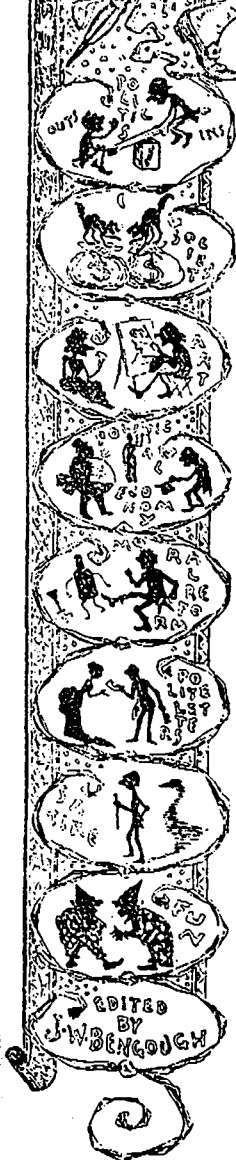


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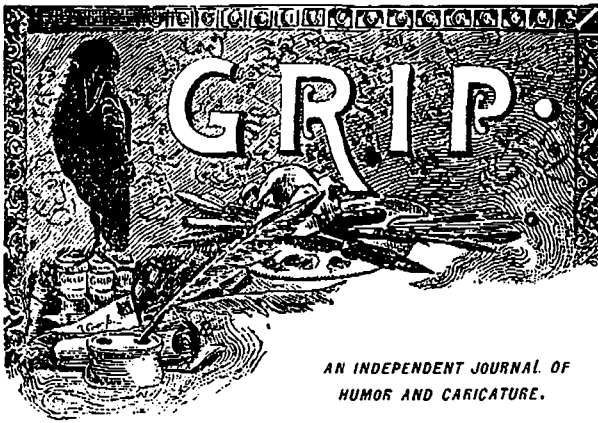


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THE CIVIC PUDDING.

MRS. TORONTO.—“Why, Eddie, I’m astonished; calling for a *third* helping, and poor Johnnie hasn’t had a taste yet!”

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Comments on the Cartoons.



A TICKLISH MOUNT. — The *Mail* congratulates itself that in his speech at London a few days ago Mr. Meredith accepted the Equal Rights programme in its entirety. Our contemporary is a little too sanguine. Mr. Meredith squinted in that direction, but he really said nothing that cannot be taken back or explained away if occasion should demand it. Meanwhile we are not aware that he has uttered any rebuke to the Conservative convention which recently rejected Mr. Hughes as candidate be-

cause he insisted that the Equal Rights platform should be officially accepted. The fact seems to be that Mr. Meredith is turning over in his mind the *pros* and *cons* of the matter, but has not as yet committed himself to any positive course. He is booted and spurred, and is giving the Equal Rights horse careful examination, but he is not yet in the saddle, nor does he propose to put himself there until he is convinced that it will not endanger his political neck to do so.

THE CIVIC PUDDING.—Mr. Clarke has made an excellent mayor, and no doubt Ald. John McMillan would fill the position with equal ability. The only question which really comes up in

connection with the contest is as to the judiciousness of giving to any mayor a third term. When the late President Grant was spoken of as a candidate for the third time, the cry of Caesarism was raised against him, and the arguments by which it was effectively supported might be used in the present case. There are, of course, good arguments in favor of a third term in the case of a public officer who has done good service and promises to be still more useful in the future; and these will be stronger in favor of a fourth, fifth and sixth term. It really comes to a personal question as between Messrs. Clark and McMillan. John has long had his eye on the chair, awaiting the opportunity to round off his civic career with a term on the dais; Edward has already enjoyed two years of the chief magistracy, while at the same time he holds a seat in the Legislature. This is a little juggling, as between man and man, but of course the selection must be made as between man and city.



