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The gravest beast is
the ASS.
The gravest bird is the
Owl.
The gravest fish is the
Oyster.
The gravest man is
the fool.

— J. Miller



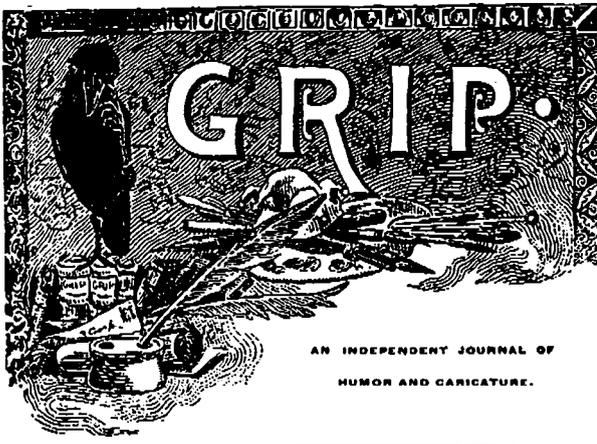
"MACBETH" AT QUEBEC.

MACBETH. (First appearance since his return from Europe) . MR. MERCIER.
 LADY MACBETH, THE CASTOR INFLUENCE.
 KING DUNCAN, (the Slaughtered), MR. JIMMY MCSHANE.

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A PROPOSED MONUMENT.—When, in the course of human events—perhaps before the end of the present session of Parliament—Sir John A. Macdonald has severed the chains of slavery in which the settlers of the North-West and British Columbia are bound to the C.P.R. monopoly, the question of signaling this crowning act of the great statesman's life by a public statue will, of course, come up for discussion. It will be a proud day for Canada when this grand work of art is unveiled, and the assembled multitude, with uncovered heads, greet the Abraham Lincoln of our Dominion with enthusiastic cheers. But it is too much to hope that Sir John will fare any better in the matter of a statue than the late lamented George Washington, and that worthy gentleman had to

wait nearly one hundred years before he was fittingly commemorated in stone. The subscriptions come in very slowly, considering the fervor of the popular patriotism. It may, therefore, be that the statue of Sir John the Liberator, may not be done during the present generation, and that uncertain individual, the "future historian," may be called upon to furnish the raw material for the design, in which case it is just possible that the facts may be imperfectly represented. It is well that a memorandum should be made now for future reference, and Mr. Grip, in his anxiety to be of use in connection with this great project, cannot wait until even the Liberation itself has been accomplished before submitting his design for the statue of the Liberator. The artistic effect of this design (for which see page 9) may possibly be improved upon by the sculptor of the future, but the facts are there, as hard and cold as any stone is likely to be. Behold the heroic figure of Sir John, and mark the grateful attitude of the emancipated settlers, who hug his nether limbs. This is all the future historian would have suggested, probably, though

he might, perhaps, have included the bag of millions which touchingly represents the determination of the great statesman to purchase the liberty of the slaves at whatever expense. But, behold, also the document in the other hand, which would almost certainly have been overlooked by the designer of the future. That tells the tale of how the settlers happened to become slaves; and the bags of other millions at the base of the statue tell what trouble was taken to keep the monopoly in good health. Between them lie the hateful monopoly claws, which Sir John has cut off. This is thrown in casually, but perhaps there is an appearance of persiflage about it, and Mr. Grip would not insist upon it's being retained. The design is unique, but so is its illustrious subject. It isn't every day the sculptor has to do a statue of a great Liberator who was himself the creator of the slavery he destroyed.

MACBETH AT QUEBEC.—The resignation of Hon. James McShane, Minister of Public Works, in the Mercier Cabinet (Quebec), which took place somewhat unexpectedly a few days ago, caused a sensation in political circles. Mr. McShane has been for a long time the *bête noir* of the Castor Party in the Province, and his expulsion from the Cabinet has been one of the objects the politicians of that stripe have persistently worked for. That they at last succeeded in making it too hot for the hon. gentleman's endurance seems manifest from the fact that his resignation was accepted with the greatest reluctance by Mr. Mercier, who properly regards it as a serious blow to his Cabinet. Mr. McShane has always been highly popular with the English-speaking Quebecers—more especially those of Irish extraction—and his recent success in "heading off" certain grabbing schemes in the Legislature has added to his good repute. The question of a successor to represent the English element is one that is likely to give Mr. Mercer a great deal of trouble.

