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**EDITOR'S NOTE.**

ORIGINAL contributions will always be welcome. All such intended for current No. should reach **GRIP** office not later than Wednesday. Articles and Literary correspondence must be addressed to the Editor, **GRIP** office, Toronto. Rejected manuscripts cannot be returned.

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TORONTO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1876.

## Answers to Correspondents.

GRIP will be delighted to have an occasional favor for his columns from the vivacious SERAPHINA.

### From Our Box.

THE GRAND.—*Nicholas Nickleby* is put on with more skill and acted better than any play of the season. Mr. SPACKMAN makes a capital *Squeers*, and *Ralph Nickleby* is the best acting Mr. FARWELL has yet exhibited. The boys are well trained and take their brimstone and treacle with humorous manifestations of disgust. Mr. ROBERTS gives a spirited representation of young *Nickleby*. Mrs. MARLOWE is first-rate as *Miss Squeers* and goes into raptures over Mr. ROBERTS'S legs, which they are perhaps scarcely calculated to elicit from a less impressionable young lady. The horses are conscientious artists and never require the prompter's aid. Mr. RIGGS, the well-known Irish comedian comes next week.

THE ROYAL.—The large and fashionable audiences assembled in this elegant theatre nightly since its re-opening amply testify that even a financial depression will not prevent the citizens of Toronto from adequately recognizing clever management and good performances. BOUCICAULT'S sporting drama, *The Flying Scud* has been performed during the week with exceptional success. This is owing largely to the acting of Mr. BELVIL RYAN, who has found in the role of *Nat Gosling*, the old Derby jockey, an opportunity of displaying his rare abilities as an eccentric comedian. The other parts are well sustained, and the jockey ballet and incidental varieties please the house hugely. In this connection, GRIP emphatically excepts the acrobatic performance (or rather assays) of Mr. HARRY GURR and his infant son. It is decidedly cruel looking, and evokes more tears than plaudits. Mr. GURR'S man-fish act should suffice for one family, as it is unique and truly wonderful. ADELAIDE PHILLIPS' Opera Company open at this house next Monday night.

### Prospectus for 1876.

In commencing another year of his existence GRIP, like the other leading journals in Canada, makes no promises—that is no promises which he has any particular intention of fulfilling.

GRIP begs to state however that in the future as in the past, he will carefully eschew all personalities, in which there is no really good point apparent.

In referring to his contemporaries GRIP will not mention by name the supposed writer of an anonymous article, unless he is sure the person named did not write it. Even then GRIP will not ruthlessly expose in his columns a man's name in all its nakedness. He will leave out the vowels, so that no one will be able to complain with justice that his name is dragged into print when in fact it isn't. Thus, if attacking an article in the *Nation* on "The Boston," GRIP will say, "That pensive incendiary Mr. G—LDW—N SM—TH is at it again. He is preaching revolution under the hollow mask of a comparatively innocent dance. He is insidiously sowing the seeds of American sentiment in the minds of our young people. For ourselves we shall, with our latest breath, advocate the British *trois-temps* and Imperial connection." Again an article in the *Mail* on "The lamentable ignorance of Colonists in the matter of Greek Iambics" will be thus alluded to:—"Mr. T. C. P—TT—S—N has not, we are happy to see, withdrawn from the gentleman's journal the sweetening influence of his chastened imagination. We could forgive him his condemnation of the whole country—as being more brutally ignorant than a community of house-breakers, because we do not write Greek Iambics with his facility—but when he adopts towards a particular contributor to this journal a tone which would be inexcusable in a black-beetle memorializing an archangel, we feel that he tramples on the amenities of journalism, and places himself beyond the pale of decent society."

An impression seems to prevail that GRIP draws caricatures, or makes puns on the names of people who are in default with their subscription. To persons who are holding back their subscriptions, under the hope that such is his practice, GRIP begs to state that they are misinformed. Let them pay up at once and then GRIP will see what can be done in the way of making them famous.

### "On the Watch."

DEAR MR. GRIP,

The following poem gives a "full true and particular" account of what occurred in a certain church not a thousand miles from Toronto, and rather less than a hundred years ago.

SERAPHINA.

One Sunday, not so long ago,  
To meeting went myself and beau;  
Though cold the weather was and dreary,  
The preacher, like an auger scorned  
To bore and bore, and never deemed  
His congregation could grow weary.

I took my watch out on the sly—  
A dozen did the same as I—  
Which put the preacher in a passion,  
And rash, with inconsiderate ire:  
"Of my discourse you seem to tire  
I'll preach no more." In some such fashion

He spoke—and with an angry frown,  
He roughly banged the Bible down  
Upon the desk, and closed the cover.  
I hid my face with blushes glowing,  
But Tom, with glance and smile so knowing  
Whispered "I think the pot's boiled over."

### From Grave to Gay.

NOTICE.—GRIP has a job-printing office and is always ready to do work for parties who pay promptly; but hereafter he gives notice that, following the rule observed throughout the *globe*, he will print no caricatures of the proprietor for any man.

