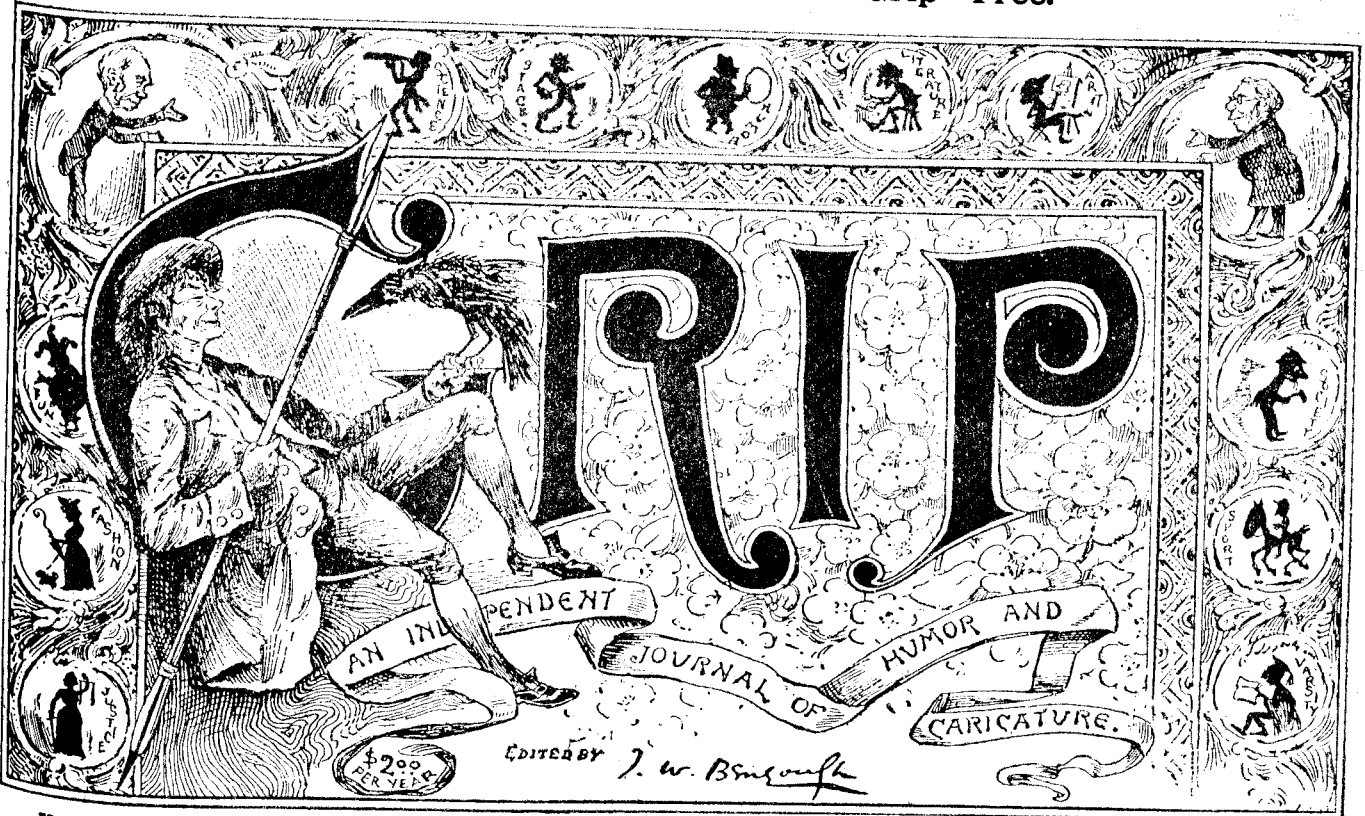


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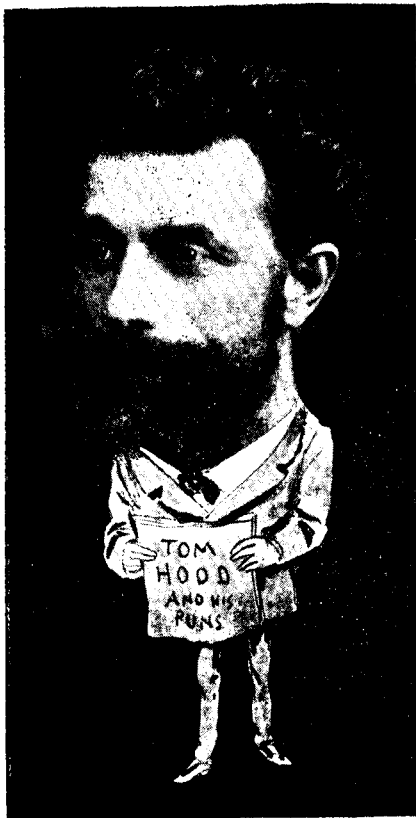


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FOSTER'S BOSS.

JOHN BULL (*with Budget Speech in hand*)—"In conclusion you say something about showing favors to those who show favors to you. Might I ask if this means that you propose to lower your tariff on British goods—or what?"

FOSTER—"It—er—means—ahem! excuse me; I'll have to consult this gentleman before I can say whether it means anything."



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COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



POLITICAL ELOCUTION. — The Young Liberals of Hamilton had a banquet a few evenings ago, by way of celebrating the results of the bye-elections, or something of that sort, and amongst the speakers invited from Ottawa was Mr. Fraser of New Glasgow. This gentleman enjoys the distinction of being the biggest man in Parliament physically, and there are not many his superior in any other respect. GRIP has had occasion in the past to honor Fraser as one of the Radical team of the Opposition,

his mate in harness being Gilmore of New Brunswick. At the banquet in question the big man made a speech worthy of himself, and from the way in which it was received it appeared to be the very sort of speech that is in demand at the present time. Fraser is a free trader straight out, without any ifs, buts, or other qualifications, and he spoke accordingly. He denounced not merely the N.P., but the whole body of protective "philosophy" as the sophisticated humbug it is, and as only a man who really understands political economy can do. Messrs. Laurier and Cartwright should have been there to hear, and especially to note the enthusiasm with which the Free Trade sentiment was received. These gentlemen know as well as Mr. Fraser that what Canada wants above all else just now is free trade with the world and direct taxation, but they are afraid to speak out. Indeed, they haven't yet ceased encouraging the miserable superstition that direct taxation is something only to be mentioned as a last desperate alternative. "The country isn't ripe for such an advance," they say or think. Then it is their special business as leaders of a Reform party to let in the sunlight of truth to ripen it. Of one thing they may be sure: so long as they maintain their present half-hearted, apologetic attitude on the question of free trade, so long will they remain in the chilly shades

of opposition. It would do them a world of good to take some lessons in political elocution from Professor Fraser.

