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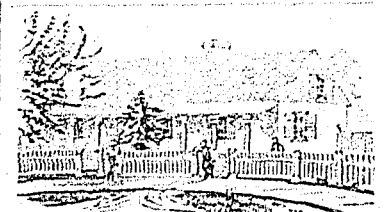
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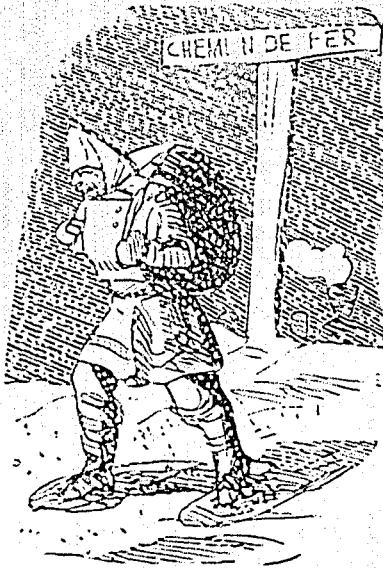
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unfortunate old lady, and all her sass, are sent spinning, is a "caution." The poor woman's old bones are not much worth after. "Look out for the Locomotive when the bell rings," if not—

A PEN AND INK SKETCH.

Mr. Peter Pell-Mell,
The Pecksniffian swell
Upon Art makes Pecksniffian strictures,
Saying, "Pictures, in fine,
Must come over the brine,
Native Artists must not sell their pictures."

"I speak as a judge,
Native Art is a fudge;"
(And he spoke with an air that was jaunty.)
"And I'll tell you for why
My employer and I
Are the agents of our Dilletanti.

"As I canvass the town,
On artists I frown
If they dare to express an opinion.
If the question is mooted,
Pr. the self-constituted
Great Oracle of the Dominion.

"I'll tell you my views:
They may paint if they choose,—
The reason why this I am naming:
I am in the right frame
To trumpet their fame
If they only will give me their framing.

"They are not the right sort
To get the support
Of the public, without my consenting.
It is impudence rare
For artists to dare
To exhibit and sell their own painting."

Though our pictures are few,
And not very new,
They are ours,—and we all of us know them;
And we'll plunder the walls
Of our parlours and halls,
And your agent, Pell Mell, means to shew them!

Pell Mell said "Enough!"
Wiped his eye with his cuff,
And then, (like our friend, Master Horner,)
With a tear in his eye,
And a terrible sigh,
Went to sleep and to dream in a corner.

Then he dreamt that he wrote
A very smart note
To the *Globe*, all in praise of his merits;
For himself he deceives,
And he really believes
That all virtue and taste he inherits.

Mr. Peter Pell Mell,
We know very well
That so great are his critical powers,
'Gainst Art,—if it's native—
He is quite demonstrative:
He's the dry nurse of paupers and flowers.

Peter Pell Mell makes bold
The patrons to scold
Of our artists, with proud regularity,
Saying: "Canadian Art
Once for all must depart,
Or else, be supported by charity!"

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SAYINGS OF SOCRATES SNOOKS.

And it came to pass in those days that Socrates Snooks lifted up his voice and said:—

"A bridle for the horse, a rod for the ass, and an *English Grammar* for the CITY COUNCIL."

Though thou should'st bray Weir and the Yankee silver in a Government mortar, yet, will not this nuisance depart from us.

Weir sojourned at Ottawa for a time, studying the *khincks* of the law; thence he hasteneth to our city to finger the profits. He that hath claws to claw, let him claw!

NATURAL HISTORY SERIES.

No 3.

PRINCES.—There are three varieties of the species, viz.—The Prince Royal, or *Filius regis*; the Merchant-prince, or *Terra filius*, and the *Public prints*. Of these the latter can scarcely be said, strictly speaking, to belong to the genus, man—but is more properly the offspring of man; yet, on account of the important position which it holds among the “Wonders of Creation,” we venture to introduce it here.

