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## Gatfoom Comments.

Leading Cartoon.-The lateat sensation is the request of Jamaica to be admitted as a Province into our Confederation. The matter has been discussed between Sir Charles Tupper and a representative of the Island; and Parliament is to be asked to discuss the proposition at its noxt sitting. In our view, the idea borders on the preposterous, but we are willing to be convinced that it is just the contrary. Only one thing is certain : if Sir John sees anything in it, and takes a notion to adopt the little nig., ho can rely on being backed up by the old lady, who, like Dickens' immortal character, "Never will desert Macawber !"

First Page.-Hon. John Carling wrote to President Stephen of the C. P. R., to know why the 0 . \& $Q$. branch line was not extended through London, as promised. Mr. Stephen replicd that the job would have been done before this but for the opposition of the Globe, and added that "if the people of London wanted the line built, they should use their influence to prevent the Globe from pursuiag its obstructive policy." No doubt the people of London are a little puzzled to know just how they can control a paper published in 'Toronto. We come to the rescue with a suggestion. *The editor of the Globe sometimes visits his old home in London. There are plenty of stout ropes lying around Carling's brewery. It isn't very expensive to erect a gibbet. Verb. sap.

Eightif Page.-Mr. Edgar is now M. P. for West Ontario, and, notwithstanding all that has been said against his candidature, the people of that riding have undoubtedly got a representative who, for ability, is entitled to a front seat in the House, and for the qualities that go to make upa gentleman and a jolly good fellow in the best sense, - certainly has no superior in the present Parliament. Ha had a walk-over in the "riding;" the hoss didn't kick a bit, after all the talk.

In this week's issue of The Current (Allgust 23), the portion of Edgar Fawcett's "Mildred Allaire" given presents a successful re. groupivg of all the characters under the most dramatic circumstances, "within the enemy's lines" the rules of war and the mandate of love clashing in the sharpest fashion ; Hon. Alfred E. Lee, of Ohio, concludes his delightful aketches of that "Winsome German City," Frank-fort-on-Main. Mrs. Lucy H. Hooper tells of the Princess Mathilde of France, whose career forms a somewhat curious chapter in the his-
tory of the Bonapartes; R. A. Meers begins a discussion of "Beauty," first considering what it is, and giving some admirable illustrations of the difference in individual concepts; $\Lambda u$ gusta Tovell writes of "Gcneral Gordon's Remarkable Creed"; the delicate and graceful sketches by Hannah Hearne, "Roundabout One Village,"are continued; the concluding chapter of "Tho Wonderful City" is presented ; George Edgar Montgomery cleverly discusses "Some linglish Dramatists"; Mr. (̀). C. Matthews, one of the cditors of The Current, contributes an article on "Money in Campaigns," holding that, as money must be used for legitimate campaign purposes, it should be legitimately raised ; C. W. Waite furnishes "A Pertinent Illustration"; and the splended Mexican romance, "Dolores," is continued.
The poems of the number comprise "The Lilac Bloom" by Robert Burns Wilson, which furnishes additional evidence of this poetartist's rare genius: "In Notre Dame," by Charles G. D. Roberts, until recently editor of the Toronto Wcek; "Comanche," a reminis cence of the Custer massacre, by Henry $L$. Burnell; "Thistledown" by Immma Carleton, of Indiana; "Good-bye, Sweetheart," by Lee C. Harby, the Jewish poetess of Texas; and "The Pilgrim and the Flower," by Earnest W. Shurtleff.

## SCOTTY AIRLIE.

Toronto, Aug. 20.
Dear Wollie,-Ye'll nae doot be mair than surprised to see that I havena got the length o' Tartle Mountain yet. To tell ye the truth I dinna think I'll ever steer a fit oot o' Toronto. Mon, it's a fine city, just a vittle Edinburgh in its way, an' the folks are terrible for onterpreeze. I'm thinkin' o' tryin' a sma' enterpreeze on ma ain accoont, a bit shoppie, or something kind o' respectable. Ye ken what Dr. Guthrie says, "the highest humanity is developed in cities," an' then ye see I raily dinaa think farmid wad agree wi'

ma constitution this awfu' het wather. Man, it's fearfu' het, it's just reekin', roastin', birsten' het, eneuch to sing the hair aff a cuddy. I declare to ye I sometimes think the folk maun see the vapour risin' frae ma shouthers us I gang ateamin' alang the street, whan the thermometer's ninety in the shed, an' me wi'a face like a nor-wast mune. I novor cud understand hoo it whes that the men folk here clippit their heads sae close tae the skin, but I see noo, it wadna be very agreeable tas hae the smell o' siggin' hair aboot ye, an' it's mair agreeable tae hae it clippit aff than singing aff wi' the sun.
I tell't ane o' the boorders, an extraornar' ceivil spoken fallow, that I was gaun into bizness for ma-sell. He was ceevil, ye seo, but I had a queer misglen aboot the fallow. He was aye sae ready wi' bis advice, an' said if I wad gie him the siller he wad gang to Montreal an' buy me lots o' bargains. "Na, na," says I, "I'll trust naebody wi' ma siller, I keep it in my pouch a' day, an' sleep wi'talow
ma pillow at nicht." "Nonsense," says he, "you don't mean to say that you keep your pocketbook under your pillow o' nights?" "Aye-but I dae though-it's the very safest place ony man can keep it in," says I-Weel, he was just extraorinar' kind, an' wanted to treat me, but I tell't him I wadna pree whiskey, so after I got into bed that vicht he nae less than brocht me up a gless o' lemonade. I sat up and drank it an' afore he had weel left the room I was as soond as a tap. When I got up neist mornin' I hae a terrible beadache, but what was my surprise tae hear that ma fellow boorder, had left wi' the midnight train. 'Twa an' twa mak four ye ken, sac I said naething. but awa' up stairs an' lucks under ma pillow. Aye-sure enough, just as I thocht-it's no for naething the gleg whistles.


