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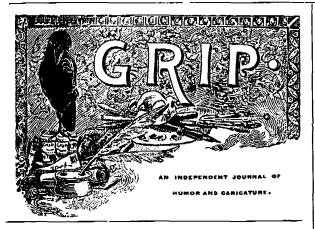
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Comments on the Cartoons.



ANOTHER CONTEMPLATED RAID.—The Mail has done a distinct service to the country in raising its voice against any further submission on the part of the Government to demands for further grants to the C.P.R. Syndicate or to the Province of Quebec. There is said to be good ground for the belief that at the approaching session of Parliament both these perennial mendicants will be at Ottawa hat in hand. It will not be surprising, moreover, to find the representatives of Nova Scotia clamoring for some of the fabulous good things so lavishly promised by Sir Charles Tupper, and it is beyond question that to accede to one demand means to admit all. The good sense of the country is opposed to any further fatuous nonsense of this kind, which simoly means ruin. It has got to be stopped, and at once. In the presence of an empty exchequer, and a public debt that is appalling to every

soher-minded citizen, these demands are simply piratical, and if the present Parliament isn't a degree worse than its predecessor, they will be peremptorily refused. Brother Mail, keep at it!

HE'S THERE TO STAY.—At last a Reform leader has come to the front who apparently is prepared to do what the average leader of that kidney has heretofore refrained from doing, viz., take a leaf boldly from the Tory book of political management. Mr. Mercier, the new Quebec Premier, is impressed with the idea that his Province needs him to stay in office for some considerable time to get through the big task that must now be faced. He has, therefore, made up his mind to stay. To this virtuous end he is fixing things after the approved John A. method—using the whole power of patronage and legislation to entrench himself securely in office. No doubt Mr. Mercier consoles himself with the doctrine that the end justifies the means, and that even a gerrymander will be excusable if it enables him to lift his Province in due time out of the bog. This is very poor morality, and we hope he will perpetrate no gerrymander,

whatever the consequences. Honor in public life pays better than eleverness in the long run, as the grand names of Baldwin, Mackenzie, and Joly testily. Let Mr. Mercier think on these things.

THE "LIBERAL TEMPERANCE" POSITION. — Mr. Goldwin Smith and his colleagues of the Liberal-Whiskey-and-Water-Temperance Combination have waited upon the Ontario Government to protest against the contemplated authorization of scientific instruction on alcohol in the public schools. We thank them for their trouble in convincing the Government of the utter weakness of the Alcoholists on this important question. Indeed, it would generally be safe for any government to do just the opposite of what Mr. Smith wants done. On every moral and social question of the time he is wrong—on this theme, ludicrously so. The idea of a man of his alleged clearness of intellect using the argument that the proposed instruction would "prejudice the minds of the rising generation" and give "them a partisan view" of the alcohol question! It was about on a par with his famous declaration in St. Catharines, that pork and tea were as dangerous to society as whiskey! The level-headed members of the Government dismissed the little coterie of cranks with the good-natured smile their twaddle evoked.

SOMETHING REQUIRING EXPLANATION.—The recent article in the Presbyterian Review, reviving the question of the amendments made since 1874 in the School Regulations with reference to religious exercises, has created something of a sensation. The amendments are certainly significant, and readily adjust themselves to a theory of Roman Catholic interference. In our cartoon we bring the matter to a pictorial focus, so that everybody can see it at glance. This we feel it our duty to do, as the question is a most vital one, and the undue influence of any Church is something that we will never submit to in this Province. What has the Government to say to this record? There is no election on the carpet now, and the question cannot be waved aside nor drowned down by loud and angry charges of Toryism, etc., etc.

THE POET McLachlan,—Canada's Old Grey Poet, McLachlan, has been on a short visit to Toronto, and many of our citizens have heartily shaken his gifted hand—the one with which he has so long wielded his pen in the interest of the Right. Mr. Alex. McNabb and Mr. Jas. L. Morrison. his especial friends, have been as kind to the good old man as their fellow-citizens could wish, and Principal Grant (whose warm words of eulogy on McLachlan will be remembered by those who heard his lecture at Wycliffe Hall) had the pleasure of shaking hands with the poet for the first time during this visit. GRIP, whose pages have been enriched with McLachlan's work, thinks it right to commemorate this pleasant incident.

WITH GRIP'S COMPLIMENTS.

MARRIED at St. John, N.B., Mr. Jos. S. Knowles to Miss Noble.

Here's fortune to the happy pair, A long and prosp'rous life; The lady's got a jolly hub., Joe's got a Noble wife.

A WOMAN'S COMMENDATION.

WE women better perhaps than any other human beings, know how the demon drink has devastated families and ruined once happy homes. And therefore I, and I am sure thousands more of my sex, cannot but be grateful for the war you incessantly wage against this curse of our too-often boasted civilization.

