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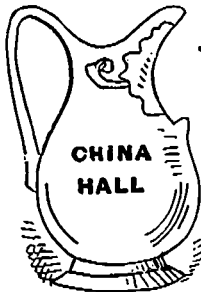
O. M. TO "HONEST JOHN."—You say the Government deserves credit for the progress of the country? Which Government do you mean, so far as Ontario is concerned?

The gravest beast is the ASS.  
 The gravest bird is the OWL.  
 The gravest fish is the Oyster.  
 The gravest man is the FOOL.  
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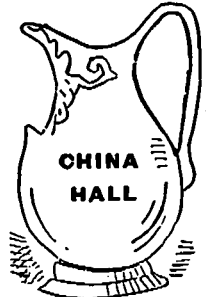
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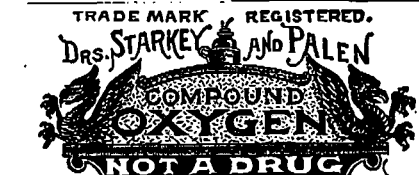


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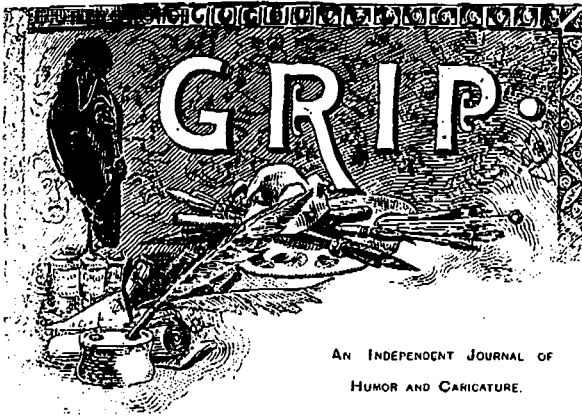
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### Comments on the Cartoons.



**THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.**—When Sir John told the New York interviewer that he expected the Bleu bolt to cool off by the time that Parliament met, and "everything to go on as usual," he no doubt spoke out of the depth of his knowledge of French-Canadian human nature. He is aware that in his political smithy there is a convenient tub of water by means of which the cooling process can be greatly accelerated, and if the worst comes to the worst, he can easily make a fizzle of the bolt by giving it a simple plunge. In plain words, the opinion is growing in the country that the recalcitrant Bleus will be reconciled by a payment under some euphonious name out of the public treasury for the general benefit of their Province.

"ONTARIO! ONTARIO!"—If Hon. John Carling is right in saying that such material prosperity as Canada has enjoyed of late ought to be credited to the Federal Government, why shouldn't Mr. Oliver Mowat lay claim to the chief part of said credit, as being the ruler of the Province which has enjoyed the largest share of the prosperity aforementioned? Logic is logic, as the builder of the celebrated "one-hoss shay" affirms.

**IT'S WORTH LOOKING INTO, SIR!**—In his London speech, and on many like occasions, Mr. Blake has scathingly exposed the corruption of the present Government; when the Reformers were in power the Conservative orators had no lack of material for similar denunciations. To the calm on-looker it is clear that there is corruption on both sides—far more corruption than can be accounted for on the mere hypothesis of the depravity of human nature. In the opinion of our contemporary the *Nevos*, the calm on-looker, when he begins to investigate this phenomenon, soon discovers that our system of government is responsible for nine-tenths of the wrong-doing. This is true. Had the framers of our constitution sat down grimly to concoct a system which would put a premium upon partisan jobbery, they could not have succeeded much better. The Canadian Premier who does not avail himself of the "chances" he has, cannot keep in office; the Premier who does so, becomes a corruptionist without fail. Now, since Mr. Blake is on the look-out for a positive policy (having already a first class *negative* one on hand) why doesn't he bring his powerful mind to bear on this grave matter? He knows that political corruption is fatal to a community. How does he propose to cure the malady in our own case? He simply promises that he and his colleagues, if entrusted with office, will refrain from using the opportunities our system places in their hands. This is mere trifling. What the country needs—and we believe

demands—is a radical cure. Our system could be made to guarantee a certain amount of purity independently of the personal character of the Executive. *There* is a task worthy of a statesman; that is what must be done to save Canada. The *Nevos* advocates a straight democratic system; Mr. Blake may see some other effective cure. It is worth his while to look into the question, at all events.

