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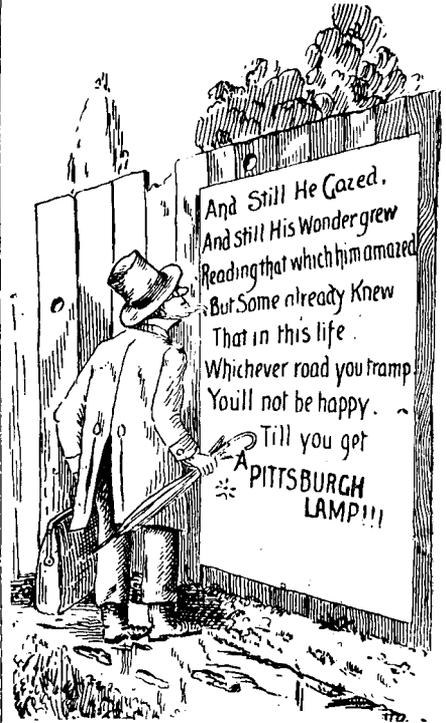
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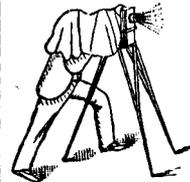


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SIR C. TUPPER (in a child-like and bland voice)—"WOULD YOU MIND PUTTING THIS ON, MR. BULL, TO OBLIGE THE COLONIES?"
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COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



GOING OUR OWN ROAD.—Mr. Chapleau's speech at Providence, R.I., was an able effort, regarded as a piece of oratory, and it was patriotic to the verge of cheekiness, considering that it was delivered on foreign soil. He told the Americans plainly that we can get along very well without their trade if they do not care to negotiate a reciprocity treaty limited to natural products, because we have demonstrated that the British market is, on the whole, of more value to us than that of the United States. It need not be said that Mr. Chapleau expatiated eloquently on the prosperous condition of the Dominion, nor is it likely that his audience, made up for the most part of French-Canadians who

have been squeezed out of their country by the National Policy, allowed those glowing periods to pass without applause. GRIP's position on the burning question of Reciprocity is well understood. We hold up both claws for absolute free trade with the States, and so are at issue with Mr. Chapleau and all other advocates of protection or partial reciprocity. Nevertheless, we recognize and praise the manly tone of his Providence speech. We are glad, with him, that Great Britain affords a profitable market for certain of our products, but we are conscious of two important facts which he seems to have given no heed to: first, we have had access to the British market all along, and would have it in addition to the American market, in the case of reciprocity; second, the transatlantic market is not available for our bulky or easily perishable products, and these constitute a vast proportion of our available wealth.

WOULD LIKE TO "PULL HIS LEG."—Sir C. Tupper is not alone in his notion that John Bull will come round in due time to the views of the Imperial Federationists. Here in Canada there are to be found intelligent men who have in some way convinced themselves that there is a possibility of this. The very plain English of Lord Salisbury, Mr. Gladstone, and other representatives of British opinion, to the effect that any plan or scheme which involves in any degree the restoration of the Corn Laws is absolutely out of the question, seems to pass for nothing with these amiable faddists. They persist in conceiving of John Bull as an embodiment of Jingoism—a sort of operatic hero whose one thought is Imperial glory, instead of what he really is, a hard-headed old business gentleman with a shrewd and perfectly proper regard for his own material interests. To blandly request him to put on a ball and chain to oblige colonists who propose to go right on taxing his exports, is, in plain words, to take John for a fool, which he doesn't happen to be.



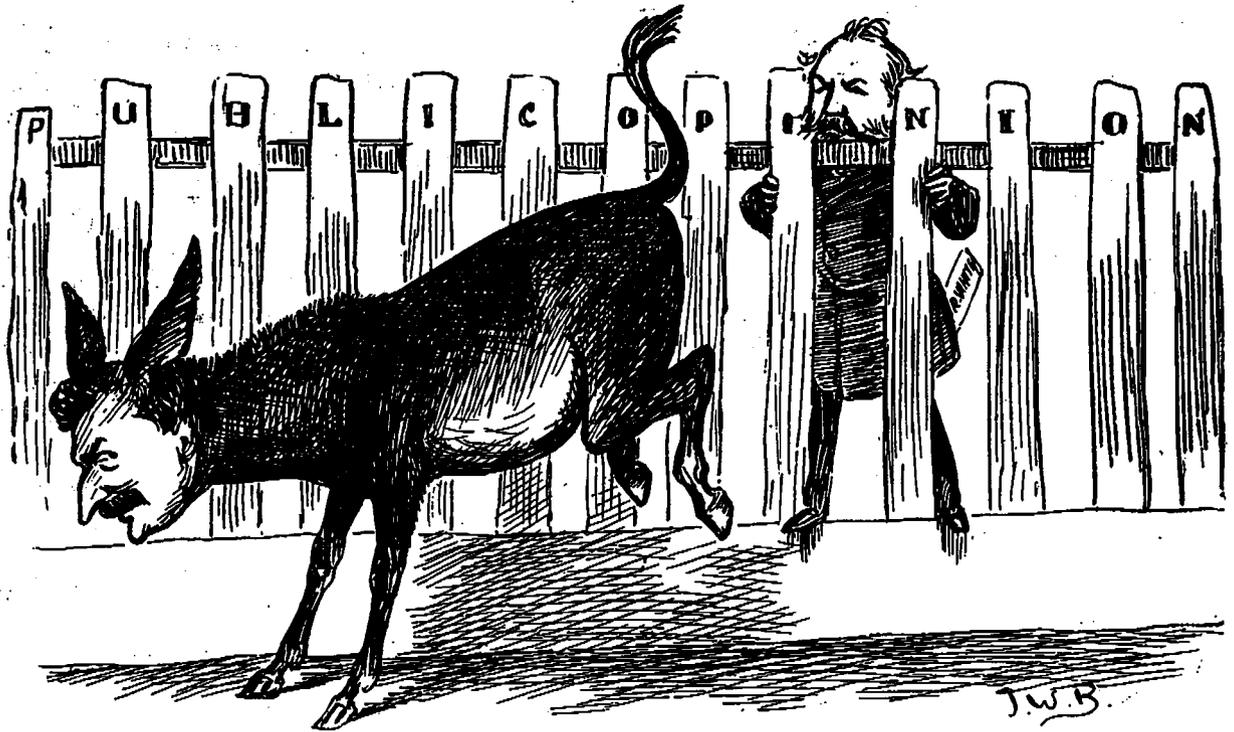
REVISION of the Dominion voters' lists throughout the country will, it is hoped, be facilitated in the interests of fair play by the decision just given at Osgoode Hall in the London case. In that city some six hundred names were formally objected to by the Liberals as those of unqualified persons, but the revising officer refused to consider the cases because the notice of objection was technically defective. It looked very much as if an attempt was being made to keep these questionable voters on the list. The Court