Tho pocket book was na' there-it cost mo a quarter, but I didua grudge it, it wad bo weol worth a quarter to hear him cursin' when he got to the ithor side an' fund he had been oot. witted by a greenhorn. The pocket book was cram foo o' bogus notes, checks an' drafts things we used in the old business collegewhere I tuk a commercial coorse afore I left. I aye keep twa pocket books, ane for mesell an' the ither ane for folk wi' tarry fingers.
But there's anither boorder here, an' honest fallow, but he's been led awa a gude deal, an' been livin' rather fast for some time. Hooever, I think that's at an end noo, the puir cheil's in great trouble. He's gotten a letter o' the death o' his only brither, an' his mither's no expected tae live-an' if ever there was a puir repentant prodigal it's him. "An' tae think I'll nover set een on them again, an' the way I've vexed them it's mair than I can bear," that's the way the puir fellow sits an' laments $a^{\prime}$ day an' a' nicht. Weel noo I thocht if I cud get him tae gang tae the kirk whaur he cud hear a kindly comfortin', gospel sermon it wad dae him a great deal o' gude, in the state o' mind he was in. Sae I prevailed on him tae come wi' me on Sunday nicht, an' We happened to daunder into Dr. Wild's kirk. I never was sae sorry aboot onything in a' ma born days. Instead o' a lovin' kindly advice to heartbroken sinners to just come into the sheepfauld, ${ }^{n}$ ' cuddle doon wi' the Gude Shephard, an' be at rest-we were treated till a string o' havers aboot Gladstonc boin' the cause $0^{\prime}$ the Ashantee war, an' aboot the absurdity o' Canadian Independence an'hoo the apeaker wad rather be a Briton than an Amer-ican-an' a' sic cheap clap.trap rigmarole-an' the congregation a' lauchin' an' gigglin'-like. The hale thing was comic perfurmance. "Hugh," says my puir friend, " let's go home-whet's a' this to me, it's inward comfort I want."-Sae we just slippit awa oot, an' cam home i' the dark an' the rain-an' I dinna think I wad like to ask him tae gae to the kirk wi' me in a hurry again,-but gudesake l'm gettin' ower solemn a' thegither.

Yer brither,
Hogh Airlis:

## "BYSTANDER" ON VINEGAR.

(From a future number of the $W-k$. )
There is no more vulgar delusion than that vinegar is an acrid, corrosive, excoriating fluid. Of course the Canadian newspapers so consider it. It is not surprising that journalistic dealers in tarradiddles should be ignorant of the rudiments of scientific learning. It is fitting that such scribes should sing the apotheosis of milk. Vinegar has other uses than the familiar onos which are connected with gas-tronomy-it is not less indispensable to political discussion than to sliced tomatoes.

There is room for a curious and learned work on the place of vinegar in Literature. The world has never been told, and few citizens of the world beside myself are aware, of what it has accomplished in the way of sweetening aud beautifying Letters. Tho writer of this work, when he comes, may find some illustrations of his theme in the very highest walk of Literature. He may, for examplo, analyze the quality of the writing which not so very long ago aroused the wrath of the Semitic and tribal Beaconsfield. This has been mistaken by clumsy analysts for Vitriol, but is now conceded to be a pure specimen of literary Vinegar. In other instances, such as that which on a recent occasion linvoked from a

cortain insignificant quarter an ironical caricature, equally erroneous conclusions have followed incompetent analyres. In this case (epitomised in the caricature alluded to by picturing a great Writer teaching Gladstone the art of Government) the evident conclusion of Ignorance was that the Writer in question had exhibited Gall. It was not gall; it was vinegar.

Notwithatanding the vulgar delusion referred to in our opening words, vinegar is in reality a sweet, gratoful and comforting liquid -and a writer's ability is, in our opinion, to be measured according to his aptitude in its use. The component parts of this little-un. derstood fluid are, scorn, conceit, and intoler-ance-three substances which are, either separately or in combination, well known to be of a mollifying nature. Each of them, moreover, is capable of subdivision. The elementa of scorn are pessimism, skepticism and Ishmaclism ; conceit consists of a mixture of ingredients known even to the vulgareat; intolerance is composed mainly of impationce and contempt.

