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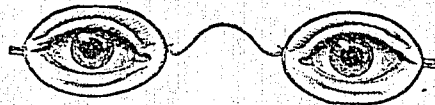
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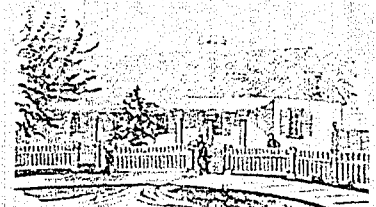
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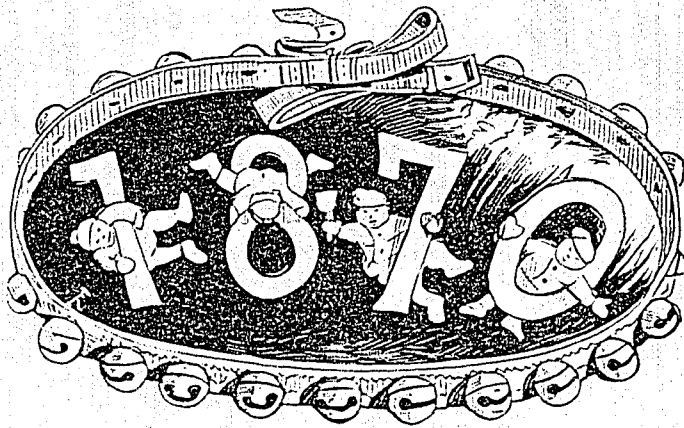


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To all to whom this present number shall come, Greeting:—

Whereas, His Motley Majesty has been credibly informed by his "prophetic soul," and his "uncle," that, in the course of nature, the year 1869 will expire to-morrow, should nothing extraordinary occur to prevent it; and

Whereas, it is exceedingly probable that the year 1870 will come into being on the decease of the year 1869; and

Whereas, on the first day of the year, it is the laudable custom of every man who owns a decent coat to visit every lady he knows, for the purpose of wishing her twelve months happiness, and for other purposes not to be specified herein; and

Whereas, "all the King's horses and all the King's men" would be tired to death, if they had to drive him round to all the "pretty dears," who "love, honour and obey" him:

Now, know ye, that we shall save our horse-flesh, and body servants, dispensing with the usual formality, and substituting for the same this our decree, to wit:

That every lady, young, or—or not young, blonde or brunette, married or expecting to be married, shall regularly take in, read and admire each number of GRINCHUCKLE, as it shall appear: this being one way of ensuring a year's felicity.

That every married lady, who has the misfortune to have as a husband one who is such a consummate ass as not to think GRINCHUCKLE far superior to *Punch*, shall give him cold mutton three times a week, and do her washing at home; and

Furthermore, that this our proclamation shall be received and regarded by every "sweet thing" that ever appeared in a "duck of a bonnet."

Given at our Palace, near the Mount Royal, this 30th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1869, and in the first year of our reign. Hip! Hip!! Hoorah!!!

GRINCHUCKLE.



MRS. F.—R'S NEW-YEAR TURKEY.

This is the turkey that was presented to Mrs. F. by His Royal Highness, on his return from his hunting expedition.

PRO FORMA.

The dignity of friendly powers is not to suffer at the hands of the high and mighty Sovereign of Quebec. The latest outcome of his royal mind is a proclamation forbidding "members of Foreign diplomatic bodies" to appear at the Lieut. Governor's balls in any but official costume. Considering how immense a number of nations, peoples, and tongues are represented at the Court of Belleau, the demand on a fashionable tailors at the Capital will be extraordinary; and the manufacture of laced coats and cocked hats will compensate to a great extent for the decline of ship-building and the abrogation of Reciprocity.

Query.—Has Belleau the Great ever heard of another King, named Nebuchadnezzar? He had better look to his hair and his nails.

INEFFICIENCY.

