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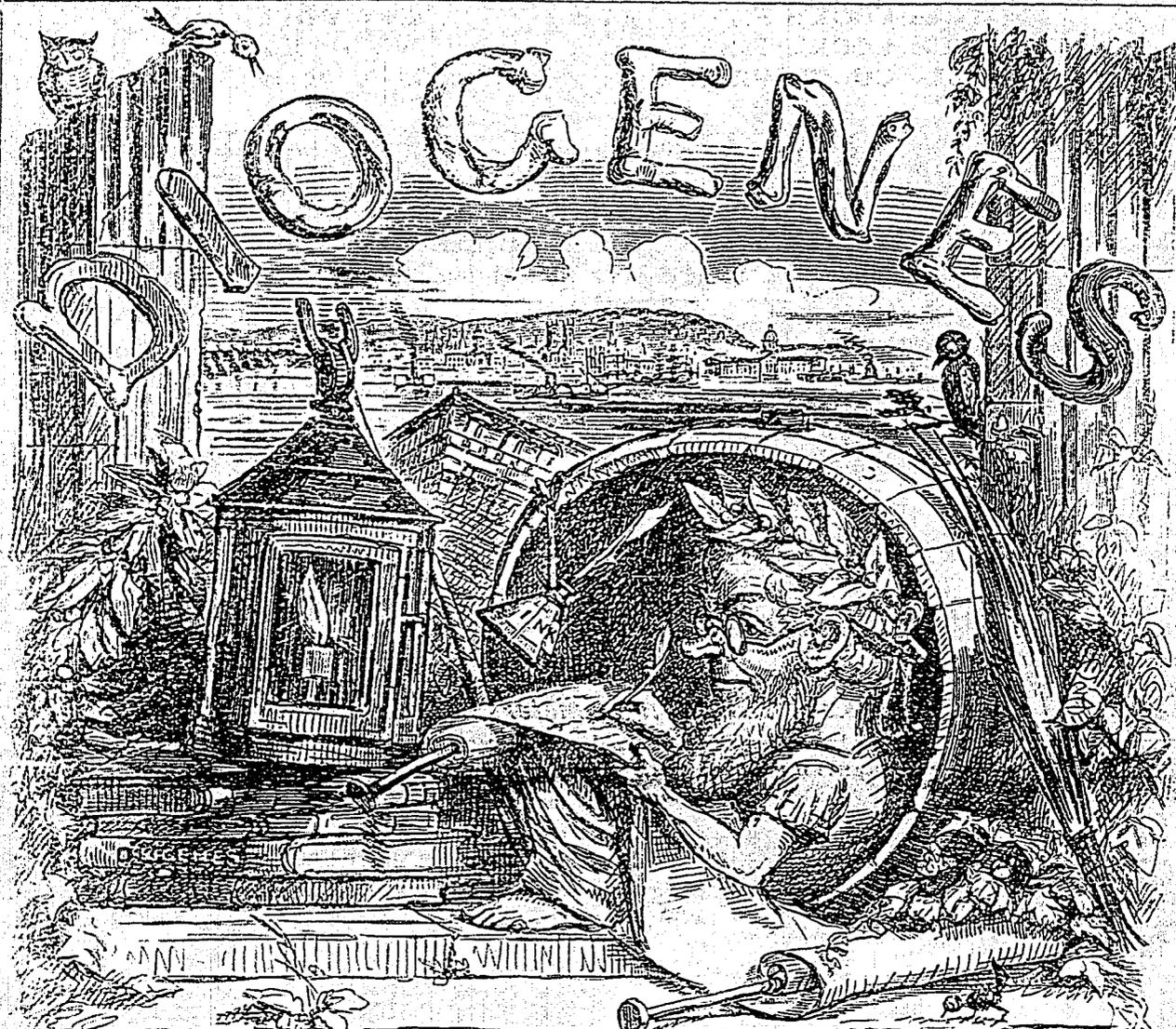
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Reade's novel is admirably suggestive of the article that *they* manufacture.

MARRIAGE AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE.

"Alas! for the rarity
Of Christian charity
Under the sun!"

HOOD.

At some recent marriages in this country, between Roman Catholics and Protestants, the authorities of the church of Rome have refused to perform the ceremony in their churches. Consequently, in these cases, there has really been only a civil marriage. DIOGENES remembers that his witty friend, Charles Reade, has said, "there are three sexes, men, women, and priests." And the latter seem so ignorant of human nature, that they fondly believe their refusal to marry one of their flock to a heretic, will prevent the occurrence of such marriages. It is impossible for the Cynic, or indeed for any one who knows the world, to conceive of a girl's refusing an eligible offer, merely because her priest might decline to marry her. Marriage she desires, and if it must be a mere civil performance in a drawing-room, with the accompaniment of a brass band, instead of the dimly-lighted church and solemn ceremony, why—it must be. But seriously, believing as the Philosopher does, that it is of vital importance that marriage should be held in reverence and of necessity therefore, celebrated in some sacred edifice with due solemnity, he regrets sincerely, that the authorities, of the church of Rome have adopted the rule referred to. DIOGENES cannot forget that the same clergy refused to bury Moliere, because he wrote for the stage, and he is sorry to find that much the same bigotry still exists in the 19th century.

