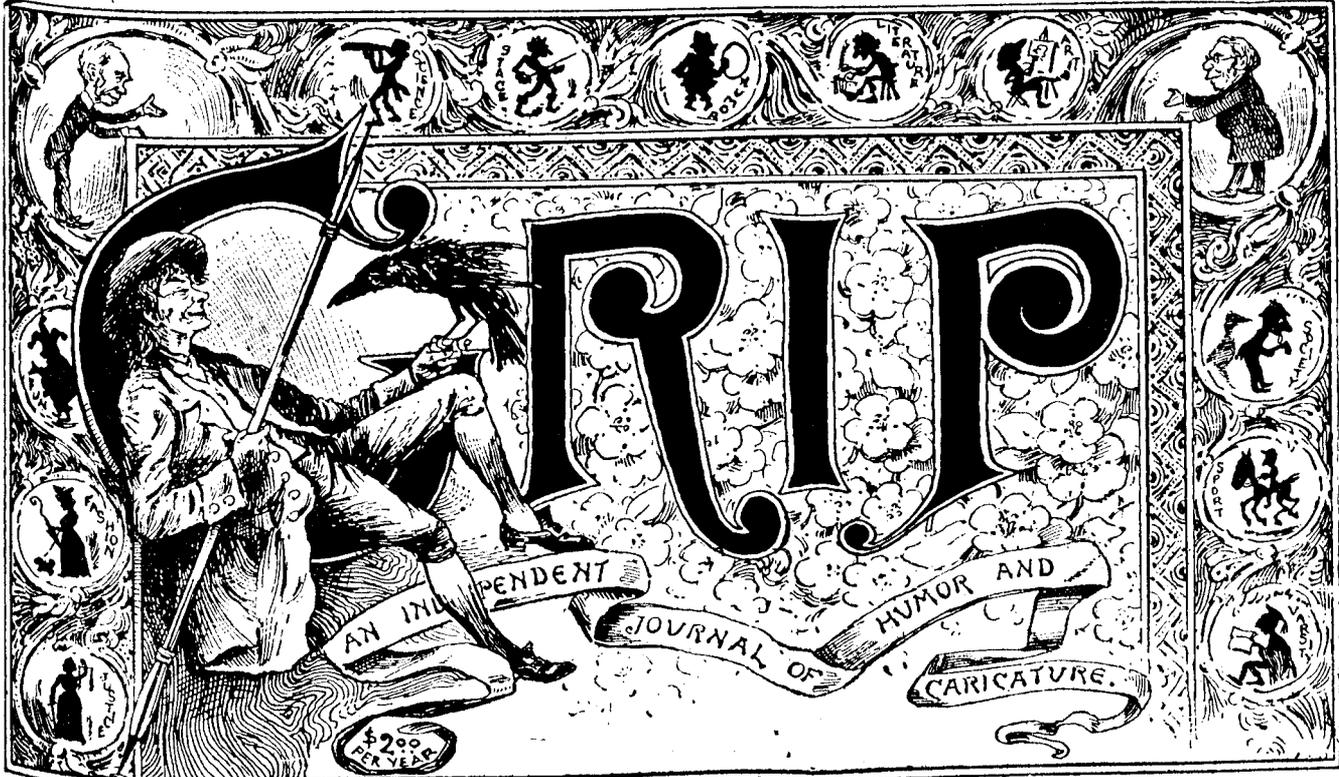


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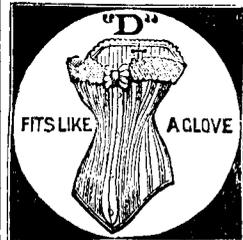
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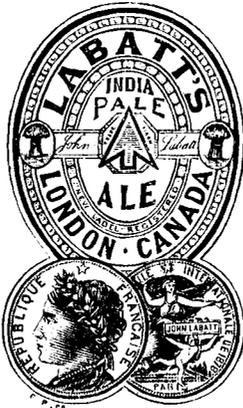
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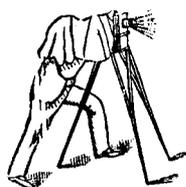
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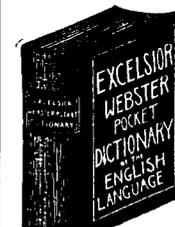
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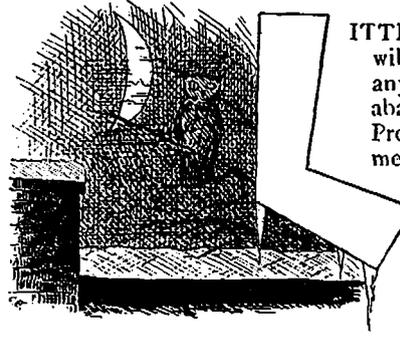
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right in itself, but it was unfair to apply it to a single constituency only, with the obvious motive of seizing a party advantage; and the device of giving two votes only to each elector where three candidates are to be chosen, is a clumsy and ineffective method of applying the principle at best. If it is really desired to give minorities the opportunity to make their influence felt in proportion to their numbers, that can be accomplished by the grouping of constituencies and the introduction of cumulative voting. But whatever system is adopted should be general throughout the province.

