

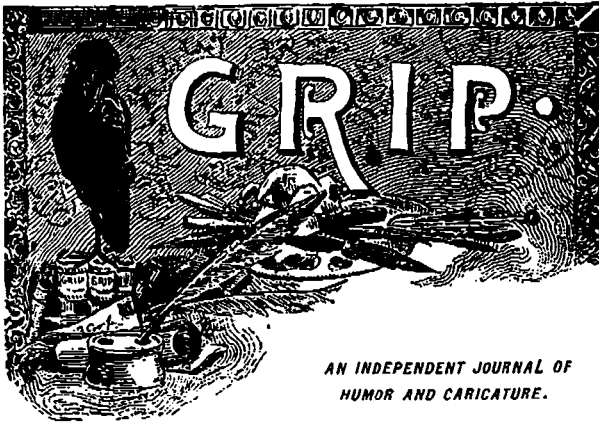
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Comments on the Cartoons.



A LITTLE POINT OF SOME IMPORTANCE.—Mr. Meredith's view of the position which, in the contemplation of the law, the Separate Schools were intended to occupy, is unquestionably correct: viz.—they were meant to be supported by the Roman Catholic citizen, by his own voluntary action, and to be controlled by Roman Catholic citizens, as such, and not by the Hierarchy. While this is perfectly sound, theoretically, the trouble is that the theory never is and never can be reduced to practice, because the Roman Catholic citizen has no practical existence apart from the Church. It is the tremendous claim of the Papacy to exercise absolute control over its adherents in all the relationships of life that constitutes the question now up for discussion, not only in Canada but in every other free country today, and that question can only be solved in accordance with modern ideas of personal liberty by a universal revolt of Roman Catholics against the arrogant claim of the Church—something we will look for in vain. So long as Separate Schools exist they will be under the domination of the priesthood, because the faithful Catholic recognizes that to combat the opinion of the priest

on any question whatever is to defy the will of Heaven and to render himself liable to condign spiritual punishment. We have just now a striking illustration of this in the case of the Separate School Trustees in this city who somehow brought themselves to believe that as citizens they had a right to agitate for the ballot in Separate School elections and that in so doing they were transgressing no rule of the Church. They found that they were offending against the wishes of the clergy, which amounts to the same thing. On election day last week they were, to a man, snowed, under by their more pious and orderly co-religionists, whose zeal for the cause of "righteousness" was well expressed by one old lady who went to the poll to vote for Mr. McIntosh, and who was canvassed by the ballot candidate. "Wud I be a thraitor and vote that way? No!" And yet the poor soul would have found it beyond her reasoning powers to tell in what way the ballot system is contrary to sound Christian doctrine. She knew the priest had said it was, and that was enough. So runs the tale throughout Canada and throughout the world. It sounds well, all this talk about independent action in secular matters on the part of our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens, but how many of them dare act independently, even to the extent that Mr. Cahill and his supporters have done?

NO LAUGHING MATTER.—The current news from Ottawa is that Sir John Macdonald is as dapper and chirpy, and as ready with his joke as ever. This must be satisfactory to the Canadian consumer, who is groaning his heart out under a burden of taxation imposed for the personal and exclusive benefit of a few favored manufacturers. It is pleasant to know that "Canada's greatest statesman" does not allow the trifling circumstance that a gross and cruel injustice is being inflicted upon the masses to moderate his mirthfulness. It would ill become GRIP to cavil at the humorous spirit, and yet we cannot help thinking that jokes and jollity would become Sir John better if, while indulging in that sort of thing, he had the sweet consciousness that he was doing his best to give the country fair and honest government. Laughter at the Capital just now has a suggestive sound of Nero's fiddle about it.



ETHER the unprecedented weather, or the wide circulation of the other Grippe, or something else, caused us to overlook last week the interesting fact that with the first issue for 1890 this excellent family journal began its thirty-fourth volume and its seventeenth year. The oldest inhabitant can recall no comicpaper ever published in Canada that enjoyed the felicity of cutting a notch so far along in the stick of life as this. Were it not for our almost

morbid modesty we would point out that this is probably because this country has never had a journal quite so bright and fresh and capable and sound in its opinions as—. But we leave this for the discriminating public to say, and they are saying it in practical form of paid-up subscriptions. In this connection it may not be too late for us to wish our readers a very Happy New Year.

