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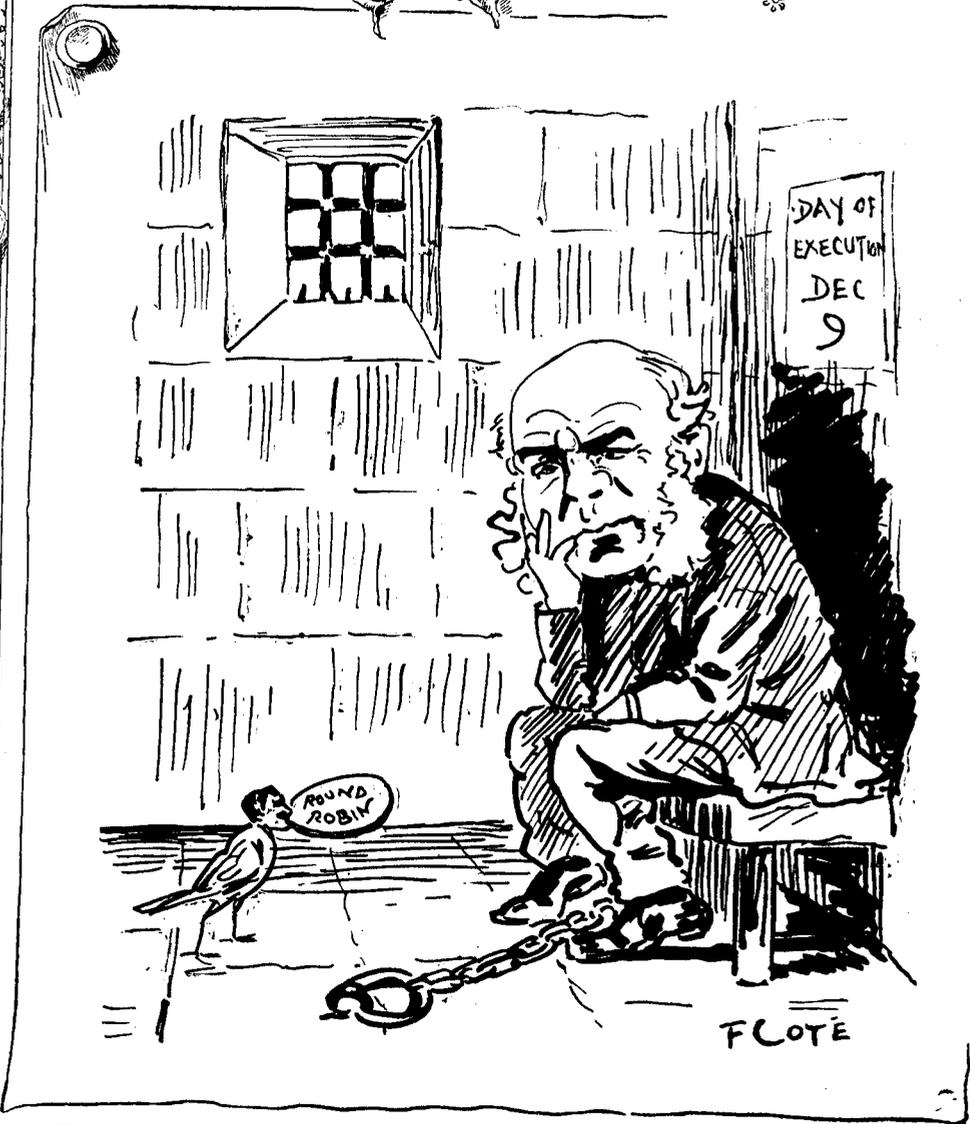
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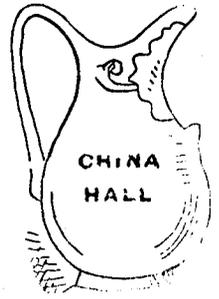
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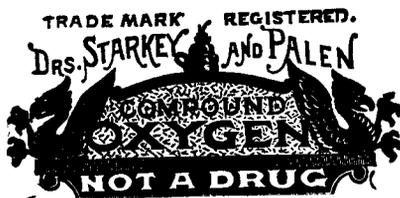
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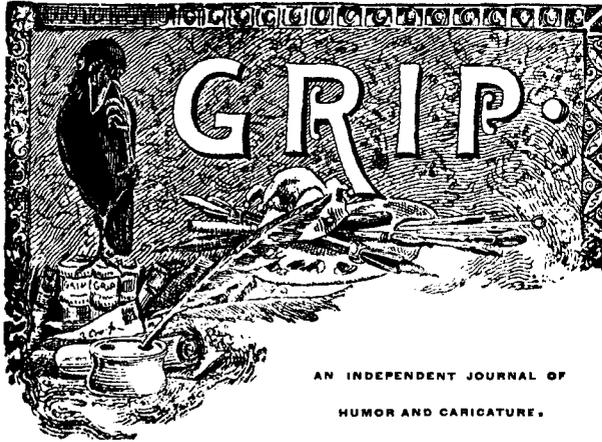
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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

