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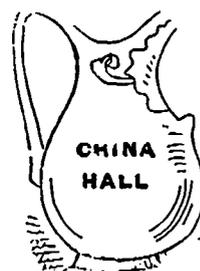
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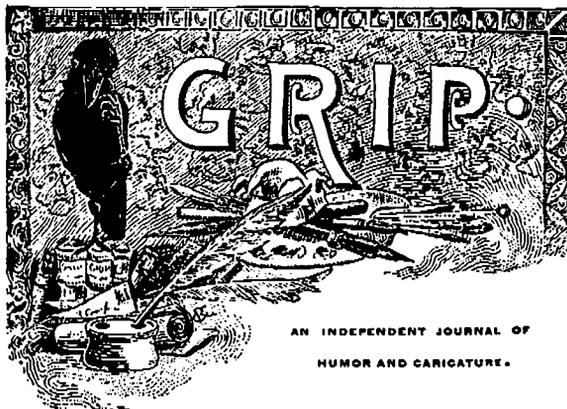
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PARTICULAR NOTICE.

We have still a few copies of the elegant lithograph, "Prominent Conservatives," which we send free to all subscribers remitting five cents for postage. The companion picture, "The Liberal Leaders of Canada," is in course of preparation, and will be sent when published on the same terms. Meantime, all orders received are carefully booked and will be duly filled.

OUR CARNIVAL NUMBER.

NEXT week, as the regular issue of GRIP, we will send out our Winter Carnival Number. It will be a 24-page paper, and in addition to the usual attractions will contain three cartoons in colors, embellished with gold borders. Nothing more elegant has ever been produced in the printing line in Canada, and every subscriber should secure an extra copy to send to a friend. These can be secured by sending ten cents to this office at once. The edition will soon be exhausted, so that prompt action is necessary.

Comments on the Cartoons.



THE MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE.—No contradiction is as yet forthcoming to the statement made with full assurance by the *Globe*, that Sir Charles Tupper is at present the actual leader of the Conservative party, and that the retirement of Sir John Macdonald will take place immediately after the elections, whatever the result of the polling may be. This is bad news for the Party, and will have the effect of turning the stomachs of the best element therein. Already a prominent member of this section—a member of the late House—has written to the *Globe* to declare that the Conservative party will not follow Sir Chas. Tupper, and no doubt this gentleman voices the feelings of thousands of his political friends. For Sir John Macdonald there is a universal feeling of chivalrous attachment throughout the Conservative ranks, but it is quite different as respects the burly Nova Scotian, whose political record is bad, and who lacks the personal qualities which have made Sir John what he is.

THE SWORD SWALLOWED.—Professor Blake has accomplished the difficult task of swallowing the N.P. sword, and the fact that it was a matter of compulsion, and not merely a desire to show his skill, makes no difference. The swallow is *bona fide*, and any manufacturer who doesn't believe it can make a personal examination. Having shown the flexibility of his gullet by this feat, Prof. Blake may expect a renewal of the pressure to prevail upon him to swallow that other formidable weapon, the Prohibition sword.

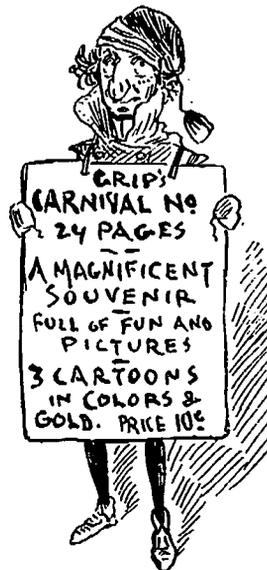
AT LAST.—Our lively French confrere, M. Coté, hits off the Quebec situation very neatly in his cartoon. At last, after vexatious and unconstitutional delays, Mercier rushes into the embrace of his true love, the Treasury-bag of the local government. Poor thing! she has suffered greatly this long time in the hands of her ruthless masters now deposed. She has grown uncommonly thin and flabby, but Mercier declares that a life of peace and comfort (which he earnestly promises her) will eventually bring her round, and he hopes to remain in possession long enough to get her up to the condition of the money-bag so long and happily wedded to our own Oliver.