REMARKABLY devious are the ways of politicians. A gentleman learned in the law (a well known Conservative) recently made a terrific attack upon the Government at an anti-Jesuit meeting in one of the eastern counties of Ontario. As it was generally supposed that he was aspiring to a county judgeship or something of that sort, much surprise was expressed at his impolitic conduct. An acquaintance, whom he believed to be a good John A. man (but who was really a Grit), hinted this to him. "Don't trouble yourself about that, my boy," was his cheerful rejoinder, "*I was sent there by the Government to make that speech!*" The fact that his appointment was duly gazetted a few days ago lends confirmation to this rather astounding statement.

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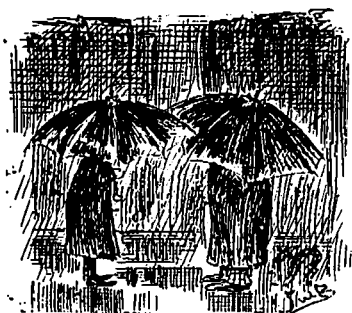
GRIP is highly gratified to note that the notion of taking over the street railway franchise as city property at the expiration of Senator Smith's lease seems to find universal support among the alderman at present in the Council. It is to be hoped the new men will be of the same mind. The day is fast coming when the foolishness of giving up valuable public rights to the hands of private monopolies will be apparent to all, and Henry George's common sense maxim that all businesses which are in the nature of things monopolies, should be controlled by and for the whole community, will be accepted and acted upon. It will be easy to decide as to the best method of dealing with the street railway when it comes into the city's possession. The great thing at present is to make sure we will get it. Our new council will have to be wide-awake on the question.

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IT is enough to raise a superior smile on the Canadian countenance to notice the desperate struggle now being carried on by reformers in the United States to secure the balloting system which we have long enjoyed as an accomplished fact. And it is enough to change that smile into an expression of amazement to contemplate for a moment the mockery of a system which our Yankee friends have so long put up with—a veritable invention of the Bribery Bosses. Now that public opinion is directed to the question, the ballot-peddling, machine-made scheme will not last much longer.

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NORTH Dakota doesn't propose to have any foolery with the whiskey business. The new law, to come into effect in July next, punishes the first offence with a fine of from \$200 to \$1,000 and imprisonment for at least ninety days; second offence, State's prison, without the option of a fine. Rum shops are proclaimed as public



"CANADA'S CHRISTMAS."

DUNLEY—"G'd evening. Merry Christmas to you,"

GRUMLEY—"Oh, come, that sounds too ironical. *Merry*, indeed! Look at the weather!"

DUNLEY—"All the more reason for *wishing* it, isn't there?"

nuisances, which it is the duty of the sheriff to suppress. This gratifying action of the new State we read of in a special despatch in the *Globe*. The article just below it begins with the significant words, "Go and do likewise," but we regret to say *this* advice has reference to a certain hair-dye.

LET no man, however pretty or witty, get into the city council this year who is not sound on the Viaduct question. The big battle between Toronto and the railway corporations is to be won or lost in 1890. If the viaduct idea is thrown aside and the scheme of high level bridges substituted, it means that the ratepayers of this city will have to spend just about the same amount of money, while losing for all time the control of the water front and laying up for the future a stock of troubles that no man can now fully compute. Don't—*don't*, DON'T vote for any candidate who is not for the viaduct straight, square and solid!



DISCUSSION has sprung up about the propriety of allowing the civic office-holders to vote in municipal elections. There is nothing to discuss about it, so far as we can see. They should *not* vote. Being dependent for their places upon mayor and aldermen, they cannot be expected to exercise their franchise in a free and independent manner, and anything which makes it difficult to do this is out

of accord with the spirit of our institutions. When it is remembered that in this city the officials form a large proportion of the voting population, the necessity for such a reform is emphasized.

IF it were possible to spread before the people a full statement of the sums given annually for charitable purposes by New York's business men, the list would be so stupendous that contemplation of it might knock some sense into the head of the most rabid capital-hater of the Anti-Poverty Society." This sentence, from *Puck*, is as destitute of sense as *Puck* himself is of clothes. The Anti-Poverty Society has no quarrel with charity—it only says that charity will never cure the injustice which is the fountain-head of want. The stupendous sums which are given annually, as *Puck* boasts, have apparently been given in vain. It is a perpetual filling of Pandora's box,

and goes to prove the truth of the Anti-Poverty Society's contention.