### As We Pass By.

**THE** unqualified success of our Free Public Library, as set forth in the annual report, is something to be proud of. That the institution will continue to grow in public favor, and prove as great a benefit as its sanguine promoters anticipated, is now assured. The choice of Mr. Bain as librarian has proved most fortunate. He is a rare union of efficiency and urbanity, and consequently is highly esteemed by all. Mr. Davy is also a very capable official, and a hard worker. These gentlemen have been supported by an enlightened Board of Directors, and hence the gratifying result.

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**WE** hear that Mr. J. D. Edgar, M. P., intends to resume his agitation on the subject of copyright this session, and we sincerely hope something may be done to cure the present anomaly. Surely it ought not to be hard to convince a majority elected on the doctrine of "Canada for the Canadians," that Canadian authors and publishers should have rights in their own country at least equal to those enjoyed by Englishmen and Americans *via* England. A more grotesque law than the present one could hardly be devised.

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A movement is on foot for the improvement of the condition of the city newsboys. These hard-working little fellows have never been recognized by the city as they deserve, and many evils have grown up in connection with their useful though perilous calling. It is intended, we believe, to suggest the removal of little girls from the paper-selling business altogether. The City Council will shortly be asked to pass a by-law on the subject.



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**IT** does GRIP's heart good in these days of flabbiness to note the moral muscle of the anti-Mormon measure which has just passed the American Senate. It recalls the good old days of Cromwell. It doesn't stop to argue the fine point as to whether the Utah "Bishop" has a right to the pursuit of happiness in his peculiar way. It simply fetches Mormonism a Sullivanian right-hander between the eyes. The arguing will be done after the funeral.

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**BY** the way, what has become of that canine Black Maria? Our streets are teeming with vagrant curs innocent of owners, supplemented with hundreds of better bred dogs that have no receipt for their taxes in the shape of a tag. Haven't the authorities got a bob-sleigh to put the box on, or is the trap laid up for repairs? With all the vehemence of a citizen whose nights are made hideous with howling dogs, we call for the men with the scoop-net!



PROF. W. S. VALLANCE, of Glasgow University, who is acknowledged to be the finest elocutionist in Great Britain, has been induced to favor Toronto with two evenings next week—Wednesday and Thursday—when he will appear at Shaftesbury Hall. Those who have heard Bellew will be anxious to see Vallance, who is the legitimate successor of the great English reader.

THE Mikado is with us at last. It was worth the long wait to secure a performance of the piece when it *did* come, from the original libretto and orchestration, and by a thoroughly competent company. The Mikado is generally admitted to be Gilbert & Sullivan's prettiest opera, and no urging will be needed to induce Toronto to go and see it. Happy the man who can get a seat!

#### WHAT GOLDWIN DON'T KNOW ABOUT TEMPERANCE.

GOLDWIN never was in a licensed respectable saloon at 12 midnight to see the impecunious bums thrown out.

Goldwin never was in an "unlicensed den" and took stock of the sweet-scented mob.

Goldwin was never at an unknown hour in The Club and marked the idiotic faces, the obscene stories, and the call for another bottle of wine.

Goldwin has never been down in the police cells and viewed the objects on the floor reeking with the ardent.

Goldwin has been among the *temperate* folks.

Where are they?

But Goldwin is a temperate man. "And so are they all—all" "temperate" men. Q.



#### THE GRIT VOTER.

TAKING STEPS TO GET HIS NAME ON THE REVISING BARRISTER'S LIST.

#### RINGS AND BANGS.

A lassie, called Belle Macintyre,  
(A man of some note, was her sire,  
Quite clever at books,  
Yet vain of her looks,  
Was this lassie, called Belle Macintyre.

Her beautiful forehead—'tis fact—  
She feared might somewhat detract,  
From her nose, and her chin,  
And her mouth—what a sin!  
To detract from such beauty as that!

Her eyes were pleasant and bright,  
Her figure of medium height,  
Her hands, like her feet,  
Are slender and neat,  
And *ungloved*, were a beautiful sight.

Yet her hands, those beautiful things,  
She disfigured with *brass-colored* rings,  
*O tempora—mores!*  
*O Reign of the Tories!*  
Disfigured with *brass-colored* rings!

This adage, let every one know it,  
"If you have an intellect, show it!"  
Let those without brain,  
The fashion maintain,  
But (*wring not and bang not*) the poet.

—H. K.

