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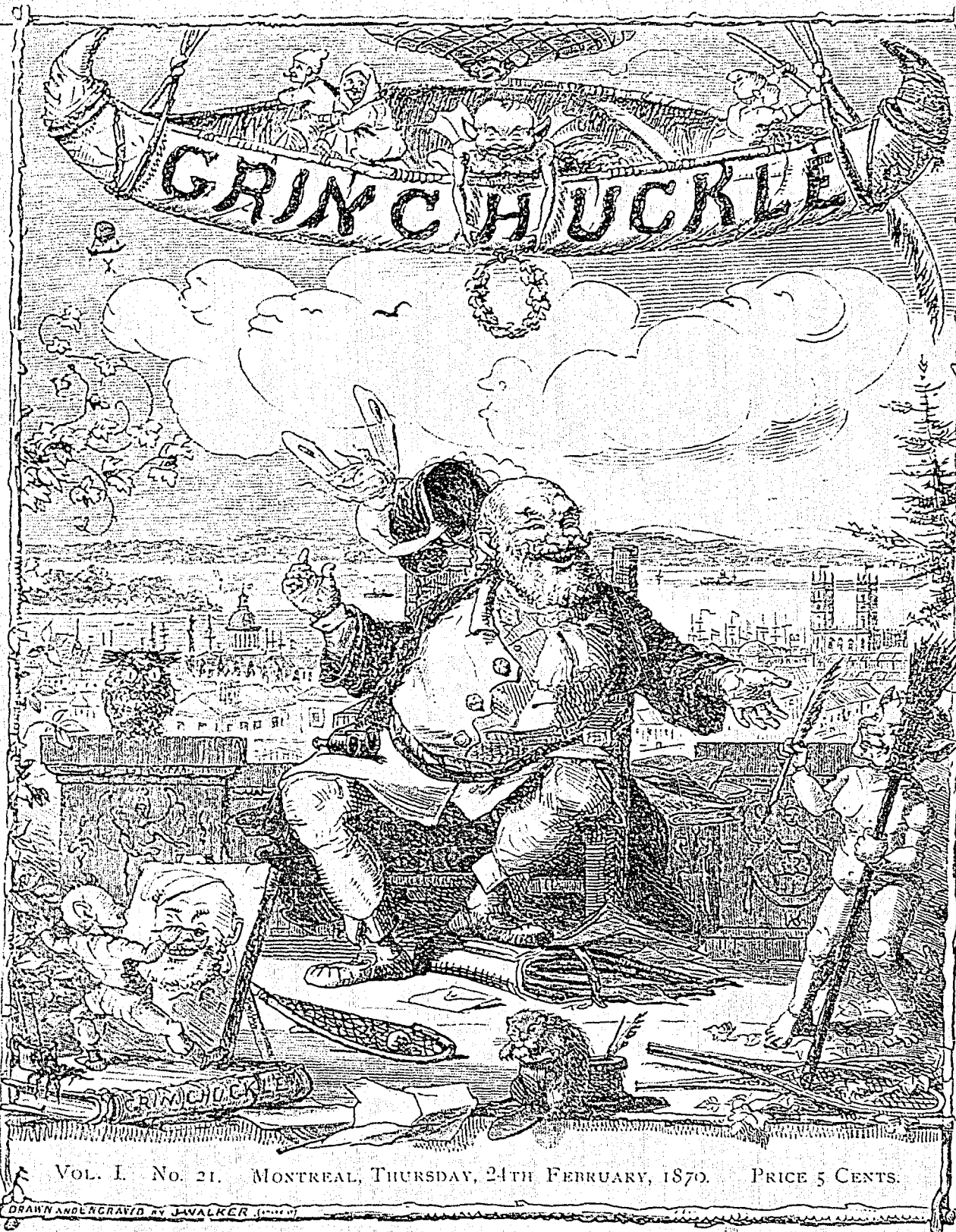
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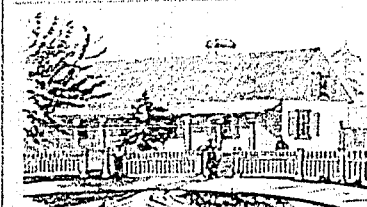
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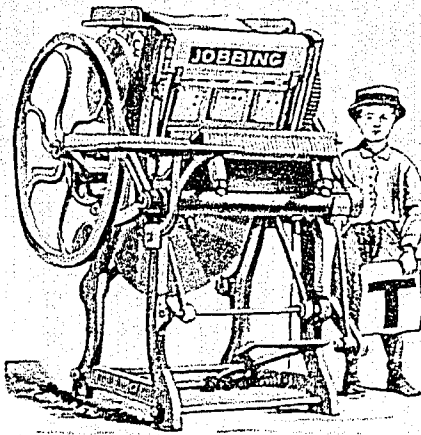
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JOBGING.

