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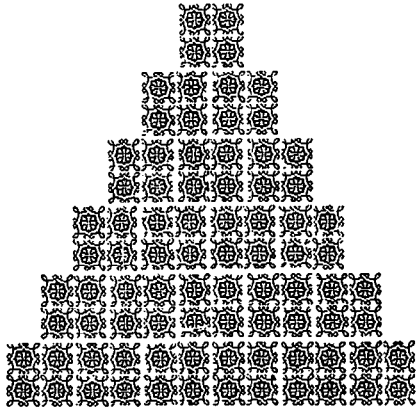
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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PHILOLOGIST.—No. There is no reason to believe that marriage wites were so termed because the bride usually signed her name after the ceremony.

EVERYBODY.—You want to know why GRIP pictures JOHN BULL with glasses on. GRIP replies that the dear old gentleman has been of late years so near-sighted as regards Canada, that he thought he could not do better than present him with a pair of spectacles.

THE NEW DEPARTURE.

It grieves us to observe the evident pain into which Mr. BLAKE'S retirement from the Cabinet has thrown all the political gossips in the country—Liberal and Conservative alike; and as it seems neither just nor merciful to these poor creatures to withhold the truth at which they are so frantically guessing, GRIP deigns to state the Real Causes of the new departure:

(1.) Mr. BLAKE felt that he was liable to be ill at any time, and that daily he was growing older—as his more intimate friends have not failed to observe—therefore he thought retirement advisable.

(2.) Mr. BLAKE could not and would not submit to the arrogant dictatorship of Mr. ROSS, M.P. for Durham; nor could he endure the continuous punning of Mr. JOE RYMAI, therefore he thought retirement desirable.

(3.) Mr. BLAKE is a man of proud spirit, and pines for "foemen worthy of his steel;" therefore, when he came at length to realize the absence of the veteran East Toronto gladiator, he thought retirement desirable.

(4.) Mr. BLAKE succumbed to the overwhelming evidence of his inconsistency in the matter of "No Portfolio," produced by the *Mail*, and printed day after day in Roman capitals at the head of the editorial columns.

(5.) Mr. BLAKE retired at the instance of Hon. GEO. BROWN, who has some spring work to be done at once on his Bow Park estate.

(6.) Mr. BLAKE had a quarrel with the *Globe* and the Premier on the subject of appointing Mr. LOUIS RIEL to a seat in the Cabinet.

(7.) Mr. BLAKE retires from public life to accept a position as city reporter on the *Sun*. He has accepted a salary, but this is said to be, as usual, merely nominal.

NONPLUSSÉD.

The Chicago correspondent of *The Globe*, in a lengthy sketch of the rise and progress of that smart city, says:

"On the 9th of April, 1839, was issued the first daily paper, known as the *American*; and shortly afterwards, in an old log saloon on Dearborn Street, kept by IRE COOK, was given the first theatrical performance in the West. The father of the celebrated JOSEPH JEFFERSON acted as lessee, and one ALEXANDER MACKENZIE played the 'leading heavy.'"

We hasten to forestall an inevitable outflow of honour from certain Conservative newspapers, by explaining (1) that the ALEXANDER MACKENZIE above referred to did not rise to the Premiership of Canada, and (2) that no Dominion Minister of that name plays the role of "leading heavy," either politically or at parlour theatricals.

PENITENCE.

The potent, grave, and reverend disciple of McADAM, who publishes the *Leader*, dons severe sackcloth, sprinkles York Road dust and unlimited ashes on his head, and thus confesses himself before [a few] men:

"It is better to suffer adversity, for adversity sharpens the appetite, and obliges men to consider their ways. 'I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree, yet he passed away, and lo! he was not, for he could not be found.'"

There is no way now in JAMES in his adversity going to whet his appetite; for he can never again consider his [high] ways in the light of exchequered replenishers.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

RETIREMENT FROM BUSINESS.—Messrs. E. RYERSON, HODGKIN & Co's old established Book-store is, we hear, about to be disposed of at a "tremendous sacrifice," owing to the generous determination on the part of the firm to relinquish that lucrative business in favour of the legitimate trader.

Messrs. R. H. & Co's. long familiarity with commercial pursuits will, however, eminently qualify them for the new branch of business in which they purpose embarking. The premises at present occupied by "The Depository" are well calculated for the display of the class of goods in which the distinguished firm intends investing its capital. Peg-tops, hoops, Jews'-harps, battle-dores, all of the best quality, and of startling cheapness, will be found at The New Store. A candy department of unprecedented magnitude will be conducted under the same management, and as the firm possesses the unique advantage of drawing at pleasure on the public exchequer, they naturally defy competition.

We therefore recommend the tax-paying heads of other toy and candy stores meekly to aspire to the distinction of becoming pupils in this normal establishment.

