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THE POLITICAL CHAMELEON.
"This curious creature has the mysterious property of changing its complexion to match the color it happens to rest upon."-lide Natural History.


X-PREMIER Mercier and I. Israel Tarte, that brace of irresponsible blatherskites, are at it again, doing their best to stir up the unthinking element in Quebec. It is about time that Mr. Iaurier publicly disavowed all connection with these windbags, who are both popularly supposed to recognize him as their leader. Of course neither 1 aurier nor ans other sensible and law-abiding man whether Catholic or Protestant can have ani sympathy with the frothy balderdash these two political cranks are talking on the slanitoba School Bill question. The Supreme Court having decided that the Dominion Government "cannot check Manitoba," there is nothing for any would-be interferer to do now but to clear the track. It is worth while to make note of the fact that the Catholic people of Manitoba are not prevented from settins up separate schools of their own if they want them, the law only says that they shan't be paid for out of the "'rovincial till. If such schools are so absolutely necessary; so essential to the moral and spiritual well-being of the children, surely they are worth paying for. We venture to predict, however, that before many years the Catholics of Manitoba will agree that the Public Schools, conducted on an unsectarian basis, are in every way to be preferred.

## HUMORS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

"Sergeant KenNedr:" said the Major, after demolishing two nice new laid eggs. "I call give you a certain method of keeping eggs from spoiling." "Why; then, Major, that would be a very handy thing to know," answered the veteran. - How-:
"O, very simple, very; simple, indeed, Kennedy-eat them while they are fresh !"

Mr. C. -, who has an impediment in his speech, is a general favorite, and is know as a very reliable, true-hearted man. It was therefore with some surprise that the Major was heard to say of him,-"I'm sorry', but $C$. can't be relied upon." "Major, don't say that," observed the sergeant, "I've know him for-"" "Oh, but you surely know, Kennedy, that he is always breaking his word," interjected the Major.
"'Tis a Puzzle to Mie,"remarked Mr. I., "the more I contract debts the more they expand." "lhat's an item of interest," chipped in G., as they walked along the corridor towards the dining room. "An item of interest !" ejaculated the Major, as all took seats at the lunch table, "here's a whole table of interest."
"WHy is electricity like the police when wanted ?" asked Mr. W., looking around the table. And, promptly, Sergeant Kennedy replied after the Irish fashion, "Is it maybe because it is an invisible force?"

Curious Invention. - "That's a curious invention," observed the Major. "What ?", asked the Sergeant. "The new machine to make waste," answered the Major.

The Major put the following questions, and answered them himself while loudly applauded. "When can a ship be said to be sensibly; imprudently, ridiculously, ambitiously, and boldly in love ?" Ist. Sensibly-when she is attached to a man of war. 2nd. Imprudently-when borne along by 2 great swell. ت̈rd. Ridiculously-when in the company of a small boy (buoy). 4th. Ambitiously-when making up to a peer (pier). 5th. Boldly-when running after a =mack.

IN MEMORIAM.


JOSEPH KEPPLER
AKTIS OF " I'tč."
Dien Mondar, Fer. 197it, 1 \$94.
"Black Stockincs of all colours, very cheap, were advertised the other day by a city firm," said Captain H., "I went to buy some, but found there was no variety."

Speaking of the approaching Easter holidays, young H., a raither forward youth, asked the Major, "What does Crood Friday mean ?:" "You had better go home and read your Robinson Crusoe," was the withering reply.
"Ir doesn't take me long to make up my mind, I can tell you," was the way the Sergernt was putting it to the Major. "It's always so where the stock is small," was the quiet retort.
"There is a fortune lying in wait," and the Major was procceding to expatiate upon his subject, when the Sergeant chimed in, "Thrue for you, Major. There's Bill Jones, the butcher, three years :sgo he wasn't worth a dollar. Now he's got a fortune; got it, as you say, by lying in wait."


THE PEACE MAKER.
Jolr. - That' right ; shake hands all round, majorities and minorities, and let us work together for the good of the whole Dominion!

"BETSY AND IARE OUT."
A DOMESTIC DRAMA.
ACT I - A boarting house.
 tionare leforc him.
" l ' l'. C., letters placed on left-hand corner of calling card before departing on a journey:" Quitc so. J.ct me see what the dikshunary says. "Conge" leave. Too common that. "Adieu" is more ghastly. Pour prendre adicu-I suppose thar's French - at all events it's more toney. The latest thing, quite nobby. Writes $P . I$. A. on cards, pulls up shirt collar, puts on hat, takes his fashionable bludseon and falters out.

