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## SPECIAL NOTICE.

The next issuc of Grip will be the Christmas Number, and will be the best number of Grip ever issued. Four pages of cartoons are being handsomely lithographed in six colors, while other speciat features are heing provided, making this a capital number to buy for one's self, or to send abroad as a representative Canadian publication. The price will be to cents a copy to nonsubscribers. For sale at all newsdealers, or direct from this office. Subscribers will, of course, receive this Christmas Number without extra charge.

Grip's Comic Almanac for 1888 has met with an instantaneous and pronounced success. The large edition is already nearly exhausted, and orders are pouring in for it with every mail from dealers and the public. Price to cents. Of all newsdealers, or direct from Grip Office, Toronto, Ontario.

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Great National Disaster. - Hen. Frank Smith has left the Guvernment, because his wishes as to the appointiment of a new judge have been disregarded. At last accounts the Cabinet still existed, though terribly shaken by the disaster. When we come to consider that the hon. gentleman, as President of the Council, has for several years borne the whole responsibility of drawing the salary of $\$ 6,000$, it will be understood how severe a shock his sudden withdrawal must be. Very fortunately for the country, this was the only duty pertaining to the position, and when the first fright has passed away there is reason to hope that the Dominion will recover.
The New Laocoons-Mayor Howland made a revelation at the Council meeting last week which has made a considerable sensation in civic circles. In connection with the discussion on the hose con-
tracts now before the Council, the mayor read letters to prove that on a former occasion the contractor, Thomas Mcllroy, jr., had made money payments to Alderman Piper and ex-Alderman Farley. It is alleged that this money was paid for their influence in securing the hose-contract. Alderman Piper denies this, asserting that he received the money as expenses in connection with a visit to Ottawa to secure chanses in the tariff in McIlroy's interest. Mr. Farley has not, up to this writing, made a public statement on the charges. A thornugh investigation is to be made.

The Income Tax Question.-Rev. D. J. Macdonnell fatly asserts that the Roman Catholic clergy of this city are exempted from all taxation on incomes, simply because they are Catholics. He scouts the idea that Archbishop Lynch does not receive more than $\$ \mathrm{I}, 000$ per year, and declares that unless even handed justice is dealt out as between the sects, he will refuse next year to pay his taxes, and will advise all his Protestant clerical friends to do the same.


## LRISH AFFAIRS

(AS UNDERSTOOD BY PeOple who do not read the PAPERS).

## SOUND REASONING.

"Well, Ned, how do you think the women vore will go ?" anxiously enquired one of Mr. Clarke's active workers.
" I'm feeling hopeful about it," replied the handsome candidate, briskly. "I think I'm solid with the ladies. My wife told me this morning that she would vote for me every time against anybody. Now if they all feel that way I think I'll be all right!"

## CHRISTMASSY.

The Christmas number of the Illustrated London Newus is as usual an ample and elegant issue. It contains a new story by Bret Harte, richly illustrated by R. Caton Woodville, besides other seasonable contents. No fewer than $f$ ur fine colored plates are given with the number.

Grif's Christmas number will be the regular issue of the week of December 24th, and we can confidently promise that it will excel any extra edition we have ever sent out. Four pages will be printed in colors, including a very amusing cartoon, entitled "The Fancy Dress Christmas Party." The other literary and artistic contents will be adapted to the holiday season, and finally, the price will $\nu e$ ro cents.

## LOOKING AHEAD.

"Professor Wiggins," says a newspaper paragraph, "has returned to the prophetic business. He is of opinion that there will not be a recurrence in North America of the disastrous earthquakes of the Southern States and Central America before the year 1900." If this prophecy happens to be verified, we can just imagine how Prof. Wiggins will enjoy the novel sensation, and how he will go swelling around Ottawa all through the year 1900 saying, "What did I say? Didn't I tell you so?"

## YE FISHERIES.

Scene.-England, United States and Canada assembled round a kettle of fish placed over a fire.