THEN, again, it is a display of vulgar ignorance to speak of that society as "capital-hating." It has no quarrel with capital. It regards Capital and Labor as twin brothers, by whose joint efforts, applied to the raw material of nature, all wealth is created. Its quarrel is with a system which authorizes idleness, in the form of land monopoly, to rob both capital and labor of their just reward. We charge *Puck* nothing for this rudimentary information.

CROAKS FROM GRIP'S BASKET.

BY P. M'ARTHUR.

A SHARP ANSWER.

MISS PRICILLA PRIM.—"Why do you say when referring to your work that you grind jokes?"

MR. JOCLAR JAGGS.—"Because I'm always trying to give my paragraphs point."

PROFESSIONAL JEALOUSY.

WINGER.—"Has Thumper's play been put on the boards yet?"

THESPIA.—"No. It has only been put before the bored."

THEY ARE PREPARING ALREADY.

MRS. SIDEROAD.—"Yeh are goin' teh town to-day, aren't yeh, John?"

MR. SIDEROAD.—"Umph, humph."

MRS. SIDEROAD.—"Well, bring home about twenty poun's of brown sugar. We'll have to begin gettin' ready our maple syrup."

MR. SIDEROAD.—"How much ole maple sugar have we?"

MRS. SIDEROAD.—"Oh, I dunno exactly. About enough to flavor thirty gallons, I guess."

A LOGICAL EXPLANATION.

PROFESSOR OF LITERATURE.—"Isn't it strange that we should be more susceptible to the passion of love in the spring than at any other time of the year?"

PROFESSOR OF METAPHYSICS.—"Not at all, my dear fellow. It is owing to the association of ideas. Everything about us looks softer and sloppier then than in any other season."

YES AND NO.

BIGBEE.—"Were you in when Snooper called to-day?"

DETROW.—"In one way I was and in another I wasn't."

BIGBEE.—"What do you mean?"

DETROW.—"Well, I was in my office when he called, but I was out ten dollars when he left."



A GREEN CHRISTMAS.



CHRISTMAS IN A ROMAN HOUSEHOLD.

(FROM AN ANCIENT FREEZE.)

VINDHER!

AN ODE BY KARL KUMPOIL.

ACH, Vindher!
 A-a-ach! A-a-a-chew!!
 Py chiminy, you vas pooty mighty colt
 Somedimes!
 I kess meppe more as dot—chen'lly all der while,
 Aind dot so, chentlemen?
 Veel, ve'll haven a dhrink on it.
 Oh, don't I vish I could peen
 A shnow-pird,
 Mit leedle white vings und habby chirp!
 Dot shmall picheon vot dey use
 At shoodin' matches, you know,
 Dem shnow pirds vas contemptid mit der loit,
 Aber I vas not quite dot vay.
 For you see, mine vrient,
 I solt me dot lot
 To a spooklader last veek,
 Und, py kracious!
 Auf dot lot don't gone up
 Dree hund't tollars already yust nôw
 Ach, Vindher!
 Dot vas all on 'count you!
 In vindher dimes I losen to hear
 Der shnow gomin' down
 Und to seen der vind
 Plowin' everydings like romt among
 Der dall drees mitout any leaves on!
 I say, it's pooty dough on der drees
 Ven dey don't got some leaves on, I kess.
 Auf I was der drees
 I vouldn't shtand it!
 Aber vat vas Vindher
 But choy und colt und cladness!
 Gris'mas drees und shlippery sidewalks!
 Pracing air und pig icocles vallin' down your pack!

A dime to lofe,
 A dime to shvear,
 A dime to onchoy shlcebin' nature,
 A dime to dhrink somedings hot!