decided that the objection, though not worded precisely as it should have been, was good enough, and the names must be investigated. It is conduct of this kind on the part of revising officers which justifies the hardest things that have been said of the Act. Yet it is on the whole a splendid piece of legislation—for the lawyers.

MR. GOLDWIN SMITH has said good bye to the lecture platform, and no more may we hope to be treated to such exquisite specimens of wit, satire and sense as his addresses on "Loyalty" and "Jingoism." He proposes to devote himself henceforth to purely literary work, and in the seclusion of his study he may be comforted with the consciousness that his disinterested labors for the elevation of Canadian public life, and the promotion of Canada's prosperity, have been fully appreciated. We may, perhaps, still look for something from his pen occasionally, though his tongue be silent.

COUNT MERCIER may be a pretty slippery politician, but as an orator he can command the admiration of every one of us. His powers in this line seem to be quite equal to those of Mr. Laurier, especially when he gets hold of a theme outside of the narrow limits of partyism. Such an occasion was the unveiling of the Short-Wallick monument in Quebec a few days ago, when the Provincial Premier was selected to make the address. Of this effort the Quebec Chronicle (edited by Geo. Stewart, Jr.—no mean judge,) said:

HIS address was beautified by grace of expression, delicacy of allusion, patriotic ardor, and an impassioned eloquence which charmed all within sound of his voice. Not a word fell from his lip



MAKING A D-NK-Y OF HIMSELF.

This is what a certain distinguished Provincial Premier is doing by entering suits for libel against journalists who have adverse criticized him in his public capacity.

which could be misconstrued, and his earnest plea for Canadian unification was so touching and genuine in its sympathy that every hand was raised in applause. What he said about the brave English officers, who had risked their lives to save a French parish, brought tears to many eyes, and filled their hearts with generous emotion.

Take it all in all, it was a fine, manly, spirited tribute to the memory of two heroic men, and the *Chronicle* finds it easy to compliment the orator on the perfect taste with which he acquitted himself, and on the admirable manner in which he presented thoughts which cannot too often be put before the people of Canada. We may not approve of Mr. Mercier's political methods, or of his policy as a public man—these it has been our privilege, from time to time, to denounce—but all will admit with us, we think, that he has within him those rare qualifications of the true leader of men—tact, good humor, eloquence and personal magnetism.

WHEN the Canadian compiler of legal anecdotes arises in due time he ought to find a place in his bulky volume for some of Lawyer Haverson's sayings. For example. A few days ago this eminent barrister was defending ex-Ald. Moses and several members of the campaign committee which supported that gentleman when he contested Centre Toronto in the interests of the New Party whose watchword was "Truth and Righteousness." Suit had been brought to recover rent for a room occupied by the committee as headquarters. The defence put in was that the room had been rented by a person who is not now a resident of Canada, and judgment was given for the defendants, but without costs. "Then," said Haverson, as he fixed his indescribable, mock-patetic gaze upon the judge, "Truth and Righteousness get no costs?"

"No costs," said his honor.

"Oh, yes," said the irrepressible, heaving a stentorian sigh, "that's just the way; we've always suffered, and we always must suffer!"

GRIP wishes success to the effort about to be made for the election of a lady school trustee from each division of the city. "Woman's gentle influence" has notably improved the High School Board, and the other body seems to need it still more. The presence of the ladies would, no doubt, put an effectual stopper on the occasional bear-garden scenes; but aside from this, as a measure of common justice and wise expediency women ought to be represented in the body which manages the affairs of the school in which one half of the pupils are girls.

THERE is a great fuss in Chicago because of the discovery that certain "rascally dealers" have been systematically supplying horse flesh under the name of beef to some of the restaurants and boarding houses. The demonstration of wrath seems to us uncalled for. The horse is an animal of the same species as the cow, and there is no apparent reason why its flesh should not be equally edible. We wouldn't care about eating hoss ourselves, but looking at the matter philosophically there is no reason why Chicago people shouldn't.

NOT IN IT WITH PORTLAND.

PLUGWINCH—"Ah, Bagstock, back from Washington? How did you like the city of magnificent distances?"

BAGSTOCK—"Oh, well enough. But it's all rot about the distances. Never have to walk further than a block or so between saloons. It isn't in it for distances with Portland, Maine, where you often have to walk miles to get a drink.

HOW IT STRIKES A MERCHANT.



