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The gravest beast is the Ass
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 The gravest fish is the Oyster
 The gravest man is the fool
— J. W. Miller



"CHRISTIAN STATESMANSHIP."

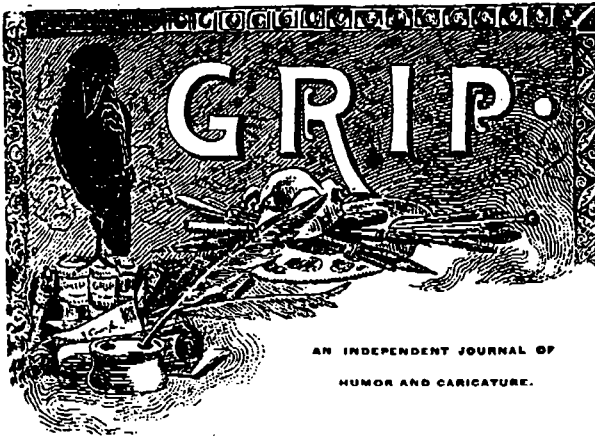
Sir John.—INDIANS STARVING? OH, WELL, THEY'RE NOT "FRIENDS OF DEWDNEY," YOU KNOW. I'LL SEE THAT YOU DON'T COME TO WANT, THOUGH, MR. CONTRACTOR.

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Comments on the Cartoon.



OUT OF THE DELICATE SITUATION.—In our issue of March 24th, we had a cartoon representing "Sir John's delicate position" between the pistols of the Manitoba Government and the C.P.R. Syndicate, and in our note upon it we said: "Both parties certainly cannot be accommodated, and it is difficult to see which of 'em the Government can best afford to offend." This should have been so qualified as to make it clear that the difficulty presented was one which was staggering to the ordinary mind. Sir John's is not ordinary, by a considerable deal—which we somehow forgot. He solved the alleged difficulty without any trouble, and what is more, he didn't find it necessary to offend either of them. Marvellous are the resources of heaven-born

statesmanship! But how in the name of all that is Machiavellian did Sir John do it? Well, he—we can hardly go on, we are so overpowered by the brilliancy and originality of the idea—he simply gave both parties all they demanded.

CHRISTIAN STATESMANSHIP.—The accounts recently published of the interviews with the Indians in the vicinity of Edmonton bring up once again the question of the treatment which these unhappy creatures are receiving at the hands of our alleged Christian Government. The record is one at which we may well blush, as a people, but just how far our blushes will go to prevent Indians who have nothing to eat from starving is something worthy of consideration. It appears that our rascally officials, from the top to the bottom, either neglect their duties, which they are paid to perform, or deliberately swindle the poor Indians out of the supplies of food and raiment which the country provides. Under all the circumstances the moderation and forbearance of the suffering redmen are remarkable. On many a

reservation they have seen their women and children die of cold and starvation, and no deed of vengeance has in a single case followed. Where are the white men who would exhibit such patience? And why is it that they are called upon to endure such tortures? Where it is not "cold and callous neglect" it is something worse—infernal greed. Dewdney's contractors must be kept fat and sleek, and the Government is more concerned in filling their pockets with boodle than in performing the offices which one would think the instincts of common humanity would render it a pleasure to perform. It is the people of this Dominion who are guilty of these cruel murders, however. Our officials are our servants, not our masters.

SOME of the Government orators and organs can feelingly appropriate Hosea Biglow's immortal lines:—

"A merciful Providence fashioned us holler
 A purpose that we might our principles swaller."

The tremendous gulp with which they have been obliged to stomach all the nonsense they have been spouting *a propos* of the American free-list, ought to make them feel particularly thankful that their "patent insides" are capacious and elastic.

THE reputation of the country is saved in a sort of a way—our Government has backed out of a position that was untenable as well as disgraceful. We feel too thankful to care about enquiring very minutely into the causes which led to a square reversion of the policy announced by Sir John only a few days ago—though the mention of Lord Salisbury's name in the dispatches suggests that it was he who played the part of Davy Crockett to the Government's coon. It's a good thing to be under Downing street rule after all, in a case of this kind.

A SKIPPER "of trustworthy character" saw the sea serpent at the mouth of the Connecticut river last Friday. He says the monster was over 100 feet in length. It made no remark, beyond merely suggesting "So long" as it moved away rapidly.

IT is announced that the Hon. Mr. McShane's place in the Mercier Cabinet will be taken by Mr. Owen Murphy, of Quebec west. He ought to be competent for the duties, however owenerous.

WE have always been given to understand that there was no hope of the present Government adopting the principle of Prohibition. This slander is set at rest by the introduction of Mr. Abbot's Bill for the absolute extinction of bucket shops. This excellent measure is based on the following *Whereas*: Gaming and wagering on the rise and fall in value of stocks and merchandise are detrimental to commercial and public morality, . . . and it is expedient to prevent such gaming and wagering, to punish the persons engaged therein, and to prohibit and punish the opening and maintaining of places therefor, and the frequenting thereof." The Bill will unquestionably become law. Good on the Government's head!