You get ub in der morning,
 Und you look outen der window
 Und see der great sun rise
 In all his peauty—
 Den you feel dere vas someding
 Vort lifing in lif for.
 Ven you go down shtairs

You vint a b'leeceman
 Mit a summonses,
 Pecause you didn't
 Vipe auf your sidewalk!
 Ach, Vindher!
 I bade you vas a raxel,
 Aber I lofe you der same all der vile.
 Ven I dink me aboud dem
 shleighin' barties,
 Dem drifes under soft moonlight
 Away in der pack downshib ouid,
 O, den I shmile yust like an anchel.
 How nice to drife dot vay
 Und haf some else von
 Do der drifin',
 While you vas behind mit Lena,
 Und der drifer don't could seen!
 Ach, Vindher!
 Somedimes you gome in slices,
 Offer dot you abbear in chunks,
 Next year ve get der whole cake!
 Aber, you pchavin' mineself,
 Und get on mit pizness,
 Und drifen der poys to mine sholoon,
 Und frozen shtiff some coal-men und
 blumbers—
 Und maken ice sheap next summer—
 Vell, you behaven like dot
 Und you can shtay.
 Odervisdom, git ouid!
 You hear me, Vindher?

T. T.

HORRIBLE RUFFIANISM AT A CLUB.

"YES, Maria," said Mr. Plugwinch to his wife, as he drew on his slippers, "we had a lively time at the club last night over the election of officers. You see, Weedelsnick and McChogger were nominated for the presidency, and it was just nip an' tuck atween 'em. Weedelsnick had a little the best show, but Joe Jagers was down on him like thunder, because, you see, Weedelsnick pulled his leg when he was running for alderman."

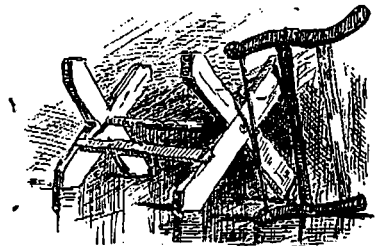
"Pulled his leg!" said Mrs. Plugwinch. "How very rude of him."

"Yes," resumed Plugwinch, without heeding the interruption, "so Jagers was bound to knife him if he could."

"Gracious, George! what a shameful thing! And did you have him arrested?"

"Well, no; you can't arrest a man for that, you know. But, as I was saying, he set out to down Weedelsnick. Oh, I tell you it was a lively fight. When the ballots were counted and Weedelsnick was declared elected, Jagers began to kick like a steer, but some of the boys jumped on him with both feet. Then Bill Blathers got the floor and chewed his neck for a while—laid him out in great shape."

"Oh, George, what a horrible, disgusting set of ruffians! Don't tell me anything more about it. I don't see how you can associate with such depraved villians."



OUR ARTIST'S HORSE AND CUTTER.

BEAUTIES OF NATURE—AND ENGLISH.

FAR, far above, in the azure bright,
Soars with rapid wing the circling kight;
Scanning with hungry eyes the scene
Spread out below; while his body Icene
He longs to stuff:
But of him enuff.

Turn we now to those fair drooping boughs,
Beneath which feed the patient coughs,
And hark, as a naturalist nat'rally does,
To the song of the bees as they softly boes
From flower to flower,
All the happy hower.

E. W. L.

A PIANO PRODIGY.

EDITOR OF GRIP—SIR,—Attracted by the fulsome announcements, I went to hear Otto Hegner, the "wonderful child pianist." I cannot say I was very much disappointed, for, to tell the truth, Otto is a smart little boy, and really played very well indeed. But, sir, I am a Canadian patriot, and I protest against the over-much encouragement of foreign

industry—I suppose piano playing may be called an industry when it is a matter of business—to the detriment of home labor—piano playing is certainly *labor* in some cases. Now, there is my little son Alfred John, only ten years of age—two years less than little Hegner. You never see a word about him in the papers, and his remarkable talents are never the topic of conversation in polite society, and yet, sir, he has a most wonderful taste for the piano. Every time the parlor door is left open the cute little fellow is in there, perched up on the stool and pounding away at the ivory like a real grown-up professor. He has the same trick as Hegner of slipping off the stool so as to reach the notes at the end of the key-board, and I can truly say his touch is, if anything, heavier than that of the little German. I have no ear for music myself, but I am sure Alfred John plays *tunes*. They sound to me like high classical music—flats, sharps and things all mixed up together, you know, without any connection to speak of. How he ever came to learn them I can't imagine. It's a case of pure genius, sir. So great is his passion for the piano that he goes at it regardless of the condition of his hands, which are frequently daubed over with jam or molasses, and when he gets carried away with the divine afflatus he throws his soul into the work to such an extent that he

