

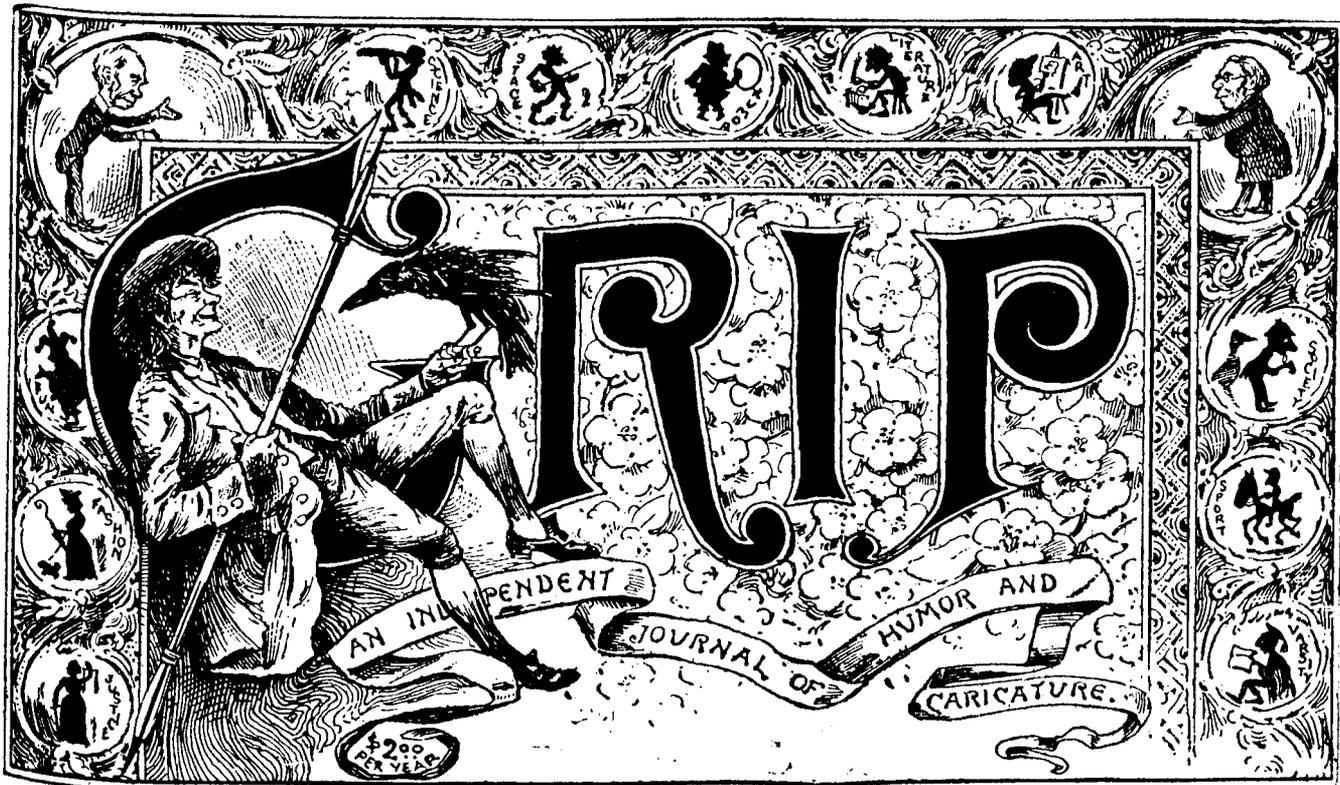
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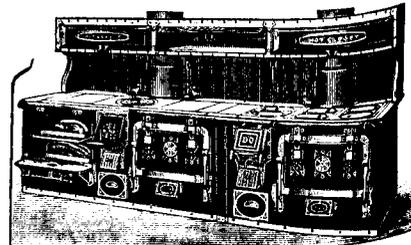
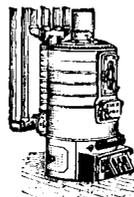
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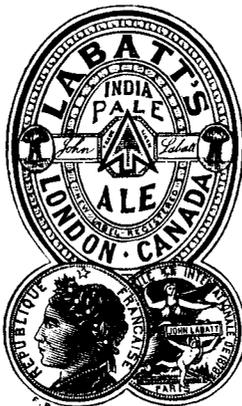
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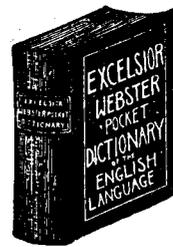
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**QUEEN'S PARK** has surely suffered enough from the short-sightedness and vandalism of our aldermen, and the diminished area that remains ought not to be further injured by being made a thoroughfare for the electric cars. At present it is a safe and healthful resort for children, free from the danger and noise of traffic. If the project of the grasping and insatiable corporation, who fancy that they own the whole city because they bought the street railway franchise, is carried out, it will be unsafe to allow young children to frequent the park. Enough lives have been sacrificed already to that modern Moloch, the trolley car, without allowing it to find additional victims in our few open spaces.

