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TORONTO, SATURDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1877.

The Circus Season.

JOHN A's New and Greatest Show on Earth began its season at Kingston yesterday, and GRIP learns from the *Belleville Intelligencer* that "London follows next week, at which place arrangements are being made on an extensive scale, including the running of special trains." Whence the organization proceeds on a regular tour through the Province, with its two gigantic tents and all its attractions as depicted on the bill board in our cartoon. The Grit showmen have been struck with envy at the success of the veteran manager JOHN A., and it is rumored that they are now organizing a company to follow him around and damage his business as much as possible. They are going to adopt the pic-nic feature, and will advertise the largest buses ever brought to this country. It is said the managing director of the concern, MR. GEORGE BROWN, has secured a rare lot of attractions, amongst which might be enumerated a duplicate of Barnum's automatic lion. This clever piece of mechanism is made to resemble the Conservative Chief-tain, and roars like a real lion, although it is perfectly hollow. Another feature is a wax-work group, representing several down-trodden Irish citizens eating haggis; then they will exhibit MR. CHAS. RYKERT, the smallest politician living; and a plaster cast of the Brain of MR. DALTON MCCARTHY. In the Circus department, many brilliant stars will appear, amongst these, MR. DICK CARTWRIGHT in his celebrated figure muddling act; Signor BLAKE in his contortions; MONS. TOS. McCROSSIN in his Highland sling; GEO. BROWN, the man with the powerful muscle, in his Big Push Act; Signor MACKENZIE in his marvellous feat of swallowing his own promises &c., &c. The celebrated clown, MR. JOE RYMAL, has been engaged, and will deal in wit, warranted not to offend the most fastidious. Further particulars hereafter.

The Blue Ribbon.

GRIP don't think it's fibbin' to say the Blue Ribbon
Will save the "boys" many a dime,
Some say it looks "turfy" this ribbon of MURPHY
Distributed here now by RINE.

Now some funny fellow (perhaps rather mellow),
May laugh when he sees on the vest
Of one with clothes "seedy" (by whiskey made needy)
The Blue Ribbon pinned on its breast.

But perhaps the poor "bummer" who wears all the summer
His winter clothes, (lacking a change),
Don't laugh when he thinks had it not been for drink
His toilet he still could arrange.

The poor wretched wives who struggle and strive
To drive the grim "wolf from the door,"
Will be glad when they view this ribbon of blue
Where it should have been worn long before.

The unfortunate "vag," who wears scarcely a rag,
And goes over the Don for a trip,
Can't help well to know, what has been his dire foe,
So long wave the Blue Ribbon, says GRIP!

Impromptu.

"Why would that building be easy for burglars to git into?" conundrumed a newsboy to his chum, as they stood in front of the new Insurance block on Church street.

"I give it up," was the response.

"Why, 'cause its *busted* in so many places, don't you see?"

"Yes," says No 2., "and there's another reason."

"What's that?"

"'Cause de heads of de establishment are all on der outside."

Ambiguous.

"The *Mail* wants Mr. MACKENZIE to dissolve Parliament. Did the *Mail* ever know of a man digging his own grave?"

The above is from one of our thorough-going Conservative exchanges, but nobody would suspect it. As a specimen of writing carefully balanced to suit either party it is worthy of the *Evening Telegram*. The Grits consider it a hard rap at the *Mail*, and the *Mail* is delighted because it hits MACKENZIE. Let our bretheren eschew conundrums.

