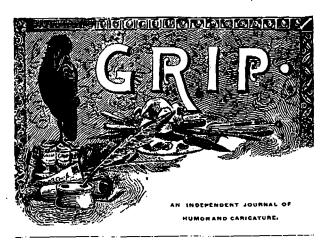


"refreshment.")-"Don't you think, gents, it's about time to oil the engine?"

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Comments on the Cartoons.



N Extremis. - If Dr. Brown-Sequard's elixir. which has proven so successful in restoring vigor to the aged and infirm, could only Reform Party of this country, it would be a great blessing. It is because we have thrown out a hint to this effect as occasion served. that the vials of Globe wrath were recently poured out upon GRIP's devoted head. but the stupid fury of an organ which has itself been the chief cause of the Party's paralysis, does not count for much, nor does it alter the

acts. It is clear to every intelligent observer that, looking over the Dominion from end to end, there is nothing like a spirit of enthusiasm at present animating the Liberal ranks, and the reason plainly is that the members of the party have nothing to be united and enthusiastic about. What is wanted is, first, a popular policy, by which we do not mean a piece of catchy clap-trap, but a clear declaration of winciple along come line of practical but a clear declaration of principle along some line of practical Reform. Instead of the present misty and spiritless attitude the Reform leaders occupy on the Tariff Question, for example, there ought to be a straight declaration of Free Trade, which would express the real belief of a vast majority of their followers. Next, having defined the policy clearly, there should be vigorous action. It is true that Mr. Laurier has of late made an appearance before the public, and he deserves credit accordingly, but an occasional speech, even from so graceful an orator, is not enough. The leading men of the party in all sections of the country ought to be upon the platform in season and out of season, educating the people in the true doctrines of trade, and everything else; and the Press behind them ought to be, day by day, doing the same work. When men are fired with a great truth they do not need to be urged to enthusiasm, and the very fact that the Reform Party of Canada has nothing to say to the people except upon the eve of an election, is enough to raise a serious doubt as to its right to the name it has adopted. A clear wise policy and vigorous action would prove a veritable elixir of life to it just now. Let Dr. Laurier try the experiment.

FORGETTING THE MAN AT THE WHEEL-One of GRIP'S friends down Brockville way sends along a little anecdote-the record of an actual fact—and we have taken the liberty to give a political twist to it. A couple of tourists, A and C, the other day engaged a French hoatman, B, to row them twelve miles up the river. Shortly after starting, C produced a bottle of whisky, and after taking a pull at it, handed it to A over B's head. A, having duly refreshed, handed the bottle back to C, who before long returned it, etc., etc. Meanwhile the passage to and fro of the "stuff" was noted by the perspiring oarsman, whose thirst was gradually becoming unendurable. When the bottle had made its fifteenth passage, poor B could no longer suppress himself, so raising himself quickly from his work he glared at the passengers reproachfully and exclaimed—"By George, don't you'se tink it's about time to grease de engine!" The unfortunate Frenchman was in a position very much like that at present politically occupied by the Canadian farmer, between the Government and the protected monopolies. He, too, is beginning to think it's about time for somebody to "grease the engine."



NGLISHMEN on their travels who wish to be friendly to that rather considerable portion of mankind who were born and bred outside of their native island are apt to be offensively condescending. Here is Sir Edwin Arnold, for instance, who no doubt thinks he is paying the people of this Continent a neat compliment by saying that he "prefers to think of Americans as of trans-Atlantic Eng-

lishmen." It doesn't seem to strike him for a moment that Americans --- including Canadians, who are to all intents and purposes Americans excepting in the minor matter of political organization—may have their own preferences.

Most of us on this side prefer to think of ourselves and have others think of us as Americans in the broad continental sense of the term. What would Sir Edwin think of the German professor who, on a visit to England, should try to express his friendly appreciation of English people by saying that he preferred to think of them as transplanted Germans? Wouldn't John Bull sit on him hard and heavy? While we admire and respect the British people, we have a distinct individuality of our own. We differ from them widely in feeling, habits of thought, tastes and ideas, and are not in the least ashamed of it or prepared to admit that the typical Englishman, however polished and cultured, is an ideal for our imitation.