The first we shall speak of, however, is the Prince Royal, or *Filius regis*. This variety resembles very much, in habits and appearance, the “king,” of which we spoke in our last number, to which species, indeed, it is by some supposed to belong; but that they are not the *same*, is the opinion of the highest authorities on these matters.

It has been known to naturalists for centuries, being mentioned, in fact, by the writers of the earliest period, of which we have any record. Thus, in the writings of an ancient eastern traveller, we find it stated, that, “*Of all ye animals that were wyth Noa and his familie in ye arc, and of all that went forthe out of ye arc, there were onlie left ye fute Prynts, which seemed to poynt out and garde as sacred ye spot on which ye arc had rested.*” From this we would infer, that, even as far back as the deluge, this animal, as at the present day, was held in very high esteem, if, indeed, it was not sacred—an idea which is almost forced upon us when, in connection with the fact of its having been chosen for this important duty, we consider the almost sacred regard in which it is still held by large classes of people.

This animal was first discovered in Asia, though it has since been found to exist, in large numbers, all over the eastern hemisphere, where it is much sought after.

Like the “king,” it is not indigenous to this continent, though, since the successful establishment of submarine cables, and the consequent annihilation of time and space, and the immense increase of good-will, and unity of feeling, between the various countries on either side of the Atlantic, a few have found their way hither.

Indeed, it was but recently, that a considerable sensation was created on this side of the water, by one of these creatures appearing openly in public, and submitting to be caressed with the greatest possible docility. It has been seen by large numbers of people, all of whom testify to the handsomeness of its appearance, and kindness of its disposition. But it is generally admitted, that, they have undergone a great improvement in this respect, during the last couple of centuries; for, previous to that time, they were understood to be of a treacherous and cruel disposition, often indulging in the most wanton deeds of violence, so much so that in England it was considered a very hazardous experiment to cross the path of one of them. Nor is the taint of cruelty entirely removed, as the fact of a person being attacked and killed, in the very heart of Paris, recently, abundantly proves. But this is a very rare occurrence, and this specimen (an unusually large one, measuring twelve feet up one side and down the other) has since been caught, and is not likely to do further mischief.

Here their value is, if possible, increased by their scarcity, and many are the traps laid and efforts put forth,

to gain even a sight of one. The most popular method of entrapping this interesting creature, is with the aid of a brass or string band—music being supposed to wield as great an influence over it as did the lyre of Orpheus on everything on which its harmonious accents fell.

As a rule, it is finely built, with a well proportioned frame and graceful carriage. Its motions are quick and easy, in fact, what is generally known as *fast*. It is, moreover, very powerful, in which respect it resembles the Merchant-prince or *Terra filius*, so called on account of the supposed obscurity of its origin, and in contradistinction to the variety mentioned above. The distinctive appellation *Merchant-prince* is derived from “*Mer*” the sea,—many of its movements and operations being of a decidedly fishy nature,—and “*chant*,” the species of melody with which it is wont to celebrate some happy stroke of fortune, as lighting upon the stores of some less powerful animal, or some unexpected booty. It does not possess the same noble qualities of the other variety, and is consequently not so highly valued. It is, as we have stated, a very powerful animal, occupying, so to speak, a sort of central position between the different species of “man,” and is capable of exerting an immense influence on either the one side or the other, a power from which, according to the best authorities, the other species seldom derive much benefit. It is found in great numbers on this continent, and in this respect, as we have shown, differs from the Prince Royal or *Filius regis*, whose habits and appearance it is fond of assuming; but, like the crow in the fables, rarely ever manages to deceive anybody by the disguise. It is, however, naturally much more quiet and industrious, and is much given to accumulating large stores of one thing or another, which it guards with as much jealousy as does a hungry dog a bone. In temper it possesses much more of the qualities of the fox than the lion, being churlish and morose, especially to smaller animals, but often fawning upon larger and more powerful species in a way that is both instructive and amusing. But though not always to be depended upon, it very rarely indulges in deeds of open violence, and is consequently very easily domesticated.

