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FAMILIAR OUTLINES.


Hor:se of Commose orrawn, l'ress Room, March 16th, 1594.

IARRIVEI. here in good bodily condition, after an all night ride on the C.P.R., one of the best equipped and most ably managed railroads to be found between West Joronto Junction and Carleton Place.: We reached Ottawn early in the morning, and before leaving the train the porter, who recognized me as an Eminent Journalist, most politely brushed my clothes and hat for me. This little honor I accepted in the appreciative spirit in which it was conferred. I decided to go to the llindsor, as I had become accustomed to the name on my frequent pilgrimages to Montreal, so seizing my baggage which, as you will remember, consisted of three valises, a shawl strap and an umbrella, I started off. A French cably' (or carter, as the) call them here-I suppose because they con't drive carts) invited me in a very hospitable mamner to go up town in his rig, which I thought very decent indeed, as I was a perfect stranger to him. The politeness of the French Canadian peasantry is, as you know, proverbial. I declined the invitation, however, as I did not like to impose on his good nature, and determined to take the electric car to my destination. "Blow the expense !" I mentally exclaimed. I couldn't help it. The very atmosphere of Ottawa seems to make one perfectly reckless in money matters. I trust you will consider this, and overlook what you might otherwise rmsider extravagance.

Well, here I am settled for the session, with a special reporting seat on the floor of the House and an extra-special desk in the press-room. The first thing to attract my attention as a Correspondent was, of course, the "opening." As you have learned from the dailies it was the biggest thing of the kind since the first session of Lorne and his royal wife. Parliament square was a solid mass of struggling humanity, a most interesting sight from the upper front window where I stood viewing it with Sir John and Hon.

[^0]Wilfred. The opportunity for a political point was too good to be missed, so Sir John evidently thought. "There, Laurier," said he, "what further evidence do you want of general prosperity than to see thousands of people who can afford to drop business and come out in their Sunday clothes to assist at this fashionable function ?" And he looked triumphantly at the Opposition leader. The latter wore an cepression of profound sympathy and compassion as he replied, "Ther are the unemployed, Sir, they haven't anything else to do.". This little colloquy proved to be the opening debate in a condensed form-the Government posing as a lrovidence that has shielded Canada from the otherwise universal onset of Hard Times, and the Opposition "pointing with pride" to the distress which prevails throughout the Jominion.

A propros of the Speech from the Throne, the wonderful exhibition of mind-reading given by the 'loronto World on the day preceding the Opening is the talk of the corridors. That very clever journal undertook to forecast what the speech would probably contail, and the prediction turned out to be, paragraph for paragraph, literally correct. The fact that the Editor had on his desk as he wrote an advance proof of the Speech when he made his guess, ought not to detract from the pisychological interest of the performance.

I understand that to settle the question as to the possession of the room heretofore occupied by Sir Richard Cartwright, and now clamed low Sir Hector Langevin, it has been proposed that the rival linights engage in a tournas after the mediwval manner of their order, on Parliament scuare. Sir Richard, who is a degenerate Knight, I'm afraid, says he feels more at home in E-ounce gloves than in armor, and Sir Hector declines on the ground that he can't ride a horse. He says his seat is ton uncertain. This may have a political significance.

Your Own.
Uniber the resime of a Conservative Govermment it is only natural that fimfire gowns should have leeen much in cridenci at the Opening of Parliament. We trust Brother Creighton appreciated the compliment.
" De: Gama is uppa!" is the ery of the Brazilion rebels, who do not speak our mother tongue very perfectly.

Mr. F. Gadthifr sang "Kathleen Mavourneen" at the St. Patricks day concert at Ottawa on the 17 th. Gauthier? Gauthier? Surely we've often heard that name before in the Ould Sod. Or was it in Quebec?

Dr. Shearli says that the frequency of charity concerts just now indicates that the milk of human kindness is of good uluality.


FAIR WARNING.
" If Brer Piric gets the Grit nomination for North Wentworth he will find out how well a mule can kick."Hamilton Spactator.



INDIRECT DAMAGES.
"Do you consider marriage a failure in your case?"
"Oh, it doesu't affect me much, but it nearly wrecked P:ipa."
Mk. (iRIT, SIR:

p
THE QUEEN'S PARK.
OETRI is not cxactly in me line, but the infloonce as the (?ueen's lark on me divine aflatus wan foine morning lately was too much for me, so I sind ye these verses in place as me usual letther,

> Yours thruly,
> Tim O'Day.