E. C. F.

SENATOR SANFORD.

(AN "AMUSING" CLOBE ARTICLE.)

MR. SANFORD, of Hamilton, has been made a Scnator. This is the reward of his sneaking desertion of the Reform party. He has sold himself to the Tory corruptionists for the sake of a paltry bribe in the shape of a Senatorship—a thing which any man of sense now regards as exceedingly small pay for dirty work.

Pleasantry* aside, Mr. Sanford's appointment is one of the best Sir John has ever made, as the new Senator is a man of ability and high character.

^{*} Pleasantry? Hokey-fly, how very pleasant!

ALL THINGS COME TO HIM WHO WAITS.

AN IDYLL OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS, 1887.

THE editor came to his sanctum den in mood that was mellow, I ween:

He had just been off on a round-town tour and several men he'd seen.

The tick in the telegraph office near was steady and loud and true, Bringing tidings of how the fight had gone the whole of the country through.

"Ho, John!" cried the editor, cheerily, to the foreman wild within. -

For the morrow was publication day, despite of election din, And the township folks would wonder and the townsmen fume and fret.

If the sheet was late, and talk and prate, saying, "Why, ain't the Sun up yet?"

"Ho, John! the returns are with us, and the space reserved we'll fill With an item headed boldly, 'Sir John at the Helm Still!' So rattle ahead, my heatty, and we'll get to press on time!" And the able editor ambled off with a native air sublime.

The item recorded victory for the Tory Grand Old Man! It said he had carried the country from Beersheba to Dan! "Majority, seven-and thirty!" was the telling tale it told, And the figures showed how the wave had flowed, the facts were calm and cold.

"Ho, John! is that paragraph set yet?" the editor loud did roar, As he loomed with anxious visage inside the press-room door. "We're maybe a little off, John. The hour just gone by Brings news of another color—there's a less majority!

"And as we are independent, and want to make all things fit, We'll slightly alter the head-lines and change the returns a bit. So, fix it up in this way:—'Blake Scarcely Fills the Bill. A working maj. for the Government—with places to hear from still!"

Then the foreman fidgeted wrothily and ordered all hands to work; He saw the facts and figs. re-built, with a grim, sardonic smirk. But hardly were all things ready when rushed the editor in With face perplexed and mind sore vexed, and voice with no cheery ring.

"Ho, John!" he cried, "the elections—we've got 'em all mixed, I guess;

There's some cussed plot, whence I wot not, to worry a patient Press!

We must change the figures and make the news:—'An Even-Up

Scrap To-day.'
'A Tie! A Tie!' is now the cry—if the telegraph's not astray."

The printer he ground his teeth in rage, and many a word spake he Which, truth to tell, would not sound well in prose or in poetry. But, with patience grand, he at once took a hand at doctoring up the stuff.

And he said, as he scratched his bothered head, "I'm no hog-I have had enough!"

But ere the worryful work was done, there hastened back up the stair

The editor, pale with a pallor born of doubt and of dread despair. "Ho, John!" gasped he, "you must kill that news—kill it dead as dead.

For the telegraph tells us finally that Blake's about three ahead!

"Perhaps by the morn, when the dailies come, we will have it all down pat,

Hold back the rag till the daylight dawns! There's naught for it now but that.

We can say, in excuse, we're awaiting the news, and right here this truth will fit,

You can't always generally sometimes tell from the corner in which you sit."

Merrily rose the morning sun, and cheerily broke the day;
And up with the light rose the editor bright, and John, the foreman, gay,—

For they felt that the mails would fill the sails of their ships on the sea of doubt.

And the vessel would glide with the newsy tide and never be put about.

The dailies came and they scanned the same—the editor, John, the imp,

An office bore, the man next door, and a printer tramp with a limp. "It's what I first said," the editor read the World, "Sir John is in With a big support." "Hold on, old sport," said John, with a gruesome grin,

"The Mail says no-what a rum old go !-his backing is mighty slim !"

"The News ain't certain," the tramp declared, "if Blake hain't the drop on him!"

"Here's the Globe, and it gives old Blake a boom—this time he has won the game!"

'Twas the bore who spoke, and the imp in broke with, "The 'Tizer it sings the same!"

Then the editor spake, and his voice did quake with a passionate ire intense:-

"It's mighty rough for to stand this bluff, but it's good I am on the fence;

Give readers a shot from the whole blank lot; I'm right clear up on a stump.

Like me, let 'em wait in a suspense state till they find how the cat will jump."

TOLL.

THE JUNIOR PICKWICKIANS;

AND THEIR MEMORABLE TRIP TO NORTH AMERICA.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

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UT as no one negatived the proposal to rejoin the ladies, the gentlemen left the dining room, Bramley going into his host's library in order to speak by telephone to the clerk at the hotel, with reference to Mr. Crinkle. The information he received from that worthy appeared to disconcert him, for, when he entered the drawing-room, a cloud was observable on his brow.