THERE'S a hen on at Ottawa! Mystery tiptoes through the dim corridors of the House with finger on lip and infinite meaning in her eyes. Something tremendous, stupendous, paralyzing is about to be done. What in the world can it be? Sh—! Mum's the word! Not before the recess is ended will a quivering public learn the full purport of the "great navigation policy" the Government is hatching.

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WE are told in a general hazy way that the policy will be a sweeping one, embracing, it is understood, the assumption of the Harbor Commissioners Ship Channel debt, the deepening of the old St. Lawrence canals not yet improved, the removal of canal tolls, construction of the long projected Sault Ste. Marie canal, assistance to the Manitoba people to improve the navigation of their inland waters, and several works of less extent, such as the desired dry dock at Kingston, and improved wharfage accommodation at St. John and Halifax. The question of an improved Atlantic steamship service will also be considered in this connection.

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HA! Something involving millions and millions evidently. Looks suspiciously like an attempt to raise a cloud of gold dust under cover of which our able but badly cornered statesmen may escape from the difficulties in which Disallowance has put them. But let us wait and see.

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DURING the last two hundred years the Dutch have added 1,000,000 acres of land to the area of Holland by reclaiming from the sea. The work is still progressing, and it is computed that eight acres of land are daily restored to cultivation in that wonderful little country. —[Floating news item.

Some day, when he is not very busy, Henry George might take half an hour and tell who the land belongs to.—*London Advertiser*.

As Mr. George is just now working overtime on the Tariff question, we have referred the question to a little Sunday school boy, just to oblige our contemporary. The little boy says the land thus reclaimed belongs to the Dutch.

THIS is, of course, absurd. The land *ought* to belong to some private individual, who could grow rich by permitting the Dutch to live upon it. But you can't expect profound political economy from a little Sunday school boy, who is guided merely by common sense and justice.



AN Ottawa despatch begins:—

“A characteristic incident occurred in the Sedate the other day.”

“Sedate” is good. We would fain believe that the “intelligent compositor” in this case really meant it. Nothing could be more fitting as a synonyme for Senate. The sessions of our Upper Chamber should hereafter be called sederunts, and no doubt the speeches will continue to be sedatives. According to the dictionary man a sedative is “a medicine which directly depresses the vital forces;—used to diminish preternaturally increased action”—in the direction of temperance and moral reform legislation, for instance. All hail the Sedate.

GRIP thinks it a crying shame that the Government which expends so lavishly upon schools of the higher grades can give but a paltry \$1,000 to such an institution as the Mimico Industrial School, and gives that but grudgingly. We quite agree with GRIP. —*London Advertiser.*

There, Mr. Mowat, wipe your specs and read that over a few times. It is, as you will observe, from one of your biggest friends.

NOTHING short of a grim and gory war between Canada and the United States will satisfy the military soul of our esteemed police magistrate. This is a pity, because many of us regard war as a nuisance. If nothing short of a bloody battle will cool the Colonel's ardour, how would it do to let the two great powers of this continent have it out in accordance with modern representative institutions? We would be perfectly willing to abide by the result of a fight to a finish between the fiery Colonel representing Canada, and, say, Firebrand Finerty, of Chicago, representing the Republic.

“THERE,” says Uncle Sam, “I have put certain natural products on the free-list; now, Miss Canada, you do the same, in accordance with your standing offer in the N.P. Act.” “Not by any means,” replies Miss Canada; “that clause in the Act is capable of being twisted so as to mean the opposite of what it says.” “Well,” shouts Peter Mitchell “this is what I call a scurvy breach of faith.” And every honest man in the country says “Amen, Peter!”

IS it possible that the Government of Canada is going to be mean enough to attempt to shelter itself behind this contemptible quibble? And if so, are we to believe that there are any men on the Government side of the

House who will support this shameful and dishonorable action? Nonsense! How could a Party, led by a Christian statesman, think of doing that which would be beneath the contempt of a Turk?

WE breathe more freely now that consent of the Imperial authorities has been obtained, at the earnest prayer of our Government, to extend the term of Gen. Sir Fred. Middleton as Commander of the Canadian Forces for four years more. In the event of an invasion of our coasts by the natives of San Salvador, or the revolt of the Nova Scotia fishermen, it is of the utmost importance that we should have a first-class military man to protect us.

THE Baptist denomination has been for a long time immersed in the University Federation question. Quite a sprinkling of members were in favor of the scheme, but it was vetoed. The convention also decided upon Toronto as the seat of McMaster University, which was, of course, most sensible. Woodstock made a strong bid, but Toronto stock was at a premium. Now ring the bell, and let the boys resume their lessons.