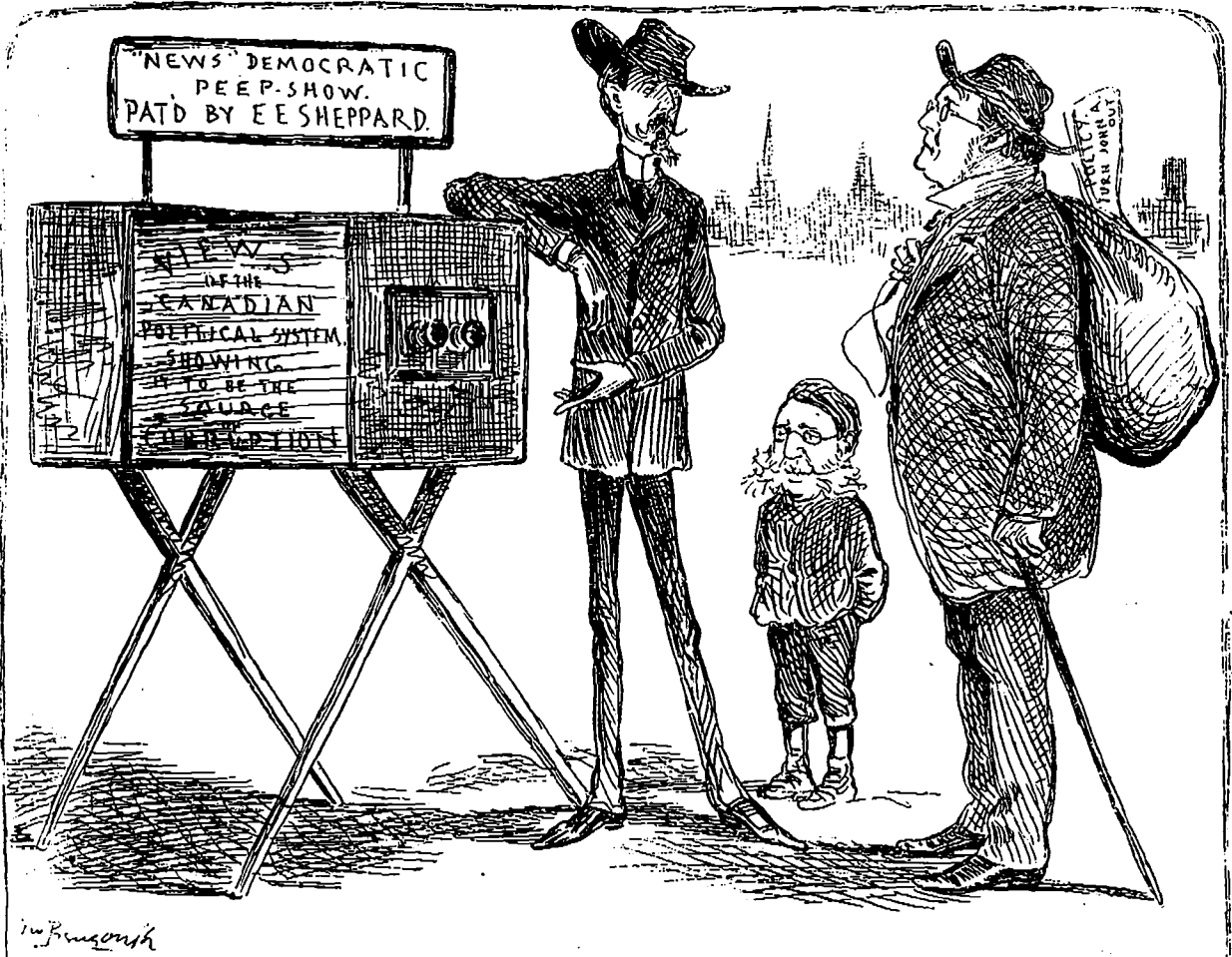
#### HE IS HERE.



HE Local Legislator has arrived in town and is numerous distributed around the hotels and boarding-houses. He expects to have even a softer "snap" than usual this session, as Hon. Oliver has cut out very little work—just enough to enable the gentlemen from outside to enjoy their winter holiday and draw their salaries. The Local Legislator is a good-natured, easy-going gentleman to all appearance; but if you want to stir up the demon within him, and transform him into a monster of wrath, all you have to do is to read him the *Mail's* article in favor of biennial sessions. A very sensible and reasonable article by the way.

