Thérèse Boucher, Mr. M. P. Wiallard, Mr. H. Baker and Mr. M. E. Clarke rendered valuable assistance.

Mr. W. E. Fairclough's organ recital at St. George's on April 5th was another evidence of that gentleman's complete mastery of his instrument.

Two hundred school children are to give a musical exhibition at Windsor Hall on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners.

Directors of concerts and musical festivals are requested to send programmes, etc., to Semiquaver, care of Sun Publishing Co., Temple Building.



AFTER EASTER.

YOUTH AT THE HELM, AND PLEASURE AT THE PROW.

TORONTO CHIT CHAT.

THE past week has not been marked by any especial gayety that would indicate a joyous reaction on the part of Society from the seemingly sombre observances of Lent. One or two small dances only have there been, together with the ubiquitous afternoon at homes and teas. There are whispers however of several large affairs in the not very distant future. I have heard the names of two of Toronto's most charming and hospitable hostesses mentioned as intending shortly to open their ball-rooms to a gay throng of guests, while numerous smaller dances will eventuate next week.

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THE presentation of English opera by Emma Abbott and her company at the Grand Opera House this week attracted many charming theatre parties to the house.

At every performance the boxes and orchestra were filled with representatives of Toronto's fashion and beauty.

The Von Bulow concert on Monday night attracted a number of the *élite* who are musically inclined, although it appealed more strongly to true music lovers and students, many of whom came from several other cities besides Toronto. The recitals were worthy of the masterly virtuoso, but Dr. Von Bulow's abrupt treatment of several of the City's prominent musicians clearly argued the presence of "a bee in the bonnet" somewhere.

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AN EASTER visitor to Toronto has been Mrs. R. E. Greenshields of Montreal, who has been staying with her mother, Mrs. Robert Gooderham.

It is Mrs. Greenshield's first stay in the city since she ceased last Fall to be Miss Maud Gooderham. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Gooderham's pleasant residence on Sherbourne street was thronged with a fashionable assemblage of guests. The at home was given in Mrs. Greenshields' honor.

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THE officers of the Royal Grenadiers are to give an amateur performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's early opera "trial by jury" on the 13th and 14th of May, at the Grand Opera House. In addition to the opera, regimental chorues will be rendered by the representatives from the ranks of the gallant "Gren's." The principal female roles are to be taken by Mrs. Cecil Gibson, whose voice and appearance are well fitted for the part she takes, and Miss Maud Gilmour, whose sweet singing and dainty acting, did much to brighten the Harmony Club's presentation of the "Pirates of Penzance" last May.

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AN ATHLETIC club has long been needed in Toronto. Under the energetic efforts of a few lovers of Athletics, it is likely that the club scheme will find realization. In Dr. J. F. Ross and Messrs. C. H. Nelson and John Massey, the

new club finds promoters, who have always an eye wide awake to the interests of legitimate sport. I believe the site of the club house, which is to be built on a splendid scale, will be the homestead of Mr. Clarkson Jones on College street. The proposed plan of the club's building could not well be improved on. A practice track, a shooting gallery and Turkish baths are a few of the especial features of the structure. The new club will undoubtedly be the focus, around which will crystallize the sporting and social spirit of a large number of the city's young men.

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THE social side of the new club is to be strongly developed.

I notice with pleasure that one of the flats in the proposed building is to be set aside for a large ball-room. An adequate hall for large dances has been sadly needed in Toronto of late years on account of the ever increasing dimensions of Toronto society. The Horticultural Pavilion which has been the scene of gay and brilliant events for so many years past is no longer large enough. The lack of suitable dressing and supper rooms, has been a disadvantage with which every ball committee has had to contend. The new assembly rooms at the Academy of Music, and Webb's are excellent in their way, but are intended for smaller affairs.