FOSTER'S BOSS.—The old country papers are naturally anxious to know what is the exact significance of Mr. Foster's allusion, in the peroration of his Budget speech, to "showing favors to those who show favors to us." Coming from the fiscal mouthpiece of so loyal a Government, it would be natural for these enquirers to conclude that it meant an early reduction of duties on British exports to Canada. But as yet the dark hint has been left as it was first thrown out, vague and impalpable. For the benefit of John Bull we may explain that Mr. Foster isn't quite in a position to say whether he meant a reduction of duties, or Free Trade, or nothing at all. It will be necessary for him first to find out what his boss, the Red Parlor, thinks about it.



HE notion of patriotism which appears to be held by Dr. Willoughby, M.P.P., and a good many other people in this country is somewhat commercial.

It goes on the principle that every exhibition of patriotic spirit ought to be paid for in money or money's worth. Thus we find this hon. gentleman and his friends agitating for the payment at this late day, of the veterans of 1837; and it will be remembered as a more modern

instance of the same thing, that the volunteers were paid in cash and titular honors for doing their duty as soldiers at the time of the Riel rebellion. To be sure in this case both cash and knighthoods went to Gen. Middleton, who did little, and Minister of Militia Caron, who did nothing, but these brave warriors were, of course, merely regarded as representing the loyal forces. We look upon the principle referred to as vicious. Its tendency is to degrade the patriotic impulse into a sordid matter of business. The veterans of '37 did their simple duty to the country as they understood it at the time, and the thought of being paid for their services probably never occurred to them. If any of the old fellows are now suffering poverty they ought to be relieved by a popular subscription in their behalf. It is one thing to indemnify citizens for positive losses sustained in a rebellion or other national upheaval; it is quite another to reward patriotism with money.

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SIR JOHN THOMPSON, the essential salt of the Government, proclaimed from the hustings not long ago that if any man had charges of wrong-doing to make against any member of the House or the Ministry, he (Sir John) would make it his special business to see that a fair and thorough investigation would be guaranteed. Mr. Edgar, M.P. for West Ontario, seems to have had confidence in this proclamation, and accordingly the

other day he formally made charges of a serious kind against Sir Adolphe Caron, and moved for a committee of enquiry. Then the same Sir John Thompson got up and in his best attorney-for-the-defence manner proceeded to point out that there were—er—certain reasons—ahem—why, as it were—um—the House should not—ah—be asked to trouble itself—er—with—er—things that were—ahem—really beyond its—um—jurisdiction. And so Edgar's motion will be voted down, and Sir John will still expect the country to regard him as a highly honorable and straightforward gentleman.

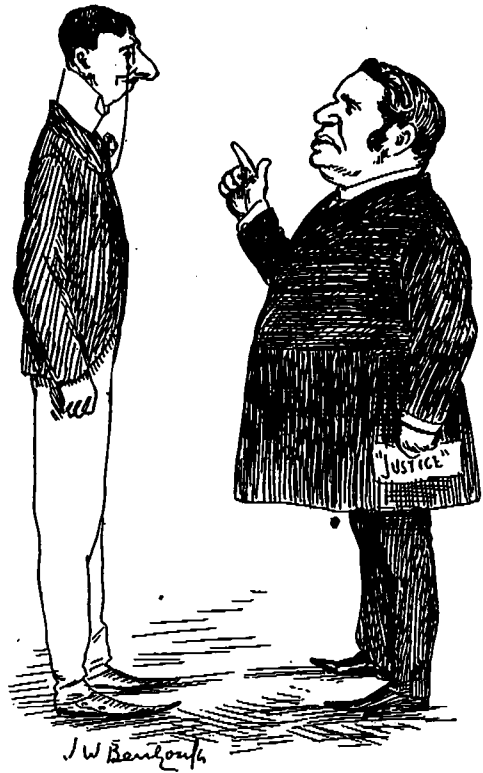
AND, talking of shiftlessness, Parliament has now been in session several weeks without doing anything beyond a few mischievous jobs, among which the reinstatement of the suspended civil service clerks (who have been proved guilty) with the recoupment of their salaries, minus one month's pay, is about the most scandalous. Nothing could be more deliberately defiant of public opinion, and coming immediately upon the loud profession of the Government about reform in the service, it beats the record for cheek. It illustrates what can be done by a deft-fingered Cabinet with a majority of putty.

THE free trade yeast is working gloriously. Senator A. C. Boulton has followed Mr. Crerar's example and addressed an open letter to Mr. Laurier, urging upon that gentleman the advisability of declaring for a free trade policy. The letter is splendidly written, and we hope will be widely read. Peculiar interest attaches to it by reason of the fact that Senator Boulton was until recently one of the hottest of protectionists. The scales have suddenly fallen from his eyes, and he now sees as clearly as any one of us that "protection" is a misnomer, and that ten years more of it will ruin this country. If, after all the vigorous prodding he is receiving, Mr. Laurier doesn't "get a move on," he is not so far seeing and sagacious a statesman as we would fain believe.

WE call particular attention to one feature of the Senator's letter. Notice the undertone of brotherly sentiment in it—the feeling of good-will to mankind. You never find that characteristic in protectionist literature, for the sufficient reason that Protectionism is essentially selfish and unchristian. This point alone furnishes strong presumptive evidence of the truth of the free trade doctrine and the falsity of its opposite. It is commonly admitted by protectionists, indeed, that free trade is all right in theory—though that necessarily implies what is unquestionably true, that the opposite policy is all wrong in theory. Protection is, in short, a violent interference with the laws of nature, and these laws cannot be set at nought with impunity by nations any more than by individuals.

WE read in a despatch from Barrie to the *Globe* that a young man was killed near Phelpston the other day. The remarkable statement is made that "in pursuance of his duties as brakesman on the Grand Trunk Railway, he fell between two cars of a moving train, and his legs were cut in two by the car wheels." The Grand Trunk Railway should be prohibited from imposing such duties upon its employees.

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SAMJONES' SAYINGS.

NOTICE that some bombers in Venezuela recently blew up the mansion of President Palacio. It was probably the most palatial residence in those parts.

The Board of Works are going on another junketing trip to the States. A sailor friend of mine says he can't understand what fun the aldermen see in junk-eating. This sounds very fresh, but he is an old salt, notwithstanding.