OUR friends are reminded that the magnificent lithographed plate, "Prominent Conservatives," issued as a supplement to Midsummer GRIP, will be sent to every subscriber applying for same and enclosing five cents for postage.

Comments on the Cartoons.



OLIVER'S HASTE.—The dissolution of the Ontario Assembly came upon the political public like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky. It is the sensation of the hour and tongues are wagging about it all over the land. The reason assigned by the Government for taking this step four months in advance of the natural end of the term, is the high constitutional one that no Parliament should remain in existence one moment longer than is absolutely necessary after an enlargement of the franchise. There are perhaps other reasons, less statesman-like but highly practical, for this hasty dissolution. A good many people suppose that the Anti-Catholic-encroachment agitation, so vigorously kept up by the *Mail* has something to do with it. Four months more of Farrar's sledge-hammer might produce a good deal of mischief, and this danger is to be thus discounted. Others are inclined to the view that Hon. Oliver's chief motive was to check-mate Sir John. Mr. Meredith is of this opinion, and he makes himself very absurd in declaring that Mowat's action is "unconstitutional." In this absurdity he is followed by the *Ottawa Citizen* and other Conservative papers. Both he and they are of course perfectly aware that Sir John has often done the same thing, and even now is supposed to have a premature dissolution in contemplation. If they can't frankly give Mr. Mowat credit for having done a mighty smart trick on the old man, they ought to have sufficient grace to keep their mouths shut and not display their terror to the amused community.

AWAITING HIS DOOM.—The Legislature of Quebec is to meet on the 9th December, when it is anticipated that the Ross Government will be put out of its misery as tenderly as possible. Its desperate efforts to patch up a coalition and thus retain office, have failed, and its doom is sealed.

HARMONY AND PEACE.—Mr. Meredith is going through the country in company with Sir John Macdonald, and advising that the Mowat Government be turned out because it does not harmonize with the Ottawa Government. This is very poor tactics indeed.

The one thing which makes the Mowat Government popular in Ontario is its pluck and persistency in repelling the encroachments of the Federal power. The people of this Province do not want the sort of Harmony Mr. Meredith is after. They know very well that if the lion and the lamb lay down together, after his fashion, the lamb would be inside the lion.

HE'S GOT TO GO.—If you want a sure and certain pointer as to the time of the Dominion Election, keep your eye on Hon. Frank Smith. When you see him "dropped," you may expect the dissolution—not before. Sir John would not dream of going to the country with such a *bete noir* of the Knights of Labor upon his back.

THE COY, CONSISTENT MAIDEN.—It is said that Sir Donald A. Smith is to be the Liberal Candidate in Winnipeg. Sir Donald is a representative monopolist, and is consequently a queer choice for the arte-monopoly party. For the sake of political consistency, the Winnipeg Reformers ought to find a better standard bearer.



THE Grand Opera House stage is this week devoted to variety—being occupied by the Australian combination. The artists composing this troupe are highly capable, and the entertainment is a good one.

MR. MANTELL, who may be described as a masculine Langtry, made a profound impression upon our young ladies as he has done elsewhere, but the play in which he appeared, "Tangled Lives," was a poorly constructed affair.

MR. COLLIER, who finished a successful week of the "legitimate" at the Toronto on Saturday evening is an actor of very high promise, and is regarded by many as the rightful heir to the honors won by Forrest and McCullough.

MR. MCKEE RANKIN, who is well known throughout Canada, is doing the ever fresh "Danites" and "49" at the Toronto Opera House. Next week Mr. P. F. Baker (late partner of Farron) will appear in his old-time success "Chris and Lena," at this popular house.

DENMAN THOMPSON is coming to the Grand in the last week of November, when he will present his new play, "The Old Homestead," for the first time here. This play is described as producing the general effect of a first-rate sermon, combined with a healthful visit to the country.