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**AMONG** other absurd and outrageous proposals which find favors with those who are frantically endeavoring to work up a manufacturing boom, is one to appropriate a portion of the very limited area of Riverside Park for factory purposes. As it is universally admitted that one great need of Toronto is more parks and open spaces, it is hardly likely that there is serious danger of the adoption of such a preposterous scheme. The public have by this time pretty well sized up the bonus and site grabbers and their boodle-hunting newspaper backers and hungry henchmen.

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**THE** marriage of the Earl of Craven to the daughter of an ambitious New York millionaire, continues to furnish food for editorial comment respecting the toadyish proclivities of American plutocrats. There has been a rare lot of nonsense talked on this subject. If the



**AT THE LITERARY CLUB.**

MISS GEORGIE HURBS (*of Montreal*)—"I saw an advertisement to-day which read:—'Wanted, a literary man of high culture and high attainments, to go to Quebec.' I wonder what they want him for?"

MR. SINNICK—"I presume they wish to see what one looks like."

American millionaires are to be condemned for "aping aristocracy," is not the thing aped equally worthy of condemnation? Practically the only difference between British aristocrat and Yankee plutocrat is, that while the former had ancestors to do his stealing for him, the latter had to steal for himself.

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IT is getting to be about time that another new party was started. It must be nearly a month since the last was launched.

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POSITION charges of shameful extravagance in the furnishing of supplies to the officials of public institutions may be pooh-poohed by the Ontario Administration, but it is evident, upon the face of the Public Accounts, that the expenditure under this head is outrageously large. It is more than probable that there has been a good deal of jobbery in connection with the business.

The proper system is that suggested by the Opposition resolution—pay adequate salaries, and let the officials find themselves.

WITH the Greeks there were deeds; with us, only talking about them.—*Goethe*. Goethe never experienced a real estate boom.

**OLIVER THE UNREADY.**

YE men on Prohibition bent,  
 'Tis early yet to shout;  
 Though Oliver, the reticent,  
 For once has spoken out.  
 Has he for more than twenty years,  
 Regarded all the time,  
 Strong drink the cause of woes and tears,  
 And poverty and crime?

Well, after thinking twenty years,  
 It is an awkward fact,  
 That he is not, as now appears,  
 Quite ready yet to act.  
 But he has told you what he thinks,  
 And when you make it clear  
 'Twill win him votes to stop our drinks,  
 Then we shall lose our beer.

C. G.

**A TEUTONIC EPIGRAM.**

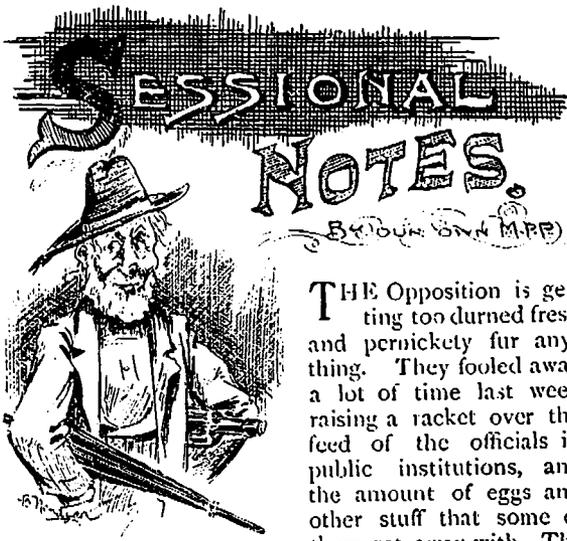
A WATERLOO correspondent sends us the following epigram on the black-balling of the Hebrew Seligman by the Union League Club of New York:

Dot Sheeny Seligman vot tried  
 To gome dot Union League inside.  
 Ven ausgeschlagt mit dot black ball  
 Don'd vas ein Selig-man and all.

**EXERCISE ENOUGH.**

ETHEL—"Mama seems to be very much exercised over the bargain she got to-day."

MAUD—"It is no wonder. There was a terrible crus at the bargain counter."