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A SOCIAL club for young men will be a decided boon to the city youths. At present the only young men's club in Toronto is the Victoria, whose uncentral position debars a large number from taking advantage of its excellent conveniences. Of the down town clubs, the Reform is perhaps the most frequented by the younger men. The trouble with the down town clubs is that they have degenerated chiefly into lunching and dining places. The Toronto and the Albany are almost deserted in the evening, save where a few devotees of whist and billiards remain within their cosy limits. The National is perhaps a little livelier, but it, like the Toronto, is intended chiefly for well established professional and business men. The new club's success is assured.

CALYPSO.

"Young man," said the boarding mistress, sternly, "your comments are out of place. I made biscuit, sir, fifty years ago."

"Very likely," was the sinner's reply, adding in an agitated undertone to his side partner; "and if circumstantial evidence goes for anything, this specimen I'm whetting my teeth on is one of 'em."—*Philadelphia Times*.

Miss Parsons—"And so Adam was very happy. Now, Willie, can you tell me what great misfortune befell him?"

Willie—"Please, Miss Parsons, he got a wife."—*Munsey's Weekly*.

SPORTING.

LAST year Montreal was unrepresented at the C. A. A. O. regatta, a showing not to be proud of when the advantages of Lachine for boating are considered, and where there is such a large amount of material to draw from. In fact for the last three years it has been difficult to arouse enough interest in boating to get a crew together for the Canadian regatta. Previous to 1886 aquatics were pretty much in the same apathetic condition, but the holding of the championship here gave the sport a new impetus, while the success which attended the senior "big four" made the name of the Lachine's one to be dreaded by other boating clubs. Since that time, however, the club's honor has been defended by only a junior four, which unfortunately was defeated, and like other sports, no matter how hard may be the work done by the crews, the demoralizing effects of want of success are soon felt. There is every reason, however, to look for better things during the coming summer, as the Canadian association regatta will be held here. There will be at least a good junior four on the water, and in all probability a senior, while the other boating clubs in the neighborhood will be heard from.

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At the annual meeting of the St. Lawrence Yacht club there was considerable business of importance transacted, and yachtsmen will look with interest to the working of the new rules. The adoption of the committee's suggestion to make the carrying of life preservers compulsory is a step in the right direction, although it hardly seems to go far enough. There is an evident desire in some quarters to have a steamer accompany the races, and although at first sight this might seem impracticable, a little study of the matter will prove its wisdom.

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If there is one gentleman who takes more pride than another in having everything about his boat of the most approved pattern, that gentleman is Dr. Andres. His latest idea is a combination centreboard, which comprises all the advantages of fitting a very small box, and at the same time of sufficient draught to stiffen up any boat of the size of the "Bessie," no matter how much canvas is crowded on.

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ALL the indications are that at the N. A. L. A. convention to-day (Saturday), the senior clubs will make known their intention of withdrawing from the association championship, and making a league schedule similar to that of last year. In fact, nearly all the big clubs have taken the matter for granted, and appointed delegates to both bodies. It is the best course to pursue for two reasons. It has revived public interest in the national game, and also put more into the coffers of the leading clubs.

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THE National Amateur lacrosse association meets in Ottawa to-day (Saturday), and there will no doubt be the

liveliest kind of a time. As was foreshadowed last week, the question of senior and junior players will be presented in such a way, that the convention will be forced to give a decision and put itself on record. Reference is made to the reinstatement of Lewis and McAteer of Cornwall, and this will be a fruitful topic for prolonging the meeting. It remains to be seen whether the council can ride rough shod over the decision of the convention. The dispute between the capital's and Sherbrooke's will be settled once for all, and an effort made to make some sort of legislation that will not be capable of several interpretations. The report will recommend that a pennant be purchased for the eastern district of Quebec. The most important suggestion made however is that the Eastern and Western associations come to some mutual agreement, and settle a territorial boundary of jurisdiction.

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THERE is a good deal of talk about changes in the personnel of the crack lacrosse teams. It is hinted among other things that Wilkison of the St. Lawrence will be seen wearing the red and gray, and that Bark may also be on the same team. It is a question, too, if D. Patterson will not be back with Montreal. The contemplated amalgamation between the Crescents and St. Lawrence is out of the question now, and the clubs will have separate teams in the field.