The dentists have secured from the Legislature amendments in the law regulating their profession. They presented their case forcefully, and have evidently considerable of a pull.

Bearing in mind a well-known proverb, it seems to me that a patent inside newspaper somewhat resembles a watched pot, on account of the boiler-plate (boil-up-late.)

The telephone system is not likely to be generally adopted in Russia. The government has enough trouble with the Poles already.

A perusal of the navigation reports induces the reflection that more keels press the waters in the neighborhood of Presqu' Isle Bay than anywhere else.

[Bro. Samjones will please forward an explanatory diagram of this for our next issue.—Ed.]



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Must be a merry blithesome lay,
Those in the swim
Should know this hymn
And chant "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay."

But neither near nor far away
I've heard "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay,"
Though hard I've tried,
The boon's denied,
To learn that cheerful roundelay.

The guttersnipes in careless play
Sing "Annie Rooney" every day,
And "Comrades," too,
Songs not a few,
But not "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay."

At theatres I've heard each play,
Where songs are sung by minstrels gay,
But all in vain
I miss the strain
Of famed "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay."

ANIMATED MOLECULES.

AT the meeting of the Canadian Institute on the evening of the 2nd inst., Dr. Daniel Clarke read a paper on "The Animated Molecule—Its Nearest Relatives." The subject was well calculated to arouse scientific enthusiasm, and members no doubt enjoyed a treat fully equal to that of a few years ago, when they revelled in a brilliant and succulent dissertation on the nervous

system of the catfish. Not having been present, we do not know how Dr. Clarke treated the subject, but certainly no list of the near relatives of the animated molecule would be complete which did not include the small-souled Tories who gloat over the stealing by Hon. John Carling of Mr. Hyman's seat, the hayseeds in the Local Legislature who allow corporation lawyers to bulldoze them into giving monopolies whatever they ask, and the heresy-hunters who want to silence Rev. A. M. Phillips. The animated molecule has hosts of relatives in these parts.

MCNAB'S TWINS.



DEAR GRIP,—There wis an event o' mair nor by-ordinary up at oor hoose i' th' sma' 'oors o' th' mornin' a month gane Monday, an' losh! but I wis a proud mon tae read i' th' Blawearie *Express*:

At Copshawholm, on the 13th inst., the wife of Jno. McNab, of twins—son and daughter—all doing well.

Mischanters like twins never come singly, an' nae suner wis th' howdie oot o' th' hoose, an' Kirsty up an' about, than we, wha ne'er had a cast oot i' oor lives afore, were maist like tae get intae a plisky ower what we'd ca' the wee strangers.

Kirsty's faither an' mither wad hae liked tae hae them ca'd after themsels, but Charles John Edward an'

PISCINE AMENITIES.



I.

DOMINION FISHERIES INSPECTOR (who fails to see any difference between the British Columbia salmon and that of the Eastern rivers—to Miss Fraser-Suckeye, recumbent on a snag)—“Ah, yes; quite like your Eastern cousins; more robust, but the flavor not so good. You are doubtless the ‘Ancorchynchus Nerka.’”



II.

MISS FRASER-SUCKEYE (frolickingly resentful)—“What are you givin’ us?”

Nancy Mary Ann wis eneuch tae smoor th’ weans i’ their bed, tho’ jist whaur tae get better names wis a maist disturbin’ element i’ the hoose. A’e nicht I gaed doon tae th’ druggist’s tae get some paragoric, when what did I see on the coonter but a bit bookie, wi’ a bonnie picture o’ a wee lauchin’ wean on th’ cover o’t, an’ in aneath th’ words, “What shall we name the baby?” “Gudesakes enta,” says I, “that’s jist what’s kickin’ up a’ th’ collieshangy at hame,” sae I slippit th’ bookie intae my pouch an’ never said cheep aboot it. “Losh, noo, Kirsty,” says I, when I got hame, “pick oot ony name ye like, for I’ve got hunners o’ them tae wale frae, an’ onyane o’ them’ll be nae disgrace tae th’ bairns.” Weel, Kirsty lookit at the bookie, an’ wasna blate aboot makin’ up her mind. “We’ll ca’ the lassie Lucy—a nice, leddy-like name,” says she, “while Gabriel’s a wiselike ane for th’ callant.” I have nae great notion o’ sic’ like names, but afore I cud say onythin’, Johnnie Tosh, th’ elder, cam’ in tae say that th’ minister wis gaun tae hae bapteesment services th’ neist Sunday, “an’ I hope,” says Johnnie, “you have made due preparation and are in a fit state for the holy ordinance, Mr. McNab.” “Weel,” says I, “we’ve no richt settled aboot the names, but we hae a bottle o’ Luckie Tamson’s best, some baker’s bread an’ a kebbuck.” “Tuts!” says Johnnie, “I meant not these perishable things.” “Gif ye’re flayet we hae na th’ claes,”

says Kirsty, “ye maun ken Betty Barton lent us th’ robe her last little ane wis—” “You mistake me altogether, I am afraid I must tell the minister you are not fit to hold out your children,” says Johnnie, rising tae gang oot. “No’ fit tae haud oot the weans,” says Kirsty, gey nettled—“I wonder tae hear ye talk, when richt weel ye ken oor John’s strang eneuch tae haud them gif they were th’ laird’s young colts, let alane—” But Johnnie gaed aff like tae split, tho’ I coodna see onything tae lauch at.

Weel, Sunday cam’ roon, an’, as the minister’s a wee whit hard o’ hearin’, I had th’ names written doon on a bit screed o’ paper, an’ as sune as Bauldie Beattie began takin’ up th’ bawbees Kirsty cam’ oot o’ th’ vestry carrying th’ weans, an’ I snooved awa up tae th’ front an’ stuid up afore the hale kirk.

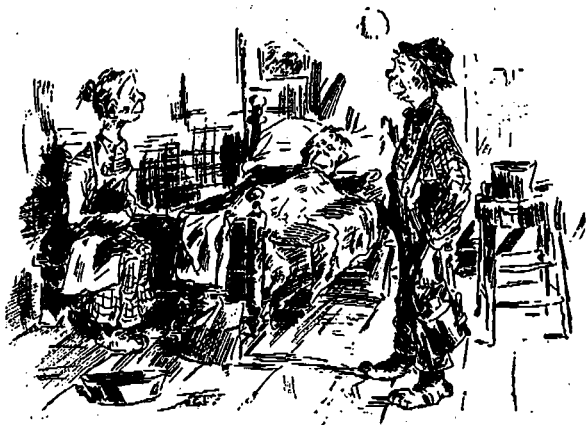
A’ gaed richt till it cam’ tae namin’ them, when, seek whaur I nicht, that paper I coodna fin’. I gaed a’ wean tae Kirsty, an’ pappit th’ ither aneath my oxter, an’ emptied my pouches. There wis my whuttle, my cuttie, a peppermint drap, th’ bawbee for th’ plate, an’ a stick o’ gundy, but nae paper, an’ a’ the time I cud hear the folk snickerin’ ower a’ the kirk.

