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## Commints an the Cuxtons.



I hope and trust that when we meet in Parliament we may engage
ia debite in a temper and after a fashion suitable to our national dignity and in debate in a temper and after a fashion suitable to our national dignity and regardful of our national unity. (Hear.)

IVe Stand Corracted.-And now it is Mr. Cameron's turn to have his laugh al us. We hope he will magnanimously refrain, however, as it always makes us feel mean to be laughed at. Nevertheless we would rather have the whole country grinning at our axpense than allow an injustice to a good man to stand in our columbs uncorrected. All this has reference to a recent cartoon in which it was intimated (on the strength of evidence produced by the Mail) that Mr. Mackenzie was as guilty of giving away Onlario timber limits as was Sir John Macdonald. The case in point was that of W. J. McAulay to whom the Mackenzic Government issued a permit in' 74 . McAulay had been quoted by Mr. M. C. Cameron as one of John A.'s pets, and when the Mail produced the above fact, giving chapter and verse for it from the pullic records, we decmed it a fair shot at the Hon. Alex. We now find that the Afail wickedly concealed from ts a prior fact of some importance, to wit, that this Mr. McAulay had made his application to Sir John in 1872, and on the strength of Sir John's word, had hy 1574 erceted sawnills and involved himself in other expense. Mr. Mackenzic issued the patent in '74 because he considered Sir John's promise to have hound the honor of the Crown; and furthermore, in granting the patent he carcfully inserted a clause to guatd any righis which the l'rovince of Ontario might be found to have. There is nothing for "s to do now but "take it all back" so far as Mr. Mackenzie is coneerned, and we do so without hesitation. Let our brother of the Mail do likewise.

Mr. J. D. Edgar Retudiates:-
That famous doggerel campaign song,
"Ontario. Ontario!
To J. D. Edgar don't belong,
"Ontario, Ontario!
For Mr. Edgar writes to say-
(Vide the ifail the other day)-
"Ontario, Ontario!"
ExTRADITION.-Diplomacy is a high and mysterious thing that ordinary mortals who do not wear gold lace cannol hope to understand. The popular idea is that diplomacy is a roundabout way of not doing any given thing. The long continuance of the present disgraceful state of affairs between Canada and the United States in the matter of surrendering fugitive criminals is wholly owing to the red-tapeism of the circumbocution offices of the respective countries. There is no reason why an extradition trenty worlly of modren civilization, and covering every species of crime outside of purely political offences, could not be arranged in a day if a commission of two-a plain, common-sense citizen of each country-were appointed to arrange it.

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THE Grits very properly objected when Sir John relegated to a Committee of the House the task of framing a temperance law, which should have been honestly introduced as a Government measure. They said the wily old fellow did this to escape ministerial responsibility. So he did; but what of Oliver Mowat and his Government shirking thuir responsibility by getting the readers of the Globe to formulate the necessary amendments to the Crooks Act? This is going a step further than John A., for he, at least, confined his committee to nembers of the House.


MR. R. J. BURDETTE was royally received by his journalistic brethren of Toronto on the occasion of his visit last week, and his lecture on Tuesday evening was as witty and brilliant and as well attended as Grip anticipated. Burdette is a prince of good fellows, and deserved all the patronage he received. The local press men are greatly indebted to their big-hearted president, Mr. J. Ross Robertson, for so gracefully doing the honors of host on their behalf. Burdette will travel a long distance before he finds him-
self in better hands than those of the genial Telegrant man.

THE American humorist was dined at the Club, driven around the city, fired down the toboggan slide, and otherwise well used. He was, of course, introduced to all the local lions, amongst the rest to our worthy Lieut.-Governor. It was a pleasant sight to see the little funny-man shaking hands with the lordly John Beverley. Looked just like the picture of "Dignity and Impudence "-only the figure of John Ross in the background dreamily pondering on previous meetings he had with Mr. Robinson, gave a tinge of tragedy to the scene.
SPEAKING of the Lieut.-Governor, we hear it rumored that Sir John Macdonald doesn't see his way to granting his Honor a second term. This will be regretted by all who have noted Mr. Robinson's demeanor during his incumbency, regardless of their political leanings. The office was never more ably filled; and few of Ontario's governors have been so popular personally. Throughout his term Mr. Robinson has displayed not only a thorough knowledge of his constitutional functions, but a special aptitude for the social duties of the position. We only hope his successor may be as good.