## ACT II. -AN ARISTOCRATIC STREET.

Fredvy at door (callins, ) Miss Sweettie at home?
lat, the porter: Sure and she is, sor.
Fred. Take my card.
P'it (rads it). Ugh, ye spalpeen ! and is it yerself wud shove yer ugly mug ferninst private Criss'ens and disturb, public worship. Get out wid ye: (attompts to shut him out. Scuffic).

A Silvery Voice. What is amiss, Patrick? Is it possible it is Mr. Dudeley? Show him in at once.

Fred (puts doain his hat). Really dreadful savage, your Cerberus. Quite uncultured. I called only to leave my card-(hamds it).

Miss S. (rads it). Mr. Frederick, is it possible! How much you disappoint us all: (cnter Sactettic, perc) See. papa! Only think! Who would have thought it of Freddy:

Swerttie. Well! ypon my soul if this is not the most brazen insolence! Young man, take your vile political opinions elsewhere-

Fred (faintly). I ouly-
Sweetic. Begone sir! take yourself of: never show your fool's head here again : (dashos door open and accilerates him out.)

Pat, rushins out furiously, O ye murderin' Prodestan': (lcuds him one हick morc).

Policeman (lounscs up), What's up, Patsy ?
Pat. It's dhrunk and disorderly he is and wan o' them Pay.Pay. Ays., forcin' hisself intil a family and a pullins down of religion. The curse of the crows on him!

Ponice. You come along o' me.
Fred. How dare you, wuffian?
Police. You shut up. Anything you say will be used agin you.
act ill.-a hall of instice.

## I. l'. What's the charge ?

Pource. Dhrunk and disorderly; sir.
J. P. The man does not seem drunk.

Police. Worse nor that, sir, breaking into pulblic houses and disturbing of private worship.
I. P. That is a more serinus offense than more intoxication.

Fred. Sir, I am a gentleman. There is my card. (throas it dorin).
J. P. (hazins retad it), loung man, nothing but unmitigated idincy or the most blackhearted malignity could induce anyone in the present state of public fecling to place on his card the initials P. P. A. as a profession of his religious faith.

Fred. I tell you A. stands for Adoo:
I. P. A most unlikely pretext. I will only adjudicate on the lesser offense with which you are charged- $\$ 10$ or ten day's.

Fred. I will appeal to the l'remier:
J. P. Better not. You might get a Roland for your Oliver.

A Voice. Try l'arson Madill! cuitan.

## MODERN DICTIONARY.

Fin-ish.-Having fins.
Grmace, A dirty card.
Hard-shir. An iron-clad.
Heir-simp. A balloon.
Hu-max, A Carpenter.
In-ctes. Visible.
In-finm. Wellinserted.
Jar-gon. A broken vessel.
Kid-sim. The hair of a young groat.
La-Alice. Ability to tell a falshood.


GARMENTS OF HUMILIATION.
Mir. Goomiusirand, - "You wan't a cheque for lenten sackcloth and ashes, hey? A small cheque will, of course; do. How much ?"

Mrs. G.-"Er - well, not so z'ry' small, dear. The sackcloth is made of seal skin, you know, and the dress material is what they call 'ashes' of roses."


THE THIRD PARTY IN EXTREMIS;


## WE WONDER HOW ITIS?

A
A artist down in Montreal
One day a funny sketch did scrawl
Showing the grocer, Walter Paul, A working at his biz-
And Walter loud with glee did baw When he leheld his phiz.

Then Alexander next he drew A-bringing in an oyster-stew And sandwiches and tea for two(The lunch-room man, you know) And when the people said-" That's you !" Old Alex. laughed ho-ho !
Then Villeneuve he neally made
In wine shop apron all arrayed,
And with a bottle (that's his trade).
But Villencuve's dander riz,
And horrid threatenings he made,
We wonder how it is?
The I'itness, which did print the sketch,
He called a vile, abusive wretch, Andi roared, "By gar, don't let me ketch Dougall or none of his,
I have no use for any sech"; We wonder how it is?

## anOther real row.

This is no make-believe row in the Calsinet at Ottawa. Hon. Real Angers is Real Anger-y alour the non-disallowance of the Manitoba School Bill.

