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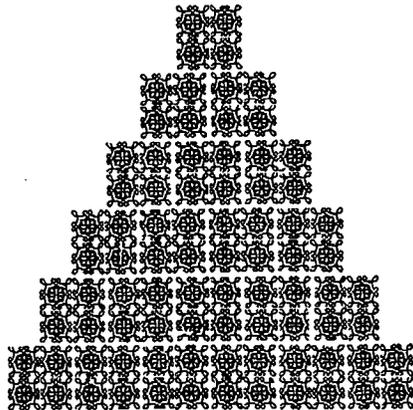
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TORONTO, SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1874.

POLITICAL MESMERISM.



It has struck GRIP that the visit of Miss DE MONTFORD to Canada might be turned to some great national advantage. The marvels of mesmerism and electro-biology, as illustrated in her well patronised entertainments, appear to be susceptible of practical application in numberless ways, and the opportunity of effecting some important and lasting benefit by means of them ought not to be let slip. That this lady possesses a power beneath whose spell her subject is absolutely unsoiled, and entirely submissive to her will, is attested on all hands. Sometimes in such bright epigrams as this:—

There is a charm about her eyes
That no one can resist—
A curious power I can't make out;
Not love, that Poets talk about—
No! She's a mesmerist!

Why could not this rare gift be employed in reconciling and reorganizing the body politic of the Dominion? After the evidence GRIP has had of the reality of this science, he sees nothing unreasonable or impracticable in the suggestion he is about to make, viz., that Authority should be given under the Great Seal for the immediate performance of the appended experiments by Miss DE MONTFORD. Besides the immediate benefits which would result from the successful execution of this contract, we would find our literature enriched with innumerable epics in celebration of deeds not less classic than the Labours of Hercules:—

Experiment I.—Put Mr. ARCHIBALD McKELLAR under the delusion that it would be to his interests to divulge all he knew about certain letters, and let the phonographers of *The Mail* be accommodated with seats near by.

Experiment II.—Impress the manager of *The Mail* newspaper with the belief that he was badly stabbed under the fifth rib, and had no power even to place his hand upon the injured part.

Experiment III.—Throw Mr. MATTHEW CROOKS CAMERON into an extraordinary humour for picking flaws, and let him have the floor; then suddenly remove from Attorney-General MOWAT his awful sense of Parliamentary decorum and touch his bump of combativeness.

Experiment IV.—Impart to Mr. CHARLES RYKERT and Mr. A. W. LAUDER the conviction that they had been deprived of the power of speech, and at the same time suggest a few amendments to them.

Experiment V.—Persuade Mr. HARDY, M.P., that somebody had stolen from him the mantle of Mr. E. B. WOOD; or, having firmly tied his right hand behind his back, inspire him to an oratorical effort.

Experiment VI.—Remove the statesmanlike reserve which conceals the inner feelings of Hon. PREMIER MACKENZIE and Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD from public gaze, and incline them to express the overflowing love they bear to one another, as depicted above.

Essays by Eminent Persons.

No. 1. THE FIFTH RIB.

(By the Manager of "The Mail.")

THE anatomy of the human body is a beautiful and instructive study; in this respect mankind is, perhaps, superior to horse-kind. From the crown of the head to the sole of the feet, it is a succession of wonders that challenge our profoundest admiration. And of all the 'fearful and wonderful' parts of this marvellous piece of mechanism, there is not one more insignificant, and at the same time more serviceable, than that upon which I propose to offer a few thoughts—*The Fifth Rib*. This rib is quite indispensable. When broken or dislocated, it causes its unfortunate possessor infinite pain. "Redhot," the winner of the Derby in 1202, had the misfortune to break his fifth rib, and it is on record that the consequent suffering extended even to his owner. In the case of a man, the pain is not less intense. The object of the fifth rib is evidently the protection of an unusually vital spot in the body. Just beneath it is situated that mysterious and tender thing, called the Finer Feelings. In the equine race this space is filled with a vital fluid which bears the general name of "mettle." Injure this and your horse is ruined. It is precisely like knocking the bottom out of a tub or a pail. Mr. Brandinose's filly, "Flyaway"—an animal well known in English sporting circles in the third century, was injured in this manner, and died in a few days. In the 'human form divine' the Finer Feelings are equally sensitive. And herein is contained a secret which only a man of genius would think of possessing himself of. Politicians are, of course, provided with five ribs, and under the fifth there is a moderate quantity of this subtle substance. I repeat, that it would only have occurred to a man of genius—or something approaching to genius—to put this knowledge to practical use. In the management of an important daily newspaper, whose cause, for the moment, may be lost, it is invaluable. I speak with some authority on this subject, for I speak from experience. My method has been grounded on this principle, and results justify me in thinking the method incomparable. I have laid it down as a principle of journalism—a fundamental principle—that if a newspaper is to rightly fulfil its mission it must stab somebody under the fifth rib every morning. This may appear at first sight, somewhat bloody, but that, of course is merely an idea begotten of the phraseology. The truth contained in it is that your political opponent may be visited at your pleasure with mortal suffering, and the probability is he will retire from his position, and cede you all he has heaped up. If, however, he does not do so, you have still the satisfaction of knowing that he feels cut, and, as a concomitant advantage, your paper sells well. But enough; here is my footman, and I promised to go to-day and see Paddleton's blood oolt.