NOW what's the matter with making another little Bill, since you have begun on the prohibition line, gentlemen, with the same peramble slightly amended, by the substitution of the words "selling and drinking intoxicating liquors" for "gaming and wagering on stocks"? Why not? Aren't decanter-shops ten times more "detrimental to commercial and public morality" than bucket-shops? Ah, of course; the bucket-shop vote isn't an

element in politics. We forgot that. And, come to think of it, you haven't any bucket-shop proprietors in the Cabinet. It makes all the difference in the world, certainly.

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CANADA'S never-to-be-forgotten friend, Lord Dufferin, in announcing his resignation to the Supreme Legislative Council spoke a characteristically kind word for Lord Lansdowne, his successor in the Viceroyalty of India. In the course of his remarks he said, "Lord Lansdowne is now discharging the duties of Governor General of Canada in a manner equally satisfactory to the people of that great Dominion, and to the Government at home." This is so; and no Governor General has ever done a better act for this country than Lansdowne did the other day, in compelling the Government to give up their clutch on the throat of Manitoba and the North-West.

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MARK this precious piece of bosh from one of our American exchanges:

"Should free trade ever become an established fact, we shall be flooded here in America with these "shoddy" products, while home manufactures waste and decay."

Poor Yankee consumer, it's too bad! If England *does* cruelly "flood" you with "shoddy" we advise you simply not to buy it, dirt cheap though it will be, of course. Pay a little more and get good home-made cloth; or—who knows,—your home manufacturers may find themselves both able and willing to sell you superior goods at the price of miserable English shoddy,—which they never do under a protective tariff. In that case, poor fellow, your case is certainly most pitiable!

NAT. SCI. NOTE.

It is said of the chief clerk in the office of the City Engineer, that he is as spry as a squirrel, as pertinacious as a mouse, as bold as a rat, and as industrious as a beaver. This certainly seems to fill the bill pretty well so far as the Rodentia are concerned.

QUITE A SPELL OF IT.

MR. PHILLIPS THOMPSON, better known as "Jimuel Briggs," is a regular old fogey in the matter of spelling. He believes that in our so-called orthography, whatever is, is right. He declares that even his best friends wouldn't care two snaps of the finger for him were he to spell his name Phillips or Filips, and that Thompson, minus the *h* and *p*, would be too absurd for anything. "Just fancy me," he says, "signing my name Filips Tomson! Why, sir, I would not be sure of my own identity. I would be in as bad a fix as my celebrated namesake 'John Thompson' of Scottish pedigree, who was on one occasion fain to ask his wife's opinion whether he was John Thompson or not."

The other day this doughty champion of "things as they is," tackled, or was tackled by, the learned editor of the *Phonetic Herald*, published in this city. "Why," said Mr. T., "take any name, if you change the spelling you introduce confusion—let me think of a good one—well, there's Gamble that was sent to the penitentiary the other day; if you spell all your words by sound this word will be just the same as gambol, won't it?"

"Yes," replied Dr. Hamilton, "but the sense of the sentence would always enable the hearer to distinguish the meaning without any trouble. I am glad, however,"

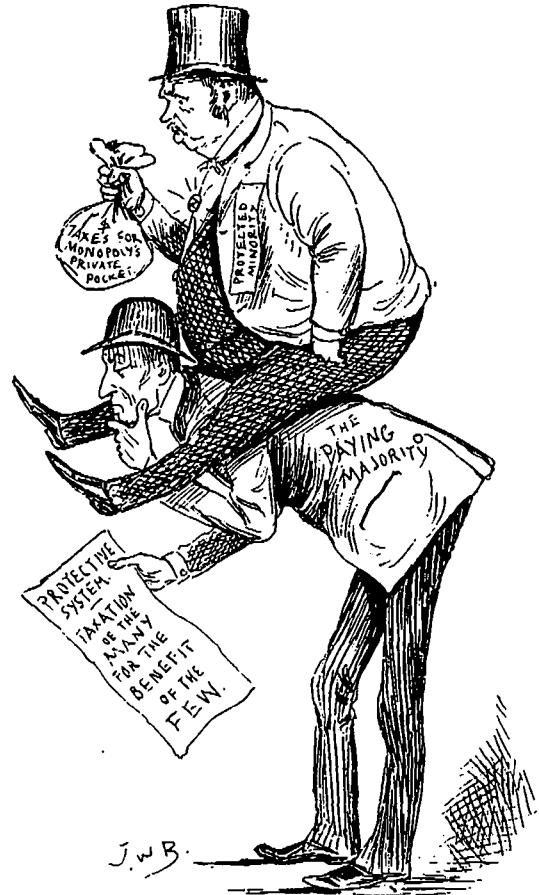
he continued, "that you have brought up Gamble's name, as it affords me an opportunity to show you the tom-fool nature of our spelling. Gamble was sentenced to be hanged, wasn't he?"