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BUFFALO has become well acquainted with smuggling. The high tariff laws are a constant inducement to commit the crime, which is no crime in the minds of the poor people who engage in it. Knock down those unnatural barriers to prosperity.—*Buffalo Times.*

The existence of money is a constant temptation to some people to steal. Shall we abolish money?—*Toronto World.*

There wouldn't be so much tendency to steal if the laws were not so arranged as to make it hard for the man who is willing to work to get a fair equivalent for what he produces. It is these laws that need abolishing, and the Tariff Act is one of them.

* * *

OUR journalistic neighbor, Mr. E. E. Sheppard, has gone down to the West Indies to investigate society

matters among the darkies. Incidentally he will endeavor to trade off a cargo of sciatica which he has had on hand—or strictly speaking on leg—for some time in these northern latitudes. That he may succeed in the latter mission and return before long sound and well is a wish which GRIP takes this opportunity of expressing on behalf of a good many thousands of people who know the excellent writer "Don" and the first rate citizen Shep.

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MARK TWAIN'S new book, "A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court," presents the famous humorist in a character which will be new to most of his admirers—that of a thorough going social reformer. The work is illustrated by Mr. Dan Beard, and many of the pictures are striking allegories pointing out the bottom truth of the labor question—that land monopoly must be abolished before workers can be really free.

* * *

IT is a glorious thing to know that the pens and pencils of the humorists are thus coming to the help of the toiling masses in their battle against vested wrongs. That battle grows hotter every day. Mr. Thomas G. Shearman's bombshell-utterance that already more than half the wealth of the United States has passed into the possession of a handful of plutocrats—all of whose fortunes are the outcome of monopoly—is still being fiercely debated throughout the country, and now comes a writer in *Belford's Magazine* with facts and figures to prove that the American farmer is rapidly becoming a serf, if he has not already practically reached that condition, in some portions of the Union.

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THIS should all be as interesting upon this side of the line as upon the other, for precisely the same conditions obtain here, and the same results are sure to follow. Mr. Shearman's opinion is that indirect and unjust taxation is the cause of the trouble in the States. We "enjoy" the very same system, with its monstrous mockery of "Protection," here, and the sooner the eyes of the people are opened to the iniquities of that system the better.

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AS soon as the new aldermen get comfortably settled in their seats, we hope to see them devote their powerful minds to the great question of reorganizing the civic government. Toronto now presents the pathetic figure of a big-limbed lass who has ridiculously outgrown her clothes. As she is still growing like the proverbial weed, there is a sound of bursting seams with every move she makes. What our civic solons must invent is an India rubber suit—something with elasticity in it. Two or three excellent patterns have been already presented for approval. Let them be thoroughly discussed, and something adopted before long.

MR. MOWAT, PLEASE READ.

HERE is a little story for the Attorney General of Ontario to take into his immediate and earnest consideration. It appeared in the *Evening Telegram* of Friday 3rd.:

At Brockville on March 25, 1885, W. D. Crawford and Charles Lawrence were convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to long terms in the penitentiary. On April 2nd following Fred Feeney was convicted at Cornwall and sent to Kingston also. Petitions were sent to Ottawa on behalf of these three prisoners, claiming that the evidence did not justify a conviction. The Minister of Justice undertook to consider the case, but could never



NATURE vs. POWDER.

FAIR SITTER—"But surely my complexion isn't like that?"

ARTIST—"Oh, by the way, I haven't finished that yet. I was waiting to ask you whether I will put in the complexion as 'it is, or—as you generally have it."

get copies of the evidence. The Court reporter would not give them. He had a claim against the Ontario Government for \$120 or \$125. He wouldn't transcribe the evidence until the claim was settled. The Deputy Attorney-General threw out the claim, and as a result of this petty dispute the Minister of Justice never got copies of the evidence, and these unfortunate men are still in the penitentiary—at least two of them are, Crawford having made his escape the other day.]