BUT we have no right to be too hard on Sir Edwin or any other visiting Englishman who falls into the same error. He has doubtless come into contact with a good many specimens of the American Anglomaniac who ape the English as far as possible in dress, accent and demeanor—in everything, in fact, except the good sense and sturdy self-respect which characterizes most Englishmen—and are never so delighted as when mistaken for genuine Britons. Snobs of this class will, of course, feel immensely pleased with Sir Edwin's sentiments. It ought to be unnecessary to say that they do not in any respect represent the American people.

THE Home Rule controversy bids fair to be as fatal to the reputations of eminent Englishmen as the antislavery contest was to the fame of many leading Americans. Thomas Hughes, author of "Tom Brown at Oxford," has come out with an appeal to the American people urging them to back up the Salisburys and Balfours in their brutal war of extermination on the Irish tenantry. A great many of the literary men of England of "Liberal" professions have been swayed by their social predilections or class interests to a like betrayal of the cause of progress. It will hurt nobody but themselves. Just as no one now thinks of Daniel Webster or Edward Everett without recalling their truckling to the slave power in the stormy times of the abolition movement, so when the names of Hughes, Swinburne and Goldwin Smith are recalled, a generation hence, their recreancy in the present crisis will be regarded as a damning blot on otherwise brilliant reputations.

EALLY, now, isn't it too absurd when the *Globe* attacks the *Mail* as a Tory concern and the *Empire* simultaneously

abuses it as a Grit sheet? Your party hack can never for an instant conceive or bring himself to admit that it is possible for anybody electo be independent and care not a straw which set of politicians is in or out of office so long as right principles prevail. At a former stage of the controversy it might have been said that the course of the Grit and Tory organs was an

insult to the intelligence of their readers. As the latter, however, go on swallowing this sort of flapdoodle year after year without protest GRIP can only conclude that the party scribes are at all events free from this reproach. You can't easily insult a thing which doesn't exist.

AT first blush the alleged intention of Slugger Sullivan to run for Congress seemed rather funny. But on second thought, would the presence of the notorious bruiser in any legislative body be so very incongruous after all? John L., it may be said, is utterly unqualified for so responsible a post, but the day has long passed when any other qualification than ability to get there, and a readiness to vote with the party has been demanded of political aspirants. There is no reason to suppose that in point of intellectual capacity the champion slugger falls conspicuously below many political representatives. That Sullivan is a coarse, low-lived brute must be admitted, but what would become of a large proportion of heredit-

ary as well as popularly elected law-givers if such an objection closed the door to a political career? That he lives by a trade that is under the ban of law and respectability is unquestionable—but what of the wealthy monopolists, usurers and extortioners, who, by virtue of illacquired means, secure a "pull" and get the chance to pass legislation upholding class interests? To bruise the face of an antagonist in the prize ring is surely no worse than to systematically grind the faces of the poor. The standard of fitness for legislative bodies must be greatly raised, before any objection on the ground of exceptional unfitness can consistently be taken to Sullivan's candidature.

MR. SHARPLEY says, "Silence may be golden, but when I ask a man to pay me what he owes me or name a date when he will, I don't accept silence as legal tender."

HE KNEW THEM ALL.

ENGLISH LITTERATEUR—"Are there many magazines in America?"

CANADIAN DITTO (pathetically) - "Wait till I show you my collection of rejection cards."

A NARROW ESCAPE.

REVEREND PAPA—"Did I see you yawning to-day when I was telling the class about Jonah and the whale?"

IRREVERENT SON—"No, sir. I was jest openin' my mouth with wonder."