The third variety of this animal is called the *Public prints*, but why, we are at a loss to determine, as it is in name only that it bears any particular resemblance to either of the others described above. It is essentially domestic in character, and is found in large numbers in all civilized countries. It has been known to naturalists for about three centuries only, but being naturally prolific, has increased very rapidly, and is now the most common of this species. It is much smaller than either of the others, but is strongly made, and is of a mottled black and white colour. It is one of the most useful of animals, being serviceable in an infinite variety of ways; but, like all other animals which have the misfortune to exist in great numbers, is not properly appreciated.

It is generally very intelligent, and can be trained to guard your interests with unwearied devotion, but when provoked to a quarrel, is apt to leave its opponent in a rather demoralized condition. Like the geese of ancient Rome, it has frequently sounded the warning-note of danger, and thereby saved a nation from impending evil.

ETCHINGS OF GREAT CITIES.

No. II.

KINGSTON.

In a recent number of GRINCHUCKLE we published a *capital* sketch of the Capital; to-day we devote a few spicy paragraphs to one of the X-Capitals, trusting in due time to do a similar act of justice for all the leading cities of the Dominion, including Winnipeg, Toronto, Miramichi, Slab City, and Mill Creek.

Kingston is one of the oldest and bluest cities in the Dominion, as its present interesting appearance denotes, old age sticking out prominently everywhere, except at the *British Whig* office, which is an Evergreen.

The city, just now, is in an intense state of commercial prosperity, as proved by the multitudes of people who are seen eddying round continually in a ceaseless whirlwind of nervous business airs.

Trade is greatly on the increase, several notable merchants having done a *smashing* business last year, and three of Morrison's famous basswood hams having been disposed of in the course of as many weeks lately.

The numbers of first-class shipping in the harbour are almost fabulous this year. These consist chiefly of tugs, rafts, cribs, barges, floating elevators, steamers, sailing craft, and wood scows, the latter from the picturesque raging Canawl district amongst the drowned-dead lands. The harbour, in consequence, presents a more than usually animated appearance.

Generally, a steamer is kept running all winter between the city and Wolfe Island, to prevent the water from freezing, as a great many venturesome people have been drowned in passing to and fro—the ice, when permitted to "take," never being more than two feet thick. All this is done in the interests of humanity by the members of a chartered company, to whom the river belongs.

When the ice persists in forming, in spite of steamers and paddle-wheels, and the united prayers of the company's servants, (who are very pious,) certain industrious fishermen cut holes in it for the safety and benefit of foot passengers. As "good wine needs no bush," neither, it appears, do these holes, which makes them all the more convenient and accessible.

The city is extending its limits very rapidly, five new houses, a blacksmith's shop, and two dry goods establishments having "gone up" in 1869, in addition to several of the oldest inhabitants.

The travel in this direction continues "all the year round," and the leading hotels are always full. The most successful of these is the one belonging to the Government "Dominion Company," and playfully called the Penitentiary, where select ladies and gentlemen are not only entertained "free gratis for nothing," but are presented with a new suit of clothing (of many colours, like Joseph's coat) at the beginning of their term, and another suit of sober broadcloth when they retire. So popular is the establishment that as many as 500 and 600 boarders, from all parts of the country, have been numbered within its gay and festive halls at one time, many of them intending to remain ten or fifteen years. In addition to the suit of mourning given to each sorrowing boarder at the close of his term, he is also presented with what money he may be entitled to

by the rules of the establishment, a large jack-knife, three plugs of tobacco, and a fine cambric handkerchief to dry his tears.

The "improvement" which is to do "great things" for the city is the Kingston and Madoc Railway, to be built of "leather and prunella"—the former to be supplied from the Tannery of the perpetual Chairman of the Common School Trustees. There is some difficulty in obtaining the prunella.

The route of the Railway, after reaching the limits of the city, will be direct to the *Daily News* office; thence across the street through Ben. Holder's cabinet shop to the high fire-proof wall north of the city bookstore; thence (over the wall) through Harkes's gateway across King-street, "fetching up," in the precise wording of the charter, "at the back door of the back office of the Company's Secretary, in an opposite line to that taken by Hiawatha when he 'sailed into the sunset.'"