THE Opposition is getting too durned fresh and pernickety fur anything. They fooled away a lot of time last week raising a racket over the feed of the officials in public institutions, and the amount of eggs and other stuff that some of them got away with. The

feller that raised the rumpus was Clancy, of Kent, and he sprung it onto us Wednesday when we was expecting the debate over Marter's Prohibition bill to come up and had special orders to be in our places, and not to go scattering all over the town looking for a horn for fear the Opposition might play sharp on us.

It was a blamed good joke onto the temperance people, though—which come there early and hung on all through expecting that the Marter bill would be up. I kind of suspicion that Mowat and the Opposition put the thing up between 'em so's to fool the temperance crowd

—for as the hours flew by and there warn't no sign of a let up or a change of program and the crowd in the galleries got restless-like, the old man seemed to be chuckling quietly to himself.

Lem Felcher dropped in during the debate along with some other sports, which had come up to see if their liberties was likely to be endangered. Marter's egg-statistics fairly paralyzed him. Thinking the crowd must be getting dry I sent 'em a note by a page to meet me into one of the vacant rooms.

"Say, old man," said Felcher, as he handed me back my flask. "What kind of a man is this Doc Clarke, anyway? Is he a dead game sport?"

"I have no idea," says I. "But he's a holy terror on eggs."

"Is he open to match for the championship, I wonder," continued Lem, "for if he is there's big money into it. When I was down to New York last I saw the champion hard boiled egg cater of the United States get away with two dozen at a sitting. Now, if Doc Clarke is game to meet him for a purse of \$1,000 and the championship I wouldn't mind backing him. It would draw, I tell you. I must look him up."

Clancy come out of the house shortly afterwards and said, "It's dry talking. Let's have a—. Oh, I forgot. We can't get any here."

I tendered him my booze-receptacle and he heaved a long, slow gurgle of satisfaction as he minutely examined the elegant fresco work onto the ceiling.

"You are a oasis in the desert, Guffy," said he.

"Don't you think you fellers are making a bad break in raking up this here business about the supplies of public institutions?"

"How so?" says he. "Blame it all, man, we got to talk about something, haven't we? And the longer we can give these temperance cranks the stand-off the better anyway. It gives the party heads on both sides time



FROM BAD TO WORSE.

MISS FAIRFAX—"Has Mr. Hoaxem reformed since his release from the penitentiary?"

MR. HARDY—"No, indeed! He's become a lawyer."



OH, WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

I.

The Student before the Professor



OH, WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

II.

The Student before the Umpire.

to pull themselves together and see how to get out of the hole. Between ourselves, old man, it was Hardy who give me the tip to bring this thing on to-day."

"I thought the Government seemed sort of tickled about something," said I.

"Tickled. I should smile,"

"Then do," says I.

"Thanks, awfully," says he.

And I called a page and sent him to get the growler filled up again.

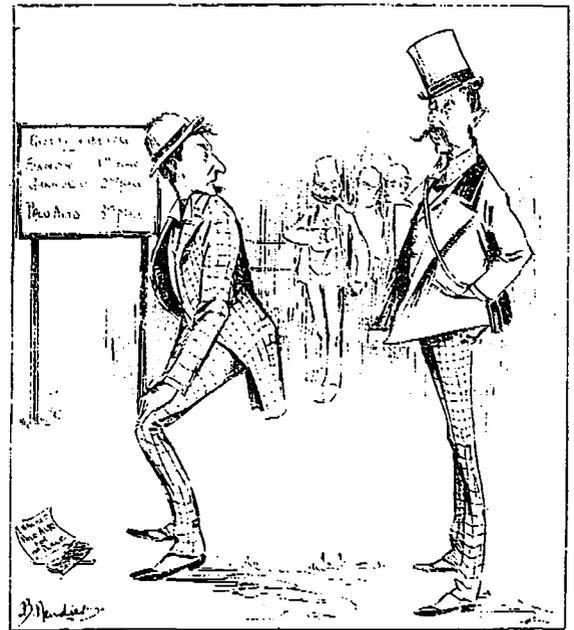
"But," says I, "don't you think that by making these here professions of economy you might be cutting a rod for your own backs. If ever Meredith should come in

some time in the twentieth century he'll be committed to a cheese-paring policy."

Clancy laughed. "Well, you are a innocent," says he. "The idea of a government in power caring two straws for what pledges they give in order to get there. That's too durned funny! How did the Grits turn out Sandfield? By professions of honesty and economy. How did Mercier get office in Quebec? Same way. Was they any better than them they put out?"

"But it's a practical mistake all the same," says I. "You have given us a first-rate cry for next election. We can go to the farmers and point with pride to the quantities of eggs and other victuals consumed in public institutions and claim their support on the ground that we supply 'em with such good markets for their produce."