(From the "Pic-House Organ.")

HIS is a term used to designate the process whereby men in "position" handle certain little things and use them to promote their own interests and those of their employers, at the expense of the public. In other words, it implies "blackening and whitening" of any one who will pay them, or has means. A

jobber, whether he be devil, member of chapel, or employer, is consequently only a man, and a black-looking customer at that, who, if he is too cheeky, it will be found advisable to "sack."

The Province of Canada and its greatest Corporation have been sadly disgraced by jobbers, but New York is far worse, going into the business on a gigantic scale. Jobging is universal, and has been almost from everlasting (*vide*, the story of the old lady who said that "Job" must be getting an old fellow, he had been at work since she was a girl). Education has been entirely appropriated by jobbers, to the detriment of others. So much so, that what one sees of Legislative debates is sadly bungled. It must, therefore, be obvious that the price of immunity from this kind of evil is a watchful eye upon some, and higher salaries for those who are trustworthy.

Jobs take many "formes," and the "cases" in which their component parts are found are as numerous, having one object in view—private advantage. One jobber is almost powerless, but when there are several, they organize in a sort of secret masonry, to promote each others benefit;—shelving their employer, who does not understand things, unless he "knows the ropes." To all we would say—Look out!

ATTENTION!

The *Witness* has a fashion of asking for "immediate answers" to anonymous attacks upon public bodies made through its columns, and has evidently just been pretty well "used up" by the Secretary of the Board of Trade, who, in reply to their demand for attention to a certain letter, assures them "that the Board always does give attention to letters sent to it and verified by the writer's name. Those who prefer writing anonymously to newspapers, thereby elect another tribunal." This is conclusive; and if persons and corporations would only adopt a similar course the public would be spared the infliction of being almost compelled to read so much trash in the papers about which they are not at all interested. To the majority of readers the Stephens-Smith correspondence was especially "dull, stale and unprofitable."

JOSEPH'S EXPLANATIONS.

"These rumours were current in the bar-rooms."—*Howe's Explanations.*

Current in the bar-rooms! Joseph, you should blush
To be found among the tipplers; but hist! gently! hush!
Hark! I hear the half-breeds and the Indians wild,
Who drove you to the bar-room frightened as a child,
Whom its loving parent wishes to chastise,
And from present danger anywhere it flies.

Joseph you were tipping,—drowning all your care:
Keeping out the cold,—that was all your fear;
You ne'er thought of Willie, nor his comrades wise,
Whom he brought from hither with him to advise;
All your care was self—Joseph who was bought,
Who at length received honours which he sought.

Much unlike the Joseph, who, in Holy Writ,
Was captured by his brothers,—cast into a pit;
You escaped "your friends and brothers," the Metis,
Stayed within the bar-rooms, drinking didn't cease;
Saw the leader, Louis, gave him sage advice,—
Told him to be bought,—fixed on him a price.

Like the other Joseph, you had e'en been bought,
Your price was not "thirty,"—'twas thousands that you
sought;

You were purchased, Joseph, ere within the bar
You sat quiet drinking, drowning all your care,—
But the other Joseph, after he was sold,
Did not shun his friends, though their plans were old.

You used Gov'nor Willie very bad indeed,
Why not say 'twas useless for him to proceed?
You ne'er thought of him, nor of the expense,—
Let him trust Provencher, and his common sense;
You got 'fraid of Willie, in an awful funk,
And to steer clear of him, you got very drunk.

"A HARD CASE."

The *Telegraph* says:

"A very large lion was sent per Canadian Express yesterday evening to Montreal. The animal was said to have weighed over four thousand pounds, and was considered the finest ever sent from this city. The above item is taken from the *Quebec Chronicle*. The animal looked like a very hard case, and to our certain knowledge he had no food for a very long time. This should be enquired into."

