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MEREDITH STARTS ON THE CAMPAIGN. THE EMPEROR—"Hold on, William! Come back! You've got the wrong outfit !!" ICICICICIU GRANA CAN DE AN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL OF HUMOR AND CARICATURE.

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OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.



ELSEWHERE in this number will be found L a printed ballot. It will appear in the seven issues following, that is, up to May 31st. During these cight weeks we hope to have a lively voting competition on the question :

"Is the Mowat Government worthy of a Renewal of Public Confidence?

The ballots are to be cut out and forwarded to the personal care of Mr. J. W. Bengough, who will keep them safely until the fourth day of June, when they will be delivered to a committee representing both political parties to be officially committee the result to be oblighted in the number of Committee to an oblighted in the second counted, the result to be published in the number of GRIP for June 7th.

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will be awarded to the person who most nearly guesses the total number of ballots that will be sent in before June 4th.

Comments on the Cartoons.



OOKING DONE TO OR-, DER.—The House of Com mons is still wrestling with the Tariff, a circumstance which makes it pardonable in us to pay our respects once more to the system represented by the Gov-ernment of the day. "Protecernment of the day.

ernment of the day. "Protec-tion" is a tempting target for ridicule and invective, and too many arrows cannot be shot at it when we find, in the broad light of this Nineteenth Century, the polity of some of the lead-ing nations of the world guided by its false and barbarous principles. The fact that it is beyond human power to construct a perfectly fair Tariff is now being illustrated at Ottawa, as it has been illustrated elsewhere times without number. This, of itself, is enough to condemn the system as radically un-sound, because the first principle of every civilized Government is that the

public burdens shall be distributed fairly amongst the individual citizens. As well might our statesmen attempt to smkathe beam of a scale lie level while loading one

side with a pound of lead and the other with a feather, as to suce with a pound of lead and the other with a feather, as to attempt to so arrange a Tariff as to benefit specific industries without injuring consumers. This truth is, perhaps, quite clear now to Mr. Foster, Major McKinley and all the other Tariff tinkers of the day. They make very little, if any, pretense of trying to perform the impossible. What they now aim at doing is perfectly practicable—the building up of native manufacturers by honuse extracted from the molecular of their filling attempts. by bonuses extracted from the pockets of their fellow citizens; or, to use the allegorical language suggested by our cartoon, the idea is to feed up the favored industry on fat fried out of the farmer, the artizan and the general consumer. There is no doubt this can be done. It has been done in Canada, for we can "point with pride" to quite a number of sleek and happy-looking members of the Manufecturary Association who even at this members of the Manufacturers' Association who even at this moment weigh a round million or close to it on the mercantile agency scales. It is not a pleasant process, meanwhile, for the fellows in the frying-pan, and the efforts of Protection ist philosophers are devoted chiefly to reconciling them to the situation. They are devoted chiefly to reconciling them to the situation. are told that they will get all their fat back again with good interare told that they will get all their fat back again will good inter-est in the shape of home markets, high prices and big wages. Some years ago these consoling observations were accepted and believed in by a majority of the Canadian electorate, but we very much doubt that they obtain credence now anywhere. Experience has shown them to be false, and the strike even at this moment going on is emphatic testimony to their falsity.

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MEREDITH STARTS ON THE CAMPAIGN. — Mr. Meredith is entering upon the Provincial campaign with a good deal of spirit, and will, no doubt, make what is called a gallant fight for the overthrow of the Mowat stronghold. He is handicapped, however, but his part provides the complete which is to be strong however, by his past record on the question which is to be used as the *piece de résistance* of the canvass. It is remembered that only a few years ago Mr. Meredith appealed to the same elec-torate as the special friend of the Catholics, and produced "Facts for Irish Electors," in which it was proved that the Mount Courserment did for loss them justice to the Church of "Facts for Irish Electors," in which it was proved that the Mowat Government did far less than justice to the Church of Rome. Now evidence is being produced which is intended to prove that the same Government has habitually truck-led to the Romish hierarchy. We deliver no opinion, just now, as to the merits of the present charge, but Mr. Meredith's face-about is something which his opponents can play upon with great effect on the hustings. A statesman who has indulged in a comercault of the kind must conduct himself in a circumspect somersault of this kind must conduct himself in a circumspect somersault of this kind must conduct himself in a circumspect manner. It would be a great misfortune, for instance, if by any mischance he happened to go to the country with the wrong grip-sack in hand! Notwithstanding all this it is, of course, the duty of the Ontario electors to give due consideration to the case as it will be presented to them in the campaign now on. Mr. Meredith's record has nothing to do with the truth or falsity of the charges now made against the Government. The matter will be argued very fully pro and con and we trust a fair indement be argued very fully pro and con, and we trust a fair judgment will be given in accordance with the facts.