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THE *Empire*, which has frequently complained of the injustice inflicted upon Toronto and the Tory party by minority representation, assails the Government as bitterly for abolishing the system as it ever did for maintaining it. It is just this spirit of senseless and indiscriminate abuse and cavilling at whatever the party in power does, or does not do, that destroys the incentive to good government. If an administration knows that it will be assailed and misrepresented, regardless of its actions, it will be apt to become heedless of public opinion. The Ontario Government deserve credit for acknowledging the failure of their “experiment” and abandoning it, especially as the strength and servility of their following enables them to despise Opposition criticism.

* * *

A MEASURE of tardy justice is also promised to Toronto in the increase of our representation in the Legislature to at least four Members, which will be still fewer than we are fairly entitled to. If the right hand of Premier Mowat has not lost its cunning he will probably manage in re-arranging the metropolitan constituencies to provide a tolerably safe seat for Mr. Joseph Tait, who would otherwise be thrown out by the repeal of the minority representation provision. The absence of Mr. Tait would deprive the Legislature of one of its strongest individualities, and the Grit party of a redoubtable oratorical champion.

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MR OLIVER MOWAT has plainly intimated that he will not support a prohibitory measure for the tangible reason that the Provincial Government has no power to pass a bill of that nature. He may be right—it would probably take a judgment of the Privy Council to decide that question—but it is curious to note how anxious both Governments are to disclaim authority when the temperance question comes to the front. Premier Mowat's pre-

vious efforts have been in the direction of widening the scope of Provincial powers, and his usual course has been to pass a measure first and test its constitutionality afterwards. But he evidently wishes to fight shy of the prohibition question, and the utmost that the temperance party have to expect from him is a submission of the issue to popular vote on the referendum principle. But if he does not mean to let the result decide the question what is the use in putting the electors to the trouble and expense of taking a vote on it?

* * *

DIRECT legislation, such as prevails in Switzerland under the referendum, would take the prohibition question and many other issues out of politics, and prevent their being made the football of partisans, but a mere plebiscite, which does not commit the Government to anything is not direct legislation or anything but a piece of absurdity and child's play. What should be done is to pass an act authorizing a direct vote and making the result binding without further legislation.

* * *

THE passage of the second reading of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill by a majority of forty-three, practically ensures the ultimate success of the measure. The Lords will throw it out, of course, and Mr. Gladstone will have to go to the country again, when he is certain to come back with a larger majority, more especially if needed election reforms, such as the abolition of plural votes, are effected in the meantime.

* * *

THE adoption by the Trades and Labor Council of this city of a resolution in favor of the Single Tax and Free Trade is significant of a great advance of opinion on these subjects among the more intelligent workingmen. But the Trades and Labor Council have politically very little influence with the mass of the working class electors, who are as much under bondage to partyism as ever.

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IF some of the Grit leaders had an interesting kid to play the Baby Ruth role in Canadian politics, it might help to popularize the party.



INTELLECTUAL PLEASURE AT THE MATINEE.

EDITH—"Is it not simply delightful, Annabel?"

ANNABEL—"Oh, it's just heavenly! Four lovely murders, a delicious divorce case, a beautiful elopement, and the first act is not half over yet. It's too sweet for anything."

IN HARD LUCK.

TRAMP—"If ye please, marm, I'd like a bite to eat. Aint had nothin' since yesterday noon."

LADY—"I'm afraid we have no cold victuals left, except a piece of custard pie."

TRAMP—"Don't mention it. Last piece of pie I got was so cussed hard that I couldn't eat it."

SHELVED.

HE—"Ethel's beauty always reminds me of a peerless alabaster vase."

SHE (*spitefully*)—"Naturally. You usually see an alabaster vase on the shelf."



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WANT MORE THAN THE EARTH.

ALL o'er the world strong potentates
Have stolen the lands of weaker states,
Till, how it must disturb their feeling,
There is none left that's worth the stealing.
So Bear and Eagle are hobnobbing
About a different style of robbing,
And soon, no doubt, this worthy pair
Will claim the sunlight and the air,
That is should they successful be
In their great steal of Behring's sea.

G.C.

MUCH OTHERWISE.

AN esteemed contributor writes: “The two smallest things mentioned in the Bible are: ‘The wicked flee,’ and ‘The widow's mite.’ The wicked flee when no man pursueth, and so the widows mite.” Yes, they might, but judging from the way they act when some man pursueth it is extremely improbable. When some purse-sueth the widow is not apt to flee.

ANTICIPATED HIS OBSERVATIONS.

THIS wedding of the Earl of Craven to a New York heiress,” said Samjones, as he ambled into the office in his usual airy manner, “would seem to indicate that—”

“The New Yorkers believe in Earl-y marriages,” interrupted the cartoonist.

“And have a cravin' for aristocratic alliances,” remarked the assistant editor.