This really "should be enquired into." A lion a "hard case"! How? Drunkards are what are commonly called hard cases. Was the lion one of these? He had had no food for a long time, but we are not informed about the drink. Sent by express! a "four thousand pounder." How was it wrapped up or caged? The "king of the forest" may have been dead, and it was only his royal carcass with which the Canadian Express Company were honoured. This being the case, "a very long time without food" might apply, and "hard case!"—it might have been frozen hard. Over four thousand pounds! What a nice sleeping partner for a lamb!

"BRITAIN ABASED."

A paper says that "Britain has been deeply abased for allowing the *Alabama* to leave." GRINCHUCKLE does not exactly see this, but asks,—How?

THE MODERN BELSHAZZAR.

"The position of Sir John A. Macdonald has points of similarity to that of Belshazzar at his last banquet. The companions by that monarch's side may be paralleled by Howe and Hincks, and the handwriting on the wall by the accessions to the Opposition. Galt may stand for *Mene*, McDougall for *Tobel*, Bowell for *Upharsin*, and McKenzie for another Daniel to interpret them."—*Wide Witness*, 19th inst.

The parliament had met,
The members thronged the hall,
Discussing, here, the debt,
And, there, the coming ball.
A hundred seats of cold
And highly-polished wood,
The godless heathen hold,
And make their presence good.

In that same hour is seen,
Amid the adverse band,
With fierce and vengeful mien,
Three whilom Tories stand—
Three Tories who had long
Been firm in their support
Of Governmental wrong,
With Clear Grits now consort.

The Premier saw, and shook,
And could no more rejoice;
All bloodless was his look,
And tremulous his voice.
"Let Hincks and Howe appear,—
The wisest we have got,—
To expound this treachery here,
Which mars our pleasant plot."

The Tories' seers are wise,
But here they are at fault;
They view, with mad surprise,
McDougall, Bowell, Galt,
Among their foes arrayed,
With thunder on their brow:
Their wisdom here is "played,"
Their skill is useless now.

A Clear Grit in the land,
A member, wise and bold,
He heard the high command,
He could the "tale unfold."
The lamps around were bright,
The recusants in view;
He told it on that night,
To-morrow proves it true.

"Jonalleck's course is run,
His friends have had their day;
His policy is done,
His sceptre passed away;
His sins are now complete,—
For which he must atone,—
The Rouge is in his seat,
The Clear Grit on his throne!"

THE "SILVER NUISANCE"—Grey Hairs.

PARLIAMENT BOILED DOWN.

FEBRUARY 15, 1870.

This day His Excellency was graciously pleased to open the third session of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech from the Throne:—

Honourable Gents of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

It is with the highest satisfaction that I am enabled to summon you to Ottawa at this season of the year, when business is dull, and boarding at home so expensive. The circumstances under which we meet are unusually auspicious. The harvest of last year was so abundant that the land may be said to be like Canaan of old,—“a land flowing with milk and honey.” In many districts existing industries have been enlarged—another barber's shop has been started in Ottawa since the last time we had the happiness of meeting together. The wealth of the Dominion is so rapidly increasing that it is confidently expected that “greenbacks” may be shortly picked up on the streets, and “won't be known no more.”

Some anxiety has been caused by the obstreperousness of the half-breeds in the North-West Territory. I sent our truly and well-beloved William McDougall to take charge of them, but they would not hearken unto his voice, or admit him within their gates. I fear, now, that a great mistake was made, in that we did not send him unto them with a “Mackinaw” blanket about his loins, and his countenance coloured with “the bright olive tints of the forest.”

The charters of most of the banks were, last session, extended to the year 02001, so as to allow time to arrange the question of the currency of the country on a basis which should enrich all parties. A measure to this end will be brought forward for your consideration.

The laws respecting the regulation of parliamentary elections are so various in the different parts of the country, and so unsatisfactory in their operation, that it will be proposed, for your consideration, to cause all general elections to take place on the same day, or days, throughout the country; and that the city of Ottawa, here, be the polling place for the whole Dominion, and that all voting be done by telegraph, the control of which shall be in the hands of the Government during such day or days of election.

I have to congratulate you on the success of our negotiations with Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, they having gladly acceded to our proposals to take control of their public lands, and to unite with us in forming one grand Empire.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The estimates for the present year will be submitted to you. They have been framed with every regard to economy compatible with the maintenance of several hundred useless *employés*, for whose support the Government feel bound to provide, and the unlimited jobbery which may naturally be expected in connection with the Intercolonial and other public works; and, considering the prosperous state of the country, the

people can, we trust, afford any amount of money which my government may feel it their duty to ask you to vote.