It is not generally known that there are spies in the pay of Government. If we must have such instruments, they should at least be efficient, but we understand that any one can see through the telescopes in the Provincial Observatories.

Snow-drops generally indicate the approach of Spring, but they sometimes precede the Fall. A friend of ours was doubled up by one.

Stern Drill-sergeant to tipsy Private—"Eyes right!"

Tipsy Private to stern Drill-sergeant—"Yees, Ise right. Who says I ain't?"

Small change—Fifty cents for half-a-dollar.

Leaves which ought not to be turned over—Those of a table.

Storms to which weak vessels are often exposed—Infantile squalls.

The wheel of misfortune—The tread-mill.

The Lion's share—Might and mane.

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

There dwelt in Montreal City, deny it if you can,
A girl both young and pretty, her name was Mary
Ann ;
She retailed buns and biscuits, besides the best of
tarts,
And as she took the young men's change, she also
took their hearts.

A nice young man, Adolphus Rigg, who served a
tailor by,
Gazed on the charms of Mary Ann, and at her cast
his eye ;
He ate so many tarts and buns, they quite upset his
liver,
So he resolved, to save his health, his true love to dis-
kiver.

'Twas on one Summer's evening, the sun was in the
west,
He dressed himself in gayest pants, and gorgeous was
his vest ;
His coat so tightly fitting, and his neck-tie of bright
hue,
Said he (oh! vain Adolphus) I'm sure that I must do.

He sought the charming Mary Ann, resolved to win
or die ;
He ate six tarts, some buns, besides a rather large
mince pie.
Then having pluck, and feeling strength to carry out
his plan.
Said he, I love you, Mary Ann ; may I be your
young man ?

I would the best of husbands make, as any tailor
true ;
I've made so many suits, I'm sure I also could suit
you ;
And in a year, or two at most, if you but so incline,
I'll start a rattling tailor's shop—oh! say that you'll
be mine.

She blushed, and on the counter fixed her bright but
downcast eyes ;
And said, dear me, oh! Mr. Rigg, you take me by
surprise ;
I own I oft have thought of you, as ne'er I thought of
other,
So I consent—that is, of course, when you have asked
my mother.

So one sweet kiss Adolphus snatched, and rushed off
to mamma,
Who gave her sanction, blessed them both, as also did
papa.
And now each night, when shops were shut, they'd
walk and talk of love ;
He swearing by the moon and stars, how constant he
would prove.

But Mary Ann, though fair of face, a fickle heart
possessed ;

A soldier tall, six feet in all, sweet words to her ad-
dressed ;
She looked upon his martial form, his scarlet coat and
lace,
Thought nought of Rigg, but falsely took the soldier
in his place.

They married were within a week, as truly tells this lay,
And everything was gay and bright on that auspicious
day.
The wedding past, the feast began, the social glass
went round,
And nought but mirth and jollity could at that feast
be found.

Poor Rigg was gaily working on, when first the news
he heard ;
His tailor's soul was broken—he uttered not a word—
He seized the scissors, waved them high, then quickly
as a dart,
Plunged them with fatal swiftness, into his little heart.

And Mary Ann—she heard his death—remorse now
seized her breast—
At morn and noon, and evening too, his form before
her pressed—
At night when darkness o'er her closed, and pillowed
was her head,
The pale reproachful face of Rigg, was hovering round
her bed.

Her husband, too, whose love fast flew, when all her
cash was spent,
Ill used her, and abused her, and finally he went ;
So borne down by her troubles, a fatal draught she
tried,
And breathing of Adolphus Rigg, she laid her down
and died.

MORAL.

So now, young ladies, warning take, and think of
Mary Ann ;
Beware of six feet soldiers, and stick to your young
man ;
Let constancy and kindness be e'er your willing part,
And in return, you'll surely find a true and loving
heart.

OTTAWA.

(From our Special Comical, Cynical Correspondent)

Ottawa is composed of the Parliament Buildings and
the Russell House.