## UNEMPLOYMENT.

"I don't see what those chaps are doing:" said Jaggers, looking at a large gang of men who were pottering about on the road with shovels.," They don't seem to be working at anything in particular"
"Certainly not," replied Sniggers, " they"re the unemployed, you know."

## GEE-OGRAPHYI

Our esteemed and learned contemporary the London Advertiser is of the opinion that the college rowdy must be put down effectually, whether he carries on his pranks at "Toronto, Ithica, Cornell, or any other university town." The Adinertiscr is sound on the rowdy question, but we are dying to know where the town of Cornell is.

## LAW

A
N upper mill and lower mill Fell out about their water ;
To war they went-that is to law, Resolved to give no quarter.
A lawyer was by each engaged, And hotly they contented,
When fees grew slack, the war they waged They judged were better ended.

The heavy costs remaining still Were set!led without bother; One lawyer took the upper mill, The lower mill the other.


HE'D LIKE TO CRIB!
FOSTER.-"I WISH I COULD GET A LOOK TO SEE HOW HE'S GOT THAT TARIFF PROBLEM WORKED OUT !"


THE MISUSE OF AICOHOL.
 carnsher--girrup an' look jol--jolly? Awrer be shamed-sirrin' lookin's' dismal: It's 'shgraceful? You're not fit t' be 'ntosheated !"
--Pick-mi-up.

## VILLENEUVE, THE VALIANT.

M.VILLENEL「E, the new Mayor of Montreal, is, it would seem, a dealer in Wines and Lipuors, and thinks it, as he says, no dishonour to be so engaged. Mr. McShane, his late opponent, is also well known as an opponent of "temperance fanatics." During the campaign the $I$ ithoss, as in duty bound, opposed both of these gentlemen, and called in the aid of caricature to help out the cold tipe. The Artist represented M. Villeneuve with a bottle in his hand, and, strange as it may seem, this incidental reference to his honourable business so enraged M. Villencuve, that he has siven peremptory orders that the IFitness reporter is to be excluded from his nificial apartments at the City Hall during his term. It would be scarcely reasonable to expect Mr. Mayor to exhibit a gushing love for the IFitness under the circumstances, but there is no reason why he should thus raise the laugh on himself. He seems to forget that he is not exactly the owner of the City Hall, and he has been in pulbic life long enough, one would think, to learn the futility of such a method of fighting a newspaper.

## MUSEUM CONTRIBUTIONS.

A skein of street garn.
A tooth from the mouth of the river,
A leaf from a branch of the St. Lawrence.
A hair from the forelock of time.
A photograph of the night-mare.
A petal from the "flower of the family."

## CAPTAIN JIMJAM'S TROUBLES.

## Mr. Editor,

HAlE a grievance. like otherpersons, from whom you doubtless hear, I am determined to advertisc my grievance in 'your very valuable paper'. However, if space be 'not available; please don't publish my letter in the waste-paper basket. Enclosed, find stamps.

As introductory, I may state without egotism, we are thorough-bred, well-bred, English people, - Mrs. Iimjam and I : which statement I can prove. Why: I am Captain IV. D. G. Jimjam, formly in active service. Because the young Jimjams were so numerous, (though not so numerous as some ancient accounts against us,) we came to Canada.

In the North-West Territories, I secured l:md enough to leave an estate to each of my youngsters. Our farming was more romantic in the beginning thereof, than afterwards. Jimjam lark, - you Canatians would called 'the farm', was thirty miles from a railway and one hundred miles from any town in which it would not be necessary to enroll the cows and dogs and cats, to stretch the number of inhabitants up to a western figure. Consequently, during five years, Mrs. Jimjam and I did'nt once go to town for tailor-made garments and new fangled gowns. We often looked over a rai!way map, trying to find the town, marked on 'a projeced line,' which was to pass just outside our barb-wire fence At the end of five years, leaving the boys in the country; we brought our six girls to the nearest city. Those girls never took kindly to farming. At milking time, they invariably had sick head-aches or organized a strike. Churning, washing and scrulbing were always put off till Cree squaws came begging round ; after which, mendicant risits we enjoyed fresh butter, clean clothes and visible foors. As the girls seemed more addicted to reading young ladies' Journals than doing country housework, my wife and I agreed we had better settle them on city chaps.