"OUT OF SIGHT."

HE—"I saw the President's hat when I was in the States lately."

SHE—"Yes? And where was the President?"

HE—"Oh, he was under the hat."

MILITARY MORALS.

"SOLDIERS are exhorted by their officers to avoid dissipation and late hours."

"Wasn't aware of it."

"I was present when the Grenadiers were drilling the other day, and heard an officer remark several times, 'At-ten-shun-company.'"

LITERARY NOTE.

AMONG recent announcements of new books, GRIP notices "The Latches of Plato—introduction, translation and notes, by Rev. A. Lloyd, M.A." We suppose that the latches of Plato were used to open the door of knowledge. Wisdom must have been more accessible in the days of antiquity than at present, when we have "Locke-on the understanding." It is no wonder that numerous keys are now in requisition in the various branches of study. However, it may have been in Plato's time, the latch-string no longer hangs outside.

"IN what respect does the 'watched pot' of the proverb resemble a patent inside newspaper?"

"The boil-up late"—(boiler plate.)

DEAR GRIP,—I have been reading Mr. Chap-leau's great speech at Providence, R.I. It is a wonderful utterance, and proves conclusively to my mind that the trade with the United States, about which the Grits are eternally raising such a racket, is not worth bothering our heads about, because the more it diminishes the greater in proportion is our percentage of trade with Great Britain and elsewhere. Figures can't lie, you know, and the following extract from Mr. Chap-leau's speech proves clearly that no matter if the United States refused to trade with us altogether—as I for one, as a good Conservative, hope they will—our loss would be more than made up by the increased proportion of our products which we should sell to Britain:—

The general trend of our exports of agricultural products during twenty-five years has been "increase in exports to Europe," a relative "decrease in such exports to the United States." That is quite natural, and is irrespective of tariffs. In 1868 we sent 60.36 per cent. of our farm products to the United States, and 34.65 per cent. to Great Britain. In 1890 we sent 60.08 per cent. to Great Britain, and 36.50 per cent. to the United States. As near as possible a complete reversal of the positions occupied by those two countries as takers of our farm products.

Now what can be plainer than this? In case there are any of your readers so obtuse that they cannot see the force of the argument, let me illustrate it by an incident which recently occurred in connection with my own business. I have two customers, Billson and Podgers, who have each been in the habit of buying about \$100 worth of goods annually of me. Podgers and myself recently had a quarrel over politics. He is one of those touchy, easily offended fellows, and one day when he was talking reciprocity in my store, he made such an ass of himself that I couldn't help mentioning that he was a crank and idiot. Well, he didn't seem to like it, and since then he has quit dealing with me, and buys his groceries at the opposition store. Do I lose anything by that? Not a cent. I thought I did at first,

and felt rather sore over it, but since reading Chap-leau's speech, I am convinced that I was mistaken. Taking the trade I used to do with Billson and Podgers together, and allowing that in the course of the year one bought about as much as the other—which was the fact—fifty per cent. of the total trade was done with Billson and fifty per cent. with Podgers. Well, if Podgers drops out, Billson's percentage of the total trade I do with these two is increased to 100 per cent. Can anybody deny that? Isn't that sound Chap-leau logic? Therefore, sir, it follows that it don't make a bit of difference to me if Podgers deals with me or not any more than it does to Canada, whether we sell the Americans any produce or not, because you see the proportionate amount of our trade with others is greater.

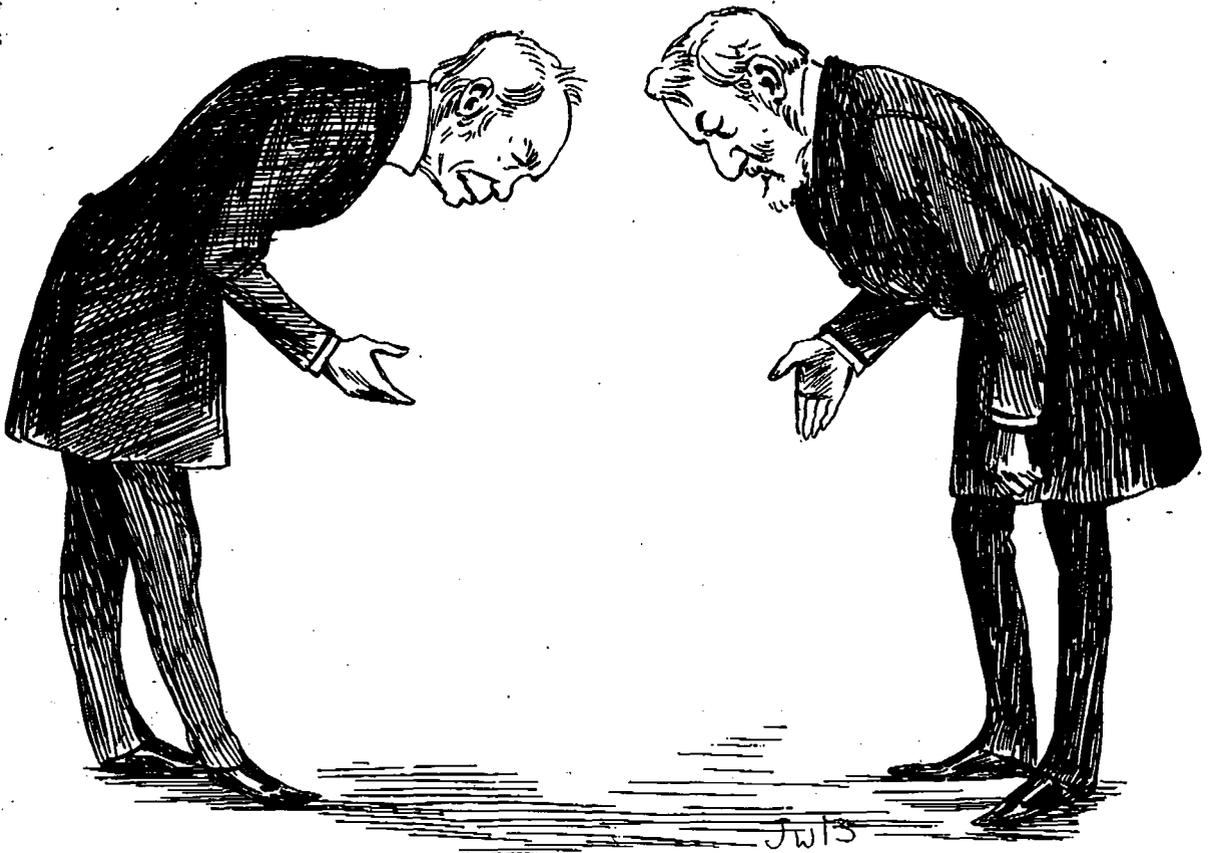
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AN UNSATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