A NEW ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARY.—"To the making of books there is no end"—and the same is true of newspapers. The latest arrival at our desk is *Forest and Farm*, a bran new journal started by Mr. Charles Stark, and edited by W. Fox, late special of the *Mail*. As the name implies, the paper is to be devoted to agriculturists and sportsmen (meaning by the latter the genuine sportsman, who goes in for a few days fishing or shooting every season—not the professional idler who does nothing but "sport"). Mr. Stark ought to know the exact wants of this large class, as his business has long brought him into relations with them, and he has, besides, the wherewithal to give them the very sort of paper they demand.

DAVITT AND McCARTHY.



BEGORRA, thin, did yez hear Davitt
On Saturday noight at the Rink?
He let thim ould "Loyalists" have it,
An' walloped thim quicker nor wink!

Home Rule for ould Erin he shtated
Is comin' shtrait on to the fore,
So long for the boon we have waited
We'll relish it now all the more.

Its comin', be Lib'ral or Tory
—An' devil a matther from which—
'Twill sother the Union in glory
And lay Erin's foes in the ditch.

An' did yez hear Justin McCarthy—
A broth av a bie is that same—
The mimber from Derry and worthy
Av all his high honor and fame!

He towld how ould Gladstone was fightin'
To rule us be love and not might,
And how, be the law an' the gospel,
He'd win in the desperat fight.

So here's to McCarthy and Davitt
And to constitutional manes,
And here's to the gallant ould Gladstone,
Who Home Rule for Ireland gains!

THE JUNIOR PICKWICKIANS;

AND THEIR MEMORABLE TRIP TO NORTH AMERICA.

CHAPTER XXIV.



N all sides were heard such questions and exclamations as "What they bin doin'?" "Tryin' to blow up the Parlyment Buildin's." "Yah! the blagyards." "Smart chaps, thim Tronter poleesh-min," "Fenians." "That there fat one's the head centre!" etc,

After having had all manner of insults heaped upon them by the crowd, the prisoners at length reached the police station, where they were immediately brought before a sergeant on duty, who, directly he caught sight of them and saw who their captors were, remarked, "Ah, ha! got them at last, Spoggles. Good enough, I thought we shouldn't send to Toronto for nothing. You reflect honor on the force of your city, Spoggles, and I wish we had more men like you in *our* force." Mr. Spoggles appeared pleased at the compliment, but merely said that he would state the charge against the prisoners and then go and inform the magistrate of the important arrest he had made, that gentleman having expressed a desire to be apprised of the fact at whatever time it might occur.

It appeared that, on account of some rumours that had got abroad that some disaffected parties, said to be Fenians, had designs which encompassed the destruction of the Parliament Buildings, constables had been sent for to Toronto to watch the edifice referred to, and if possible arrest the conspirators. Messrs. Spoggles and Muddy were two of the batch that had been detailed for this duty, and the result of their labors has been seen in the arrest of the four Pickwickians.

Mr. Spoggles, having stated the charge against his prisoners, which was that of "conspiring to blow up the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa," and so on through a long rigmarole, departed to inform the magistrate of what he had done, and our four unfortunate friends were locked up, not separately, but in a large room set apart for the use of tramps and "lodgers," pending the arrival of the gentleman before whom the preliminary examination was to take place.

Fortunately for them, the time they had to wait was short, and in the course of an hour they were once more led forth, without hand-cuffs now, however, and brought before Muffkins Dawson, Esq., in a large room, not the regular police-court, where the examination was to be conducted in private.

Messrs. Spoggles and Muddy were both in attendance, as was also a Sergeant of the Ottawa force, an elderly man who was to act as clerk of the proceedings, and a reporter of one of the city papers.

Mr. Muffkins Dawson was a shrewd, gentlemanly and intelligent looking man, and as he caught sight of the prisoners, appeared much astonished, and said in a low tone to Spoggles, "Hm! I hope there's no mistake here, constable: these men don't look to me like Fenians or conspirators."

"Oh! no fear of that, sir," replied the officer with a self-satisfied smile, "You may depend upon it we've got the right men, sir."

"Well, we shall see: let them sit down, however. Now, Mr. Bimbash"—turning to the clerk, "swear the first witness."