0NE of our Lower Province exchanges comes to us each week with the motto: "Notre langue, notre réligion et nos coutumes." Not knowing a word of French, we carried this to a scholar of our aquaintance who has made a special study of the Canadiens. He refused to cranslate it for us. "You write to the editor of that paper," said he, " and tell him that the sooner he does away with all three the better it will be for his people." "But what does it mean ?" we asked. "It is," he repiied, "a phrase which might be freely translated-Why zoe stick in the mud."

WE commend the following facts to the consideration of "A," the author of a rubbishy letter in the last issue of the Week. 1st. No sane Christian that we know of proclaims it to be a "sin" to take a glass of wine. 2nd. The object of Prohibition is not to reform men morally, but to defend society. It is not a sin to build a wooden house within the fire limits, but there is a law on our books totally prohibiting this (in itself) innocent act. Perhaps "A" can get this through his tangled wool if he tries hard.

## MUTTON.

## To the Editor of the Mail.

Sir,-I have now been in Canada about a month, and have dined at several hotelis, but have not yet seen any mutton on the table, which I, as an Englishman, think strange. Beef and mutton are English people's chief food, and a farmer without his flock of sheep is going down hill in that country. Yours, etc.,

Old England.
You may think it strange, "Old England," but it's not. You see, we in Canada are high-toned to a degree, and we rather turn up our colonial noses at mutton. We content ourselves in winter with turkey, goose, hashed venison, and oysters, and wait until spring for our lamb with mint sauce. An English "farmer without his flock of sheep is going down hill," is he? Why, farmers in this country often go down hill without their sheep, if the latter are not trained to follow them. But what has that to do with the question, anyhow?


Ar the Grand Opera House the Variety Company from the Howard Atheneum, of Boston, have furnished fun and laughter all week. This company has a high reputation to maintain, and its patrons may always be sure of the full worth of their money.

Haverly's American-European Minstrels are at the Pavilion Music Hall, where, as a matter of course, they are playing to enormous houses. They remain to the end of the week, with a Saturday matinee, and all who wish to see minstrelsy at the apex of its possibilities (and who can manage to get in) ought to seize this opportunity. The Cragg family (acrobats) are simply marvellous, and every feature is first-class in its way.

## JACK'S EGG HUNT.

IN TWO STUGGLES.-II.
But the eggs ; how have they fared during the affray ? Cautiously feeling with both hands, Jack finds that the hat has been overturned and that eleven may with safety be taken. The balance lie direct in his path, and from the pungent odor they exhale he concludes that some of them were "old enough to vote."

On he goes again, over the broken eggs, which leave their mark on his jacket as he worms himself along. What about that? It isn't half as bad as the scratched face.

He has passed the threshing floor in safety now, though all the while on the watch for snakes and setting hens. His spirits rise as he sees the glimmering "boy-hole" in the distance, but his woes are not over yet.

Just as he carefully places the old hat and its precious burden beyond a sleeper, and is on his way after it, he thinks he hears a hiss. A thrill of horror shoots through him and up goes his head like a flash. The next moment he sees numberless fireworks, and down he goes on his face, howling in agony. And no wonder if he howls, seeing that his tongue is badly bitten and his unfortunate head almost cracked open! But the snake? Bless your soul! the chances are there wasn't a snake within half a mile.

On once more, but more cautiously, for he is firmly resolved that, hen or no hen, snake or no snake, he won't get burt again. Presently he comes to a full stop, and, upon investigating, finds that he cannot pass this sleeper; that, in fact, the only passage-way is at the other side of the barn. This encourages him so much that he drops the hat and groans aloud.

