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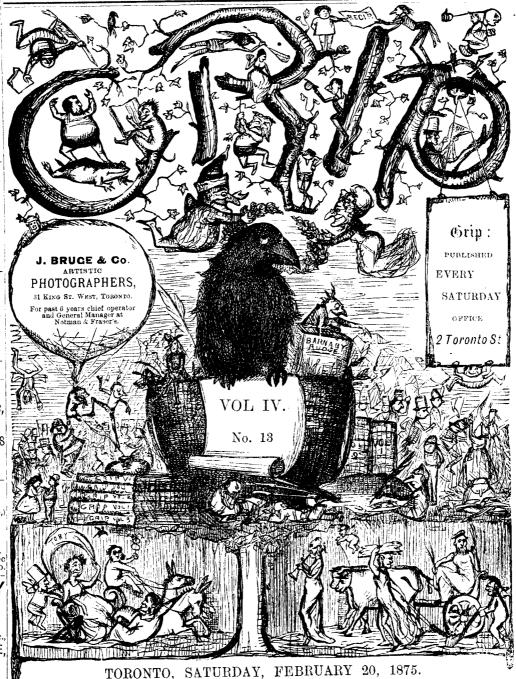
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To Correspondents and Contributors.

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A. C. D.—Many thanks.

MILDMAY.—Always glad to hear from you.

CHIP, St. John, N. B.—Write early and often.

D. E. T.—The subject of your last is hardly "live" enough.

FLIPPRINS.—Your production is hardly suitable for our columns.



A Pictorial Pun.

"Faust" will be produced with every attention to de-tail.—Royal Opera House Play bill.

Grip's Advice to the Players and others.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Most of you have read something of SHARSPEARE. Mark well his advice to the players in Hamlet. Speak your speeches trippingly on the tongue, and remember that your noses are not intended as organs of speech. Do not saw the air too much with your hands, neither treat those members as excrescences with which you don't know what to do. I have observed ladies whose arms are gracefully formed, carry them in absurd positions, like unto the cartoons in Harper's Bazar, to display their beauty, regardless of the general effect of utter absurdity so given. If you must display your—lower limbs, ladies, wear tights by all means, but pray do not have recourse to transparent long dresses. The can-can in a long dress at a French dancing garden, looks far more improper than the same danced in ordinary ballet costume on the stage. Grap would remark that from his private boxes in this polite city, he has lately heard some extremely coarse and vulgar things,—not merely those of the author but those invented by the actors. Should he again hear them he will administer benefitting chastisement to the offenders. It is very unfair to actors to give them so many new parts continually as has been done at both houses of late, and Grap forgives much in the way of forgotten parts. Yet a little more pains, dear friends, would make things better, even under such trying circumstances. Honest and painstaking incapacity is better than the attempt to carry off ignorance of a part by senseless buffoonery, vulgar gagging or silly affectation. For the voice of the prompter is like unto the abomination of desolation.

Playgoers, a word with you also. Geip would wish that you display not your ignorance in loud tones, pointing out to equally foolish friends Mr. Mordaunt as Mr. Kine, or Mr. Melton as Mr. Couldock. It is not well also to give imaginary sketches of the plots of plays you have neither seen nor read. If you have seen a piece before in London or New York, why draw invidious comparisons, where all are doing their best and working their hardest for your amusement? Ye who are musically inclined, if you must accompany the orchestra on the floor—wear moccassins, and forbear to bring walking-sticks or umbrellas. This, however, is a milder form than the vocal accompaniment, a whistled obligato, to which some of you are addicted, an offence calling for the instant destruction of the offender. To those

who chew to bacco, Grip would remark that if they cannot refrain from making nuisances of themselves for the short time of one play, they had not better go at all. Else let them be put out. O ye gods! be not so ready to appreciate and encourage vulgarity. Also make less noise, and once for all give up those fearful strains wherewith you are wont to mark your impatience when kept waiting.

. Scene from the Tragedy of Brownibus;

OR, DICTATORIAL INSANITY,

(As now performed with small success at the Globe Theatre.)

Scene 1.—Dymondibus: Enter to him Brownibus in disorder.