In the day-time the Government employés spend
their time in the former place, and the greater part of
the night in the latter.

The most interesting part of Ottawa is that burnt
down.

The people are very peculiar, and, as a result, many
of the customs of the place are peculiar. For instance,
if you want a coal-oil lamp, you must go to a drug store,
or should your watch need repairing it must be taken
to a tinsmith's.

It is very similar to Montreal, in the respect that

every one knows more about his neighbour's business than he does of his own.

Whenever a fire takes place, you may rest assured that somebody has a large note soon falling due in one of the banks.

There is so much water surrounding the city that the people drink very little of it. Water, they consider, and very rightly too, should be devoted to manufacturing purposes.

Owing to the active existence of several Temperance Societies, which are considered competent to throw any quantity of cold water on things, there are no tanks or hydrants in the city. The water is brought to the fire-engines in barrels or tubs placed on carts.

The steady progress of Ottawa may be instanced by the fact that the richest men in the city have returned their incomes as reaching the extraordinary figure of \$800 per annum. Accordingly, there is great difficulty in telling what a poor man lives on.

The principal amusement of the people at present seems to be that of publishing newspapers. There will be no less than four new ones appear on the same day at an early date.

There are few tavern-keepers who have soda water in the morning, thus proving that very little else can be drunk the night before, or perhaps the people stay up to an early hour to drink it.

So great sticklers are the people for the liberty of the subject, that the idea of confining even the brute creation will not for a moment be tolerated. They are therefore allowed to roam at large. If you find a cow in possession of the sidewalk in the main street, you must go round the beast. It is easily done.

The City Hall is a building not to be equalled by any in Montreal. As an instance of economy of municipal funds, it is highly creditable to the people. It is a small clap-board building, surrounded by a gallery. The side nearest the city is painted white. As nobody ever sees the other sides, it would be a waste to paint them.

THE LOCAL PARLIAMENT.

Lately a seedy swell, who announced himself a reporter on the *Times*, and produced a huge card with the name of the "Thunderer" in large letters in the centre, and his own, Mr. Timothy O'Fagan, in pencil, in one corner, applied to us for employment. He had proved too clever for the big sheet, and, thinking there might be more scope for his talents in a new country, his friends, as a testimonial of esteem, paid his passage for him, and hoped he would be so successful that he would never return.

He looked, although half starved, a big brawny fellow who could stand a hammering in case of any personalities, so we sent him in charge of one of our staff to the City Hall. Unfortunately, we entrusted him with a dollar, but the result of this we did not know till too late. Darcy kindly showed him a seat and gave him a hearty welcome. Mr. O'Fagan's note-book, only lately recovered, contains some curious jottings of what he saw. We have room for only a few extracts. The remarks read curiously!