THE ballots are coming in with every mail in connection with the voting contest fully explained on this Both parties are taking a lively interest in the page. campaign, and the result, to be announced in our issue of June 7th will, we think, fairly indicate the state of public opinion in Ontario. We wish to say here that there is no limit to the number of ballots that may be sent in by any one person, and with each ballot a guess may be given. The only condition is that all ballots must be cut from some issue of GRIP.

WE do not wish to unduly influence the electors of W the Province, but if they turn the Mowat Govern-ment out of office on account of that disgraceful fence around the Educational buildings, they will not be going The structure in question-if a thing that is too far. falling to pieces may be called a structure-is a perfect eyesore, a thing that any decent private citizen would be ashamed to own. The Government could afford to build a new one with the money they have made by scraping down the honest accounts of local tradesmen.

NEWS has just been received from the East which has given rise to much just indignation throughout Canada and the United States. It appears that by an GRIP



ROUGH ON RATS!

"EDINBURGH, Apl. 4th, 1890.—Sir,—With reference to the correspondence in your columns as to rats, I beg to inform you that I have known an invasion of rats effectually overcome by the playing of the bagpipes within their distinct hearing.—I am, etc., AN OLD HIGHLAND MINISTER."—English Paper. Comment is needless !!

order of the barbarian who acts as Emperor of China, white men have been prohibited from entering the Province of Tsang-Tsung, and a similar edict is in force in the adjoining Russian territory of Koskovitski. A bridge spans the turbulent river which separates these countries, and upon that bridge there is now imprisoned one of our unfortunate countrymen, who had for years been a resident of Tsang-Tsung, having gone there before the law was enacted. Having some business to transact in Koskovitski, he undertook to go there, but was refused admittance ; and on his return he was similarly refused admittance to Tsang-Tsung ; hence his present plight. The despatch mentions that there are no eatables nor sleeping accommodation on the bridge, and that the weather is chilly. Our Governments, if they have any self-respect, and any regard for the rights of their citizens, will rise in their dignity and—

SINCE the above was put in type we have discovered that there is a slight geographical inaccuracy in the account. The bridge in question is between Canada and the United States, over the Niagara River, and the person who is the victim of the international barbarity is a Chinaman named Lem Sing, whose former home was at 405 Yonge Street, Toronto. Of course this makes quite a difference, and we refrain from the scorching words of protest and indignation we would otherwise have felt it our duty to write.

MR. D. E. THOMSON has replied effectively to Mr. Wells' letter on the Viaduct, in which Mr. Van Horne's bugaboo about the costliness of the proposed structure was amplified with legal ingenuity. Mr. Wells is no doubt a very respectable and level-headed citizen of Toronto, but he is also the solicitor of the C.P.R. Co., and that important client does not want the Viaduct if the same is to be under the control of the city. Without this condition no doubt either of the railway companies would jump at the chance of building and paying for it. But why should the defence of the city's interests in this great matter be left to Mr. Thomson and a few other private citizens, requiring as it does a great deal of valuable time and not a little expense? Every ratepayer of the city has precisely the same interests at stake as the members of the Citizens' Association, and a general exhibition of enthusiasm would decide the question at once.

SPARKS FROM MARY-ANNEVILLE.

(WITH APOLOGIES TO "THE WEEK.").

S PARKS from Mary-Anneville ! Sunshades hide the plain ! Gentiles ! The Tinker is tinkering again.

Sing a song of sixpence—a fellow full of rye Will oft look blue when black appears his eye.

"I love you, Tom, let nothing come between us." Next night she met a million—Transit of Venus!

"I'll drown myself to-night—the river's handy." He kept his word; but managed it with brandy.

"They say you read Philosophy, Miss Power?" "Yes! every day I go to shop-an-hour !"

"Brief life is here our portion," says the hymn. The lawyer says it's good enough for him.