"I'm sorry to say that Crinkle has not yet returned to the hotel," he said, "I hope nothing has happened to him."

"Oh!" exclaimed Yubbits, "I don't see what could happen to him; st.ll, as we know where he went, or rather where he said he was going, it would not

be a bad idea for Coddleby and me to go and hunt him up. I won't ask you to come, Bramley," as that gentleman seated himself on a sofa by Miss Douglas' side; "what do you say, Coddleby?"

"I'm perfectly agreeable," replied the other. "something must have occurred to detain him; perhaps he's lost his way."

"I'll go too," cried their jolly host, setting about immediate preparations for starting. "If the poor fellow has lost his way"—ringing the bell,—"he must be hungry. "Huggins," as a footman, appeared, "get some sandwiches or something put up in my fishing creel—handy to carry you know"—to Yubbits, "and a bottle of stout or so, and look sharp, please," and he left the room, reappearing in a few minutes with the creel slung at his side. "Come, gentlemen; let us be off at once; nine o'clock,—moonlight—h'm! yes, come along, let us hunt up the lost poet. Do you think you can find your way to where he is likely to be?"

Yubbits suggested that they should take the same road as they had come by on the day preceding, which would bring them out at the spot where the tree was, under which they had sat, and which Crinkle had remarked as being so much to his liking as a quiet and retired place for composing in. The trio set off, and hurried away in the direction of Rosedale, and in the course of half an hour or so, arrived at the tree for which they were looking.

"No signs of him," said Yubbits, "though, by jings! someone's been here; look, here's a pencil and here are some scraps of paper with,—by the lord Harry,—this is Crinkle's writing!" and he picked up a fragment on which was written a line of what seemed to be poetry, and which Yubbits read aloud, aided by the brilliant moonlight:

"Fair spot! in solitude is it enthroned."

That's Crinkle's writing, I swear," he exclaimed.

"And yonder is the gentleman himself unless I'm mistaken," exclaimed Mr. Douglas, pointing to a prostrate figure, lying beneath another tree at a distance of about twenty yards.

The three rushed in the direction indicated and there could be no mistake that the lost one was found. But how was this? Was he dead or why did he lie so quiet and motionless?

"Crinkle, Crinkle," shouted Yubbits, shaking the figure violently by the shoulder, "Crinkle!" No answer.

"Oh! Crinkle," implored Coddleby, "say you are not dead," and he knelt down by his friend's side.

That gentleman, however, failing to give the desired assurance, Coddleby rolled him over, and discovered an empty bottle beneath him.

"Oh! he's committed suicide," moaned Coddleby, as the bottle met his eye. "He poisoned himself. He was always melancholy when writing poetry!" and he might truthfully have added that his readers also suffered in a similar manner when reading his inspired productions.

"Tut, tut," exclaimed Mr. Douglas, picking up the bottle and applying the orifice to his nose, "there has been brandy—or"—taking another sniff, "whiskey in this."

"Oh! look at his hand," cried Yubbits, as Crinkle's hand was exposed to view; "why it's swollen to twice it's natural size. Whatever's the matter, Crinkle?" he roared, as the prostrate poet mouned feebly and opened his eyes in a dazed sort of way, "Crinkle!"

"Wha's masser?" enquired the party addressed.

"My goodness," said Coddleby, "he's intoxicated; I never knew him to get into that state before. Dear me! what's to be done?"

"Whasser masser," enquired Crinkle, struggling up into a sitting posture, "wha's masser?"

"Why, Crinkle," cried Yubbits, "how did you get this way? you're as screwed as you can be."

"Who's shcrew?" asked the poet, "Been shna' bit."

"What does he say?" enquired Mr. Douglas, mystified, "what's that he says?"

"I shay," repeated Crinkle, very slowly, and holding up his swollen hand, "I shay I've been shna' bit—bit'n by shna'."

"Heavens!" exclaimed Coddleby, horrified, "he says he's been bitten by a snake. Oh! dear, there's not a moment to be lost."

"No, not mom'n t'be losh," murmured the sufferer, "been bitin' by boa c'nstricker, and drank whishk' to nul'fy pois'n,"

"Dear, dear, dear," said Coddleby, "I wasn't aware there were any boa constrictors in this country. Just look at his hand, Mr. Douglas."

That gentleman having examined the injured member with much care, at length said:

"Tut, tut! this is no snake bit, as well as I can make out by this light it looks as if this gentleman had been handling poison ivy."

"And is its bite fatal, sir?" asked Coddleby, "is it

necessarily fatal?"

"Fatal! not a bit of it," replied Mr. Douglas.