THE AFRICAN TEA TRADE.—Messrs. Garnet Woolsey & Co., who have, it is rumoured, been lately largely and profitably engaged in this trade, report as follows:

"Black Ashan Teas, which not long since began to rise and advanced considerably, have more recently commenced to decline, even before the demand had fallen off, influenced by unfavorable reports from coastwise, and they have now permanently receded to a point where business can be profitably carried on.

"Financially, matters are also more settled, the late run on the Banks of the Prair having stopped without causing much uneasiness to the mercantile community."

In the Toronto market, we understand, there are no Ashan Teas at present in stock, but Assam Teas are held in small quantity, we believe, and are preferred for domestic purposes.

WANTED—WOMEN CRUSADERS!

SOME visionary person has been suggesting that the women of Toronto should unite in a crusade against the saloons of their city, in emulation of the brave female reformers of Ohio. Landlords high and low, it is said, have been brought to their knees in that conflict, and the streets of many towns have run down with whiskey and wine. It is claimed that this city is ripe for a similar experience, and a number of reasonable arguments are adduced in support of that view. But let any one seriously consider the project, and he will ask with GUR, *cui bono*? We have amongst us not more than five hundred saloons, all of which have been regularly and deliberately licensed by the Police Commissioners. The Police Commissioners are all temperate men, if not teetotallers, and there is no doubt they were sober when making these grants. Moreover, all our present saloons—and many more to come—are established purely for the benefit of the community, and the havoc which saloon-keepers make with the morals of the citizens, and the curses that exhale from their bar-rooms, are only incidental defects in what is well-meant and otherwise satisfactory legislation. Then why attempt, in such an extraordinary manner, to overturn one of the benign arrangements of our matchless municipal system? Are not liquor-sellers, as a class, most respectable and inoffensive people, and have they not a perfect right to turn an honest penny by their calling? And is there anything essentially inimical to the interests of society in the traffic they conduct? Surely not. That notion, like many other lamentable fallacies of the dark ages, has exploded. Whiskey and Water, like Mercy and Peace, have at last kissed each other. The reconciliation was wrought at the Mayor's Banquet on Tuesday evening, when, in the words of the *Globe*:

"The VICE-CHAIRMAN, in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of "The Bench and the Bar," coupling with it "The Cause of Temperance."

And no less a person than Police Magistrate MACNABB rose in the midst of the wine-bibbers, and, with his cup of cold water sparkling aloft, responded in fitting terms. Amongst other things, he said the temperance question was "now a most important one, but one which a few years ago would not have gained a hearing." Now look at the contrast—it gets an honored place in the approved programme of official champagne suppers! After this splash of "nature's only beverage," we learn that

"Mr. Vance also responded to the toast on behalf of the Bar."

Thus you observe the union is perfect, and everything is lovely.

Wherefore we again ask those who are entertaining the idea of a crusade against drunkenness to reconsider the matter. Perhaps the best thing they can do in the meantime is to call and interview the Police Magistrate.



THE NEW DEPARTURE.

SPOUSE B-----E. -- "FAREWELL FOR THE PRESENT, DEAR; YOU AND THE GIRLS MUST MANAGE THE HOUSE IN MY ABSENCE!"

A WARNING.

A LITTLE wit is as dangerous as a little learning. just see what humiliation the editor of the *Guelph Herald* has brought upon himself by over-indulgence. It appears his contemporary is a man of few words, and the *Herald* satirizes this misfortune (?) by affecting to give a report of his remarks at a certain meeting "in full," in this way:

Mr. INNES, having taken a seat on the platform, said:—(Here follows a blank space; this is where the laugh comes in.)

Now, whatever the procedure at public meetings in Guelph may be, it is certainly not expected elsewhere that a gentleman who takes a seat on a public platform will say any more than that—at least till his turn comes.

NEW PARLIAMENT.—THE SILENT MEMBER'S SOLILOQUY.

To speak, or not to speak, that is the question:
Whether 'tis better I should daily suffer
The stings and promptings of unspoken purpose,
Or should take arms against a sea of scruples,
And, by uprising, end them?—To rise,—to speak,—
And, by a speech, to say at once I end
The heartache, and the thousand other shocks
Which doubt is heir to,—'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To rise;—to speak;—
Ha! ha!—perchance break down;—aye, there's the rub;
For when upon my legs what qualms may come
When I am shuffling off some mortal trash
Must give me pause. There's the respect
Which makes sad hesitance of so long life;
For who would bear the quips and scorns of fools,
Constituents' disappointment, neighbours' jeer,
Opponents' scoffing, proud wife's contumely,
The fading hopes of office, and the spurns
Which silent merit of glib prater takes,
When he himself might his quietus make
With a bare harangue? Who would fardels bear
To groan and sweat under a load of wit,
But that the dread of something terrible
Before I've finished doth perplex my will
And makes me rather bear the ills I have
Than fly to others which I know not of?
Reporters thus make cowards of us all;
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,
And fancied speeches of great pitch and moment
With this regard unuttered fade away
And lose the name of eloquence.

GRIP TO CANADA.