The arrangement will admit of all the gold quartz of the Madoc region being stored in the Secretary's safe, until such time as Professor Bell ("of the Government Survey") shall have returned to report on its genuineness to the principal city stockholders, Sir Samuel Loat and Philip the Twelfth.

A branch track is to extend from the rear of the Secretary's office to Garden Island, passing through the adjacent cellars, over the flag-staff on the dome of the City Buildings, across the steamer *Watertown*, (stationed midway) and thence to the remains of the old wharf at the landing. This will be called the *air* line, and is to be presided over by Don Quixote's wooden horse, which will go furiously either with the line or without it—a great point gained in locomotion, and for which the Company's Secretary is now taking out patents in Ottawa and Washington.

This branch is for the sole use of the late Warden of the County, M.L.P., and will be tapped "somewhere" and continued (backwards) to the Court House (closely following up Hiawatha) to enable that officer to attend the general sittings of the Council and meetings of Committees, without losing time *en route*. The horse will also be used occasionally to convey the Attorney of the County Council to and from Toronto, while attending the chances of the Court of Chancery, in the suits now pending between the Council and the City, and in which he "expects a judgment—on the Day of Judgment."

Although this faithful description has greatly exceeded our prescribed limits, it is necessary to add a closing paragraph of importance: A Select Committee of the City Council, headed by Alderman Tomkins, was recently appointed to employ Mr. Henderson to photograph the valuable property (in Brock-street) of Sir Johnnay MacD. The picture (a bird's-eye view) has been promptly taken by means of a balloon, made from one of Robertson & Son's sugar hogsheads, and inflated with powerful gas by Alderman Drennan. The building cannot be seen in the photograph, not even by a microscope, except in detached portions, but the *hole* where the house once stood is highly (or rather *lowly*) conspicuous. It is to be leggotyped for the *Canadian Illustrated News*, with *very* descriptive letter-press—with quotations—by the eminent High Bailiff, and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Streets and Improvements.

THE MOCASSIN DEBATING CLUB.

Had it not been for the passage of the Act designed "to uphold the authority and dignity of the Houses of the Quebec Legislature," GRINCHUCKLE might have been tempted to have given a favourable notice of the proceedings of Prince Bellow and his men. If he had yielded to this temptation he would have laid himself open to a trial on a charge of felony. He must, therefore, content himself with criticising the debates of a mock-Parliament, lately established, under the name of the "Mocassin Debating Club." This club, at great expense to somebody, met, passed resolutions, and pretended to legislate,—having a mock King, a mock Ministry, and mock Legislators. The series of Winter meetings closed on Tuesday last, and a burlesque list of bills assented to was published in most of the papers. The proceedings were very amusing to all except to those who had to pay; as, contrary to the custom in most clubs, the members were paid for attending the discussions. The Club having been organized in the mediæval style, the first funny bill passed was the incorporation of an Antiquarian Society; then several bills to allow Mocassin benevolent societies to swindle their contributors,—the discussions on which are declared to have been "a screaming farce." Several other of these cheerful societies were also incorporated, and no end of bills dropped. One act of the Club provides that only one shoemaker shall be established in each district of country; that he must be appointed by the chief of the Mocassins; that he must be a Mocassin himself, and that no other shall dare to infringe on his privileges, on pain of being hung forthwith. Sharp-sighted people profess to have discovered that this is a travesty of the Quebec Notarial Bill, but as every one must "honour and respect" the Quebec Legislature, and no one must dare to criticise its actions, this must be a mistake—it would be playing a dangerous game to try this. A great constitutional principle was enunciated by Mr. Shoveo, the head messenger, who said that the boundaries of the divisions of certain portions of the hall, which it was solemnly agreed should not be altered without the consent of the occupants, might be changed, but only if the consent of certain black-coated puppets, whose wires are pulled from the infernal or eternal city (the reporters disagree as to the precise word he used: were given, the consent of the boot-wearers, who are liable for all the taxes, having nothing to do with it.) The proceedings, at the close, were of a most jovial character. The Prince Bellow appeared in a paste-board crown, struck over with tinsel; he had a scroll marked with "thirty per cent" in his right hand, and the hem of his dressing-gown was trimmed with effaced bill stamps. A band of wind instruments attended; Joey, the gymnast, in the character of Eolus, was represented raising the wind; and the last words uttered by the Prince, in the character of the heavy father, were—"Bless you, my boys, live on your sessional allowance till I see you again. May your paternal pork and pease invigorate you for a fresh haul on the public purse;" and he wept, and all the Mocassin Club wept in concert, and slowly and sadly retired to their homes.