Is there any truth in this, Mr. Mowat? If the facts are as given above the very least you can do in the interests of justice and Christianity is to kick your Deputy out of the back door and give his position to some man who has a heart. It wouldn't be going too far, indeed, to clap both him and the reporter in question into Crawford's vacant cell at Kingston for a few years, where they might at leisure settle their financial dispute. We hope to be assured at once that the story is a pure invention, and you owe it to yourself to give that assurance if you can. It is too horrible to believe, and yet the miserable haggling over the payment of an account has such a genuine flavor of Ontario Government about it! Is it true, Mr. Mowat?

A CANADIAN CHRISTMAS.

(A POEM AMENDED TO ACCORD WITH FACTS.)

mud THE snow lay like a blanket
On field and lane and street
And still the ~~flakes~~ were falling *showers*
Like noiseless fairy feet.
damp carts The air was ~~clear~~ and ~~lovely~~
As ~~things~~ dashed to and fro. *fo997*
Twas Christmas—such as only
Canadians can know

gamings Upon the ~~ice~~ ~~so~~ ~~flatter~~ *crossings muddy*
The ~~streets~~ swept in glee.
With ~~joy in voice and~~ *brooms they*
gesture *made a*
So buoyant, bright and free
And shouted to each other
'Tis Christmas tide, yo ho!
And Christmas such as only
Canadians can know!



JOHNSON MISUNDERSTOOD HER.

MISTRESS OF THE HOUSE (*widow*)—"Well, Johnson, of course I'm very sorry to lose you, at the same time I must congratulate you on your good fortune in having this money left you. (*Pleasantly.*) I suppose you'll be looking out for a wife now."

JOHNSON—"Well, mum, beggin' your pardon, and I'm sure I feel greatly honored at what you propose, but—er—I am engaged to a young woman already."

LOOKING FOR A BONUS.

ONE day last week a large and influential deputation waited upon Premier Mowat, comprising Messrs. Ezekiel Stebbins, Henry V. Puddleston, P. McGorlick, Binkerton Squadge, Ernest Snooper, G. Whillikens, etc. They were presented to the Premier by P. Heeler, Esq., M.P.P., always on the alert to promote the interest of his constituents, who, in a brief speech, bespoke the sympathy of the Government for an enterprise which merited well of the country, and deserved a share of the support which it had always been considered good policy to extend to great public undertakings.

Mr. Stebbins said that they had come to urge the claims of the great dry goods and ready-made clothing establishment of Stebbins, McGorlick & Co. to a bonus of a million dollars. He need not review the history of that establishment, which was familiar in men's mouths as household words. They had built up a large and most prosperous business, and were able to defy competition. He might further observe that they would not be undersold. They had a specially cheap line of workmen's pants, which they were selling positively under cost price.

Was not this a benefit to the community? They desired to extend their business and enlarge their premises, by purchasing several adjoining buildings, and erecting a magnificent new block at a cost of half a million dollars. This would give employment to labor and put money in circulation. They would require very largely to increase their staff and secure larger lines of credit. He did not see how the surplus of the Government could be employed with better advantage to the public than in forwarding such beneficent undertakings.

Mr. McGorlick followed in a similar strain, giving statistics to show the number of people who would be benefited by the expenditure of this small bonus. It would, in fact, be impossible to say where the advantage would stop. If a railroad, which was often superfluous, was entitled to draw public money, he contended that an enterprising mercantile firm had an equal claim.

Mr. Puddleston, as manager of the Fakirs and Boodlers' Bank, said, that in case the bonus were voted, they were prepared to grant Stebbins, McGorlick & Co. a more extended line of credit. Hitherto their operations had been limited, because, in justice to the shareholders, he had not been able to discount as much of their paper as he would be glad to do if they received this addition to their capital.