#### SOME SPOONS.

SPOONS were so called because they were cut out from chips—modern spoons are very often chips off the old block and are well cut out for their business. It's better to cut out a spoon than to be cut out for a spoon. Spoons for the mouth, and the mouth for spoons—so it goes very often. There are the various kinds of spoons. First the cute little ornamental salt and mustard spoons, too dainty for use and rather interesting to observe—they always go in pairs. The larger spoons first go in sets, but soon dwindle down into pairs. There seems to be a sort of evolution in spoons. Watch a pair. They commence at the table—a couple of tablespoons. Public scrutiny becoming too noticeable, they leave, seek some retired corner, and immediately become a pair of dessert-spoons. We dare not intrude, but if we dared, *perhaps* we would find our couple to have changed into teaspoons. What the next process of development is we know not; experience and observation have sadly failed us here. One word and we close—if you become a spoon, sooner or later you will get into hot water.



IT'S WORTH LOOKING INTO, SIR.

(A HINT TO A GENTLEMAN IN SEARCH OF A POSITIVE POLICY.)



**DEFIANCE TO OTTAWA.**

(Extract from a recent oration delivered at Calgary.)

"Sir John may gerrymander Ontario if he likes, but by the Great Horn Spoon he isn't going to Jerry-Traviss this country!"

**"SCOTT ACT SUCCESS" IS ASSURED.**

In glancing over the *Parkdale Times* the other day we noticed a bit of correspondence introduced as follows:—  
"Sir,—Although not accustomed to write for the press, I from a sense of duty attempt to cast in my *mite*, with

the hope that perchance a *seed* may be sown that would generate and eventually help to produce the principles of integrity and sobriety. Whereas, should I *stand aloof*, some one might *stumble over my mute pen* into everlasting ruin and degradation."

Oh what a fall would be there, my countrymen! Oh thou mute, pensive writer, stand not aloof, let no one stumble over thy mute pen, but cast in thy mite that perchance it may grow into a giant, generating, *mighty producer* of the principles of integrity and sobriety!

"SAV, William, what is the most striking case of absent-mindedness that you have observed?"

"A man trying to adjust his collar button as the first and only article of apparel."

"Well, I should say that was more than absent-mindedness."

\* \* \* I AM pleased to see the improvement in the last issue of your interesting paper, and more than pleased at the independent course you pursue by giving "Whig" and "Tory" as they deserve it, raps over the knuckles.

Cornwall, Jan. 20.

D. M.

**BURDETTE'S CHILLING NARRATIVE.**



BOBBY BURDETTE has gone to his home across the lake with a pair of snowshoes as a trophy of his Canadian expedition, and has lost no time in putting his impressions of our country in type. The narrative is calculated to chill the blood of the American reader, who is pretty sure to overlook the statement in it of the fact that our temperature is similar to that of New York. The whole article is a beautiful grouping of snowbanks, fur coats, toboggans, snowshoes, etc., quite puzzling to the average Toronto man. The explanation is easy. Bobby Burdette is known amongst his own people as an eminently truthful humorist, and to keep up this reputation he *had* to write that way about Canada. If he hadn't piled on the snow and fur, and thrown in heaps of toboggans, the average American would have rejected the story as incredible, and relegated the truthful Robert to the category of the prevaricating Twains, Nyes, and Perkinses.

"THERE'S MANY A SLIP."

"THE only way to get on in this world," said old Hornbuckle to young Dashaber, whose business lately had gone up the spout, as they were walking briskly down King Street, "is to let no advantage slip. Be on the alert for good bargains in your line, purchase at once; otherwise, by letting these chances slip you come to grief. The same in selling; mark down something attractive in your stock. Its cheapness is apparent—the customer will come back and buy of you something profitable. Never let a chance to sell slip. Look at me. Where did I begin? Nowhere! but I never let a chance slip, and here I am; and I say that a man who lets things slip—" Slip! slide! smash! crash! went old Hornbuckle through a milliner's window knocking the feather-adorned \$20 bonnets literally into cocked hats, after his feet flew up from the icy sidewalk.

"Well, you've let yourself slip for once," said the grinning Dashaber, as under the eye and threats of the policeman on the beat Mr. Hornbuckle paid for the damage. B.

GOOD WORDS.

MR.—remits, etc. He congratulates the publishers for their spirit and enterprise, and trusts that they will be encouraged by an enlightened public.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 16.

\* \* \* GRIP'S arrival is hailed with delight every week by all, even the little two-year-old.

Toronto, Jan. 21.

A. M'P.

**BOBSERVATIONS.**

"Cultivate a habit o' bobservation, Sandy."—Mrs. H. B. Stor.