"Certainly," said Mr. T., "but he didn't hang all the same."

"I'm well aware of that," said the doctor. "Now, will you kindly write the word *hanged* so that anybody may read it?"

After a number of attempts this feat was achieved.

"If you will now," the doctor went on, "place the letter *c* immediately before the word you have written you will observe how the reprieve affected Gamble's fate."



THE BEGINNING OF THE END!

The Rider.—What do you stop for? Why don't you go on?

The Ridden.—I'm just thinking this Protection theory out.

The Rider.—Thinking! Well, if you've begun to *think*, it's all up with me. I'll have to get off and leave you to your fate!

As Mr. T. did so, Dr. H. queried, "do you *c*?" and when Mr. T. did see, a sickly pallor overspread his visage, and a cold sweat broke out upon his forehead, across which, as he drew his right hand, he exclaimed faintly, "Well, I'll be hanged!" Having made this prediction he dragged himself feebly from the spot, and has been missed from his old haunts ever since. He is now a *changed* man, no doubt, and his numerous friends have good reason to believe that despite his own vaticination, that is as near as he will ever get to capital punishment."



AN APRIL FOOL JOKE.

THE DOINGS OF A BOLD, BAD BOY, WHO MUST HAVE BEEN READING THE PAPERS!

A MONTREAL DETECTIVE STORY.

ON the 1st April, 1788, a daring burglary took place in the large store of Chump & Co., in St. Paul street, in this city. The value of the goods stolen was fully \$500,000. The goods taken consisted of bales of silk, cotton, linen and other goods; of hundreds of boxes of kid gloves, laces, satins, and other valuable materials. The store was completely stripped, even the stairways being removed, the large office safe carried off, as well as the office partitions and furniture. The burglars must have taken fully a week to their nefarious work, and it was remarkable that they were not disturbed. It was rumored at the time that the faithful bookkeeper, who had been in the employ of the firm for nearly half a century, had also been taken off by the enterprising robbers, in order to cover up certain defalcations, but this can hardly be believed, as he belonged to one of the best families, was a constant church goer, and had been endorsed by the leading aldermen of the city.

However, the matter was placed in the city detectives' hands, and they have worked assiduously at the case for a century. From time to time the robbed merchant has called at the Central Police Station, not in any spirit of impatience, but rather to see if he could be of any assistance. On his first visit, about seventy-five years ago, he was informed that certain particulars had been obtained, but that it would not do at all to make them known at that juncture, as it might cause the burglars, who had already been spotted, to take alarm and flee, and there was no knowing what they might do in their desperation. They might not only take flight, but they might also take the city with them. "I might say," continued the mysterious and wonderful detective, "that the expenses in this case have been very heavy and it comes hard on us

detectives; as you are aware, no doubt, we do not receive munificent salaries from the city," and he winked one of those detective winks by which he had made his wonderful reputation.

The merchant took the hint and left a well-filled purse behind him when he departed. And the detective went back to his cogitations—and his pipe.

And the work of unravelling the mystery went on.

Twenty-five years later the merchant visited the detectives again. He of the mysterious wink was out, but another of the noble army of unpaid martyrs was in his place. He smoked a cigar, however. Coming forward, he asked the merchant his business.

"I have just called about that robbery of my establishment fifty years ago."

"Oh, oh, my good man! I am not working on that case, but I know the particulars. It is against our office etiquette to tell you. I am sure you will understand this. I would say that it is altogether too soon to expect any particulars. We must proceed cautiously, and we have been hampered by the lack of funds to prosecute our enquiries."

The hint was again taken and another payment made. The detective, who had a knowing smile, smiled benignly and took the filthy lucre, relit his cigar, and immediately returned to his onerous duty of scanning the papers.

The years rolled by and the detective sworke assiduously. The merchant died. His son, however, had the temerity to call upon the city detectives about ten years ago.

Introducing himself, he said:—"I am the son of Mr. Chump, who was robbed ninety years ago. I hope matters are going on all right. Of course, I am not impatient, but I would like some information, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith."

"Well, young man," replied he of the mysterious wink, "you are young, you must know that detective work is not done in a day in this city. We proceed here on the principle that it is better that one guilty man should escape than that ninety-nine guilty men should suffer. However, we are doing the best we can."

"Yes," replied the owner of the mysterious smile, "we have to proceed in the proper manner. Supposing we told you the particulars, and they should get into the papers, our reputation would be gone. All our proceedings must be secret. We always work in the dark."

"Yes, I always thought so," replied the young man, "but what if you should never discover the perpetrators?"

"Impossible! Impossible!!" chorussed the two detectives, together; "we have yet the pawnshops to visit."

"But why have you not visited them before?"

"The pawnshop is our great reliance, and it never fails us. We can visit them any time, you know, and will do so before you call again. Say you come back in ten years and we will have something to tell you."

And the young man went away full of hope.

Yesterday he called. The detectives were jubilant.

"Any news?" he asked.