Mr. Binkerton Squadge spoke on behalf of the customers of the firm. They wanted cheaper goods, and he was confident that if they secured that aid to which they were entitled, they would carry out their promises and make still further reductions. A firm who made a practice of selling below cost ought to be encouraged.

Messrs. E. Snooper and G. Whillikens spoke briefly on behalf of the employees of the firm. They had been promised that their pay would be raised in case the bonus was granted, and as this would better the position of several hundred people, the Government ought to grant it.

Premier Mowat, in reply, expressed his great pleasure in meeting the deputation and his sympathy with the object in view. It was a question of grave importance, and would receive the most earnest consideration of the cabinet.

"Chestnut," remarked Mr. G. Whillikens in an undertone, as the deputation withdrew.

WHY IS THIS THUS?

"TEN lives destroyed in a year
By the fatal electric wire!"
So rang the clarion note that roused
The people to frenzied ire:
"Down, down with the deadly thing!"
Cried men of every rank,
And they seized the poles and fixtures
And brought them down with a yank!

"Ten thousand lives each year
Destroyed by the licensed Rum!"
So rang the clarion note again,
But the people were mostly mum;
"Down, down with the man who shouts!"
Cried men of every rank;
And they said, "Come up and have a drink—
He's only a temperance crank!"

The paviers here supply the softest and sloppiest ways that can be found under foot.



"WHERE D' YOU GET THAT HAT?!!"

AT THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL MUSEUM, A.D. 2063.

ENQUIRING YOUTH—"Say, pa, what is that funny concern that looks something like a wagon only it ain't got no wheels onto it?"

FATHER—"That, my son, is a sleigh. Our ancestors used to ride about in them just as we do now in carriages. I can remember seeing one or two of them in use when I was a very little boy."

YOUTH—"But why didn't they have wheels on?"

FATHER—"Oh, they used to slip along over the snow. But I forgot you never saw any snow, so you can't understand. We used to have snow in Canada long ago, and it made the ground slippery. Those things under the sleigh are called runners, and took the place of wheels."

YOUTH—"How funny it must have been! And what are those things that look like the skins of some of the animals in the Zoo?"

FATHER—"Those, my son, are a fur coat and cap. People used to wear them when it was cold weather."

YOUTH—"Why, they must have looked just like the Esquimaux in my picture book. I should think somebody would shoot them by mistake. And what are those boards with names painted on them?"

FATHER—"Read 'em, my son."

YOUTH (reading)—"'For Sale. Wheedler and Grabbe, Real Estate Agents.' What a funny sign. What was a real estate agent, pa?"

FATHER—"A real estate agent was a man who sold land."

YOUTH—"But how could they sell the land, that belongs to everybody? If some people owned the land they could make all the others work for them, couldn't they?"

FATHER—"That's just exactly what they did, my boy, in the days which some people call the 'good old times.' Those signs belonged to the last of the real estate agents, and were put in the museum about 150 years ago, when private land ownership was abolished."

YOUTH—"And, pa, what are those little pieces of pasteboard?"

FATHER—"Those are street-car tickets. People used to have to pay about four cents each for them, which entitled them to one trip on the cars."

YOUTH—"What! Did they have to pay for riding on the street-cars?"

FATHER—"Yes, indeed. I have heard your grand-father say that when he was a young man his street-car fares cost him about \$2 a month."

YOUTH—"Oh, see here, pa! here are some newspapers over a century old. But why is so much space taken up with big print?"

FATHER—"Oh, those are advertisements, telling people where to go and buy goods."

YOUTH—"Well, they couldn't have had much sense. Everybody now knows enough to go to the Government stores."

FATHER—"But they didn't have any Government stores then. Anybody that wanted to started a store. There used to be thosusand of stores in Toronto then, and each wanted to try and get as many people to deal there as possible."

YOUTH—"I don't quite understand how they could get along that way. The storekeepers couldn't all make a living, could they?"

FATHER—"They didn't, my son. Most of them failed one time or other—lost everything they had. But the rest got very rich out of the people."

YOUTH—"What very stupid people our ancestors were, pa, to have everybody try to get a living by selling, instead of going to work and letting the Government keep the stores. I'm glad I didn't live in those days."