G. B. to the Grangers.

An' ye wad turn
Against me in ma age! Maist abject hounds,
Grangers an' fairmers, an' clodhopping things
Wha turned the rigs o' yearth, an' na ane kent
Ye frae the muddy soil whaurin we hae
Allooted ye preevilege that ye suld grow
Wheat, bairley, an' a wheen o' coarser grain,
Tae sell tae Breetain an' thae ither lan's
O' mair refined intelligence, an' mair
Emportance in the warl', wha reetly do
Apportion ye the rougher labour, fit
For min's inferior, an' pry ye back
In manufactured goods, an' sic like things
Wherein lies mair emolument, to whilk
Ye hae nae reet; an' also lies the main
Foundation o' that greatness national
Whilk ither lands possess, but which is no
Permittit tae sma' creatures sic as ye—
Wha made ye what ye are? Did I no teach
Ye a' tae organeeze, an' tell't ye hoo
Tae vote, an' mak' up strang consteetuencies,
An' ca yeerselves Clear Grits, an' sic like names.
Whilk had nae meaning under Heeven but aue,
That ye suld for my Pairty vote, an' gie
It pooer tae pit its leading members whaur
They suld their pooches fill? An' wasna that
Sufficient honour for the like o' ye?
What wad ye mair? Yet noo—yes, every morn—
Or rather every nicht (nae wunner that
Ye choose it for sic work) ye daur tae meet
In Granges, as ye choose each place tae ca,
Where ye do shoal and congregat aboot
The kintra-side, and treason daur tae spoot,
Against what I hae bid. Ye daur tae say
Ye want Protection—ye! Ye want tae hae
Factories built aroond, an' wish tae see
A mairket for ye're products nearer haun'
Than deestant Europe gies! Ye ask tae hae
The pooer, an' wealth, an' commerce, an' the chance
Tae celevate in life yeerselves an' sons
That manufacturing gies! Ye'er brazenness
Surpasses a' that is. Thae things, ma men,
Belong tae nations mair advanced than ye.
Ma friens in Scotland, an' in Breetain, an'
In the Uneeted States, sic work may do,
As born superior; but for ye, ye may
Drive oxen, dig the soil, an' never daur
To think o' aught beyond. Protection? He
Wha speaks it shall na mair a Clear Grit be.

The True Story of Barnum's Life.

It is generally believed that PHENIX THE BARNUM, the subject of our present biography, was born young, although he has been before the public longer than the oldest inhabitant can recollect. When quite a child he organized a show, and he has been travelling round with it ever since. His show was at first the only greatest show on earth, but now it is a good deal greater. Before he established this organization—that is, shortly after he was weaned, he built a menagerie, and went over to Africa with his nurse to look for a hippopotamus, and a few South Sea Islanders. He met with a great many wonderful adventures on this journey—such as—but we refer the reader to the new book by BARNUM himself, entitled "Lion Jack," in which a full account is given. He brought the hippo. home, and has had him ever since. The South Sea Islanders he had to sack on account of their Fenian proclivities, as it is one of BARNUM's rules to have a moral show. By dint of perseverance, adjectives, and printer's ink, Mr. B. has in his brief career accumulated a fortune of \$970,000,000,000.25, besides several insurance policies and consumed buildings. He will be here in town to-day for the purpose of distributing this wealth—for which he personally entertains a thorough contempt. Editors and others who may not be afflicted with such a prejudice, have only to apply at the ticket waggon and ask for as much as they think will be required to carry them over the dull season. The rest of BARNUM's life has not yet come to pass, and there isn't anybody on earth who hankers to write the old fellow's obituary.

Horace as a Prophet.

Dear GRIP:

I was indulging, during an idle hour, the other day, in a re-re-perusal of the charming Odes of old Horace, when I chanced upon the following line:

"Cras(h) ingens (engines) iterabimus aquor."

Carminum Lib: I. Carm: VII. l. 32.

Do you think he was under the influence of a prophetic vision of Steam when he penned it?

B. A.

Esteemed B. A., that's WATT we think.—ED.