The first witness was Spoggles, who deposed as follows, the magistrate occasionally asking him a question or two; "Am a member of the Toronto police-force; have been shadowing the Parliament Buildings for the past four weeks: the buildings have not moved since I first came on duty here: heard there were suspicious characters in the city, and with Muddy and other officers, shadowed everybody whose actions seemed peculiar; shadowed one man for three days and three nights and then found out he was an Alderman from Hamilton; shadowed another man whom I took to be Hunkersliding Jack, in disguise, for eight days; he proved to be Rev. Dr. Mild from Toronto, a man I had seen three hundred times every year for the past five years; his actions were suspicious; saw the prisoners, now in the room, for the first time yesterday: they went down to the river: I thought they were going to try and blow it up: they did not do so: the stout man (pointing to Bramley) I believe to be the notorious O'Donovan Rossa: I have a clue to his identity: saw him and his companions perform some strange dances and ceremonies on the banks of the Ottawa: take them to be members of some secret society whose rules compel these dances and ceremonies at sunset: shadowed them to their hotel: saw them in company with the notorious Viner and Moncrieff: sat in reading-room and over-heard vague hints from that man (pointing out Yubbitts) about blowing up: have a clue to his identity: he is Eight-fingered Skunny, alias the Moke, alias Slippery Jim: is a well-known chicken thief and hotel beat: have a clue that the whole party tried to beat their board bill at the Royal Hotel, Montreal, two days ago: saw the tall prisoner (Yubbitts) about to pour dynamite on the Parliament Buildings from this infernal machine (flask produced): arrested him before he could do so: he resisted violently and applied obnoxious names to self and



NATURAL PRIDE.

Mrs. Pry.—THOSE WATKINS' MUST BE AWFULLY POOR PEOPLE.
Mr. P.—WHY? HOW SO?
Mrs. P.—THEY NEVER GIVE A BEGGAR ANYTHING—NEVER!
Mr. P.—DO YOU?
Mrs. P.—NO; BUT IT ISN'T BECAUSE I HAVE'NT PLENTY!

—N. Y. Life.

Muddy : brought prisoners to the station : expect to obtain the reward."

This concluded Mr. Spoggles' evidence.

Mr. Muddy deposed as follows : " Am an officer of the Toronto police-force : was detailed to work up this case : have seen stout prisoner's photograph in the Rogue's gallery in Toronto police-station ; believe him to be Louis Riel ; saw the devil throw him into the river last night : have a clue to the devil's identity : knew him by his horns : know the tall prisoner well : he is the notorious Molly Matches : don't know the other two, but believe them to be the men we are after : arrested the Bishop of Huron four weeks ago by mistake : took him for Hartmann alias G. Blocksaw : tall prisoner about to apply dynamite from that machine (indicating flask) to Parliament Buildings : arrested those two prisoners (Crinkle and Coddleby), they offered no resistance ; think I am entitled to a share of the reward."

This was all the evidence offered by the detectives, and the magistrate asked Bramley what he had to say about the matter.

" My lord," began Bramley, and then correcting himself, " Sir, I cannot conceive how any man, more especially a man detailed for the express purpose of ferretting out crime and for which purpose it is to be presumed a man of *some* intelligence at least would be selected, I say I cannot imagine how any man can be so obtuse, so stupid, so befuddled, in short, as that officer has shewn himself to be. My friends and I, members of the Junior Pickwick Club——"

" How ?" exclaimed the magistrate, half rising from his chair, " are you in reality members of that distinguished institution ? Can you produce proof as to the validity of your claim ?"

" Indeed, sir, we can, if we might be allowed to regain the possession of the property taken from us in the police-station. I happen to have my certificate of membership in the Club referred to, in my pocket-book."

Mr. Dawson directed Muddy to produce the pocket-book at once, and as that officer left the room in obedience to the order, the magistrate, turning to Spoggles, said,

" And this " (picking up Mr. Yubbit's brandy flask) " is the infernal machine is it ? ' H'm," and he unscrewed the top and smelt the contents. " Spoggles, you're an ass."

Mr. Spoggles seemed thunder-struck at hearing this. He, who had expected to be highly complimented on the energy, shrewdness and detective ability he had displayed, to be called an ass ! It was a blow he had little anticipated.

" If you have no further evidence to submit," continued Mr. Dawson, " I must say I think you have made a most egregious blunder, and I shall have no alternative other than to discharge these gentlemen."

Muddy, at this juncture, returned with Mr. Bramley's pocket-book and the property of the other prisoners which had been taken from them by the officer on duty at the station when they were first brought in. The pocket-book was, by Mr. Dawson's directions, handed to Bramley, who immediately produced the certificate to which he had alluded, with sundry other papers setting forth the object of the whole party in visiting America, and demonstrating to the magistrate's entire satisfaction, that he had no Fenians before him.