SMALL BOY—"Daily Witness, yer ladyship, with elegant Leggotypes."

LOVELY PEDESTRIAN—"John Dougall should give that girl some soup, and keep her at home!"

GIRL—"Can such things be?"

HONOURS AND EXCELLENCIES.

The *Telegraph* is exceedingly punctilious, and has published long and strong editorials on the subject of Titles. Its editor is particularly down on the assumption of "Excellency" by the Chief of the Moca—(pardon, GRINCHUCKLE had almost made a mistake,) the great, glorious and enlightened Province of Quebec. "His Honour" is the title, and no other must be used. For its consistent course see the *Telegraph* and *Gazette's* report of the closing of the highly "to be honoured and respected" Parliament of Quebec, where some one or other—it can't be the Lieutenant Governor, after all the articles on the subject—is dubbed "His Excellency." Oh, dear! No.

A one-sided business—The arbitration in the Drill Shed affair.



ULYSSES.—Good voyage! if you can tear yourself away.

PARIS.—The lovely girls would almost make me stay ;
Yet I must shut my ears and close my eyes,—
To Syrens who else must my heart surprise.
Farewell! I turn to Canada again.

THE "BOSTING" HUB-BUB.

"The Common Council of Boston have held a meeting for the purpose of deciding not to offer the Prince (Arthur) the hospitalities of the City."—*New York Times*.

"The City of Boston is the great Hub of the Universe."—*George Francis Train*.

Come hither, little Bub,
Let me tell you where the Hub
Of the Universe is sticking out so plain, plain, plain;
That all you have to do
To see it—mind, it's true—
Is to take a trip to "Bosting" on the Train, Train, Train,
Is to take a trip to "Bosting" on the Train.

And on this mighty Hub
You'll see, my little Bub,
Large flocks of geese a sitting in the cold, cold, cold,
With goslings here and there,
Who tell how great they air
Since they made their 'tarnal fortunes out of gold, gold, gold,
Since they made their 'tarnal fortunes out of gold.

But, lo! with all their gains,
One thing they lack—that's brains—
For they never had or will have aught to do with these,
While on the hub they sit, [these, these;
To smoke, and chew, and spit,
And talk of driving England from the seas, seas, seas,
And talk of driving England from the seas.

Another thing they lack—
That's manners—and their back
Is "up," just like our pussy cats, my brave boy Bub,
If any Royal sprout
Of England is about,
Within good spitting distance of the Hub, Hub, Hub,
Within good spitting distance of the Hub.

Then every goose he sings,
Green goslings flap their wings,
And, lo! the earth has ague fits and shakes, shakes, shakes;
The Eagle, on the pole,
Screams out: "Upon my soul,
No Prince shall eat our Johnny-cakes, cakes, cakes,
No Prince shall eat our Johnny-cakes!"

And then they hie them where
The Common Council care
For the welfare of that mighty thing, the Hub, Hub, Hub;
Here ague fits again,
Tobacco-spits like rain,
And curses that would "fix" your hair on end, dear Bub,
And curses that would "fix" your hair on end.

Revolvers heave in sight,
And bowie-knives so bright,
With "curses loud and deep," and lots of slang, slang, slang;
And then they sing this ditty:
"No Prince shall tread our city,
Or high up as yon Eagle sits he'll hang, hang, hang,
Or high up as yon Eagle sits he'll hang."