England-
When shall we three meet again,
In England, Ireland, or in Spain?
United States-
When this hurly-burly's done,
And old Erin's home rule won.
Canada-
Which e'en now is half begun.
England-
Well, I my work must now begin.
For the States I now throw in
To the cauldron, fish and fin.

## Canada-

But I object ; it's my fish.
England-
It doesn't matter what you wish.
To hand your fish is very well,
As long as I don't suffer for it.
More quickly thus the lime will pass.
Canada-
Alas, my fish! Alas ! alas!
United States-
Come, come, don't fret, all will be well,
Exactly how, I'll quickly tell.
Send me your fish and I'll sell mine,
And so cur goods we will combine.
England and Canada-
Agreed, agreed, that's what we'll do,
And our agreement ne'er will ruc.
United States-
And as it meets with your opinion
We call it, well-Commercial Union.
All three join hakds-
Agreed, agreed ! that's what we'll do,
And our agreement never rue;
Then mine is thine, and thine is mine,
Our fish and fowl we will combine,
And thine is mine and mine is thine;
This arbitration now may cease
And we shall have perpetual peace;
And, as it falls with our opinion,
We'll call it-well-Commercial Union.

## WHY SHOULDN'T HE BE BONUSED.

The following letter addressed to the mayor and corporation of Toronto was recently received by the city clerk. It speaks for itself :-

Toronto, Dec. rst, s887.
Gentlemen, - I have been for some time a resident of Montreal, but not relishing the prospect of French domination, have about concluded to move west. I like Toronto better than any of the places I have visited, and if sufficient inducements are offered will certainly become a citizen of your enterprising community. When I enumerate the benefits which will result from my doing so you will not consider it unreasonable that I should ask for exemption from all taxes and a bonus of $\$ 10,000$ as an inducement to select Toronto in preference to any other locality.
I am a gentleman of means and leisure, accustomed to live in elegant style, and spend a large amount of money in keeping up my establishment and gratifying my social and artistic tastes. I shall purchase or lease a commodious mansion on some fashionable street, and have it fitted up and furnished in the latest fashion. I shall give regular employment to a dozen servants. Of course I shall keep a carriage, and, as I have a taste for horse-flesh, shall have extensive stables. I intend to patronize att, literature, and the stage liberally, and to be a generous subscriber to all worthy public and benevolent objects. Having a large circle of friends and relatives I mean to entertain freely and give numerous balls and dinner-parties
during the season. All these things, of course, will give many people employment, put money in circulation and help trade. The merchants will fird me a good customer, and in a hundred ways my residence will prove of practical benefit. Under the circumstances I think the least the city can fairly do is to give me a cash bonus of $\$ 10,000$ and exemption from taxes for twenty years. I may say that I am also in negoliation with Guelph, Iondon, Wingham and Bobcaygeon, and should you refuse my offer it is altogether likely that some of these other places will give me substantial inducements to settle there. Yours respectfully,
J. Doolitile.

Grip is unable to see any substantial reason why, upon the principle which has hitherto obtained in granting bonuses and exemptions, Mr. Doolittle's modest request should not be granted, as he certainly makes out a clear case as to benefits which will accrue to Toronto trade from his presence amongst us.

electors of toronto, rememper tirnt the eye of tile WORID IS UPON THIS CITY!

## SCOTTIE AIRLIE.

My Dear Grip,-Sic anither bisness! really this mischanter $0^{\prime}$ mine gars me believe that Job wasna faur wrang when he remarkit that man is born tae trouble as the sparks flee upwards. Wha cud hae foreseen that yer humble servant wad be under the needcessity o' appearin' at the warehoose wi' a head as bald as a copper kettle, tae say naething $0^{\prime}$ ma chin an' chowks as clean scrapit as a weel plottit pig. Every time I luck in the gless or pass by a muckle store windy, İ can see "Ichabod" as plain as parritch written on every feature o' ma coontenance.