PRODDING THE FROG.—The *Mail* continues right along in its anti-French crusade, but at last accounts the Province of Quebec was still there. If the able editor could only reach the frog with his quill, a very slight prod would no doubt make him "go," but there's the very difficulty. The *Mail* doesn't appear to be read generally throughout the rural districts of Quebec, and hence the people are in ignorance that it is the wish of our respected contemporary that they should get out.

THE BOY EN ROUTE.—Mr. Jas. Beaty, Q.C., failing to see any good reason why he should have been rejected by the Conservative convention of West Toronto, has made up his mind to go back to Parliament anyhow—of course *populo volente*. The trifling formality of balloting may, however, upset the gentleman's good intentions, and, if so, the misfortune will be another illustration of what Pitt called "the atrocious crime of being a young man"—that is, a Boy.



LITTLE CORINNE, the famous comic opera artist, is drawing great houses at the Toronto, in her new play *Arcadia*. Next week, the popular melodrama, "Romany Rye," will be presented by Lehnen & Bateman's Company, headed by Mr. John Burke and Miss Victory Bateman.



Next Week's Issue

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Our subscribers will get this elegant number as a matter of course. Those who are not so happy as to be on our list will have to pay ten cents for it, but it will be worth fifty at least.

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The Blin' Bairn.

A SCOTCH SANG.

O BONNIE Maggie Robertson !
Thine image still I see,
Wi' a' the grace o' form and face,
Come owre the lily lee,
Wi' a' the the grace o' form and face,
The love licht in thine e'e ;
A vision bright o' pure delight !
Like sunrise on the sea ;
And what tho' I am auld and grey,
And thou hast gone before ?
Yet day by day doth memory
The vision bright restore.

CHORUS—Then first the "Blin' Bairn" wi' his dert,
Gart a' my heart-strings quiver,
And thy dear image on this hert
Was photographed for ever.

The love licht in thine e'e that wakes,
Has fa'n frae heaven abune,
And in a wave o' smiles it breaks
Upon thy cheek and chin,
And spreads a' through thy veins o' blue
Mang links o' gowden hair ;
The queenly lily draped wi' dew
Was never hauf so fair !
And meek and modest is thy mien,
Thy voice sae laigh and lowne,
Thy step sac light, scarce puts to flight
The wav'ing thistle-down.

And then thy words, like sangs o' birds,
They seem na words ava',
But jewels rare, beyond compare,
'That frae thy lips do fa'.
Thy very gown seems rich and rare,
Though but a hamely print ;
The very ribbon in thy hair
Has glamour hidden in't.
Then, Maggie, a' the crowns o' earth !
And treasures o' the mine !
Were paltry things that werena worth
A single smile o' thine.

CHORUS—For then the "Blin' Bairn" wi' his dert,
Gart a' my heart-strings quiver,
And thy dear image on my hert
Was photographed for ever.

ALEXANDER MCLACHLAN.

THE SECOND ACT OF AN OTTAWA COMEDY.

SIR JOHN—Well, if it must be, it must—but, if it must, I'm sorry—devilish sorry.

Ch—u (going)—*Helas ! mon cher,—si la savais ! Adieu ! adieu !*

Sir John—Hold on ! don't be in such a hurry—give me time to think—can't this thing be arranged somehow ?

Ch—u—*Ma foi !* worse wrecked ships have come to land. (Shrugs his shoulders.)

Sir John—Well, suppose we say shake, old friend ?

Ch—u—Ah ! oui ! I will shake. (They shake hands and embrace.) [Exit Ch—u.

Enter White]

Sir John—Good morning, my worthy keeper, what have you got there ?

W—e—Oh ! only the morning papers, and some rather voluminous correspondence.

Sir John—Honest ? I thought it might be a straight jacket—borrowed from the *Globe* office in Toronto, ha ! ha !

W—e—Ha ! ha ! Oh ! ha ! ha ! ha !

Sir John—Or a sample of *pica*.

W—e—Hush ! he's just outside—he's coming now.

Sir John (hums a kindergarten song)—

"Here comes the organ man !

He plays as well as he can,

But he is so dear !

Oh he is so dear !

Oh where, oh where, has my little *Mail* gone,

Oh where and oh where."

Enter Kr—s]

Sir John (slapping Kr—s on shoulder familiarly)—
Good morning ! good morning ! Mr. Kr—s, how goes the Queen City.

Kr—s—Oh, very well thank you, Sir John.