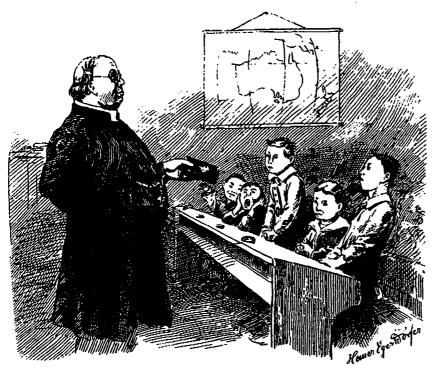
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

LADY OF THE HOUSE—"And you would like to enter my household as cook? How long have you been in service?"

Cooκ-" Five years, mum."

Lany-" And have you good recommendations? "

Cook—"I should think I had, mum. I can show you five-an't wenty testimonials from different situations."



ENTOMOLOGY AND RELIGION.

His Reverence-" Now then, Michael, what is a Protestant?" MICHAEL-" A divided insect, sir."

His Reverence—" What d'ye mean; how do you make that out?"

MICHAEL-" Please, sir, the other day you told us that the Protestants are all divided in-sects.

THE OLD MASTERS.

FIRST TEACHER—"Spare the rod and spoil the child, said Solomon, and I guess he was about right. Nothing like a good thrashing to take the cussedness out of youngsters and make good men of 'em."
SECOND TEACHER—"Yes, you can't expect human

beings to grow up angels unless you make 'em soar."

IT HURT HIS FEELINGS.

SOLOMON MOSES—"Say, Lichtenstein, I no readt dot Engliche lenkvage ver' goot. Vot vos id on dot sign ennerhow?"

LICHTENSTEIN (spelling) - "N-o-s- nose m-o-k-i-n-g a-l-l-o-w-e-d allouad-Nose mocking allouad, ain't id?"

SOLOMON MOSES - "Nose mocking allouad. By grashus, dot vos a shame. Gum righdt avay aus. I don't like beebles to make voolishness mit mein nose."

"PICT" AND SCOT.

CTAVISH-"Did ye see yon Ayrshire cattle at the Exhibition, mon? Were they no grand? I never saw ony that I likit better. They were picked cattle."

BILLINS-" Pict! I thought they were Scotch."

McTavish-" Aye mon, so they are. What are ye

girnin' aboot?"

BILLINS-" It's a joke. Don't you see? Picked-Pict. Picts and Scots, you know. (Explains for the next five minutes, and finally redeems himself from the utter contempt of McTavish by standing a hot Scotch,)

A LITTLE TOO LEAN.

STAGEY—"I see that Sara Bernhardt didn't catch on worth a cent on the occasion of her last season in London. She was a comparative failure."

PARQUET-"Ah, that's strange What *rôle* did she appear in?"

STAGEY—"She opened as Lena." PARQUET—"Lena! Well that accounts for it. If she was any leaner than when I saw her last they couldn't see her at all. No wonder she's failing.'

WHERE IT WOULD DO MOST GOOD.

PUBLISHER OF DEAD-BEAT PAPER (to dealer in ready print matter)-"I am thinking of making some important alterations in my newspaper and extending my business somewhat. I called to learn your terms for a supply of 'boiler plate.'"

DEALER—"Yes, sir. We shall be pleased to supply you. What size are your columns?"

Publisher — "Columns? What's that to do with it? I don't intend it to go in my columns."

Dealer—"You don't? What do you want it for then?"

Publisher—" For lining for the pants of my canvassers.'

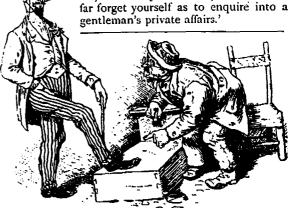
HE WAS DOUBTLESS UNUSED TO SUCH QUESTIONS.

ADY (after giving him a supper)-" Will you saw some wood for me now?"

TRAMP-"I am very sorry, but I have another engagement."

LADY-" And what, pray, may that be?"

Tramp (with great dignity)—" Madam, I am surprised that you should so far forget yourself as to enquire into a



AN EVIL-MINDED BOOTBLACK.