FATHER—"But, you see, they had such bad Governments then they couldn't trust them. It's different now, since the people have got the land, and the women vote."

AN OPEN LETTER.

TO REV. A. CARMAN, D.D., BISHOP, ETC.

SIR,—You will oblige the undersigned by explaining what you mean by the following expression in a letter of yours published in the *Mail* of Jan. 2nd, and whether the same has any reference of a personal character, to wit, namely, viz.: "Truths and principles are for statesmen; shifts and tricks for politicians."

Yours, sir, J—n A. M—cd—n—ld,
Ol—v—r M—w—t.

THE *Presbyterian Review* states that Mount Ararat has been ascended for the first time by a young lady, accompanied by three Kurds.

We suppose the Kurds went with her to show her the *why*.



BRILLIANT PROSPECTS!

HE—"Maud, have no fear of my not being able to support you in comfort and elegance. I have just passed my final at Osgoode Hall and am about to begin the practice of my profession in Toronto!" (Maud consents, of course.)

CORRESPONDENCE A LA MODE.

I.

William R. Murrydith, Esq.,

MOST HONORED SIR,—Might I enquire, in a kind and affectionate and yet earnest manner, by what authority you attribute to me responsibility for the following expression in the columns of the *Canadian Freeman*, viz.—

"We Catholics hold the balance of power between the two parties, and it is our duty to use that position for all it is worth, throwing our influence to one side or the other as circumstances may require."

I have the distinguished honor to be, dear sir,
Yours most lovingly, J. T. KLEERIE,
Archbp (elect) of Queenstown.

II.

To His Grace, the most Reverend J. T. Kleerie, Archbp. elect of Queenstown,

MY LORD ARCHBISHOP,—May it please your Grace I have the profound honor to acknowledge the receipt (through the newspapers) of your Grace's kind and affectionate letter enquiring by what authority I attribute to you responsibility for a certain expression in the columns of the *Canadian Freeman*. In reply I beg most humbly and reverently to say that it was an inference on my part. I thought it looked very like Roger. I must have been mistaken, however, or you would never have asked this question. I regret having done you this injustice, and I now express my joy and satisfaction that you do not approve of the scurvy "balance of power" scheme advocated by the paper in question.

I have the honor to be, your Grace, your Grace's most humble and obliged, etc., W. R. MURRYDITH.

III.

William R. Murrydith.

HONORED SIR,—Your letter is received, and in reply I have to say that I am astonished at a man of your scholarship and legal acumen consenting, for political gain, to play the part of a demagogue, by lending your influence to the cause represented by those ferocious bigots known as the "Equal Rights Association." I had supposed you to be a man of honor, but I must sadly confess my disappointment. No man of honor would make an assault upon the rights of a minority, nor seek to deprive any portion of his fellow-citizens of the religion which they value more than their lives. I must once more express my just indignation that you should have attempted to fix upon me responsibility for the utterance of a paper with which I have no connection whatever.

Yours truly, J. T. KLEERIE,
Archbp. (elect) of Queenstown.

IV.

To J. T. Kleerie, Archbp. elect of Queenstown;

MY LORD,—Your second letter is received and contents noted. I had supposed that you agreed with me in condemning the tactics proposed by the *Canadian Freeman*, but your letter raises a doubt in my mind on that point—which, I would respectfully remind you—is the only point in argument between us. Will you favor me with a plain, explicit answer to this question? Do you or do you not approve of the suggestion made by the writer in the *Canadian Freeman*?

Yours, with considerable reverence,
W. R. MURRYDITH.

V.

W. R. Murrydith.

SIR,—I have little patience to reply to the unseemly tirade of abuse which you send me under the character of a letter. I will control my feelings, however, from a sense of duty to my unfortunate people, to tell you that in my opinion you are even a more ferocious bigot (if such a thing be possible) than the unspeakable Caven. And, sir, I tell you further, that any attempt you may make, as you boldly threaten, to rob us of the Separate Schools which are secured to us by the Constitution, will recoil upon your own empty and bumptious head. Since you have manifestly closed your mind to reason—if you really have any mind, which I am inclined to doubt—I will carry this controversy no further, as it would be a sin for me to waste precious archiepiscopal time in attempting to combat the sophistries in which you are more than a match for any honest man. Yours,

† Archbp. elect of Queenstown.