has broken about a dozen of the keys. Knowing you to be the generous patron of native talent—and especially of talent which takes an artistic direction, I thought it my duty to bring this marvellous Canadian prodigy to the knowledge of the public. Yours, etc.,

ALFRED JOHN SQUIRK, SR., (*His father.*)

A LITERARY STAR.

PLUGWINCH—"I am a great admirer of Saltus' novels. It is the best work of the kind done now-a-days. There is a vigor, an objectiveness, so to speak, in his writings which renders him a bright particular star in the literary firmament."

JOAQUER—"Considerably more 'bright' than 'particular' I should say, and if he is a star at all he must belong to the Zola system."

PUBLIC SCHOOL CRUELTY.

MUCH is said now-a-days about our enlightened school system, but there is evidently a need for the infusion of more common sense into the methods of some of the Public schools. Being in a pleasant home in one of our western towns a few days ago we found the parents lamenting the run-down physical condition of their little daughter, aged twelve, as the result of a term of barbarous "examinations." As an example of the refinements of cruelty inflicted on this child and others like her we append the following composition, one of a number on equally attractive and juicy subjects required of her:—

THE QUEBEC ACT.

The Quebec Act was passed in 1774 to please the French Canadians who had been conquered by the English. They did not like the English laws and the way the English had of holding land.

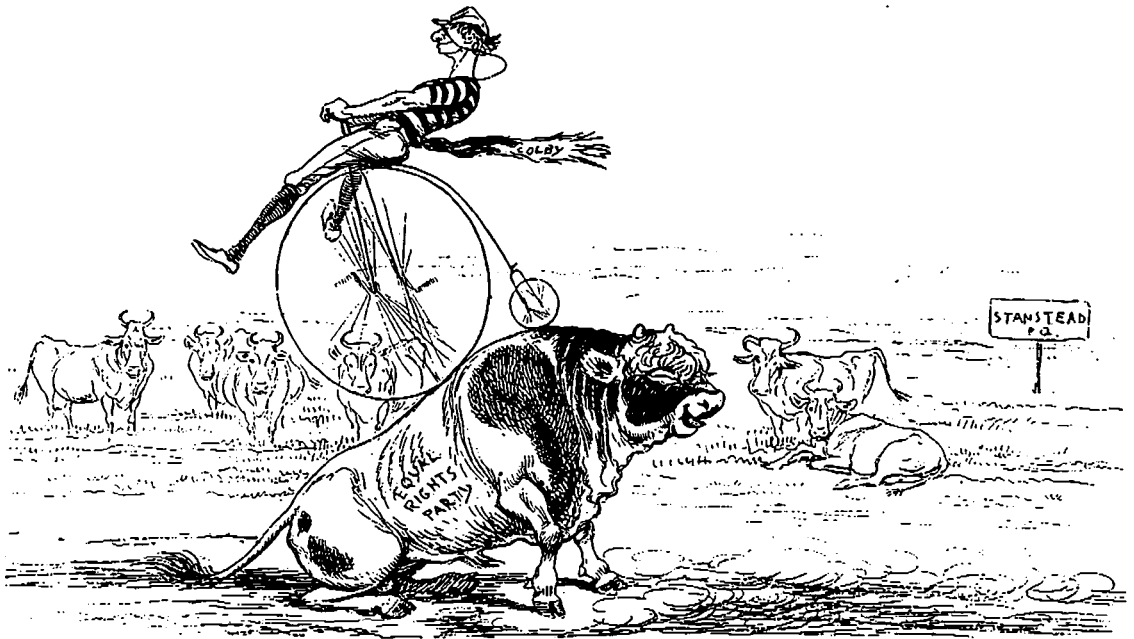
So England gave them the Quebec Act which enlarged the limits assigned to the Province of Quebec, defined those limits which included apparently in the other territory the whole of what was formerly Upper Canada. The French were allowed to have French Civil Laws and English Criminal Laws. And also they were allowed to keep their own religion which was Roman Catholic and their own language which was French. And they were allowed to have a Legislative Council to be composed of not less than seventeen and not more than twenty-three members of both French and English.