The Eagle, hearing this,
Ecstatic, screams, with bliss;
The mighty Hub turns round and round, "with groans,
groans, groans;"
An earthquake rends the house,
Out pops a savage mouse, [bones,
Saying: "I'll eat the British Lion, body and bones, bones,
I'll eat the British Lion, body and bones."

"VIRTUE, ALAS! WHAT EVILS ARE COMMITTED IN THY NAME!"

That the world abounds in wickedness, covered by the veil of Hypocrisy, or smothered under the cloak of Religion, alas we have too much reason to dread, but it is seldom that what little of good that is left in us receives such a shock as it did the other day on observing a—man shall we call him?—no, a monster, vending from door to door the abominable stuff

"Which steals away men's brains
And sinks them lower than the brutish beasts"

in the very name of "Virtue."

Where are J. D., Father Chiniquy, and the Temperance Leaguers? How can they expect to prosper, or society be raised from the depths of misery and sinfulness into which it is fallen, while these things exist? Let every right-minded person put the question emphatically to—somebody else—

"Shall such things be?"

USE OF THE ARTICLE "THE."

Cote street church is no longer to be entitled to use the article "The." It was styled *the* Free Church, an arrogant assumption which cannot be borne by the Presbytery, seeing its religion is so indefinite an article. It has for one thing, no definite minister,—only an indefinite one in the future—of the qualities of the last, GRINCHUCKLE says nothing, leaving him and the Methodists to fight that out. But the question arises, being deprived of "The," will it henceforth have a The-ologian, or be under a The-ocracy? Dare the minister give a The-sis? He may make *free* with Coffee, but will scarcely venture upon Tea, and certainly dare not venture on The-obroma. The cause of all this is, no doubt, its having giving the college a Professor of The-ology.

THE *Quebec Mercury* traces the ruin of Quebec to the enactment of the law prohibiting the employment of dogs as draught animals, and now that horses are used, the compelling of every one driving to carry a lump of iron in cart or sleigh to anchor the horse. Quebec has long been considered a one horse concern. The people now ask to be allowed to go to the dogs.

THE *Witness* has been attacking the city papers for not publishing full reports of the Anniversary Meetings. This is the latest edition of the "Holy Growl," and Sir John Dou Galahad is said to have been thereto excited in consequence of having been obliged to engage special reporters, not being able, as usual, to prey upon the reports of the morning dailies.

A COUNTRY paper advertises Dr. Trask, who has a patent magnetic ointment, as "A. Trash." Most likely to be correct.

THE Fire Brigade say that they have too many "Nichts wi' Burns" to enjoy those specially got up by Scotch societies.

SKATIN' RINKS.

DEER GRINCHUKUL.—It wud bee hunggrateful of me, to bore you with anuthur greevunce, hif I did not think, that hin this won, his mikst up, sum valuable suggestshuns. Wot I komplan of, his the want of a Skatin Rink, were Ladiz, as his eds of familis, mite go with thur childrun, as his lost sometimes, poor things, fur sum place to pass a hinosent our hin. The wintur afore thus, I tuk litul Fredy and Zurksees, to skate, and me and Nurce ad won too. We was that made fun of, as nokt Nurce hup fur a week aftur, and made me feel that onkomfurtible, as asent bin sinse, all throo sum yung felurs as tuk to and laft, and komposed remarks on us, that rude, as kompeld Nurce to lode Zurksees, heers with wul, as ad to be kut out of the linin of Fredzs kap, to prezurv his moruls; and won time hin partiklur avin okashun to fall, throo wearin kut away skates, I lay fur a minit or too, avin urt my ankul, wich was the signul fur a genrul laf, and brot the Rink man up, as pounct on me that wishus like, as to hindooce Fredy to say, ah! He sed a ole ud be the konseekwence of a ot thing like me sitin, meltin thur. I ad no sooner riz hup miself, than I was atraktid by the emoshuns of Zurksees, whood fel, and was surroundid by too felurs, himposin a himpidunt katikism on Nurce, as to who ad mad a hinsishun like that, himpidently aloodin to is mouth, and hif is ma was in poseshun of a Fak. Simily, all of wich was so tryin to Nurce, as ad won, just such anuthur as Zurksees, wot dide, poor thing, too ours aftur it was born, of roomurtiz, and that, to, when she was just getin to hydulize the deer thing. Now, wot I wud suggest, wud be for the Korpurashun to ave a ose turnd into all the bildins as ave flat roofs, wich, wen fludid, kud stand till frozen, and then used fur Skatin Rinks; and to prezurv order, all the Pleece as is hof dooty, kud bee distributid by the Korpurashun all over the Rinks, and mite bee hemployed hin sweepin the hicc, and fiks in the chill druns' skates on, thereby hindoozin sirkulashun and ekonimisin thur time. The slantin parts of mansard roofs, mite be fludid to, fur those wot desire novulty. Op in you will use your hinfloonnce, in the propurgashun of so much appines,