OUR friend Crankton is working on a great scheme, which he says is the only genuine anti-poverty racket. Simply this: Each and every man, woman and child in Canada shall contribute five cents to his (Crankton's) purse. This will make him a millionaire. Then he and all the rest of the population will contribute five cents each to the purse of the next man, and so on until every individual in Canada has been made comfortably rich. He reports that the scheme is received with wild enthusiasm by all believers in the principle of Protection, and it meets with no opposition except from those who believe only in Protection for the few. Crankton has a great head.

THE worthy senior member for Hamilton, Mr. Adam Brown, is prepared at any moment to meet his political adversaries on any question involving profound research and close reasoning, but he is at a loss to refute an argument like the following, which appears in the *Montreal Herald*:—

“His hair is carefully economized and employed to its fullest capacity in covering his head, much that should be doing duty on one side being called upon for service elsewhere.”

Why doesn't he retort that a man who understands hirsute economy on the outside of his head is likely to have a clear perception of political economy within?

BY Act of the Ontario Legislature the tax has been taken off live stock. Good! The light is beginning to glimmer. Perhaps before long our Governments will begin to understand that all other taxes on industry and the products of industry are mere relics of barbarism. Give labor a chance. Collect your necessary revenue by a single tax on land values, which robs nobody and is fair to all!

DR. MARY WALKER appeared at the Womans' International Convention “clad in her usual garb of man's clothing,” and insisted on speaking against giving women the ballot. She no doubt attended as the delegate of those women of the male sex who take the same position on woman suffrage. For once her uniform was exceedingly appropriate.



NOW THAT THE EXPENSIVE SOCIETY SEASON IS OVER I GUESS
I CAN AFFORD A NEW NECKTIE.

THE Newfoundland deputation is on its way to Ottawa to discuss the project of entering Confederation. Sir John is in favour of the union. He says, Let us go up and possess the land. It is the land of Canine.

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MR. SPRATT made himself rather troublesome to the big fishes at the Federation League meeting. He tangled up the line of argument with ill-advised interruptions, and caused the orators to flounder. It is wrong for a spratt to cod respectable patriots in this way, and he deserved the whalings he got. It's a great wonder Colonel Denison didn't stride from the stage and bait the scaly person within an inch of his life.

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MANITOBA has at last found out the way to manage the Dominion Government. It is the Green-way. The Norq-way was a flat failure every time.

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WE stop the press to announce that the New Party is still alive, and "doing as well as could be expected." It will not be brought up on the bottle, Dr. Sutherland says.

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IT is a matter of astonishment to all readers of the Reciprocity debate that those truly loyal orators should indulge in "spread-eagleism," which is a purely Yankee invention. Superabundant loyalty may account for extravagant periods, but mixed metaphors are generally the result of mixed drinks, and the saloon is still open in the basement, as everybody knows.

To the Liberal Candidate in West Hastings—Good Day!

THE Meuse has inundated several Dutch towns. The press of Canada will soon be inundated by the Meuse of spring poetry.

THE HEN-PECKED ONE'S LAMENT.

I'M buckled tae a waefu' wife,
These twenty years and mair, man;
And deil a haet but noise and strife,
Has been my wretched sbare, man.

For oh, the jades are ill tae ken,
And slippery as eels, man;
They're angels till they hook the men,
And syne they turn oot deils, man.

She dings me roon about the hoose,
As if I were a dog, man;
And if I keepna quiet as puss,
She scrimps my parritch cog, man.

She keeps me nursing a' the night—
Frae five o'clock till nine, man;
And if I hint its hardly richt,
I'm ca'd a "lazy swine," man.

I'm wakened at the-break o'day
Tae tidy up the hoose, man;
And if I dare tae say her "nay"—
She sends me tae the deuce, man.

When Sunday comes, tae cook I'm turne'd,
While she gangs tae the kirk, man;
And if the broth's a wee thing burne'd,
I'm "just a muckle stirk," man.

There's bod'ly pain, there's mental pain,
The plague o' human life, man;
But oh, life's sorest, hardest bane,
Is the plague o' a ruling wife, man.

A warning tak', a warning tak',
A warning tak', be wise, man;
And dinna buy them in a sack,
But sharply tak' their size, man.

JOHN MCCALLUM.

HOW IT STRUCK THEM.