PEASLEY—"There goes young Racketts. He used to be one of the boys, but I understand he's quite settled down since his marriage."

TAILOR—"Settled down, eh? Well, it would be a great deal more to the purpose if he'd settle up."



MUTUAL PLEASURE.

BLAINE—"Er--it would--hem--suit my convenience very much, Mr. Abbott, if--er--aw--that is to say, if your Commissioners didn't come to Washington until--well, not for the present."

ABBOTT—"Nothing, I assure you, Mr. Blaine, could meet our views more precisely than to serve your convenience in the manner you suggest!"

THE COMRADES.

THEIR friendship first began at school.
They whittled the same name
Upon the same old desk, and both
Were punished for the same.

Then manhood's prime with all its cares,
Beheld them partners still.
They frisked around one counter and
They counted from one till.

And arm in arm through bankruptcy
They passed when times were bad.
After the smash the same amount
Of boodle each one had.

A like community of soul
Marked their domestic life.
They wooed, they won, they married, and
Divorced the self-same wife.

WILLIAM MCGILL.

A CORRUPT FACTION.

BAXTER—"I can't see that there is any difference between Grits and Tories. Both are hopelessly bad--indeed I do not know which faction is the most corrupt."

SAM JONES—"Which faction? Why, putre-faction."

DO THEY WORK THE GROWLER?

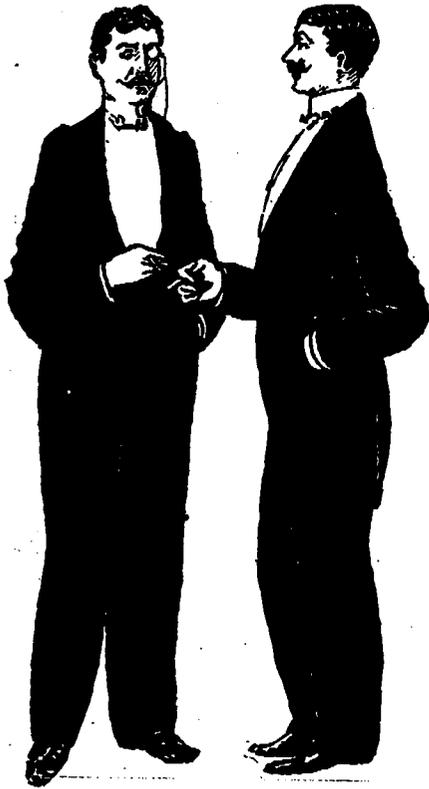
ATCHISON is said to be full of men who stop smiling the moment they reach their own front door, and begin as soon as they leave it.—*Atchison Globe.*

They must carry growlers in order to do it. But we thought Kansas was a prohibition State.



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THE DEMNITION BOW-WOWS.

JACK—"Did you see Harry to-night?"

TOM—"Yes. He has gone to the dogs."

JACK—"You don't say!"

TOM—"Yes. He has gone to call on Clara, and her father has a reception ready for him."

A NATURAL MISTAKE.

CITIZEN—"I have called, sir, to pay my taxes on No. 217 Magnolia Avenue."

STOREKEEPER—"Ye've made a mistake, I guess. I'm not the collector."

CITIZEN—"Aint, eh. What are ye then—assessor?"

STOREKEEPER—"No, sir. I have nothing to do with the matter at all."

CITIZEN—"Then what do you put up the sign 'Taxidermist' for? Just to fool people, I suppose."

NOT ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.

ACCORDING to Amelie Rives, The duty of discarded wives Is to abbreviate their lives By poison, pistol shots or knives, And loose from matrimonial gyves Their faithless spouses. Love contrives This plan whereby a new love thrives, According to Amelie Rives.

WILLIAM MCGILL.

IT OFTEN HAPPENS.

EDITOR—"Ah, not bad at all. We're a little crowded this week, though, and I'll file it away for future use."

CONTRIBUTOR—"All right. But if you file it away too much it will lose all its point."

SPEECHLESS WITH "AWE."

TUTWILER—"Say, friend, can you tell me the way to the post-office?"

RECENT IMPORTATION—"Aw—aw. Post-office—aw—take—aw—the first turn—aw—to the—aw—"

TUTWILER (*impatiently*)—"Oh, come off. I'll ask a police officer. I've heard, begosh, about fellers bein' speechless with 'awe,' but darned if I ever met one of 'em afore that I remember."

MORE IMPORTANT.