"SAY, Mister, shall I black your big toe, too?"

A SPORTING EVENT.

FIRST 'VARSITY MAN
—"What was the result of
the football match to-day?"

SECOND DITTO—"Oh, we beat them easily. We had only one collar-bone fractured, while they had three broken legs and a couple of sprained ankles. They can't play football.

THE WORST SCARE YET

SECRETARY POPE—
"Sir John! Sir John!"

SIR JOHN—"What is it? What terrible thing has happened?"

SECRETARY POPE—"Oh! the papers are full of it. 'The greatest sensation of the age' they call it. They say it will upset the Government."

SIR JOHN (horrified)—
"Ugh! These hands are clean! I swear it! These hands are clean!"

SECRETARY POPE—"Calm yourself, most noble master and prepare for the awful news."

SIR JOHN—"Out with it, minion! For heaven's sake let me hear the worst!"

SECRETARY POPE—"The members of the Senate have commenced using Brown-Sequard's Elixir of Life. And there will be no more vacancies for party hacks to look forward to." (Sir John swoons away.)

A BRILLIANT SCHEME.

JACK—"What possessed you to go to the front of the church with such an ugly-looking girl?"

HARRY—"She is visiting at our place and I had to go with her, and I thought that by making a plunge and getting to the front, people would only get one look at her face. The back of her head would be all they could see when we got seated."

NO WONDER HE GOT THRASHED.

TABBY—"Hello, Tom! you look all broken up. How did you come to get such a thrashing?"

TOM—"Well, I went over to Jones' back yard to lick that Maltese dude he has over there, and when we got nicely started Jones began to play the fiddle. The Maltese was used to it and I wasn't, and the horrible scraping unnerved me so that I got one ear chawed off and my hide scratched into a sieve before I knew what I was doing."

IT WOULDN'T BE UNUSUAL.

ROUNDER—"Waiter! bring me an oyster stew."
WAITER—"There are none to be had in town, sir."
ROUNDER (settling himself in his chair)—"Well, send



BREACHES OF PROMISE.

MR. WUZZLE—"Oi'm a-goin' to be married nex' week, an' Oi wants a pair of lavender trous—" MADAME SMITH—"Sir! We only make ladies' wedding outfits."

MR. W.-" Only for ladies! Why, what ha' you got that ther wrote up fur, then?"

to New York for some, and I will wait. I don't suppose it will take much longer than it usually takes to get a stew here."

HIS STORY WOULDN'T HOLD.

FARMER—"How did you come to get your constitution spoiled so that you couldn't work any more?" TRAMP—"I went over the Niagara Falls last summer."

FARMER—"You can't make me swallow_that. You haven't had a bath in two years."

HE WAS A KNOWING ONE.

JACK—"Why do you mark passages in new books, when you merely skim through them and never read them?"

HARRY—"I want to convince the fellows who will borrow them that I have read them carefully. That is the way to acquire the reputation of being a great reader and student."

SHE COULD SPECIFY.

HUSBAND—"Now, dear you must admit the you often talk too much."

WIFE—"I never spoke but one word too many in my life"

HUSBAND-" And when was that, pray?"

WIFE—"When I said 'yes' to you when you asked me if I would marry you."



THE DIVERSION OF THE SEX.

Mr. Quight-" Where'r you off to, Jennie?"

Mrs. Q.--" I'm going shopping."

MR. Q .- "What are you going to buy?"

MRS. Q.—"Buy? Why, nothing, of course. I'm only going shopping, you stupid fellow."

THE DISILLUSIONS OF THE PHONOGRAPH.

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, A.D. 2643—PAPER ON "ANCIENT ORATORY," BY PROF. DRILLITE, INTER-SPERSED WITH PHONOGRAPH EXAMPLES.