"Guffy," says Clancy, looking solemn, "you've a great head."



HE DIDN'T BACK THE WINNER.

"Strike me, honored sir!

Give me a gash! Put me to present pain!"

—Pericles.



HOROLOGICAL.

"I wonder why they put clocks on stockings?"

"So we can tell if the colors are fast."

"I had this morning," said I, "but I don't feel it now."

"Pon my soul I never saw the matter in that light before. Why, these revelations of extravagance will actually help the Government with the rural constituencies. I guess I'd better left it alone."

I give the same idea to Mowat and he caught on at once. He's been worrying some over the iron men wanting bonuses and he asked me what I thought about it.

"Is there most iron men or farmers in the Province," says I.

"Why, farmers, of course," says he, "by a thousand to one."

"Just so," says I. "Then if you keep your holt upon the farmers you can tell the iron bonus fellers to go to, in the words of Scripture. Encourage the farming industry by building more asylums."

"I don't understand," says he. "What sort of asylums?"

"Any kind," says I, "so as the superintendent and boss officials have healthy appetites like Dr. Clarke, and



#### WHEN IMPOSSIBLE.

HE—"Do you think it possible for a man to love two women simultaneously?"

SHE—"Not if either of them finds it out."

can consume plenty of eggs and spring lamb and other farm produce. A dozen or so Dr. Clarkes scattered around in various sections would do more to make you solid with the voters than any amount spent in bonuses in Toronto, which is a durned Tory hole, anyway."

He said he would give it serious consideration, and I left him hurriedly, for I saw the page boy coming with my growler and didn't want the old man to get onto it.

ORLANDO Q. GUFFY, M.P.P.

#### JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

T WAS proved that he shot  
The man on the spot,  
Yet spite of the blood he had spilt, he  
Was freed from the charge,  
And forthwith set at large,  
For the jury pronounced him "Not Guilty."

And the populace cheered  
When the prisoner appeared,  
And flung up their hats in the air,  
For the victim had said,  
Just before he fell dead,  
"Are you going to see the World's Fair?"

#### PIOUS FRAUDS.

OUR millionaires the tariff made,  
Who lie like Ananias  
In its support, now grow afraid,  
And join the "unco" pious,  
With solemn face and saintlike mien,  
Worst frauds of all the ages.  
They pray for daily bread for men  
They rob of daily wages.

G.C.

#### AN OLD PROVERB EXEMPLIFIED.

"REAL estate is going to boom again this spring.  
Everybody says so."

"Nonsense. I have been to too many mortgage sales lately to believe that. Auctions speak louder than words."

#### WAS IT SAMJONES?

BORAX—"Hello! what's the row here? What's up?"

SMILAX—"Nothing up. There's a man down and some people are jumping on him."

BORAX—"What's he done?"

SMILAX—"He said Ingersoll reminded him of a tavern violin."



### THE RIVAL DOCTORS.

BOWELL—"Give us the bottle, Foster, I'm going to administer the dose."

FOSTER—"Not much; this is my funeral, not yours. Think I'm going to let a quack like you spoil my professional work?"

*(Meantime Miss Canada is kept waiting.)*



*Charles Henderson*

#### HOW HE GOT THE MOVE ON.

JASPAR—"How did you manage to get the messenger boy to deliver that message so quickly?"

JUMPUPPE—"I gave him the impression that the note was about a dog-fight you were conducting, and told him to hurry if he wanted to see it."

#### CANADA TO ENGLAND.

A PATRIOTIC POEM BY JAMES L. HUGHES.

(With appropriate interpolations.)

OH! Mistress of the mighty sea!  
(We owe her more than we can pay.)  
Oh! Motherland so great and free!  
(Step-motherland some people say)  
Canadian hearts shall ever be,  
(On boodle set, in virtue lax;)  
United in their love for thee,  
(And British goods we'll roundly tax.)

CHORUS—Yes, Motherland! dear Motherland!  
(Of English blood you have no trace;)  
Beneath the Union Jack we'll stand,  
(Which still enslaves your father's race;)  
A part of thy imperial whole,  
(Hopkins has copyrighted that;)  
From sea to sea, from pole to pole,  
(Not quite so fast—where are you at?)  
On woodland height and fertile plain,  
True British subjects we'll remain,  
(Yes! while your salary you retain.)

Thy power shall faith and hope impart,  
(Of titles and rewards in store;)  
Thy liberty inspire each heart,  
(To boldly steal—and ask for more;)  
Thy justice ever guide us right,  
(What's grammar as compared with rhyme?)  
Thy honor be our beacon light,  
(Which leads to office every time.)