BLONNS boasts that he is a self-made man "as reads art, and has a scientific turn, you know." Lately he put a twenty-five-cent thermometer into each of the bedrooms and the kitchen, and a dollar one, got up in crimson plush, into the parlor, "to reg'late the heat, you know." Summer heat's all very well, and Blood heat and Fever heat, but I take my stand on Fair'n-heat, it's a happy combination and soots me to a T.

What is the *Mail* up to now? Has it supported the Government in dealing with Riel, only to embarrass it in dealing with the Indians?

I'd like to be a candidate  
 Before the crowd to stand,  
 My record in the papers,  
 My chances in their hand.  
 And every Tom, and Dick, and Ned,  
 To have his little fling,  
 And make my purest act'on seem  
 A very dirty thing.

I am glad to know that the Bishop of Durham's "White Cross League" has found a footing in some of the churches here. There seems to be every need of some pressure in the direction of purity if one may judge from the records that abound in the papers just now.

I am glad to see Mr. C. G. D. Roberts and our other Canadian poets—laureates or not—taking their places in the higher literature of the day; but though they may say a thing ever so prettily I think it would be better always to be sure of the facts. In "Canada," as given in the *Century* for January Mr. Roberts sings in no weak strain:—

"Montcalm and Wolfe! Wolfe and Montcalm!  
 Quebec, thy storied citadel,  
 Attest in burning song and psalm  
 How here thy heroes fell!"

"O thou that bor'st the battle's brunt,  
 At Queenston and at Lundy's Jane;  
 On whose scant rank but iron front  
 The battle broke in vain,—"

"Whose was the danger? whose the day?  
 From whose triumphant throats the cheer?  
 At Chrysler's Farm, at Chateauguay,  
 Storming like clarion—bursts our ear?"

and then he proceeds to rally Canada whom he has previously addressed "O Falterer!" for not going alone, as he would have us believe she did on the Plains of Abraham, at Chateauguay, Queenston, and other battle fields. But did she? What then brought the 8th, or King's Own, the 49th (Brock's Regiment), the 104th, the 41st, together with companies of the Royal Artillery, and the Royal Engineers, and many other Imperial contingents I need not name, beside ships and men of the Royal Navy, taking part in the war of 1812? I leave the Plains of Abraham, Wolfe and Montcalm, to answer for themselves in the memories of all who have read history. Pluck is good, but boastfulness is *BAD, very*.

HOW?

How to grow fat—Feed a hog liberally on meal and milk. *But don't be a hog.*

How to lose flesh—Leave the cat in the pantry.

How to live long—Grow tall.

How to sleep soundly—Snore.

How to be wise—Don't be a fool.



## THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

*Mr. Grip.*—JOHN, YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO MAKE ANYTHING OF THAT "BLEU" BOLT.

*John.*—O, DON'T YOU FRET. IF IT COMES TO THAT, I CAN EASILY CHUCK IT IN THE TUB, AND MAKE A FIZZLE OF IT!

**CHARACTERS IN HANDWRITING.**

It is with the most profound regret we ha veto announce that this department must for the present be discontinued. We had anticipated many pleasant associations with our respected subscribers through its medium; but, alas! these are now as shattered idols. The immense satisfaction with which our expert's readings were received was indeed a joy unto our heart, and when the day arrived for this number to go to press and no "copy" was to hand from our expert, we were much perturbed in spirit. A trusty messenger was at once despatched to his home, with imperative instructions to bring back the man if he could not secure the "copy." Imagine our grievous surprise when the trusty one returned with the intelligence that the expert was *non est*. This was a blow! We little thought his *nonesty* would ever be brought into question. Placing the case in the hands of our best city detective, we were soon in possession of the startling information that our expert had been last seen in company with two distinguished looking gentlemen from the domain of Uncle Sam. That settled it. Without more ado, in the name of GRIP, for one week's salary advanced, we seized upon all personal property left behind by the expert, to wit: one small valise, containing two large holes, one broken celluloid collar, several copies of GRIP and *Tid Bits*, and a roll of MS. Filled with the hope that this might be a continuation of the character readings, we eagerly scanned it. It proved to be something better, nothing less than the expert's system of analyzing character from handwriting. Believing that the talented expert will never more be seen on Canadian soil, we have decided to print the system for the benefit of our subscribers, in the cheerful hope that it will prove a powerful incentive to those of an enquiring turn of mind to actively study the characters of their correspondents and neglect their own.