The lady of the boarding-house did smile

As she began her nightly jest to utter,

"Oh, give us something fresh once in a while, We care not always for stale jokes—or butter."

We could continue in this strain most solemn; But GRIP remarks he pays it by the column.

Silent Mary-Anneville ! you know it's all mihi. Gentiles ! Bon soir ! We meet at Philippi.

THE TINKER.



ERIN GO BRAGH !

"AH, now! won't ye give us a copper, Miss? Div'l a bit have Oi had to ate this blessed day, savin' a dhrink o' wather, an' that's the truth!"

THE CIVIC CIRCUS.

No. IV.

7HY thus pensive?" said Ald. G. S. Macdonald to Ald. Gowanlock, as the latter entered the Chamber immersed in deep cogitation. "What are you pondering over?"

"I was thinking," replied the representative of St. Alban's,

"of Joe Hess, the reformed pugilist. Would you call him an eminent expounder?"

"No," replied G.S., "I would not call him anything of the kind. I leave such puerilities to the frivolous-minded. Anyway, it has nothing to do with the Don Agreement, which is to be the piece de résistance, if I may express myself bi-

lingually this evening." "I'm glad of that," said Ald. Leslie. "It's a good question to talk on, because there's scarcely any fellow that understands it. That's the kind of a question I like to spread myself on. You see, when a fellow is speaking on the dog by-law or assessments, or anything of that sort, that comes within the grasp of the intellect of the average citizen; if he makes a fool of himself they're on to him right away, and anyway he's pretty sure to tread on somebody's toes and make enemies. But, on a mixed-up husiness like the Don agreement, you can say

any blamed thing so as you don't make it too plain, and not one in a thousand knows enough about it to make any fuss. All you've got to do is to look as if you knew it all, and ring in lots of figures and it goes; and you get the credit of vigilantly attending to the interest of your dear Eh, Shaw?" constituents. and he winked slyly at the senior representative of St. Paul's.

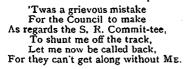


Just then the conversation was interrupted by the entrance of the Mayor, whose re-appearance on the stage after his sickness was greeted with vigorous applause.

"Let's have a song from Ald. E. A. Macdonald," said His Worship, as he took the chair.

ALD. E. A. MACDONALD-" I'll sing an original ditty entitled-

THEY CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT ME."







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I make sure that since then, As intelligent men, You've repented of what you have done, For the public all say That deprived of E. A. The Committee won't have any fun.

And I know you'll be pleased, Though you may have malfeased, When that motion to drop I agree, Put me back on the list, If you don't I'll persist-For they can't get along without ME

And just bear it in mind, When in future you find, That everything's running sku-gce, I'm the man without doubt Who can straighten things out-For they can't get along without ME.

THE MAYOR-" I see a delegation here from the Citizen's Association and other organizations. As it won't cost anything to let some of them talk awhile, and will probably relieve their feelings a little, and let them down easy on this Don agreement business, suppose we give them a hearing."

In pursuance of this invitation, Mr. D. E. Thomson and others availed themselves of the long-wished for opportunity. Boiled down, the argument which it took them half or three-quarters of an hour to elaborate amounts to this :

There is a Joint Committee to which all matters connected with the Esplanade should be referred.

The Don agreement is a matter connected with the Esplanade.



Therefore it should be referred to the Joint Committee. Q.E.D.

· Then Ald. Dodds took up his parable in defence of the aldermen in general, and Ald. E. King Dodds in particular.

SONG BY ALD. DODDS.

I think it is most scandalous the way we've been assailed

In connection with our action in this case These folks are irresponsible, and if their views prevailed It would cover our proceedings with disgrace ; When Thomson upon us makes a scurrilous attack The record he has clearly falsified, I never strike a man from behind his back-

But I wait until his hands are tied.

To the citizens I'm giving up my valuable

- time, My motives are immaculately pure;
 - To be treated as a wrong-doer, accused of crime,

That is something which I won't endure.

- I hurl it in his teeth, sir, as a slander foul and black,
- I stand upon my record, sir, with pride;
- I never strike a man from behind his back-No-I wait until his hands are tied.
- I wouldn't accuse Thomson of unfairness in this fight,
- In his absence, no indeed, that's not my way; I prefer to have him present as he's sitting here to-night,
- But unable to reply to what I say; So I tell him to his face he is a slanderer and quack, Can my fairness, pluck and courage be denied ?
- For I never strike a man from behind his back-But I wait until his hands are tied.