There is of course a possibility of a writerand the greater the writer the greater the pos-sibility-making too free a use of vincgar. Not that, speaking absolutely, too much of it can be used; but oven the greatest Writer deponds to some extent on the disposition of his readers, and it is possible to displease some by an over use of vinegar. There aro, for instance, people-pitiful cranke, no doubt-who do not care to read discussions of the Irish question in which the character of the Irish people, their leaders, and their cause are treated in a manner calculated to set the
teeth of the reader on edge. There are some who would prefer to have questions pertaining to the Chriatian religiou written upon with little or no vinegar at all. Even a aneer at the Old Testament done in the most norvous and beautiful English is enough to offend these people. Topics such as Co-education, the Prospects of Canadian Litorature, Charlton's Anti-Seduction Bill, etc., cannot be handled by any really great writer without a liberal use of vinegar, and yet, whenever any truly Giftsd Pen undertakes to treat them there is a general outcry against what they call his "bilious superciliousness" and suggestions are thrown out that what he needs is a liver-pad.

## A LAKE SHORE IDYL.

Oh, happy, happy, day ! when she and I
Snt liand in hand upon the steep clay clif
That overlooks the bluc Ontario's shore,
Watching the gracolul sea-gulls as they' whirled Watching the gracoful sea-gulls ns they whi
In thoir cccentric fight above the surge. In thoir cccentric fight above the burge.
The Lillow' swash upon the pobbly sands The billows awash upon the pobbly sands
Scemed mournful mueic in our list'nilis ears : Shey sang in doleful cadence, just as if they know That sho and I must part, and part ere long. That sho and 1 must part, and part or To fight alone the cruci, crual world.
"Oh, Angelina dear," I snid, "my own,
Oh can it bo that wo have thus to part !
And as I moved still closer to hor side
The trencherous sod gave way and down we slid Through boulders, twigs nod bughcs, down and down, And landed in the boiling, bubbling surt. Sho was not dead, but oh! so very wet; Hor Mother Hubbard skirt was rent in twain ; Her hat, the treasure of her youthful soul. Was borne away upon the mighty dcep. Her bright eyea flashed in flcrcost race. she said, "I told you we ware too close to the bank
"You thick head dude! you stupid, stupid fool ! " Git out !" and with a withering glance she walked away:
And galu, looked upon my torn-up pants
1 sald, By Jovo! 1 guess the girl is right.


AN APPEAL TO THE ARCHBISHOP.
PAT.-I hope yor grace will grant me absolution for associatin' wid a mason, but sure, yer Riverince, the trimes are hard, an' I'm not able to pick me company !

## MYSTERIOUS.

"Wanted, cook without washing, $\$ 10$ per month. Apply - Yonge-atroet."
This 'ad.' appears in a city evening paper. Many people advertise for a plain cook, but there may be good reasong for this, an a goodlooking one would probably have a large retinue of followers, but an unwashed cook is sltogether too much of a "stand off." Howevor chacon a son gout.

WHY HE COULD NOT LEAVE HER.
They stood together 'neath tho silent stars, hand in hand. The tumultuous Don surged madly onward at their feet, as the pale moon rose slowly oer the hoary turrets of Castlo Green, whose frowning battlements looked upon them from the heights on the opposite shore.

He sighed a sighful sigh as he clasped the fair girl his companion more closely to his side.
"Edwin," said the now almost drooping girl. "Edwin, is it possible that you are going away-going to leave me? I dreaded this many a day, and last eveving Mrs. Glibgab who lives opposite pa's house told me that you were going away to claim a nearer and a dearer for your bride. Would we had never met! Ah! Edwin toll me, tell me it is not true!" and the fair girl turned up her heavenly orbs to his, which from long and passionate weeping looked like a circular section of a Hanlan flag, red and blue.
"Angelica dear, I assure you it is not true!"
"Oh! Edwin ; but Mrs. Glibgab's droadful words !"
"Hang Mother Glibgab and all the rest of the old cats on the street."
"Oh Edwin! dearest Edwin! I doubt not your word, and yet, I feel so uncasy-oh so uneasy, tell me something that will set my mind at rest-that will tell me that you are not going away."
"I will Angelica, loved one! look into my eges and while I gaze into yours belicve mo the words I utter on the honor of a gentleman are truc-alas! too true-shall I go on ?"
"Yes, ycs; tall me, tell me. Be the secret never so frightful and horrid, I will rejoice that you are not about to depart for foreign climes."
"Listen, Angelica," he said, as he drew her lovely head down till her luxurious bange rested on his left shoulder, "You fear that I am away for foreign parts on matrimonial errand, calm yourself. It is not so; I will now the secret unfold, and I'm sure it will convince you. Closer darling, let me whisper in your ear, I haven't got a solitary nickel, and I can't get a pass on any of the roads, Angelica!"

She had fainted.

## IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

by an ontario n.p.
If we had an Imperial Confedoracee,
It would be a bully old scheme for me
I mitht be made a lord of high degree
If I was an M. of the Imperial C .
I night ho made nn Earl or perhaps a Dook, And then how haughty and grand I would look In my ducul coronet and strnwherry leaves, And a loug-tailed gown with its big wide sleeves. I could also wear a sword like a sergeant-at-arms, And never betroubled much with war's alarms. At the Queen's command I'd be clad to appear At Windsor Castle any night in the year I could then hol nob with the Prince of Wales, At the little private parties and hear the funny tales, While I'd arruse the party with some yarns of mine, About our funny doings on the old town line. With my old woman and my bir cal Suc; For Sue, sho always was inclined to romp, And steps as tho' walking through a cedar swamp; And that would hardly do at a Royal Levee. So I guess I'll have to kecpmy ladies out of the way, Yot I think it would be a big srhenc for meThis Grand Imperial Confedoracee.