He lies there and thinks; thinks of the bright sunlight outside, the old dog behind the kitchen, the birds whose twittering he can faintly hear, and the cattle down in the pasture. He wonders if he will ever see these again, if he will ever get out of this horrible place, and is almost persuaded that he never will.

Suddenly a hollow, far-away voice reaches and rouses him. He can barely distinguish the words, emphatic

though they be: "Goodness, Jack! what in the world's keeping you ?"
Growling out a reply, that reaches the opening in the shape of an indistinguishable murmur, he proceeds on his way, and without further mishap arrives at the hole, and crawling through it, raises himself sadly to his feet.
"Good gracious, what a sight!" is the exclamation that greets him ; followed by, "Why, half these eggs are rotten!"

No word of sympathy, no kindly remark to soothe his wounded spirit, nothing. Is it to be wondered at, as he gazes upon his tattered, egg-stained jacket, and thinks of his scratched and dirty face, his bruised head, his motefilled eyes and grimy hair, and feels the smart of his lacerated tongue and numerous wounds, that life seems a sham and a hollow mockery ?

But mark that boy an hour later, as, clothed and in his right mind, he sits by the kitchen window and munches away at a huge triangle of custard pies, given him by that self-same sister. All thoughts of the barn and its horrors have faded into nothingness, and the world is roseate :!gain.

Perkins Middlewick.

## SUMMING 'EM UP.

Some men are like a looking-glass, their refections are cnesided and flat.

Some men are like needles-they go through a great leal of work, but they have to be pushed.

Some men never settle up until they settle down.
Some men are too high-toned to get down to work.
Some men have to go round to square up. The square man is always 'round at the proper time.
Some men are liberal minded, always giving their friends a piece.

## HIDDEN FEELINGS.

I felt her presence everywhere, Altho', perchance, I saw her not ; If flt it in the evening air, Or waltzing in the ball-room hot ;
I fell, indeed, she was my fate, My dream, the object of my life;
I felt my love would not abaie Till I could call her my dear wife; I felt her fair left hand that fumbled, When it grabbed my watch of gold :
I felt 'twas time that I had tuinbled,
And now I feel that I've been sold.

## MODEL HASH-HOUSE.

We learn among other important news by cable from over the seas, that Captain Barton, late of the staff of Gen. Grant, has been charged by his boarding "missus" at Gordon Square, London, where he had been living on the "European " plan, for 23 quarts of milk, 4 bushels of potatoes, assumed to be consumed in one week. This the gallant captain thought rather too too, but when the "missus" brought a bill against him for \$50 for "condiments and the use of the cruets" for one month, he kicked, and disputed the claim in a court of law, but had to pay, all the same, according to the verdict of the jury, who looked, so the capting says, as if they "didn't know enough to come in when it's raining." Perhaps it is conduct like this on the part of landladies "ait 'ome" that inspires so many young gentlemen from the old country with a determination to beat their grub houses here. Grip thinks he has found out at last the reason of that peculiar idiosyncracy on the part of the imported swell.
B.


We are in receipt of a great many complimentary letters on our change of dress, and in an early issue will place a number of these kindly expressions before our readers.

Mr. Gilland, one of Puck's cartoonists, has retired from that journal-probably for a European tour, as that is customary with the Puck swells. His chair is ably occupied by Mr. J. A. Wales, whose pencil helped to enliven Puck in earlier days.

Grip, the humorous paper of Canada, has discarded the ghastly green cover and the inadequate eight-page form of former days, and has blossomed out as a humorous paper equal to the best one on this side. It is now sixteen pages, and is modelled in shape after Life, of New York, and its sprightly and excellent Western rival, the Rambler, of Chicago. Grip's central cartoon is good. It will be remembered that Sir John Macdonald was elected a member of the Honorable Company of Turners in London. On that occasion he defended the Lower Canadians against the charges of disloyalty made against them. Grip represents the agile Sir John as the Master Turner turning a somersault from a rug labelled "Caustic For the Bleus," to another labelled "'raffy For the Bleus." -Buffalo Courier.