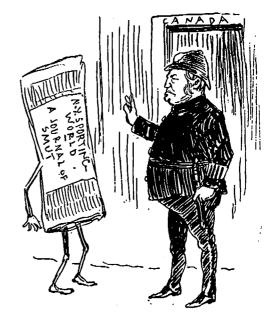
"Well, now, how are we to get him home?" enquired Yubbits. "Can you stand up, Crinkle?"

"Shtan up!" exclaimed the victim of the boa-constrictor, indignantly, "Sh'd think I could," and he struggled to his feet and immediately fell down again and rolled several yards down the hill.

"Mr. Yubbits," said Mr. Douglas, after thinking for a few moments, "if it's not too much trouble to you, the best plan would be for you to hasten to my house and order the coachman or groom to bring the light buggy at once, and we'll send him to the hotel. You can then tell Mr. Bramley that Mr. Crinkle is found, but you need not let anyone else know what ails him; say—say—say he fell asleep; that'll be true, and that he has gone to his hotel, and be sure you make the groom understand where he has to come."

"All right; no fear," replied Yubbits, hastening to obey, and starting off at a brisk trot, was soon out of sight.

(To be continued.)



GOOD FOR CARLING.

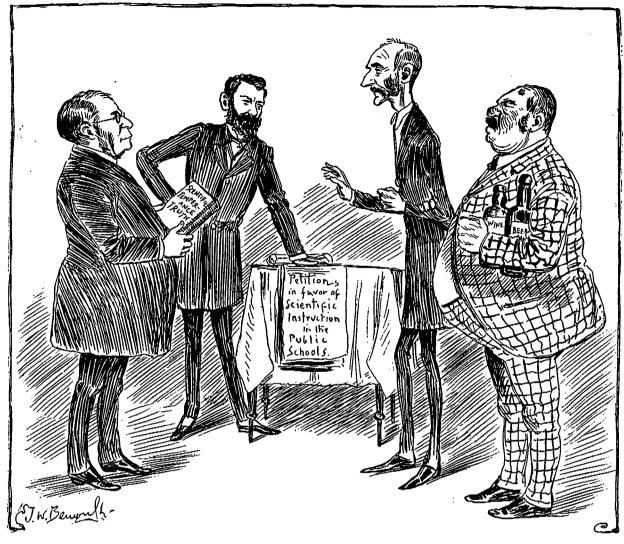
Honest John, of the P.O. Police—No, sir; you can't come into this country any more, nor any of your scurvy race!

THE MODE.

CITY EDITOR—"Binks has just brought in a lovely scandal, full of the most revolting details."

Managing Editor—"Good! Run it leaded, and head it 'Too sickening for publication;' and tell 'em in the press-room to run off twenty thousand extra copies."—
The Chiel.

A CITY that hath many inhabitants, yet no one would dwell therein if it were possible to get away—adversecity.—Whitehall Times.



THE "LIBERAL TEMPERANCE" POSITION.

Goldwin (on behalf of deputation)—WE OPPOSE SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION ON ALCOHOL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BECAUSE SCIENTIFIC TRUTH INFALLIBLY PREJUDICES THE MIND AGAINST THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC! WE DON'T WANT LIGHT, BECAUSE THE BUSINESS WON'T STAND IT.

THE KIRMESS.

THE Kirmess in aid of the Infants' Home being the first ever attempted in Toronto, there are probably many people who not unnaturally will be thankful for a few suggestions as to how they ought to conduct themselves at it. The writer is happy to be able to give them the desired information, having for many years closely observed the actions, manners, and conversation of those who are avowedly most familiar with all the ins and outs of Kirmesses.

Going on the principle of "age before beauty" and of "ladies first," the ladies of advanced age shall first be addressed. As most of such ladies at the forthcoming Kirmess will in all likelihood be chaperons, for them there is but one rule:—Keep away; nobody will miss you, least of all those whom you are supposed to chaperon. If you had intended spending any money, (the writer simply

throws this out as a bare supposition, scarcely within the limits of possibility), if you had intended spending any money, hand this task over to your sons—they will need it—the money, not the task, that is.

Second, then, as to the young ladies. For them, hardly any rules are necessary. Young ladies always know how to conduct themselves. No woman, from the time of Eve to the present day, has ever been placed in such a position that she was ignorant of what to say or do next. In her inmost heart (if she has any), there may possibly be sometimes in extraordinary and exceptional circumstances some slight trepidation, but the only person who is made aware of its existence is the confidante to whom she reveals the fact during that perhaps to her most exquisite half-hour of the day, the half-hour with the sister, or the cousin, or the friend, in the cosey boudoir before retiring for the night. Then indeed, when in slippered feet before a glowing fire and disencumbered of the many truly

irritating and exasperating garments of modern fashion, a woman may perhaps confess that at such-and-such a moment she was inwardly flurried; but no male acquaintance ever perceived the effects of it in her outward mien or carriage.