Arise, fair land! My countrymen arise!
Be strong in sense as bold in enterprise.
Lay by small feuds; crush down mistaken spleen;
And let the Orange mingle with the Green.
Let Celt and Saxon know each draws his fires
From far off Aryan dames and Aryan sires,
And stand up worthy of the future nigh;
For eastward look! Lo, streaming up the sky,
The purple heralds of a brighter day;
Worthily greet it if you haply may,
For in its light the strong alone shall stand—
The wise and patriot walk hand in hand.
Each paltry passion and each hollow cry,
Like bats and owls, to hide themselves shall fly;
And all things small and mean, yet would-be great,
Shall totter in their lawdriness of state,
Shocked by the fierce breath of that lustier morn,
Glad in its strength, consuming in its scorn!
Hush'd is the voice of twenty prigs we know,
The ass's bray, and the dull bullock's low;
While round we see great piles of paper soiled,
Lakes of ink wasted, heaps of good pens spoiled.
Knowledge and genius now alone bear rule;
Pretentious clowns have been sent back to school.

POLITICAL DISTINCTION AND PARTY DIFFERENCE.—In the game lately played in North York, a DYNAMO turned up trump. The Grits call this "big card" "right bower," but the Tories, true to their instincts, stick to the term "knave."

THE man who beat the horse in a 200 yards' race at Brantford the other day, thinks of running against the present Mayor of the town next January.

Our Peripatetic Philosopher.

No. 1.

"THE best legacy one can leave to his heirs is a good education." So runneth the words of a wise man; and another saith that the mind, well regulated in educational pursuits, is the best guide to a good moral life. There is a good deal of truth in these sage remarks, dear GARR, and as I was in a mood for the practical consideration of these subjects, I paid a visit to the Public School Board presiding over the educational interests of the citizens of your city, in search of information. I found gathered together a large body of gentlemen, intellectual looking and the reverse, lawyers, merchants, doctors, editors, sitting round the Board with a gravity becoming the occasion. The Chairman having taken the chair, and the minutes being read, enquiries were the order of the day. Fancy, dear GARR, my astonishment to hear, on the first enquiry, the following murdering of the Queen's English, and all the rules of Orthography, Etymology, Syntax, and Prosody:

Trustee F.—y.—"Mr Chairman, I want to know why the tenders is not issued for the new schools. I thought they was, until I found out different last evening."

Chairman having replied—

Trustee F.—r gives notice of motion that he will move to-morrow for a comparative statement of the repairs for the past year, to whom paid and howsoever.

Trustee McG.—n then presents a petition, the only thing that brings him out of his seat, except to vote.

The Board then proceeds to consider reports read.

Trustee E.—s.—"Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of these reports, so ably and technically drawn up *ab initio, ad finis*; or, as Coleridge hath it—a multitude of facts in a small compass."

Trustee McJ.—h.—"Legally speaking, correct, sir; but I differ with my learned friend as to the facts."

Trustee B.—n (wildly gesticulating)—"Order, sir! I am the Chairman of the Committee. The facts *is* true!"

Trustee Dr. O.—n.—"Not so fast, sir; I have a word to say about this matter."

Confusion, amidst which Trustee G.—x is seen to rise one inch from his chair, but, as usual, his speech is not reportable, the flesh being willing but the tongue weak.

Now, dear GARR, can you explain to us the fascination which induces people who have not the qualification to seek for places on such a Board?—one far more important than the City Council, for it requires and demands an educated gentleman, while any one of any grade can be an Alderman, as witness the present occupants for the year of grace 1874. We trust some of the members will see the very anomalous position they occupy, and resign their positions for a seat in one of the schools, where they will receive more good to themselves than any good they at any present doing for others. Cannot the Government, while they are gathered like a parcel of old wives around the baby bantling of a School Bill, get their noisy followers in the County Council room of the Province to enact that no one shall be eligible as a member of any City School Board unless he is a dubbed B. A., M. A. or M. D. Should they do so, a great favour will be conferred on the public at large.

A STANZA OMITTED BY POE.

Hear the Alleghaniens' bells—silver bells—
What a curious crowd'd hall their coming e'er foretells!
How they ring, ring, ring,
On their crooked handled bells,
And they sing, sing, sing,
While the heart of music swells,
And the morning paper shouts aloud their praise.

PEN vs. SWORD.

Mightier than the sword the pen is,
When it in hands of clever men is;
But sharpest blade is not so boring
As dullard's prose, which sets one snoring.

Why should a Scotch girl come over to India in the month of May? Because she is sure to meet the mon soon! (Monsoon.)

CONJUGIAL.

Here is a flower culled from the advertising columns of the *Montreal Witness*. It is at once a warning to recreant spouses and a model for students of logic.

SPECIAL NOTICE—I beg to contradict and call attention to the advertisement wherein JAMES STEWART states that I, his wife, left his bed and board, which is false, for I left his board for the very hard language he made use of towards myself and son; and what he calls bed, was nothing else than a litter of straw, I having taken away my blankets left him.

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