SECTIONAL VIEW OF THE NEW REFORM CLUB.
(1)rawn from designs furnished by the Editor of the Mail.)

## QUERY.

If an artilleryman's boy were to call you a "son of a gun," could he take offence at your retorting that he was "a son of a gunner?"

## CALGARY.

## (is A DEMENTED LAND GRABMER.

Cone my love and hy with me,
To the orange groves and the deep lagoons-
To the verilant vales of Calgaree,

- Where the Oriole's wice in phantive tunes,

Comes warbling from the tamarac branch, And from the tall magnolia tree.
Oh, come my love, come 10 my ranch, That rests in the loundless per-a-rec ; The heaming blizaard will welcome thee, And likewise the thermometer, Down to the 45 th degree
Below, and the bulifilo with his fur,
If he's got any left, will bow his knee,
If you come, my love, to Calgaree.

MUSIC.
The famous American prima donna, Mlle. Emma Nevada, will appear here in grand concert at the Pavilion on Monday evening, February ist, when she will be assisted by the following artistes: Mons. Edmund Vergnet, tenor ; Sig. Carlo Buti, baritone; Sig. Luigi Casati, violinist; Sig. Gustave Lewita, pianist ; and Sig. Giorga, musical director. The plan is now open at Nordheimer's.

The seventh concert of the Monday Popular series was well attended notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. Madam Carolina Zeiss was the vocalist. She has a remarkably powerful voice and apparently revels in fortissimo passages, much to the terror of the front seat occupants. Her rendering of Sullivan's "I ost Chord" was very fine, and equally so the same composer's "Let me drean again," which she gave as an chlore. Mr. F. H. Torrington and Sig. Neopolitano assisted the Quartette in one number with good effect. The music selected for the instruments was more severe than usual, but was played in a masterly manner.

Ar last we have heard the violin played. Now we know what that instrument is capable of ; we are now aware that it possesses a soul all but human, and can sway the emotions of man (and woman) at its will. In other words, we have heard Mons. Ovide Musin, an artist who stands amongst the very first in the musical world and whom it is to be 'Toronto's privilege to hear shortly again, as he and his company are to appear at the last Monday "Pop" of this season. Beside M. Musin, on the occasion referred to, stood M. Godowsky, an almost equally great master of the piano, though but a youth of ninetcen. Those who failed to hear these marvellous artists may be congratulated that are to have one more chance.

- He came into the ladies' waiting room and sat down, pulling away vigorously at his meerschaum. Soon an employee entered.
"Don't you see that notice, No Smoking; Allowen?"
" Well, can't I smoke still?"
"Not when it annoise the ladies."
He felt quite put out when the employee fired him. Now, when he wishes to smoke in the ladies' waitingroom he goes to the smoking room.

Consolation hought.-A rainy day is the best business day for the umbrella man.


## SIGNING FOR THE FIGHT.

"The Government says it (the Metis case)-is reserved for Parliament. Be it so."-Blake's Speech at London. d

## AT THE COFFEE HOUSE

Rusticus was hungry. She handed him the bill of fare and stood waiting for tis order.
"What's this, morning paper ?"
"No, it's the bill of fare."
"Well, you just tell the boss I'll settle when I get through and not afore. He don't get no bill out of me till I've had my grub. Now hustle about, will ye."

She explained what the bill of fare was, and took his order for soup. He then began to spell out the rest of the mentu. A stranger came in and sat down opposite. The soup arrived, and as he laid down the bill the stranger reached his hand across the table.
"Menu?"
"Yes, stranger, I gucss me and you is in for it," said he, shaking his hand with vice-like grip, "and I guess we've got our work cut out for us too, only there's enough on that paper for a dozen hungry men, but I guess I'm good for my half-how are you ?"

The stranger winced a bit, but said, "What! you are not going through the whole course, are you ?"
"Isn't it on the bill ?"
"Yes, but-_"
"Well, when I undertake a job I go through it, and I'm go'n' through the hull concern as a matter of course —or bust!"