Ye see, when I cam hame tae ma supper the ither nicht, wha should I meet but Mistress Airlie, rinnin' for a' she was worth tae the nearest druggist for ten cents worth $o$ ' the "speerit $o$ ' squirrels" for the bit laddie, wha was extraordinar croopy, so she said. "Gae awa hame," says I, takin' the bit bottilie oot o' her hand, "you get ma supper ready an' I'll stap intae the druggists an' get the stuff." an' accordin'ly in I draps for ten cents worth o' the speerit o' squirrels. The time the bit clerk creater was poorin' oot the stuff ma e'e lichtit on a raw o' bottles a' labelled "hair dye," an' as I had spent a hale half oor that very afternoon pykin' oot gray hairs here an' there on ma side whiskers, I thocht a bit slake
o' the hair dye wad save baith time and trouble, for I consider I'm faur ower young a man tae alloo masel' tae turn gray-headed just yet. Sae I bocht a bottle o' the dye, an' slippin' it intill ma coat pouch, I cam awa hame, thinkin' I wad pit it on, on the sly, when Mistress Airlie waș soon' sleepin'. I hadna' lang tae wait afore the welcone soond o' a snore tauld me I was safe tae set up. I didna daur licht the lamp though, an' in the dark I just fummel'd in ma coat pouch, an' gettin' haud o' the bottle I howkit oot the cork wi' ma pen-knife, an' poorin' oot the stuff on ma lufe, I slaikit first ma beard an' whiskers, an' then wi' a fresh supply I gae ma head a guid soond drookin', rubbin' the claggy liquid weel in at the rocts o' ma hair, an' then I crap slyly in aneath the blankets, an' in twa minutes I was like a tap. Hoo lang I sleepit gude only kens, but I was waukened up wi' the maist onearthly schreechin' o' Mistress Airlie-" Hughie, Hughie, there's somebody haulin' oot ma hair by the roots. Oh! mur-r-r-r-der !!!" Ye may be sure-up I jamp in doo-ble-quick time-or rather I tried tae, for the meenit I liftit ma head frae the pillow, ma ain hair was clutched onmercifully, an' Mistress Airlie, wi' anither unconscionable yell, plantit her nails in ma cheek banes just as if that wad mend matters. Od I was mad! "Gin ye'll gie a man a chance tae get up an' licht a lucifer, I micht see what the deevil a' this nocturnal hair-haulin' means," says I, shovin' her awa frae me, but just as she fell back on the pillow didna ma ain head gae doon wi' a jerk, for, gude hae a care o' me! oor heads were glued thegither, an' baith o' them glued tae the pillow, sae that when we tried tae sit up, up cam' the pillow, an' vicey versey. Here was a predicament tae be in-an' what ma feelin's were when, wi' a cauld grue, it began tae dawn on me the most awfu' mistak' I had made-may be better imagined than describit. Ye see I had brocht hame frae the warehoose that afternoon a bottle o' mucilage, a lang bottle, wi' the cork weel dung in, an' when in the dark I got up tae slake ma head wi' hair-dye, didna I gang intae the wrang coat pouch, an' instead o' dye I had poored, at nae Palooance, half the contents o' that bottle o' Tam Tamson's mucilage, for pastin' addresses, on ma devotit head! Mistress Airlie, ye maun ken, has a magnificent head o' hair, an' at nicht, afore lyin' doon, she pykes oot twa-ree gross o' hairpreens oot o't, an' lets it a' doon, an' this bein' spread oot, what ye wad ca' contiguous tae whaur I clappit doon ma dreepin' locks, the result was a union, that had nae parallel in the civilized world, except in the union atween England an' Ireland. By this time ma wife was roarin' an' greetin', an' tellin' me that if she lived tae see the licht o' a new day, she wad hae a divorce, she wad pit up wi' no more o' my drucken tricks -an' so forth—after the mainner o' women generally. Hoo the bisness wad hae ended, gude only kens, but just then a great red licht filled the room-the fire alairm rang, an' jumpin' up baith at ance wi' the pillow stickin' hard and fast at oor back necks, we saw that a neebor's hoose across the road was a-fire, an' by the increasin' licht it was ma gude luck tae discern the gleam o' a pair o' shears lyin' on the bureau.