“Never mind the paper,” says the minister, “just tell me their names.” But haith, I cood’nae hae tellt’ my ain name, let alane th’ weans’. At last Kirsty bawls oot, “Gabriel an’ Lucy, sir!” “Gabriel and Lucifer!” yells the minister, as mad as a March hare, “no child shall be named after the Prince of Darkness in this church. We’ll call the child William. So Gabriel and William, I baptize you in the name of—” I heard nae mair, for, drappin’ the weans, I grabbit my bonnet an’ tuik th’ shortest cut for Blawearie, whaur I’ll bide for th’ winter. But gudesake, man, I’d like to ken gif wee Wullie’s a boy or a lassie.—JOHN MCNAB. JAMES GLOVER.

THEY WERE THAT KIND OF A FAMILY.

MUSIC LOVER—“Have you heard the Damm Family orchestra?”

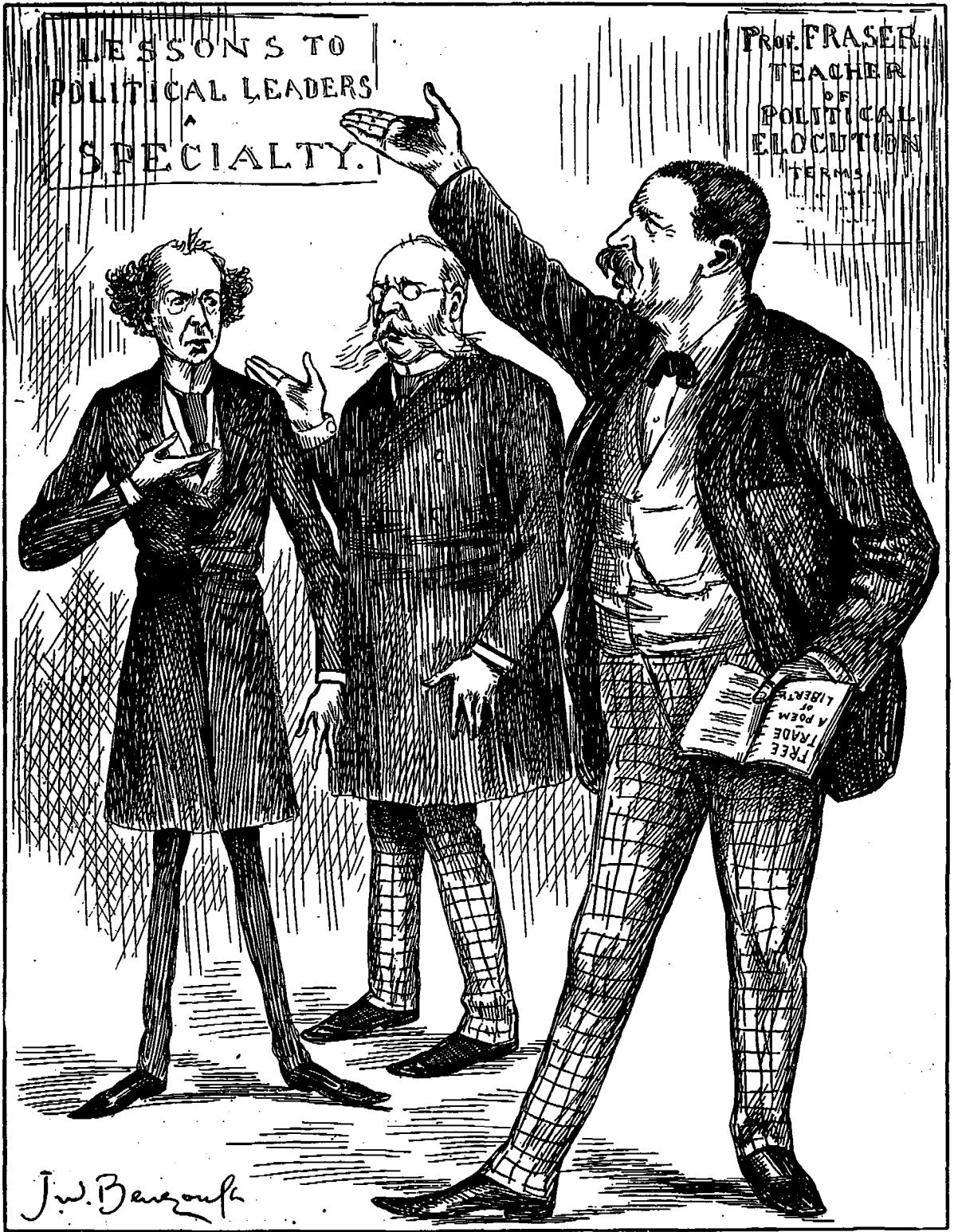
FRIEND—“Yes, for the last couple of years. The people next door have two girls learning to play the piano, a young dude who excruciates on the flute, and a kid that thumps a toy drum. I should say that was the—the kind of a family you mentioned.”



CLUBBED.

MR. CASEY—“The saints plesarve us, Mrs. Mulroony, fwat’s the matter wid Mike?”

MRS. MULROONY—“Poor Mike, sure he was workin’ in the garden whin he was struck on the head wid a beam—av the sun.”

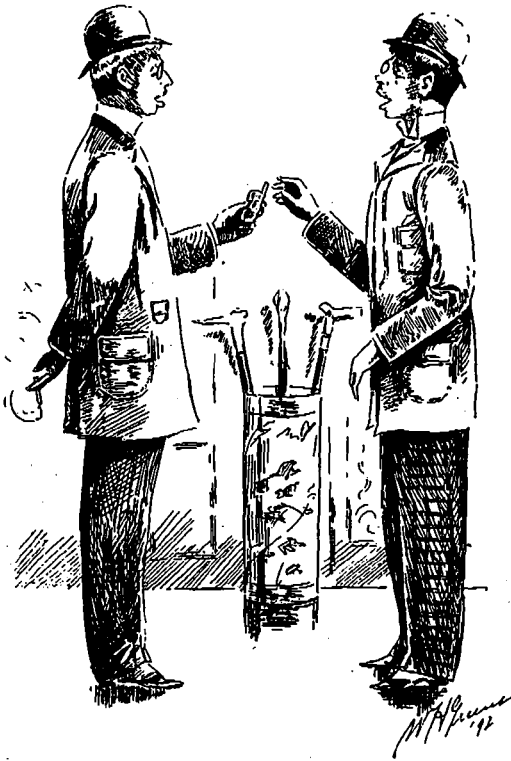


POLITICAL ELOCUTION.