Brownibus.—Dymondibus, I charge thee on thy life—
Thy Globite life—(which quick shall find its end
If thou dar'st disobey)—that Liberal fiend
Which here hath stalked from London, mention not.
Write not it—speak it not! Its very name
Harrows my soul! All breakfastless I come,
For Lady Brownibus, a moment past,
My porridge handing, kindly called the same
A liberal allowance! It I dashed
Through my big window;—she all fainting lies.
How I came here I know not. Order Flood
That he boom this through all my corridors:—
Who frameth but his lips that dreadful sound
To mutter—banished from my presence be,
Never to see me more!

Dymondibus.—Most gracious sir, retract the dreadful word;
This is the greatest;—Reciprocity
No blunder were to this. That journal, sir,
(Without thy leave, hell shall not force the name
From my firm-holding throat)—it is, great sir,
Aid—solace—help. In our extremity,
Upon the Tory ranks such charge it made
That e'en the Sun (a prodigy unknown
To warring Joshua) not alone stood still,
But shrank to half its size. Sir, we do pipe—
Toronto will not dance; the more we call,
The more they will not come, as Floop did say,
Grieving, unto me; but the Liberal shall—
Great sir, forgive me!

Great sir, forgive me!

Brownieus.—(Seizing him by the ear.) Most abject knave,
Was it for this I brought thee, and half-way,
(As Goldwin did remark.) with saltest brine
Of broad Atlantic waves, thy principles
Did wash from out thee? Know, that nameless sheet
Comes here to tell the truth. The crack of doom
Were not more fatal. I have published now
Globes long enough—my editorials all
Have fallen into the weak, the vapid leaf,
And that which should accompany its age,
As office—bonuses—advertisements—
I may not look to have!

Releases Dymondibus; gradually changes from the awful to the mournful, speaks the last lines in most plaintive and most cracked pathos, and weeps inconsolably. Dymondibus in the rear is rubbing his ear, rolling his eyes hideously, and shaking his fist at Brownibus. Scene closes.

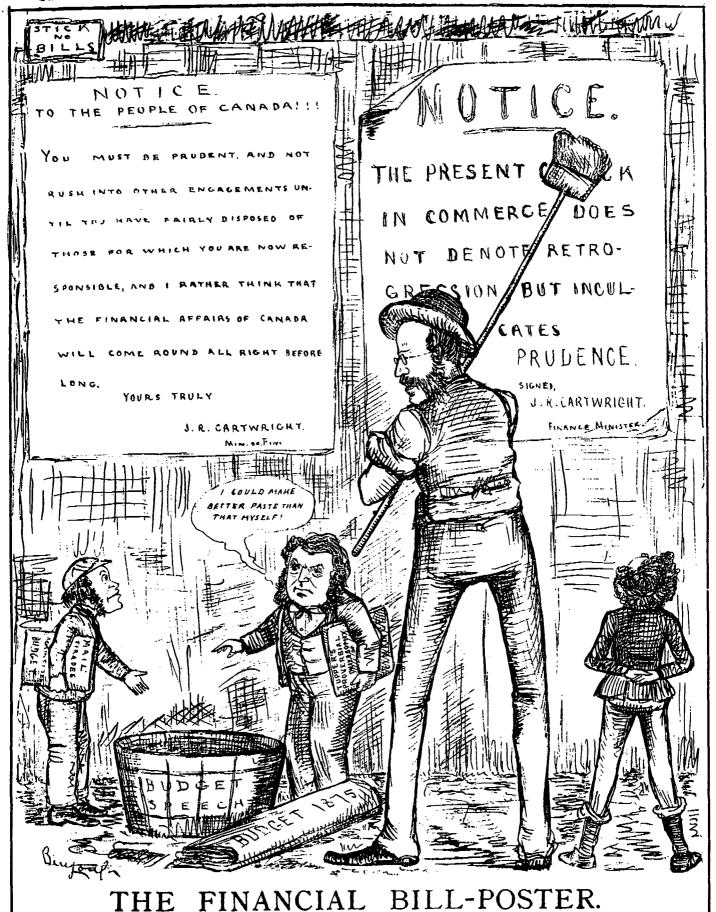
Their Servant's Bones.