“And it also shows that those who seek to purchase wealth with titles can find a Mart-in New York,” put in the book-keeper.

“So it would a-peer,” retorted the cartoonist.

“Aristocratic affair all through,” observed the assistant editor, “even some of the reporters resorted to Heraldic devices to obtain information about it.”

Samjones' breath came in short, quick gasps. He struggled to his feet, and putting his hand to his forehead, walked in a dazed manner to the door without a word.

THIS KIND DIE YOUNG.

SMYTHE—“I say, Broughne, doesn't it strike you as rather remarkable that so young a man as Herr Damrosch should be the leader of the famous Symphony Orchestra?”

BROUGHNE—“Well, yes, it does sym-phony.” (*Funeral private.*)

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But just for the pleasure, how much it would cheer us,
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ELUBBED Brudderin an' sistahs of de feminine persuashun, de subjec' of my spontaneous elucidashun dis ebinin' erkordin' to partickler request ob de Colored Gentlewomen's Temperance Society ob wich seberal members ob dis heah congregashun am bright an' shinin' lights, am gwine ter be de pleabiscuit. I 'low dat I didn't hab no hankeerin' fur to disco'se onto dat question, but seein' as how Sistahs Gwendolen Bradshaw and Madame Dudley-Fortescue has been hustlin' like de berry debble—no dat ain't profanity brudderin, 'kase he am a hustler—fur ter collect de sum of nine dollars an' forty-five cents dat a man sued me for inter de Divishun Cote, by means of wich I gib de bailiff a standoff, it am de leastes' I kin do fur to comply wid dar request.

Firstly, wat am de pleabiscuit? It am er priceless boon ter sufferin' humanity. It am de Polar Star to wich a

shipwrecked mariner on life's tempestuous voyage turns his longin' gaze wid healin' on its wings, an' amid de fascinashuns wich lure frum de path of rectitood wid steadfas' hope an' trust still onward to whar de sheriffs in dar bright array raise de welcome song of triumph. De plea-biscuit am de goal ob our ambishuns. It am gwine fur to make us mo' loftier in our aims, to lead our thoughts away frum de entanglements ob earthly cares an' de scurrilous writins into de *Telegram*, up de lofty slope whar glistens de radiance wich beacons us to—shut dat do' Brudder Rastus! an' ef Fitzmaurice Pemberton in dat pew under de gallery don't quit nudgin' an' ticklin' dat fresh tan-complected gal wid de high hat on an' makin' her snicker, Deekin Dorsey will put one of dem No. 13 boots ob his whar its gwinter do mos' good—de sanctuary an' no place fur *espionage* ob dat kin'. Selah!



ORNITHOLOGICAL.
"A BLUE-JAY."



THE SPRING CHICKEN AGAIN.

HEAVY TRAGEDIAN (at railway hotel) — "Prithce, landlord, dwells there within the precincts of this hamlet a machinist?"

LANDLORD—"A machinist? Yes, sir."

TRAGEDIAN—"Then take him this bird of many springs. Bid him wrench asunder these iron limbs, and then, for our regalement, to chisel slices from its unyielding bosom, for we would dine anon—and, pray you, do it quickly. Yon peas you need not carry; for those, with dextrous management, we can swallow whole. Away!"

Secondly. De plea-biscuit am demanded by de mos' intelligent sentiment of de kermoonerty. Wharfor dost men blow darselves in in de saloon while dar wives an' families is allowed to want de necessities of life? What am de reason dat Brudder Aninadab Jefferson got cotched in a supposititious situation in Col. Hogaboom's chicken-roost? Drink war de reason, my friends. Brudder Jefferson war under de meretricious influence ob booze. Wy ef he'd bin sober he'd dun got away wid

shipwrecked mariner on life's tempestuous voyage turns his longin' gaze wid healin' on its wings, an' amid de fascinashuns wich lure frum de path of rectitood wid steadfas' hope an' trust still onward to whar de sheriffs in dar bright array raise de welcome song of triumph. De plea-biscuit am de goal ob our ambishuns. It am gwine fur to make us mo' loftier in our aims, to lead our thoughts away frum de entanglements ob earthly cares an' de scurrilous writins into de *Telegram*, up de lofty slope whar glistens de radiance wich beacons us to—shut dat do' Brudder Rastus! an' ef Fitzmaurice Pemberton in dat pew under de gallery don't quit nudgin' an' ticklin' dat fresh tan-complected gal wid de high hat on an' makin' her snicker, Deekin Dorsey will put one of dem No. 13 boots ob his whar its gwinter do mos' good—de sanctuary an' no place fur *espionage* ob dat kin'. Selah!



SPRING IDYL.

A RISE IN REAL ESTATE.

you go back onto de plea-biscuit. Ef de tenor an' soprano ob de choir are froo swappin' chewing gum an' whisperin' to each udder we will now listen to de Gregorian chant.

THE DEAR GIRLS.

MAUD—"Are you truly and positively engaged to Jack?"

ETHEL—"Yes, honestly and truly."