A PLEA FOR THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH.

In the *Daily News* of Thursday, April 29th DIOGENES read the following sentence in the course of a criticism on a recent concert: "The programme comprised selections from eminent *maestros*." From the context the Philosopher presumes that the musical critic meant to say *maestri*, and he now respectfully suggests to him, first, the advisability of his learning a little Italian before attempting to use that language; and secondly, that, had the words "eminent masters" been employed, they would have been in better taste and at the same time more generally understood than "eminent *maestros*." Pure English is in all cases preferable to bastard Italian, dog Latin, or ungrammatically-constructed French. A modern author has judiciously observed that writers who habitually interlard their composition with foreign words or phrases, frequently do so for the purpose of concealing the poverty of their thoughts.

"IN THE MULTITUDE OF COUNCILLORS THERE IS SAFETY." (?)

Many hard words have occasionally been spoken of the Montreal City Council by people who were suffering under some grievance, real or supposed; but our Councillors, thank goodness, are angelic beings compared to the City Fathers of Quebec and Toronto. In proof of this assertion the Cynic begs to quote the *Quebec Morning Chronicle* of May 1st and the *Montreal Daily Witness* of May 3rd.

The following account is from the *Chronicle*:—

While Alderman Hearn was engaged discussing the motion, confusion and noise, with loud and excited talk, was going on in one of the ante-rooms. The Mayor called order at the top of his voice, but this appeal seemed to have no effect. The excitement and noise outside increased, and a number of the audience, mixed with members of the Council who had left their seats, made towards the door. In a few minutes they returned, and it was quickly explained that the difficulty outside was between Councillor Henry and Alderman Hall—that the former gentleman had made an attempt to strike the representative from Palace Ward.

Ald HALL—I claim the protection of this Council. I have been insulted and threatened with violence by a member of the Council.

Shouts of "Order" followed on all sides, the Mayor calling "Order" in a loud voice. The confusion then became general, each member standing up and calling "Order! order! order!"

Coun. GIBLIN—He's right! he's right! It is a question of privilege and he has a right to raise it at any stage of the proceedings.

Loud cries of "sit down, sit down; hold your tongues"—the Mayor again calling order while the members of the Council cried for an adjournment.

Coun. GIBLIN persisting in addressing the Council, continued to say at the top of his voice, that he would be put down.

Loud cries and hurrahs from the crowded gallery.

The MAYOR—"I will adjourn! I will adjourn! I will adjourn! if you do not respect the Chair."

Ald. HALL—"Yes, adjourn; it is right to adjourn, for the proceedings are disgraceful."

The MAYOR—"Sit down Mr. Hall."

Ald. HALL—"I will not sit down." (Cheers from the galleries, and loud cries of "go in old fellow," we'll stick to you.) "I will not sit down. My life has been threatened, and I insist upon obtaining the protection of the Council."

The confusion and noise which followed this declaration could be equalled only by the scene of last Tuesday week in the same room. The gallery, evidently bent upon enjoying the fun to its fullest extent, made all sorts of hideous noises, which are only heard in the lowest of theatres, &c: &c:

So much for the "Ancient Capital." Now for the "Queen City" of the West. The following account is from the "Toronto Correspondence" of the *Witness*:—

Our City Council debates have, of late, been characterised by a more than ordinary amount of blackguardism and scurrility; and the free exchange of the grossest insults and personalities between the more rowdyish of the Aldermen occurs every Council night. On Monday last the usual scene was commenced by Ald. Manning rising to make some personal explanations, when the Mayor ordered the galleries to be cleared and requested the reporters present, as a personal favor to himself, to leave the room. The Council continued in secret session for two hours, during which time torrents of abuse and invective are said to have been poured forth by the belligerents. Every one with the least sense of propriety is completely disgusted with this disgraceful conduct on the part of our city representatives, who waste the greatest part of every Council night in violent personal attacks upon each other. Bodily retaliation has frequently been threatened, and on one occasion, a portly City Father exhibited a clasp-knife at a Committee Meeting, with which he threatened, to disembowel a fellow-member.

From this it would appear that "in the multitude of Councillors there is *not* safety."

CORRECT—BUT QUEER.

The best Dictionaries define *Salesman* to be *one* who makes sales to customers in a store or shop." The word, therefore, is an epicene noun, and is legitimately used in the following advertisement, though somehow or other, it grates upon the ear:

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From the *Daily Journal of Commerce*, Kansas City, April 29.