THEY were standing at the corner of Yonge and Gerard streets when a runaway team came tearing along, scattering the pedestrians right and left and finally brought up with a tremendous crash against a lamp post. The rig was an antiquated ramshackle concern and was badly wrecked by the collision. While the proprietor was sadly collecting the fragments, Dusenbury turned to Jinglejaw and suddenly remarked:—

"There is something in this incident that reminds me of a presentation address."

"Why so?"

"Because the victim of the catastrophe is evidently bent on preserving the debris, not on account of their intrinsic value, but a slight token of 'is-team'—tumble?"

"Ah, just so. And you can no doubt readily understand why the circumstance should recall to my mind that well-known and beautiful air from the opera of the 'Bohemian Girl'—'Then you'll remember me.'"

Interval of two minutes for serious reflection.

"No-o, I don't exactly see the association of ideas."

"And yet you will doubtless admit that—"

'There may perhaps in such a scene
Some wreck-collection be.'

and they broke for the nearest hostelry to relieve their over-wrought feelings.

A LADY customer sent an order to a store for some dates, and the facetious clerk returned her a bushel of last year's almanacs. But the lady got even with the establishment. For when the grocer sent in his account with a note to the effect that he would like to receive part of it, she cut the bill in half pieces and sent him a fragment.



"INTERESTING EVENT."

"DO YOU THINK THE YOUNGSTER 'LL LIVE?"

OFFICIAL MINING COLUMN.

Subsidized by the "Liberal" Government of Ontario, which, by Order in Council has agreed to take five copies of this number at wholesale rates.

MINING NEWS.



MR. C. BLACKETT ROBINSON, Mr. Robert Jaffray, and a few other well-known miners, waited upon the Attorney General a few days ago, and confidentially informed him that they had made a discovery of gold, and would like to have the assistance of the Government in working the claim. Upon requesting particulars the Attorney-General was made aware that the vein is located in the Ontario Treasury, and it was proposed to sink a shaft from the *Week*

office, and take out the precious metal in the form of subsidy for the publication of a column of mining news in the journal named. The Attorney-General smiled and said he would take it into consideration. Stock in the projected mine at once fell out of sight.

JIMMY, the singing newsboy, says he is prepared to go before Mr. Fraser's Royal Commission on mining and testify that there is any amount of copper right in Toronto. For several years he has worked a valuable mine himself on the corner of King and Yonge streets.

THE *World* takes credit for having been the means of arousing the Government to the importance of investigating Ontario's mineral wealth. It may not be generally known that the *World* editor was attracted to the subject by a persistent smell of verdigris in his sanctum, indicating the presence of vast quantities of brass.

THE Local House having prorogued steps will now be taken to appoint the mining commissioners, who will no doubt be judiciously chosen. There is some talk of re-

calling a few of the Central Bank absentees to fill the positions, as they are believed to know a good deal about the whereabouts of valuable deposits.

MR. H. E. CLARKE, M. P. P., is of opinion that "it requires stimulation to develop the mineral wealth of Ontario." The Government entirely agree with this view, and no doubt the commission, when organized, will be given *carte blanche* in the matter of champagne.

THE mining fever has struck the City Council. At a late meeting Ald. Gillespie made an *ex parte* statement which went to show that there is a good deal of *steel* in the vicinity of the City Hall. The matter has been referred to that veteran prospector, County Judge McDougall.

It is suggested that the Royal Commissioners should be appointed by competitive examination. Text book: "King Solomon's Mines," by Rider Haggard.

PATENTS APPLIED FOR.

(LATEST EFFORTS OF INVENTIVE GENIUS AS NOTED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD.)

A SMALL round rubber mat with little spikes all over it, on which the cashier drops the silver change, and from which the customer picks it easily.

A cheese cutter, consisting of a swing knife, by which the grocer can, with certainty, cut ten ounces from the cheese whenever the customer orders half-a-pound.

A balloon which carries a lightning rod high in the air over an oil tank.

A cigar selling machine that drops out an all Havana, clips the end off and exposes a match and a piece of sand-paper whenever a nickel of lead blank is dropped in a slit in the side of the machine.

A nose protector (N. Y. invention), by which a woolen pad is snugly carried on the end of the nose in cold weather.

An electric boot-blackening machine, in which a brush is rapidly revolved in a non-rotating handle. The whirling brush brings the shine in one-tenth of the time of the old vibratory elbow method.

A rubber funnel which may be fitted over the head, big end up, so as to enclose all the hair while the barber shampoos a customer. A tube hangs down behind, so as to carry away the suds, while a hose for brushing out the hair, funnel and tube is provided. This is an invention of a German barber.

A decoy duck with a variety of detachable heads.