ALD. E. A. MACDONALD—" Ald. Dodds speaks of the attacks made upon 'us.' Only kings and editors should use the plural when speaking of themselves."

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ALD. HALLAM—"Well, then he has a double claim to the privilege —King Dodds is an editor."

During the discussion which followed, the cheering fact was brought out that the Council possesses at least one member who is proof against sinister influences on the

part of the railroad. Ald. Allan stated that "no railway company could buy his vote." Well, Ald. Allan ought to know—in fact, he is the only person who does know, so his assurance may be accepted as satisfactory to the citizens. It must also be satisfactory to the railroads, for as they get his vote without buying it, that is so much saved.

The matter was finally settled by arranging that the agreement would be considered by the Joint Committee,

the decision evidently being assented to by the majority in the same spirit as was shown by the Dutch justice of the peace who announced to the suitors concerned in a case tried before him, "Dot vas a imbortant gase. I don't could decide dot gase right avay alretty, I dakes me four days to gonzider auf it, bud I shall effentually dezide for dot blaintiff.'



Ald. E. A. Macdonald tried to tell that little story but spoiled it because he forgot to make the justice a Dutchman. Probably he didn't want to give anybody a handle to accuse him of insulting the large and influential German element of East York. Dialect stories are dangerous things to fool with about election time.

EPITAPH on a drunkard : " Hic Jacet."

THE conjunction "and" is often used by speakers as a junction station on the line of their argument, where a little delay enables them to add new trains of thought.



CHANGING THE SUBJECT.

MRS. SHODDY—" He is a flirt; before you were married, did your husband-----"

MRS. DE CLAREMONT (*jcalous*)—"I did not have any husband, dear, before I was married."



AT HIS UNCLE'S.

MISS GLIBB---" Have you attended many balls this season, Mr. Harduppe?"

HARDUPPE (rucfully)-"I've been to three."

THE ABSENTEE PICK-POCKET.

[THE Illinois Legislature has passed an act providing that after July 1st no real estate can be held by aliens, thus striking a blow at "absentee landlordism," while allowing the other kind to flourish unchecked.]

THE pick-pocket business when rightly pursued Must surely conduce to the popular good, It employs quite a number who labor might shirk And freely they spend the results of their work.

The baker and butcher and laborer live In turn on the work which the pick-pockets give, The manner in which they distribute their gains The country's prosperity greatly maintains.

But some wealthy pick-pockets of late can afford To spend most of their time and their substance abroad, Their living in London or Paris or Rome Is clearly defrauding the public at home.

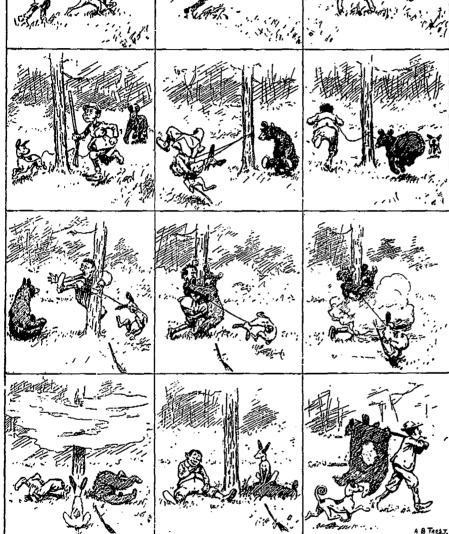
All right-minded people will surely agree It is time to abolish the base absentee; If he can't spend his cash where he makes his big haul, We'll deny him the right to pick pockets at all.

Some cranks, indeed, say the whole business is wrong, To argue that question would take us too long, 'Tis sufficient to say if such doctrines prevailed Great social convulsions must needs be entailed.

From time immemorial, say what you will, Men have risen by superior adroitness and skill; The picking of pockets—a dexterous art— Makes men enterprising, ingenious and smart.

It is going too far to condemn the whole trade By which money's kept moving and fortunes are made, But absenteeism we all must condemn, And devise Legislation the evil to stem.