NO "TRIKYNOSIS."

MR. DIOGENES:

SIR,—Your last number contained a letter from an uneducated person named Trimble, who, entirely ignorant of my character or pedigree, has taken upon himself the responsibility of slandering me in the most *hoggish* manner. Damages, Mr. DIOGENES, or you shall all *Tremble*. Your correspondent asserts, that I am, or was, that afflicted animal of College street, which contained Trichinae and made so much capital for young Doctors and Dailies. It is a libel, and Trimble knows it; as he was the first and only person who has attempted to "cut me up" since I came to the country. I am no ordinary animal, sir; my ancestors (references to the *Daily News*) were, on the English side, Francis Bacon and on the Scotch, "Jeams Hogg," of Ettrick, but I am a true Hibernian from the city of Dublin, and can produce the highest recommendations from Doctors, who do not hesitate to denounce *pork*. I would not have ventured from my *pen* in St. Nicholas street, had not the *pen* of your correspondent threatened to "*Root, Hog or Di*." Admit me to your Tub and I will *always say Di*, but I won't consent to *pig* with "Zeke" until he cleans his *pen* and learns to use it better.

Yours, respectfully,

WM. EDMUNDS' (not *Edwards*) Hog.

(Porter for the Dominion.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correct answers have been received from "A. G.," "Clericus" "Bessie" "R. A." and "Kingston" to the acrostic in No. 25. The answer is:

GOUDGE

REPEAL

G esle R
O mphal E
U sur P
D aphn E
G olgoth A
E ar L

Several communications are unavoidably held over.

THE CURE FOR LOVE:

AN INVALUABLE HOUSEHOLD RECEIPT.

eauty, Youth, Love! enchanting trinity! time was, when ye wited the world, and forced men to bow before you in willing vassalage. The lover adored you in his mistress, the poet in his song, the painter in his canvas and the sculptor in his marble. *Mais nous avons changé tout cela*. As Burke pathetically remarked, "the age of chivalry is gone;" and the sublime fancy, immortalized by the Cynic's artist, of a gallant knight mounted upon a bicycle, wearing as a device upon his shield the emblazoned crinoline of his lady-love, and capsizing his antagonist in the joust of the tournament, is an idea which alas! will probably never be realized.

Love in the present day is not what it was in olden times. It is in vain that a laureate, once famous, has sung:

"They sin who tell us Love can die,
With life all other passions fly;
All others are but vanity."

Coleridge, it is to be feared, had taken an overdose of opium when he wrote:

"All thoughts, all passions, all delights,
Whatever stirs this mortal frame,
All are but ministers of Love,
And feed his sacred flame."

And it would be evident to the feeblest intellect, that Byron was only quizzing the sex, when he asserted, in "Don Juan," with respect to love:

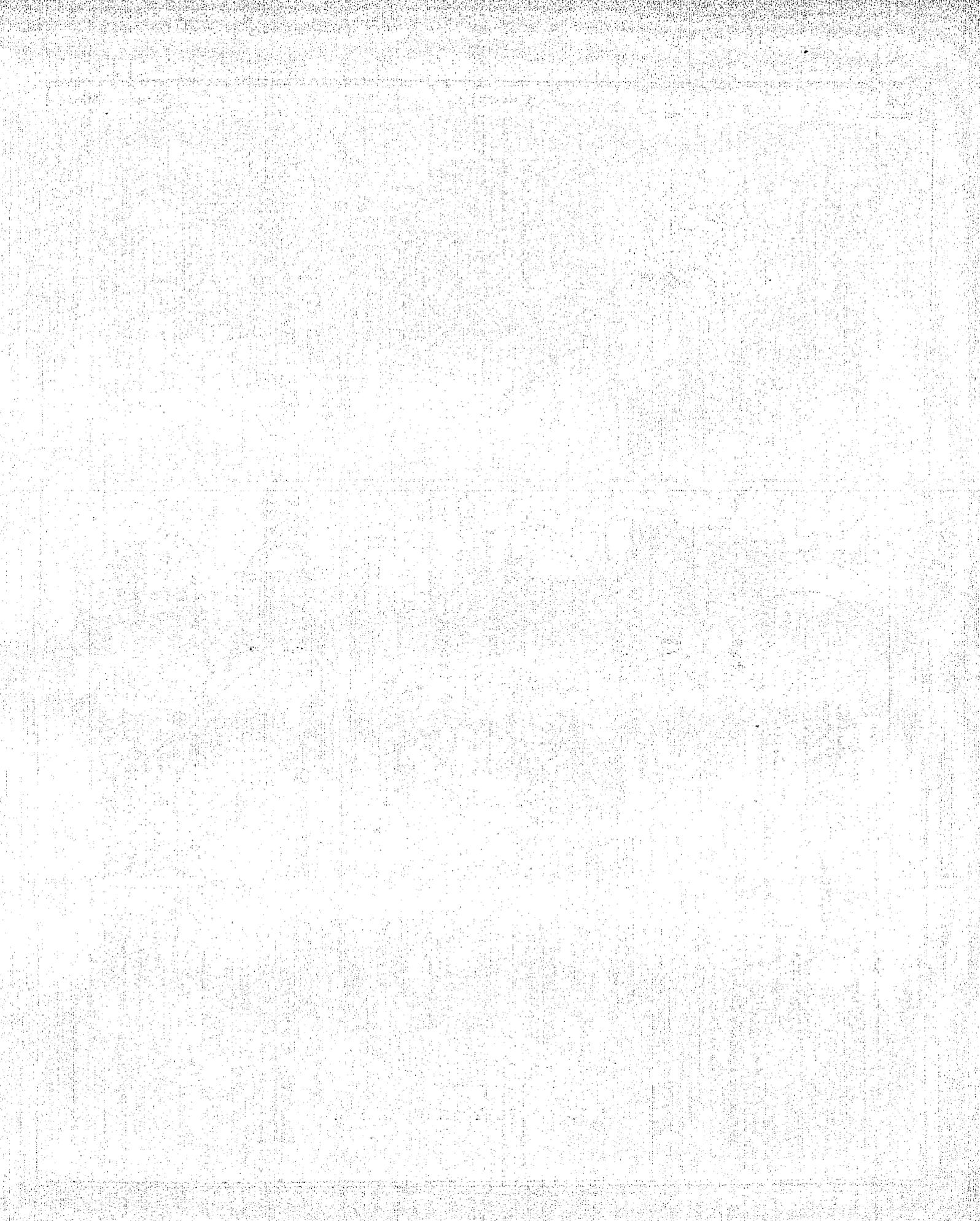
"'Tis woman's whole existence."