For young ladies, then, there are but two simple rules to follow at a Kirmess:—(1) Look as pretty as possible;

(2) Be as gracious as you can.

As to the first of these, no further remarks need be made; suffice it to say that, from the days of the Roman hows to the days of the Toronto Kirmess, the motto of the fair (and of the fair ones) has been spectarent et spectarentur.

As to the second, it may perhaps be as well to add that at a Kirmess a greater amount of graciousness is permissible than is ordinarily shown in the daily affairs of everyday give-and-take life. The young ladies, it must be remembered, do not attend the Kirmess only to see and to be seen, as the poet already quoted says, but she is also present to entice all sorts and conditions of men, be they poor or rich, young or old, nice or horrid, to buy; and as she could not possibly be expected to succeed in this laudable and self-abnegatory endeavor if she bore herself haughtily or was cold and unapproachable, it follows that her general bearing towards the would-not-be vendees (and these are more numerous than the would-be vendees) must of necessity be a gracious bearing. It is just possible that some of these would-not-be vendees may be so heartless, so lacking in that spirit of benevolence and magnanimity which should pervade all Kirmesses, as actually to imagine that this extra graciousness is called forth chiefly by a desire on the part of the vendor to dispose of her wares at the best possible figures. But so outrageous a supposition is not for one moment to be

Third, then, as to the young men, Ah! the poor young men; for them indeed it is hugely necessary that some rules be given—so necessary that the writer deems it best to devote a whole article to them alone, which accordingly he will do next week.

T. A. H.

FROM OUR MONTREAL MAN.

DR. HINGSTON is rightly considered one of our leading surgeons and he has recently added an operation to his long list of successes. He took the jaw out of an Irishwoman lately.

voman lately.

The French Board of Trade recently formed here is very energetic. They have already settled the fishery dispute, told the C.P.R and the G.T.R. how those railways should be managed, given lessons to the Harbor Commissioners and taught the English Board of Trade how to take action to bring the Federal Government to assume the channel debt. And yet they are not happy. They have invited President Cleveland to visit Montreal and confer with them on the advisability of having reciprocity between the two countries. No reply has as yet been received from Cleveland, but it is expected that he will accept so complimentary an invitation. It is said he likes Folsom flattery.

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Our Montreal judges are very ecclesiastical. We have a Church, a Monk and a Cross, and our Mayor is an Abbott, and the city is built on an aisle, and still matters are not pewre.

Previous to the last election, it was said the Liberals "stood to win;" the question is if they lost by being sat upon.

At a party here some time since, a gentleman said, in getting out of the way of a lady, "place aux dames." Unfortunately she only heard the last two words and did not smile very sweetly.

The lady students in the Donalda course at McGill College are very attentive to their studies, but as yet they have confined their attention to the hearts and sighences principally. One of them recently entered the medical course but retired after a brief contest with an anatomical dissection. She was very much cut up about it.

We have made a change in our foot wear. We all now wear pumps. There is so much water.

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als have been endeavoring for some

The Liberals have been endeavoring for some time past to establish a daily evening paper here to represent their views and interests. They claim that the *Star*, which assumes to be independent, is unreliable and is always on the "boodle" side in politics. In establishing the new organ, or rather in trying to do so, it has been found that the Liberals here are far more liberal in politics than they are in their pockets, and the project as yet hangs fire.

There is much discussion of holding a grand review of the volunteer forces here to celebrate the jubilee year of Her Majesty. If there is anything the volunteers want, it is a review, and they need it also. They are likely to get it therefore. The Brigade Major has been in communication with Sir A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia, and definite arrangements will soon be made. Col. Stevenson with his electric battery, Lt. Col. Bond with his infant-ry. Lt. Col. Oswald with his heartillery are all competent men, all scarred with wounds received in numerous engagements and sham battles, and they certainly will do all in their power to make the review a success. The young ladies here are much interested in volunteer matters and many of them are accustomed to bare arms.

SOME REMARKS BY OLD PETE.

Ladies an' Gem'len,—My heart am so full dis night dat I mus' unburden it right off—I mus' take de cork out fo' de bottle bus'. Not long sence yo' hab seen me loafin' aroun de streets wid differen' clo's to what I now w'ar; yo' hab seen me staggerin' under de Gorliah ob strong drink; yo' hab hearn me howlin' wid maudlin oratory long de street, den pleadin' wid de Cunnel for one mo' chance. But you don' all know de cause why I am dis day a reformed man, an' I will c'municate de info'mashun. Two yeahs ago I had on'y a wife an' one child to provide fo', an' yet how did I do my duty by dem? Why, I let dem go in rags while I guzzled de stupefaction which on'y gin me a hankering atter mo'; I starved dem an' Salan fed me, but I don' eat at hees table any mo'.