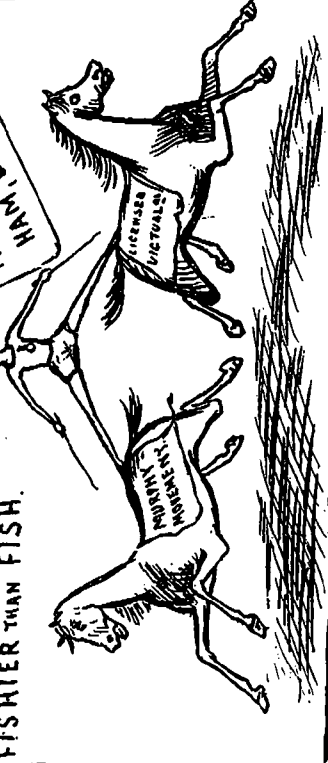
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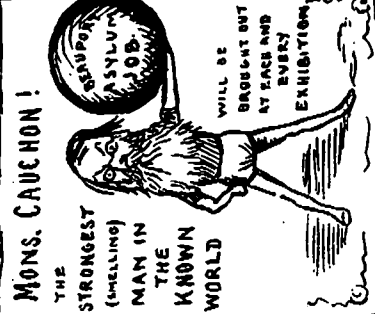
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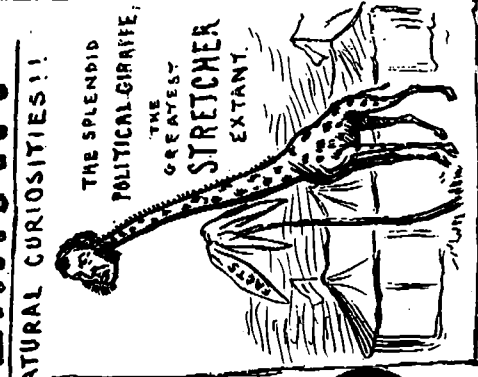
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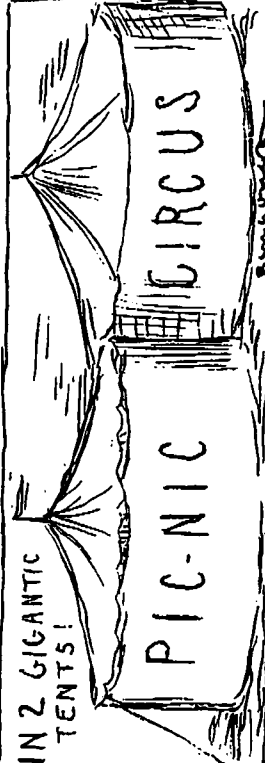
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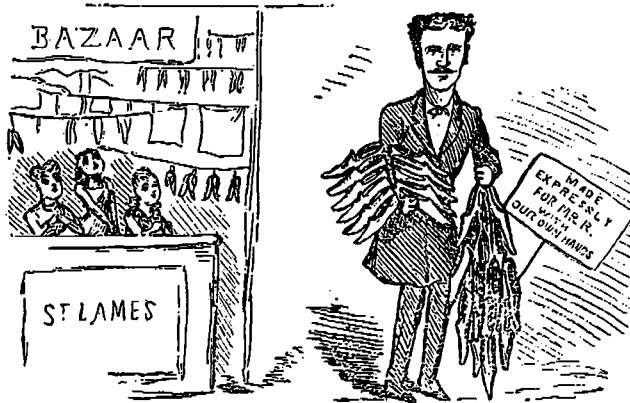


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Upon the Modern Pulpit you may write up "Ichabod," "Its glory has departed," and its power of doing good, 'Cause why, it's brightest ornaments, the men who gave it tone, Have left it to its fate and into Journalism gone.

For eloquence and genius in vain you now may search Within the sacred portals of the desolated church, For all the brain and learning (speaking figuratively) Have taken up their lodgings in the editorial "We."

The power with which we journalists did preach in days gone by Is altogether wanting in the present smaller fry; Tho' with the beauties of our style we still mankind do bless, For they all remain unblemished in our writings in the press.

The zeal with which in holy things we exercised our mind Is now transferred to politics, but has not changed in kind; It battles still for virtue, in the shape of ALEX. MAC., And against the hosts of evil, namely, all the Tory pack.

(That is if it so happens that we ride the Liberal Horse, In case we're Tory writers, you reverse the terms of course). It's a pity for the Pulpit that the ablest minds should be Thus drawn away and gobbled by the editorial "We!"

The Preliminary Examination.

PROFESSOR.—You wish to become a Canadian politician?

PUPIL.—Such is my earnest desire.

PROFESSOR.—Are you aware of the nature of the studies? What branches do you wish to improve in?

PUPIL.—I wish to learn how, when out of office, to abuse forcibly those who are in.

PROFESSOR.—And when in?

PUPIL.—How to defend most plausibly the practices I abused when out.

PROFESSOR.—Any more?

PUPIL.—I must be able successively to persuade Orangemen, Catholics, and Prohibitionists, that I am a King Williamite, a Ritualist about to pass over, and a Total Abstemer.

PROFESSOR.—Anything else?

PUPIL.—Yes, it is necessary that I induce every one else to believe the opposite.

PROFESSOR.—Yes. What else?

PUPIL.—I must be able to convince the country at large that I will have nothing to do with paying for votes by contracts or places. At the same time, I must give all the contractors and place-holders to know I am the very man for them.

PROFESSOR.—I think I can do it. Next?