An air pump to force oil from a tank on a ship over a stormy sea.

A fan rotated by the wheels of a baby carriage to keep the flies off the baby.

A church pew that looks like a pew, but has comfortable arm-chairs within.

A device that will prevent the most restless individual from kicking the clothes off the bed.

A new gun with a battery in the stock and cartridges which have coils of platinum wire where the cap is. Pressing the trigger connects the coil with a battery.

A combined rocking chair and cradle (indescribable).

A combined kitchen ventilator and clock winder, being a device for connecting the ventilator wheels commonly placed in windows with the family clock.

FRUITERERS remark that no oranges are ever sold on St. Patrick's Day.



SOMETHING LIKE A STATESMAN.

Oliver Mowat.—COME ALONG, MY LITTLE DEARS; YOU SHALL NOT GROW UP CRIMINALS IF I CAN HELP IT!

[Mr. Mowat's bill for the protection and reformation of neglected children provides that on proof that a child under fourteen years of age, by reason of vice or neglect of parents, or by orphanage, is growing up in dissolute company, or that any orphan, under fourteen years, has been found begging in any public place, such child may be sent to an industrial school or refuge until it shall have attained the age of eighteen. It also provides that the municipality within which the child is resident at the time of committal shall be liable for its maintenance to an extent not exceeding \$2 per week].

"WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE!"



"Same sort of fools all over the world," said the Real Estate Agent. "Over there in Berlin I see some jackass paid \$300 for the use of a window to see the late Emperor's funeral go by, and they paid even more for places to watch the Queen's Jubilee procession in London last summer."

"And you call them — what?" asked the Political Economist.

"Fools, I said; any man who would spend so much money for such a purpose, is an idiot," replied the Real Estate Agent, emphatically.

"Perhaps he is; but what would you think of a man who charged his neighbours a fancy figure for giving them permission to stand on the street to see that funeral?" asked the Economist, mildly.

"Oh, what're you giving us?—do you suppose anybody would pay anything if there was room for everybody?"

"I don't know. By the way, what do you ask for that corner lot over there. I see your shingle is on it."

"That's worth \$250 a foot. Fine location that."

"Yes; but I only want to build a factory on it; I don't want to see any big funeral go by. Better wait for one of those Berlin fools to come along."

And the Political Economist departed to give a lecture on the single tax system, which will put in the public till the land values created by the community.

THE JESTER'S HANDBOOK;

OR, EVERY MAN HIS OWN HUMORIST

We have received the advance sheets of a work bearing the above title, which explains its purport. There are quite a number of people who, like the Scotchman in the story, "joke with deefficulty," to whom a *vade mecum* of this nature, compiled on the principle of "The Complete Letter Writer," containing appropriate jokes for almost every conceivable event and situation in life, will be invaluable. Any person—no matter how naturally destitute of a sense of humor—by studying its pages, and committing to memory the jokes provided for the particular occasion, can obtain a reputation as a first-class humorist. The comprehensiveness of the work is something remarkable. It contains jokes for dinner parties and political gatherings, for christenings, weddings and funerals; for casual street meetings, and formal visits; for walks in town and country; for spring, summer, autumn and winter; for drummers on a journey; for persons suffering from sea-sickness; for prisoners on trial; for parties about to marry, and for soldiers on the eve of battle. The following specimens taken at random from its pages will illustrate the utility of the volume:—

AT A DINNER PARTY.

"Oysters? Yes, thank you—I'm a gay raw-oysterer! Did it ever strike you how shell-fish people are at dinner? (If these remarks create a laugh, you may follow up the subject by observing 'quite a few-raw.') Fish? Yes, if you will kindly 'ficiate' I don't want to be too officious, though fish is appropriate on Fry-day. By the way, why is the fisherman's trade the most remunerative of any? Give it up. Because all he takes is net profit—See? Yes, sea of course, or lake, just as it happens—Oh-shun such jokes. I will take some roast beef if you think it meet—beef-fitting, as it were. Potato. Oh, *oui peut etre*, as we say in Paree. But these are not wee potatoes, but good-sized ones. A potato is like a bell when it is peeling. Wild duck? Oh, that's your little game, is it? A duck has good perceptive faculties, when shot it tumbles to the racket. Some apple-pie, please. Thanks—my appli-cation has been favorably received. Pudding? No, thank you, I'm pi-ously disposed. And now we are about to get our desserts."

AT A POLITICAL CONVENTION.