"Yes! great news! great news!"

"What is it?"

"We are proud to inform you we have got a clue."

"A clue?"

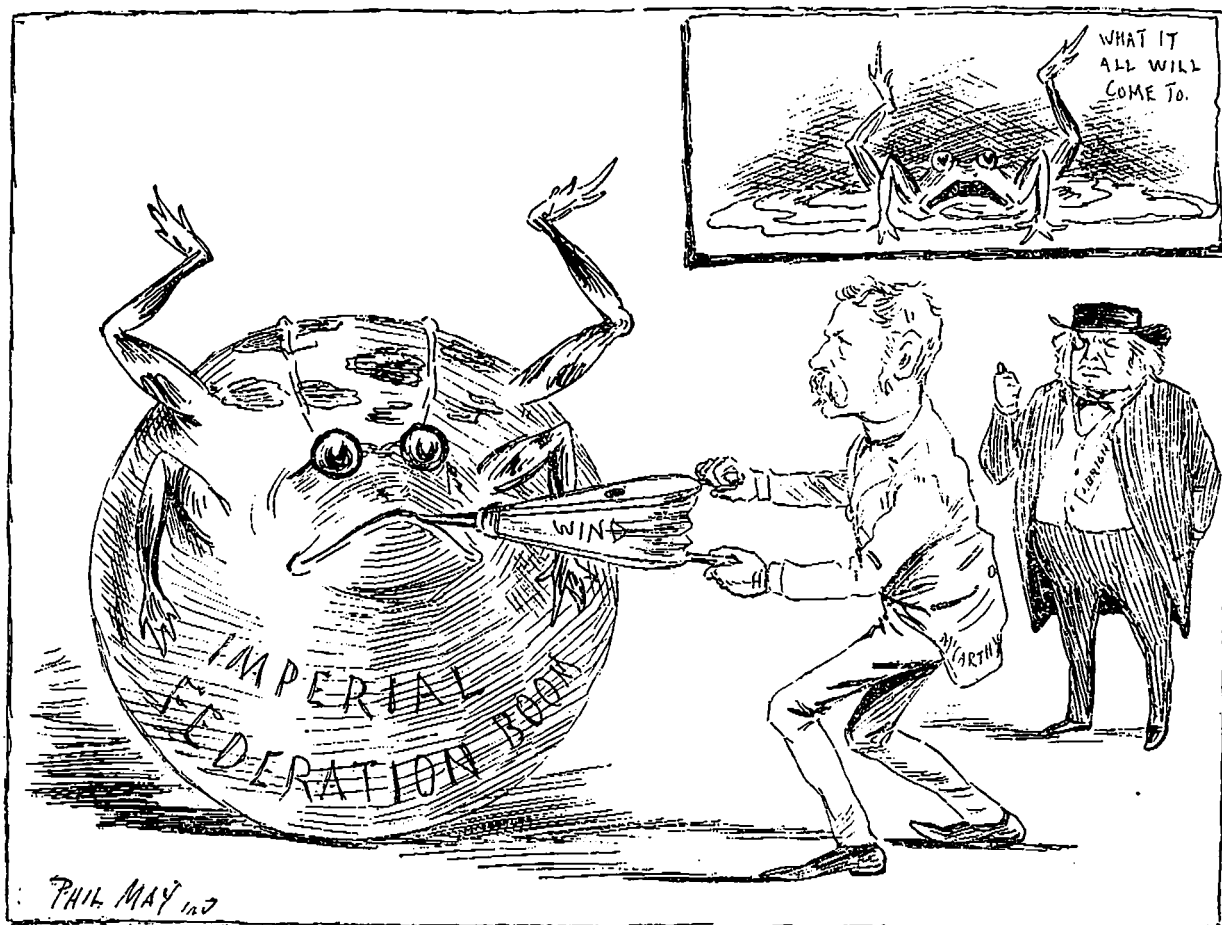
"Yes! A CLUE!"

"What is it?"

"The robbers are dead."

And the detectives went back to their arduous duties. And the young man went home happy. The robbers had not escaped.

H. B. S.



“PUFF” AND “BUST.”

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER POETRY.

THE *Empire* tells us that Mr. McNeill, M.P., in the recent debate on reciprocity, quoted with “telling effect” the following verses :—

Britain bore us in her flank ;
 Britain nursed us at our birth ;
 Britain raised us to our rank
 'Mid the nations of the earth.

In the hour of pain and dread,
 In the gathering of the storm,
 Britain raised above her head
 Her broad shield and stalwart arm.

Stand, Canadians ! firmly stand
 Round the flag of Fatherland !

It appears that these lines were written some ten years ago, and consequently are somewhat out of date, as a good many things affecting the position of England and Canada have happened in the interval. However appropriate they may then have seemed, they read rather oddly now, in the light of the late surrender of Canada's fisheries as a sacrifice to secure the *entente cordiale* between England and the United States. If the poem were rewritten so as to square with the actual facts of the case it would read something like this :—

Britain sold us to the Yank,
 Britain gave our fish away,
 Britain to the level sank
 Of those who are their neighbors' prey.