We share the glories of thy past,  
(Which to advantage we can sell;)  
Thy sailors, brave beneath the mast,  
(They couldn't fight above it well;)

And soldiers true on many a field,  
(Poor fools! In senseless quarrels slain;)  
Have taught Canadians not to yield,  
(Look at the C.P.R.'s domain.)

We'll build a nation, grand and free,  
(Owned by the money kings combine;)  
And greatest in its love for thee,  
(By sending millions o'er the line;)  
No other fate could be so grand,  
(Considering how the racket pays;)  
As union with our Motherland,  
(So we'll be loyal all our days.)

CHORUS—Yes, Motherland! dear Motherland!  
(For loyalty is drink and meat;)  
Beneath the Union Jack we'll stand,  
(Too bad you couldn't get a seat;)  
A part of thy Imperial whole,  
(A line that you from Hopkins stole;)  
From sea to sea, from pole to pole,  
(That's true enough while trolleys roll;)  
On woodland height and fertile plain  
True British subjects we'll remain,  
(While thousands daily take the train  
And flee to Uncle Sam's domain.  
Hoop la!)

#### A TERRIBLE INFLICTION.

CLARA—"I have fallen into a very objectionable habit of talking to myself."  
MAMIE—"How I pity you."

#### AN EGOTIST.

LAURA—"I just met Mr. Weedlechick. What a talker he is!"  
GWENDOLEN—"What did he talk about?"  
LAURA—"Oh, nothing."  
GWENDOLEN—"Yes, he's an awful egotist."

#### PROFESSIONAL HUMOR.

THE following extract from a recent bulletin by Medical Health Officer Sheard, is well worthy a place in our columns. Comment would but detract from the subtle humor it embodies:

Recent analyses to hand this morning show the city water not up to its usual standard of purity.



#### NO WONDER.

"Dear me! Nineteen to-day! I feel quite old already. How the years do pass, to be sure!"

ÆSOP TO DATE.

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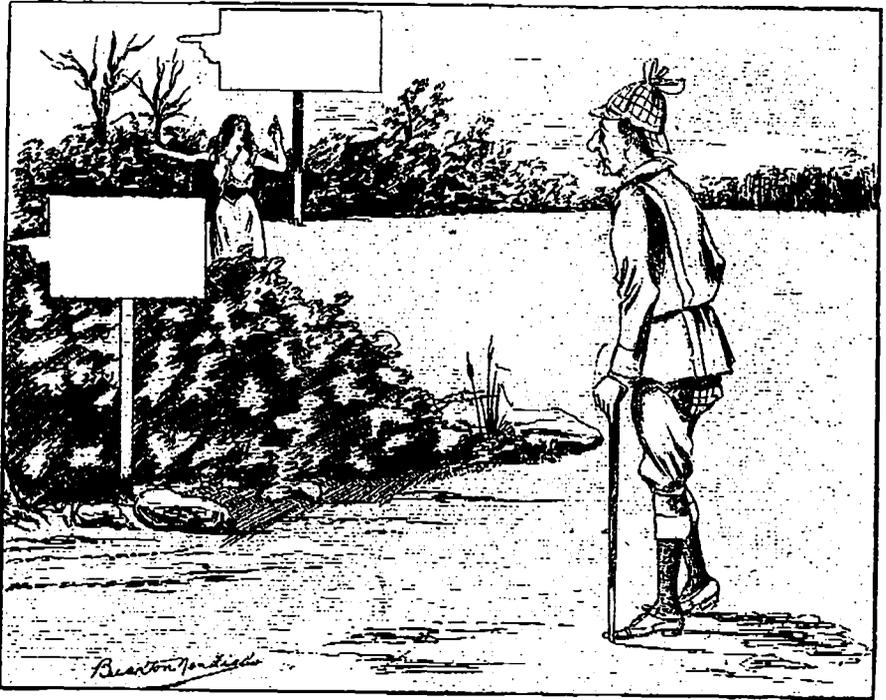
THE TOURIST AND THE CROSS ROAD.