A contemporary remarks that "the heart of a Greenland whale is a yard in diameter." Oh ! that's nothing. We know some folks Whose hearte have no end of diameter, lunt the trouble with such is that the bigger the heart the smaller the purse. It secms to be the way of balancing gifts in this world that the heart of a whale should have, so to syeak, the financial resources of a sprat, and vice versa.


PGRTRAIT OF THE DEVIL AT THE FOOT OF YONGE STREET.
For want of a trunk sewer, the filth and garbage of the city is being drained into the bay at scveral points. The slip at the foot of Yonge Street is a cesspool which our artist has faintly presented in the above sketch. Othor points along the water-front arc equally disgusting and dangerous. Surely we pay enough taxes to be spared this downright outrage. It would be bad enough if we were securing our drinking water from the northern lakes, but the atrongest stomach must turn when we reflect that all this disgusting stuff is being vomited into the bay and must contaminate the water that supplies our household taps. If a deputation of the city council waited upon King Cholera and cluboratoly invitad him to visit us they would be doing just what is now being done most effectively, Geir seizes the Mayor by the cont collar and bolds him over the stench metitphorically. If this wero done literally with the whole box and dice of the city fathers they might be made to exhibit a little zeal in abating this abominable nuisance.

CROMWELI AND THE BAUBJE.
(Extract from a paper now in the pocket of a member of the British Associttion.)
Ever since my earliest boyhood it has been my ambition to dive into the secret nooks and corners of so-called history, by scarching in all sorts of out-of-the-way places for MSS. or ancient books, bearing on the subject at the time occupying my attention. Every one knows that the Iron Duke at Waterloo never uttered the expression or gave the command "Up guards and at them." Neither did the commaniter of the old guard at the wiod up of the same celebrated battie shout, "The old guard dies but yever surrenders!" His remark was shorter and quite different altogether. I don't believe that J. Cresar ever said veni vidi vici, or that Nelson ever put his blind eye to the spy-glass at Copenhagen. In fact, I am a skeptic from Skeptictown. The othor day when over in England I came across a rare and precious collection of MSS. that I found in an old chest in my bed-room in an old-fashioned country tavern. Of course I had no business to go through the box, lut what cared I, in my love for the secrets of tho past. The manuscripts treated mostly of tho times of Charles I, and knocked the ordinary account of old Noll's descenton the parliament intochicken feed. Modernizing the spelling and style of expression, this is the true account as told by Sir Rumpns Gully, M.P. Herts. When old Crom. walked in to the Chambor he looked as
cross as an old badger, and opencd his valve thusly :-
"Take awny that bauble!"
Nobody moved, and Cromwell turning to Lord Bateman again said:
"Take away that bauble!"
Lord Bateman without rising, replicd rather sulkily, 'I ain't taking away baubles very much to day."

Then Cromwell turncd arcund, and looking Jord Monteagle straight in the eye, said directly to him,
"Take away that bauble!"
Lord Montcagle, sternly returning the com. ing Protector's stare, said, as he pulled out his cambric handkerchief odoriferous of bergamot "I don't have to."
"Where is the man Charles, Stuart?" then asked the trunculent Noll.
"Oh," said Sir Percy Nurscy-" him-oh! -he's off on the boo-" and he whispered something in Crothwell's car. "I sometimes think ho is losing his head."
"You're right-he is," said Oliver with a sardonic grin.

At this moment His Fighness tho King's footsteps were heard coming down the back stairs-and tho royal voice hiccoughed out "Wha-wha-wha's the mazzer with them fellers in the chamber, w-was all the racket about?"
The Deputy Assistant quarter-master groom of the back stairs, turning to Archbishop Laud, exclaimed, ' His Royal Nibbs is coming down,
and if he enters the chamber Old Crom. will likely shift his starboard ear for him."
"Well said, my son," answered the great prelate, and going to the door bogged of His Highness not to enter.
Just at that moment Cromwoll again issued the command,
"Trake away that bauble!"
"What did he say?" asked the King:
"Take away that bauble."
"Go and tell the old bottle-nosed brewer of a sanctified son of an ill-conditioned Roundhead, to take it away himsolf. Who was his niggar last year?" and so srying Charles I. skipped up stairs and took a rest in the Star Chamber.

Then Cromwell, addressing the affrighter members, exclaimed, "Fellow citizens, this is mighty hard lines, butas a good and loyal subject I will oboy the King's command, I will take away that bauble myself. Good eve, I'll see you later." and poor old Cromwell shouldered the mace and humbly left the House.
This is the true story about old Noll and the bauble.