In the hour of greed for gain,
 When Yankee pirates raid our shore,
 Britain shirked her duty plain,
 Preferring selfish interest more.
 Bow, Canadians ! humbly bow
 Before the Yankee Eagle now !

THE NEW DESPOTISM.

“FELLER-CITIZENS,” said the 4th of July orator, “I congratulate you that we live in a land of liberty. While the bloated and effete monarchies of Europe are groaning under the shackles of feudalism, we of the western world exuberate in the sunlight of free institutions and enjoy the priceless boon of freedom. Alone of all the nations of the earth, America can boast that her people are the arbiters of their own destinies and know no tyrant master. We celebrate the anniversary when our patriot ancestors announced to the world that they had forever thrown from their limbs the shackles of colonial despotism.”

“Jest so ; what's the price of coal ?” asked a workingman.

“Somewhere in the neighborhood of \$7 per ton,” replied the orator. “But what has that to do with it ?”

“A great deal. If the coal owners can charge what they please for fuel, it's a blamed sight worse kind of coal-own-ial despotism than a tax on tea of a few cents a pound !”

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Rein Auld Adam In!

To gather gear is all the rage,
By ony crook or wile;
No legal dodge seems to our age
Intolerably vile;

But ne'er by giving way to greed,
True happiness we'll win;
Alas, the maist o' us hae need
To rein auld Adam in!

To us the money-getting art
Is but the one thing real;
We seldom cherish in our heart
A holy high ideal:

Alas, alas! to a' beside
Yon pair rich man is blin;
When tempted never has he tried
To rein auld Adam in:

He never strove to rise above
Mere little paltry pelf;
No, never had he aught to love
Beyond his shabby self;

Poor man, he's always on the hunt
O' profitable sin,
And far awa' beyond affront
To rein auld Adam in.

The social heights he's reached to here
Through mony a snub and thraw;
One lovingkindness wi' a tear,
Would far outshine them a'.

He plots and schemes to filch the pair
With ne'er a sense o' sin,
Although a wee bird in the air
Sings "rein auld Adam in."

And yet for all that he is worth
His moral manhood's rotten,
And soon as he's laid in the earth
Then he'll be quite forgotten.

Then always when we're on the brink
O' some delightfu' sin,
Pause for a moment, stop and think,
And rein auld Adam in.

With self the battle must be fought
That right may wear the crown,
And never, never cherish aught
To drag our manhood down.

Still let us cherish faith and hope
That heart at last shall win,
And give the God within us scope
To rein auld Adam in.

ALEXANDER McLACHLAN.



A CASE OF THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG.

GREAT GRIP COMPETITION.

OVER \$500,000,000 IN PRIZES.

IN order to increase the circulation of GRIP to 1,000,000 in the next six months, we have determined to offer part of our cash profits for the past year, in prizes, to those who shall send in correct answers to the following questions:—

1. Where is Sir John A. Macdonald mentioned in GRIP?
2. Where is Sir Richard Cartwright mentioned?
3. Where is an allusion made to the Manitoba disallowance question?

The object of these questions is to encourage, among young and old, an earnest and diligent study of GRIP, the great humorous literary paper of the Dominion.

In order to give all a fair chance the questions are not very difficult, but easy enough to entice as many as possible to enter into the Great Competition. The more the merrier for GRIP, and if the questions were difficult there would be few answers sent in.

We have also determined to divide the prizes into three classes, First, Middle and Last.

To the first 100,000 answers sent in, *the week before this announcement appears*, we will give the following prizes:—

To the first correct answer:—

THE STATE CAPITAL AT ALBANY, \$20,000,000.

(We have purchased this at a bargain owing to the roof being cracked.)

To the next, in the following order,

2. Old Parliament House, Toronto, . . . \$1,000,000
3. Upper Canada College, 2,000,000

(We get this cheap, the institution having been killed by the High Schools.)

4. Central Bank Stock, \$500,000

5 to 100. Bloated Capitalists knocked on the head by Unrestricted Reciprocity, . . \$200,000,000

101 to 1000. Houses somewhere in the North-west, probably in Regina, with a full view from the front windows of N. F. Davin, \$1,000,000

1,000 to 50,000. Pianos, Banjos, Drums, Jew's-harps, tin whistles, and other musical instruments, \$10,000,000

50,000 to 1,000,000. Watches, clocks, rings, bric-a-brac, \$5,000,000

(Having bought a bankrupt stock of old goods the owner found it impossible to sell, we are able to make this magnificent offer.)