PROF. FRASER, M.P.—“No, No. YOU ARE TOO CONSTRAINED IN YOUR GESTURES, AND TOO FEEBLE IN TONE. TAKE THIS ATTITUDE, AND SPEAK OUT IN A FULL, ROUND, RINGING VOICE THE WORDS,

‘PROTECTION IS A FRAUD, WE’RE NOT AFRAID
TO STAKE OUR ALL ON ABSOLUTE FREE TRADE!’”

[Vide Fraser’s speech at Young Liberals banquet, Hamilton.]



GAME FOR THE FOOL KILLER.

The law allows such specimens as these to go at large—and yet we wonder at crime.

A LEAP-YEAR COURTSHIP.

THEY were sitting side by side on the lounge, conversing about the weather and the last church concert. The fire was slowly dying away in the grate and the hands of the clock on the mantel-piece pointed to 5.30, but this was probably owing to the fact that it had run down the day before. Without, the wind blew cold, and a solitary star twinkled amid the darkness, while a couple of belated pedestrians discussed the Ashbridge Bay scheme.

"George," said the maiden, over whose fair head some thirty-four summers had lightly flitted—"Oh, George! I—I—" and she sighed deeply, while her heaving bosom told of the agitation which deprived her of utterance.

"Well, Julia, what is it?" replied the youth nonchalantly, withdrawing himself to the further end of the lounge.

"Oh, George, can you not imagine what I would say to you?"

"Well, I ain't very good on conundrums, Julia," he replied.

"Oh, I beseech you, do not trifle with me thus," she cried, as a teardrop glistened in her eye, "you cannot be blind to the state of my feelings towards you. For years I have loved you with the strongest and most devoted affection. Oh, George, say just one little word to show that you return my love. Be mine, dearest." And overcome by her emotion, she threw her arms around him convulsively.

"Julia, you forget yourself," he said in tones of mild reproof. "You have mussed all my collar."

"Oh, what are collars at such a supreme moment," she murmured, clinging to him with the tenacity of a

creditor. "Let not the cold conventionalities of a heartless world sunder two loving hearts which have at length found the solace they crave."

"Now don't, please don't, Julia! I have always had a sort of liking for you, you know, but really this is so sudden, so unexpected."

"Then I may hope?" said the fair wooer, renewing her blandishments and toying with his generous ear. "Ah, George dearest, I do not seek to force you to an immediate decision. But at least give me an opportunity to prove myself worthy of you, to demonstrate the depth and sincerity of my passion."

"Yes, Julia, but you must remember that there are others to be considered. I am, as you know, the child of a widowed mother, who is my only support. I fear that she may not smile upon your suit. Oh, Julia! Methinks even now I hear her portly tread upon the stairs. Oh, fly! fly! I beseech you, or the consequences may be terrible." And he wrang his lily-white hands in anguish.

Imprinting a rapid kiss upon his throbbing brow, Julia glode from the apartment and rushed towards the door, just as a ponderous form enswathed in a wrapper descended the stairs. With a wild and terrified shriek she dashed down the front steps, but alas! too late to escape the wrathful pursuer who, with one revengeful clutch tore away her beautiful but exotic blonde tresses, and scattered them to the midnight winds.

"The hussy!" she panted, returning to the parlor, where George lay prostrate on the lounge, in an agony of tears. "I'll teach her to come snoopin' round to lure a foolish and giddy youth with her heartless and insincere professions. And you ought to be ashamed of yourself to give her encouragement. Retire to your chamber this instant George, and if ever I catch you talking to her again!"

And the night-winds shook the lattice as they sobbed a requiem over the love thus cruelly blighted by parental selfishness.

Two months afterwards Julia wooed and married a well-to-do butcher. George is still single, and though yet in the prime of his manly beauty, turns a deaf ear to the advances of many eligible maidens and widows. His heart is still true to his first and only love.

A WISH REALIZED.

"I'D like to dream the days away,
'Neath nodding boughs and smiling skies;
The dancing river at my feet,
The purple clouds before my eyes.

"I long to have a poet's mind,
And soar above these mundane plains,
I'd like to rise on wings and find
A thrill of freedom in my veins."

He lay beneath the nodding boughs,
And rose on wings of freedom, too;
A honey bee, with dagger sharp,
Impaled him, and away he flew.

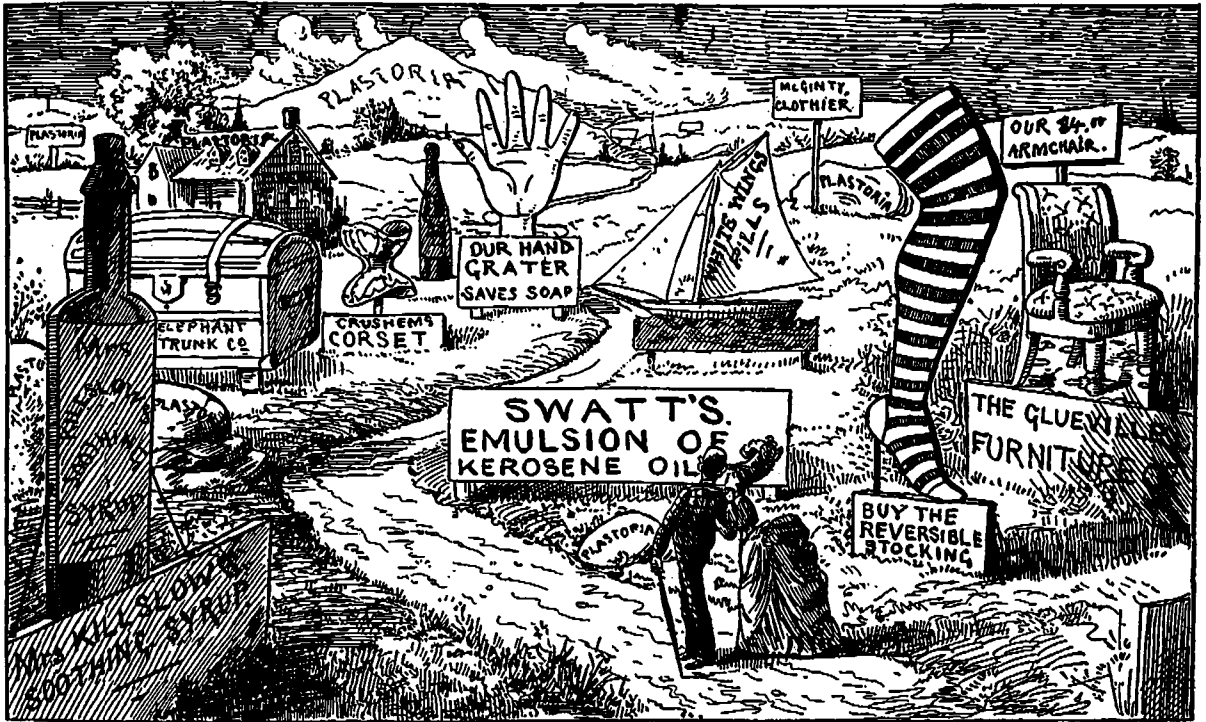
B. KELLY.