Sir John—Allow me to introduce Mr. Kr—s to you Mr. W—e. Mr. Kr—, Mr. W—e, my keeper. Ha ! ha ! About the baby ; I think we've hit on the right name, a good old Tory name, one that has braved o'er fifty years the battle and the breeze ; the glorious old *Standard*.

W—e—Of course you know the platform, Mr. Kr—s, and the other arrangements, financially, etc., of course, will be to your entire satisfaction.

Sir John—Hut-tut ! This gentleman is above all *Worldly* considerations. And this paper must be eminently Christian, that is, while in the *World* not of the *World* ; by and by the *World* will come up to our *Standard*, eh ?

Kr—s—Exactly Sir John, exactly ; I comprehend your little joke. Ha ! ha !

Sir John—And don't you forget to go for Bl—e, he's desperate, playing his last card, in fact, so don't let up on him from now till the 22nd, not *once*, an' you love me.

Kr—s—

"Doubt that the stars are fire,
Doubt that the sun doth move,
Doubt truth to be a liar,
But never doubt my love."

or that I will ever let up on Bl—e. We'll fire red hot Pica at him with hot shot and shell editorials. Never fear ! We'll do him up serious.

Sir John—That's the talk ! By the by, have you seen Anannias' latest ?

W—e—Oh ; infamous !

Kr—s—Infamous ! he's placed himself without the pale of decent journalism.

Sir John—Oh pooh ! be charitable, gentlemen ; needs must when the devil drives. I'm in a quandary, however what role to play. I might try the role of David before Acish, and let my spittle fall on my beard, but not having that "knightly growth about the chin" am out there. Lear wouldn't quite suit my style either ; though with him I might say, to the *Globe*. "Blow winds and crack your cheeks," if the cheeks of the *Globe* weren't too tough to be cracked with any amount of blowing. Neither could I come Otto of Bavaria, for he's always fancying himself a bird, and bewailing he has no eggs to hatch. By Jove ! I've always lots of eggs on hand, and manage to hatch them out pretty successfully, too. The National Policy egg, and the C.P.R. egg are fair specimens ; thriving chickens now, aren't they ? I've a double-yoked egg about hatching now, the *Mail* departure, and the unfurling of the *Standard*. Heigh-ho ! birds or addled eggs on the 22nd ! Probably another proof of our insanity will be found in the fact of the Government having three Conservative papers instead of one this election. Let's go hens. Tre-la. [Exeunt.

MARY'S LITTEL LAMBE.

TRANSLATED FROM "THE BOMBASTIC" FOR MARCH, 1174.

MARY had a little lamb
Which went with her to school;
This caused the master to assert
That Mary was a fool.

And when one day the master found
That Mary did not know
One letter from another, then
He gave the lamb a blow.

He hit that lamb's head with an axe,
Cleaving it right in two,
And Mary now forgets no more
Her little double-ewe.

W. H. T.

MY BILLY GOAT.

I ONCE owned a goat. He had a very striking appearance, and likewise a very striking way. I once got a phrenologist to examine his bumps, and the goat, strange to say, was very enthusiastic with the idea; he even went so far as to bow his head for the accomodation of the professor, and gave the old gentleman such a fine caste of his goatship's adonis-like features in the pit of the stomach, that the phrenologist carried a lasting impression of them to the grave.

Biliy was no Bird of Paradise in regard to good looks, but would have passed muster among the dudes who assemble in front of the opera house after matinee—that is, as far as chewing a cud, wearing a fur coat, and bumping people is concerned.

He seemed to take great pride in his ugliness, and whenever an opportunity was presented invariably made himself look worse. On one occasion he butted a barrel of soft soap just for the sake of covering himself with the slimy stuff and glory, and another time he paralyzed a pail of lye, and consequently went nearly bald the rest of his life. I got him a sort of a wig to cover his goneness, but the conceited fool was so struck with a clean shave that he refused to wear it, and gobbled it up the first chance he got. That goat was a confirmed epicure; after that I could get him to eat nothing but hair, and had to make a contract with a young ladies' seminary for all the combings.

One day Billy was out foraging for hair, and made a grab at a woman's switch, which brought the whole business from her head; but that didn't seem to bother him much, for he chewed it up, hair, net, bangs, and all the rest of the decoration she was trying to disguise herself with. The woman got so indignant at being thus discovered that she threatened to marry me, but I covered the matter over by purchasing another outfit, although this was hardly satisfactory to her, for she claimed that the hair consumed was auburn, whereas I bought red; but I got rid of her by offering to throw Billy into boot—that settled her—she got out.