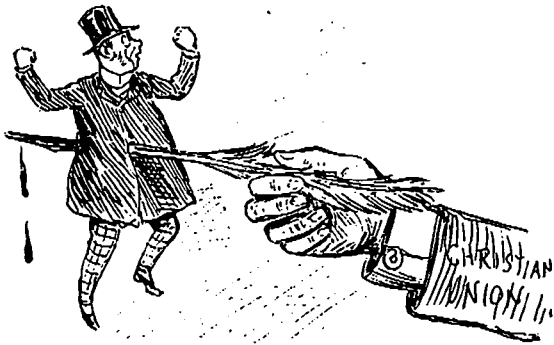
In order that no one should be discouraged because he was not able to get his answers off the week before this appeared, we also offer the following middle rewards, to all correct answers received on the *middle day* of a month of 31 days, counting as the first day that on which the first of the foregoing correct 100,000 answers were received.

1. Red River Valley Railroad, \$500,000
(Mr. Greenway, conductor.)

2. The old house, on the Bay of Quinte, where Sir John A. Macdonald, the saviour of his Country, was born and used to play marbles, \$1,000,000

3. Edward Blake's old felt hat, \$100,000

As many must be disappointed in not being able to send either the first or middle answers, we also offer the



JABBED!

The New York *Christian Union*, which is not in sympathy with Henry George's land theory, says:—"Any transaction, the object of which is to make A richer by making B poorer, is in the nature of theft." Now, who is this the *Christian Union* has impaled upon its sharp quill? Not the man who gets rich by his own industry, nor the man who gets rich by free gifts from others; but the man who, with or without the sanction of law, takes the whole or a portion of the proceeds of another man's industry, without giving an equivalent. The thief, as this good Christian journal bluntly calls him. And does the law permit theft? Oh yes, but it discriminates. It comes down hard on plain, straight, direct stealing; but it permits people to appropriate the earth, and then bleed their fellow mortals for the right to live. The gentleman writhing on that pen got rich by fencing in a piece of this planet and keeping it idle until the growth of population enabled him to gather in a small fortune every year by graciously permitting somebody else to use the land. He *must* be the fellow, for isn't this "a transaction, the object of which is to make him richer by making his tenant poorer?" Wherefore it appears, the business of landlordism "is in the nature of theft."

following Consolation rewards to the 100,000 last letters received, containing correct answers. These letters must bear the post-mark of June 31st, at the office where posted, and must reach GRIP office not later than six months after. This gives the subscribers of GRIP in the most distant countries an equal chance with those at home. Our readers in Madagascar, Timbuctoo, Zulu-land, Terra del Fuego, etc., will thus be able to share in our bounty.

1. To the last letter received, the C. P. R. Syndicate, delivered up to GRIP to be disposed of by an indignant country, . . . \$50,000,000
2. From 1 to 99,000th from last. Steinway Pianos made by the firm of Southheimer & Co., at a small town in Germany, on the banks of the Don. These are far superior to the New York Steinway, as the wood is improved by a sea voyage, and the tone mellowed by being rolled about in a ship, \$5,000,000
3. 100,000th from last. A colored lithograph of GRIP, by our best artist, . . . \$100,000,000

This completes our list. In conclusion we must remind our readers that it is absolutely necessary that \$2 for one year's subscription to GRIP, accompany each set of answers.

This enterprise would not pay as an investment. It is only our desire to benefit our county by extending the circulation of GRIP that leads us to this reckless expenditure.

In the North-West they raise grain in the summer and snow blockades in the winter.

SIR THOMAS F. GROVE has joined the Gladstonians—what an acquisition! A whole grove for the grand old wood chopper; though he is not likely to cut this grove.

" WEDDING BELLS."

The bride, who is a very pretty girl, wore a dress of white satin, etc., etc.—*N. Y. Herald's report of a fashionable wedding.*

THERE'S a form of adulation that's existed since Creation,
Or, at any rate, since writing up Society's events
First invaded journalism—Oh, deep-deplored schism—
And Jeames set out to nose around e'en lowly tenements.

Did you ever know a marriage—now, don't fancy I'd disparage
All accounts of knots de nuptial in the enterprising Press,
But I ask, *in re* the Bride, and I speak not to deride,
Have the gay reporter's raptures never caused you some distress?

"Most perfectly bewitching!"—was there not a poignant stitching
In some region of affinity between the head and heart,
As you read? You knew Miss Grady, while an amiable young lady,
Never would have had a bidder, in the world, in beauty's mart.

"The sweet, young bride"—oh, gracious! Came no pang at words
mendacious
As these about the maiden who had just escaped the shelf?
Or felt you never spasm at the awful, yawning chasm
Between facts and the "queenly" of the reportorial elf?

Red hair, nose *rétroussé*—did it pain or just amuse, eh?
The item told, you know, of one who was "divinely fair."
"Universally beloved!"—was your ire or pity moved
As you thought of that—that—*cave felem* air?

Don't you sigh for some plain writer who, without intent to slight
her,
Describes the bride in every case just *quantum suf.*, no more?
Who will quite eschew ecstasies, hysterics and fanatics,
And state the case in brief and truth, *sans flummery* or *furor*?