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THE committee appointed to look up a site for the A. C. A. meet have not reported yet, but from what can be learned there appears to be a growing feeling in favor of Lake St. Louis instead of the Lake of Two Mountains.

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THE bicycle men are preparing for the coming season's work with vigor. The Canadian association championships will be held in Ottawa this year, and the Montreal club will be well represented although the infusion of new blood will be principally depended on in the racing events. There are strong hopes that some of the old flyers will be on hand, however, and the Western men will not have everything their own way.

THE SPORTSMAN.

TOMMY KNEW BETTER.

Little Tommy Sparsingham got himself in trouble the other day. The new minister was dining with the Sparsingham's, and Tommy's mamma took special care to ask the Reverend gentleman to excuse their simple meal as no difference had been made for him. Tommy knew better.

"Aren't we having a good dinner, Mr. Eatwell?" he asked as the pastor gracefully raided a second supply of plum pudding.

"Indeed we are," answered Mr. Eatwell, suiting the action to the word.

"Why, we never had such a dinner in all our lives before," said the inconvenient embodiment of Sparsingham precocity. Mrs. S. found occasion to ring for Bridget. Mr. Eatwell remarked upon the shortness of every human joy, including eating, and Tommy was expelled in disgrace.



They had vowed never to speak again.



But the combination of rain, her Easter hat and his umbrella—

AMERICA'S NATIONAL BIRD.

"I COULD never understand," remarked Uncle Abner, when the conversation turned on national emblems, "why the eagle was selected as the ornithological representative of the United States."

"Why, is it not the king of birds?" asked Nephew James.

"A king it may be," assented Abner, "if by a king we mean something that lives on the labor of others, and doesn't earn its salt, but we haven't much use

and he makes me tired."

"What bird would you prefer as the American emblem?" asked two or three at once.

"The hen is my choice! The patient, uncomplaining North American hen of commerce. The energetic way in which she scratches for a living is exactly typical of the people of this country,



for such monarchs in this country. The eagle soars toward the sun, the orators tell us, and looks the orb of day in the eye. There they leave him. They do not watch him as he comes back, wondering if some humble subject has prepared breakfast for him. He sees a patient and enterprising fish-hawk hovering near the surface of the lake, and he waits until the hawk has secured a nice fat fish, when Mr. Eagle swoops down, taps Mr. Fish-hawk on the shoulder, and says:

"'Beg pardon, but that's the very fish I had selected for my breakfast.' The hawk drops it and the eagle breaks his fast. That is the kind of a bird he is,



"We are pretty empty, Joe: let's go in and try it."



—made everything lovely.

and when she has, by diligent perseverance, accumulated a store of eggs for the purpose of running opposition to the patent incubator, and that nest is broken up by boys of by housewives, she goes to work at another, just as patiently as an American goes into business again, before he is well through with his first failure. And then, her persistence! Boys, did you ever try to sit a hen when her mind was made up not to sit; or endeavor to dissuade a hen from sitting when her conscience told her that Spring chickens were needed? If you have ever done either, you will understand something of the hen's claims to represent this active, restless, progressive country. She is energy and clear grit all through, and she is, on account of these characteristics, entitled to supplant the eagle in the armorial bearing of this country. Besides the appropriateness of this, on account of her industrious habits, the adoption of the hen as the national bird would help to keep in the minds of the American people, two incidents, related of men intimately connected with the discovery of this continent, and with the formation of this great nation."

"What are they, Uncle?"

"Columbus's egg, and Washington's little hatch it."

—Wm. H. Siviter.

A NOVELTY.

"WHERE is the crowd going?"
 "Over to a revival meeting at Dr. Thumper's church."
 "Who speaks?"
 "A reformed parrot is giving his experiences this week."

REBUKED.

WEST POINT CADET (to city bootblack): Here, you! Black my boots.