Of course, it is nothing of the sort. It can be snuffed out as easily as a candle. It is simply a wayward crotchet, a volatile caprice, as erratic as a fire-fly, and as whimsical as a will o' the wisp. Women surely are the best authorities on the feelings and affections of women; and the following narrative abridged from a recent number of *Once a Week*, is worthy of attentive perusal. "I have a friend," says the writer, "at London-Super-Mare,—a dear old lady, who keeps a school where young ladies are 'finished.' The ages of these damsels range from fourteen to eighteen,—sweet sixteen' being the average. Having a confidential chat with my friend, I asked her if she was not often troubled by her pupils falling in love. She answered me unreservedly, 'I have to contend with no greater difficulty. It seems altogether impossible to prevent flirtations from arising, and notes and love-tokens from being clandestinely exchanged. I spare no pains, or arts, to guard against and counteract these occurrences. My only plan, when I see that the tender passion is developed, is to crush it in the bud.' 'What do you do?' 'You will smile when I tell you; for my receipt is the anti-thesis of romance. It is a dose of senna tea. Whenever I perceive that one of my young ladies has fallen in love, I at once take her in hand. I never hint at anything connected with the tender passion, but I treat her as an invalid who is suffering from impaired digestion. Sometimes she gives in after a few doses; but usually it takes two or three days to complete a cure. You may depend upon it, that, as a cure for a school-girl's calf-love, there is nothing like senna tea."

The gallant Ovid, who was not wholly inexperienced in love matters, seems to have been of a far different opinion, when he wrote:

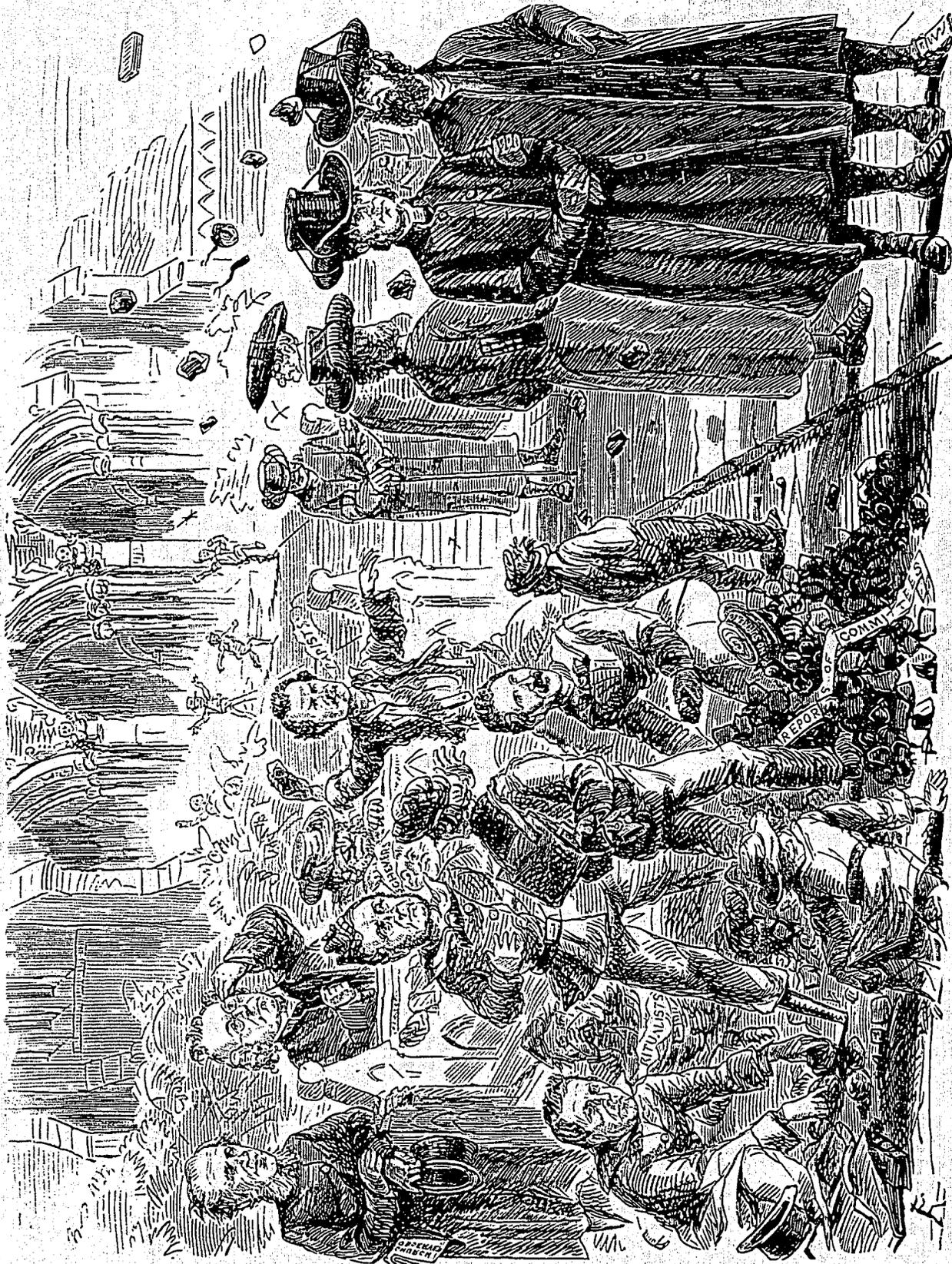
"Hei mihi! quod nullis amor est medicabilis herbis."

King Solomon, also,—no mean authority,—has bequeathed us most valuable testimony on this point: "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." But Solomon, it must be remembered, never kept "a school where young ladies are finished;" and, though undoubtedly an eminent botanist, he was apparently unacquainted with the love-annihilating properties of senna tea.