MAUD—"My, what fun you'll have breaking off with the other fellows."

ebery one ob dem chickens jest as easy as rollin' off a log, an' nebber been cotched. Wharfo' he am now obscured into de plenipotentiary. Ef de plea-biscuit iz gwine to put down de pertinacious practice of drinkin' it am jest erbout time somethin' war doncin dat direcshun, an' dat's whar I agree wid Sir Oliver Mowat, and I hope dat de members ob dis congregashun am' resolved ter vote de plea-biscuit ebery time. Kase it stans to reason dat ef de men-folks waste dar subsistence in beer an' whiskey dey can't buy bread fur dar families, let alone biscuit. So de Colored Gentlewomen's Temperance Society dun started dis plea-biscuit. It am a plea fur mo' victuals from dem wich hab suffered de effec's ob de nefarious traffic. Selah!

An' wen you am called upon to rally to de poles doan'

A THOROLD correspondent sends this conundrum. —Why is a girl's knee like a Jew? ANS. Because it is a she-knee. His name is suppressed solely out of consideration for his relatives.



A BASE ATTACK:

CHOLLY—"I sang her a serenade in a beautiful tenor voice."

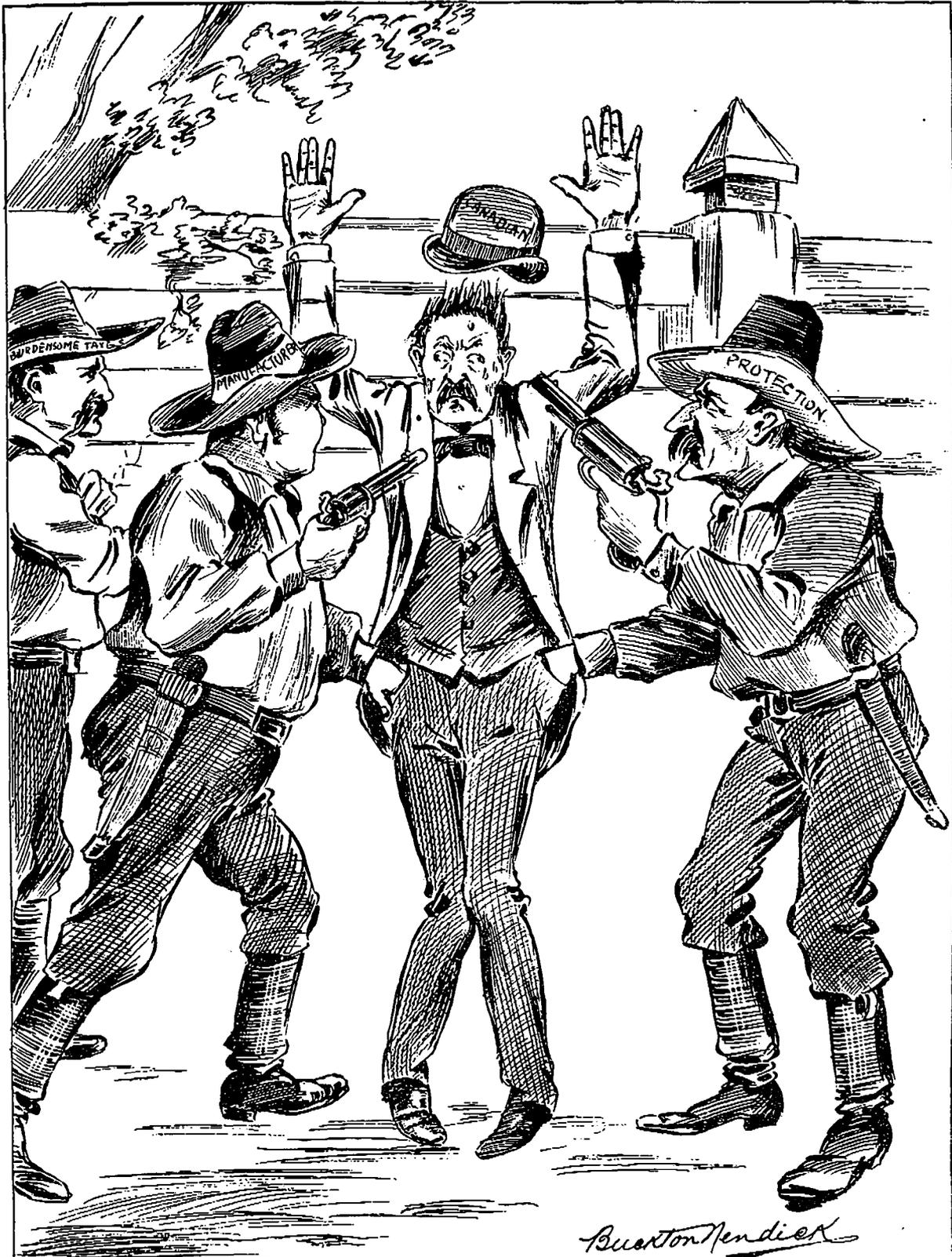
CHAPPIE—"I suppose the dog supplied the bass."