"This reminds me of a boil. Why so? Because it's a large gathering. Ah, and here come two-more (tumor). I hope that the convention-alities will be duly observed. There are many not-able persons here. They are moving that Hon. Bloviator take the chair. Where is he to take it to? And Slithers appointed secretary. Well, he's a man that does write. Who's speaking? I don't consider him a finish-ed speaker—much otherwise. There's no finish to it. Yet, 'tis a moving speech—moving a resolution. There's a whole string of them to be proposed. If the party don't get there it won't be for want of resolution. What now—adjourning for dinner? Aye mon—dinner ye hear the slogan?"

FOR A WINTER'S WALK IN THE CITY.

"S cool weather—see the school children. I think if I wanted my kids to learn music, I'd keep a private tooter. Sidewalk is slippery—so is the shoe store over the way. The frost has stopped work on the new buildings going up. That will injure the members of secret societies. What secret societies? Why, the Masons and Hod Fellows of course. With what hasty strides



BLOOD-CURDLING.

Tramp.—If you don't gimme some money, I'll be compelled to do that which my very soul abhors!
Old Gent.—Great heavens, man! You will not commit murder?
Tramp.—No! I'll have to go to work!

people rush about. They remind me of the steppes of Russia! (steps of rusher.) How bleak Church Street seems now that the frost has stripped the foliage from the trees. But there is a Bleeker Street not far off. The police have donned their winter garb. Long fur capes would be suitable for pelisse-men. How goes the time? Thyme goes well with goose. The streets are in an-ice mess. Another Chinese laundry opened out. But how can clothes be laundried here where there are no lawns to dry them on. What's this? 'Phenomanal attraction at Shaltisbury Hall.' Let us go, as the fee is only nominal."

ON BEING ASKED TO DRINK.

"Thank you, I like a little pleasant-rye sometimes Though not a lawyer I practice at the bar. Temperance folks say 'tis deadly poison. Well, bring me to my bier."

ON MEETING A FRIEND IN THE STREET AT NIGHT.

"Fine night? Yes, that is what you might call finite intelligence. 'How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon yon bank' of Montreal. Whither away? Wither away yourself and be blowed."

ON VISITING AN EDITOR.

"Aha! How's the moulder of public opinion? Mouldering away as usual, eh?—(Taking up scissors)—This accounts for your cutting, incisive style, I suppose. 'Tis an age of steal. You editors are always talking about your poverty—think you should be better paid and receive pensions when past work—yes, many of you ought to be pen-shunners. Put me out, will you? Well, if you do, I shall be very much put out about it. Ta ta!"

TALKS WITH THE FAKIR.

VIII.

"I HAVE just run in to say good-bye," said the Fakir, as he entered hurriedly gripsack, in hand. "I'm off to Chicago. Going to seek a wider sphere of usefulness, so to speak."

The announcement created a sensation in the office. The staff suspended work and overwhelmed him with questions as to the cause of his sudden departure.

"And what about your great book enterprise 'Western Warblings?'" queried the assistant editor.

"Oh, I've sold out to another party," he replied. "Collected all the cash I could on subscriptions and ads., and then sold out for a patent-right, some town lots in Manitoba, a silver-plated revolver and \$5 in cash. Could have made a couple of thousand more out of it I s'pose, if I'd have held on, but I'm tired of Toronto and it would not pay me. I can make more in Chicago."

"But what are you going to do when you get there?"

"Do? Anything, everything. Start a publishing house, run a society journal, found a new political party—just in time you know for the Presidential campaign—sell patent-rights, advertise my new hair dye and only reliable cure for warts, deliver temperance lectures, teach Volaptik in a course of half-a-dozen lessons, or delineate character by hand-writing. No trouble at all about finding plenty of first-class schemes. I'm in communication with a leading spiritualist medium there who gives seances all over the State. He proposes that I should follow him with a performance exposing spiritualism, and that we should whack up the profits on both shows. But I can't tell till I get there."

"Would it be convenient," said the cashier blandly, "to square up a little account you owe for advertising and small advances made from time to time before you go?"

"No," replied the Fakir firmly, "it would not. I'll send you my address as soon as I get settled and you can forward the bill. But meanwhile I will give you some valuable advice which, if you follow, it will be worth a hundred times the money. The secret of success is



"GENTLE SPRING."



OUR OWN TAIL-TWISTER!