It was not a good thing for Canada as it made the English settlers dissatisfied.

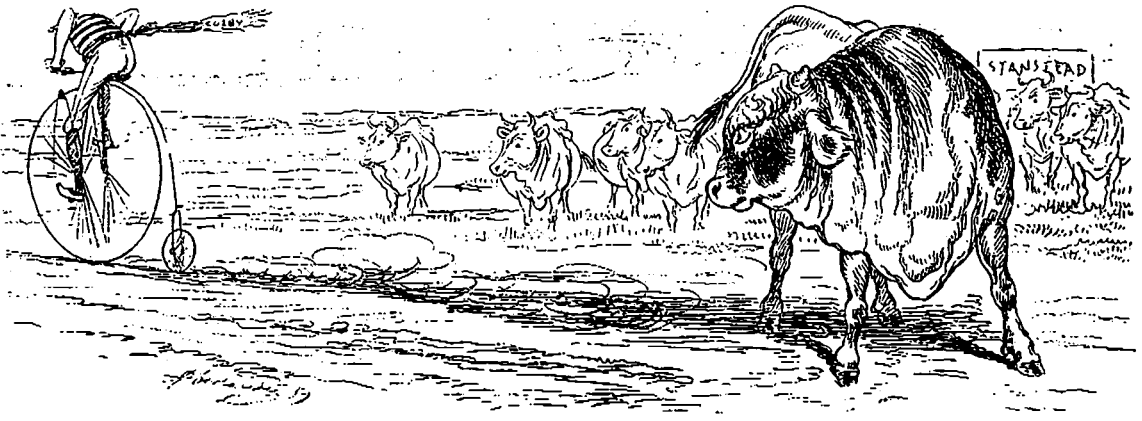


THE POLITICAL BICYCLIST.—No. 1.

THE POLITICAL BICYCLIST.—(Continued.)



No. II.

(Adapted from *Fliegende Blätter*.)

No. III.

THE FLY KID.

A FEW REMARKS ON MATTERS AND THINGS IN GENERAL.

ONE of the most mellencoly sighns of the growin skep-tickism of the day is the way all the kids is gettin onto the Santer Clawse racket. It is enoug to brake a lovin parrent all up to heare a yongster of 4 or five sum-mers exclame at the menshun of S. Clawse—Oh come off the Rufe—they aint no Santer Clawse and you carnt load me up with no such guff.

I give the snap away Xmas eave when the young r's was settin round talkin of what they was gointer git into theyre stockings. Sum or 'em begun to cry an Ma was awfull mad an says you bad boy Santer Clawse wont put nothin in youre stockin & sure enoug he dident. But she gin me the things nex day all the same.

Sum of us Wellsley School boys have been canvasin for Eframe P. Rodent doorn in the Xmas hollidays as he

axed us too. The way we done it was this—Weed go up into Sent Davids ward an the first boy we meet we say Hello whose your Dad gointer vote fur for School trustee. If he sayd Rodent then we'd let him go but if not we woud pile onto him an give him such a lickin! I gess we licked 8 or ten wich had parrents onto the wrong side. Thus you see how true is the sayin that everyone can make his influents Felt in public affares.

There was one feller wich when we axed him says Rats. The rest was procedin to do him Up wen I says—Hold on boys hese all rigt.

How so says they.

Why he says Rats an I gess a rat says I is the same as a Rodent. Don't you tumble—says I—thats a joke, & they was so tickelled when Ide explained it that they let him off.