The Mystic Comedy Company are present. ing a variety programme of good quality at the People's Thoatre this week, afternoon and evening.
Kiralfy Bros.' great spectacle "Excelsior," is to open the season at the Graud. This piece will be given in all its magnificent detail just as performed in New York during a long run. No description in words can convey any idea of the brilliancy of "Excelsion," which is a continuous transformation-scene from beginning to end, and though participated in by nearly three hundred performers, not a word of dialogue is spoken. The company is imported bodily from one of the popular Paris theatres, and may be relied upon to do their work in a manner rarely equalled upon the American stage. "Excelsior" will not be performed in Canada out of Toronto, and nobody slould mise this opportunity of seeing it-the only one that will ever be offered.
Baruett's New York I deal Opera Company cominence a season of four wecks at the Horticlltural Pavilion on Friday evening, with " Billic Taylor." The company is exceptionally strong, and the scenery, costumes and accessories are all that could be wished. In the production of comic opera, however, it scems to be necessary, no matter how meritolious the company, to offer some additional feature in order to make the entertainment sufficiently attractive for Torontoniaus. Mr. Baractt cannot get Patti to support his splendid Comic Opera Company, and with very good judgment announces "The Burning of Chi. cago " to be produced outdoors after the stage performance. This must not convoy the idea that the company is not deserving of patronage, as it is among the bost on the road, haviug a repertoire of somo fourteen operas, but wo none of us need grumble at getting too much for our money; and a little fun outgide after an evening of laughter, will be vory acceptable. It is announced that the fire brigade is engaged for each evening, cmploying fire engine, hook and ladder, hose, and everything connected with such an event.
The St. Quinten Opera Company continue their performances at the Summer Pavilion. This week was opeued with "Olivette," and "Mascot" followed on Thursday evening. The Pavilion is now under the sole management of Mr. Norman, and is securing a good share of patronage.


## (Gutipis Clytys.

All paragraphs under this head are clipped trom our exchanges; and where credit is not given, it is omitted because the parentage of the item is not known.

## ABUSES OF CARICATURE.

Caricature is a powerful weapon in the hand of Truth. Mr. Delano wielded in England an influence unrivalled in his day in shaping public thought and dirceting Ministerial policy; but oven the strongest leader in his great journal was weak in comparison with the political cartoons in Punch. For a whole generation the masters of English caricature have been at work, and their power has steadily increased. Mr. Tenniel s pencil is in great force, of which sagacious statesmen have to take account in their forecasts of the movements of public opinion. A few months ago the grand figure of General Gordon standing behind an earthwork at Khartoum and looking across the desert for a glimpse of red-coats tonched the hearts of Englishme:n and swayed their judgment. That cartoon was more effective than the best-reasoned arguments of party journsls or the fiercest denunciations of the orators in Opposition. The secret of its power was its inherent truthfulacss. This is the element which has imparted to nearly all the cartoons in Pench their characteristic vigor, and has steadily enlarged their influence. They do not misrepresent political situations. They are neither unjust nor unfair. They are grounded upon the truth ; and for that reason they can be suljected to the unerring test of time. A few years ago a long series of these cartoons was reprinted, and in no instance was injustice apparent. It was a complete satirical history of the recent polities of that country, and withal honest and truthful.

Herein lies the explanation of the singular fact that caricature bas not exerted so powerful an influence in America as in Eingland. It has not been grounded upon the truth. It has been not only violently partisan in party polities, but it has becu often grossly unfair and cruolly unjust. Take for example, such a picture as the one reproduced in to-day's Tribune from the old files of Harper's Weekily. It representer Abraham Lincoln on the ceve of his inauguration in 1861 tippling with drunken loafers and cracking jokes for their amusement, while outsido was the hearse, bearing the Union and the Constitution to the grave. The revolting picture, scen after the lapse of twenty-three years, stirs in every honest heart a thrill of indigation. The life of Abraham Lincoln is now a sacred household story, Whoever reads it knows that he accepted the nomination for the Presidency, and, after his election, made the journey to Washington, opprossed with a terrible weight of responsibility. Every letter that he wrote, every speech that he made at that time, revealed this sense of respousibility, and also his hamble dependence upon higher than earthiy powers. All the world linows that he was noithor a clown nor a sot, and that in the great crisis which followed his inauguration it was his solemn duty to defend the Constitution and to save tho Union. That cartoon to-day is recognized as a glaring libel, a ruthless and abominable pictorial lie. And what it seems to day, it was when it first appeared-utterly false in spirit and in detail. It was then an outrage upon public morals, a cruel and cow. ardly stab at the patriotism of the North; and time has only deepened the impression which it first produced.

Now this has been the glaring weakness of the American school of caricature. It has not adhered scrupulously to the truth. It has too often waged warfare upon eatablished character. It has always been careless, sometimes even reckless in its facts. It has too ofton misrepresented political situations and been
cruelly unjust to public men. It has made a base and ignoble use of its opportunities for political satire. It has again and again served the ends of partisanship and personal malice. It has been converted into a mud-spattering vehicle of malignant defamation. At no period in our political history have the abuses of caricature been more conspicuous than in the pres ent campaign ; aud on the othor hand never have political cartoons poasessed so little influence in affecting men's judgments. The at tempt made to defest Mr. Blaine's nomination by the circulation of foul pictures was a signal failure; yet the cartoon-makers have not been discouraged and are still employed in the same despicable trade, of misrepresenting facts and assaulting established character The effort to defeat the Republican leader by means of highly-coloured and indecent pictorial lies has only tended to increase his popularity and to bring reproach mpon the degraded art of carioature. Satire is useful in politics only when it is grounded upon truth. When its edge is broken by contact with hard facts it becomes the dull tool of defamation and is useless as a weapon of offence-harming only the coarse hand that holds it. -N. Y. Tribune.