BOOTBLACK (indignantly): If yer wants a shine, say so perlately. I ain't no army private.

A MODERN LITERARY CRIME.

AUTHOR'S WIFE: The Hightone Magazine has sent your contribution back. I wonder what was the matter with it.

AUTHOR (despondently): I am afraid I got it too interesting.

ALL TALKING AT ONCE.

THEATRE MANAGER: Some fool in the gallery yelled "Fire," at the top of his lungs, during the performance, to-night.

FRIEND: You don't say! was there a panic?

THEATRE MANAGER: No. Luckily there were fifteen theatre-parties in the house, and the cry was not heard.



SWEET REVENGE.

VOICE FROM SPEAKING TUBE: Help! H-e-l-p! I've caught a man in my room. Oh, what shall I do?

CLERK (to himself): That's that funny old maid in 49.

CLERK (through the tube): Lock the door; you'll never have a chance to catch another.

PERSONALITIES.

BEFORE leaving Montreal Mr. Oscar C. Bass, the well-known young newspaper man, who has gone to Victoria, B. C., was given a complimentary lunch by his confrères on the *Gazette*.

Mr. W. E. Spragge, who has made many friends in business and social circles during his residence in this city, has left for Binscarth, Manitoba, where he has purchased a large farm.

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Lieut. Gov. Anger's of Quebec is to be married on Tuesday to Mrs. Hamel, widow of Mr. Arthur Hamel. The ceremony is to be performed in the Chapel of the Sillery Convent.

Miss May Houghton of Montreal is attaining great success in her artistic work in Paris.

Chief Justice Johnson was given a complimentary dinner by Alderman George W. Stephens at the latter's residence on Tuesday evening.

Mr. C. A. Hanson is leaving for England to become a partner in the firm of Coates Son & Co., London. His brother, Mr. Edwin Hanson, will carry on the business here.

Ebenezer Nicholson, a native of Brockville Ont., who became well known on the stage as "Little Mac" died in New York Monday.

GOSSIP FOR WOMEN.

Never before have flowers and grasses been so profusely used on hats and bonnets to the exclusion of all other garniture, and never before has the rare genius of artistic millinery been more lavishly displayed than this season.

Small floral toques are at present in great demand, and are really the most chic and becoming.

One which excited a great deal of envy and admiration in the feminine mind, was seen at a fashionable milliner's recently.

A foundation of black crinoline has runners of heliotrope velvet and a bunch of heliotrope, fastened a little to the left

by a bow of pale heliotrope satin, a wreath of the same blossoms formed the brim.

A large hat, which was also admired by many, was of drawn black lace, the broad brim bordered by wreath of forget-me-nots. Large clusters of these flowers and grasses formed the remaining trimming of a charming hat.

The short jacket which is adorned with the full velvet sleeves, cuffs and collars, a shade darker than the cloth, will be much worn this Spring.

Long semi-fitting cloaks with many capes on the long sleeves falling from the shoulder is a street garment. Although not of the latest designs they will be in vogue, during the remaining chilly, wet days of Spring.

THE THEATRES.

EVERY ONE who has seen "Little Lord Fauntleroy" at the Academy of Music this week has been delighted. Whether represented by little Flossie Ethyl the bright Canadian nine year old, or by Georgie Cooper the youngest but far from the worst of all the Fauntleroy's, the little lord, so real and yet so unreal, has been a great attraction to old and young alike. The company is a good one, and excellent houses have witnessed every performance.

Next week and during the first week of May the patrons of the Academy are to have an operatic treat for which the management deserves much credit. Emma Abbott's Grand English Opera Company is to occupy the boards next week. The repertoire is as follows: Monday, "Martha"; Tuesday, "Il Trovatore"; Wednesday matinee, "Chimes of Normandy"; Wednesday evening, Balfe's, "Rose of Castille"; Thursday, "Verdi's Ernani"; Friday, "Norma"; Saturday matinee, "Bohemian Girl"; and Saturday evening, "Faust." Several of these operas have never been produced in this city before. On Monday, May 5th, and Wednesday, May 7th, Madame Albani and her company, which includes Signor Ravelli, the famous tenor, and Signor Del Puente, the popular baritone, will appear, the operas being "Lucia de Lammermoor" on the Monday, and "La Traviata" on Wednesday.