VI.

Kleerie,

SIR,—I don't want any more letters from such a twisting, slippery and dishonest writer as you have proved yourself to be. I have only to tell you in parting that you should have been made Archbishop of Billingsgate. But I would really like to know what answer you give to the question I asked—Do you or do you not approve of the "balance of power" scheme proposed by the *Canadian Freeman*? Answer or shut up. Yours,

W. R. MURRYDITH.

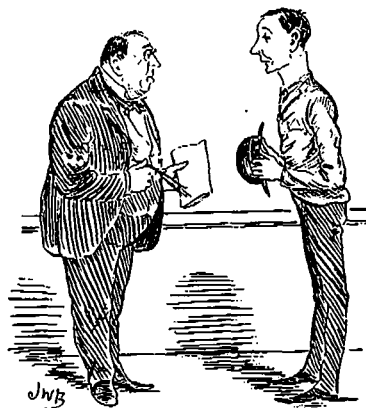
BEAUTIFULLY UNANIMOUS.

"GLOBE" SOLO.

THE *Empire* is a crooked rag,
And never true or fair,
Excepting on this single point—
That Clarke's the man for Mayor.

"EMPIRE" SOLO.

The *Globe* can never tell the truth
Nor do the thing that's square,
Tho' on this point it's really sound—
That Clarke's the man for Mayor.



RAPID TRANSIT.

EMPLOYER—"How's this, Mr. Judkins, you're down earlier than usual this morning?"

MR. JUDKINS—"Yes. You see, sir, the Yonge street car wasn't running, so I had to walk."

PEACE DECLARED.

THE municipal struggle is over, and now the victors and the vanquished sit down to enjoy their inner feelings. Clarke smiles as he recalls the way in which he wiped the floor with McMillan, and McMillan gloats over the cruel jabs he gave Clarke in many a hustings speech. No memory of undue courtesy to an opponent arises to embitter the review of the contest in the mind of either, and amongst the aldermanic candidates there are none who can justly reproach themselves with having used kind language where rough would do as well. In some few cases, no doubt, the fight has been the beginning of enmities which will be cherished and enjoyed for years, if not for ever. The unsuccessful candidates will drop back into the seclusion from which they emerged, entirely satisfied with the issue of the election and indeed happy beyond expression to know that they are *not* required to sit in council with such fellows as their opponents were; while the members elect will be equally happy to think that they have had the good fortune to save the City Hall from the presence of such a set of incapables as the defeated. Thus peace and harmony will reign all round, and our taxes will go as before.



APOLOGIES TO THE ORIGINAL.

THERE is no flock, however watched and tended,
But one dude lamb is there;
There is no clubside, howso'er defended,
But has one vacant stare.
—N. Y. Time.

SIGNIFICANT.

IT has long been the "correct thing" for Ministers of the Crown in Ontario to pay their formal respects to the head of the Government on New Year's Day. This is why Hon. Geo. W. Ross waited upon His Grace Archbishop Walsh on Wednesday last. We do not find the name of this distinguished statesman among the guests received by the Lt.-Governor—but the Lt.-Governor is only nominally the head of the Government.

TO ARMS!

WHAT does the leader of the Opposition mean by signing himself, in his letter to Archbishop Cleary, "Your Grace's obedient servant, W. R. Meredith"? Hasn't he been demanding Oliver Mowat's expulsion from office for being that very thing?

THE way of the transgressor is hard everywhere but in Toronto.



THE PLAINT OF THE GRANITE RINK SHAREHOLDER.

LOSH sake! I canna understan'
What's comin' o'er this queer like lan'.
It used to maistly be jist gran'
For skatin' rinks;
An' siller in stock-hauder's han'
Gaed pleasant klinks.