Honorable Gents of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have to congratulate you, also, on the high spirit and loyalty of the people, as displayed by the fact that the active militia have voluntarily come forward largely in excess of the quota required, many of the battalions in the more popular districts numbering 0150 men, including those who have, within the past few years, left this country and gone to the States.

I now leave you to pour forth that eloquence and honest indignation which you, doubtless, have been rehearsing for some time past, and which you are impatient to discharge on each other's heads.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

On the members returning from the Senate, Mr. MCKENZIE intimated that they would like to have the papers connected with the Red River laid before the House.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Don't you wish you may get them?

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY.

Proceedings commenced by

Mr. HOLTON.—I consider it my duty to call the attention of the House to the ticklish way in which the late Commissioner of Public Works holds his seat. I think the question of his right to *sit* in this House ought to be referred to the *Standing Committee*.

SIR J. A. MACDONALD: It must be obvious to every one, that, while the hon. gentleman is sitting in it, the seat is not vacant; therefore, the *Standing Committee* have nothing to do with it. (Cheers.)

Mr. MCKENZIE called on the Finance Minister to state when the public accounts would be laid before the House, as he was prepared to dispute every item, and to "raise Cain" generally as soon as they appeared.

SIR FRANCIS HINCKS: I should be happy to be able to oblige the hon. gentleman, but the thing is impossible; they will be brought down some time this session.

THURSDAY.

Mr. SAVARY moved the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. He said he represented the fish interest to a great extent, and could, therefore, speak with some authority on this question. He did not wish to "cod" anybody, but would remark that salmon-trout and fish-sauce was a very *savoury* dish. He would also congratulate hon. members, in view of the approaching Lent, on the fact that the fisheries had been unusually productive during the past year. Of the other subjects mentioned in the speech he could not speak so decidedly, but as the honor had fallen to him to move this Address, he supposed he was in duty bound to agree with them in every particular, which he did.

SIR GEORGE E. CARTIER: Hear, hear! you'll do.

Mr. SAVARY: He was delighted to find that the Governor-General had noticed the loyalty of the people of

the Lower Provinces, and especially of Nova Scotia. That was a striking feature in that Province. It was not true that they had threatened to take up arms and go into rebellion, at a day's notice, if "Repeal" was not granted. They were all united in their attachment to the crown and person of our most gracious Queen. (Cheers.)

Mr. SCRIVER said he could rejoice that the circumstances under which they met were so auspicious, and so would every man in the Dominion as soon as he could believe the statement. He would not take up the time of hon. members by alluding to all the points in the speech. His hon. friend who had preceded him had gone over them all in an eloquent manner. He had also told them, in affecting terms, that

His march was on the mountain wave,
His home was on the deep.

This fact probably accounted for the *high-flown* style of his oratory, and the fact that his speech was by no means a dry one. (Cheers.)

BAITED.

Mr. Holton appears to have undergone considerable "badgering" from John A. and his terriers, who were almost too much for him; but with the help of Galt and the assistance of Mackenzie, he came out at the best end.

THE PARLIAMENT TEAM.

John A. has long been afraid of one of his baulky horses, and at last that horse has fairly "refused," and will only go single. He may yet drive kindly before Holton, Mackenzies, &c.

HIGH AND LOW.

To the church that's called *high*, Great Hamilton spoke,
"That *low* fellow, Balch, doth my fury provoke;
But soon, very soon, all good Christians shall see,
What a terrible mauling he'll get—and from me!

He's a Cannon—aye, a Cannon—that I've set myself to burst.—

For I *hate him, hate him, hate him*, as a churchman most accurst!

I've clenched my fist, I've set my teeth, the cost I'll freely pay,

Even should it cost me thousands, to drive old Balch away!

My will is fierce, my purse is long, I'll drive the fellow forth!

How dare he even blink at me,—a magnate of the North?
I know I do not err, I am sure that my cause is good,

For I sleep soundly every night, being on the side of Wood!

"Honesty is the best policy," as members of a certain Association said when it suited them.



STUCK.

(Scene—THE MILE END.)

First Jehu : " Is it stuck ye are ? "*Second do.* : " Mine cheval won't go no more far, de snow too strong. He no stuck. "*First do.* : " Clear out, then, with yer ould 'shovel.' I can't wait here. "*Second do.* : " He no go. Let him stand. We go see Wiseman—get a drink—then 'shovel' de road. "

NELSONIAN.