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THE ever popular "Uncle Tom's Cabin" drew crowded houses at the Theatre Royal every night this week. The Company is an excellent one, from Mr. Harry Mitchell who did full justice to *Uncle Tom*, down to Master Walter Webber, a twenty months old gentleman, whose appearances delighted the audience. Next week Gus Hill's Specialty Company is to present a world of novelties at the Royal. The company has received great praise wherever it has appeared.

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"Society has lately advanced a step further, and the beauties of London society, whose faces are their fortunes, are now becoming more numerous. Many women with brilliant minds and goddess-like forms have been neglected and passed by unnoticed for the woman who could only claim a beautiful face.

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THE ENGAGED ONES.

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HE (a widower, of course): *No my caramel, I shall take a trip by that railroad which has the most tunnels, so that ———!*

SHE (suffused with blushes): *Oh! sparrow mine!*

A REPETITION.

MY bondage of the past is broken,
I breathe the warm free air again,
I've seen thy face and thou' hast spoken,
Snapped are the links that made the chain.
The chain of years that held me fast
And bound me to that long ago;
That sad time when we parted last,
You answered me, "I do not know."

Six weary years since we had parted—
Again I sought thee yesterday,
I was not ever fickle-hearted,
Yet I disliked the long delay.
"Lovest thou me?" I asked once more,
And waited for thy answer low;
You spake the same words as before,
For you replied: "I do not—No."

FLAVEL SCOTT MINES.

THE STARS AND STRIPES.

GAZLEY: A great deal of fun is made of Delaware for retaining the whipping-post, but there is something patriotic about it.