13right sunbeams warming This fine spring morning, All nature charaing,

Merry as al lark-
From surects so dusty, And smells so musty,
Steps, light and lusty,
Lead me 10 The Iark:
Through the boughs is seen A rich flush of green,
Where the snowy screen
Lately wrappidthem dark ;
Wild thowers peeping -
Mosses, soft, crecping-:
Earth wakes from sleepingLife is in The P'ark.

Rooks, hoarsely croaking,
Earth's bosom smoking,
And tears provoking
From bough and bark;
1)ampness descending,
litst robins blending
Their notes, neer endingOver all The l'ark.

Hlest sun ! bestowing Sunshine o'erflowing, All earth seems growing As I fondly mark:
keauteous and cheering.
Mists disappearing,
A seal I'm neariny-
To rest in The l'ark.
What restful feeling
Comes o'er me stealing,
The scenc revealing-
Look around you: Hark:
The belis are telling
In tones proud swelling,
A hundred knelling
Jou'll hear in The l'ark.
luok round, and tint you,
look right forenint you,
When steps have bint you,
To cummone or "spark";
Behind, before us-
Kise buiklings storious,
Where scenes uproarions. Take place, in the lark.
'Tis the grand resort
In which children sport,
And fond lovers court,
As you may remark;
Their footsteps staying,
At the band playing,
Or pleasant straying
Through the noble l'ark.
For meditation,
Or contemplation,
Or an oration
With genius' spark;
Getting together,
licking the leather,
In all kinds o' weather,
No place like the l'ark :
lialls o' legislation,
And education,
In curulation
Ranging all around;
And churches, plaising,
High steeples raising.
Th ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Creator praising,
All are to be found.
Those guns amazing,
Whereon you're gazing,
If once sei blazing
Would make a noise !
From the far Crimea
They were brought, you see,
To the memory
Of our soldier boys.
Toronto, proudly,
May boast, full loudly-
(I say it avow'dly)-
That within the are
Of its circumference
The world gives preference
(Say't with deference)-
To her own Queen's Mark.
The Merchant to His Typewriter.-"You press the button, I'll take a rest."

## A Lucky Star. - Henry Irving.

Hot Scotch. - An angry member of the 48th Regiment.


Sn: Joirn - "There, Cartwright, what have you to say to that?"
Sik Richard - "I simply say that it can't possibly be!"
SIR Joms-" But it is. There's the solid, substantial fact."
SIR Ricliard-"Fact or no fact, I tell you it's impossible, and I've demonstrated it over and over again!"

## GRIP＇S CALENDAR．



MARCH．

## HUMORS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE．

Politeness．－＂What a courteous gentleman $K$ ．is，＂ remarked Y．：＂he always bows so very politely when one meets him．＂
＂Does he！＂smarled the Gencral：＂is the bow of a bum－boat evidence of its politeness？＂

Devoureis His Wire．－＂Horrible！Oh，the camibal！ Devoured his wife ：did I hear you say？：＂
＂Yes，＂said the Captain，＂I was about to add，with kisses．＂＂Devoured his wife with kisses！Be the powers， then，mashe he afterwards found that she disagreed with him，＂put in Mr．Mulrooney．

One of the good sayings of the General，in talking about farmers and farming，was：＂Sir，a la\％farmer is virtually dead，and his farm wears weeds in mourning for him．［This is not copyrighted，and can be used by the Minister of Agriculture．

Woman＇s Preferexces．－Speaking of Woman＇s prefer－ ences，here is the opinion passed by the General，who can speak upon this subject with some authority：At sixteen， a woman prefers the best dancer in the room；at two－and－ twenty，the best talker；at thirty，the richest man．

A Pompous Yankee appeared at the luncheon table a few days ago with a C．S．friend in the Public Works department．He happened to sit next the Captain，and in the course of conversation，boasted，after the manner of his countrymen，of the American eagle being the most cour－ ageous of birds．＂So is the crow，Sir，＂remarked the Captain，after his most sarcastic style，＂the crow is the bravest of birds，Sir，he never shows the white feather．＂ The P．Y．collapsed．