They was a good joke hapened into the infant Class at

Wellsley before the hollidays wich hadent ougt to be lost into Oblivian warcever that is. The techer says—Now kids wich of you can remember a little verse about a Insec which is prased for its industry. She meaned—Go to thy aunt thou slugger or some of them texes I spose. But my little sister she holds up her right hand and says I kno.

Well says the teacher fire away.

Then Susan Jane repeets those bewtiful and touchin lines:

The Bedbug has no wings at all—but he gits thare just the same—which I had taut 'em to her.

An the techer an the Class laughed fit to split.

THE FLY KID.

PERSONAL.

MR. H. HOUGH, who has been for some years associated with the business department of the Grip Printing and Publishing Co., has severed his connection with this establishment to enter upon other work. In parting from our colleague we most heartily wish him success in his future avocation. If a level head, a ready hand and a warm heart may commend a man to the smiles of the coy goddess Fortune, then Mr. Hough will die a millionaire, for he possesses all these good gifts in an eminent degree.

TWO LIBERAL LEADERS.

GLADSTONE.

(London Funny Folks.)

BEHOLD yon noble leader,
Who's won full many a
field.

His tongue his trusty sabre,
His conscience bright his
shield:

He closes now his visor,
And arms him for the fight,
'Gainst every tyrannizer,
For God and Truth and Right!

Take heart, ye throbbing
masses,

His arm is yours to-day;
'Gainst all the warring classes
Allied in grim array.

His words are wisdom's forage
As onward aye he goes
In confidence and courage
To sweep away your foes.

The darling of the People
He still, unquestioned, reigns,
While with unceasing vigour
He opens fresh campaigns.

One vote, free education,
A tax upon the land,
Home Rule and Federation,
These are his watchwords
grand.

Ho, Liberals, sound the same
notes!

Ye Tories, clear the way!
The workers with their true
votes

Must win the coming fray.
No compromise with traitors,
No parley at the gate,
For truth alone he caters,
And yet will save the State.

LAURIER.

BEHOLD yon halting leader
Who, while the Tories yell,
Does nothing in particular,
And does it very well;

He closes now his eyelids
And folds his arms across,
And says, "There's no use
fighting,

John A's perpetual Boss.

Throb on, ye throbbing masses,
And take it out in throbs,
His time is all devoted,
To showing Tory jobs;

His words are quite poetic,
And eloquently flow,
But words unbacked by action
Have very little Go.

The leader of the Liberals
He questionably reigns,
We'd like to know his pro-
gramme,

For soon-to-come campaigns?
What has he for the masses?
Freetrade, freemen, free land,
How does that seem to strike
him,

By way of watchword grand

Ho, Liberals, prod your leader,
Ye Tories, mind your eye,
If Laurier gets in earnest
He'll make your fur to fly;

Soprod him, Liberals, prod him,
And urge him to the fray,
As yet he doesn't seem to grasp
The issues of the day.



'TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF.'

JOKELETS.

BY P. M'ARTHUR.

AT THE WOMAN'S RIGHTS MEETING.

MRS. BROWNE.—"Ah, here comes Mrs. O'Toole. She will make a quorum and we can go on with our business."

MRS. O'TOOLE.—"Its a loi fer yeh. Oi never made a quorum in all my loife, and I'm not going to begin now. No more did any of my family, which is as decent as iver dug praties in the county of Cork"

NO EFFORT SHOULD BE SPARED.

DOCTOR.—"I am afraid your husband is dying, madam."

WIFE (wildly).—"Oh, you must not let him die, doctor. He hasn't even made his will yet."

STARTLED BY A CHESTNUT.

MONEYBAGS.—"What a very disagreeable fall we're having."

TAURUS.—"Great heavens! In what stocks?"

AN EASY ONE.

SMARTY.—"Where do you first find a joke referred to in the Bible?"

GUDEY.—"I don't know. Where?"

SMARTY.—"Why, where Samuel reproves Saul on account of Agag, of course."

A SIMPLE REASON.

BIGBEE.—"Why is a good clock said to keep time?"

RIXY.—"Because it always has both hands on it."

BEHIND THE SCENES.