A TOURIST while on a Journey came to a Spot where the Road he was Travelling branched Off in Two Different Directions. At the side of the Cross Road were erected two Large Signs, one bearing The Legend, "Soft Snap Road—you press the Button and We do The Rest"—and the other—"Brimstone Walk—step this way and watch Things Sizzle." For a Moment he hesitated Which pathway to Pursue, strongly inclined to Meander along Soft Snap Road, when the Vision of a beckoning Female Figure standing in the Centre of Brimstone Walk decided Him, and he made all Sail (and retail), after Her. He had not Gone Far when he perceived His Folly in folly-ing the Female Form Divine, for She suddenly Disappeared, and at the same Moment an Æsthetic Brick-bat travelling with considerable Velocity scored a Bull's-eye on His Cranium. He was Continually Falling into quagmires and Pits, and evinced an Eccentric Desire to Dodge the numerous Missiles; such as Boot-jacks, Brick-bats, Decayed Hen Fruit, chunks of Rocks and other Bric-a-Brac which Darkened the Air around Him. He began to Fear that he was Intruding. This Maternal Relative would have "shaken" him had she met Him a short time later. His Personal Magnetism had drawn all the Promiscuous Debris for miles around into violent Contact with him, and he was somewhat Toughened, so that he Even Ventured to think a Little Rougher Treatment would have fitted him to Join a Football Team, but his Laudable Aspirations were nipped in the Bud, for while walking along the Base of a Crumbling Precipice it "Got the Drop" on him.

If you are in Doubt as to which Road to Travel just "take ter de woods."

THE European war cloud doesn't seem to affect the reigns much.

It was after the fig tree had been stripped of its leaves that Adam remarked, "It is beginning to look like fall."



MY DAD.

WHO eyed me with no joyful pride  
When to his apple-tree I hied,  
And kindly hastened to my side?  
My Dad.

Who gave me on his knee a place,  
The way I could not see his face,  
For birch-rod on my pants to trace?  
My Dad.

Who, when I grew to man's estate,  
Would get home first and lock the gate,  
And from the casement call, "Too late!"  
My Dad.

Who loved my best girl far too well,  
And owned her presence was a spell?  
Who proved himself an ancient sell?  
My Dad.

Who, with the sleek and smooth bald head,  
Did that false damsel choose instead  
Of me, and off with whom she fled?  
My Dad.

TAKIO.



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III.

A FATAL SNEEZE.



#### ADAPTATION TO ENVIRONMENT.

MISS Q.—“That Frenchman is so different to ordinary Parisians. His French is so easy to understand.”

TOM SMART—“Yes. I understand that since his arrival in Montreal he has taken lessons in French, so as to get the correct American pronunciation.”

#### AN EVIDENCE OF TALENT.

VIRTUE may be its own reward,  
But it is strange, I think,  
We never see how smart men are  
Until they “take to drink.”



#### TOUCHING HIM UP.

“Then lend the eye a terrible aspect.”

Henry V.

#### THE SWAYGER FAMILY AT BREAKFAST.

MR. SWAYGER entered the family sitting-room with an air of triumph and placed two brown paper parcels in a conspicuous position beneath the argand burner. The Swayger progeny looked with interest to see what pa had been up to now. Mrs. Swayger regarded the brown paper parcels with an experienced eye. Certain hopeful green stems and an acrid odor suggested onions, but that was to be expected. Mr. Swayger bought onions in spring as the small boy bathes in the Don; he couldn't help it, not in spring time.

“Something for breakfast, Sam?”

“Yes, Matilda, something for breakfast, a breakfast I haven't had since I was a boy on the old far n. Children, you are going to have the breakfast your pa liked best when he was a boy, to-morrow.”

Mr. Swayger smacked his lips and rolled his eyes to the ceiling. “No lying in bed till eight o'clock. When I was a boy, half-past three in summer, four in winters; calves and cows milked by five; no loafing round when



#### BUSINESS.

TOM—“Say, Billy, have you added up the murders in the ‘Telly’ yet?”

BILLY—“Naw—they ain't none, but let's yell some trolley accidents and a mother-in-law's elopement.”

I was a boy.” Mr. Swayger glanced contemptuously at his off-spring.

“Your grandmother didn't spoil good food fixing it up with nonsense cook-book ways.”

“What have you got for breakfast, Sam?”

Mrs. Swayger wasn't a bit flurried; she knew a thing or two about men after living with Swayger twenty years, thank heaven.

“Tripe, Matilda,—tripe and onions, there isn't anything so healthy or more filling at the price. There is more nourishment in 1 lb. of tripe than in 2 lbs. of veal, 3 of calves' brains and a gallon and a half of city milk. Tripe is more filling to the square inch than any other kind of meat and better lasting than any other article of food you can mention. It contains more phosphorus. No, that ain't right. Johnny, what flesh-producing substance is it that tripe is so rich in? Now, then, hurry up, what do we keep you at school for?”

“Thought you were studying temperance and hygiene.