"What a rum-looking place! Beastly dirty, and

smells unwholesome. Is that red-haired man, so well oiled, and pulling at his beard, trying to get the place amended? Here my guide, philosopher and friend whispered me that he was known as the great amender, and took charge of all the money of the City, talked like a race-horse, and when there were nobody else's motions to amend, moved an amendment to his own. Opposite him sat a long, lanky customer, that looked with a watery eye about. I found him to be Mr. McGovernagain, a descendant of the Irish King Ocean, who left him a treatise on water-power, which he's been studying all his life, and now he has acquired so great perfection that nobody knows half so much of it as he, and he directs the water wizard, Lewis the Sage, who has such command over it that he can come sailing down the rapids without even a boat. Darcy was passing with a glass of the same water, and I said, Mr. Darcy, who sat down then? for I was so busy looking I forgot to take down the speech. He told me it was the great Barney, who could speak on any side or both sides at once, and defied any man to bring him a case that was not the most outrageous infringement on the liberties of the subject of any case ever he had the honour to bring before a Court of Law. What a look of virtuous indignation he cast round him as he sat down with the air of a much injured patriot, hurling his righteous wrath against the oppressors of the people who would deprive the poor man of his park! By this time, a little man, in a dress suit, his eyes half wrinkled up, and a bald spot in his crown, as if he was in the habit of polishing it with his coat sleeve, came slipping across the floor. I learned he was known as the "prime mover," and that he was considered superior to Archimedes, because he could move anything without any fulcrum, and was supposed to keep a paper mill going for his own writing, the expense being so great that he was compelled to keep cutting down salaries to balance that item of Corporation expenditure. He is so fond of moving that it is not unlikely he will move out next election. The Right Honourable Jemmy O'Shane next came in, and, I noticed, insisted that, if a Frenchman wanted anything for the East, unless he got twice as much for the West, it was rank injustice. He asked for four parks for Griffintown, and was a true patriot, "more beef to his bones," as the steward of the steamer said about the last he sent down. "It's a lie, man," I thought I heard some one say, and was looking out for a ruction, but when I turned round there was a white-headed, white-bearded man coming in who had not heard a word of the discussions any more than myself, and asked what they were about; but before any one could tell him, he plunged into a long story about when he was on the Continent, and what he saw in Paris, how well they managed cabs there, what he knew about water, how he had settled the Fire Department, and the Militia, and the Drill Shed, till I got confused." Here our casual's notes got so illegible that nothing can be made of them. There are some names: one looks like *Romco*, as if he had been reading Shakspeare; another, *David*, and something about roads, and two or three attempts at French names, the spelling a miserable failure. The note-book was recovered, but the *Times* reporter has not turned up since.

SINGING & CLIPPING



"SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SAUCE FOR THE GANDER."

Dr. Farrier is a philanthropist. His man sings his horses without his orders. The Doctor says that what is good for a horse this weather must be good for the groom, who will probably be less liable to take cold without his hair!

VALUABLE DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

TO MAKE A CHEAP JAM.—Put your finger on the window-sill, and let the window suddenly drop down on it.

AN EASY WAY OF MAKING A PICKLE.—Tell your neighbour's servant that you consider her mistress a great deal better looking than your wife. A pretty pickle will be the result.

TO MAKE SAUCE.—Invite your mother-in-law for a long visit, and hint to her that you are afraid you have thrown yourself away. You will immediately have sauce in any quantity.

TO GET A GOOD STAKE.—Go to any of your neighbour's fences and select a goodly-sized rail; take it home, sharpen the end carefully, and then drive it into the ground near your front door. You will thus, without going to the butcher's, have a good stake.

TO SECURE A GOOD BROIL.—Get two Irish washer-women, and set them to work. After they have been at work some time, tell one that the other said she was no better than she ought to be. The result will be satisfactory.

N.B.—We are anxious to see an aspirant to the representation of St. Mary's Ward, vacant by the retirement of a worthy Alderman.

FASHIONABLE INTELLIGENCE.

Considerable interest has been created in Griffin Town by the announcement that a matrimonial alliance will shortly take place between Mr. Ebenezer Sparkins, jun., and Miss Eliza Ann Buggins, second daughter of the late Anthony Buggins, Esq. After the interesting ceremony, it is said the happy couple will proceed to the house of Mr. Sparkins, sen., who retires from his celebrated grocery store in favour of his newly married son.

Mr. James Burley (*alias* Blue Jem) has recently returned from a somewhat lengthened visit to the Governor of the Penitentiary. His arrival was celebrated by a select party of friends, the festivities being kept up until a late hour.

A CARD.—Mrs. Smith denies that she has sold, or ever intended to sell, her mangle. The rumour must have been put forward by interested parties.

LECTURE.—It is reported that the Hon. George Brown, of Toronto, is about to deliver a lecture to young men on the use of the Globe.

Why can no man call any year his own? Because a great part of it is Lent.

When a tailor takes the measure of a customer, can he be said to know his man?

Speech from the Thrown—"Drat the ice!"