The Married and Single state，Bachelors，Maidens，Co－ quettes and Widows were amongst the things discussed， interspersed with anecdotes of the General＇s early fox－hunting days．＂I＇ll tell you what，＂said the gallant officer，＂the fox finds his best security in doubling．Young men and women should learn a lesson from the fox．＂
＂Times have changed，＂remarked the Captain mourn－
fully，－＂times have changed，＂－and all looked towards him with an enquiring ga\％e．＂In former times，man ate the cream．＂
＂And now？＂asked Col．J．－
＂They creamate the man，＂responded the Captain；－ ＂and I want some of Speaker Ballantyne＇s creamy cheese， Serjeant Kemmedy．＂
＂How unfortunate ！＂exclaimed the General，＂that old gentleman I knew so well to meet his death in such sad case．＂
＂How ？－－how ？＂asked half a dozen voices．
＂Poor old man！He was choked to death by a＇bone of contention．＂＂
＂Captain，＂said a gentleman from the Press gallery，with whom he had a slight altercation，＂if I have used any unkind words，I take them all back．＂＂Yes，＂answered the Captain，＂I suppose you want to use them again！＂

## FASHIONABLE JUST NOW．

APOFIT sends us the following Sonnet，explaining that its merit lies in its photographic accuracy，only idealized．Quite so．He must have mistaken Gris for a high class N．Y．Magazine that huys th is kind of thing for poctry：Readers no doubt like the style，otherwise it would not hold the place it does in American literature．So here goes：

Sいに1ぶ
A chickale sits tweeting on a bough，
And pienickers have set ineir pot a－tile， And through the meadow spangs the moolly cow， Riderless，making her two－forty mile， Sung by the spur of ruthless musqiteer． Street cars in cities run．In Indian file Sparrows and coekroaches and such small deer， Anel crows their way wing to the laptist spire， While milkmaid Molly getteth o＇er the stile， And nature wears ome broad approving smile．


## ATEMPTING PROSPECT FOR THE G．O．M．

Canada ann U．S．（in a（irath）－＂Now that you are free from official cares，Nr．Gladstone，do come to America． The change of air，and a prolonged repose will vastly bene－ fit your health．Do come，and we＇ll go wild over you，and give you banquets and demonstrations till you can＇t rest：＂＂


A FINE DISTINCTIOIN.
Mamma-"What! Ethel! dupping your loread in the gravy! Don't jou know that's exccedingly bad form? Etifm.-" It may be bad form, ma, but it's srood faste:"

## important meeting.

AMEETING of Newspapers was held at the oflice of Grip a few evenings ago to take into consideration the burning question of the moment--that of assisting the unemployed. Mr. Grip was, of course, voted to the chair, and having called the meeting to order-a somewhat difficult task, as the Newspapers as usual showed a propensity to get into each others' wool-he asked for a few words from the Globic. That eminent journal spoke as follows: "Canadians have truly much to be thankful for, being more favored with the bounties of nature than the people of other nations. And Ontario seems exceptionally favored among the Provinces. Yet in Toronto, the capital of the most favored Province, capable and earnest men are in need of food, while the products of labor are accumulating in few hands, the more favored occasionally graduating into the millionaire class. Such is the inevitable result of Governmental restrictions."

The Empirc was the next speaker. He said there was no doubt a good deal of distress at the present time-perhaps more than usual, but as his friend The Globe had well said we in Canada had yood reason to be thanktul, and when the condition of Canada was compared with that of the United States, the reason for thankfulness became very obvious. Canada's prosperous condition was brought about by the policy followed by the Dominion Government, vizthat of protecting home industry against foreign labor. He did not see what more could be done, though it was certainly a pity that any persons willing to work should be unable to earn a living.

The London Advertiser being next called upon said he did not wish to open a controversy with his friend The Empire, but he thought it only right to remark in passing that the United States, where distress was so very narked at present, was under a policy identical with that of Canada. Why were not like results produced? As to the question before the meeting it was certainly strange that so many people should be begging in vain for work, when, on the other hand, there was so much work that required to be done. There was evidently a screw loose somewhere.

The Familton Spectator said he had done a good deal of thinking over this matter of late, and his conclusion was that it was altogether a very yueer thing that there should be so many thousands out of employment. Of course, it was only right to remember that many of these persons did not really ..ant work, but, making all due allowance for these, it was unquestionable that much distress prevailed especially in the columns of his Grit contemporaries.