So henceforth 'tis decreed that pick-pockets must stay Where they gather their plunder, nor wander away, The money they make must be spent where its made, Or else we've no use for the pick-pocket trade. P.T.



MR. PUDDLE AND HIS DOG, CYRUS, GO A HUNTING.

CROAKS FROM GRIP'S BASKET.

BY P. MCARTHUR.

THE MARK OF THE SCISSORS.

EDITOR—" I see that you mention in your report of that accident that an unknown editor was killed. How did you know the man was an editor?"

REPORTER—" There was a callous spot on the side of his thumb."

A SIIREWD GUESS.

MISS DONNOW—"What is Arnold's 'Light of Asia' about?"

MISS DETROW-"About the Israelite, I presume."

A PERTINENT QUERY.

SPARKINS—" I was at a ball last night where evening dress was *de rigeur*."

HARKINS—" Indeed! In what caterer's employ were you?"

A NEW DELICACY.

MRS. NUECASH—" Now, Monsieur Sauceau, you will kindly pay special attention to the supper-gratis."

MONSIEUR SAUCEAU (*the* chef) — "Pardonnez-moi, mais I don't comprehend vat yous command."

MRS. NUECASH—"I want you to prepare some extra fine supper-gratis, for we are going to have a number of friends in to-night for supper.

I know that supper-gratis is a popular dish, for when the Pan-Americans visited Canada the papers said they were treated to an extra fine supper gratis."

A DELIGHTFUL CITY.

FIRST MONTREALER — "What a remarkably mild winter we have had."

SECOND MONTREALER— "It was very mild indeed; but the thermometer got down below zero once."

THERE IS TRUTH IN THIS.

AMYCUS — "Chatterton wrote poems and said he found them, didn't he?"

EDITOR—"Yes. He was very different from the poets who contribute to the papers now-a-days."

Amycus—"Why do you say so?"

EDITOR—" Because they find poems and say they wrote them."

ROUGH ON THE DUDE.

MISS EDITH—"Do you know, Dudely has a strange habit of talking to himself?"

MISS MAUD-"Dear me! I never imagined him capable of finding anything to talk about."

A PERTINENT QUERY. -

HEAVY TRAGEDIAN — "Now could I drink hot b-r-r-lud!"

VOICE (*from the gods*)—" Wouldn't you rather have hot whiskey?"

A GOOD EXCUSE.

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SPACER—"What do you think of that for a joke?" PENNER—"I think it is rather far fetched.

SPACER—"Oh, far-fetched jokes are all the rage now. Quite a number of papers take their witticisms from the German."

THEY SHOULD BE USED TO THEM.

REPORTER—"Any sensations to-night?"

DETECTIVE--" Yes, a thrilling one."

REPORTER-" Can you give me anything about it?"

DETECTIVE—"Certainly. I have it at my finger's end."

REPORTER-" What is it all about?"

DETECTIVE—"A little matter. It is a felon I have on my finger."

A DIFFERENT REASON.

PENNER—"Spacer was telling me the other day that he always gets off more jokes when in your company than at any other time."

JAGGS—" That is only natural. When bright intellects come into contact there are sure to be scintillations."

PENNER—"Oh, that wasn't the reason. He says that you make the best butt for jokes that ever he met."

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE" REVISED.

BASSANIO --- "Art going to the World's Fair at Chicago?"

SHYLOCK—"Yes, to smell pork !"

EXCEPTING THE EDITORS.

JASSER—" Isn't it strange that humorists should have the reputation of never laughing at their own jokes?"

LASSER—" Not at all. No one knows so well as they do how little there is in them."

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

MR. NUEWED—" There appears to be no chance of succeeding now-a-days unless one belongs to a trust."

MRS. NUEWED-" Then let us organize one."

MR. NUEWED---"What do you mean?"

MRS. NUEWED—"You agree to trust me and I'll agree to trust you."

HE SPELLED IT WITH AN "A."

LOBB—"The editor of this paper is recognized as an authority on political questions."

JOBB—"Yes, and he attained to that eminence by shear force of intellect."

THE DEADLY MIXED DRINKS.

LABORE—"You should join our Union. In union there is strength, you know."