THESPIAN.—"Hello! did that fellow Ranter get a recall?"

BARNSTORMER (quietly).—"No. It was simply a go-back."

A TIMELY PUN.

JAGSON.—"Time is money, my boy."

LAGSON.—"I'll take your word for it, though I have good evidence to offer to the contrary."

JAGSON.—"What is that?"

LAGSON.—"Why, all time-keepers work on tick."



HIGHLY ABSURD PROPOSITION.

SIR JOHN—"Now that we are entering on a new year, Laurier, suppose we resolve to—"

LAURIER—"I was just about to suggest that we agree to—"

BORN (*in a breath*)—"Take up some of the burning questions of the time!" *Idea dismissed without discussion.*

AN INTERVIEW WITH KELLAR.

GRIP'S special interviewer called upon the great magician at his hotel one day last week. Upon being ushered into the room he found Mr. Kellar lolling in an easy position in mid-air, smoking a cigar. "Ah, glad to see you," remarked the genial wizard, "come up and sit beside me; it's ever so much more comfortable here than on a chair." "But how can I?" enquired our special, "I don't see anything to repose on, and I can't understand how the dickens you do it."

"Pshaw, that's simple enough," replied Kellar "give us your hand;" and grasping the extended fingers of the scribe he lifted him gracefully to a position midway between floor and ceiling. "Now take a cigar and fire away. What do you want to know." "Well if you don't mind, Mr. Kellar, I'd like to be informed how you accomplish the feats which so bewilder the public." "A very reasonable sort of question," returned Kellar, slowly emitting a curling stream of smoke; "and one that I will frankly answer. I do my *feats* generally with my hands." "Thanks," said the gratified special; "I shall make a note of that. And now would you mind telling me how you manage that remarkable trick of decapitating the young lady—for of course it *is* merely a trick." "Is, hey?" replied Kellar, with a dry smile. "That's just where you're away off; and that's where I get ahead of the average magician. Perhaps you noticed that the lady I decapitated (I should say the *ladies*) were what are known as old maids. "Course they were fixed up with powder and stuff, but you could detect—" "Oh, yes," said our man, shrewdly, "they *were* a trifle shrivelled; I noticed *that*." "Well, old maids are plentiful all over the country and I never have any difficulty in finding as many as I need who are quite willing for a slight consideration to have their heads taken off." "Slight of hand consideration, of course, you mean," interjected the interviewer cleverly. "Not at all. I'm giving you the straight tip, young man," replied Kellar; "anything else you would like to know?" "Yes; have you ever heard of a trick that you cannot perform?" "Never—but hold; yes. There is one that I think it quite out of the question to

succeed in doing." "What is that?" "To elect anybody else Mayor of Toronto while Mr. Ned Clarke is in the field. And now, my journalistic friend, I would advise you to take a tumble." So saying Kellar waved his arm and our special found himself sprawling upon the floor. He gathered himself up and departed.

THE CANDIDATE'S COMPLAINT.

HOW things have changed here since the time
I first for office ran,
Then 'twas a very simple thing
To run for alderman.
So long as you were solid with
The Grit or Tory crew,
You got your regular party vote
To help to pull you through.

But now 'tis very different;
Instead of getting hearty
And undivided warm support
From Grit or Tory party,
You have to try and straighten things
With all the various sections
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"Does it bleed?"

"Yes, a little."

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HOFFMAN HOWES—"Why, deah boy?"

MADISON SQUEER—"Ah, deah boy, I saw Corduroy's portrait in *The Clothier and Furnisher*; and what do you think, deah boy? That fellow still wears a scarf pin!"

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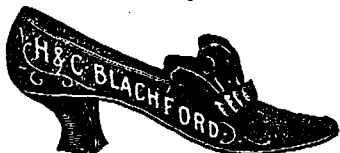
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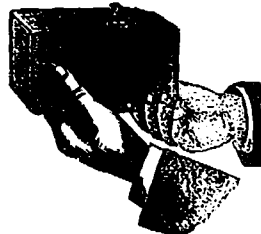
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