That functionary was exceedingly indignant at the mistake made by the Toronto officers, whom he hauled over

the coals at a terrible rate, during which Mr. Spoggles hung his head, and appeared much crest fallen.

"You can take action for false arrest if you choose," said Mr. Dawson to our friends, "and I regret exceedingly the indignity and inconvenience to which you have been subjected. As for these officers, I can only hope that it has been their zeal that has led them to make such terrible fools of themselves, and I hope they are not samples of the force to which they belong. Gentlemen, you are discharged, and let me say that I shall be most happy to see you at my house to luncheon. I have heard much of your Club, and its most praiseworthy objects, and though the circumstance which has been the means of our becoming acquainted is an unpleasant one, I trust it may be forgotten. Allow me to become better known to you," and he descended from his raised platform and shook hands with Bramley, who introduced his friends.

(To be Continued.)

SHAMELESS.

WE have looked in vain for some adequate comment in the Canadian press upon the sublimely candid statement of Monsieur J. B. Rolland at the Nationalist meeting in Montreal some days ago. This individual had been amongst those who demanded the overthrow of the Dominion Government for having perpetrated the "judicial murder" of Louis Riel. He was chairman of the Nationalist Club. On the occasion referred to he declined to occupy the chair, and in doing so made an explanation to the effect that, though he was still of opinion that Riel's blood cried for vengeance, yet the Dominion Government had done so much in the interest of his (Rolland's) paper mill that he could no longer work for their defeat. We blush to know that this cold-blooded utterance was not greeted with a deluge of rotten eggs upon its author; and we blush again to observe that not a word of righteous wrath has been uttered in connection with it by any public journal. O, Canada, Canada, have you come to this? Is it possible that within thy border there are wretches who are ready to condone what they consider murder for their pockets' sake? And have you such a craven press, and such a sordid, grovelling public that such a sentiment can be uttered without evoking scorn and contempt? We dare not believe it, and yet the meanest citizen of the meanest country on earth could point his finger at this specimen of shame, and defy you to find its equal outside of Canada. Surely no further proof is needed of the depth of moral debasement to which the public conscience of this Dominion has been brought!

ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF THE SAME OPINION.

GRIP's leading cartoon, "Stop the Death Factory," is as true a picture of the awful destruction of the human family by the great curse of drunkenness as can be imagined, and ought to be scattered broadcast throughout our country.—*Manitoulin Guide.*

THERE is a paper published in Chicago called *The Hog*. It is said that it fairly bristles with good things and is plentifully interlarded with humor—a regular rib-tickler, in fact. In addition to the usual supply of solid meat there is a corner for tender lines, and each number has a short tale. It must be an offal nice paper. Nobody ever sausage a one before. If it has no motto a good one would be, "*In hog signo vinces.*"

THE BACHELOR'S LAST MEAL.

It was the only house he had to hie to
When through the arduous labour of the day,
And therefore with a melancholy sigh, to
His boarding-house fatigued he took his way.

Cheerless to him the freedom of the hour,
The ev'ning's gloaming and the autumn calm,
"These to enjoy 'tis not within my power,"
Lamented he, "neglected as I am.

Too long I've been a boarder and a lodger,
Too late, I fear, my folly I condemn,
Too oft from house to house I've been a dodger,
That, haply, varying ills, might lighten them."

As thitherward he strode, of boiling chicken
An odor reached his too suspicious nose,
Which odor tended not his pace to quicken,
Instead, it seemed it added to his woes.

For thus he grieves—"Oh, blighted hopes of hunger,
Yon boastful smell, that crowds my way, of soup
Has hurried me too oft, when I was younger,
To dine of some old veteran of the coop."

Arrived to dinner, down he sits suspicious,
In trots the maiden with the steaming fare,
The hungry boarders rattle on their dishes,
But when the carver starts the boarders stare.

For look! the bird is tough they thought was tender,
Impatient hunger now begins to howl,
Our hero, raging, guessing at its gender,
Arose, and thus apostrophised the fowl:

"Cock of the walk, at whose capricious cackle,
A barnyard swarmed to know the reason why,
Who dead, art still a *shade* too tough to tackle,
As this voracious board can testify.

Now couldst thou crow 'revenge,' but thou art dumb,
As wild the carver whets his blunted knife,
As hungry boarders grimly look and glum,
Devoutly wishing thou wert back to life.

Behold the smiling mistress's delight;
She talks and prattles while the struggle grows—
Is it her scheme to conquer appetite?
And yearns she to appropriate thy crows?