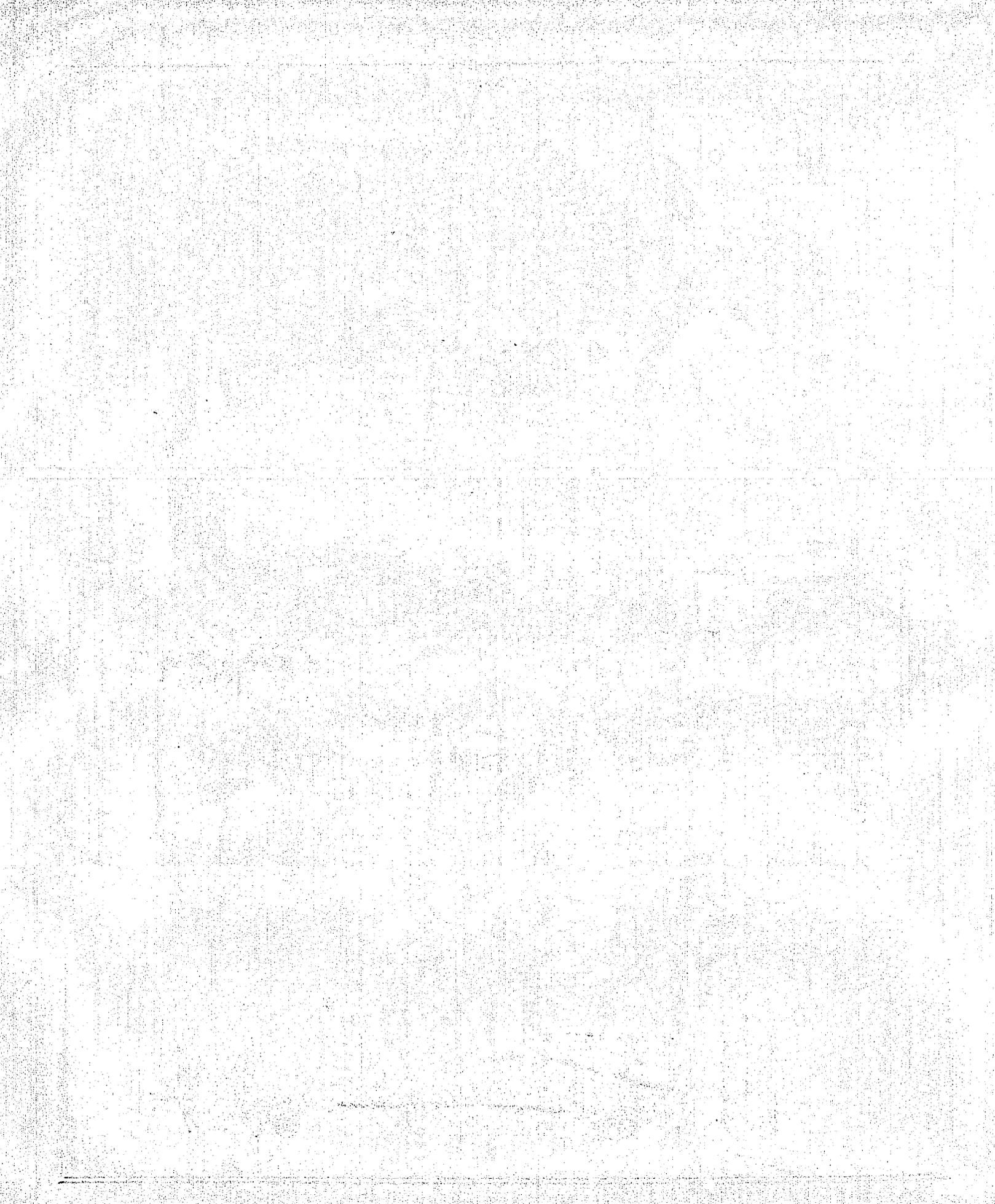


FIRST OF MAY IN CANADA.



SIN-ODD-I-CAL ACTION.

BAMBOOZLES (*opuntia*):—"FIRE AWAY, BOYS,—THEY'RE ONLY BISHOPS, AND CAN'T FIRE BACK!"



ZEKE TRIMBLE ON A LATE "COMPLIMENTARY DINNER."

DEER OLD DI,—

Purhaps thair aint a more extraordinary kuss into the komunity of city Fathers, than mi frend Kounsillor Lumber. Feelin' thet he hed'nt done enny thing partikler, he thot the best way of bringin hissself into publik notiss wuz to give hissself a dinner. Havin subscribed the necessary amount, he issued tikets & invited me amungst thee rest to thee kollashun. Afur konsiderable diskushun, we elekted the Charemun of thee Roads into thee chare, & thee fun kommend.

Thee kumpany wich Kounsillor Lumber hed invited wuz of a extremely mixd karakter. Furstly thare wuz a lot of kavvassers of thee lowest order. Then thare wuz a sort o' half-legal gintleman who has gained sum notoryety in elekshun times bi throwin stones. Then thare wuz a long-haired lawyer, who has just wun a \$1,200 case & got the munny; & a queen's kounsil, who is always goin round with a paint brush in 1 hand, & a tommy hawk in thee other, with his mouth wide open, like thee ragin lion seekin whom hee may devour, & a grindin his little tommy-hawk awl thee time.

Thee second tost wuz, "Thee Queen." The Chareman sed, "thare wuz no necessity of sayin anythin on this subject, as thare wuz into thee kumpany sum fellers that hed not bin used to female sosity, & mite not be sound on thee goose question." Here thee half-legal kuss got up & proposed a amendment. He wud suggest thee helth of Brian Boroo, a gintleman who in former times when Ireland wuz full of kollidges & universitiés & skools & hed no rongts to komplaine of, hed ruled that kuntry with a iron hand." This kawssed a rumpus, but thee queen's kounsil, who is quite a musicianer, struk up "God save the queen" & "musik" bein kried out, thee tempest wuz quelled.

Thee queen's kounsil replied to this tost in thee folloin turns:—"Gentlemen," sez he "much has bin sed about loyalty this evenin, & sum allusion hez bin made bi previous speekers, to thee grindin of axes, & the picter in DIOGENES, wich exhibits me as hevin dropped mi paint brush, & took up a axe. Enny body wich sez i'm not loyal, is a lawyer,—that's enuff on this pint. Thare's 2 kinds of loyalty into this kuntry; thare's a klass of men hoo love old ingind's queen, bekos she is the nobil representytive of a nobil & gloriús nashun. To this kategory, i've belonged, sense i've bin a queen's kounsil. Thare's anuther klass wich is loyal, only while thare into thee pellice, or milishy, or are justises of the peese. I am none of those. But gentlemen, i will now propose a tost wich will draw teers into your eyes; i mean the "mayre & korporashun."