One mawnin' 'bout fo' o'clock I entered my own doah on dis same identical street. Dar was no light, an' as I was mos'ly sober dis time I ope' de doah sofly, an' I heah de voice ob my wife a'moanin' in de co'ner, an' her words wuz dese: "Oh, Pete, Pete, my angel son! God fo'give

yo' po' fadder! he don' know yit dat he hab murdered hees on'y child! Yo' mudder am alone now, but bress de good Lawd she will jine yo' beso' many days!"

Bredderin, dat was what open my eyes. My own chile was dead, a-lyin' on de straw on de flo', an' I could nebber ask hees fo'giveness fo' neglectin' to p'vide de necessities to sustain hees life; but his mudder was hyar, an' I could recompense her, an' dar by her side, befo' de white face ob our dead boy, I wrastled wid de Lawd fo' Hees fo'giveness an' Hees strength to obercome de debbil. Dat was two yeahs ago, an' ef yo' come to our home now yo' will fin' anoder little Pete a kickin' roun' de flo'-but yo' kint find no bundle ob straw fo' a bed; dey er mattresses now; an' sometimes in de night, when little stars come peepin' thoo de window, I look 'way up 'mong dem, an' I heah a little angel voice whisperin' a benediction on my pra'rs, an' tellin' me dat de oder little Pete am gibben me 'cause he was took away.

An' now, bredderin', how many ob yo' am drunkards er on dat road? How many in Canada are driftin' ober de precipice? an' all 'cause de laws license a man to murder, and den calls it a legitimate business! License a man to make anoder crazy, an' den kill de lunatic 'cause he kills somebody! Confiscate hees license, an' den some one cries, " Pay him fo' it "-pay him fo' de murders done, pay him fo' takin' away hees license to murder mo'. It am a rotten argument, an' as my eyes hab bin opened, so may all dose who hab innocen' babes, wifes, mudders er odders dependin' on dem to suppo't life.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

B.C.P.—Thanks. The idea is excellent and we hope to put it in shape shortly.

E.C. McC.—We accept contributed articles if up to the standard.

TWO CHATTERTONS.

THE following will be appreciated by the friends of Mr. Chatterton, who is well remembered as a former resident of Toronto:-

"The Rambler received the following missive a few days ago:

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—I learn on perfectly reliable authority that the name of Signor Perugini, the tenore di gracia of the McCaull Opera Comique Company, is not so Perugini as it might be. In fact there is a rumor prevalent to the effect that Signor Perugini's name is Chatterton. I would like to know if this Chatterton is the one played by Mr. Wilson Barrett at the Columbia Theatre yesterday afternoon. I saw this fellow Chatterton, as impersonated so ably by Mr. Barrett, and failed to recognize any resemblance between him and Signor Perugini-Chatterton. Will you kindly that the feets in any part of the property of the same of t kindly state the facts in your valuable paper, as it is far from pleasant to monkey around in ignorance of a topic that is of material interest. Yours very truly,

Constant Borrower.

"A representative of the Rambler was dispatched to interview Signor Perugini anent this inquiry, and the popular brunette tenor was discovered in luxurious apartments in the Leland Hotel. Said he: 'I desire to deny any acquaintance with this party, Chatterton, who was not, I judge, a person of any especial consequence. I saw Mr. Barrett play the person in question, and he seemed to me a man in the lowest stratum of society. He was nothing more than a common poet, living in a garret, getting a ridiculously small salary, and ultimately starving to death; or, what amounts to the same thing, taking morphine, to avoid starvation. I am pained to think that my name should be associated with his, and I beg you to inform | mail carriers.—Philadelphia Call.

your readers that he belongs to no branch of our family. In fact, I may add that until I saw Mr. Barrett's play I never knew that there was such a person. He was probably some unfortunate individual who sought to obtain a reputation at my expense, and I repeat emphatically that I don't know him.'"

WIFE BEATING.

THE particulars of a sad and serious case of wife beating have reached us. Little did we think it would fall to our lot to report a crime of this nature. We read too frequently of cases of the kind referred to, and regret our magistrates and judges do not deal more severely with men guilty of such atrocious deeds. There are few questions requiring as much attention by our legislators as this one, and rather than abolish flogging, we do not hesitate in saying that this mode of punishment should be meted out unsparingly in all such cases. poor, trusting young girl who promised to love, honor, cherish and obey, would have spurned from her with indignation the slightest whisper from her dearest friend that such a lot would befall her, but the first blow from her liege lord recalls vividly and forcibly to her mind the unheeded warning. There is now no escape other than publicity, but from this she recoils, submitting, as it often happens, too frequently to the harsh words and harder blows, till her spirit fails her, and all respect and love are banished from the once too fond and trusting heart. Plato lays it down as a principle that whatever is permitted to befall man shall either in life or death conduces to his good. Wife beating could not have been known in Plato's days, or the men must have been the weaker vessels then. The case in our midst is more distressing, since learning that the couple have been married only two years, and that it took place in a neighbor's house. refrain for the present from publishing the name of the brute (for we can call him by no other term) who is guilty of so base an offence, owing to the very respectable position the parties have occupied in society, and until such time as the matter is more fully brought out before the public in the courts. We can only, for the present, prepare our readers for a sensation in high life.