The last exploit that William was mixed up in was this—A young lady called at our house (a friend of my sister), who owned a thoroughbred mongrel purp, which she claimed to be a fox hound. The dog got wandering about the premises in search of food and adventure, and I guess he got all the adventure he wanted, for no sooner did the goat spot him than he started to make a meal of the purp. We raised a big racket, but it was no use—Billy was determined, and nothing could stop the tragedy. The poor young lady was dissolved to tears, which were only appeased with another yellow dog;—

but sweet William never acted the same after that. He would howl all night long, chase the small boys and pedlers who ventured near the house, and then he could wag his tail for all the world like a dog. One day Billy was missing; I traced him to a butcher shop where I discovered a lock of his hair which I kept. I'm not sure what became of him; but, all the same, I've never eaten sausage since, and never will. BERT COURTENAY.



GRANITE ITEMS.

Inexperienced Member (to venerable skip)—Mr. MacFergus, what's a pat-lid?

Skip—Weel, liv ye see, ye gowk! ye ding yer stane cannilie, but nae sae feckly as tae hoggit. Nae haeflins lleg, nor jinkin turn, ye ken, but tentiely, that it aye gars snoovin' an' straught as an elder's walk, hogsnotherin' amang the guards, till ye land on the varra tee. When ye've dun that, laddie, ye've med a pat-lid, and ye may bear the grec.

Inexperienced Member (somewhat piqued)—Thank you, Mr. MacFergus; no doubt the explanation is very accurate, but I think its lucidity would have been very much heightened if you had made it in English.

Skip—Tut man, an ye'll be a curler ye maun faumeelyerise yersel' wi' the vernauckular.

AIRLIE ON LIBERTY.

DEAR MAISTER GRIP,—When puir auld Job was left tae the tender merceies o' the deil, auld Clottie swore he wad either mak' a spoon or spoil a horn. But nane o' Job's afflictions cut him sae muckle as the gude advices o' his freens—the convictions o' his freens—the extraordinary wisdom o' his freens! An' raily, Maister GRIP, it does seem tae me that oor body politic has been, like the auld pawtriarch, clean gein ower to the deil. Frae tap tae tail we're a' brooken oot into boils an' rinnin' sairs, in the shape o' saloons an' taverns; an', like Job, we're fain tae tak' the Scott Act or onything we can get hand o', by way o' a potsherd tae scrape oorsel's withall. We sit in the ashes o' sufferin' an' lang endurance, but when we bemoan oor afflictions, an' crack aboot curin' ance for a', thae boils an' abscesses that are sappin' the national life, then Eliphay the Teemanite, and Bildall the Shuhite, and Topher the Naamathite, sit doon beside us an' spend their wind tryin' tae persuade us tae be patient an' no attempt tae dae gude lest evil may come. Oor position at the present time, Maister GRIP, is that o' a man in the grasp o' a deevil fish, wi' ane o' its airms hard roon the rock o' self interest, an' the ither four grippin' him like grim death, an' blisterin' like het irons, an' kennin' weel