The Kingston Whit, Montreal Witness, Brantford
F.positor, Ottacta Citisch, Lomdon Free Press, and other leading iouruals spoke to much the same effect, and there was a general desire for a few closing words from the chairman. Mr. Grip rose and said:

Eminent and 'stcemed contcmporarics: You have spent this whole session in getting nowhere-merely stating the olvious fact of the prevailing distress, and of course regretting it in various forms of words. We met here to encuire what is the cause and what the cure of the condition which is patent to everybody. None of you have touched either point. Most of you do not know what the cause is, and those of you who know the cause are afraid to touch the curc. I will not detain you with any lengthened exposition at this late hour, but I just submit one sentence for your earnest consideration. The cause of the prevailing distress is monopoly-first of the earth itself, and then of certain franchises which naturally belong to the people, as those of railways, telegraphs, telephoncs, etc., and the cure like the complaint is a double one-the destruction of land monopoly by a tax on the rental value of land ; and the nationalization of all business enterprises which are necessarily monopmlies. Fellow journals, read, mark and learn the truth, and then tell it out regardless of consequences to your l'arties.

The meeting then adjourned.
"How Smoke!" exclaimed Pat, when he saw the pricst swinging the censor.
"I was towld to make yez stand 'round," said the Irish foreman to his gang. "an' the furest wan I ste doin' a shtroke ar work, he lil be bounced!"

Somerminct that ought to be called down.- A sjeakingtube.
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## A DELICATE PROBLEM.

How ro bick off Mowat withotit himing. Thompson.

## A MUSICAL SECRET.

I'1 is solely the fault of my female relatives that $I$ am a musician. 'They didn't keep me hammer-and-tongs at the pian-, two hours a day, for eight or nine years of my life, for nothing. Where musele tells and accurate fingering is required, I feel safe.

If you want to hear something that is affecting, set me playing " Tiam O'Shanter," you'll soon feel creepy, and with no effort of imagination fancy yourself being tormented by the same witches as haunted that drouthy rider. I interpret the composer's idea is a very realistic manner, in that particular piece of music. I can iruthfullj say, I have never yet found anf one who would remain perfectly quiet while I executed it, it plays upon the nerves so.

I've performed at quite a number of manteur concerts, and had puffs in the local papers. It is pretty generally known that a good deal of money has been sijent on my musical education, and I'm called a "fine pianist."

I don't try to repudiate the name, the world is full of performers that it exactly describes. Inever wished for the accomplishment, it was forced upon me, and I simply forced it. Don't go away with the idea that I can only thump. My teachers took great care to show me the value of piano, pianissimo, etc., it was not their fault that my soul does not exist in my finger tips. I've heard some people say they "liked to hear me play." This is not as surprising as it seems. Thousands prefer noise to silence. A crow's caw, and a stone-cutter's chisel produce sounds that are not unpleasant, if distant enough ; that's what my music does; many people's ears are no more than sounding-boards; I can play to them, and cover the pauses in conversation at parties. Will anyone say that is not sufficient reward for years of hard work on my part, and the shattercd nerves of those whose fate it was to listen to iny practising? I toiled not in vain, I passed from scales to symphonies, from a trembling "Maiden's Prayer,"to Mozart and Beethoven. I play not
unharmoniously, but my soul won't go out to the wary keys, so I hide the fact as best I may. I have one weapon that puts to silence disapproval of my piano-forte efforts. I look the critic in the cye, and sadly utter a sentence that no coubt you are familiar with, it is on many lips to the confusion of numerous ears-
"You don't care for classical music: I am sorry, but it is a thing one has to be educated up to."

You don't think I'm sorry? It is quite true, I was "educated up" myself.
J. AT. Locs.

## blarney and fraud.

THE twenty-five thousand odd World's Fair visitors who paid 10 cents apiece for the privilege of kissing the "Blarney" Stone" in the wall of the castle at the Irish Village will be interested in an official statement just made by Deputy Collector J. E. Ralph, who was in charge of the Midway Plaisance. It is to the effect that the stone in question was dug from the street at the corner of 57 th and Portland Avenue, Chicago, by Mr. Riley, a local contractor, assisted by one Charles Thompson, on a certain dark night in June, '93. It was subsequently "faked " through certain custom-house formalities, and palmed off on an unsuspecting public as the "ginuine article, begorra!" "Hose of our readers who were among the devoted 25,000 will of course feel like kicking themselves more heartily than they kissed the stone, and our good Lady Aberdeen will be dreadfully shocked; but for the consolation of all concerned we would susgest that, when you come to think of it, the osculation did the osculators just as much good as it would have done in any casc.

## "cheap labor."

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