THE WOODS ARE FULL OF 'EM.

THE following appears among the "Personal" ads. in a recent number of the N.Y. *Herald*:

A responsible business lady wants a small loan of a gentleman. Address, etc.

Judging from the newspaper items, divorce trials, etc. there seem to be quite a number of ladies who have superfluous gentlemen on their hands. So it will probably be easy for the advertiser to obtain the "loan of a gentleman" on very moderate terms.



AN AMERICAN LANDSCAPE.

—N. Y. Life.

HINTS ON ECONOMY.

IN these hard times most people find considerable difficulty in making ends meet and find themselves driven to resort to rigid economy in order to avoid penury and judgment summonses. The following hints by a gentleman of considerable experience in such matters may assist some forlorn and shipwrecked brother in keeping the wolf from the door.

A SQUARE MEAL FOR TEN CENTS.—There are hash factories in town where in one end you get a substantial lay-out for 25 or 30 cents, while at the other end you can have a light lunch such as coffee and sandwiches for 10 cents. You get a cheque and pay at the door. The economical feeder will first get a solid, hearty gorge and get his cheque for a quarter or something over. Before going out slip up to the lunch counter in the other department and partake of a frugal and unostentatious meat pie and coffee, getting a ten cent cheque. On making your exit present the latter cheque and suppress the other. This trick can often be worked successfully by passing from one table to another in a crowded dining-hall.

THE CHEAP SUIT.—This scheme requires a confederate of about the same size and build as yourself who is also in want of new clothes. Each of the economists goes to a tailor, orders a suit and gets his measure taken. Then allow an interval of some weeks to elapse. After a while when the patience of the respective tailors in waiting for the return of their customers is supposed to be exhausted, economist No. 1 calls on tailor No. 2, and after pricing his goods and regretting his inability to order a suit just then, asks him if he has any misfits or uncalled for suits which he will dispose of cheap. The tailor will probably reply that he has a suit on hand built for a gent of about your size who has never called back

for it and has probably left the city. The operator buys it as cheaply as possible—say for half price. In the meantime economist No. 2 has effected a similar deal with tailor No. 1, and the two confederates exchange suits. This scheme can sometimes be worked to good advantage in extreme cases where tailors are so unreasonable as to insist on spot cash. But it is never likely to be popular, as in most cases the economist will find it easier to resort to the time-honored and traditional method of ordering clothes and neglecting to pay therefor.

HOW TO SAVE RENT.—Select a house that is heavily mortgaged, as nearly all houses to let in Toronto now are. Shortly after taking possession you will be notified to pay your rent to the mortgagee. Take no notice of this except to tell the landlord of it and let him know that you don't intend to render yourself responsible to legal pains and penalties by paying him any more rent. When the mortgagee or his agent comes to collect, put on an innocent and perplexed expression and say you don't really know anything about these legal matters and are afraid that if you paid him the landlord could still come on you. Of course it's quite immaterial to you—you'd just as soon pay one as the other, but you want to be sure of your position, and so on. Play off the one against the other and the chances are that you can manage to get several months in arrear before you find it absolutely necessary to move.

BOOMING MRS. HUMPHREY WARD.

LADY (to bookseller)—“Have you ‘David Grieve’ r”
BOOKSELLER—“No, ma'am. I'm sorry to say we're quite out of that work. There has been a great run on it since it was denounced by Dr. Parsons, and we've just sent away a large order.”



"HE SEEKS THE SECLUSION THAT A CAUBEEN GRANTS."

AT THE MONOPOLY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

AT the last meeting of the Monopoly Legislation Committee of the Provincial Legislature, Hon. Adam Antine in the chair, the application of the Universal Vampire Corporation for an indefinite extension of its powers, franchises and privileges, so as to enable it to acquire control of anything left in reach in Toronto, or within a reasonable or unreasonable distance thereof, as the case may be, in spite of any legislation to the contrary, came up for consideration.

The Vampire was represented by Mr. Grabsneak, Q.C., of the eminent firm of Grabsneak, Pillager & Squeezum, Mr. Verbose, Q.C., of Pompus and Verbose, and Mr. Wheezy Sprout, as considerable opposition to the measure was anticipated. It was contended that the bill was an infringement upon the vested rights of the Municipal Freebooters Company, which was ably represented by a distinguished array of counsel, including Hon. P. Twister, of Twister, Scalliwag and Boozey, Ananias Limberjaw Q.C., and Mr. Mullethead, who refused to be a Q.C. on the ground that the thing was getting altogether too common, don't you know. Mr. Larger, city solicitor, watched the proceedings on behalf of the city as a matter of form. There was also a large number of contractors, boodlers, promiscuous on-hangers, influential citizens and citizens who want to be considered influential, in attendance.

The members of the Committee, knowing that it wouldn't get to work until at least half an hour after the appointed time, strolled in leisurely and took their places. Hon. Adam Antine, after a brief conference with the leading counsel, called the Committee to business.

Mr. Grabsneak, on behalf of the Universal Vampire Corporation, said that the measure had been fully discussed and approved by the City Council, the guardians of the public interest. He need not do more than mention that his clients had vast financial interests at stake, interests which would be seriously imperilled if some of the limitations which it was proposed to introduce were imposed, to show them how unjust, how unreasonable,

what an unwarrantable interference with the rights of capital it would be to amend this legislation in the direction sought. He did not in the least wish to cast any reflections upon the Municipal Freebooters, but he would point out that, by an Act passed in the year 1856, the Universal Vampire acquired a potential right, a *locus standi* in the matter, which in no way could be interfered with by any subsequent agreement.