ROF. DRILITE—"Among the most eloquent and brilliant speakers of what was par excellence the age of oratory, the nineteenth century, was the celebrated Jonsmith, a few of whose masterpieces, as recorded in the newspapers of the period, have come down to us. At that semi-barbarous period that wonderful instrument, the phonograph, existed only in a very crude and imperfect form, and was not in every-day use as at present. It is to be regretted, therefore, that very few specimens of the

matchless eloquence of that age, as actually spoken, have been preserved. It was not supposed that any phonograph preservation of Jonsmith's *ipssisima verba* existed, but a few weeks ago the distinguished archæologist, Prof. Daveboyle, in his researches amid the ruins of

ancient Toronto, secured a plate containing the phonographic record of one of Jonsmith's most celebrated speeches. (Sensation.) It has not as yet been given before any audience, as it was thought fitting to reserve it specially for this occasion. You, therefore, ladies and gentlemen, will be privileged to hear for the first time, after the lapse of six centuries, the marvellously powerful utterances of the eloquent tongue that has so long since crumbled into dust." (Applause.)

The Professor starts the phonograph, with the following

result .

" Mr. Chairman,-Ahem-The question which we are met here to—ah—to discuss—to consider – is—ah—very important-most important in connection with-in relation to-the-the-happiness-um---welfare of humanity. (Pause.) It—ah—is not often—comparatively seldom, so to speak-I mean that those who can impartially and—and—without prejudice or party contemplate those grand results which would undoubtlessly flow from—ah—result from a proper apprehension of the great truths enunciated by our platform, will thereby be enabled to—to follow to their ultimate conclusion—ah--to unite with us in declaring their unalterable and undying devotion to the cause of civil and religious liberty. (Applause.) But, sir, it must be apparent—I repeat it must be perfectly obvious—perfectly obvious-is it not, sir, unmistakably obvious-to the meanest understanding, so that it is, in fact, brought to the comprehension—comprehension of all, even those who it may be have not given that thought and attention which the subject demands, and would necessarily be thereby-excluded-precluded from forming an intelligent opinion, but-ah-but as I may say emphatically and without fear of opposition—of contradiction—cherish with a zeal, sir-an enthusiasm which does them credit. In no respect—I mean there are times when—when, in spite of all which might--which does at times seem toto indicate—to point to—the grand and glorious future of our country so long as it remains under the radiant and protecting folds of the flag which never sets, andahem—and in filfulment of their sworn duty as citizens, unite in upholding-in maintaining-upholding and maintaining the cause of the Empire of which we form a

part—" [phonograph shuts off.]

Prof. Drilte (resuming)—"Ladies and gentlemen, really, this is extraordinary—most extraordinary—a painful disappointment, I am sure, to all of us. It appears impossible that this jumble of incoherent phrases and dislocated sentences, full of repetitions and tautological expressions, can be the utterance of the eloquent Jonsmith, whose speeches are reported to have held his audiences spellbound. In the printed form in which they have come down to us they read smoothly and connectedly, and while not, perhaps, what would be now called logical or characterized by much solidity of thought, they have the force and clearness calculated to appeal to the semi-civilized intellect of the period. We can only conclude that owing to the very rudimentary character of the phonograph at that day, Jonsmith's remarks have been very imperfectly recorded on account of defects in the

THAT ACCOUNTED FOR IT.

machines of early construction."

JONES—"That is the dearest restaurant in town."

BROWN—"How do you make that out? They don't charge half as much there as they do at Monico's."

JONES—"But I consider my time worth at least two dollars per hour."

THE CANDIDATE.

THINK I'll run for Parliament, They say I'm just the man; Our party want a candidate, So if I like I can. Twill cost five thousand-more perhaps-Tis boodle that will count. The Grits, they tell me, mean to spend A pretty big amount.

I don't know much of politics, Twas none of my concern, I've spent my time in getting rich And I'm too old to learn. But I've the cash to buy a seat, And I should like to see My name in all the newspapers As "Judson Snooks, M.P."