Ain't there anything about tripe as a flesh-producer in that?"

Johnny, who considered himself too old to be at school, replied that 1 lb. of cheese equal to 2 lbs. of meat, was all he could remember.

"1 lb. of cheese equal to 2 lbs. of meat, indeed! What kind of meat? If that's all you're learning at school you'd better come down town and get to work."

Then Mr. Swayger took Maggie, his youngest, who had fair curly hair, on his knee and told her how when he was a boy he would lie awake nights thinking of the tripe they were going to have in the morning, and how good it used to smell.

Next morning at seven the Swayger family sat down to breakfast an hour before the usual time. Mrs Swayger helped herself to porridge. Thank you, it was enough for her to know how tripe was made. It was more than enough for the eldest girl when she found out. But the rest of the family sat with eyes glued on the dish of tripe. It had a large and appetising smell. Afterwards the children agreed that the smell was nice, but it was plenty.

Maggie cried a little, that was because she had been in the world a shorter time than the others; they were used to it, poor things.

Mr. Swayger helped himself as if he were a farm hand. "Makes me feel like a boy again. Better have some tripe, Matilda; nothing like tripe and onions."

After eating for one minute and a half he stopped.

"Matilda, didn't the doctor say that I was to avoid heating my blood? Now, there's nothing so heating to the blood as tripe. Give me some porridge, Matilda. I should think you might have remembered that."

"Mary, take my plate away; take it outside; give it to the dog. Call up the police station and tell them to send along a tramp to breakfast."

Mr. Swayger had recourse to his large red handkerchief with white spots.

The Swayger family made a poor breakfast, another example of the way people spoil good food now-a-days, so Mr. Swayger says.

PENNY.



**MENTAL TRAINING.**

ALGERNON—"S'ah, old boy, coming round to Proudleigh's affair to-night?"

FWEDDY—"No—ah—I have some bwain wo'k foh to-night."

ALGERNON—"What, studying foh the exam.?"

FWEDDY—"Well, ha'dly. I want to twy and think of some new excuse when my tailah comes with his bill to-mowow."

**NONE BUT THE BRAVE, ETC.**

"YES, Martha Jane, for many years have I cherished in my heart's inmost core the fondest affection for thee. Believe me, I live but in thy smile, and when I withdraw from thy gracious presence all the world seems darksome and life but a mocking dream. Oh, turn not away from me thus coldly, give me one look, one smile, to tell me that I may hope."

The speaker was a manly youth of some twenty-seven summers, whose burnished scalp glistened in the gas light, which illumined the richly furnished apartment of a Jameson Avenue mansion, where Martha Jane Terwilliger, the adored child of only parents, reclined on a spacious ottoman, specially imported from the Ottoman Empire. Harold Herkimer, in one of his gayer moods, had once suggested that two otto-manage to occupy it simultaneously, and she had never forgiven him.

"Mr. Herkimer," she said, languidly, "I hardly know what to reply. I am not insensible to the honor which you have done me, and the fact that your father was an alderman ought not to prejudice me against you."

"Ay, 'tis ever thus," said the young man bitterly. "Always has that stain onto our previously unblemished escutcheon been cast in my teeth. But I will live it down," he said with a look of firm resolve.

"Nay, Harold, I meant not to be harshful. I know you are not to blame. But I have a high ideal of manhood. I would have my love a hero, fearless as the paladins of old, ready at my slightest word to brave danger or death itself."



**JUVENILE SARCASM.**

MABEL—"Poor Tommy, have you got the toothache?"

TOMMY—"No you silly! Can't you see I'm trying to train my ears so they won't stick out so much?"



### THE HEELER'S AMBITION.

I want to be a delegate  
And in Convention stand,  
A silk hat on my forehead  
And boodle in my hand.

"Put me to the test," eagerly exclaimed Harold. Bid me drink city water by the quart, or shout for Home Rule at a McCarthy meeting, and I will do your will."

"Nay, I ask a stronger proof of your devotion. My



### ROPING HIM IN.

"The world is still deceived with ornament."  
—*Merchant of Venice.*

aunt is coming in from the country to-morrow and wishes to attend a debate in the Provincial Legislature. Be it your perilous task to escort her to a front seat in the gallery."

Harold's cheek paled for a second while the workings of his capacious ears betokened the intensity of his emotions. Then his eye flashed with the fire of resolution, and he said in firm, ringing tones:

"I'll do it, or perish in the attempt."

He did not perish in the attempt, for a portly legislator broke the violence of his fall. There is a vacancy in a rural constituency. The wedding will take place as soon as the bride's new set of teeth are constructed.