CHOLLY—"No, demit! He came nearer tearing it away with him."



THE BARBER'S SOLILOQUY.

"Man wants but little hair below,
Nor wants that little long."



THEY'VE BOTH BEEN THERE BEFORE, MANY A TIME.

LEADER OF GANG - "Now, then, throw up yer flippers or we'll blow ther skylights outen yer! Now, Red Patlor, ole hoss, jes' attend ter that pocket an' I'll tackle this."



MISPLACED SYMPATHY.

CLARA VERE—"So Maud De Smithers jilted you? Well, you must not take it to heart. Believe me, I am sorry for you. She was very handsome, was she not?"

JACK NEVERPAY—"Oh, yes; and worth half a million beside."

CLARA VERE—"Oh, I see. Then I am sorry for your friends."

THE USUAL EXPEDIENT.

WHEN politicians stoop to boodle,
And some confederate be-rays,
Unless they sacrifice some noodle,
In hopes to hide their wicked ways.

The only way their guilt to cover—
To hide it from the public eye—
To daub with mud the accuser over
And make him sorry—is to lie.

G.C.



KNOW HIS BUSINESS METHODS.

REBECCA—"But is it a real diamond, Jakey?"

JAKEY—"I bought it from your vader."

REBECCA—"Then it isn't real, Jakey. Our engagement is off."

"THAT UNEXPECTED DIME."

IN a previous existence—in a former state, I've been,
In a better way financially, than in this life, I ween,
For whene'er I open my pocket book, and search its corners o'er,
It always seems to me there should be just one coin the more.

I scan the airy pockets where the cents are wont to roam,
And I search the cosy corners, where the stamps hold their "at-home."

Sometimes it is a quarter, and sometimes it is a dime,
It makes no odds, invariably I find I'm fooled each time.

One mem'orable occasion, ah, I never shall forget,
The rapture of that moment, how it stirs my pulses yet!
For counting o'er my money, all my being felt a thrill,
When I drew forth in astonishment, a crisp one dollar bill.

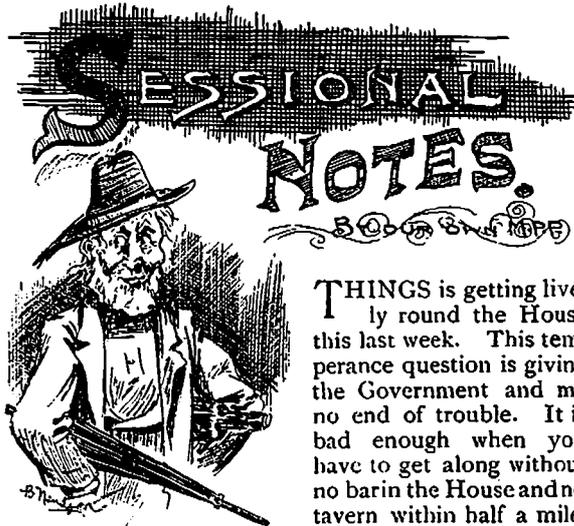
I sat me down at thinking of the things that it would do,
A trip across the Ferry, and a patch upon my shoe;
And my hair, it wanted cutting, and my shirts were full of rents,
And—in there walked a neighbor with "You owe me ninety cents."

No rose without a prickle, no smile without a smack;
I paid the money over, and he gave me ten cents back.
Tho' I really was the gainer, I felt like one bereft,
Still I cheered myself by thinking of the ten cents that were left.

I never found another, and I never shall do more,
Life always has a scarcity of times like these in store.
I still keep up my searching, disappointed tho' each time,
While I live upon the mem'ry of that unexpected dime.

21 COOLMINE ROAD, TORONTO.

L. CLAXTON.



THINGS is getting lively round the House this last week. This temperance question is giving the Government and me no end of trouble. It is bad enough when you have to get along without no barin the House and no tavern within half a mile, but it's a durn sight worse

when the temperance fellers come at ye in droves threatening that they'd raise blazes if ye don't vote Prohibition, while you know the tavern-keepers carry a knife in their boot for ye if you do. The most of the members has got used by this time to doing without the bar. 'Tain't much trouble to carry a growler and get it filled every morning at the hotel, and them which likes to load up with gin can have a glass right on their desk in the House and nobody know but what it's water they's drinking. There's a style of growler which is very popular, built like an opera-glass, only you can't see nothing through it. You can flourish it round awhile and let on you are looking at folks into the galleries, and it's easy enough to take a snifter behind the lid of your desk and nobody be any the wiser. It's a mighty handy contrivance, and looks tony; but I don't put on no frills, and a ordinary quart flask does me well enough.

But as I was saying, it ain't so easy to git over the diffi-

culty of Prohibition, and a feller's bound to lose some votes over it either way. For instance, here's two letters I got the other day :

WAYBACK CENTRE,
April 19, 1893.