that his only hope lies in stabbin' the monster *in the head*. Bot oor freens object tae killin' the beast that has nae hesitation in killin' us, thae wad hae us detach first a'e tentacle an' then anither, an' sae get oot o' the pooer o' the liquor traffic—deevil fish—by degrees, for fear he might attack us on the sly in anither place! Maister GRIP, if we're gaun tae get a chance tae live, far less tae thrive, this monster evil maun be *stabbed in the head*, killed ootricht, an' buried without possibility o' resurrection. It's a' very weel for Maister Blake to come oot wi' a fine declaration tae the effect that he keeps clear o' the devvil-fish personally, an' that when the majority are ready, he might possibly be ready tae bear a hand tae drive the knife o' Prohibition straight intil the monster's head. But 'tween the lines o' his declaration onybody wi' half an ee can read—1st, that he's feard; 2nd, that he sees a lion in the patn; an' 3rd, that the lion he fears is the loss o' whiskey vote. Lordsake! what an age o' cowardice an' self-seekin' an' trucklin' it is, tae be sure! A'e half o' oor politicians doon on their knees afore the Roman Catholic Bishops an' the ither half grovellin' for the suffrages o' the brewers an' saloon keepers, beggin' them for pity's sake tae grant them political life. Is it raily possible that there's no a MAN to the fore in Canada wi' courage enough tae tak his political life in his hand an' dare to do battle for the richt? *Whoever loses his life in that battle will save it*; let Mr. Blake put that in his pipe an' smoke it—gin a' oor great Reformers had waited till they were sure o' the vote o' the majority: Whair wad *we* hae been the day? Can ye imagine any one o' the men wha hae left the world better than they found it waitin' for the backin' o' the majority? How mony o' a majority had the twelve apostles? The liberty o' the subject is anither lion i' the path. Can ye esplain tae me, Maister GRIP, hoo the liberty o' the subject is restricted in the case o' gamblin' an' opium dens, an' no in the case o' the whiskey dens, when the yearly mortality caused by the one is far greater than that o' the ither. Liberty! in the name o' Liberty, Liberty hersel' is bound hand an' fit, an' made to appear a Moloch. Truth is sacrificed, morality destroyed, justice handicapped in the name o' "the liberty o' the subject." Homes are desolated—fair reputations ruined, children left a prey to poverty an' crime, crime is nourished, jails filled, the gallows reared i' the name o' "Liberty of the Subject" forsooth! Gudesake! I'n sick o' a' this twaddle aboot liberty; its aboot as sensible as the followin' "concatenation o' events."—The earth evolved oot o' chaos;—man appeared on the earth;—man sowed grain;—men made whiskey from that grain;—whiskey made misery and wretchedness and crime. If no earth—no man; if no man—no grain;—if no grain—no whiskey; if no whiskey—no misery; if no misery—no demand for Prohibition to abate the misery; if no demand for Prohibition—no declaration that it was a' very good indeed, but that Mr. Blake wasna prepared tae risk it. Yours wi' a' respeck to Liberty,

HUGH AIRLIE.

RONALD'S READING.

(SCENE—Skye; Mr. M'Dougall gives Ronald some good advice.)

MR. M'DOUGGALL—Nae doot times wass bad, but haf patience, Ronald, ant remember Job!

Ronald (moodily)—H'm, yiss! Indeeet it wass a job o' me they're maakin', too, ant, hoch, it's more ass my patience they're taxin', miroffer!—*The Bailie*.

JUSTICE!

TORONTO law is plain and hard—
No street cars out on Sunday,
No cabs upon the city's stands
From Saturday till Monday.
"Quite right!" our goodly people say,
"Observe the holy Sabbath day!"

No cabs, no cars—but see the rigs
Of yonder livery stable
A-flying all the Sabbath day—
Explain it if you're able.
"Quite wrong!" fair-minded people say,
"If Cabbies must a license pay!"

A PERTINENT INQUIRY.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

FOUR young men—English—answer to the names of "Bramley," "Yubitts," "Coddleby," and "Crinkle," respectively. The last named was seen loafing around the Rosedale grounds—the other three were last seen on board the yacht *Elsie* on Toronto Bay. Any news of their whereabouts will be gladly received by their sorrowing friends, the

READERS OF GRIP.

A facetious correspondent sends us the above on a postal card. He will be glad to hear, no doubt, that the Junior Pickwickians will reappear in our pages and continue their travels after the carnival number.



SHAKESPEAREAN.

Dude—Hast ever been to Rideau Hall, friend?

Gent—No—I have never been invited thither.

Dude—Then surely thou art d—d.

Gent—What! For not going to Rideau Hall?

Dude—Yea, truly! For if thou hast never been to Rideau Hall thou hast never seen good manners; and if thou hast never seen good manners, thy manners are wicked, and wickedness is sin, and sin is d—n. Truly thou art in a parlous state, friend.—*As You Like It*.

IS HE WRIGHT?

THE POINT FARM,
27th Jan., 1887.

IN my humble opinion your GRIP of the 22nd inst. is the very best number ever issued out of your establishment. Kind regards.

Yours very truly,

J. J. WRIGHT.

MR. BLOOMINGNOSE PUFFER, THE SALUNE KEEPER, HAS "A INTERVYU" WITH SIR JOHN.