I'll have, of course, to specchify, And make some kind of show In laying down our principles, (What are they? I don't know); But I can read the Empire, And get some pointers there, And with the gang to whoop her up I'll manage pretty fair,

It hadn't ought to be so hard To give the crowd some guff. I've just to taffy old Sir John, And tell 'em he's the stuff, Then say that Laurier aint no good, Nor any other Grit. And-let me see-aint that enough, What more is there to it?

Oh yes, 'twould be the thing to say That I have always been Quite loyal—since I found it pay— To our Beloved Queen.
You bet the public will catch on To sentiments like these, Then I'll ring in "the flag what's braved The battle and the breeze!

By gosh! but that's a dandy speech. I really didn't think
I knowed so much of politics, Here, fetch me pen and ink. I'll write at once to Birmingham, It might as well be done. Enclose my check and let him know That I'm prepared to run.

HE WAS DISAPPOINTED.

MISS RUFFE (who has just promised to be a sister, etc.) -" Did you really love me? You don't act like a disappointed man!"

Mr. Stuffe—"Ah, but I am, ye know. I always thought you had pretty good taste, doncherknow."

A HOT ANSWER.

MR. LIGHTTHOUGHT—"I was at a meeting or Freethinkers last summer, but they made the programme short on account of the hot weather.'

Miss Goodgirl-" Ah, how short they will make their programme after a while if they follow that rule."

HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL.

QIGBEE—"I caught a bad cold when I was out at $\mathbf{D}_{- ext{the}\cdot \mathbf{E} ext{xhibition.}^3}$

RIGBEE-" How did you do that?"

BIGBEE-" I stood around too long among the draught horses,"



PECULIAR OPTICAL ILLUSION.

BIBULOUS GENT-" Whazzer matter thish fu (hic) n'ture? Nothing but (hic) rock'n-chairs?"

ACCORDING TO PRECEDENT.

AKE LITTLETON-"Do you know, doctor, that when I sleep on my back I'm sure to have a nightmare?"

Dr. Gell.—"Why should you sleep on your back? Doesn't it seem more natural to lie on your side?"

INSPIRATION WAS LACKING.

RIEDER—"Young Zuisby's an overrated man. People think well of him because he writes for the humorous papers, but I've heard him talk for hours without making a single joke."

RUYTER-"I suppose you neglected to show him a

dollar bill?"

TO THE INVENTORS OF SLANG PHRASES.

O, gentlemen, please give us something new. Has your imagination run to seed, Which erstwhile overran with many a weed

Which erstwhile overran with many a weed
The garden where the flowers of language grew?
Reiteration doth their freshness pall.
"Cheese it," "Come off the roof," "Pull down your vest."
"Let her go, Gallagher," "Give us a rest."
"His nibs has got a jag on." "Chestnuts" all!
Played out, N.G., back numbers every one!
Brace up, galoots, and oil your think-machine,
Sling us some slanguage—new expressive been Sling us some slanguage—new, expressive keen.
What are you giving us? Come, now, catch on. Show yourselves fly, and flip, and up to snuff, And shoot the old, worm-eaten, measly guff!

HE HAD A LEVEL HEAD.

BJONES—"Do you always take your umbrella with you when coming from the office?" SCHIDJT—" Not by any means! I always make it a

point to take someone else's."

THEY SHOULD BOTH BE SATISFIED.

VOUNG WIFE (proudly)—"Don't you think this bonnet becoming, dcar?"

Young Husband-"I do, indeed! And (ruefully) I daresay the bill for it will be coming to me."



COMPLIMENTARY.

IRATE HOUSEWIFE-" Say, you man, that dog of yourn has run off with one of my new-baked pound cakes!

TRAMP—" Oh, don't trouble on his account, ma'am. He's a good deal tougher in the constitution than he looks!"

THE RACE FOR BILLS.

BY EDGAR FRESHUS.

CHAP, IV.

USTINE DUNSALLY and Mrs. Metagain went to Aiken. Roland Misfit found himself there shortly afterwards. When Justine saw him, a bird within her burst into song. He brought with him wider vistas and horizons, solid and real. Other lovers might have brought bracelets or diamond rings. But Roland preferred vistas and horizons. They came cheaper. Civilization has made woman monandrous.