I Remain

Deer Grinchukul,

Your trooly,

ILYZA PELYKAN.

Montreal, January 24th, 1870.

CITY GAS ASSOCIATION.

GRINCHUCKLE understands that the City Gas Association were so well pleased with the result of the last meeting that they have resolved on holding another next week. The subject of "*Honi soit qui mal y pense*" is to come up.

DANGER!

An official has expressed his fear about the safety of the Recorder's Court. He says, in one hour there is enough perjury committed to lift the very roof off.

THE ORGAN OF COMBATIVENESS.

Historians, of more or less credibility, say that when Rome was in flames Nero amused himself by fiddling. Possibly the Scotch fiddle was not invented in these days, but evidently the example has not been lost on a parcel of Scotch professors, doctors, divines and dominies, who have been holding a pow-wow in the neighbourhood of Cote Street. One of them, from Indian Lands, possibly a half-breed, positively half or at least ill-bred, has been drumming violently against the use of an organ; another, who is said to write anonymous letters to newspapers, and who has a conventicle somewhere about the back of the Mountain, stands on his dignity and says he cares nothing for the Montreal press; another, a "Professor," insists on having a stand up fight with the Methodists. Does it ever occur to these saintly people how inconsistent their official words are with their fighting words and conduct? They prove scripture false, and enable the enemy to blaspheme. The Good Book says that from the same fountain cannot proceed sweet waters and bitter. Well, we have these same G—ll—s and G—rd—ns and McVeys exhorting to live at peace with all men; vowing they have come to deliver a "world lying in wickedness;" denouncing the Scarlet Lady as the Mother of all Abominations, from whose grasp the victims must be plucked. As a matter of fact, there are thousands round them in vice and misery, and for three days these ministers of peace have torn at each other's throats, about whether a bag-pipe or an organ gives the sweetest music! Oh! Habakkuk Mucklewrath! Oh!! Guse Gibbie! Oh!!! Mause Handrigg! Oh!!!! JENNIE GEDDES! where's your three-legged stool to drive these brawlers into the street. Is it possible men can be guilty of such folly and absurdity in the face of danger—if they believe there is danger. Gillies and Gordon—Goose and Gander. C. P. C.—Couple of Poor Creatures.

COUNCILLORS AND RAILWAYS.

Two of the "Fathers of the City" are said to be at loggerheads,—one of them having, some days since, moved for leave to consider the propriety of aiding and abetting the Canada Pacific and other railways. Another, not being clear as to the "truth" of the report, made a second motion. Hence the difficulty.

THE MAYORALTY.

Money being rather slow at the East End, the "free and independents" have determined to bring out an opposant to the Mayor.

"The Rev. G. G. Wait of Elora takes revenge on a mean bridegroom by publishing the amount of the fees paid (\$1!), along with the marriage notice."—*Strathroy Age*.

GRINCHUCKLE fancies Mr. Wait should have given due weight to his little joke before he put in type so terrible a warning to impecunious young men. *O dii immortales* only think of what they have to bear now; but the Rev. Wait will have to wait a long time before he finds another sweet opportunity to reap so sweet a revenge.

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