Once in the city, we moved into a spanking, fine terrace, on a most aristocratic square. As we had brought enough clothing from the old country to last a hundred years, I suppose, at first we did look a little seedy in creased, old fashioned clothes. Anyway, not one of the neighbors called on my family. Now, Sir, I'm Captain Jimjam, and don't need to care for that harmless slight ; though I am sorry those people deprive themselves of good company. But, Mr. Editor, it was when we moved into that terrace, that a system of persecution set in upon us, which is unendurable. Though I'm enraged, I'm perfectly reasonable. Surely people too stylish to visit us by the front door should be too independent to sneak round and borrow at the back door. That whole terrace length of cads borrows everything in my house, from eggs and frying-pans and rolling



LENTEN SERVICE.
Mass Goodgirl...." I'm going to get rcady for the morning service, Grandpa, what a pity you can't come with me.

Grandpa.- " Don't see how I could improve on this for lenten service - a gouty toe, and nothing in the newspaper but 'starving unemployed' and 'business difficultics.':"
pins to postage stamps and street car tickets and parlor decorations; and the only way we can get a thing back is to borrow in return. On principle, I don't olject to get back what I lend. For the first few weeks after moving to those stylish quarters, we loaned, loaned, loaned, in our generous imnocence we gladly loaned whatever was asked. The result is, our back shed stands shorn of most useful appendages; our kitchen, forsooth, is a free dispensary for upstarts ! Little did I suspect that arrogant terrace to be a veritable Fort Deadbeat! By thunder! Sir, how long is a man suppose to wait for that saintly, soft-spoken, old, white-whiskered wretch at the end of the row to return my costly meerschaum? Yes, and a hundred dollars I loaned him, "just for a fell days," without a note?
I vow there will be an eruption of the seething indignation boiling within me; and my wife doesn't uphold my authority.

Says she to me, "O Wellington deah! Do control youahself! We must retain the good will of these gwand folks, else we'll nevah get ouah poah deah ge-arls into sah-si-ety." What's a military man to do with mutiny in his own family?
Let me relate an incident. The other day, I was at an open window upstairs. A neighbor's window beneath was open too. I heard a shrill, female voice exclaim,
"Say Mariar ! You've got new neighbors." "Yes," answers the Mariar, "they're awful grecn, just mossbucks." Voice, the first says, "Tee-hee-hee."
Continues Mariar, "Real useful pcople though. They're the kind think it's awful nice, real neigborly of us to borrow." -Voice the first ejaculates with the most inimitable inflection, "O Great Heavings!" and these two most demure young ladies sang a nasal duet of Tee hee-hee's."

That very afternoon, while I was busy with my afternoon nap, did the same audacious Mariar chirp up to Mrs. Jimjam and get permission to scream over our telephone. "Ours is out of order," the minx explained, which was a lie; for her people had'nt a 'phone. That very' family gave a large party, to which each of our six silly girls was anxious to go ; so, when Miss Audacity asked, with much simpiring and smirking, for our card table, it was siven with alacrity. With great expectations, Polly loaned Mariar a handsome necklace ; and with similar hopes, my wife sent in to Mariar's mother, for the eventful night of the party, the piano-stool and a dozen chairs. The girls looked for the formal invitation at cach mail delivery: Though the party came off with such eclat, that a description of it filled a column of a Saturday Night periodical, I wish to tell you, Sir, the invitation has not arrived to this day: We found our furniture piled on our side of the fence, without even a note of "Thank you." Our servant borrowed lack lolly"s necklace.

One woman, Mrs. Van lattinkins, incessantly sent her cook to our kitchen for flour, spices, and often a loaf of bread. How do you think she made returns? After supplying herself from our pantry; for a couple of days, she had the presumption, when sending the scraant back with our cooking utensils, to present us with six little ginger-smaps, carcfully rolled in a table napkin.

I'm going to make a final charge next week, Mr. Grip, if you don't object. I want to tell you about Macmorrow, the bachelor next door. Till then,

1 am. Sir, most respectiully
(Capt.) N. D. C. Jmbin.

## MR. O'DAY'S CORRESPONDENCE.

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To His Excllency the Risht Honorable the Earl of Aherdech,
Gourner Gineral itio, iti, di.