The stranger subsided. When Rusticus was half way through the bill he stopped, heaved a little sigh, just a little, for it had not far to come or much room for preparation. He slowly got up and as he walked away he said :-
"Well, stranger, I'll just go ont and walk about the town a bit. I'll be back to finish up after a while. I had a pretty good breakfast afore I left home, or I'll be durned ef 1 couldn't finish here now at one sitting, but I'll be back; there's nothin' mean about me."


## NATURE ABHORS, ETC.

Frunizuas.-'Morning, old man, how are you ? fobblesun.-Oh, I've got a shocking cold in the head.
Fitminivas. - Well, that's better than nothing, you know!

## THE BIRDS.

## by a tranir.

Ther say the hirds will come again, With plunage bright and voices gay,
When wild rose decks the rustic lane,
And sweelly bloom the flowers of May;
The blue-jay on decaying beech,
The tomit and the small pec-wee,
The rolin, owl, and night-hawk, each
The poet loves, but as for me,
The birds may all go to the deuce, I would have turkey or roast goose. I say, let thein go to the dickens,
For what are they to nice spring chickens?
Their songs may till the ambient air, But I'd be filled with stronger fare, And being now quite short of cash,
I'll go and get my humble hash.

## NEMESIS !

Mr. Ginm was an elderly citizen, rather comfortable in flesh and otherwise, and had arrived at that age of life when it is easier to lie down than rise up. Mr. Grim was a born critic ; he criticized the doings of the mayor and aldermen in a way that made the listener wonder why he had not long ago been elected to the civic chair. He was peculiarly set against the by law compelling citizens to shovel off the snow from the sidewalk in front of their own doors. This he denounced in unmeasured terms as a piece a tyranny worthy of the Czar of Russia, and to show his sincerity he religiously abstained from attempting to touch, either with broom or shovel, the snow that fell for twenty-four hours steadily.

On cither side of his house door, far as the eye could reach-and broken only by unshovelled crossings-the sidewalk stretched, safe and clean swept; the pedestrians stepped out briskly about their various daily business, until happening to pass in front of Grim's house, an involuntary swear voiced the annoyance of the retarded passerby. The neighbors hinted, protested and complained. He was "hauled up" and fined; but all untouched by him the snow lay foul and down trodden in front of his door. He had said it, and he would stick to it, it was the duty of the city to see that the streets were kept clear, and he would not encourage or submit to any such tyranny. One evening he set out to Lodge. It was drizzling slightly when Grim set out on this particular evening; the snow in front of his door was slushy as he stepped down and out. But he had scarcely got inside the lodge when Nemesis, who had been pursuing him unseen, gave the signal for his punishment. Midnight boomed out from the city spires, the city was asleep; only a foot-fall here and there broke the frosty silence. One o'clock! two o'clock! $\Lambda$ foot-fall, interspersed with the dot and carry one of a stick, broke the echoes into life-a figure, stout, elderly, and manifestly unsteady, came stamping up the street that led to Grim's door. Nearer, and yet nearer-it was Grim returning. Safely and surely he swaggered along, till stepping on the now glassy patch in front of his own door, down he went-his heels in the air, his stick ditto, and his skull striking the ice with the crack of doom!

Morning dawned, clear and cloudless, the sun rose up out of the lake, up over the city, up over Grim's chimney -and there beheld Grim, stark and lifeless, lying on his unshovelled snow!

Counterfeit jokes are those that do not pass for very good sense.


MR. J. D. EDGAR REPUDIATES !
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And wo shall mon lave snow.
Father, hadn't you better get me a pair of Wat "Est LE Cu's lace boots': They have some beautice :it their own make, just fit crers troy that goes, ami : invire all guing."
"IIstao! Charlic. What's the matter?" "My "arus and ingrowing hail are nearly killing me:" "Why don't you go to Prot. Davidson, 71 Yonge St. (4.) Kimir St, he remsves them at once without pain the eured minc."

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