MR. GUFFY :

DEAR SIR,—I here as the temprunce people wants to pass a prohibition law wich will hinder us from selling. They say you have promist to vote for it. That's awl rite. We don't care a cuss how many promises you make so long as you don't go back onto us, but if you do we'll pull your leg next election sure.

Sincd on behalf of the hotel-keepers,

J. BENDERSON.

WAYBACK CENTRE,
April 20, 1893.

ORLANDO Q. GUFFY, ESQ., M.P.P.:

DEAR SIR,—In view of the introduction of a Prohibition measure by Mr. Marter we beg to remind you of the distinct pledge given by you at the last election to support the cause of Prohibition by every means in your power. In case you record your vote against Mr. Marter's bill every Prohibitionist will vote against you at the next election.

Yours truly,

HENRY PARCIER,
Sec. Prohibition Leagu.

That is just a specimen of the kind of letters I've been getting for the past few days, and the thing has worked on my mind so that sometimes I've had to send a page to Yonge Street to get the growler filled again. And the Government is badly rattled over it, too.

Finally I come to the conclusion to vote against Prohibition, seeing that I'd lose fewest votes that way. The temperance people is mostly red-hot politicians and will always vote their party anyway, but it's different with the whiskey men. When they say they will give you the knife if you go back onto 'em they mean it every time.

Mowat has sized the thing up that way, too. He knows that however the temperance folks talk he wouldn't get a single Tory vote if he passed a Prohibition bill,



JEST SO.

McGUFFY—"Oi've a good joke on the foreman over there. He called me a Scotch liar, an' cur, whin—ha! ha! ha! ha!—I'm not Scotch at all, but *Oirish!*"

while he'd lose the pull that the liquor influence gives him.

There was a big temperance deputation came to interview us on Thursday evening through the biggest rain-storm known in years.

"Well, gentlemen," said Hardy, as they stood around with their umbrellas dripping on the floor, "I hope there's enough cold water to suit you."

Mowat looked reprovingly at him, and Dr. Maclaren replied :

"Well, when we get our Kettle-well heated you might perhaps find yourselves in hot water."

After the deputation had shot off their mouths Mowat give them the most elegant and sympathetic stand off you ever heard. It seems it ain't in our power to pass a prohibitory law, which is really the best news I've heard in a long time and lets us out in great shape. But it's durned singular that he didn't find it out before.

Buchanan, of the *Hamilton Templar*, seemed kind of took aback by Oliver's remarks, but pulled himself together and said that the course of the Government seemed somewhat inconsistent.

"How so?" asked Gibson.

"Because hitherto," says Buchanan, "its efforts have always been directed to prohibit-Tory legislation."

"Not at all," says Mowat. "We have never attempted—oh—ah—I see—yes, yes."

Marter was the hero of the evening. It's all very fine to get patted onto the back and mentioned with cordial approbation in temperance resolutions, but if he ain't a martyr to the cause next election it'll be a caution.

Next thing I've got to do is to write about two dozen letters to the temperance hustlers, telling 'em how sorry I am I can't support Marter's bill because it really ain't in the power of the Legislature. Awful sorry—but Mowat says it can't be done.

How long shall the Demon alcohol ravage this fair land unchecked?

How long will the Tory Government at Ottawa spurn



WORKING IN HIS OWN INTEREST.

LIVE LUMPKIN—"That thare boy of yourn is very industrious at spaden' garden, Mirandy."

MARINDY DOBBINS—"Spaden' garden, nothin'; he's diggin' fish worms tew go fishing with his dad this evenin'."



ONE MORE STEP FORWARD.

Free from the chains of class legislation at last, but it depends upon himself for how long.

with contumely the prayers of a suppliant nation prostrate under the heel of the insatiate monster?

How long—how long it is between drinks! I must retire to the cloak room and work the growler.

ORLANDO Q. GUFFY, M.P.P.



A HEAVY CALAMITY.

WIFEY—"The cook left this morning and I had to prepare your dinner myself."

THE BRUTE—"There! I felt a presentiment all day that something terrible was going to happen."

THE MINORITY REPRESENTATIVE.

O H the Opposition's ecstasy is great,
 O'er the swift elimination of Joe Tait.
 The peremptory suppression
 By an act of retrogression
 Of the orotund, dogmatical,
 Rhetorical, fanatical,
 Declamatory, damn-a-tory Tait.
 They are feeling quite elate,
 For they haven't long to wait,
 For they're sure that next election
 Will result in the rejection
 Of Joe Tait
 By a very large majority,
 For now the Grit minority
 Will cut no sort of figure on the slate.
 And the Grits
 Will get fits,
 And be scared out of their wits,
 And will meet
 Their defeat
 In the losing of a seat,
 In the catastrophic downfall of Joe Tait.
 The ambitious and pernicious,
 Contumacious, pertinacious,
 Vainglorious, no-torious Joe Tait.
 When the call to arms is sounded,
 We shall see
 If their glee,
 At the overthrow of Tait,
 The ubiquitous, iniquitous, ineffable Joe Tait,
 Is on fact, or fancy founded.
 If their dreams,
 And their schemes,



IN THE CAFE.