## JOVE'S LABOR LOST.

"Madam, may I kiss these beantiful children ?" inquired Uncle Dick Oglesby, as he leaned over the front gate.
"'Certainly, sir ; there is no possible objection."
"They are lovely darlings," eaid Uncle Dick, after ho had finished the eleventh. I havesel dom seen more beautiful babias, Arethey yours, marm?"
The lady blushed deeply.
"Of course they are, the sweet liitle treasures! From whom else, marm, could they have inherited those limpid eyes, those rosy cheeks, those profuse curls; those comely figures and those musical vorces!"
The lady continued blusbing.
"By the way, marm," said Uncle Dick, " may I bother you to tell your estimable husband that Richard.J. Oglesby, Republican candidate for Governor, called upon him this ovening !"
"Alas, good sir," quoted the lady, "I have no husband !"
" But these children, madam-you surely are not a widow !"
"I feared you were mistaken, sir, when you frst came up. These are not my children. This is an orphan asylum!"

## DISGUSTED HIM.

Mr. Hacklin wentinto an unhealthful neighborhood and started a newspaper. Several months afterwards he was seen in the vicinity of his former residence.
"Hello !" said a friend," back so soon ?"
"Yes ; I got restless."
" Didn't like the neighborhood !"
"Not after the people became too familiar. I had not been there long until it became evident that I would not like the place. I did not mind them shooting at me every time I went ont of the office, and I even tolerated their habit of blazing away st me whenever I'd stick my head out of the window, but when they fell into the habit of climbing on the house-top and shooting down the chimney, why I became disgusted at such familiarity.'

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## KEEP YER BACK AGIN THE WALL.

P'r'aps it isn't pooty sentimont I'm payin' out to you, But, what's a hang sight better, it is sentiment that's true;
It's right, if it ain'b fanciful, I offer it to all-
When yer in a little diffy keep yar back agin the wall.
Now an' then a chap gits shaky in his biz, an' seoms to think
hat the old crift's goin' to pleces, and the Cap. nnd crew must sink.
See, here, pardner ! though yer wroknin' thar's a chance yer maynt fali,
If the solid sand is in yor an' yer back's agin the wall.
Ye've had bother with a neighbor, an' a law suit's bin the fruit,
He's a sharper, full of lyin'; an' ho's won, with cosis to bout;
Don't yer fret an' fluster 'cause on ye a bad man's got me disy he'l e day he'll loo lefi, but you jest keep yer back agin the wall.
Nebbe home is made unpleasant 'cause a tongue will wag ind jar;
Some one's temper gets the uphok, an' thar ain't no and o' liag.
But remenhor, pard, not one of us's bin perfect since
the Full, the Fall,
Grin an' hear it with all patience an' yer back agin the wall.

Some-most all of us-is ailin'. Fact is, uirth's a hospital,
An' the angel Denth would want fur work 'cept fur Disease, his pal.
Jest think that sickness more or less takes hold of one and all,
An' that tho pationt benrs It best with back ogin the wall.
Hez trouble,-that's the wust of all allictions yc kin know,-
Coms on ye ?-may kind Providence keep offen ye bich wo
A son of promiso whirlia' to perdition in ain's thrall? He praycrful, fathful, hope, and keep yor back agin the waill
Suppose a chap forgets himself when keepin' up some day
An' strikes lor ham meanderin' 's if he'd sorter loss his way;
The eop a prowlin' 'long the pave won't mutiss him at oncy.

Iow its ensier for to falk than ace this way hittle lay-
I know it ain't so soft a snap to climb ez'tig to crawl, But-yer bever guin' to grovel witb yer back ngin the wall.
Oh, yes! I'm of my recknin', an' this lecturin' an't my forte
Ye hint I'd botter put about an' make some other port,Well, one salute : When diffs. riso up, hang whisk. or lovest in moral

## HUDDLECOME HUDDLECOME, ESQ., ON THE WEATHER.

Fwend Gwir,-I must confers I feel extwemely ill fwom the effects of the absolutely torwid weathah of laust weok. It was posi tively horwible. I actually fanciod mysclf in the barwacks in Bawbadoes wheah my bwother Bob is aw-quartwed. Swetewing all day and westless at night. I fency laust week would dissipate the pweconceived notions of some of owah fellahs at home, which have been fawmed by portwaits of people clad in furs and snow shoes, and enveloped in snow flakes, the snow flakes being composed I undehstand of aw, wook salt. Even in what the Globe newspapah used to call the hypehbor wial wegions of Quebec it is equally hot. Be Jove, a look at my ottah ovehcoat sets me in a pwofuse perspewation. I weally cawnt stand this much longah. I twied Muskoka, but the abominable fies and-aw-mosquitoes almost dovowahed me alive, and upon my wo'd I weally believe it was the-aw-hotrest place I evah witnessed. Wo heah a gweat deal in England about Canadian wintahs, but why the dence don't somebody give an idea of the summahs heah. Be Jove I think I'll write a book about it myself-aw-

Yours perspirwingly,
Huddlecome Huddlecome Late of Huddlecome Hull, Hants, Eng.