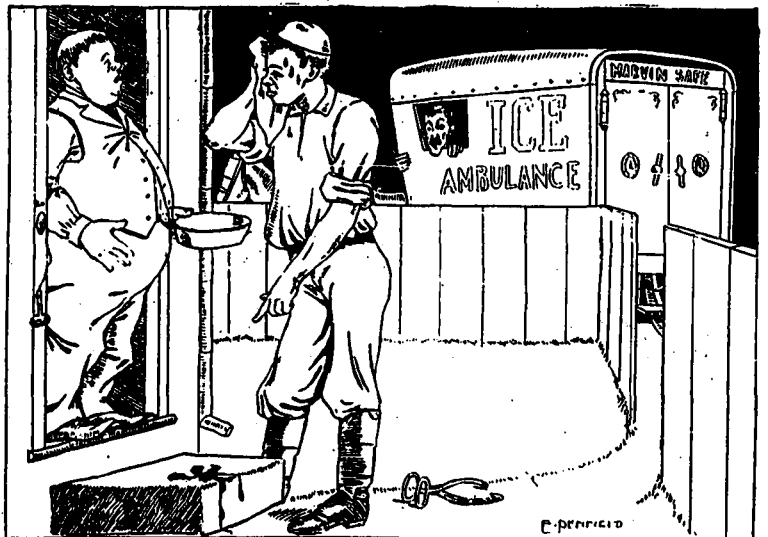
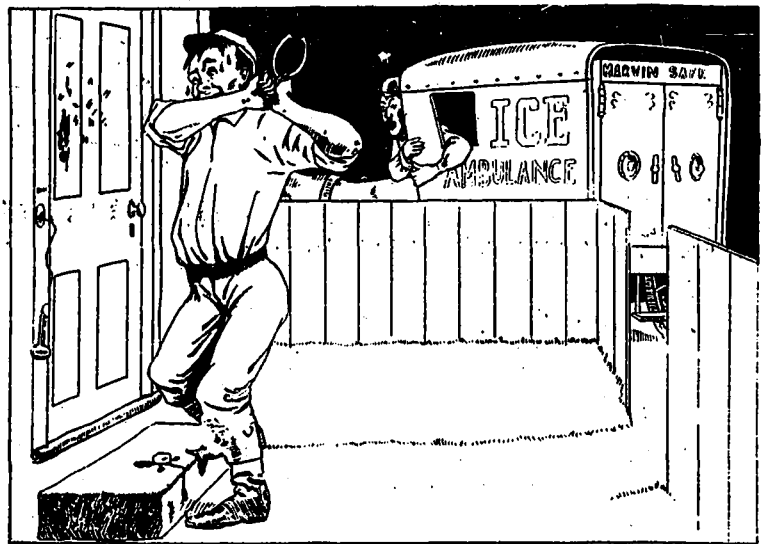
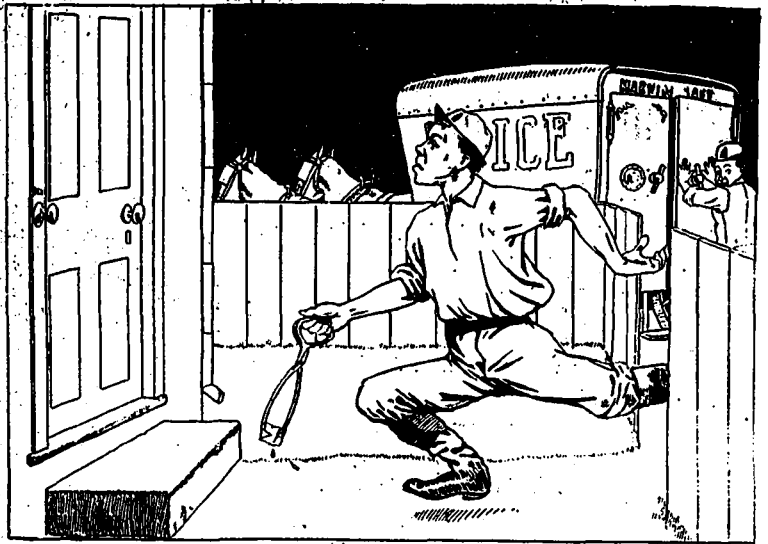
SNOOPER: Indeed! Please explain.

GAZLEY: Why, the culprit is made to see stars when the stripes are well laid on.

WASH LEE'S EVOLUTION.

MR. GOODHEART (to Chinese washerman): I was surprised, John, to see by the papers that one of your countrymen had been arrested for being drunk and disorderly on the street.

JOHN (proudly): Yese; allee samee Melican alderman.



BREATHLESS CUSTOMER: *where's my ice?*

ICEMAN (in disgust): *Yer too late, cully—Yer ice has melted.*

GILES: I hear you got your daughter off your hands at last.

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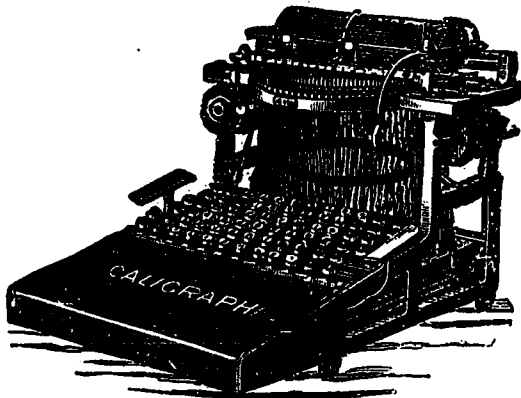
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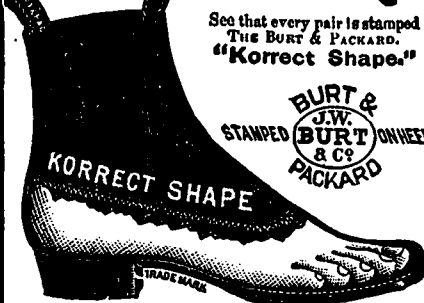


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