Rolling-stock—A Brewer's barrels.



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OUR UNIMPRESSIBLE SPECIAL AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

A visit to the Capital has very much modified my opinions upon the fitness of things; and if it has not entirely converted me to a belief in the somewhat attenuated maxims of use and wont, I begin to feel myself reluctantly veering round to the sublime doctrines of expediency. It was expedient that Joseph should be bought *over* when he became dangerous to the existing state of things. It was expedient that big George should be thrown *over* when he began to grow refractory; and it was an excellent move—a rare expedient—to send McDougall to the Nor' West, when his extraordinary greed had become inconvenient. This was expediency in high places, but I find the Government perfectly consistent in detail, for the minor offices are to a very great extent filled by men who were formerly employed on our periodical literature, with a poet or two thrown in. I begin to wish that I could write a book, and give a presentation copy, with a glowing dedication, to one of the ministers or his partner,—it would be the making of me for life; but as I dabble a little in waste paper literature, I am not without hope. This is a very economic arrangement, employing the members of the press on the Civil Service, as I presume they must earn their bread and butter before they obtain it, and it prevents a man from foolishly playing with the prospects of his family by opposing the plans of his future employers. I like the plan much, and I am sure it will commend itself to all prudent men. I have the satisfaction to know that it meets with the approbation of the men who are benefitted by it, as it prevents boobies from being sent in from the country by unfortunate members, and affords an opportunity for a casual visitor to meet with gentlemanly and intelligent treatment; for I am bound to admit that from the heads of Departments down to the lowest official, there is nothing uncivil in the Civil Service. Toadyism seems in abeyance in the Departments. They seem not to have arrived at the advanced stage of civilization out of which toadyism is born. I will not suggest a meaner birth, but we know what puppyism springs from. Perhaps the superannuated of the press may exercise a salutary influence on the official genius of Canada. I thought of going to toady the Governor General, but upon looking at the Directory for his titles, I found he had nearly the whole alphabet tacked to the end of his name, and as I feared I could not master the various titles, I concluded he would receive me unkindly, though he is still a *dear, dear* man.

A CURIOUS CONTRACT.

An indignant daily, in denouncing the Government contract for the maintenance of Beauport, states that—
“Under the contract the Government are bound to keep up a minimum of 550—i. e. lunatics,—and the maximum was fixed at 650.”

Perhaps the stagnation of the Legislative puddle at Quebec is owing to the conscientiousness of Ministers respecting the Contract, for there can be no surer method of driving sane men mad than the present delays in the transaction of public business. The maximum of Government lunatics will, no doubt, be maintained.

COMMERCIAL.

GRINCHUCKLE OFFICE, 30th Dec., 1869.

During the past week we have been favoured with a variety of weather. A large quantity of snow has been forced on the different markets, and there is every probability that there will be greater falls in this article before the present large stock can be got rid of.

ICE is firm, with a downward tendency on the river. Large quantities from Upper Canada may be expected to arrive soon.

IN SWEATMEATS the market has been unusually dull, the old lady managing the extensive establishment at the corner of St. Francois Xavier and St. James streets reporting the sale of only two sugar sticks and a small parcel of bull's eyes to a small boy. A reaction is however anticipated about the holiday time when money will be more plentiful in the hands of urchins. Gingerbread was not enquired for. Sales of imitation rabbit and dog-house are reported by an extensive dealer.

In pea-nuts more activity has been displayed, several large investments having been made by a family lately from Berbice, in the neighborhood of the Court House. In consequence, the article has shown an upward tendency and holders of stocks congratulate themselves upon the prospect of a better business.