What truth is there in the report that Nelson is to come down from his elevated position in Jacques Cartier Square, be washed and made young again? His name-sake—the Admiral—may know, and perhaps would inform enquirers, many of whom are exceedingly anxious for his "return" to his former position under more favourable auspices.

GRINCHUCKLE is a little behind time. Elections, of course, —working too hard! Trying the "Free and Independent" dodge. This is our apology. Who says GRINCHUCKLE is dying? Nothing of the kind. Going in stronger than ever. He's not ready to "shuffle off," and doesn't dream of such a thing.

A FINE OLD CANADIAN GENTLEMAN.

By SOCRATES SNOOKS.

(AIR: "A Fine Old English Gentleman.")

I'll sing you a fine old song about the olden time,
When lived a fine old man, whose story I'm now about to
rhyme :
He dwelt in the backwoods, which to his eyes looked so
sublime.
And, being always honest, of course, he never committed a
crime,
Did this fine old Canadian Gentleman one of the olden time.

He was the most influential man in all those unsettled parts,
He scorned book "larning," and all the ancient or the modern
arts ;
His heart always gloried with honest pride as he gazed on his
horses or his carts,—
And he knew where his land lay without consulting any sea-
man's charts,
Did this fine old Canadian Gentleman one of the olden time.

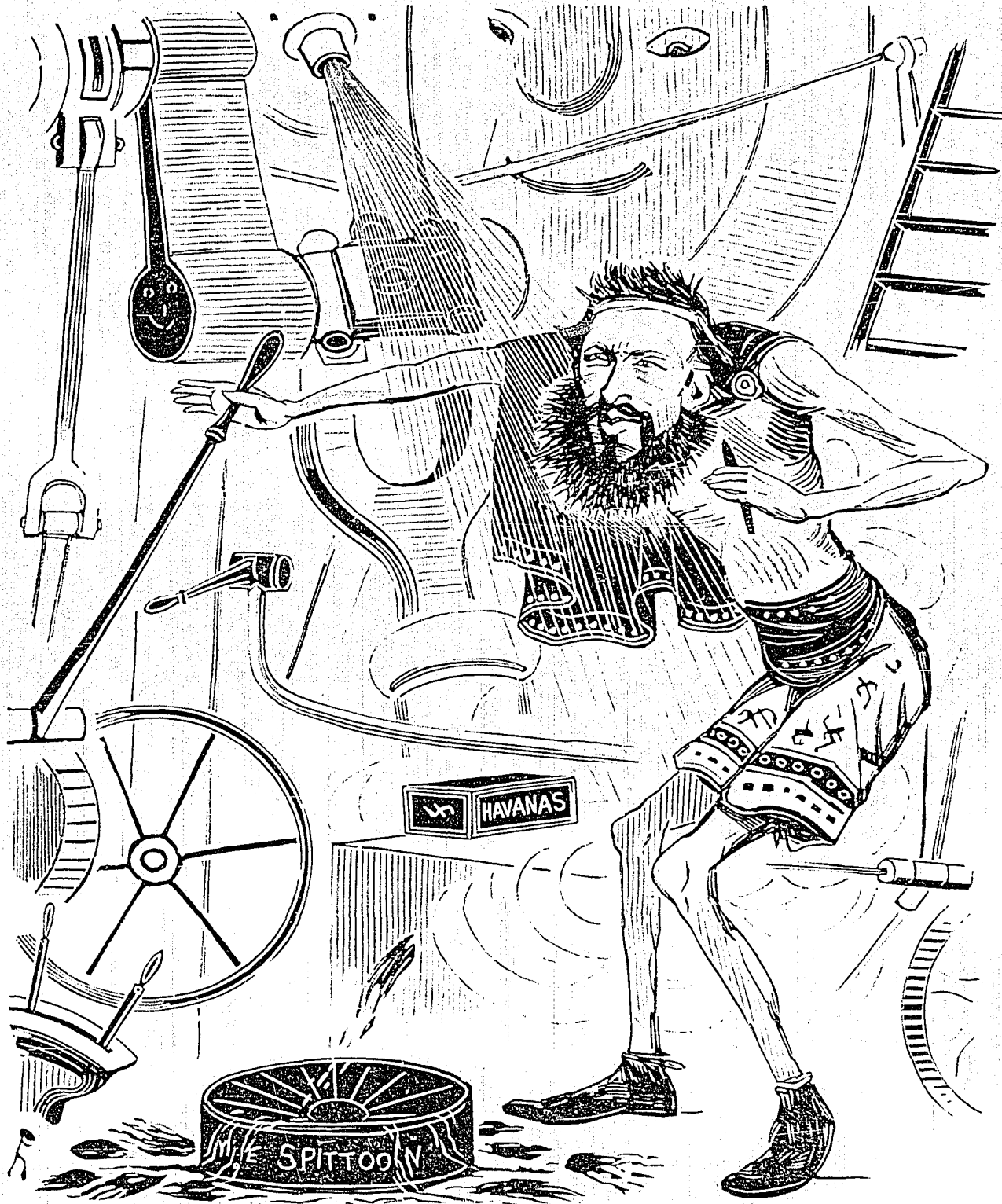
Every Spring he used to go into his fine old woods his maple
sap to boil,
Which, by the way, was produced upon fine old Canadian soil,
And, like a fine old Canadian Patriarch, he never spared his
toil,
And, consequently, his syrup was always good, unless it hap-
pened to spoil,
Which vexed this fine old Canadian Gentleman one of the
olden time.