PROTECTION don't always protect
In the manner that one might expect,
But they still raise the cry
As a contest draws nigh,
For election will always elect.

THEY WOULDN'T COME TO HIM.

SMITHERS—"What has become of young Meekman, who was studying for the ministry last year?"

PIDDICOMBE—"Oh, Meekman's gone to the bad completely."

SMITHERS—"Why, he's the very last man that I should have expected to break out. What's he doing?"

PIDDICOME—"Oh, he's a missionary in the slums. He went to the bad because he found they wouldn't come to him."

HE WAS ONLY SICK.

MRS. BOOZER—"I declare Richard, it's too bad of you to come in this disgraceful fashion night after night. What must the neighbors think?"

BOOZER.—"Whoop la! Who caresh? 'M all right! Shee here, Mary, havent' you sheen what Allerman Hall shays. Drunk'ness not crime. It's dishease—thash all. 'Taint my fault if I'm taken shick is it? You ought shympathize wiz me 'stead of abushin' me like zhat. 'Rah for Hall! Now boysh is all going vote for him Hall'sh goo' fel'. Knowsh whatsh what."

NEAR AS SHE COULD GET.

"OH! I wouldn't marry the son of a king!
Said a maiden just turned twenty-one,
She didn't; she waited till thirty poor thing,
And then married a son-of-a-gun.

GRATIANO.

THE LAST INDIGNITY.

FIRST CHICAGO MAN—"I've just been reading a book about the French Revolution. It's perfectly horrible the way they treated their king."

SECOND CHICAGO MAN—"Cut off his head, didn't they?"

FIRST CHICAGO MAN—"Yes; but what impressed me more than that was the way they kept abusing and insulting him to the last. Why, just before the axe fell one fellow said to him, 'Son of St. Louis, ascend to heaven.' Just about the meanest thing I ever heard of."

VERY SLIGHT.

THE decoration of the platform at Association Hall on the occasion of Prof. Cumnôck's readings was a matter of adverse criticism in the audience. There was nothing at all on it beyond the reading stand—not even a chair or a table. If the managers go in for slight decorations, why don't they see the florist of that name a few doors away and leave the matter to him?



A BAD CUT.

(Fact.)

BARBER—"Excuse me, sir, but haven't you been getting your hair cut in some country shop? It's awfully botched."

CUSTOMER—"It hasn't been touched since you last cut it."

MR. BURKE'S DREAM.

I MET my friend, Tim Burke on the street the other day. He was taking a holiday from the arduous duties of life, and paused for a chat. In the course of our conversation he said:



"Man, dear, but I had a quare dhrame lasht night. I thought I was down on the sayshore home in Ireland after a load av' sayweed, an' who should come up against me but me Uncle Mickeyel that's been dead this thirty year. 'An' is that you, Tim?' says he. 'It is,' says I, 'an' for a-heaven's sake, what brought you back,' says I. 'Well, Tim,'

says he, 'I had to come,' says he. 'An' where war you shtoppin'?' says I. 'Oh,' says he, 'I'm with your gran'father an' the resht o' thim that's gone. It's the hoith av company we have,' says he, 'an' fine times altogether.' 'Have yez anny wakes?' says I. 'How could we,' says he, 'phwin nobody ever dies?' 'Thru for you,' says I. 'An' why didn't you shtop there?' 'Well,' says he, 'me conscience washn't altogether aisy,' says he. 'You see I'm owin' Joe Flaherty a thrifle of a dollar or two I didn't pay him. An' I'm told he ain't long for this world. Av he should come over, Tim, an' ax me for that money before your gran'father an' the rest o' thim, it's mighty sorry I'd be. So I come to you, Tim,' says he, 'to see wouldn't you pay it for me,' says he. 'An' how'll I git me pay?'

says I. 'Well, Tim,' says he, 'you could borry it,' says he. 'An' how'll I pay it agin?' says I. 'Ye could take yer time about that,' says he. 'That's what you've done,' says I, 'an' see what's come av it. I wouldn't do that,' says I. 'I'm not so bad as I'd be wantin' to chate annybody, so I wouldn't. An' here's the rint to pay nixht wake, an' hard schrapin' to do it. I'll not mortgage me sowl for nobody,' says I, 'an' it's a quare uncle you are to be askin' it.' 'An' ye won't pay it, Tim?' says he. 'How can I,' says I, 'an' me not worth a blessed cint.' 'Well then, I'll be goin',' says he, 'an' may the divil shoot you, Tim,' says he. An' wid that he wint out av me sight like a shot. Then I woke up. An' washn't that a quare dhrame, now?'

I quite agreed that the dream had its peculiar features. The next day I met Mr. Burke again. As soon as he was within easy hailing distance he said:

"Be Japers! Me dhrame is out!"

I asked him what he meant.

"It's about me Uncle Mickeyel that I dhramed about. I told you yisterday. Well, sir, didn't I hear to-day that his shister's daughter's oldest boy was married here lasht wake."

I asked him what relation there could possibly be between that fact and his dream.

He did not reply. He looked at me for some time with an expression of profound commiseration, and then went away without a word. And I have been wondering ever since why he did so.



THE *Quarterly Register of Current History* is received. It is a very useful compendium of the events of the quarter conveniently arranged.



QUITE OTHERWISE.

CULPEPPER—"Well, old boy, have you asked Bullion for his daughter?"