I'll gie ye a week, hooever, tae prepare yer mind for the tail-end o' the catastrophe, for I canna mak' up ma mind tae inflick a' its horrors on ye at ance-sae till next week, yours, sairly doon $\mathrm{i}^{\prime}$ the mooth, Hugh Airlie.

The negro minstrel is seldom as black as he's painted.
"A liar should have a good memory." Not if he wants to feel happy.


## WE'RE PROUD SHE IS A CANADIAN.

In these days of boodling and breach of official trust, it cheers Grip's heart to have a chance to make a clipping like the following:

On Saturday, Mrs. DeZouche, charwoman at the Post Office, when passing down Place d'Armes Hill picked up a portfolio. Seeing there was money in it, Mrs. DeZouche at once returned to the Post Office and handed over her find to Mr. Lamothe, saying as she did so, "I have just kicked against this on the street, and believe, from the shably appearance of the portfolio, that some poor man has lost a considerable sum of his employer's money. I bring it to you that you may, if possible, return it to him immediately."
The postmaster took the purse, counted out the money in it, and found it contained no less than $\$ 170$. On Monday he saw an advertisement in a city paper describing the owner's loss, and offering a reward of $\$ 40$ for its reiurn. Mrs. DeZouche, although a poor, hard-working woman, refused to accept this sum, saying it was too much. She was finally prevailed upon to accept $\$ 20$. - Montreal Witress.

## QUESTIONS IN SCHOOL AND COLLEGE EXAMINATIONS

Which have not appeared in "english as she is TAUGHT."

## Mythology.

I. Who was Bishop Cleary?

Ans.-He was an ecclesiastic whom the Romans sent to Crete (modern Canada) to deliver the maidens whom the Public School Minotaur demanded as a yearly tribute. He lost the thread of his discourse at Napanee, and got into a labyrinth from which he in vain tried to find his way out. Leaving everything in a muddle he sailed to Rome.
2. Give a sketch of Garth Grafton.

Ans.-She was the Goddess of Wisdom who sprung from the brain of Jupiter. My nerve a kind of twitching felt whenever I read the wcekly lucubrations. Afterwards she got stronger and went to live on a Star.
3. What do you know of the G.O.M.

Ans.-He was a feller who chopped down oak trees and cut them into chips to sell at church bazaars. His political conduct was considered very bizarre.
4. Who was the son of Ulysses?

Ans.-I don't know, but you may tell him a cuss he was like his father.
5. Who was the husband of Helen ?

Ans.-The only clue we have to this problem is, that the Greeks are reported to have said of the Son of Atreus: "The men he lay us before, on the plains of Troy, fought like tigers by the much resounding sea."

## "THE POLITICS OF LABOR."

HY PHILLIPS THOMPSON.
Would you lend your ear and heedfully hear a terrible tale of woe, How the millionaire with the iron glare grinds down the workman low,
And capitalists on heights of mists reside in halls of gold,
And with angry frown keep poor men down in hovels damp and cold ;
And combinations with usurpations are filling up all the land,
Till the poor man he owns no more than his bones, and has hardly where to stand.
Then just open the door of the nearest book-store, and buy the work written at top,
And its wonderful plan for the future of man will most scare you to letting it drop,
For the people at large have had too much in charge ; but in days that are shortly to be
The new government must have the whole in its trust, which means riches for you and for me;
All the mines they shall dig; and each steamer so big under government captain shall ply;
And at government wickets all railroad tickets you want gou'll have to buy;
Charge of fact'ries they'll get, all the farms they will let, and fix everything under the sun ;
And of cash if you're short, as your only resort, to a government bank you must run,
And of government butter we'll eat, and likewise of meat, and eat nothing but government bread.
And times will be so good that we really should greatly pity all folks that are dead;
And the earth and the sky shall laugh till they cry, and not know how to stop;
And the moon spin round in its vault profound, and buzz like a humming top,
Or at least they ought, if that which is taught in the book is likely to be.
But wonderful things the future brings, and we shall see what we shall see.