THE KAMPANE IS MAPPED OUT, AND MR. PUFFER BECOMES A SENNATER EN PROSPEKYU.

RUM VALLEY KORNERS, *Fan. 17th, 1887.*



TU MR. GRIP,—I hev just had a intervvyu with the grate & only John A. & I am konsekwently in the hiest possible sperrits. I am a sennater already *en prospektu*. But I antiseperate.

I got a telegram from the Preemyer on Saterdag askin' his "buz zum friend" to kum down to the kappytel for kumfert & kounsel about the elekshin. He suggested Sundy as the best day fur the purpos—being his faverite day not only fur prare but also for medita-

soin on the best means uv defeetin the Fillistins, and as being likely my slakest day in the salune bizness. I konkluded at wunst to go fur several reezens—sum uv mi elekshin expenses in the Haldymand kampane not being squared up, and being desirus of pressin mi klames to a sennaturship.

I had to engage a substytute in the salune as I kood not endoor the thot of my dear patruns goin without thare proper stimyoolents during the kold wether. So I hied Sniffles fur his boord & 10% uv profits to run the bizness, givin him strikt injunkshins not to neglekt mi fellokuntrymen. (Sniffles is a good loil tory & hez done the party grand service in the back townships.)

I reeched Ottawah about midnight. Sir John wuz sittin up and waitin fur me. He sat alone bi the harthstun, lookin quite diskonselate, the big round teers rollin down hiz face & fallin one bi one of his roaming noze. It was a touchin site! "Sir John," sed I, "behold your loil servent, Bloomingnose Puffer, the salune keeper of Run Valley Korners." He aruz with delite and embrased me tenderly, and as soon as he kood overkum his emoshin he remarked, "O, Puffer, ist you, my buzzum freud, mi good angel uv delivreense, my feedus akatez? I knew yu wood not dezert me in this hour uv trial!"

He sank bak exausted and wood have swooned had I not providenshelly hev had a good bottle uv old ry with me (the Ottawah likker never agrede with me. I allus takes a bottle along fur emergensees.) We fortifide our strength and perseeded with the intervvyu. "John A.," sed I, "whence theez teers? Arent you the grate Sir John, Preemyer, Privy Kounseller, and Erl uv Ottawa en prospekkyu? Unbuzzum youre feelins to your fatheful subjek. Puffer will stand bi you. Dont be afrade." "Yes," sed Sir John, "Im Preemyer to-day, but Neddy Blake will be within two months. Puffer, Im a gone koon—Im a doomed man. Look at the provenses—all gone worth speekin about—bi elekshuns all agenset me—Katholiks all votin solid Grit—Kabbynet about busted up and det enuff to sink a nashun."

"John A.," sed I, "yure a fule to dissolve the hous. Why didnt you hold on enuther yere?" "Hold on," sed he, "that's easy enuff to talk about, but there's blamed little more to hold on to. You see I am between the devel & the see. Theres a gost uv a chanse uv winnin fur me now—there'd be none next yere. We've got a surplus up to date this yere—bi june we'll have a

defesit. McLelan hez about rooined us—he kant fix the figures any way to look well. The Male is kutting up didos that tend to bust the party. If I met the hous this winter haf mi supporters wood dezert me. They are only kamp folloers you know who yell fur John A. & good government when thare's plenty of boodel, and wood dezert me the minnet the pap gives out. We kant gerry-mander Ontario any wus than it is, & things look dark as erybus."

I saw he wuz quite bloo, and helped him to more Ry. "Puffer," sed the grate cheesten, "I depend on you & Karling fur the whisky vote. You must get a solid likker vote fur us or we're gone. You must put it before the vittelers in this way:—'Whoo past the Skot akt? The Gritz. Which party has neerly all the prohibishenists? The Gritz. Which party wanted to strengthen the Skot akt? The Gritz. Which party eleks most temperens men to the legislatyure? The Gritz.' And then ask 'em," sed Sir John, "which party gives the likker men a plase in the Kabbynet? which party owns Karling & Smith? Put it strong, Puffer, mi boy," sed Sir John, helpin uv himself to more Ry, " & we'll win the day yet."