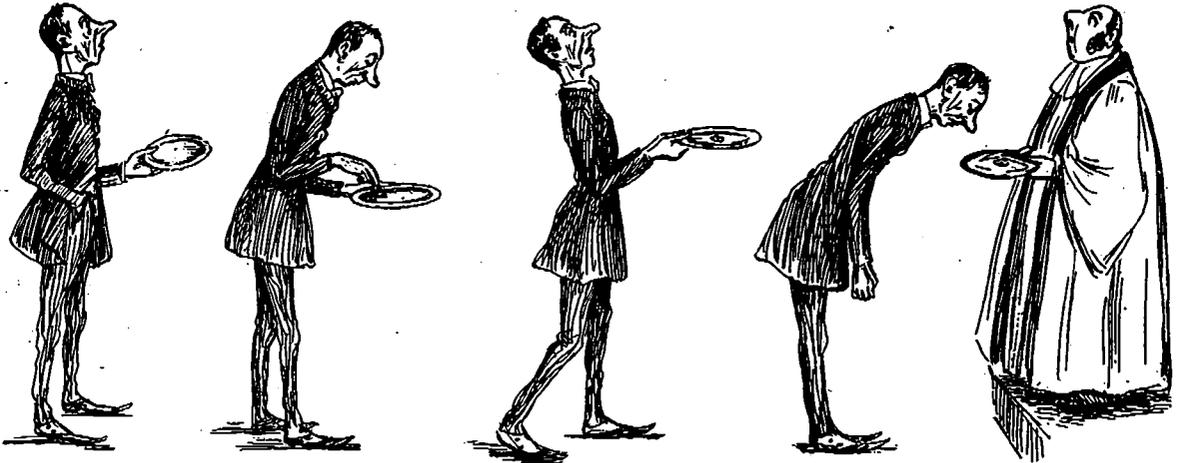
ROMEY—"Y-yaas—oh, yaas."

CULPEPPER—"Bootless errand, hey?"

ROMEY—"Bootless? No. Oh, no! Very much the other way."

VINDICATING A GREAT MORAL PRINCIPLE!

THE evangelical majority in the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, in order to suppress the ritualistic practice in vogue amongst the rector's adherents, of rising in their places while the offertory was being consecrated, decided at a vestry meeting that the offertory plates should be delivered to the people's warden and taken by him to his pew instead of being carried up to the chancel. The first time the plan was put into execution the ritualists circumvented it. After the plates were delivered, the rector's warden, rising in solitary grandeur, produced a paper-mache offertory-plate of his own, and—but the rest must be immortalized in tableaux :



Searching in his vestments—or rather his trowserments, he

Produced something—possibly a coin or a button, and

Marched in solemn state up to the chancel where

He delivered it in the Highest style of the Art to

The triumphant Rector, who gave it his apostolic benediction.

THE EFFECTS OF IMAGINATION.

“**A**H, now this is something like,” said the passenger who got on at John St. and seated himself close to the new stove. “Great improvement. Enterprising company this—very different from old Frank Smith. Bound to do what they can to make things comfortable.”

“Do just what they have to do and not a bit more,” gruffly remarked another passenger.

“But anyway these stoves are an immense benefit to the public. Don’t you notice how warm and comfortable the car is. Why, last winter the cars were just like refrigerators on wheels. It used to be an awfully cold ride, but now it’s just as cosy as if you were at your own fire-side.”

“Why, you blamed fool,” said the other, “there’s no fire in them stoves yet and never has been.”

“What! You don’t mean to tell me? Well now, no more there is,” said the enthusiast cautiously feeling the deceptive heating apparatus. “I kind of thought it seemed warm out—but—ow—ow—I’m shivering all over now. Ah how cold it’s getting; company are just about as mean as old Smith used to be.”

CAUTION.

TH**E**RE was a time when we thought a heap Of the adage, “Look before you leap!” But here’s another, better fit, And that is, “Look before you sit!” Who knows what may be in the chair? And then suppose there be none there!

—JURY.

And when the season brings again
The fall Municipal Campaign,
Be slow of joining in the fun.
You’d better “look before you run.”

A BEAUTIFUL SCOTCH SONG.

SUNG AT THE DINNER OF THE ST. ANDREW’S SOCIETY LAST WEEK.

WI’ cantie loons anent the nicht,
Gin birkies, aiblins preen the licht,
An’ crishats crack maist ony sicht,
Forbye yon toon.
Gey weel maun ye tak tent o’ richt.
The wale aboon.

The sneeshin throstle greets me sair,
An’ braw auld clootie winna care
Wha lilt amang the caller air,
Wi’ clavers lang.
Yon doited haggis speers nae mair,
Weel unco thrang.

The fient a wulliewacht the noo,
Sin jannock southrons preed her mou’,
An’ donnert warlocks tauld their lo’e
Baith late an’ early
The mair’s wadna thole the coo,
Fair fa’ Prince Chairlie!

Though goud an’ gear wad gar him blate
To fash wi’ feckless bandrous late,
An’ dree his wierd wi’ muckle spate,
An’ eldritch couthie.
Wee sonsy pawkie tint his gait,
Ilk pibroch drouthie.

IT HAD GONE TO HER HEART.

REGINALD—“What’s up, old man? Why do you look so blue?”

CLARENCE—“I’ve been rejected, Reggy. Proposed to Gussie Bewdler last evening, and by Jove, she laughed at me. That girl has a heart of ice.”

REGINALD—“Ah, that explains it. I’ve often wondered where the quantities of ice cream she used to eat in the summer-time went to.”



AT THE HAMILTON STATION.

MIKE (to new acquaintance)—“Where are ye from, Misther Dolan?”

DOLAN—“I’m from ivery place but here, an’ begobs I’ll be from here as fast as I can get!”

THE CIVIC SITUATION.

Air—“The Irish Jubilee.”