"I have been settling my bill," he announced one

day. It was a new experience for man, are "Leave us not," cried Justine, " or if you go you will leave an Aiken void."

That settled it, and they went off and got married.

CHAP. V.

Something of the proverbial furor of the dealer in head-gear characterized the conduct of old man Dunsally when the news reached him. Justine had no money of her own, and Paul Dunsally positively refused to do the "Bless-you-me-children" act and share his millions with the newly-married couple. So they went to Europe. People can live cheap in Paris when there isn't any Exposition on. They were nearly starved. Roland did once get a trifle of a hundred thousand or so left him by an old aunt, but that is nothing to people in high society. Moreover, although Justine was as monandrous as ever, he was much the reverse. The brandy in France is brutal. He drank some of it and then he beat Justine. At that moment, dancing in derision before him, he saw the letters that form the monosyllable Cad. Ordinary boozers would have seen snakes.

CHAP. VI.

When Hon. Paul Dunsally died leaving his ten millions to the child of Roland Misfit, the family returned to New York. Money was to him the woof of every hope, an Open Sesame to the paradise of the ideal. He began musing in the French language as to what he would do with it.

One day it occurred to him to kill the baby. and so have more to spend in having a good time. The great-clock we call Opportunity had struck. So had the street car drivers.

He entered the chamber. A forerunner of a sneer came and loitered beneath the fringes of his moustache.

Just as he had adjusted his handkerchief around the infant's neck, the outer bell resounded. It was Dr. Guy Thoryoung.

"I merely called to mention," said he "that Paul Dunsally died in debt."

"But the ten millions——" gasped Roland. "Unfortunately it was invested in Niagara and Mimico real estate, Empire stock, G.T.R. bonds, etc.," said Guy.

Roland mused. It was in English this time. Fright had visited him, and he wheeled like a rat surprised. Obscurity walled back the horizon and the future grew blank.

CHAP. VII.

Roland's attempt to kill the baby had given Justine a sort of prejudice against him. She locked the door on him.

So he went out and flung himself from Brooklyn Bridge. He experienced a variety of sensations which we have not space to record in the descent. A boat which happened to be underneath picked him up, and he secured a first-class engagement in a dime museum.

A DEMORALIZING GAME.

PASTOR—" It is terrible what demoralizing influences are placed in the way of young people in cities. In addition to the grosser forms of temptation such as theatres and saloons, there are amusements which some people regard as harmless-billiards, pool games and the like, which often lead to evil."

MATRON—"Pool games! Oh, Mr. Groner, don't speak of 'em! If you had only saw the way Johnny and Bertie come in last evening, daubed over with mud from head to foot. Been playing one of their nasty pool games down by the Garrison Creek with the Lafferty boys."

ARTISTIC PLAGIARISM.

'ONNOISSEUR-" What did you think of the show of pictures at the Exhibition?"

ARTIST—" Pretty fair, but the judges are a lot of chumps. Some of their decisions were most unfair."

Connoisseur—"Oh, you fellows are always kicking.

What's chewing you this time?"
ARTIST—" Why, fancy them giving that man Sherwood a prize for portrait painting, I tell you it's a gross fraud. I am assured that he succeeded in palming off a Reynolds on the public as his own production. Shameful!"

CLEVELAND is endeavoring to organize a Soap Trust. Here 'soaping it will not succeed.—Hamilton Herald. The best soap t'rust, we should imagine, would be caststeel soap. Diagrams furnished free on application at the office.



IN EXTREMIS.

THE AGED AND INFIRM ONE.—" Here, Doctor, I've brought you a rabbit and a guinea pig see if you can't make up some Elixir of Life out of 'em for me!"

THE FLY KID.