DIZZY.

The annexed advertisement appeared in Tuesday's *Mail*:

Lost.—On Sunday evening, in St. James's Cathedral, on Church or Queen Streets, a purse containing \$7.20. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at *The Mail* office.

GRIP has seen pictures in the comic papers, in which a very ridiculous looking person was represented as vainly endeavoring to insert a latch key into his front door, while all the other houses in the street and thousands of dancing key-holes appeared to be circling around him in the most provoking manner; and on first reading this advertisement it struck him that such a wild displacement of St. James's Cathedral—which, as everybody knows, is firmly planted on King Street—could only be possible to a person suffering from the peculiar dizziness of the man referred to. The second clause of the ad.—that the leaving of the money at the office of our contemporary would be in itself a reward—GRIP endorses. The finder would go away with the consciousness that he had contributed \$7.20 to the sustenance of a righteous cause.

Grip in Council.

Present—GRIP, in the Chair; BARNABY RUDGE, PATRICK SMALLWIT, Q.C., WILLIAM SPAKQUEER, MACGREGOR SLOWCUM, and TIMOTHY TONGUEGRASS.

GRIP.—*Croakingly*—Bad, worse, worst! What will become of me? SMALLWIT.—Hush, bird of good omen; hush, you must not so dwell on the gloomy side of the picture, you are becoming a hypochondriac, you will die a ravin' lunatic.

TONGUEGRASS.—Fine him; he is impaled on the horns of a dilemma, having either made a pun without knowing it, or, knowing what he was doing, has wilfully appropriated a so-called witticism invented at the time Noah was cruising over the mountain tops.



THE POLITICAL HANDY ANDY.

SQUIRE MOWAT.—(Per *The St. Catharines Times*, Ministerial)—“FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER YOU ARE CONSTANTLY MAKING SMALL AND FOOLISH MISTAKES!”

SLOWCUM.—What is all this about? You are so sharp, **TONGUEGRASS**, one has not time to think. Oh, yes, to be sure—"raven lunatic"—oh yes, very good, very good. Now, really, didn't **SMALLWIT** mean it?

SPAKEQUEER.—Mean it! Yea, he did. But this is much ado about nothing. Let us to our muttons. Don't for pity sake look so sheepish, **SMALLWIT**, if you can help it. **GRIP**, our patron saint, gives forth no uncertain sound. Bad, worse, worst! When things are at the worst, however, they are sure to mend. To croak, 'tis easy, but 'tis useless, and being useless, had best be—

RUDGE.—Beware, be not insolent, else—

SPAKEQUEER.—Insolent! I had no intention to it, but you spoiled my sentence. A pest upon you.

GRIP.—Have done, have done! **TONGUEGRASS**, speak, what is going on in what those who read us call the world?

TONGUEGRASS.—Very little, truly. Parliamentary matters scarcely furnish the scantiest food for reflection, except, indeed, for reflection on the constituencies that elected as their veritable representatives so dull-pated a lot of honourable gentlemen.

GRIP.—Were I only the bird I once was, I could pull them to pieces, and gorge myself full on their remains!

TONGUEGRASS.—Remains! Take nothing from nothing and nothing remains. A full-fed bird you would be then, a second **BACKSTIN**.

SPAKEQUEER.—Certes, so he would. Have at them again, **TONGUEGRASS**, give it them rarely.

SMALLWIT.—Aye, on the raw, though that could scarcely be called well-done.

OMNES (barring **Slowcum**)—Ha, ha, not so bad for **SMALLWIT**.

TONGUEGRASS.—If Homer sometimes nods, as Solomon used to say, I see no reason theoretically—practically there may be—why even our facetious friend may sometimes not nod.

SLOWCUM.—Doar me, I can never keep up. Let me see—yes, that must be it. "Rarely"—"on the raw"—"could scarcely be called well done!" That's it. Ha, ha, not so bad for **SMALLWIT**, eh!

SPAKEQUEER.—Macgregor, you are much too ridiculous. Gird up the loins of your mighty intellect, put on steam, and be not always a lumbering old coach. Methinks you were cut out for better things.

RUDGE.—Nay, bear not heavily on the little man. Some think thy wit is but a halting wit, a sort of dot-and-carry-one, making a point, doubtless, now and again; but how would you compare with friend Timothy here?