SHE—"That Mrs. Rich is very haughty in her carriage."

HE—"Is that so? Why she seems all right on foot."

And the single ray of sunshine that upon their future beams,
Are inscribed upon the calendars of Fate.

We can wait,

So can Tait,

But it's never well to boast

When you count without your host.

And Joe Tait is somewhat sly;

Also fly;

And he shrewdly winks his eye

As to say: "Well, let them try,

I'm not a bit afraid, at any rate.

We'll have fun,

Ere all's done;

And they haven't got away yet with Joe Tait,

Magnetic, homiletic,

Courageous, persiflageous,

Inscrutable, immutable, deep-root-able, Joe Tait."

ÆSOP TO DATE.

NO. 3.

THE BEAR AND THE SHEEP.

A FACETIOUS Sheep once entered the Editorial Office of the *Buncombe Sockdollager* and accosted the Surly Bear, who sat in the Managing Chair, thusly:

"I have Hatched a small poetic Lay on the Spring Chicken and would like to leave it for your Hen-spec-tion. Its a regular Bird—"

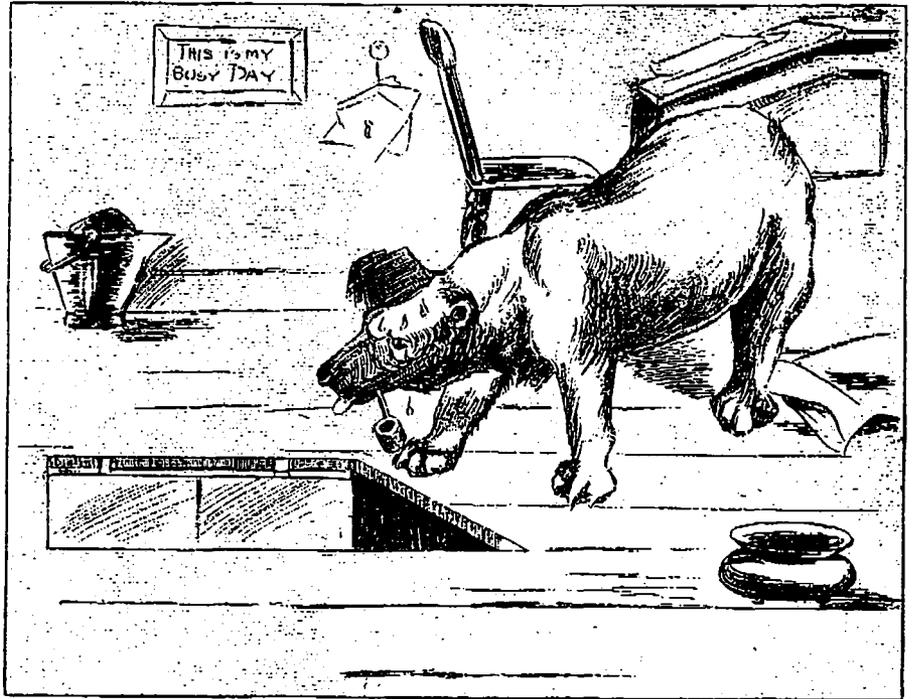
"Stow that!" exclaimed the Bear, Glaring at him, "what will you take for It?"

"Tom and Jerry," absently Replied the Sheep, "or rather, I'll leave the Choice to you, as being a bear You Know More about Brewin' than Myself."

"Dang Blank your Puns," roared the Editor, "what do You want for your Blank Verses?"

"You are right, I have warbled the Lay in Blank Verse," pursued the visitor.

"Your Language though Versatile is Unsuted for Criticism of my Chicken



Poem, notwithstanding that it deals in Foul Egg-spressions, and —"

"Blank, Blank, your Eyes!" screamed the Bear.

"Certainly, I rise and Leave You, having Failed to make you Shell Out. I egg-scuse You, your Ignorance of my Punnish Proclivities, which in itself must be Punishment En-ough to—"

The Editor pressed the Button, the Spring Hammer descended, the Trap Door yawned, and the Poet evaporated. "Blank you," exclaimed the Bear, peering into the Cimmerian depths and mopping up the streaming perspiration, "How do you feel now?"

"En-ded!" floated in Muffled Tones from the Cavernous Recesses below.

MORAL.

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ITS MODERN SIGNIFICANCE.

MRS. PLUGWINCH—"Why, Joshua! where have you been till this time in the morning? It's perfectly shameful!"

PLUGWINCH—"Wher've been? St. George Siety dinner. Great time, (*hic*), Britonsh neversh'l beslavesh! Rah for Shain George and Dragon."

MRS. PLUGWINCH—"Humph, Gorge and the jag-on, you mean."

A LONG FELT WANT.

BREATHES there a man with soul so dead
Who did not tremble when she said
"Look at this fright upon my head,
I've had but two since we were wed.
I want a new spring bonnet."

G.C.

THE serpent was probably selected as the representative of evil on account of its sin-uous motions.