GIVE me your attention for the space av half a minute now, An’ I’ll state the situation that our city it is in it now: What a purty mess: did yez iver see the bate av it? Taxes till yez couldn’t rest,—an’ do yez moind the rate av it? Watherworks an’ Boord av Health, School Boords an’ Boord av Works

Solicitors, commissioners, engineers, an’ scores av clerks, Head clerks an’ junior clerks, temp’ory clerks, an’ clerks that stay, Packed like sardines in a box an’ ivory wan we’ve got to pay: Chiefs an’ subordinates, aldermen an’ heelers, Treasurers an’ deputies, committee men an’ peelers, Sinkin’ fund an’ swimmin’ fund, debenture bonds an’ city debt, Straightenin’ av the river Don, wid a sign—“this job to let;” Cobble stones an’ cedar block, asphaltum roads an’ roads av mud, Driveways in Rosedale—schemes yez never underherstood; Coort House an’ City Hall, reclaimin’ av Ashbridge’s Bay, Thim things an’ plinty more takes all our cash away—That’s swhy we shout for a mayor to rise an’ save us all, We’re lookin’ for a janius to put him into City Hall. Clarke gives us notice he has had enough av it, Four weary years poor Ned has had the rough av it; The *Telegram* won’t weep whin it hears that he has got away, An’ perhaps he’ll take a seat in the Cabinet at Ottaway. Osler, the broker, says he’ll break our bonds an’ stocks, Boustead, the alderman, to the same intintion talks, Fleming is temperance, he for watherworks will shout, McMillan, the fruiter, cultivates the Orange vote; McDougall, the lawyer, says that he will plead our case, An’ dead-in-Earnest Albert, he’s a *Factor* in the race; James Beaty, junior, he expects to head the list, Sure an’ he’s a lively Boy, aqual to the very best. McDougall, Beaty, Boustead, Fleming an’ McDonald, too, Osler, McMillan—which av all the lot’ll do? Thin there’s Gol’win Smith, he could fill the chair although he’s thin, An’ Misther Samuel Blake, the smartest av all Irishmin,

Misther Jennings, too, the very civil engineer. Sure there’s lots av min, they’re thick as berries everywhere. Bunting an’ Farrer, Robertson an’ Creighton, Caven an’ Piper, Nordheimer an’ Drayton, Hallam an’ Shaw, Dr. Wild an’ Mike McConnell, Denison an’ Gzowski, an’ the Rev. Macdonnell, Tom Hurst an’ Ramsay, Harry Blight an’ Warrington, Signor D’Auria, Schuch or Misther Torrington. Anny wan av thim, an’ I see more in the gallery Would make a splendid mayor, or at least cud draw the salary. But, sure, I dunno; there yez have the hammer an’ tongs av it—Go to Jimmy Frinch av you want the rights an’ wrongs av it; So I end me song. I can’t advise yez fwat to do, Wan’s as good as the rest an’ jest a little better, too. As for mesilf, I will vote for him that axes me Providin’ he will give me exemption from all taxes, see?

WHO IS TO BLAME?

EDITOR GRIP,—I find in an American newspaper the following GRIP, suggestive item:

The wealthy Mr. Rockefeller is reported to have said that his income was so much in excess of his means of spending it that he had to kneel down every day and pray for divine guidance to get rid of it.—*Ex.*

Can you imagine anything more disgustingly hypocritical? Mr. Rockefeller’s piety recalls the stories of like devotion on the part of Italian brigands who, after robbing and murdering their victims, devoutly kneel at the nearest wayside cross and return thanks to their patron saints for the success of their enterprise, and perhaps, like Mr. Rockefeller, ask for enlightenment as to the best means of blowing in their stealings. Such a mockery of religion on the part of a robber who has grown enormously wealthy by squeezing the life-blood out of his suffering starving fellows ought to draw down the strongest censures of such newspapers as are not yet muzzled by the corporations and syndicates. Go for him in a cartoon.

A REGULAR READER.

GRIP is always glad to receive suggestions, but we don’t feel disposed to follow this one. The contrast between the man of many millions wondering what on earth to do with them and the many poor who are suffering from no fault of their own, is calculated to arouse feelings of indignation such as our correspondent expresses. But is Mr. Rockefeller to blame? True, he didn’t earn the millions which pour in upon him every year, and consequently has no valid title to them. But he gets them in a strictly legal manner, and the laws which enable him to rob the producer have the support of the great majority of the people. Mr. Rockefeller is rich in virtue of the fact that the American people, who own exhaustless supplies of petroleum, instead of engaging an agent to attend to their business of developing the oil wells for the benefit of the public, hand the whole concern over to Rockefeller and tell him to run it just as he pleases and keep all he makes out of it. Is he to blame for not refusing such a magnificent chance to enrich himself? The system under which it is possible for him to do so is just as wrong and rotten as it can be, but the fault lies not with the one who benefits by such a scheme of absolute robbery but the nine hundred and ninety-nine besotted idiots who tamely allow themselves to be fleeced by laws of their own creation.

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.

“HOW Johnny takes after his ma!” said his aunts, Says Johnny “I guess you’re at sea, When I get at the jelly, or tear my new pants, Its mother who takes after me.”

GRATIANO

SCRAPS FROM OUR WASTE BASKET.

HARKIN too the merry sleigh-bells
As the snow we gilded along,
With there jingle an' there tinkle,
Speeding thro' the joyus throng.

Now git youre horse an cutter out
An' go an ask youre girl
If she wouden't like to go
An' take a whirl.

MR. EDITOR,—It can't be true that druggists make such big profits on patent medicines, because everybody knows they are a *drug* in the market. I don't think that an *eatin'* house is the proper place to sell them anyway.
Yours, etc.,
DRUGGIST.