He spoke in this strain for half an hour, and his remarks were received with an amount of deference duly proportioned to the amount of capital he represented and the \$100 a day retainer paid him by the Vampire Corporation.

The chairman said that as the only opposition was likely to come from the Municipal Freebooters Company, their representative would be next granted a hearing.

Mr. Ananias Limberjaw, Q.C., said he represented a company possessing two and a half millions of capital—

MR. HAWBUCK, M.P.P. (*in a deeply reverential tone*)—"Gosh!"

Mr. Limberjaw—invested in good faith and on the prospect of being enabled to extend their operations. They claimed that the sphere of their operations under their contract with the municipality of Hogg's Hollow might be seriously interfered with by the powers granted to the Universal Vampire Corporation, of whom he desired to speak with all the respect due to their position in the world of finance. As to the Act of 1856, quoted by his learned friend, it was clearly *ultra vires*, if indeed it had not been repealed by subsequent legislation, and so on for about three-quarters of an hour.

Mr. Verbose, Q.C., ably replied on behalf of the Universal Vampire Corporation, and was followed on the other side by Mr. Mullethead (not a Q.C.)

The chairman suggested that the points of difference remaining between the two concerns could be settled by a compromise. After a consultation between the eminent counsel, an amendment was drafted embodying some concessions to the Municipal Freebooters, and everybody was apparently satisfied.

THE CHAIRMAN—"Well, if there are no other objections, we will take a vote on the bill as amended."

MR. TOYLER (*pushing his way forward with difficulty through the crowd of boodlers and lawyers*)—"Before that bill goes through I'd like to say a few words."

THE CHAIRMAN—"Eh? Who do you represent?"

MR. TOYLER—"Oh, a few thousand hard-working citizens."

MR. HAWBUCK (*yawning*)—"Say, this makes me tired. Guess we've hearn enough gab for one mornin'."

THE CHAIRMAN—"Well, I suppose we must listen to you. But please be as short as you can. The Committee can't sit much longer."

Mr. Toyler makes a short, pointed address, showing that the proposed legislation is directly contrary to the interests of the public, and gives away franchises of immense future value for nothing. The Committee listens with ill-concealed impatience.

MR. SQUAREMAN—"I'm here, Mr. Chairman, to present a few considerations from the same point of view."

THE CHAIRMAN (*impatiently*)—"We can't sit here all day. Your side has been already heard. (*To the Committee.*) Do you wish to hear Mr. Squareman?"

HAYSEED LEGISLATORS—"Naw!" "Naw!"

THE CHAIRMAN—"We can't hear any more objections."

MR. SQUAREMAN (*retiring*)—"You can hear the law-

yers for the boodlers for three or four hours, but five minutes' honest talk in the interests of the public is too much for you."

THE CHAIRMAN—"All in favor of the bill! Carried! Committee's adjourned."

DAHOMEY'S N.P.

INFORMATION from the colored realm of Dahomey, *via* Paris, states that "the Dahomians have always been noted for their man-hunting expeditions, and this is the season of the year in which these explorations start from Abomey and other places in Dahomey. The object of these expeditions is to procure victims for the slaughter, termed 'Customs' by the natives, at which hundreds of natives are sacrificed to propitiate the fetish gods."

This is merely a reproduction, in a somewhat crude and barbarous fashion, of the Canadian N.P., with its "man-hunting expeditions" in Britain and elsewhere by the kidnappers of the Immigration Department, to procure fresh victims for the "Customs" and sacrifices for the fetish gods of monopoly and partyism. The Dahomians are looked upon as a savage people, but they are evidently imitating our peculiar brand of civilization as closely as their conditions will permit, even as regards the trifling details of nomenclature.

SAUVE QUI PEUT.

PERCY, what woeful announcement is made to me?
(Ah, that it might a mere rumor be termed);
Yesterday morning the news was conveyed to me,
Yesterday evening the news was confirmed.

Ah! for the empty assurances numerous;
Ah! for the confidence sadly misplaced;
False, the denials indignant or humorous;
False, the old proofs of misogynist taste.

How, in the face of such shameful secessionists,
Can the thin ranks of the bachelors stand?
If to the side of the "tender impression"-ists
Drift such as you, why, the corps must disband.

You, who so long with example illustrious
Strengthened our hands the high cause to maintain,
When the "winged boy," in his efforts industrious,
Many a celibate comrade has slain.

How could you leave us when most we had need of you?
Have not too many deserted and gone?
This is distressingly wanton, indeed, of you,
Scarcely may we, the survivors, fight on.

One and another at each opportunity
Slips from his fealty, false to his vow,
Of the original hardy community,
What a mere handful are lingering now!

LATER.

Yet all things considered, I pardon the ruse,
And (spite of my principles) grant there's excuse.
My thoughts wander back to a spot, far away,
Where the coaches come in and go out once a day,
And the smoke of the city is pleasingly distant,
And railways and placarded streets non-existent;
Where manners are simple, and Nature is green,
And Government Blue-books but seldom are seen;
And there, hid away on the slope of a hill,
Where the drip of the waterfall never is still,
I seem to remember a charming retreat
Which detained for a night our itinerant feet;
And I also remember a word lightly spoken,
Which then of mere frivolous thought seemed a token;
But now as a prophecy, conscious or not,
Connected will be with this beautiful spot.

H.G.G.

THE WOOD-PILE TEST.

NO; I don't like being swindled, and dead-beats *do* abound;
And lots of lazy lubbers are always hangin' round;
The stories they tell sound truthful, an' their tears seem gennewine.
But I know they're frauds an' humbugs, 'bout seven times out o' nine.

Well? What'll you do about it? Give 'em a straight out No!
When day by day they come crawlin', tellin' their tale of woe—
Askin' for food or money, or beggin' a job of work?
Goin' to ignore their cases 'cause some of 'em might shirk?

I can't do that no longer—p'raps I'm not wise as you,
But I'll never deny 'em a job, if I've got any chores to do;
I keep a wood-pile a-purpose, an' a bucksaw sharp an' bright,
An' I've always kept 'em handy since a certain winter night.

'Twas a cold an' stormy evenin', when a chap came to my place—
A pitiful lookin' creetur, with a pale an' hungry face;
An' he asked for a job of some sort to earn a dime or two,
An' I thought for once I'd test him, an' see what he would do.