But noo—guid faith—the rink's a flood,
It's rain an' slush, an' muck an' mud
Frac day tae day—I really should
Say week tae week;
Auld Proabs has gaed stark, starin' wud—
Else it's his cheek!

Here's my bawbees loaked up i' shares
O' Granite stock, an' where, oh, where's
The skaters or the roarin' players
Wha'r over-due?
It gars me breathe intornal swears
An' loud anes, too!!

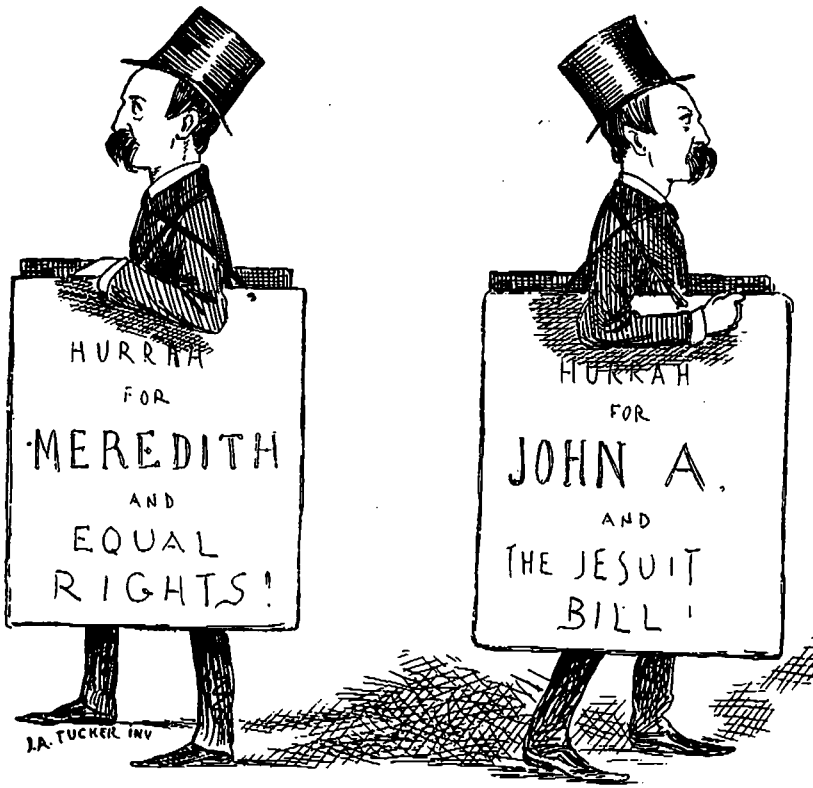
PARADOXICAL.

"I SAW three very loose characters on the street to-day," exclaimed Mrs. B—. "They were all disgracefully tight!"



UNANSWERABLE.

ANGEL CHILD—"Wow! Stop, Say, ma, I don't see what you allers whip me so hard for."
FOND MOTHER—"I do it for your own good, you little scamp."
ANGEL CHILD—"I s'pose you'll give me the old racket now, that it hurts you more'n it does me."
FOND MOTHER—"Of course it does."
ANGEL CHILD—"Well, if you do it for my own good, I don't see why you always wait till you are so all-fired mad."



INTERESTING POLITICAL ATTITUDE OF THE "EMPIRE."

CROAKS FROM GRIP'S BASKET.

BY P. M'ARTHUR.

A NAUTICAL ONE.

PAT (*at the stern*)—"Just look how the waves are frothin'."

CAPTAIN—"Yes. That is the vessel's wake."

PAT—"Now, divil the wake is there about that. There is too much wa-ater."

VERY ENCOURAGING.

BORE—"But perhaps I am disturbing you with my chat?"

BIGGY—"Oh, no. Go on. I'm not paying any attention."

A BRAZEN REMARK.

BUGLE—"I hear you were used as a dinner-horn yesterday."

TROMBONE—"Yes. It was a terrible blow to me."

A WASTE OF WIT.

SPACER—"That fellow Liner is very extravagant."