WRITES A STORY OF PIONEER LIFE WHICH DOESN'T GET THE PRIZE,



HE Montreal Witness recently offered a series of prizes to be competed for by the school-children of Canada, who were asked to write stories illustrative of pioneer Among the competitors was our former contributor, the Fly Kid. His story, which did not get a prize, is given below:

PIONEER LIFE IN TORONTO.

I dont know as I kin tell you mutch about Pioneer Life. The only Pioneer which I ever knowed was grand-pa that is a Member in good standing of the York Pioneers. Pioneer life I guess consists mostly of holding meetins ware sum feller reads a essay, or

gets up an' shoots off his jaw excurshuns, picnicks and so on. Grand-pa takes 'em all in you bet for he's a hustler, if he is old. There is generally beer, and if the show happens to be run on temprance printciples, sum of the old fellers always has a growler along. It reminds 'em they say, of the good old days of Yore when wiskey was 20 cents per gallon! "Them was the days," says the old man with a sigh of Regret as he wipes his mustash with his coat-cuf an hands the growler to his neigbore. "Them was the days when we uster have Fun." "You bet we did," says the other Pioneer. "But now alas 'tis gone like a dreem." And then he tilts her up and lets the flewid gently gurgle. "Do you mind old man Switzer's barn raising onto the 4th concession, and how Jake MickDonnell had to drive to town to git the 10 gallon keg of wiskey filled up agin." "Yes I rather guess so," says grand-dad. "I shant never forgit that high old time. And says he do you mind the big Fite that we had with the Grits up at Thornhill. It was in '46 I think. We went at 'em with ax-helves & rocks says he, an' I broke one fellers arm an nigh killed an "Har! har!" says the other. "They don't never have no more fun like that at elecshuns now. They darsn't fite nor keep the other party away from the poles." And then they pass the Growler around

Last time the old man was to a Pioneer cellebrashun he come home with a elegant jag on as ever you seen. was arm in arm with another Pioneer an they was singin,

> I've \$14 in my inside pocket, Look ye there.

He most genrally stops at our house when he's in town, but they had changed the street numbers since he'd been in and he couldent find the place all loaded up as he was.

"Shay ole fel," says he, "suthin wrong."
"Whash matter?" said the other.

"Ware'sh number 106. Ushter be round here. Thish numberish over 200.'

"Thash allri," says the other pioneer "youre drunk—you shee double (hic). See double m'shelf. Le'sh look for 212. Tha'll be it."

An so them 2 pioneers went & woked up the peeple at 212 an made no end of a racket & the cops mite have gathered him in but fortnately it wasnt far from our

place & grand-ma heard the row & went out & led him in by the ear just as quiet as a Lamb.

Thats about all I knowabout Pioneer life an I migtmenshun that this had ought to stimulate feelins of patriotism an such, an' I hope it'll get the prize & if it does I'le send you sum more storeys.

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Mein neighbor Yawcob Schmidt is tead. Der vay ve all musht go; Dis vorldt, yust like der breacher said, Vas a dravelling circus show!

He leaf dot leetle family, Der lawyer drawed his vill; Mein grashus! vot you dinks he charge? A whole den dollar bill!

Und der vill it gind of reads like dot, Und sgares me oud mein vits, " I 'points mein oxecutioner Mine freund H. Taufelblitz,"

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Und anyvay der Schmidt is dead, So deader ash could be; Vat he vants mit a oxecutioner I don't could nefer see.

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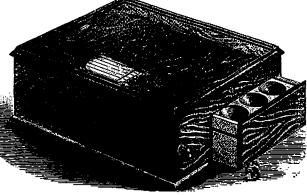
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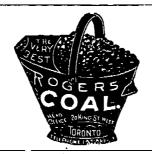
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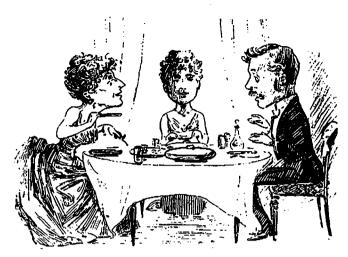
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