### THE BACK YARD FENCE.

THE back yard fence, the back yard fence!  
What memories sweet the mention brings;  
It takes me back to boyhood's days,  
And I oft recalls forgotten things.

The back yard fence, the back yard fence!  
When three years old I learned to climb,  
And from the top would gaze around  
Our neighbor's yard with thoughts sublime.

The back yard fence, the back yard fence!  
From it I could reach up with ease,  
And help myself, till I was full,  
To cherries off our neighbor's trees.

The back yard fence, the back yard fence!  
On it I learned to carve my name,  
To which my present aim I owe—  
To carve it on the fence of fame.

The back yard fence, the back yard fence!  
I love each board and nail and crack,  
"Arm chairs" and "buckets" may have charms,  
Against all such, the fence I'll back.

The back yard fence, the back yard fence!  
As I am short of wood—I'll burn,  
And put its treasured ashes in  
That barrel—or, I mean, that urn.

GEO. M. L. B.

### AN IRRELEVANT ROBIN.

THE Khan has a poem in the *Evening Star* commencing:

"There's a robin in the tree,"  
My baby said to me.

I looked and watched and heard and gazed and drank.

He naturally would. But why did he have to wait till he saw the robin?

### SLATING HIM.

SMILAX—"Those charges of Slater against Police Magistrate Denison are a chestnut."

BORAX—"I judge so by the way he is trying to get at the kernel."

### SHORTENED HIM.

JASPER—"Did the loss of his fortune shorten his life?"

JUMPUPPE—"I don't know; but it made him short."

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TAKING PRECAUTIONS.

WHITE—"If you write her that kind of letters she will be suing you for breach of promise one of these days."

GREENE—"Not much she won't; that ink is warranted to fade."

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"WHAT on earth is the matter, children? You are really making a terrible noise."

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FANGLE—"Why don't you give her the money and let her go and pay it?"

CUMSO—"She'd order another dress."—*Quips.*

CHAGRIN.

THE penniless poet wandered far—  
Two miles to the town P.O.  
For a check, and found but a circular  
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"You get youah clothes in deah old Lunnon, too, I sec," said Goslin to Codling.

"If you'll pwomise not to tell, old fellow, I'll you a secwet."

"I'll pwomise."

"I get them in Bwooklyn. I know a place there which gives you as bad a fit as you can get in Lunnon."—*Harper's Bazar.*

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A DIFFERENCE IN AGE.

HE (*softly*)—"I have loved you forever."  
SHE—"Indeed! I haven't lived that long."

MR. HENPECK—"My wife has been kicking all day."

MR. BALDY (*absently*)—"How high?"

NO WONDER IT BROKE.

"Do you really believe that she died of a broken heart after the divorce was granted?"  
"I honestly do. You see, he failed a short time after and could pay no more alimony."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

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LADY—"I already have a husband."  
FORTUNE TELLER—"If you'd like to have him found out, I can do that, too."

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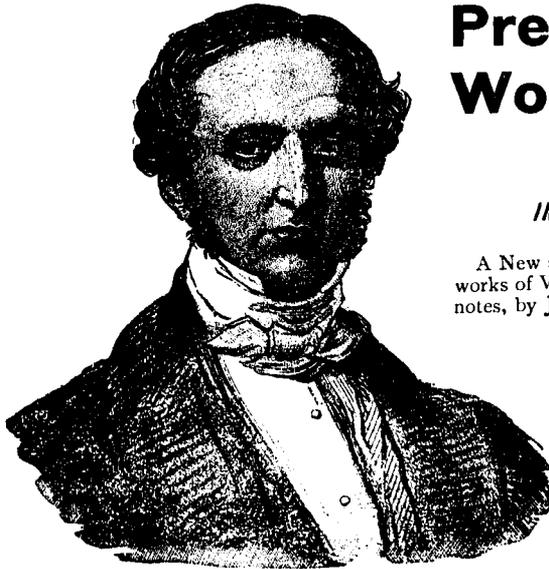


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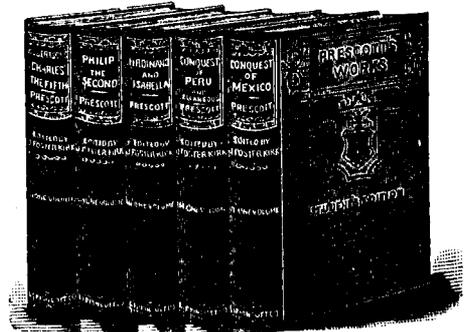
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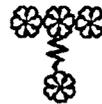
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