"Now," sed Sir John, "I depend on Foster & the Male fur the temperens vote. Blame the Male, enny way," sed the Cheesten, "it hez done us enuf harm, & if it dont rake in some of the temperens votes, I will repudate in ernest. You see Foster & the Male must kwote Blake agenst Prohibishin. We've got him on the hip thare, Puffer," sed he, hittin me an ugly poke in the stummick, " & we'll make Neddy pay fur his Alemur speech." (Here we tuk sum more refreshment.)

By this time the Preemyer wuz in his sperrits, & sed he wood karry every provense & have a biger majurity than before. He proposed just for amoozement that we have a little round of boxin. And so we fixed a rope & went tu work lively fur a time, but Sir John persistin in strikin belo the belt, I got rather winded and gave in. Hez a lively kustumer, John A., when hez in sperrits, & a hard man to hit. He remarked quite insedentally as we fortifide ourselves agen that he had no doubt if it kame to a pursenal enkounter that he kood nok out the hole Blake famely.

I thot the time faverable and so remarked that my friends wuz wonderin when I wuz to be kalled to the Sennet. I had no desire miself—the salune bizness I noo wood pay better—but if mi kountry called me I would sakrefise everything and bekam a Sennater. Sir John sed he wuz about to speak uv the same thing. He noo my talents, mi patreutism, mi servus to the party & hed fully determined to make me a Sennater. He kood not akt at present—but he fully intended to give me Alexander's plase. "What," sed I, jumping up, "is Alexander ded—hoor—" "Ded," sed Sir John, "no—hez the liveliest fossel in the hull kollekshin yet. Be pashent, Puffer, when he leaves the seet you shall hev it."

I aroz with grate emoshin, grasped hiz hand, & while the teers uv gratitude flowed down my honest c thanked him. "No thanks," sed Sir John, "make no adew—you are a sennater alreddy *en prospekkyu*." I returned in grate joy to the korners & hev been repectin over to miself ever sence the words of the Preemyer, neerly bustin with delite at the prospekks ahed.

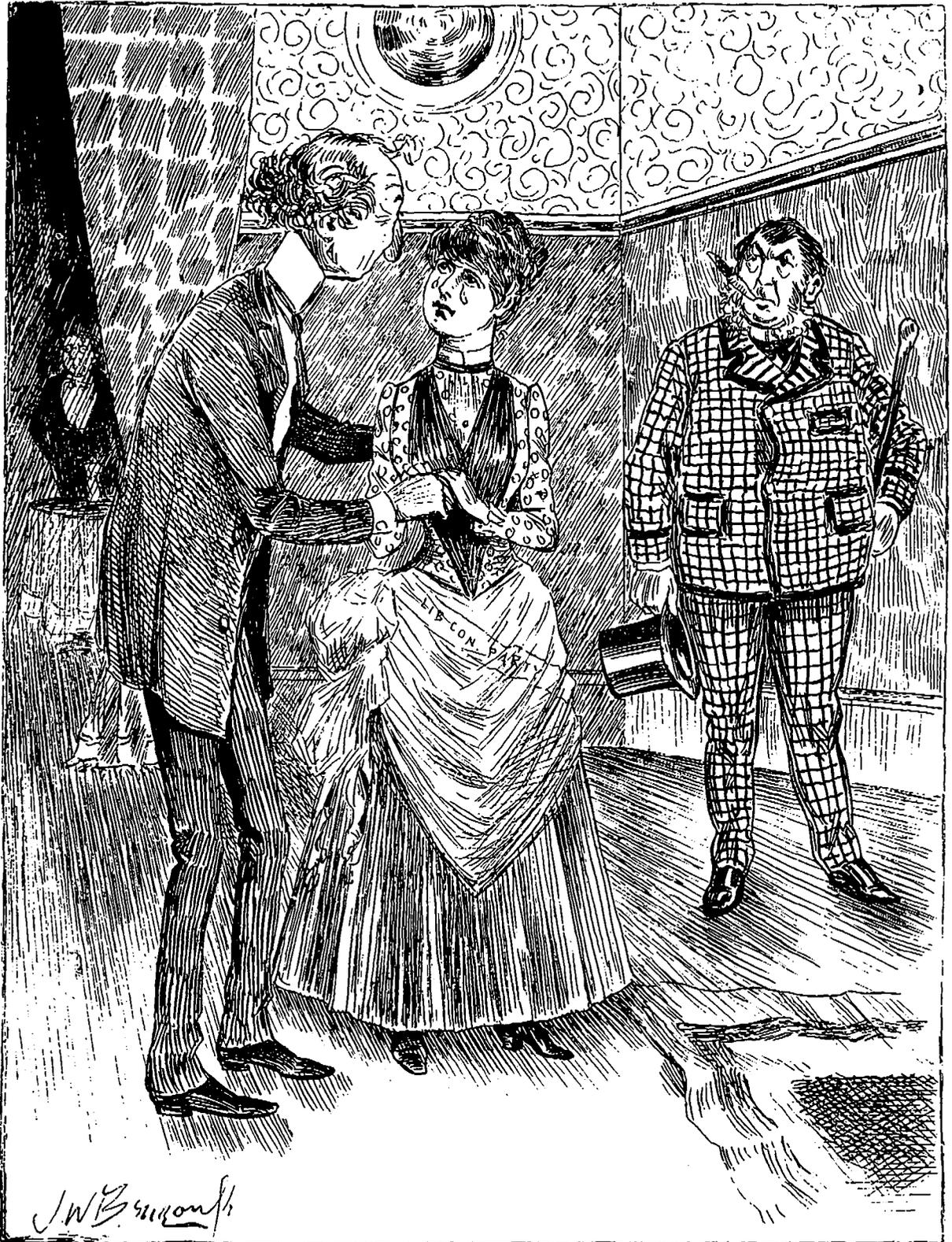
I shell give sum akount uv the doins at the korners in my next. **BLOOMINGNOSE PUFFER, *Salune Keeper*.**