## My deak Iomd Alertiem:

OUR Excellency has hard no doubt, Whin thravellin'
over the Green Isle, of the good ould Irish sayin'"God's relief is nearer than the threshold," and another wan, aqually thrue an" good--" God never made a mouth without makin' something to put in it." 'The spleedy relici that has come to the unemployed poor av this city, through the prompt action and encouragement ar jour Excellency, bears witness to the truth of these sayin's and also to the beneficial effects that follow from the good example of those in high places. Employment is now being provided and money liberally contributed, as your Lordship


THE UNREASONABLE TEMPERANCE KID.
Billy Bucilanan, (in a temper).-"More! More!"
Madam Mowat. - "Stop your noise, you greedy little thing ! You'll not get another morsel until you eat the piece you've got!"

and Indy Aberdeen will, I am shure, be plazed to hear, afiording timely relicf to the disthressed. Yours is the right kind or helpful charity, that not only begins at bome, but spreads itself albroad.

In faith and hope the world will disagrec, But all mankind's concern is charity.
It is in jer hand-
"Opien as day for melting charity:"
that the poet's ideal is realized.
"Will ye no come back again," is what is now sung by the Curlers and ceverbody else in Toronto. What a murtherin' pity it is entirely that we can't have yer Excellency all the time widh us here, instead av lettin' je so back to that cowld, desolate raysion, where the mercury is mostly; below zero, the snow constantly on its wings, and the wind so cuttin' as to le sharp enuff to shave a pig! To be shure, we hare Girir, an' Alderman Hallam, an' can't expect to have all the grate an' good things to ourselves here in Toronto.

I'm greatly beholden to yer Lordship for yer kind an' gracious invitation to Rideau Hall, but must most respectfully decline for the prisent. The session is comin' on. The Queen's speech will have to be prepared. Sir John will be obliged to have a good many consultashuns widh ye. An' je don't want to give him any, room for jcalousy, as there might be, if I was in the way', an' he believed that I was tenderin' ye advice in the crisis at hand.

I see that the men who make soap bave been to Ottawa, soft soapin' the Governmint-an' ould thrick, an' be the same token is not confined to the soapmakers' thrade.

Men don't soft-soap Ministhers widhout having some private end in view, and, ginerally; whin such music is listened to,' 'tis the people who have to pay for it. Give Sir John an' yer Ministhers a hint to beware of the softsoapers, who, for self and pelf, want to pile on the taxes. Impress upon them the truth of the words of Diogenes, which yer lordship will remimber. Diog. being axed, "What is that baste, the bite of which is the most danger-
ous?" replied, "Of wild bastes, the bite of the slandercr: and of tame ones that of the soft-soaper."

Widh my duty to her ladyship, an' God bless her in the sood work she's doin'--espeshually for ould Ireland,

I have the honor to remain, Your Lordship's thrue frind,

Tim O'Dar.

## TELLING HIS THOUGHTS.

"I suppose," said a quack, while feeling a patient's pulse, "that you consider me a humbug ?"
"Well," responded the patient, "I don't know exactly how to answer that, seeing you can so accurately tell a man's thouglts by feeling his pulse."

## mR. MONK'S GREAT IDEA.

GRIP'S good old friend, Henry Wentworth Monk, of Ottawa, has an idea. Or perhaps it would be more cxact to say; the idea has him. It is a great, big, glorious idea anyway; and well worthy of all the thought Mr: Monk has given and is giving it. It is nothing less than the bringingabout of an early and complete disarmament of the European nations. Mr. Monk thinks that it is mutual want of confidence that now chiefly stands in the way of a disarmament of these powers, and his proposal is the formation of a Supreme Authority composed of a select number of the best men of all nations on earth to supply the "much needed security and protection:" He has written on the sulbject to the Queen, the Duke of Argyle and other eminent personages in Great Britain, but like Baal of old, these preat beings are aslecp or perchance have gone afishing. Hence he brings the matter on the foot of Grip's throne, where, of course, it gets immediate attention. King Grip has no hesitation in laying his royal claw on the devoted head of Henry Wentworth Monk and saying, Your idea, sir, is a grand and noble one, and if you will kindly explain your plain somewhat more fally, we will see that it is forthwith carried out.

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## LIFE IN A LUMEER CAMP.

The dahgers that beset these sturoy tollers.
kecent Events Kecall an Hoident That
Caused Years of Pain and Suffering

- How the Vitim Regained Healih
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