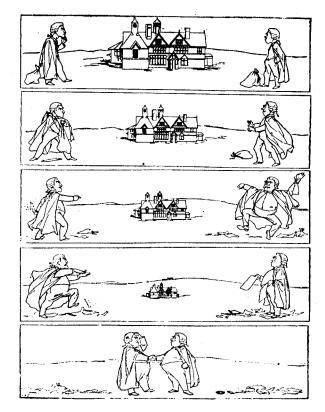
DE TANGUE—"Right you are. I have noticed that that principle runs through almost everything. Even liquors when united seem to have double the strength and effect on a fellow."

USING THEM FOR THE RIGHT PURPOSE.

PONSON—"Why do you place so many loud ties in your window?"

SHOPKEEPER-"To call attention to my stock, of course."

THE securing of the World's Fair is the biggest feat yet heard of from Chicago.



WHERE AND HOW THE PROPERTY WENT.

"THE Heirs and Next-of-Kin disputed the Will, and put the matter into the hands of Eminent Lawyers; the case is now amicably settled."—Vide Press.

HEELERS BEFORE POETS.

ARCHIBALD LAMPMAN, whose portrait appeared recently in the Dominion Illustrated, of Montrealshowing a young man with most of his troubles to come -is a clerk in the Post-office Department. He is also in the less paying business of a poet. Some of the best critics in Canada and the U.S. have recognized the promise displayed in his little volume Under the Millet, and a contemporary of ours calls on the Government to relieve him from post-office drudgery and slip him into one of the numerous "soft places" that Ministers find so convenient in "providing for" their friends and friends' cousins and aunts. Mr. Lampman ought not to delude himself with any such hope. A timid poet has no chance against a brazen political howler. Besides, the administrations under Sir John Macdonald have always sat upon any native talent in their employment, especially when it has taken the shape of poetic inspiration. Sangster and McColl, with others later that might be named, are examples of how systematically all intellect not in bonds to Party is snubbed. Future historians will not be slow to notice that under the present dominant Party literature has been habitually met with coldness and contempt. Who remembers the names of even the most blatant politicians of Elizabeth or Anne's times? It is the literature of those eras that conferred lustre on the reigns. How many men of the present Canadian Ministry, for instance, will be heard of in a hundred years? in fifty years? in one year after they go out of office? Names of literati, Sangster, McColl, Lampman and others will be on record when theirs are forgotten.



ART CRITICISM!

FIRST CRITIC-"Well, what do you think of it?"

SECOND Do.-" Capital; exceedingly realistic treatment of the subject; true to nature ! . . . By the way, have you any idea what it is intended to represent?"

MR. "OF-THE-UNCLE."

PARIS, April 11th.—The Siecle publishes a communication from Deputy Deloncle, who held a post in the foreign administration. • M. Deloncle suggests that in arbitration may be found the solu-tion of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute. England, M. Deloncle further suggests, should indemnify the French fisher-men, buy the lobster fisheries, recognize French rights on the Grand Banks, and further compensate France by territorial concessions in either Africa, West Indies or the Islands of the Indian Ocean.

EEWHITTAKER! Mr. Of the Uncle (for that is Մ the literal translation of his name) will never lose anything by not asking enough. We have heard of people who talked to you like a Dutch uncle, but this popular type of an overbearing disposition is a mild infliction, relatively speaking, of course, as compared with this French Uncle. There may be considerable fitness in the name of the gentleman who makes such heavy demands on England when we bear in mind the popular phrase applied to Napoleon III. —"the nephew of his uncle," meaning the original and only genuine Nap. Mr. Of-the-Uncle has seemingly a good deal of the grasp and aggressiveness of this famous historic "Uncle." Let us be thankful that we are not his poor relations. But he had better not try any of his fooling on his cousins-German.

THE GREAT ETOBICOKE BOOM.

FIFTY YEARS AFTER.

T was a summer evening, And far from city smoke, Old Kaspar sat beside his door Out in Etobicoke; And near him sported on the green His little grandchild, Wilhelmine.

She saw her brother, Peterkin, Lugging a wooden sign With an inscription half-effaced Emblazoned on the pine; Moss-covered, mildewed with the damp, He'd found it in the neighboring swamp.

Old Kaspar took it from the boy, Who stood expectant by, He spelled the words out : "Lots for Sale," And slowly said : " My eye ! 'Tis like a spectre from the tomb, This relic of the famous boom.

"I find 'em sometimes in the bush When I go there for wood There's some a-kickin' round the barn,

I've always understood That many thousand men," said he,

"Was cleaned out most successfully."