Thee Mayre bein absent, thee chareman of thee roads, (who is thee Mayre and korporashun when thee Mayre is out,) reply to this tost in the folloin terms:

"Gentlemen," sez he, "these are dull times, but much munny kin bee made into thee korporashun yet. A man who begins with nothin' into thee kounsillor biz, kin increase his kapital a hundred fold in 3 years. But, gentlemen, thare are still in this wurd, sum honest hart. I allude more partikeelerly now to Kounsillor Lumber,—our nobil gest,—who has nobly subscribed 8ths of thee munny to pay fur this dinner, wich is now given to him by his konstitooents, who saved him twice this amount in elekshun expenses. It is troo he is into thee lumber biz, & lets his partner sell to thee korporashun, his lumber, at 50 per cent. belo kost, & gives all thee profits to thee church,—but such is life. Hee is a self-maid man; he kommendd life on a shingle & now rides in a buggy. Hee is a irishman bi birth & a frenchman bi feelin'; in fack hee is a trooly grate man, altho the publik are not partikeelerly akuainted with his deeds. I propose the helth of our nobil gest, Kounsillor Lumber, & may hee

allus have plenty of munny to pay for a dinner, such as thee one wee see be4 us & to invite his friends thareto."

Thee wurthy Kounsillor got up & red the followin' speech in a lowd vise. "My belovd bruthren," sez hee, "my hart is full to bustin, when i see around me thee Mayre & Kounsillors & mi konstitooents, who air givin me this dinner. I ask miself, whot's thee kawse: *cko ansers whare?* Wikid spirits from thee vasty deep may arise & say, 'Lumber, you heve bin spekin latin into thee kounsil,' but to them evil minded pursons, i anser, 'it is my partner who does the biz; mi share is devoted to charity, et settery.' "Gentlemen," sez hee, "ef you ask me, wharefore wuz this dinner reported in the publik press, i anser, 'ask the *Daley Noos* reporter.' Munny will make 2 blades of grass to grow, whare nary blade grew before. Gentlemen," sez hee, "our kuntry is goin to blazes." (here a long-haired lawyer remarked that this wuz a unparliamentary expreshun.) "A man may be a confoundid raskil into his privet life; hee may bee a lawyer who steels his clients munny, or another & a bigger lawyer wich you wud not trust for 1 sent, & yet thee publik will elekt him, or the government will give him a big offis into our kuntry. I am none of those. I am a self-maid man. Thare's anuther klass of kusses, who think they kin fill any posish frum sity Kounsillor, to emperor of Rooshy; our kuntry is filld with sich, in hi plases. Brass, is thare only qallyfikashun fur offis, & yet the publik air satisfied. Thare air hosts of good men into thee kuntry, but you kant elect them. Thee franchise is too low, & universal sufferidge beats respektability awl hollo. But i aint 1 of those. Mi mishun is too do: mi dooty into the sity Kounsil, & too git awl thee kontrax i kin fur miself & mi frends."

Hereupon the awjence cheered & thee wurthy Kounsillor handed his paper too thee reporter, who promised to print it. Thee dinner broke up & wee awl retired into our peesful homes.

Yours, trooly,

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AN ESCULAPIUS AFLOAT.