PUPIL.—When out of office, I must have the trick of teaching that the country is on the brink of ruin, and that I alone can save it. When in, that there are good times ahead if I am only left alone.

PROFESSOR.—We will begin with these. I think, in the present Cabinet, I can find you some excellent models for all,—people who have been something of a success in them. There are other branches, but we will try these first. Now, first we shall try a lesson on "How to Abuse and Use Coalitions," illustrated by Mr. BLAKE.—(Scene closes.)

The Political Pursuits of the Summer.

Oh, come, let us all now a picnicking go,
Where strong ale and souchong shall unlimited flow,
Where the cake and the buns shall profusely abound,
And cold roast beef and mustard pass pleasantly round.

And how nice, while with these we our appetites stay,
To enjoy keen MACKENZIE denouncing JOHN A.,
Or if Tories, we can to their pic-nics repair
And we'll find Sir JOHN doing the denouncing there.

With MACKENZIE's explaining, and very good tea,
All his Free Trade mishaps shall obliterate be,
And our thoughts of the Scandal, when JOHN A. we shall hear,
Shall all vanish like smoke before speeches and beer.

And we all shall shake hands with these excellent men,
And alliance shall vow to them once and again,
And they both shall ask after our children and wives,
And declare it the pleasantest day of their lives.

And they each shall wheel off his political show
And to say the same things somewhere else they will go,
And we'll go home and sleep, and when up we have got,
The next morning, we'll ask, "Were we humbugged or not?"

Conversation at the London Clubs.

FIRST SWELL.—Going to that Amewican fellah's weception?

SECOND SWELL.—Gweat bah. But my Fohweign Office pawstition, you know. Must countenance fellah. North Amewican pwossessions—vewy pwecawious tenuah, aw.

FIRST SWELL.—What use aw they to any fellah, now?

SECOND SWELL.—Don't know. Must look it up. Send us ice, and fubs, and walwusses' teeth, pwobably. But, not to compwomise ones'self—State secwets, you know—but I may wemawk that the Amewicans gweatly pwepondewate in Amewica, and might ovehwun owah colonies any time in wintah, cwossing the fwozen lakes on snow-shoes.

FIRST SWELL.—Fwozen, aw! Deah me!

SECOND SWELL.—Hawd it fwom SPWY—Colonel SPWY, Amewican Mawines—SPWY said in his bawbawous dialect.—"Jest mass two million men at New Orleans and San Francisco—them's jest south of Ontario; wait for a cold snap, over we go, artillery, cavalry and volunteers—down splashes the British flag inter the slush, and the Amerikin eagle shall drop kerwallop onter the battlements of Quebec, and scream her hereditary defiance ter European tyrants, in tones reverberatin' among the Rocky Mountains, an' dying gently away on the far Pacific waves."

FIRST SWELL.—Why not let the fellahs have it? No uthe. Meah baw.

SECOND SWELL.—Cawn't do that. Balance of powah, aw. Besides the colonists fawm an impawtant mawket faw Bwitamin. Sell them no end of goods.

FIRST SWELL.—Well, if they aw attacked, what will the Wah Office do?

SECOND SWELL.—Oh, aw, yeth. Well the Canadians aw doosid plucky fellahs; we'll expend them, aw, first. Then, pawhaps, we might have to go theah, aw. Muth take caaw not to get the Bwitamin fauces into a twap. Keep theyah line of wetweat to the fleet open.

FIRST SWELL.—Yeth, if we extend the Canadians owah pwotection they should do most of the weal fighting.

SECOND SWELL.—Oh, we should make that compulthow; Yeh, must go and see GWANT. Does he weah hith—ah—wah-paint, aw?

FIRST SWELL.—Not heah, I believe. Dithcawded it for the pwesent, —by weqweth of the Queen, SPWY said.—(Scene closes.)

Nice at a Distance.

How pleasant, each successive day,
To feast our morning eyes
On fresh accounts of bloody fray,
Or murderous surprise.

To read of many thousand men
All lying in their gore,
And think, "To-morrow we'll again
Read of as many more."

So do the crowds with interest gaze
At conflagration's glare,
And rather like to see the blaze,
If they've no houses there.

But soon the gazer may behold
The flames at home appear,
And soon the war-wave may be rolled
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To each Tender must be attached the actual signatures of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out of these conditions as well as the due performance of the works embraced in the contract.

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