If that country (the U.S.) was not an aggressive country, the difficulty would be minimized. He held, however, that it was an aggressive and grasping country. (Hear, hear.) They wanted Florida and they took it; Louisiana and Alaska they annexed; California and Mexico they conquered, and Texas they stole. (Loud applause.) They wanted half of the State of Maine that belonged to Canada, and they swindled the Canadian people out of it by means of a false map. (Loud cheers.) The war between the North and the South was as much for tariff as slavery. (Hear, hear.) It was only after three years that the South decided to emancipate the slaves. (Hear, hear.) They conquered the South and put them at their feet. (Applause.) He asked them to remember their treatment of the Canadian people in dealing with the question of Imperial Federation. In 1775 they attempted to conquer Canada and again in 1812, but they were beaten ignominiously both times. (Loud cheers.) They left no stone unturned in 1812 to conquer Canada, and gave it up as a hopeless task after a three years' effort. (Cheers.) The population of Ontario at that time was only 100,000 as against their ten millions. (Cheers.) They fomented discord which led to the Fenian raid in 1866. Those benighted warriors came armed with United States muskets. (Loud cheers.) They had never evinced a friendly feeling towards Canada. (Hear, hear.) They sent the British Minister home during the Crimean war when they thought England had her hands full. (A voice—"Shame," and loud applause.)

The scheme for Commercial Union emanated from a traitor in New York. (Cheers.) They wanted to have control of the Canadian tariff. (A voice—"never.")—*Col. Denison, at Imperial Fed. Meeting.*

to tickle people's vanity. You needn't laugh. It's solemn truth. The man who can flatter the business public successfully gets there every time. But it's got to be done judiciously. How do you think I work my schemes? Do you fancy it's done by rushing in on a man and talking business from the word go? Not at all. You've got to get his confidence. You want to chew on his ear a spell and make him believe you think the world and all of him. Praise his business enterprise, his liberality, his excellent judgment. Ask him for pointers and

appear anxious to get his advice. Lor', how many times I've worked pompous, ignorant old duffers that had plenty of money but didn't know enough to go in when it rained, just by pretending I wanted to get their opinions so as to have the benefit of their discretion and business experience! But you've got to discriminate. With some people you can't lay it on too thick. They'll swallow all the guff of that kind you can feed to 'em. Others are too fly; they ain't to be tickled that way. But you can often catch them by letting them talk to you about themselves and their affairs, if you just listen to them as though you was taking it all in. Let 'em patronize you, and by and by you can get 'em on the string. I tell you most every man has got his weak points and you've got to find them out and work on them accordingly; and with the most of men their weak spot is their vanity. Play on that—butter 'em up one way or another and you catch your suckers. People wonder how these snide snaps that there's really nothing into, catch on the way they do. It's only just because there's some man like myself that knows human nature, at the back of 'em. I give you these pointers because you've treated me pretty well and its been a sort of relief for me to drop in here and take my mask off, as it were, for a few minutes at a time, for I tell you it's hard work to keep up the racket without giving yourself away. I must go now. Good-bye all. You'll likely hear of me before long, and when I've made my pile in Chicago I'll come back for a good time with the boys here. So long."

And he picked up a copy of GRIP and departed.

"What a politician that fellow would have made!" said the editor, as he resumed his pen.

AN OPEN LETTER.

(To Don, care of "Saturday Night.")

DEAR DON,—So you have discovered a new hero! Just listen to this: "Athletic, austere, controlled by his fierce and revengeful disposition"; and again, "his strong character and immense power may make him another Frederick the Great, or later of his own ambition he may assay the *role* of Napoleon!" Pray where does Bismarck come in, and after him, do you think the German nation has not progressed these hundred years, and will allow themselves to be used to satisfy the cravings of a bad-tempered young fellow, even if he be, by no effort of his own, the Emperor?

If, dear Don, you had read history aright, you would know, that it was outside aggression which made the consolidation of the German states possible, and that no man is likely to be able to use that power solely to gratify his quarrelsome disposition. Liberalism is repressed in Germany only because of the national fears. And for all that, Bismarck and the late Emperor, with all the "glory" of successful wars around them, only carried on the government by making great concessions to the Socialists.

This new hero of yours hates his mother, does he? Why? Very likely because she used her slipper frequently upon a tender spot! and because his father was easy-going by contrast.