His fine old Sunday suit was made of fine old home-spun
grey,—
He only wore it once a week, and that was every day ;
Don't laugh at my hero, when I take the liberty to say,
That when he was dressed for meetin' he looked tremendously
gay,
Did this fine old Canadian Gentleman one of the olden time.

He had a chubby wife,—her British heart was true :
His boys were splendid specimens of the Canadian true blue ;
His daughters had sparkling eyes, and lips pretty and pouting
too,
I fell in love with one of them, and, doubtless, so would you,—
With the girls of this fine old Canadian Gentleman one of
the olden time.

And with his short pipe in his mouth, he felt like Olympic
Jupiter in state,
However of the latter gentleman a thought never entered his
fine old pate,
But, like him, he was up at daylight, and never stayed up late ;
For he was always snugly ensconced in bed at night long be-
fore eight,
Was this exemplary fine old Canadian Gentleman one of the
olden time.

For though he lived to a good and prosperous old age,
He has long been gathered unto his fathers by being hurried
off life's stage :
And should I hear anything more of this fine old Canadian I
unhesitatingly engage,
To scroll it at the earliest possible moment upon history's
future page,
To honour this fine old Canadian Gentleman one of the olden
time.



(After Ching-Foo, a celebrated Celestial Artist.)

ABSENCE OF MIND!

G. W. S. GOES INTO THE STEAM-ENGINE BUSINESS, AND, IN THE PROCESS OF TESTING, TOUCHES A WRONG BAR, AND HAS TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES. NOTHING DAUNTED, HE CONTINUES HIS INVESTIGATION, AND "REPORTS" IN FAVOUR OF STEAM.

A RAVING DRUNKARD.

AFTER EDGAR A. POE.

Once upon a midnight dreary, as I pondered, thick and
beery,
Over many a full and empty bottle of Guinness's stout;
While I sipped it, almost napping, suddenly there came a
tapping

As of some one loudly rapping,—rapping at the porch
without:

"'Tis the wind that blows," I muttered,—“blowing o'er
the moor, no doubt,—

Listen to it's angry shout!"

Ah! distinctly I remember, it was in the bright September,
On my brain each empty member of the bottle-force had
wrought;

Eagerly I hoped the morrow from a friend some *tin* to borrow
To assuage my daily sorrow,—sorrow for I know not what;
For 'tis rarely I remember all the phases of my lot.

When a drop too much I've got.

Presently the knocks grew stronger;—hesitating then no
longer,

"Friend!" I said, "or stranger, truly your forbearance I
entreat;

"But the fact is I am napping, and I hope you'll cease
your tapping,

"Or I'll, perhaps, begin a rapping which will cause you
soon to bleat,—

"Rapping on your peepers, p'rhaps, will cause you soon
to bleat,

"So I pray you'll take the street."

Open here I flung my shutter,—when, outside, stretched
in the gutter,

I beheld a "Raving Drunkard," and his head all stained
with gore:

"Is that you, you villain, Brady?"—but the rogue no
answer made he,

But, wrapped, in the puddle laid he, just outside my cot-
tage door;—

There he watched me, like an ogre, from outside my cot-
tage door,—

Watched and grunted,—nothing more.