Since writing the above we have been creditably informed that the wretch in human form has been known to beat his wife with a spade, although in the instance now under our notice a club was used. We await with eagerness further developments, and in the meantime cannot tell you further than this-they were playing This is April the euchre and he held the most trumps.

A TOUCHING SCENE.

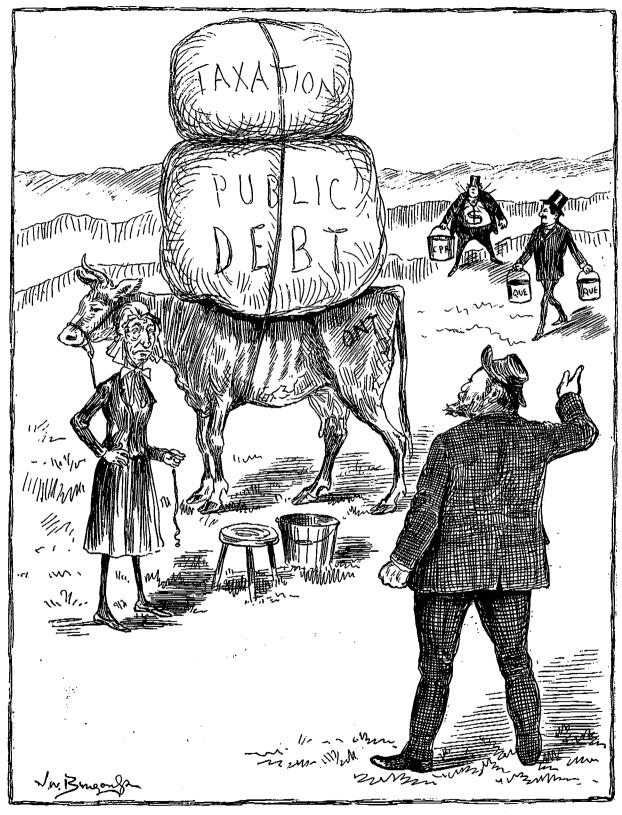
BURNING words of love I spoke And stroked her curly head; Blessings great I did invoke On her I hoped to wed.

Oh, my ecstacy of joy I cannot e'en convey But it suffered some alloy When I heard her plainly say:

"Why, your coat is very rough-'Tis made of coarsest threads; Get you one of smoother stuff-I'm never scratched by Ned's."

ELLIOTT FLOWER.

GOLIATH, of Gath, was probably one of the earliest



ANOTHER CONTEMPLATED RAID.

"Ontario has played the part of an uncomplaining milch cow for all the other provinces since 1867, but patience must soon cease to be a virtue."—The Mail, March 18.

THE JUBILEE HISTORY OF CANADA.

BY PETER QUILL.

" Interdum stultus bene loquitur." (Continued.)

Since the announcement of the issue of this work was made last week, the author's room has been flooded with complimentary letters and messages from the highest sources, of which the following are selected at random from the waste-paper basket :-

"Your ode is better than Tupper's. Tennyson threatens to resign the Laureateship." If so, it is yours. Accept my thanks. I shall not subscribe, as I can borrow Albert Edward's copy. Tra-la.

(Cablegram). - "Go ahead, Quill. Your Jubilee Memorial will ectipse the Imperial Institute. Put me down for one copy—will send stamps per mail. "ALBERT EDWARD."

(Post Card).—"Don't forget that I was born in Pokerville. uccess to your immortal work. "W. E. GLADSTONE." Success to your immortal work.

(Cablegram, not paid for).—" Be careful how you treat the French Canadians in your History. " BOULANGER."

(Letter, extract).—" If I Can-add-a trifle toward expenses let me ROTHSCHILD,"

"May I paint your portrait for the National Gallery? If so, send er your photo. "JOHN RUSKIN." over your photo.

I need not add more. So great has the pressure been that the author has had to employ three lady helps to read the letters and reply to them. Quite a few questions relative to the History of Canada have been received; the following alone can be replied to, as the rest did not contain the necessary stamps:-

"Where did the historical beaver erect its first dam in Canada? "PROFESSOR SELWYN SMITH."

Answer.—At Dension, a few miles from Pokerville, where the illustrious author also resides. The original dam is still to be seen, and is supposed to be as old as Adam. It was once as strong as adamant, but is now both aged and damaged. For further particulars send further stamps.

"What became of the French colors after the battle with the dians at Lachine in 1689? "GENERAL WOLESLEY." Indians at Lachine in 1689?