### A Leg-al Difficulty.

We are threatened with an action for libel by an elderly fairy, because we ventured to say last week that the general contraction at present prevailing, had even shewn itself in the legs of the Christmas fairies. We are invited to pay \$10,000 for the privilege of making this suggestion. We would sell our own legs for half that sum. Our impression is that our fairy friend cannot recover. The legs of a fairy, once displayed to the public gaze, become, as we believe, public property, members as it were of the body politic. In formulating public sentiment on their proportions we are not transgressing the bounds of journalistic propriety. On the contrary we are fearlessly performing a sacred duty which we conceive we owe to the public. We may state that the following telegraphic communications have passed between ourselves and the leader of the equity bar.

To the Minister of Justice, Ottawa.

Threatened with libel suit by elderly fairy. Defamation of understanding—that is legs. Requested to pay \$10,000. What do you advise us to do?

GRIP.

Office of the Minister of Justice, Ottawa.

Not to pay it. Fee for opinion \$50.

E. BLAKE.

To Grip, Toronto.

A similar statement was sent to another eminent lawyer of the city, with the same question—"What do you advise us to do?"

Answer—Retain me. I have drawn on you for retaining fee, \$100.

J. HILLIARD CAMERON

We are determined to fight out this case to the bitter end. We have instructed our most muscular compositor how to deal with any person attempting to serve papers. In the meantime as we are fighting no mere private battle, but that of the liberty of the press, we cordially invite all friends of free discussion to contribute to THE DEFENCE FUND.

### Medcal's Epitaph.

HE was an old man of Toronto,  
That the Plebs might have had did they want to;  
In office asleep: and now that he's out,  
He has taken that sleep which leaves us in doubt  
As to where the old fellow has gone to.

WILL the Pettit robbery case be tried by a petit jury?

"SIC SEMPER."—The *Mail* says that the Oxford Professor is a "No party-corrector BESTIUS" who "adopts the tone of an archangel slanging a black-beetle." This is an improvement on the slang dictionary. We agree in the black-beetle illustration.



**TORONTO'S NEW BROOM**  
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**Kafoozleum.**

A Canadian society story for Christmas time. (Written expressly for Grip by Mrs. Muddledhead.)

## CHAPTER V.

## AFFIANCED.

Call me pet names love,  
Call me Beelzebub.—SONG.

KAFOOZLEUM had flirted with every officer in the garrison, but she had not as a rule been kissed by any of them on a first meeting. She at first felt inclined to blame herself. She was perhaps indiscreet in consenting to drive by his side till she had been formally introduced to him.

She ventured to glance at the face of her captor, and all thoughts of self-reproach vanished. She was, like all women, irresistibly attracted towards DE SNOB. Long years of dissipation had left their traces upon his countenance, and made him an object of interest in the eyes of the fair.

The fatal spell of the leonine eye many a hapless maiden had acknowledged with a broken heart.

For some time they drove on in silence. DE SNOB had evidently forgotten his companion's presence.

Happening to turn his gaze on her he said suddenly—"What is your name child?"

The first impulse of her untamed nature was to request him to indulge her with as small a quantity of "lip" as the circumstances of the case would permit.

Intercepting a subtle ray from the fatal eye, which would otherwise have harmlessly wasted itself on the Infinite, her purpose melted away.

"MARY ANN SMITH, but those who love me best call me KAFOOZLEUM," she said meekly.

"I had a spotted mare of the same name," he replied with a smile of ineffable sweetness, "we shall be friends."

"And what is your name pray," asked KAFOOZLEUM timidly.

"SNOB."

"I thought so," said KAFOOZLEUM, archly.

"You may call me Gusty—the fellows all call me that," continued DE SNOB, "and I shall call you KAFOOZLEUM. And—well—I suppose we may consider ourselves engaged."

"Thanks very much," said KAFOOZLEUM, her face beaming like that of an illuminated clock. Her heart was too full to allow her to say more.

Poor child! it all seemed like a beautiful dream. Engaged and to a Horse Marine!

## CHAPTER VI.

## THE SLEIGHING PARTY.

Hear the sledges with the belles,  
Giggling belles!

How touching is their weakness for the military swells.

—E. A. POE.

A brilliant assemblage of the first families and of the military of Toronto was gathered on the first stoop of Colonel ROLLINGSTONE'S house.

"Do you think CIS ROLLINGSTONE looks well this afternoon?" asked a stout lady, with the manners of a duchess, of young JACK FLIRTINGTON of the —th.

"No, d—d if I do," was the decided answer.

"Dear, good-hearted boy," said the lady, as she turned away, "CIS has been snubbing him brutally."

CIS ROLLINGSTONE was the daughter of the apoplectic Colonel of the —th.

She was engaged to AUGUSTUS DE SNOB, and also to JACK FLIRTINGTON.

She loved DE SNOB, but knowing the impressionable nature of the man, she thought it judicious to be engaged to a more reliable person at the same time.

She had annoyed JACK by expressing a preference for GUSTY'S sleigh. "When she gets her back up, she is simply infernal," JACK whispered sorrowfully to a young lady whom he was in the habit of making his confidante.

"Did she go for you lively?" was the comforting reply.