THERE WERE SAINTS IN THOSE DAYS.

HEELER—"As I look at these monumental works of antiquity I feel convinced of one thing."

WHEELER—"What is that?"

HEELER—"That the politicians of those days didn't manage to pocket as much as they do nowadays, or there wouldn't be enough money left to complete such enterprises."



LACKED FINANCIAL ABILITY.

MERCHANT—"What qualifications have you for the position?"
 APPLICANT—"Well, I know that two and two make four."
 MERCHANT—"Go away, and when you can make \$2 and \$1.50 make \$4 you may come back."

TO PREPARE FOR CHOLERA.

THE following rules for preserving a healthy condition of the digestive apparatus, which have been given me by some friends while I suffered from an attack of dyspepsia, will be found useful in preventing the approach of the fell destroyer that visited Europe last year.



A COLORED MALAPROP.

NORTHERN LADY—"You attend church, of course?"
 MATILDA SNOWBALL—"No, mum. I uster belong ter de Blue Light Baptist Tabernacle, but I has quit all dat foolishness, and now I is a confirmed acrostic."

1st. Any kind of food may be taken if eaten without drinking. After eating drink sparingly of cold water to give tone to the stomach.

2nd. Take plenty of hot drinks with your food, and eat anything that agrees with you, or even what may not agree with you in ordinary cases. The hot drinks will help to masticate the food and invigorate the stomach.

3rd. No dyspeptic should eat vegetables, they are too windy; take some hot roast beef or pork well done, with white flour bread and cocoa for a drink; apricot tart makes a suitable desert.

4th. Vegetables are man's natural food; fruit, brown bread, and meat done rare, are all that you require with London porter as an appetizer.



HIBERNIAN DILUTION.

PHYSICIAN—"My dear sir, what in heaven's name are you doing?"

MR. RAFFERTY—"Yez tould me ter take your medicine in wather, and that's fwat oi'm doin'."

5th. Don't eat any meat unless you can get a fillet of veal, with plenty hard tack; for drink take coffee, well boiled milk or cocoa; fruit and vegetables are to be avoided.

6th. No person should eat fruit unless it has been boiled, take no indigestible meat, such as veal. Drink black tea, and avoid coffee as you would the plague. Boiled milk is especially deleterious, new milk may be diseased, so avoid milk altogether.

7th. Take all your food hot, don't stop until your are entirely satisfied, and while eating anything be careful what you drink. Black tea will tan your stomach; take fine green tea, and drink it strong, this will stimulate your stomach to action and enable you to throw off disease.

8th. Eat your food cold—we have the example of all nature in this—which should consist of wheatmeal boiled and eaten with butter milk. Raw onions are the only vegetables that are always safe.

9th. Don't eat when you rise; take a cold bath and then a half mile run; eat only fruit raw, and drink about a pint of hot water before doing so.

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EVER THUS.

THE suburbanite who hasn't yet
Paid for last winter's coal
Is purchasing roses now, you bet,
To clamber about a pole.

NO NECESSITY TO WORK.

PULLEN—"I worked hark trying to get a government clerkship, but I'm going to take a good rest now."

PUSCH—"You've given up trying, have you?"

PULLEN—"Oh, no; I secured the place."

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A DAUGHTER OF EVE.

SHE—"There are moments when I wish that I was a man."

HE—"When, for example?"

SHE—"Whenever I see a jeweler's store I cannot help thinking how happy I could make my wife by buying her a new ornament."

HOW HE DISCOVERED IT.

HER FATHER (*sternly*)—"Genevieve, you are engaged to some young man."

HERSELF—"Oh! father, how did you discover my secret?"

HER FATHER—"The gas bill for last month is suspiciously small."

AFTER THE PIANO SOLO.

MRS. BUDD (*proudly*)—"My daughter is self-taught."

DISTINGUISHED MUSICIAN—"So I divined at once, my dear madam."

A CITY BOY'S EXPLANATION.

AUNT RACHEL—"What a very large pig; he seems to be nothing at all *but* fat."

HERBERT—"He is probably the kind of pig that gives the boneless bacon.—*Harper's Young People.*

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THE INTERPRETATION.

ETHEL—"I had such an awful dream last night. Thought I was standing on the balcony with pa, and all the men I had flirted with passed by."

MAUDE—"My dear! What *did* you do?"

ETHEL—"Oh, I persuaded him it was only a gigantic demonstration against the Government."

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Upon the winds was driven,
It fell in the Rosedale reservoir
And murmured, "This is heaven."

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"I have been lost in thought."

"In whose, pray?"

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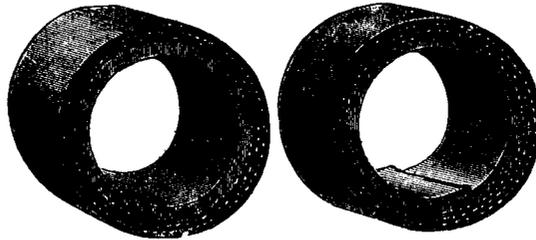
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