“—who was Hume?” said the Professor. “Do any of you know anything about him?” “Yes,” said the student; “he was the most Hume orous writer of the language.” “You're quite wrong,” said the Professor—

—The mule lit out with both hind feet,
The darkey - where was he?
Ask of the winds, the clouds, the stars,
But don't, please don't ask me.

MR. BROWN said to **Mr. Smith**, “Which is right, ‘your vote and influence *is* requested’ for Ald. Joliffe, or ‘your vote and influence *are* requested?’” “Neither,” replied Smith; “they are both wrong. It's very wrong to request anybody's vote and influence for a man like that anyway you put it.”

THEY was a student into the Collige. And he wantid to learn French so he borded into a French famerly. One day he met in with a friend which said how did you learn French so good O says he I am bording with a French famerly which speaks nothin else. Thats a good notion said his friend. Ill advertize right away for bord with a Lattin famerly. There isn't no Lattin famerlys I guess.

CHATTER.

CHAPPIE—“Yaas. This kind of cane is all the go now.”

MAUD (*vawning*)—“Still, it doesn't seem to go much with you.”

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JACK—“You take my fancy. Will you be my wife?”

MAUD—“No, thank you. I am willing to take your fancy, but that is about all of you that I care for.”

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JONES—“Don't you think Miss Pinkem has been looking a little pale lately? It's the heat, I suppose.”

SMITH—“Yes, sensible girl that. She knows enough not to paint when the weather is hot enough to make it run.”

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JONES—“Does the country profit by having the census taken?”

BROWN—“Hardly. The returns are so small.”

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MRS. SANSO—“Dear me, this is terrible.”

SANSO—“What is?”

MRS. SANSO—“This financial panic. It is as bad as the French Revolution. This paper says that business men are all losing their heads.”



A RISK.

ANXIOUS ENQUIRER (*at insurance office*)—“Do you insure folks against fire here?”

CLERK—“Yes, sir, certainly.”

ANX. ENQ.—“Then you'd best write me out a policy. I'm afraid I'm goin' to be fired next week.”

MRS. SANSO—“Rodd is a great success in society.”

SANSO—“Dear me! I thought better of him than that.”

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SANSO—“Why has that pretty actress sued for a divorce?”

RODD—“She finds her husband insupportable.”

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JOHNNY—“Pa, what does transfer mean?”

PA—“Well, my son, ‘trans,’ as you know, means across and ‘fero’ I bear—and a cross bear is just about what you find when you ask a street car conductor for a transfer under the present system.”

SEASONABLE.

NOW doth the would-be alderman
Approach you with a smile,
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In very cordial style.
He asks after your family,
And how your business fares,
And seems to take such interest
In all of your affairs,
But always ends with, “By the way,
I run in No. 3.
I hope that on election day
You will remember me.”

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CERTAINLY A BEAUTY.—There is a wide-awake firm of clothing merchants in Brooklyn, N.Y., known to fame as Smith, Gray & Co. One of the means of advertising their ware is the publication of a monthly illustrated humorous journal, which has attained great prominence on account of the ability with which it is edited, and the daintiness of its artistic and typographical work. We are just in receipt of the Xmas number, which is, of course, something extra. It is, in short, a very brilliant affair, and its presentation plate—a reproduction of a water color sketch by E. Grivaz, the celebrated French artist—is a piece of work which any connoisseur might be proud to have in his house. We are inclined to give judgment that *Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly* takes the Christmas cake, the only other holiday publication worthy of comparison with it being GRIP'S COMIC ALMANAC FOR 1892.

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AS usual, the chief character sketch in the December number of the *Review of Reviews* is upon the most interesting man of the day. Mr. Stead has made the Right Honorable Arthur J. Balfour the subject of this month. Although himself an advanced Radical, while his subject is a high Tory, Mr. Stead has always been a friend and admirer of Mr. Balfour, and his character sketch is highly appreciative, while at the same time thoroughly critical. It is in Mr. Stead's a most felicitous vein. Its illustrations are a very remarkable collection of the cartoons which have appeared in the Irish papers illustrating Mr. Balfour's administration of the Irish office during the past four years.

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"I USED two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters for Liver Complaint and can say I am a well woman to-day." Mrs. C. P. Wiley, Upper Otnabog, N. B.

JACK—"I think Jessie's father is beginning to soften toward me."

HARRY—"What makes you think so?"

JACK—"He asked me to-day if I knew of a man he could get to kill the dog."

A NEW ART ROOM.

AN ADDITION TO MESSRS. J. F. ELLIS & Co'S ESTABLISHMENT—A COMPLETE COLLECTION OF BEAUTIFUL ART GOODS.

AN attraction has been added to the establishment of Messrs. J. F. Ellis & Co., the King street jewellers, that will be appreciated by their customers, and by lovers of art generally in this city. It is an art-room in which will always be kept a choice assortment of art goods. The idea is new in Toronto, and has not been adopted by any other firm in Canada. It is, however, so obviously desirable that it can scarcely be called an experiment. In Toronto warehouses, where art goods are sold, it has been the custom to have them scattered over the establishment and mixed with articles without claims to art, so that the goods lost much of their effect, and it was not easy for purchasers to appreciate their merit. Messrs. Ellis have built in their new handsome store a room of ample proportions which they have fitted up so that it is a gem of rich and tasteful decoration. Mr. Ellis is proud of his art-room and the stock with which he has furnished it, and his visitors unite in saying that his pride is warranted. It is altogether one of the most delightful places in the city for lovers of art to visit, and visitors are invited to call and see it. The treasure store will be gladly shown to all who are interested in art, whether they have immediate purchasing in view or not.

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