## THE WHY AND WHFREFORE.

## Bobcaygeon, Aug. 22nd, 1884.

## My Dear Mr. Grif, -

I was, to say the least, very much astonished at the defeat of the late champion in Australia by a man who found it difficult to beat Laycock and Trickett. I was almost led to think that there might lave been something "crooked" about the affair, but now a great weight has been taken off my mind and I don't wonder much at the result of the last race. I. gaw a portrait of Beach, the victor, a few days ago in the Daily News published in your city, showing a being having all the appearance of an onraged gorilla, and opotted like a piebald circus pony. If that cut at all resembles the original, I wonder not that at the aight of lim poor Hanlan's nerve failed, and he had to take water. Can it bo, however, that the sporting editor of that "live journal" has inadvertently used one of Forepaugh's Menagerie cuts by mistake, but no-who ever saw an ourang-outang in an outrigger? It has been frequently asserted that the Globe has a set of bass wood engravings, one of which is selected to represent Lansdowne-Jim Blaine, or a pulp tower conspirator, as occasion requires. But I can't belicve that such a live paper as the News would condescend to sush devices-No, I think it must be a gorilla that beat Hanlan.

Yours truly,
Tholepin H. Rowlock.


Which I wish to remark
Aud my language is plain,
These opium dens dark
Must no longor remain
a blot on the fume of Toronto-
Chief Draper-just inark what l'm savin'
United Ireland O'Brica has been presented with the Freedom of Cork-presumably in the form of a cork-screw. He has long made free with the bottle.
That " growing coolness" between England and Germany-well, it's a sort of comfort to think there's a coolness anywhere in the world just now. P.S.-Since writing the above I have put on my winter guernsey and changed my mind.

People are wondering what Sir John Macdonald wants Jamaica in the Canadian Confederation for. The explanation is very patent. Jamaica ginger is a constituent of ginger beer, and Sir John, who drinks nothing but ginger beer, wants to be sure about the supply.

I am disappointed. Notwitstanding that the steamer Como has been tied up at the foot of Scott Street, on account of the partial stoppage on the harbor works, not a solitary reference has appeared in any of the city papers to the vessel being in a state of comil. What Toronto journalists most do lack is culture.

A city paper complains of tho practice of Grand Trunk employees "running shunts" on the Eaplanade. Whena reporter of that journal goes to the Grand Trunk employees for itoms the employces will say, "We are not running shnots to-day, but we aro abunning runts. No news for you, young fellow !"
"A complaint has been made that the young men who play baseball in the Queen's Park too frequently use blasphemous and ahominable language. Stop it, boys." Yes! blasphemous and abominable language really ought not to be employed quite so frequently.

There are several ways of calling a man who won't agree with sou a blank fool; and when the editor of the crlobe declares that "every mau of common sense will be satisfied that Mr. Mowat, who is always as prudentas he is firm, took the proper course" (in the Boundary busincss), fhe shows neatly that he knows one of them.

A fashionable lady at Saratoga carries a parasol which is said to bo worth $\$ 1,000$. But I can boldly say that many a man out troutfishing, with a ten cent straw dummy laving three cabbage leaves tucked snugly under the crown, takes more solid comfort out of his parachute and feels less corroding anxiety about its safoty.

A correspondent from the north notes the fact that a now Liberal paper has been established at Montreal, and euquires anxiously what a "Liberal paper "is? If this benighted persod hadn't been living in Barrie all his days he might have known that a Liberal paper is one that "gives it" to the Tories without stint or measure.
Even if the Mail does not take much stock in the Boundary Award decision, it means to give the public the full benefit of the Boundary Award argument-from the Tory standpoint. And, after all, the Argument is exactly what constitutes the whole Boundary beauties-from the Tory stand point too. I warrant, however, that there are people grovelling enough to turn with interest from the perusal of the grand phalanx of argument to the common-place record of Award.
The latest immigration intelligence is that they are going to found colonies of Russian Jews in the Canadian Northwest. It will take a lot of people to fill up the illimitable wilderness; but what it heterogeneous crowd is pouring in, to be sure! What with Russian Jews, and the Syndicate, and Mennonites, and the Farmers' Union, and Temperence Colonists, and Nicholas Flood Davin-and-but I can't begin to envmerate the list of differont nationalities, and tongues, and interests, and distinguished journalists.
The papers are telling all about' a new zoologic curiosity in Baltimoro in the shape of an Australian fish called the goby. Just as if it was anythin's wonderful! Why there is not an angler you ever ran up against who has not had an experionce of go-by fish when he has been out for an afternoon and did not bave tho right kind of bait. And frequently on such occasions ho has had a second experience of go buy fish, on his way home from the river. But, talking of fish reminds me of the Irish fishorman friend of mine who declares that the biggest fish he ever caught was the one he missed on a certain day while trolling in Muskoka Lake.
For some years the necessity for a fores of Frontier Police on our western border has been agitated. Ruffianly outrages of many kinds are all the time occurring along the coast betwoen Windsor and Detroit, and the absenco of special police to look after the perpetrators has been one of the proverbial "long-felt wante." Well, the Provincial authorities have at last acted in the mattor, and a btrong, well-equipped, vigilant and altogether satisfactory force of Frontier Police has been appointed. The force consists of olie constable, named McKee, who used to net in Woodstock. People may chargo Mr. Mowat with tardiness, but there is no denying that when he makes up his mind to take hold of a thing be means to grapple with it resolutely.