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That naughty little girl!

She dotes upon bananas,
And she smears them on my knees,
And she peppers my havanas,
And she laughs to hear me sneeze;
And she steals into my study
And she turns my books a-whirl,
And her boots are always muddy—
That naughty little girl!

When she looks as she were dreaming
Of the angels in the air,
I know she's only scheming
How to slyly pull my hair;
Yet—why I can't discover—
Spite of every tangled curl,
She's a darling, and I love her—
That naughty little girl!

—Samuel Minturn Peck.

THE measles have become epidemic in Florida, and it is feared that Geronimo will break out again.

THE injury to the cabbage crop by the late frost has caused a slight upward movement in pure Havana leaf.

YOUNG men don't know what their arms were made for, and their ignorance compels us girls to lace tight. —Extract from a young lady's diary.

"SANTA CLAUS is all very wel," said wicked old Baldhead, as he bought a seat for the burlesque show on Christmas eve, "but after all no one knows how to fill stockings like a theatre manager." Down front, please.

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"Yes," said Mrs. Drummer, "I know there have been a great many railroad accidents of late, but still I don't feel very anxious about my husband when he is travelling. You know George is a native Californian and the poker-car is always at the rear end of the train."

"I DECLARE, I was on time on this occasion," said the man who found he'd been sitting on his watch. "Nothing surprising in that," remarked a friend, "for to my certain knowledge you've been going on 'tic' for the last ten years."

ROUND-THE-WORLD STEVENS declined a banquet that was to be given in his honor at an Oakland restaurant. He said that he didn't mind living on sour goat's-milk with the Arabs, and had often been glad to share stewed rats with the Tartars, but still he owed some consideration to his family.

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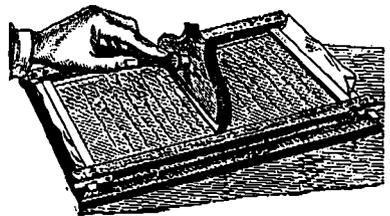
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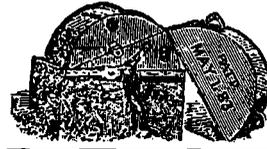


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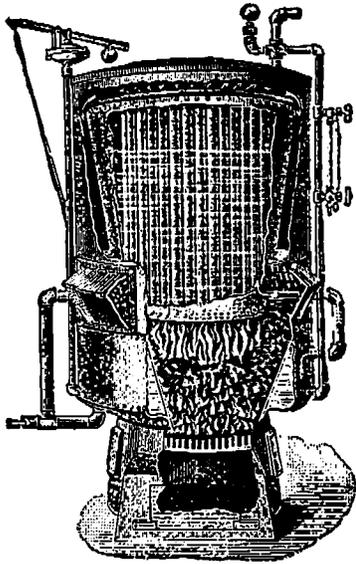
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