"The Editor will be glad to receive further information—confidential—with regard to the successful negociation, on the part of a distinguished wholesale firm, whereby they effected a lucrative stroke of business, in the sale of the corpse of their maid-servant."—Beehive.

We hope in the interests of humanity that the informant will make no bones about disclosing the full particulars of this transaction. The editor of the *Beehive* will, we trust, dissect this matter thoroughly, and Grap's assistance to unearth this scandalous proceeding will not be wanting. Some time ago, it may be remembered, a sensation was caused by the alleged fact that an employer pocketed the immigration fee, which of right belonged to his servant, but this trafficking in human bones beats all we have yet heard of. Dead men tell no tales, but as we never knew a woman to keep a secret, the disclosures may possibly leak out. We trust the editor of the *Beehive* is not playing off a ghostly story upon society. Should he be so fortunate as to be able to reveal all the facts of the case the success of the *Beehive* will be assured, and that, so far, has been a matter of considerable doubt.

A Poser.

Georgie to Ma—"Are there any free seats in Heaven?"
Ma—"Yes, dear, they are all free."
Georgie—"Then why ain't they here?"
(Ma can't say.)



Croaks and Pecks.

A MAN in London had both legs cut off by a locomotive the other day, and a correspondent says—but of course we are not bound to believe him—that the Police Magistrate has ordered his arrest for vagrancy, because he has no visible means of support!

TALKING about poor relations, Johnson says his gardener is the most

seedy man he knows.

A Dissolving View.—The prospects of the Treaty.

Men of the "Times."—The staff of one of the Hamilton papers. THE Pope says St. Peter's barque is attacked by vipers. The Mail says the Globe is being stung by the vipers it fed. What generation of vipers; singular, all female vipers—of course there are no Mail

A LICENSED VICTUALLER favors us with this: Why is it that Mr. LUKE SHARPE is so much opposed to the use of spirits? Because so long as a person has the spirit in him, he does not need an undertaker.

If the late King of the Fiji Islands should be cremated would he be

"burnt in ef-Fiji?"
Is King Kalakava a descendant of the Black Prints?

Why is Victoria C. Woodfull like one of Buet Harte's stories? Because she is Tennie C's partner.—("Tennessoc's Partner.")

The best weapon for soldiers to use when "hemming in" the enemy.

The needle-gun, which is also the best for making breaches.

WHY is the stage of a theatre like a bird? Because it has "wings," and "flies."

ARE PULLMAN conductors more liable than others to pulmon-airy complaints?

All the Fun of the Fair.

Scene .- The Parliamentary Fair Ground .- Various booths scattered about .- Great Crowd.

snow No. 1 (Exterior.)

Enter on Platform-Von Bufferin, Manager, Mr. MacRoosten, and others.

Von. B.—Hi! hi! hi! Walk up! walk up! Be in time! The performance is just about to commence. Hi! hi! (Beats a gong, and rctires.

MR. MACROOSTER.

Walk up! walk up! Come and see the bost thing in the fair! Nothing like it for genuine fun and public instruction! All my own! Did it all myself! Found it in my own nut! Bring your wives and families! Bring your grandfathers and grandmothers! Bring your uncles and aunts! No money returned, except bad. No second price. Observe the lion, ladies and gentlemen—the lion—the only lion in directed. [Mr. E. Bare roars.]
Young Politician in Crowd.—Please, Mister, does he bite?
MacRooster.—Only those who don't pay. (People rush up the

steps.)
MR. DASH-ON.—Is this the place where we can see "Beppo Rehabili-

tated, or Virtue completely triumphant?

MACROOSTER.—This is the shop, sir; but ahem !-we've substituted "The returned prodigat—or five years outside the paternal portico."
MR. Dasn-on.—Then you won't see the colour of my money. (Exit to another establishment.)

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE.

Gree.—Pretty fair, don't you think? Richard de Dicke.—Uni! Wouldn't be much without Johnny and the lion.

Gur.-Yes, they save the piece. But it's a long way behind what these shows used to be.