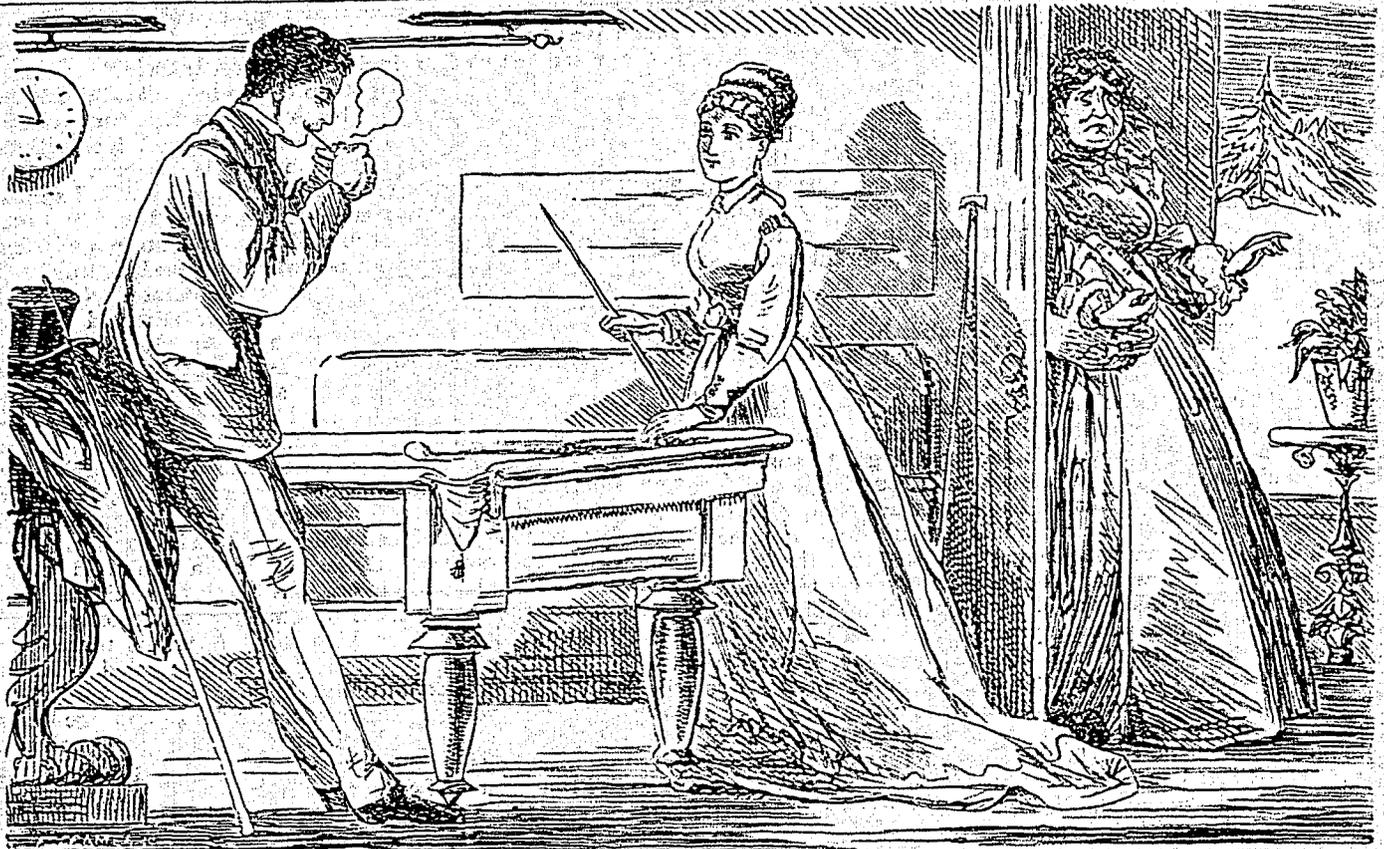
Dr. Napoleon Lavoie, of L'Islet has been appointed to the command of the government schooner *Canadienne*, in place of commander Tetu, deceased. Dr. Lavoie is a graduate of Laval University.—*Witness* Quebec Telegram, 28th April.

The Dominion Marine is starting under fair auspices. DIOGENES was not aware that Laval University turned out any sailors, but he has seen some of the Students in Arts who might pass anywhere for Horse Marines. Its medical men have always been noted for proficiency in surgical science, rather than for nautical knowledge.

Perhaps the chronic sea-sickness of the crew of the *Canadienne*, accounts for the necessity of a medical commander. L'Islet is a maritime port, and the worthy doctor may have acquired a fair nautical education, from the able seamen who navigate its numerous market boats to Quebec. Surely the Minister of Marine, will rejoice at the compliment of having his man-of-war *Le Canadienne*, commanded by a gentleman who combines the opposite qualifications of able seaman and doctor of medicine, and Mr. Galt may declare war with the United States at any time. We are quite prepared. The Dominion Navy is in the hands of an officer who can inflict wounds on the enemy and bind them up.

THEATRICAL QUERY.—Do the present performances at the Theatre Royal, belong to the *leg-itimate* or the *ill-leg-itimate* Drama?

DIOGENES has great satisfaction in publishing this week, the first two of a series of graceful sketches by an accomplished British artist, at present a sojourner in the Dominion. Others will speedily follow.



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KATE, (*loquitur* :)—“ THERE, FRED, IF WE HADN'T KISSED THAT TIME I SHOULD HAVE WON THE GAME ! ”
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(*Horror of Aunt Jane.*)

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 And standing thus, half shade, half light,
 As Tennyson has sung,
 In simple grace she forms a sight
 To make an old man young.
 Faint through the open window steals
 The fragrant breath of May,
 And each unconscious lover feels
 The influence of the day.
 But lo! Aunt Jane, a grim old maid,—
 Sure antidote to love!—
 Thinking her niece enough has played,
 Swoops down upon the dove;
 When, oh! most painful to avow!
 These words her senses stun,—
 “ Fred, if we hadnt kissed just now,
 I think I should have won!”
 With horror and amazement dumb
 Aunt Jane half-prayed to die,

But paused to hear what next would come
 In shameless Fred's reply.
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 I'll give you yet a dozen more,
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