At this moment KAFOOZLEUM approached the house. She was a great friend of the ROLLINGSTONES. They did not despise her for being poor; on the contrary they gave her plain sewing, and got her an occasional invitation for a party.

JACK no sooner beheld her than he seized her in both arms and lifting her, struggling and blushing, into his sleigh, kept her a prisoner under the soft buffalo-robe.

The thing was done with rare tact, and yet there was an air of burlesque about the whole affair which threw the well-bred company into convulsions of laughter.

"May I be eternally jiggered if that little JACK FLIRTINGTON will not wear more women's scalps at his belt than any of us," said good-humoured Captain DEVILTREE.

Captain DEVILTREE was considered the most accomplished master of epigram in the garrison.

At this moment the Vice-President of the entertainment gave the signal to start. Amid much jovial squeezing and a little sly kissing the gay calvalcade commenced its journey, amid the cheers of a tribe of Indians who happened to be passing on their way to their hunting grounds.

(To be continued.)

**Lay of a Disgusted Curler.**

AIR:—"My hawk is tired of perch and food."

The sky is blue the wind is calm,  
The air is—faugh!—what folks ca' 'balm.'  
The sun is glowerin' a' the day  
As though it thought the month were May!

Great coats and furs are laid aside.  
An' windows a' are open wide  
Because the weather is so warm—  
A saint o'er sic' affair might storm.

Hoo dreadfu' is the weather mild  
Na cauld enouch to freeze a child!  
Na langer frae the northern pole  
The glorious icy breezes roll.

My broom an' stanes are noo na use,  
Clane cookt is ilka curler's goose—  
Eh! sair I wail my waesome fate  
To find the mercury 58°!

Hech! boot the times are oot o' joint  
Life's one high end they disappoint,  
Sin' ilka boddys proper biz  
To heave the stanes, I trow, it is.

The work whilk Providence assigns  
To man herein ilk day he finds  
'Neath zero breezes blawin' free  
Till eve draws near on wings o' glee.

Then as he tumbles into bed  
An' on the pillows lays his head  
A peacefu' self-approval comes  
To him—like HORNER o'er his plums.

Because the thing he ought to do  
He's done, he kens, the day a' through,  
An' nothing left undone whilk here  
Pertaineth unto duty's sphere!

Then oh, my Sawney! let us pray  
The thaw may end this verra day.  
An' that the mercury may go  
'Neath zero forty steps below.

Then shall our stanes with merry clink  
Gang skippin' o'er the frozen rink.  
All careless o' the ebb o' time  
Proclaimed by steeple's drowsy chime.

**Mechanics' Institutes.**

THE Mechanics' Institute Association of Canada have offered a valuable prize for an essay on "The Best Method of Running Mechanics' Institutes" (or words to that effect). GRIP will not compete for the prize himself, as that would be manifestly unfair to the other aspirants, but he has pleasure in furnishing a few suggestions which may be useful to them in the preparation of their essays.

First then, in reply to the general question under discussion, "What is the best method," etc., he would emphatically say, *the proper method, etc.*

But to be more particular, to secure the success of a Mechanics' Institute, it is desirable that the members should take as little interest in it as possible. These valuable Institutes generally fail because people are so enthusiastic about them.

Secondly. It might tend to the prosperity of Mechanics' Institutes if *bona fide* mechanics joined them occasionally. It would be still better if practical working men could be secured to fill the offices. For instance, a shoemaker for *President*, because he is generally a whole-soled individual, and would shoes his colleagues well. Besides he could give awl his time to the work, and would kip the Institute afloat.

A printer for *Librarian*. He would be a man of letters, and would fill the position capitably. He would keep the books in a proper form and no one could impose on him.

Lectures are likely to advance the cause of Institutes. Have an eye to money in choosing your lecturers. By searching around a little you can generally find one or two professional men with a character bad enough to secure a full house.

Lastly. Don't overlook the Government grant. Contempt for the Government grant kills many Institutes.



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Tenders for Section No. 9, or what is called the "Rock Cut," and Section No. 10 at Lachine, will be received until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on Wednesday the 17th day of January next, plans and specifications for which can be seen at the places above mentioned on and after Wednesday the 5th day of January next.

For other parts of the works tenders will be received until Tuesday the 21st day of March next, and for which plans and specifications can be seen at the respective places above mentioned, on and after Tuesday, the 7th day of March.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that Tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms; and, in the case of firms—except there be attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted bank cheque, or other available security, for the sum of from one to three thousand dollars, according to the extent of work on the section, must accompany each Tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines or fails to enter into contract for the works when called upon to do so, at the rates stated in the offer submitted.

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This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,

Department of Public Works, J. F. BRAUN, Secretary.  
Ottawa, Dec. 23rd, 1875.

# THE WEEKLY SUN.

1876. NEW YORK. 1876.

Eighteen hundred and seventy-six is the Centennial year. It is also the year in which an Opposition House of Representatives, the first since the war, will be in power at Washington; and the year of the twenty-third election of a President of the United States. All of these events are sure to be of great interest and importance, especially the two latter; and all of them and everything connected with them will be fully and freshly reported and expounded in THE SUN.

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