Gen. Grant is to reccive $\$ 10,000$, or $\$ 500$ apiece, for articles on the war, for the Century Mragazine. This will evable the biographer to write of the Saviour of His Country as "soldier, statesman and anthor," -as well as "stock-loroker." Five hundred dollars an article is pretty fair pay for a beginning in literary labor; and it is guite probable that if tho General keep his eagle eye on the grammar and spelling, and do not produce a panic among the printers with erratic chirography, be may get advance by degrces until he will carn almost as much as an ordinary reporter. Of course, as a contribu. tor to current literaturo General Grant's "lest hold" is "The War." But I am of opinion that he could struggle through a few articles on "The Machine" also without tiring Americar people very much. In fast as between what he knows about the war and what he could tell about the machine, the choice of most of the reading public would scarcely be the late little onpleasantucss.

An English physician argues that houseflies convey contagion, and that if you use flypaper to destroy the insects you are in danger of attracting infected fies into your homes, who otherwise would stay outside long enough to wipe thoir fect and possibly take a bath before dropping in to see what the menu was. But he says, "if any preparation from which the slightest odour of Eucalyptol is diffused be cept in the apartment, the inmates will have a pleasant disinfectant and the Hies will be kept out." This alternative is very simple. No well-constructed family but has a regular supply of Euc-Euclid-Euchre-that is to say, Eucalyptol, on hand, and any member could flavor the household hair-oil with it or usc it occasionally in the dishwater, or keep the family cat scented up with it. 'fo be sure, if you havon't it in the house, there might be a little danger in carrying the name of the stuff around in your brain as far as the drigg store. But who would not run a little risk in order to escape amall-pox?
"Wanderers and Bohemiaus, strangers, tramps, aud temporary sojourners in Canada may not be able to see or appreciate the national sentiment of Canada, but the sentiment is there," said Col. Denisou at the U.E. Loyalists gala day. And the editor of the Nexs jumps up in his sanctum, trails his duster along the floor, declares that the gallant Colonel means him, and yells through his paper, "you're another!" and "go there yourself!" and "I'll bet you my ancestors away back never stole sheep !" and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention. It is pretty tough to be trimed a wanderer and a Bohemian, and a tramp-all of which, by the way, signify one and the same thing-and that right in the very presence of Senator Plumb and several Indians in war paint, either of whom in a body might have thereby been incited to riot and have galloped all the way to Toronto to tear the Newes office in pieces. But my perturbed friend should recollect that a U.E. Loyalist only has such a chance once a year or so, while his opportunities to destroy the U.E. Loyalists occur daily.

A now phase of the Pacific Railway question presents itself to me in the following from a Globe editorial :-" We have given this company enough of money to pay two or threo times over for the work it has dono. We shall have to pay three or four prices for the work that remains to be done, and it is becoming clearer every day that the work remaining to be done will be completely useless when done. We have boggared ourselves for years to come, in the effort to construct a wolk that was beyond our powers, and that was not and is not nceded. Nobody believes that we shall not have to pay the cost of running the road as woll as of building it. And now it seems


THE " RIDING" OF WEST ONTARIO.
James David (who has had a walk over)-kick-naw! there's no kick in the orittite!
we are not to put people upon their guard against further raids upon the Treasury on pain of being abused for attacking the interests of private inveators !" If the Globe has gone on spending its money in this reckless fashion it should have let the public know about it earlier, that's all. It is too late altogether to "put people on their guard." The railway has got the Globe's money, and the best thing the Globe can do is to quit making a row.

Some one is eternally jumping up to sug. gest United States mediation between belligerent powers. You would think that the American Republic's government had nothing to do but set the machine runving every morn. ing and then look about for some way in which to fill in time for the rest of the day. No doubt there is ground for the impression that the United States could make a good mediator, because she has the good sense to keep herself nicely out of the nations' mquables, and you will notice that it ls generally the man who don't fight that makes the best referee in the ring. But it soems to me that in, the first place, the Yankeen do not ace any money in the mediator business; and, in the second place, the danger is posaible that their mediation might not be thoroughly satisfactory, and the upshot of it be a general

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row in which the modiator would have to stand up against the two mediatings, and perhaps finully have to run for it. I guess Uncle Sam could mediate, but he doesn't hanker for it. And at any rate an idea will atrike most people that if he wants to go into mediation ho can find a first-class job right at home during this, the year of the Presidential election.

That the Globe is a digguised advocate of the communistic, socialistic, nihilistic and altogether fiddle-is-stick doctrines of Henry George, is an awful fact, for the discovery of which we are all indebted to the sober, sapient, sentient sand altogether syllogistic editor of the Mail. The discoveror is further assured of the fact that one of the chief objects of the Globe in its revolutionary propagandisn is that "the poor man" may be doubtfully benefited and also "may be able to buy Mr. George's books, and glorify Mr. George's name." Well, it may be said in answer to this accusation that if the globe acts as a book agent for the poor man, the Mail acts as a free advertising medium for the poor man; which is the worst conduct of the two journals may

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