"Now tell us how the scheme was worked," Young Peterkin he cries,

And little Wilhelmine looks up With wonder-waiting eyes.

"Now tell us all about the fake, And how they did the boodle rake."

"Twas speculators," Kaspar said, That first began the scheme, But why the suckers bought the lots I couldn't even dream. But everybody said : 'You bet There's lots of bigger suckers yet.'

" My father lived around here then, And just before the smash

They came along and bought him out For fifty thousand cash;

He lost it trying to make more, Which left him poorer than before.

" The township then was overrun By speculatin' hordes,

They throwed the farmers' fences down, An' stuck up these here boards ;

Across the fields where harvests grew They run their 'street' and 'avenue.'

"They say it was a tough old time After the boom had bust, For many thousand suckers then Had neither cash nor trust.

But all such things, you know, must come After a speculative boom.

" Much cash the real estate men won, And each smart go-between."

"Why, 'twas a very wicked thing,"

Said little Wilhelmine.

"Not so, young female-don't presume, It was a most successful boom

SOUR GRAPES.

POOR ACTOR-" I think the encore nuisance might easily be abolished if only the actors would never respond to such demands. I never do."

MANAGER-" And I suppose it is the knowledge of your sentiments on the matter which restrains the public from asking you."



GRIP

COOKING DONE TO ORDER

FINANCIAL CHEF FOSTER FRYING THE FAT OUT OF THE FARMER, THE ARTIZAN AND THE GENERAL CONSUMER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROTECTED MANUFACTURER.



THE MOURNING AFTER.

STERN EMPLOYER (to Clerk who has come in late after holiday) -'' Well, sir ? "

CLERK-" No sir, not quite!"

AN ODD TRICK.

TARIFF tinkering is a queer business, anyhow. Playing cards, because they are the devil's picture books, are taxed with an import duty of six cents per pack, while devotional cards for use of Sunday schools, because they are opposed to the devil and all his works, have to pay twenty per cent. with six cents per pound added. Is this according to Hoyle?



Church, Chicago, who appears at the Metropolitan Church on Thursday evening of this week. Master K., who is just eleven years old, has the face as well as the voice of an angel, and if his juvenile beauty and heavenly singing do not break a few feminine hearts it will be a fortunate accident.

EVERYBODY will be glad to know that Mr. George Kennan is to return and lecture in this city on May 15th, 16th and 17th. To the efforts of this noble friend of liberty is mainly due the revolt against Russian tyranny that is now spreading over the civilized world. The Czar is powerful, but Kennan with GRIP at his back, will down him yet.

IF there are any of our readers who have not heretofore been familiar with the name of Edward Lloyd, let them make a note of the fact that the gentleman in question is England's greatest tenor, with the possible exception of Mr. Sims Reeves only. It is contended by some leading critics that even this exception cannot be made. Llovd sings at the Pavilion on May 5th.

THE attractions at the theatres this week are:-

GRAND-Mr. Sol. Smith Russell in his characteristic comedies. Everybody knows and loves this genial humorist, who is always welcome in Toronto.

JACOBS-Mr. Gus Hill and his amusing specialty company in a variety programme.

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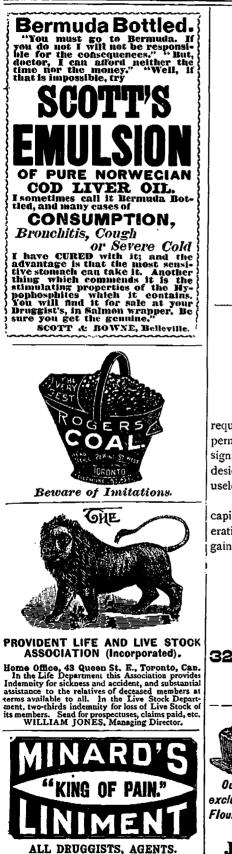
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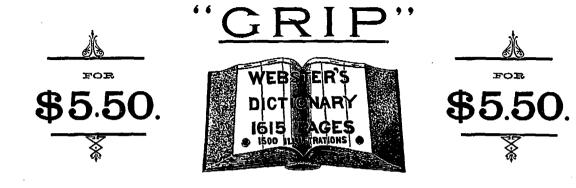
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