## SOSIPATER AND I.

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OSIPATER and I have taken up our abode in the early part of the present century. We have taken it up there because we can't afford a local habitation any further back. The scale of expense, you know, is the reverse of that which the household content to be modern finds itself compelled to run on. The nearer the dearer, says the landlord of the present day, the more convenient and respectable, the better plumbed and papered, the more expensive. As you know, of course, it is the other way when you decide to live in the past. There inaccessibility is the costliest feature, the vanishing point, the point to be made. Shreds and patches are at a premium, cracks cost according to length and thickness, rust is a ruinous price, and cobwebs come high. Ot
course, the further back you go the more of these luxuries you enjoy. Our neighborhood entitles us only to large bunches of cauliflower on the drawing room paper, horse-hair furniture very conscious of its legs, a portrait of somebody else's ancestor done in worsted, three candlesticks and a snuffers. Not very pretentious, you see, but we are trying to live up to it. We could do this more easily if the snuffers would put out the gas, but it won't. We are compelled to turn the faucet just as of yore-l mean just as people do who have degenerated fifty years from our position in life. It is an unfortunate necessity which compels us to use gas. If we don't it leaks. People at the date which we occupy seem to have understood the manufacture of gas but not its proper delivery.
We note among other things, the prevalence of honesty at this period. Thus far none of our household goods have been stolen or even regarded with an envious eye. This, however, may be ascribed to the protection of the fire dogs.

We are making a beautiful collection of anachronisms, to which Sosipater makes large additions from every ultra-Tory editorial on the duty of loyalty to Her Royal Nibs in connection with Commercial Union. Commercial Union, I may say in passing, Sosipater regards as a horrible, progressive idea born of the spirit of Modernism, which everybody knows to be the Devil, to subvert and utterly destroy all our beautiful traditional relations with Great Britain, so signally typified by the small boy's fire-cracker on Her Majesty's birthday. Any kind of relations with a country only a hundred years old must have a flavor of immaturity, Sosipater thinks, and are to be deprecated on that account. And these reproaches and persuasions as to our love for the Mother Land and her history and her tweeds and ber accent and her aristocrats and her other manufactures gather a pure and holy light around them in Sosipater's scrap-book, like phosphorous.
Sosipater has also taken to snuff. He does not like snuff, but he says he never feels so truly at home in the tense in which we parse ourselves, to speak grammatically, as when he sneezes. He is constantly offering a pinch to visitors whom he has any reason to believe our contemporaries. Sometimes they take it, but generally we find it next morning in a small gray heap on the carpet beside the chair.
I carry a very large and formidable bunch of keys, one of which fits the store-room. I don't know what the rest fit, but no lady of the early part of this century ever carried one key. She invariably carried a bunch, and they always hung beside her apron, a small black silk apron, with pinked edges and pockets. There is nothing but jam in our store-room, and we all hate jam. Still it would be inconsistent not to carry the keys of the storeroom, and that is what we are most afraid of being betrayed into-inconsistency. Oh!-and of course we keep chestnuts in the store-room. I had almost forgotten the chestnuts.

I might go on and tell you about the society we are organizing for the "Spread of Mediæval Practices Among the Benighted Moderns." I might speak of our old oaken bucket and the day that Sosipater had to descend in it to make a hole in the ice, when the chain broke and Sosipater made the hole with less difficulty than he had expected. I might go into private family matters still further and describe to you Sosipater's beautiful red flannel night-cap that the hand-maiden (1886) one evening took the liberty of going tobogganing in. But for the nonce, I forbear.
G. G.