CATTLE AND POULTRY.—There is but little life in the different meat and poultry markets of the city, the stocks of dealers being completely dead. Strange to say, the more dead in stock the butchers have, so much more full of life is their business. *Sleighting* at present being very fair, butchers are busy and have no difficulty in killing time. Confectioners will be delighted to learn that bull's eyes are plentiful and sweet breads in good supply in all the meal markets. Butchers will be happy to *meet* customers at any time for the transaction of business. Matters will not be minced between them. In poultry, bills are freely presented to customers. Game cocks may be had with large *combs* and equal to any number of *brushes* on the *spur* of the moment, or otherwise.

HENS are plentiful and poets will find in them subjects for many *lays*. Those who are anxious to feather their nests will also find these bipeds a good means of doing so.

CHICKENS are high on the roost. Transactions in this division of the market are notorious for their association with a good deal of *chuckanery*.

GEERSE.—A large number will shortly be plucked at ensuing Military School examination.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HIGH WINES.—Low.

IRON ORE.—Inclined to fall in the hands of careless holders.

PEASE.—Purchasers of this article have lately had to *shell* out.

WHEAT.—Spring is likely to take a jump, whether upwards or downwards it is hard to say.

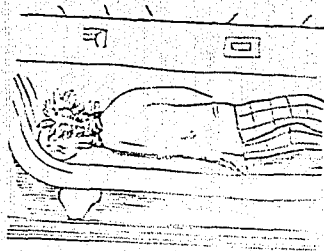
FISH.—Transactions may be characterised as being all of a *scaly* nature.

PUGILISTS.—Their attitude is decidedly striking.

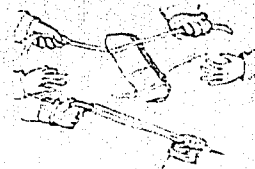
NEWSPAPERS.—Heavy.

MR. FITZ-STUMPY'S VACATION TOUR.

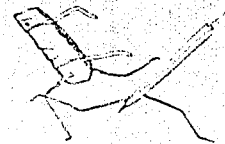
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He prefers the Cabin during the rest of the passage.



On getting ashore his knapsack and umbrella are seized by many hands.



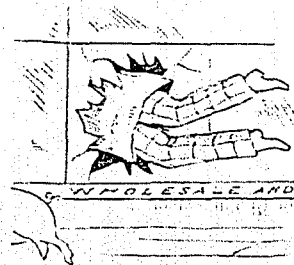
And depart by opposite routes.



Being unable to perform the somewhat difficult feat of following two different directions at one and the same time, he effects a compromise by running after the knapsack and keeping an eye on the umbrella.



This arrangement, however, he finds productive of inconvenience, and he is compelled to follow another mode of progression.



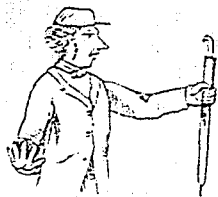
Viz. After the manner of harlequins in public life.



As always should be the case, he finds something soft to fall on, the other side.



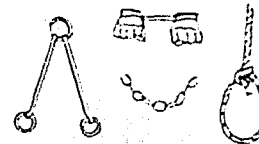
Any preconceived ideas of Nova Scotian liberality are rapidly dissipated under the influence of a sovereign remedy.



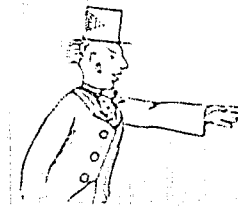
To his great joy he discovers the umbrella leaning against the counter of a confectioner's shop, where he stops for refreshment.



After proceeding some distance, his horror is proportionate on finding that he has taken some one else's, with the name of the owner engraved on the handle.



Certain visions disturb his peace of mind.



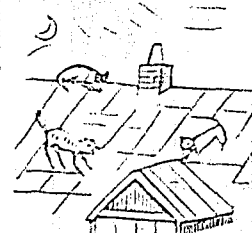
His equanimity is not restored by hearing shouts of "shtop thief" behind him, emanating from Mr. Ike Noses, the owner.



After having, with some difficulty, convinced Mr. Noses of his unfeeling intentions, he seeks "his ease at his inn," and makes up his mind to have a good night's rest.



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