Startled at the silence, broken by no answer by him spoken,
"Doubtless," thought I, "this poor fellow is not able to
get up;"

I then strove his weight to master, lest some unforeseen
disaster

Onward might this fool drive faster, till the sponge he
would throw up;—

Drive him to despair, or worse, perhaps, till the sponge
he would throw up,

And cry, "Vanquished am I, cup!"

Finally, by dint of pushing, pulling, boxing, scolding, crushing,
On a cushioned seat I forced him, just within my chamber
door;

Then the villain, quickly sinking on the hearth-rug, 'gan
a winking

As I watched him, sadly thinking what for him I could
do more;—

What for such a gaunt, ungainly, grim old rascal I'd do
more,

When he croaked out, "One drop more!"

"Brady," said I, "thing of evil, will you tell me what the
devil

"Brought you out in such a tempest as is raging o'er the
moor?"

"Desolate I've seen your shanty, still you drink the best
of brandy,—

"Tell me how you get so handy all the liquor you down-
pour,

"While your children for their supper you unceasingly
implore?"

Quoth the drunkard, "One drop more!"

"Brady," said I, "beast of evil, will you listen now you
devil—

"By the roof which bends above us out I'll put you from
my door

"If you do not promise giving up this sinful way of
living,

"And hereafter, by your striving, help your children now
so poor.—

"Help that rare and starving maiden whom you married
to make poor,"—

Still he answered, "One drop more!"

"By the gods," said I, up starting, "man or brute you
must be starting;

"Get you back into the street, sir, ere I kick you out my
door;

"Leave no fragment as a token of the tumbler you have
broken."

When I had these few words spoken, out I thrust him
from my door,

As he cried, "But one drop more!"

And the fellow, never flitting, still is sitting,—at me
spitting.—

On the corner of the flag-stone, just outside my cottage door,
And his eye hath all th' appearance of a man who's
made a clearance,

And hath caused the disappearance of a dozen, or e'en
more;—

And his voice from out the darkness cries for still "a
little more."—

Only, friend, "A wee drap more!"

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for my own and friends'
personal benefit. It is,
with us, a personal
matter, and nothing
more. I haven't much
ambition to serve the
city, except so far as
will serve myself; but,
in order to get where I
want to be, will promise

anything. I have an idea, at least, that the Knox Farm will be wanted, and that being the case, there are a few clear dollars made. These little parks and squares will be "jobs," as will also the new City,—when you get it,—and, like the eagle, I wish to go where the carcass is. I'm going to spend money, at least,—so are my committee; and I invite you to go and see them.

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Shall cant and gammon rule the day?

No—not much!

Shall "Daily Wickedness" pave the way?

No—not much!

To where truth and honesty shall stink,
Should they even touch a drop of drink,
Or of a friendly glass even think?

No—not much!

Shall we be hypocrites in soul?

No—not much!

Shall we slyly sip a secret bowl?

No—not much!

Shall one who has failed and failed again,
Be tutor of much stronger men,
Whose days and nights were sober when
He took *too much*?

Is it the very greatest sin,—

No—not much!

To not *hate* beer, or wine, or gin?

No—not much!

Is it a crime past all forgiving
To fire a shot into the rigging
Of Pious frauds and lying priggings?

No—not much!

Are all our tastes the very same?

No—not much!

Yet none will dare to fix the blame,—

No—not much!

Are they who gorge themselves with eating,

Are they who rob their friends by cheating
The men most high and elevating?
No—not much!

Shall truth recede with downcast eyes—
No—not much!

When the chief of cant and chief of lies—
Two *now such*

Are pulling together, might and main,
A victory in the West Ward to gain,
Which canting and lying cannot obtain?
No—not much!

Is J. D. one of the fair-play men?
No—not much!

Can G. W. S. be believed again?
No—not much!

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H. A. N.: Brother, nay.

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From the forehead to the chin;
See, I have a demon grin.

I have only just been napping

To the tune of Georgy O!

Whilst the others have been rapping

His burst of language to forego.

I'll get up and give my vote—

What's the question?—that little note.

J. D.: Tears of all the people flowing,
Caused by what the *Witness* said,
Are enough to rouse you, Nelson.
Take your hands from off your head.
Tell me, you who know the ropes,
Shall you come back here again;
If you don't, 'twill dash my hopes
To the ground, like fall of rain.

H. A. N.: Time his slow, wane course doth roll;
After this there comes the poll,
When the citizens assembled
To give the man their votes. I trembled
Oft when I have thought of this.
But your old Association
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