A VERX PITIFUL CASE.
(Scene-Near St. Andrczus' Church, probably.)
Clergynan-Well, my good woman?
Destitute Person-Please, sir, could you spare a trifle to help a poor woman with a family, which my husband, owing to the tyranny of temperance opinion, has been forced to deny himself of his natural liberty to drink whisky, and we are all in destitute circumstances accordingly !

## MRS. PENCHERMAN'S POOR RELATIONS.

Blood kindred, marriage connections, and poor relations aren't always an unmixed joy, though fate fixes these as well as the other vicissitudes of life, people of this description are divided into those who are upheld by their relations, and those who no sooner get a chance to breathe the ether of the upper ten thousand than some awful cousin, with neither grammar or bangs gives you a social pull-back. A person can make a position in the world, and pick out his friends, but not even a Mrs. Pencherman can choose her relations. How things were in the olden times when the poor relation appeared, hat in hand before his rich kindred, humbly waiting his pleasure, I read off in the books of the past, also in the romance of the present time. Actual every-day life experiences make me believe that it is the rich man who trembles in the presence of his impecunious brother, to say nothing of his shabby sisters and his cousins and his aunts, especially his inextinguishable cousins, with their inquisitive, flirting or high-strung sensitive ways. Strong man as Lucius is, he's a regular coward in these matters. I've only to mention that Louisa Pring is coming to spend the day than he says he "won't be home to dinner." All the excuses I make for him Louisa regards coldly (you can't hoodwink Louisa Pring, more's the pity), says she "understands, and is sorry she can't help being poor," and hints that life is a see-saw, and that those who are up may come down, etc. Remarks of this sort make me feel mean, but if I venture to hint that we owe our prosperity to hard work as well as good fortune, she bursts out crying, and, pointing to Molly and Jane, wants to know "why I've brought them up as useless young ladies, if I'm so fond of work," and supposes "I'd be glad to see her take in sewing." Of course I'm sorry to hurt her feelings, but if I venture to say so, I'm told that only a proud spirit would wound a person in her circum.
stances by offering my pity, though she knows quite well that I generally give her a present before she goes home, I am always depressed after her visits, Louisa does hear such a lot of disagreeable things that are said about the Penchermans, I can't believe we're a popular family for days after. It seems almost impossible to please her, and some other poor relations. We don't dare to leave them out of any little parties we have. They are so particular as to the attention that's paid to them, I can't act naturally for fear of offending them, and $I^{2} \mathrm{~m}$ always blamed if their girls aren't asked to dance, they never once suppose if they happen to be wall-fowers, it is because they are ugly and stupid, or haven't any " $g o$ " in them. They are certain they are made little off, simply and solely because they are not rich. Oh, how I wish they were, so as I would have a chance to tell them how detestable they are. I've almost wished I could be a poor relation myself (for a day or two), so that I could speak my mind with a free tongue. I confess I do not always mention our relationship to the Prings when talking to some distinguished strangers, but catch the Prings forgetting the tie of blood that connects them with us, they bring our name in on all occasions, though they'd die rather than admit we are any superior to them, In their eyes it is only our money that makes people like us, and their want of it that makes others dislike them. I don't suppose if I talked for a year that I'd get them to see that if they'd only make themselves agreeable in Society, people'd not bother very much as to whether they're poor or not.

Thank heavens, we've one or two poor relations that are so pleasant and sympathetic, they are always welcomed with open arms and hearts by Eliza Pencherman and family, and we help them all they'll let us. Though they are proud enough to try and be independent, they think too much of themselves to act so as to make themselves hateful. Tell you what it is, they are the sort of poor relations that pluck and perseverance are going, one of these days, to turn into well-to-do ones. If they do long to be better off, they don't sit down for richer people and fortune to throw gifts into their laps. And they don't cultivate a hatred for luckier individuals of the present either ; and whisper to their friends that the Miss Pencherman's would be frights if they weren't so dressed up, even if human nature makes them hope theugly ducklings of their own families may yet turn out swans. They have the sense to see that envy and grumbling never yet lifted any one from poverty, or made an M.P. out of a man who began life in a small way. A rural dell existence may not promise much, but lots of the great men of the country laid the foundation of their future distinction, like Lucius, in the camera obscura (so to speak) portion of their lives, historical family facts your acquaintances never lose sight off, if your own memory should be defective.