No excuse that, *con amore*, you, young scribe, have told a story!
Nor can you plead "the fashion"—read above, then never hurl,
With an aspiration gushy, any term more nearly mushy
Than "the bride is"—mark it!—"a very pretty girl."

T. T.

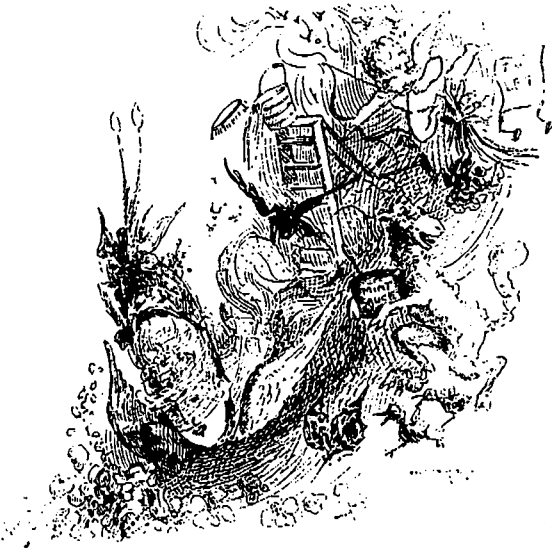
A HANDSOME present—a pair of gloves.

DOES the market flag when there is a new grain standard?

ANOTHER Indian rising will be promptly requested to sit down again.



THE KIND OF CANADIAN JOHN BULL DESPISES.



MATERIALS FOR A SPRING POEM.

INDIAN CURIOSITIES.

BY A DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST.

SIR,—The fact that I am not a member of the Canadian Institute will obtain me admission to your columns. I have been repeatedly black-balled by the entire body of that illustrious gathering, because my scientific acquirements are not in harmony with their views. Sir, I do not believe in listening to what people said a few centuries ago. Fossil opinions never carry weight with me and that is why I don't believe the earth moves, that comets wag their tails, or that England's business is to beat all other nations in beer-drinking.

Now, sir, I want to say a few words about Indian curiosities. Firstly, what are Indian relics? The whole race is rapidly getting to be a relic itself, and I would suggest that all Indians who die after this be made into mummies forthwith and sent to the Curator of the Canadian Institute to number and catalogue, so that in the year 9001 there may be no uncertainty and wrangling as to the identity of the remains, as is the case with the interesting remnants of old Egyptian gentle folks who occasionally turn up. I may mention that I have a valuable receipt for the making of mummies which is at the disposal of the C. I. on payment of ten dollars in cash, or I will mummify Indians at the rate of twenty-five cents each, express charges to be prepaid.

Arrow heads and spear heads are continually being unearthed by our farmers in countless numbers. Do our farmers stop and examine these relics? Do they pick them up, clean them, label them and send them to the Curator of the C. I. with a valuable prehistoric paper for the benefit of the members? No, sir; the agricultural tyrants trample these priceless relics of bygone days under the heavy heels of a cow-boot as they callously plough up and down their treasure-yielding acres. It is a shame and an insult to our C. I. requirements. Let me suggest the employment of some of Dr. Barnardo's boys in this direction. Let one be placed on every farm in the Dominion to examine all the stones thereon and preserve the valuable flints. I ask but little in asking this. How much wampum is in the possession of Canadians, and where is it? Let me entreat all possessors of wampum to send their stock without delay to the Curator of the

C. I. museum. Pemican can be obtained from any ordinary boarding-house keeper on Friday night. On Saturday it is always too late to secure any, as it is served up as hash on that day. I have more suggestions which I will send you later.

HORATIO VAN RUMPUS.

THE BAFFLED HUMORIST.

THE veteran humorist sat at his desk with a look of gloom on his brow. He had been seated there for fully ten minutes gazing blankly at the sheet of paper before him, but without writing a word. Ever and anon an expression of determination came into his features; he dipped his well-worn pen into the ink with an air of stern resolution, but the effort resulted in nothing, for after writing half a sentence or so he erased it and relapsed into meditation. It was in vain that he lit his pipe and sought inspiration in a few vigorous whiffs; that he rose and paced the floor nervously; that he ran his fingers through his scanty hair. The idea wouldn't come. Finally he threw down his pen in disgust, exclaiming, "It positively can't be done; I declare it's absolutely the worst appointment the British Government ever made in my recollection."

"What's troubling you now, old man?" asked the proof-reader.

"There was Head to begin with," continued the veteran humorist. "Very easy and suggestive. 'So simple that a child could operate it,' as the sewing machine ads. have it. 'Head of the government,' 'great head,' etc.—just as easy as rolling off a log. Then there was Monck—no trouble about him. The name itself suggested something. Same with Young—he was another easy one. Didn't get rechristened as Lisgar till he had been some years in the country. Lorne wasn't quite so simple, but I think I can claim to have been the first to get off the 'for-Lorne' chestnut that had such a run. Lansdowne bothered me some, but I got there when he reduced his rents. 'Lan's-downe,' you see. But this new man knocks me silly. As I said before, it's the worst appointment that's been made in my time."