Now, then, Don, let me reason a little with you. Don't write any more stuff like this. "Only twenty-nine years old and yet his hand (the withered one I suppose) seems to itch (this is positively vulgar) for the sword of his dying father!" Let me recommend a different style. Do not forget altogether the Radical *role* which you lately



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played, and say, instead of the above, "There is good reason to hope, that after Bismarck passes off the scene, the German people will demand and obtain much greater control of their government," and not "it is probable that the armies of the Fatherland will soon have work to do." As a man of peace, I would suggest as a basis of settlement between France and Germany, that the question of nationality should be put to vote in the captured provinces. This would be much more sensible, my dear Don, and if you are really the Radical person you profess to be, you ought not to write in this theatrical manner, exaggerating the importance of the individual, and minimizing that of the masses.

Yours for peace and good will,

SANCHO P.



DEAR NEPHEW,—

Your father has asked me to write to you, giving in as concise a form as possible a fair idea (obtained from my own experience) of the proper course to be pursued in the business life upon which you are about to enter.

I take it that success is the object at which you would aim, and the first thing against which I must warn you, is the slightest display of independence. I mean, of course, towards your employer or superior. Simply fly when he says Go! It will not be necessary to keep this up, however, when he is not watching you.

The sense of power in himself, which your complete subserviency will engender, will make him wonderfully complaisant towards you, and impatient with those of a more manly (as it is called) spirit. This first rule may be hard to comply with, but you can vent your feelings upon any who are below you. They will not be able to resent this. I have read a number of books, written ostensibly for the guidance of young men, in which it is laid down as essential that they should be polite, considerate and kind, towards inferiors. Nothing could well be farther from the truth, except perhaps, that other falsehood, which the same authorities insist upon, namely, the cultivation of a proper spirit of independence! I characterize both of these propositions as utter folly and waste!

Why should you bestow such attention upon those who cannot advance you in any way? A little money will go a great deal farther, I am sure.

If you make any mistake about this matter, I can assure you that only the possession of great talents and industry will compensate for it, and I know you do not possess either of the latter qualities.

A reasonable amount of honesty and truthfulness are perhaps not to be despised, but do not carry the last

named too far; you will find when you get into a good position that policy must be exercised and truthfulness curtailed where and when it would not be judicious to exercise it.

Be temperate, but do not be fanatical about total abstinence, as it may seriously interfere with your prospects. Take wine, when invited to do so by anyone whose friendship you desire to cultivate, governing your actions in all cases by your own self-interest.

Avoid all bitter disputes upon the the subject of politics.

It may, however, be wise, in the presence of any members of the upper class, to denounce *radicalism*, in all its forms. Be conservative, not in the narrow sense of attaching yourself to the political party bearing that name, amongst whose members are many radicals, but in the broad sense of opposing the prevalent ideas of equality, and so forth.

Even employers who are members of the Liberal party have an underlying belief in conservatism, believing their position to be kept secure by maintaining the present order of things.

Certain classes are intended to rule and the majority to obey.

In Canada you will find it necessary to preach loyalty, particularly loyalty to the British Crown and Government, the interests of Canada always ranking second. Loyalty! Ah! how well that sounds! And indeed it does cover a multitude of shortcomings. This cry has been constantly and very successfully used here, again and again. I believe that many poor people get genuinely excited about it!

This letter has now reached a sufficient length, but when I hear that you have fairly understood it, I may again write, giving more specific instructions.

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Sailor. Why, you durned fool, that is the figger-head.

V.N.H. wonders if that is a position next in rank to the captain.

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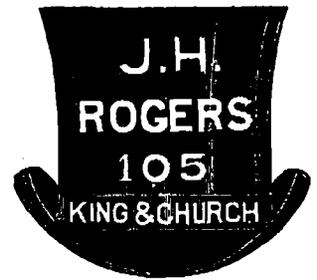
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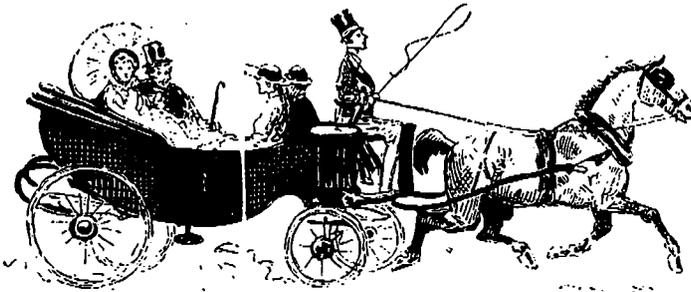
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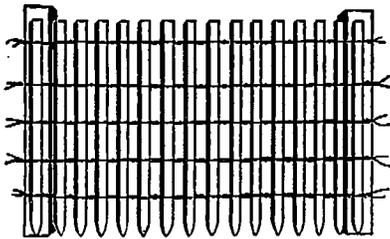
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