GRIP.—Bad, worse, worst! Bad, worse, worst! Everybody wanders from the point. Begin over again.

TONGUEGRASS.—We began at Legislative Halls. Have some mercy on us, and do not send us back to that place of slow torture. Did you ever—you are a classical bird—

SMALLWIT.—The Dickens, he is!

TONGUEGRASS.—I say, did you ever listen, with wearying ear, to the ceaseless drip, drip, from rain-deluged roofs? It may be, and what a jolly thing it was! But was it ever your ghastly fate to behold the slender form of **LAUDER** rise, and to hearken to his doleful harping on one string, endless, till quenched remorselessly by Mr. **SPAKEER'S** mandate.

SMALLWIT.—There's one comfort, he has never an app-Lauder! Even you, **Slowcum**, must see where the point comes in there.

SLOWCUM.—I do, I do!

SPAKEQUEER.—He does not even harp on one string. Methinks he does but fiddle.

SMALLWIT.—And 'tis all fiddle-de-dee.

TONGUEGRASS.—In the courtly **BOULZEE** doth the other find a friend after his own heart, and much I wonder that in a small assembly two such **CÆSARS** should contend for fame.

SPAKEQUEER.—To them in **RYKERT** a rival dangerous I see.

TONGUEGRASS.—More dangerous, far, to friends than foes.

GRIP.—I'm getting hoarse. You'll have to come again this day week. Get out, all of you.

DUNDREARY ON THE SENATE.

"A PENNY"—some f-fellow thayth—"a PENNY thaved ith a P-PENNY gained." Now, thath all nonthence! I-I don't believe a w-word of it! Look, for inthstance, at the Thenate at Ottawa. There's a PENNY thaved from w-writing editorials for the Montreal Herald, but ith it a penny gained? Who gainth? Doth the c-country gain? Abthurd! Doth the potht office gain? Abthurd again. Gain—again! Why, t-thath several times! Now, if a fellow g-gainth a bad PENNY a great m-many times, and if t-that f-f-fellow saves all those bad p-pennies, doth he gain anything? N-No! A bad penny thaved ith a good p-penny's worth of time lotht—that's w-what I think. N-Now, they thay this PENNY pwinted a pwivate letter belonging to Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Ith t-that square? By Jove, can—can any PENNY be square when the coin is wound? Is that a PENNY thaved and a PENNY gained? That ith a 3-cent s-stamp lost for Sir JOHN, though—because don't you ob-observe, when the letter was distracted—no sub—no abs—yes, that's it, abstrawcted—the stamp was no more good. B-but, as for the proverb, it ith like all those other b-beathly proverbs and things—wotten to the core.

GRIP'S ESSENCE OF LOCAL LEGISLATION.

(Contributed by Hon. Mr. Fraser.)

"Public Accounts" for break of fast—
Public Accounts for luncheon,—
Ditto dinner bill of fare
Keeps the House a munchin'.

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AN APOLOGY A LA "THE MAIL."

GRIP said some time ago that Mr. JOHN SMITH was a liar and a knave, whereupon an action for criminal libel was entered against us. The position of the suit is at this moment such, that we must do one of two things, viz.: (1) die dog, or (2) eat a hatchet. In other words, we must let ourselves down easy before the jury by a sort of apology, or we must go to court on the merits of our assertion, and lose the case. Of these alternatives, we choose the former. As a piece of strategy, as well as of candor, we deem it preferable. Therefore, be it known, **GRIP** regrets that, during an electoral contest, he should have deliberately departed from the rules of Christian decency and good breeding, by publishing and circulating a libel calculated and intended to injure the character of Mr. SMITH, and grievously wound the feelings of his family and friends. It was done, we assure the public, only for the purpose of destroying his political prospects. We have written to a man who knows Mr. SMITH intimately, and, until we receive a reply from that gentleman, we feel in duty and, what is more important, in policy, bound to say we don't think Mr. SMITH is a liar and a knave. But perhaps this opinion will be changed when we get that letter.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

THE respectable old lady of *Leader Lane* has just finished scouring out her Editorial pots, and a new order of things has been inaugurated in her kitchen. Having the pleasure of some personal knowledge of the new housekeeper, **GRIP** congratulates the patrons of the venerable journal on the prospect of palatable fare well served in the future.

COMPENSATION.

GRIP thinks that this effusion of the poet of *The Boston Advertiser* is too good to be lost:

Said a great Congregational preacher
To a hen: "You're a beautiful creature!"
The hen just for that
Laid two eggs in his hat,—
And thus did the Hen-re-ward Beecher!

AN EPIGRAM ON THE NEW APPOINTMENT.

He who "sends coals to Newcastle"
The proverb deems at least un-sober;—
But here's MACKENZIE—always "straight"—
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