"Come 'round to-morrow," I says to him, "an' saw a cord of wood"
The fellow kind o' started; says he, "You're very good,
But if you don't object, sir, I'd like to start in now,
Although it's kind of latish." I says to myself, "I swow!"

"All right," says I, "go at it!" an' I took him to the shed;
He tightened up his waist-strap, an' nothin' more was said;
I went in to my supper, an' while I sat an' et,
I heard the saw a-goin' in a way that made me sweat.

"Poor cuss, he must be hungry, he needs some food an' drink;"
"Dear Samuel," says my better-half, "that's 'zactly what I think."
So she fixed up some good sandwich, and a red hot cup of tea,
An' took it to the feller, an' "Thank you, ma'am," says he.

"Would you believe it, Samuel," says she, when she returned,
"He's half way through that cord o' wood; his money's nearly earned;"
An' when a little later I took a saunter out,
I'm blowed if he wan't through the job an' puttin' on his coat!

"But what's the matter with the lunch?" says I, "for here it lays."
"Well, sir, I hope it's no offence—it's just like this," he says,
"If you ain't no objection, I'll take it home," says he,
"My missus an' the young 'uns, they needs it more'n me."

I couldn't hardly speak at first, an' then I says, "Come in!"
An' I made him sit right down an' eat, an' filled him to the chin.
"An' now," says I, "we'll settle up; just mention what's your charge."
"Well, sir," says he, "would fifty cents—er—?—if that ain't too large."

"Get out!" says I. He trembled some. "Then, say a quarter, sir."
"Git out ag'in!" I fairly roared; "what do you take me for?
I won't do no such measly thing! See, here's a dollar bill,
But don't you git so flustered; go on an' eat yer fill!"

An' if you ever see a man that looked surprised and glad,
You'd seen one then as off he went as spry as any lad,
Right through the black and stormy night, straight for his little home.
An' maybe wife and babies wan't glad to see him come!

That's why I've took the notion—p'raps I'm not over wise;
An' maybe I'll be played on by frauds who tell me lies.
But I'm a-goin' to trust 'em until I see the fraud,
For there's here an' there a hero 'mongst poor ones of our God!

J. W. B.

OVERHEARD IN THE CROWD.

FIRST GIRL—"Aren't you awfully tired, May?"
SECOND GIRL (*gushingly*)—"Oh, no; it does amuse me so to watch the 'vox populi.'"

DR. HARVEY'S SOUTHERN RED PINE for coughs and colds is the most reliable and perfect cough medicine in the market. For sale everywhere.

GOOD COOKING

Is one of the chief blessings of every home. To always insure good custards, puddings, sauces, etc., use Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Condensed Milk. Direction on the label. Sold by your grocer and druggist.

We understand that R. H. Lear & Co., of the well known gas and electric fixture emporium, are holding a special discount sale to clear a purchase of over \$9,000 bought at a low figure. Get their quotations. They are still at the old stand, 19 and 21 Richmond St. West.

LIVE men wanted on salary who won't lose their heads while making big money. For full particulars address Brown Brothers Company, Toronto.

DEAFNESS ABSOLUTELY CURED.—A gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noises in the Head of fourteen years' standing by a new method, will be pleased to send full particulars free. Address HERBERT CLIFTON, 8 Shepherd's Place, Kennington Park, London, S. E., Eng.

PASSENGER—"What time does the next train leave for Boston?"

GATEMAN (just over)—"Sure, it's gone, sur."—*Harper's Bazar.*

WHAT a commodity! is the exclamation of everybody who uses our kindling wood. Sent to any address, six crates for a dollar. Pay on delivery. Send post card. Harvie & Co., 20 Sheppard street, or telephone 1570.

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THAT it is prepared from pure pearl barley, easily digested, highly nutritious, and sold everywhere at 25 cents per package. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands, by an East India missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. NOYES, 320 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

DR. T. A. SLOCUM'S

OXYGENIZED EMULSION OF PURE COD LIVER OIL. They who use it - Live. Use it. For sale by all druggists. 35 cents a bottle.

THE "Myrtle Navy" plug correctly represents the whole plan upon which its manufacture is conducted. There is not a fractional part of a cent expended upon it for mere appearance. It is neither wrapped in tin foil nor worked into fancy shapes, nor put in fancy cases, nor subject to any kind of expense merely to please the eye or captivate the fancy. The manufacturers rightly believed that tobacco was not purchased for ornament, but for smoking, and therefore all extraneous expense was avoided and added to the quality of the tobacco. The public have testified in its case that they prefer paying their money for a high quality of article than for ornament out of place.

WILL EXPIRE MAY 1ST.

IN order to prove the superiority of their skill the staff of eminent physicians and surgeons, now permanently located at No. 271 Jarvis street, will, until May 1st, treat all curable complaints for \$5.00 per month and furnishes medicines free of cost. A more liberal offer it would be difficult to make. No extra charge for anything. \$5.00 per month and medicines free. This offer will positively not be extended beyond May 1st.

These eminent doctors treat every variety of disease and deformity, and perform all surgical operations.

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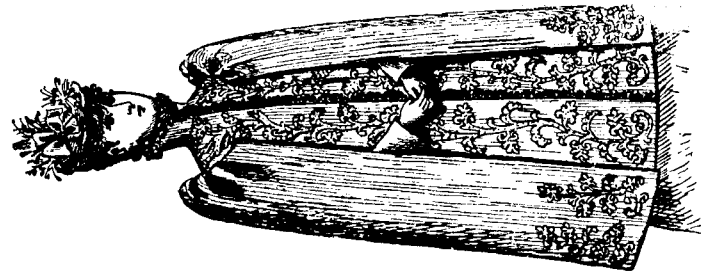
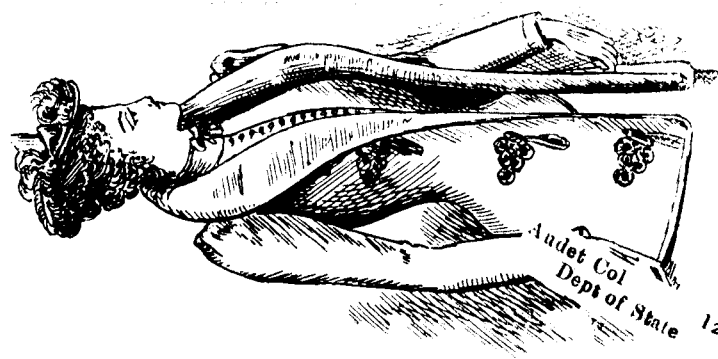
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