Answer.—They were captured by the Iroquois and used for war-paint. The French colors being aniline were more brilliant than the vegetable pigments used by the Indians. It was on this memorable occasion that the Marquis de Papineauville uttered the never-to-be-forgotten hue and cry, "Never say die." After their victory the Indians are said to have painted their wigwams red. Send another stamp.

"Whom do you consider the greatest character in Canadian "MAMIE." history?

Answer.—After considering this matter carefully, we are compelled to admit that the greatest character in Canadian history (excluding Indians, muskrats and codfish) is the humble author of the Jubilee History of Canada, who will send Mamie the chromo of himself at work in ten colors for ten cents.

"Can you tell me the origin of the De Vere Jones family?
"JENNY ALOGEE."

"The De Vere Jones family are traceable four generations. The great grandfather of the present occupier of the name sold pigs' trotters outside Drury Lane in Lonon, Eng., and was hung at Old Bailey for stealing and icking hogs, whereby to obtain trotters. His son carried on the business, came out to America and introduced the famous trotters. He became a large pork packer and

speculated in grain. His son inherited his fortune and added De Vere to his name. The present De Vere Jones family lately burned a portrait of the old man, with accessories, which was taken at his execution. They talk of their ancestors and stamp their note paper with a borrowed plume, or rather a purloined crest. The present D. V. Jones ride in a carriage. Their great-grandfather peddled with a truck. I will give further particulars on receipt of a shin-plaister."

Owing to the above communications the illustrious author cannot publish the first part of his work, as he desired, in this issue; but hopes to deal with Canadian mythology at no late date. (Signed) P. QUILL.

P.S.—That's all bosh! The illustrious mugwump is marching his bedroom arrayed in a robe de-nuit and a bandage. Efforts to console him are all in vain, and he is alternately singing "I don't want to fight," and asking for another pony. He has not written a word of history. O. SCROGGINS.

SELF RESPECT.

BAGLEY—Bailey, you have a general reputation for talking to yourself in the street.

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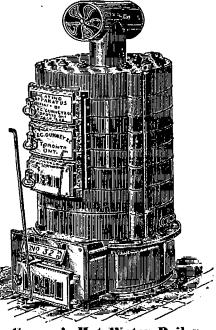
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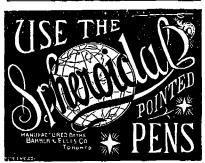


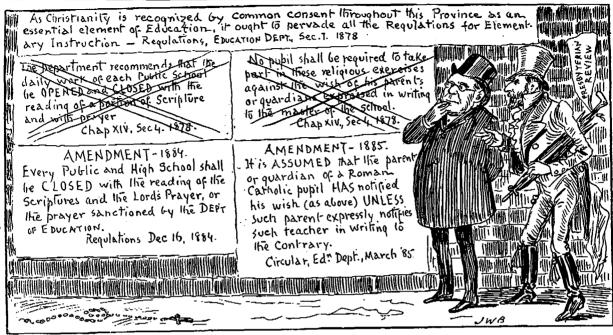
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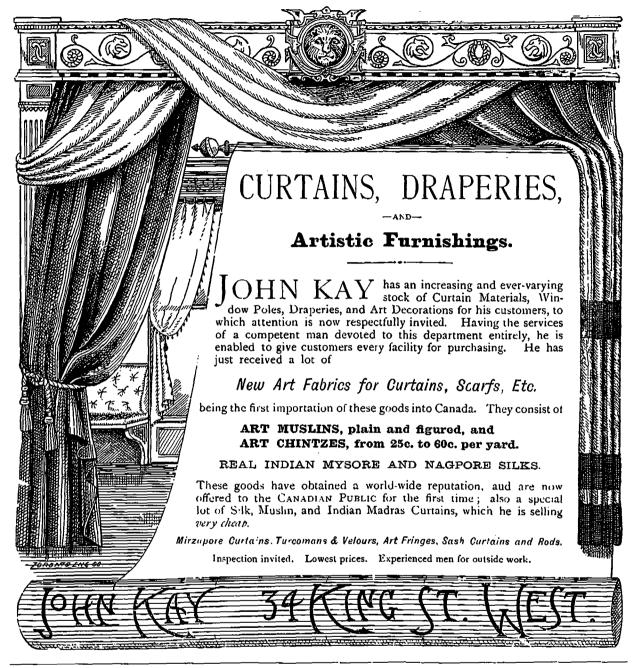
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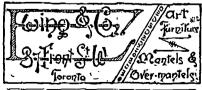
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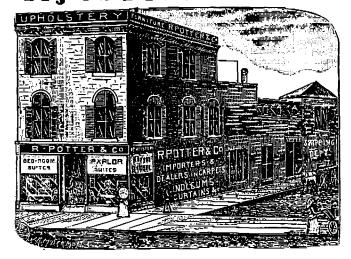
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