"What appointment? What on earth are you driving at?" enquired the proof-reader.

"Why, Lord Stanley. I've made jokes on the name of every Governor-General for the last thirty years, but Stanley's too much for me. But hold! Ah, I have it! Saved, saved! When the new Governor-General gives an entertainment at Rideau Hall, why will it resemble a noted Toronto thoroughfare? Don't you tumble? It will be Stanley's treat."

"But you forget," said the proof-reader impassively, "there is no longer a Stanley street."

A spasm contracted the humorist's features, as, with a wild shriek of anguish, he rushed out into the night.

ADEQUATE.

ANNIE—"Halloa Maud! Where did you get so many beautiful patches?"

Maud (a six-year-old)—"Oh! you know I got them all from Miss Miller, and when she gave them to me I didn't say 'thanks,' because I thought it was so little a word for so many patches, and so I said 'I'm very much obliged to you, Miss Miller.'" [Fact.]

ADAM PAXMORE has been appointed constable at Park-hill. There will be more peace now in the place.



JOHN A. GETS OUT OF HIS DELICATE SITUATION

(A SEQUEL TO CARTOON, MARCH 24TH.)

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Student—Lay the patient doon on the braid o' his back.

Lecturer.—Quite right. What else would you do?

Student.—Cut his paper collar and burst his shirt neck.

Lecturer.—Yes; and what else?

Student.—Rin like thinder for the doctor.—*The Bailie.*

THE man who has not ate enough had better look at the calendar for this year.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

MR. QUIVERFULL (returning from business)—“What, still playing? This will never do. No more toys for this week.” Mrs. Quiverfull—“Why, what have the children done, my dear?” Mr. Quiverfull—“Done? Over-excited themselves, my love. Observe the strained expressions of their little faces. Do you wish to have your offspring hauled before the Mayor by Mr. Gerry?”—*Puck*

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WE have been reading up on ethnology of late, and find that Adam was an Irishman, as he seems to have been Eve-icted.—*Duluth Paragapher.*

“FAITH,” said Pat to Mike, as they set out to trudge to New York, “you walk the first mile an' I'll walk th' nixt, an' that way it'll only be half the distance.”—*Tid-Bits.*

MRS. LASTYN (to her dearest friend): “Yes, Aurelia, my husband proposed to me three times before I accepted him.” The D. F.: “You always were a reckless girl, Josephine.”—*Puck.*

OLD GRIGGS: “Really, Tom, my boy, I can't stand this extravagance. You spend five times as much money on yourself as I do.” Tom: “Well, don't you know, father, I haven't got a son to support, and you have.”—*Tid-Bits.*

“WHO,” inquired the fair Chicago dame, “is this Sir Roger D. Coverley, they're talking about? If he's one of those no-good English lords, he doesn't come around my house until Mamie's married off, you bet your arctics.”—*Puck.*

GRIGGS: “Well, Ranter, you just spread yourself in your speech to-night.” Ranter (a rising orator): “Ah, thanks, I fancy I did pretty well.” Griggs: “Yes, you certainly do straddle both sides of a question beautifully, Ranter.”—*Tid-Bits.*

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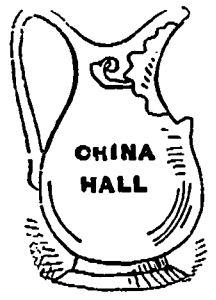
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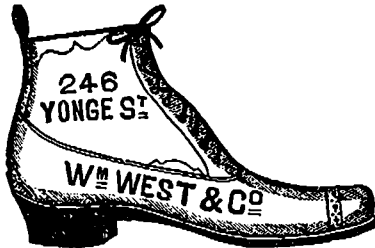
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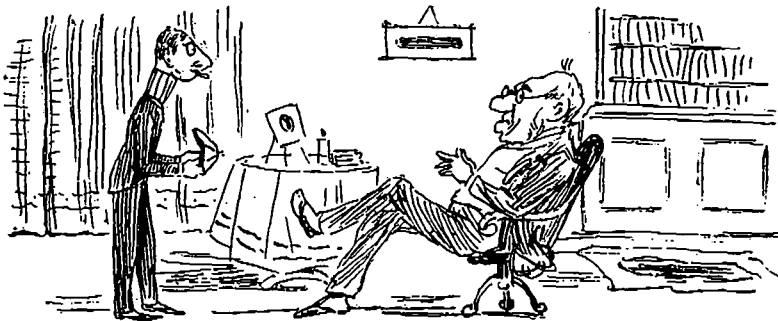
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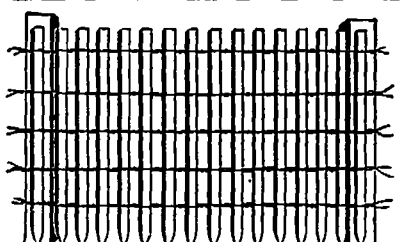
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