Rica.-And a long way, indeed! Why, when I was a bid-(Execut, recounting early recollections.)

EXTERIOR OF BOOTH NO. 2

Senator B, and others promenading.

S. B.—"Now's your time, ladies and gentlemen! Now's your time. Walk up! All the latest novelties from Wellington St. and Washington! Fine dissolving view of the Reciprocity Goblin and other things never attempted before in any theatre—North polar police in primitive fig-leaf, on skeleton horses, bobbing around, with Pacific slope surveyors and Himmigration Agents on the high gambol. Statistics and newspaper postal reforms, in tall feather! Real live Saltoaux Indiane! And our own original giant manufactured expressly for this establishment!

VOICE FROM CROWD .- How much to the pit, Mister B., to see the

S. B.—A weel! Ye ken, we may, or we mayn't. You pays your money, and we takes our choice. Hi! hi! (Beats gong. Great struggle to get in.)

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE

RICHARD .- Don't like it.

RICHARD.—The goblin vanishes nicely—but there seems a want

GRIP.—Fun, perhaps, you mean.
RICHARD.—No, life—earnestness. The actor appears too prominently.
GRIP.—That may be accounted for, MacMissus is good in the General Utility line.

RICHARD .- And SCRIMPSON as the Model Bank-manager-ain't he jolly? (Exeunt.)

EXTERIOR OF BOOTH NO. 3.

O. Mote, the manager, shouting through a speaking-trumpet made of a bundle of Globe newspapers. Troupe of Directors, dressed as acro-

bats playing at leap-frog.

O. M.—The only Pantomime in the fair! The most gorgeous ever produced! Five Clowns! Undoubted monkeys! Certified savages! Costly pictures! Damask Couch! No end of fun, regardless of expense! And the Lolygopterus alive! alive! (Grand war-dance by Directors.)

SULRY Box.—(With scrap-book.) I've been in, and I seen the couch, but I ain't seen no Molygoptomous. I wants my money back,

I does.

O. M.—Now, then, what's the matter with you? Did you see the clowns?

S. B .- Yes, five on 'em-Duffers!

O. M.—Well, my boy, you shall have your money—leastway, money's worth. Go to the buffets and tell them to give you a glass Walk up! Walk up! Be in time. Positively last exhibition in these parts!

Young Man from the Country.—Is it as good as last year, mister?

That was a good 'un.

O. M.—Ax me no questions and I'll tell you no lies. We've lately laid a fire here, and it's singed us a bit. Walk up! Walk up! All the fun of the fair! Alive! Alive! (People rush up.)

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE.

GRIP.—Well, its pretty good !

GRIF.—Not much show, except the couch, and the pictures.

monkeys are funny.

RICHARD.—Snooks and McKillar are a mistake. GRIP, -And the manager seems only middling. RICHARD.—Let's go and have some oysters. (Exeunt.)

To a Magpie.

MR. POPE OF THE PAST TO THE ENIGHT OF THE FUTURE.

Magpie, who from out thy cage, War on passengers doth wage, And as each one doth thee pass, Call'st him coward, fool, or ass, Sometimes thou mayst call him true, But we don't think much of you, No, Magpie, no.

Magpie, magpie, you've been hung In our Senate, where your tongue, Silly screaming false and true, May exceeding mischief do. Reconstruction's needed there, Why?—to put you where you were. Yes, Magpic, yes.

An Official Reply.

The Mail calls upon some faithful member of Parliament to ask the Premier, "Who is Soare?" Grip anticipates the reply of the witty first minister: it will be-"Weel, frac a' indications, I should say the Editor o' The Mail is."

Dramatic Information Exrtaordinary.

The Globe critic informs the public that Pizarro "is a melodrama, founded upon Kotzchue's 'Stranger,' translated by Thompson and considerably improved by the master hand of Sheridan." That sapient critic forgot to inform the public—and we hasten to supply the information—that the tragedy of "Neck and Neck" is founded upon Shakespeare's comedy of "Hamlet," translated by Jimuel Briggs and considerably improved by the talented author of "The Adventure of a Tow Boy," now appearing in the New York Weekly. We humbly wait for more information from the Globe man.

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