Here is the system :

**HINTS UPON ANALYZING CHARACTER IN HANDWRITING.**

First, a few words upon Public Analyzing. When analyzing for the public prints, first make yourself acquainted with the amount enclosed. If none be found, gently place the letter in the waste-paper basket. Those letters containing enclosures should then be taken in order, largest sums first. Having pocketed the money next look to the signature for the sex of the writer. This ought to be discovered by a perusal of the letter, but the method indicated is much easier and—safer. This done, commence at beginning and read through letter.

From this point public and private analyzing come under the same process.

I. Ladies' handwriting.—A bold dashing hand indicates the writer to be a spinster, but possessed of a strong desire to run a husband; a small cramped hand indicates its owner to be an old maid with contracted notions of love and wedded happiness; a large hand with occasional inch spaces indicates love-sickness and poetical inclinations for blank verse; the lady who forgets to dot her *i*'s has brown hair, blue eyes and—a fiery temper; the writer who ignores crossing her *l*'s is addicted to creaming her tea with gin; lady writers who scorn full stops are mothers-in-law; those not given to correct punctuation wear wigs and false teeth.

II. Gentlemen's handwriting.—In certain lines there is little difference between ladies' and gents' handwriting, because the most pronounced of female writers naturally incline towards a masculine hand, yet it will be necessary to point out certain styles peculiar to the sterner sex.

Writing, thick and clumsy, indicates the writer to be an anti-Scott man with a leaning towards the jim-jams; an epistle without capitals shows the writer to be mean and miserly, small letters saving so much ink; a hand which runs at all angles upon the paper is evidence that its owner stays out late at night and is otherwise irregular in his habits; writing which leans to the left also indicates evil practices, the writer will not incline to the right; a hand which is straight up and down and correctly punctuated shows its owner to possess a mind of mathematical accuracy and a wooden leg; a letter which begins "deer sur," and in which the capital I is written "i" and words are missing in every line, indicates the writer to be of a literary turn with a great love for the intelligent printer.

In the preceding hints I have mentioned in the barest possible manner the mechanical part of the system only. Coupled with this there is the analyzing from the matter written. This any sensible person can do, but whenever discrimination fails, make up with a liberal use of the imagination.



**HINTS TO INDULGENT PAPAS.**

*He.*—Ah—where is the plaque you were painting? Did you finish it?

*She.*—Oh yes, and it was just too lovely for anything.

*He.*—Well, now you should get it fired.

*She.*—Oh, it is! Pa fired it as soon as he saw it. He don't understand art, you know.

—Rambler.

**FROM WELL-KNOWN AUTHORS.**

"I'm easily sooted."—The chimney. "Water joke!"—The well. "Let us sweep."—The broom. "I'm all cut up."—The wood-pile. "I've gone through my work."—The needle. "I'm pressed for a little time."—The cheese. "My life ends in a lye."—The ash-heap. "Let's soap for better times."—The soap-barrel. "I never sauged stuffed times."—Bologna.





**TERRORS OF THE FRANCHISE ACT.**

*Algernon Briefless (Rising Barrister).—Consent at once to our union or, by my oath, I'll strike your name off the Voters' List!*  
*Old MacGrit.—Take her! Take her! (Collapses.)*



**THE AUTOCRAT'S MODERATION.**

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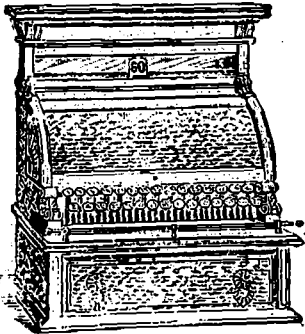
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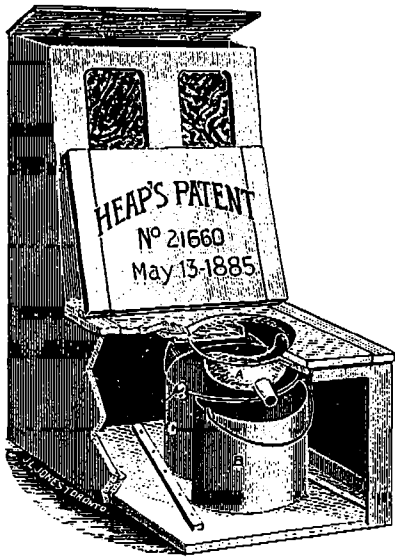
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