PENNER—"How do you make that out?"

SPACER—"Why, I heard him get off three jokes worth a dollar each while engaged in ordinary conversation."

WORDS OF WAR.

SCHMIDT—"How absurd most of our election cries are. Take, for instance, 'His Grandfather's Hat.' There was nothing in it."

GROWLER—"That was just the trouble."

HE MADE AN HONEST EFFORT.

MR. SAVAGE—"What nonsense you have been talking! Whenever I undertake to say anything I always try, at least, to talk sense."

MRS. SAVAGE (heaving a sigh).—"Ah, yes, dear. You always *try*" (and she emphasised the last word in a very provoking manner).

EHAVEN'S FAVORS MISPLACED.

CHOLLY—"What a fine head Mr. Sophomore has!"

CHAPPIE—"Ya-as, but of what use is a head to a felah who doesn't know how to part his haiah properly."

TIS DUTY'S VOICE THAT SPEAKS.

MRS. MUGGLE—"They say that bustles must go."

MRS. SMUGGLE—"Yes. That is what they told me at the customs house a few days ago."

SHE WAS LEARNING THE VERNACULAR.

MRS. BOXEAU—"I have at last discovered why you men have to go out so often to see a man when you are at the theatre."

MR. BOXEAU, (meckly).—"Why is it?"

MRS. BOXEAU—"Because, as a rule, you see just 'two fingers' at a time. At that rate it takes you quite a while to see the whole man."

THIS CAUSED A COLD SNAP.

DREAMY—"I heard the wind whistling a little while ago." SMARTY—"What tune?"

DREAMY—"Ah, the same old air it always whistles."

HE WAS DOUBTLESS CORRECT.

MR. PRIMSTIFF—"You humorists may be able to get along in this world, but of what use will you be in the next?"

MR. JOCLAR JAGGS—"Oh, I don't know exactly. I suppose we will have to go into the roasted chestnut business."



THE PATRIOTIC IMPULSE.

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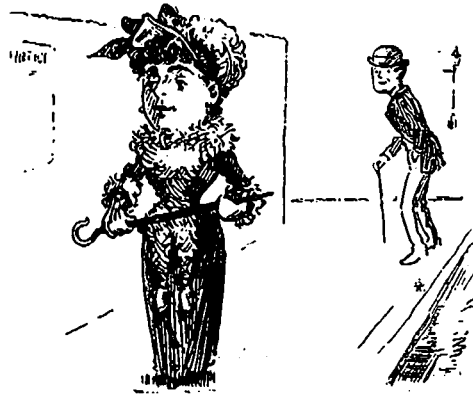
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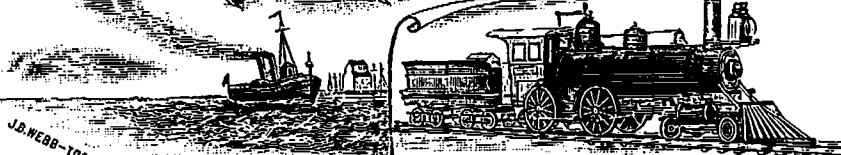
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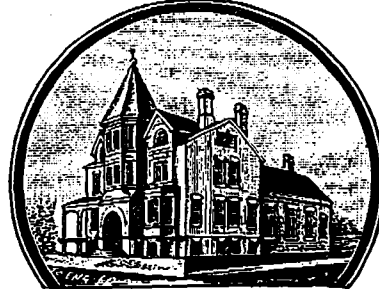
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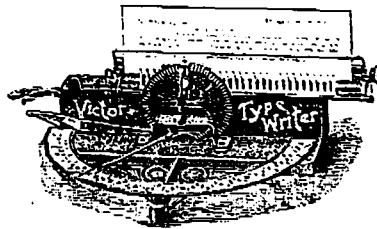


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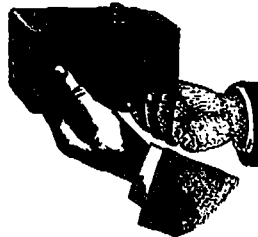
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