## TORONTO SATURDAY NIGHT.

E. E. Sheppard's new paper has made its appearance, and is without doubt the most handsomely printed and illustrated literary and society journal ever issued in Canada. Its 12 large pages, printed on fine paper, are replete with breezy editorial, lively articles, entertaining stories and humorous selections. "Widower Jones," Mr. Sheppard's last story, which has proven such a great success in the Fircside Weckly, was begun last week in Saturday Night. Sample copies free. Two dollars per annum is the subscription price. Address your letters to the "Sheppard Publishing Company, 9 Adelaide West, Toronto."



## GREAT NATIONAL DISASTER!

## "WITH BUBBLING GROAN!"

a fatal sense of security awfully REALIZED AT SEA.
"A wet sheet and a flowing sea, a breeze that follows fast."
From his look-out the faithlul old captain of yoncler merchantman casts an uneasy glance at the distant horizon. See $!$ yonder a small speck of cloud " no larger than a man's hand." He watches it with his piercing eye for a few moments, then reaches for his long eyeglass. To his experienced view this harmless little cloud betokens danger.

Across his bronzed face there comes a look of determination, and, with quick orders to the seamen, the craft is put about and all sail made for the nearest harbor, where, in apparent salety, the anchor is dropped, and the hardy mariners watch the approaching storm with defiance !

The storm bursts!
The decks have been cleared, the sails close furled, and all ordinary preparations made for an emergency.

The storm increases but all seems safe.
But see! the vessel gives a sudden lurch, turns quickly about, and away she goes!

The anchor chain has broken !
This mighty ship might have ridden safely but for one weak link in that anchor chain!
The strength of the chain is no greater than the strength of its weakest link.

On the sea of life how many men are wrecked because of the unsuspected weakness of a link in the chain of health, -one weak vital organ in the body.

The mystery of. death is even greater than the mystery of life. We think the links of our chain are strong, but we too seldom critically examine them for ourselves, and never really know that they will bear the strain that we put upon them.
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Too much of Burton's ale at night sometimes introduces you to his anatomy of melanc'ioly the next morning.-Punch.

Caller (to servant at the door)-"Is Mrs. Hobson at home?" Servant-"No, mum, it's her afternoon out."-The Epoch.

THE naked truth may do well enough in other cities, but it is the "undraped actuality" in Boston, if you please.-Boston Commonzuealth.

When you read that a millionaire works harder than any of his clerks, please to remember that he also gets more pay.-Phila. delphia Call.

I'm going to leave, mum !" "What for ? I am sure I have done all the work myself, in order to keep a girl." "Well, mum, ther work's not done to suit me!"-Puck.

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"I Desire to retire," said a Boston guest to the proprietor of a hotel in Arkansas. "You which ?", asked the dazed man. "I desire to retire." "You what ?" "I desire to retire." "Well-I-I'll be durned if I b'leeve we've got it in the house, mister." "Got what ?" said the amazed guest ; I didn't ask for anything." "Welj, spy it again, an' see if I kin kelch on." "It is strange you cannot understand plain English. I simply said I desire to retire; that is, I wish to go to my room." "Oh-aw-oh ! That's hit ? You wanter turn in, eh? Why n't you say so? We don't know nothin' 'bout desirin' to retire here in Arkansas. We just put off to bed." And when he came down stairs he said to his wife, "If that's the way they talk in Boston, it ain't no wonder there's sn many fools there." 'Desire to retire !' Well. Ill be durned !"-Tid Bits.

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