Oh! I could fling thy carcass out the window!
(He meant the fowl's) and clutched it by the leg;
"No, no," the mistress cried, "'twould be a sin to,
My dearest boarder, calm yourself, I beg."

He calmed himself, but what an altered table;
He left the house to change his mode of life.
And, reader, now to tell you I am able
That all his ills are merged in one—a wife.

Hamilton, Nov. 12th, 1886.

HUGH BETT.

DONALD FARQUHARSON remarked to Leonidas Mulcahey, that he sat down to his breakfast every morning at half-past eight. Mulcahey said it seemed odd that he could sit down to his breakfast at half-past eight, for when he got through it was *eight*. Whereupon Farquharson drew a revolver and shot Mulcahey dead. The jury said justifiable homicide.

Newly arrived gentleman.—Whisht, Patsey! Did yez see the bye goin' pasht a laying on the top av a whale? *Patsey.*—My, but yer a gossoon! The whale's a *Boy-sickle*. *Newly arrived gentleman.*—A phwhat. *Patsey.*—A *Boy-sickle*. Whin I kim over they called thim a wheel-hossopede, ansence the byes tuk to riden thim its *Boy-sickles* they are. An' ef yees desiereo learn to ride wan ye can begin be larnin' on the grindstone in me backyard. An' whin yees kin ride a grindstone along the top uv a rail-fince ye can tackle a *Boy-sickle*.—*Tid Bits.*



A VERSATILE GENIUS.

Maud.—MR. ALLROUND IS A SORT OF UNIVERSAL GENIUS; ISN'T HE?

Mabel.—YES, HE IS EXCEEDINGLY CLEVER.

Maud.—HE IS SOMETHING OF A LAWYER AND SOMETHING OF A MUSICIAN. WHAT IS HIS PROFESSION?

Mabel.—WELL, THE LAWYERS CALL HIM A MUSICIAN, AND THE MUSICIANS CALL HIM A LAWYER.

—Chicago Rambler.

JOEOSERIA

THE elections be upon thee, Samson.

* * *

Of all the Philistines against which this country has to fight, the worst is elections. The Delilah of Canada is Politics. With all sorts of Philistines the Canadian Samson (the Canadian people generally, that is,) can cope—the rivalry of a powerful neighbor; federal centralization; provincial secession; land-grabbing; timber-snatching; bonus hunting; coal-monopolizing; fish-stealing; parliamentary-influence-bartering; “race-and-revenge” jangling; Scott Act-dynamiting; ballot-stuffing; gerrymandering; concession line-bribing—nothing altogether overcomes us; but this wily coquette Delilah—Politics—is much to be feared. Some day, perhaps, she will worm out of us the secret of our power, will shave our seven locks.

* * *

And what is this secret? National honesty, national uprightness, national integrity, national straightforwardness, national disinterestedness, national conscientiousness, national honesty,—these be our seven locks.

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And in what does national honesty consist? In the honesty of the individuals composing that nation, in the honesty, more especially, of the rulers of that nation.

Nothing so saps this as does Politics, as that word is now understood. Politics (on the *lucus a non lucendo* principle; like “loquet,” so called, because it won't lock) has nothing whatever to do with what probably man people think it has to do—the government of the State. “Politics” merely means dodges by which to obtain office—ward-meetings, caucuses, canvassing books, voters' lists, baby-kissing, oath-taking in sugar. It means finding out some way of making one's own breeches-pocket bulge out at the expense of some other fellow's or fellows' breeches-pocket or pockets. It means befuddling the brains of everybody who is befuddle-able. It means caring not what becomes of the country so long as “our party” can get into power, and caring still less what becomes of either country or party, so long as number one is provided for. This is Politics.

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“Politics is a pretty poor profession, then,” you feel inclined to remark, reader. Yes, Politics of this kind is, very poor,—for those who are not Politicians, that is; it is a profession which the country has to pay a pretty penny for—in the shape of a National Debt. “But is there no other kind of Politics?” you ask. Yes, there is. “Where?” Where there are no Politicians. “No Politicians! Where is that?” Well, it is difficult to say; in the columns of GRIP only, probably.

J.H.W.

A MEDICAL advertisement reads: “Fitz stopped free.” How about Miss-Fits?

KEEPING 'EM DOWN.

The Queen has expressed her utter disapprobation of the use of passenger elevators or "lifts" in England.—*Eng. paper.*

FROM what Her Majesty has just revealed
Before her patient people's wistful eyes,
'Tis quite apparent that their doom is sealed,
As now, per force, they can no longer rise,
Of no avail their industry or thrift,
Since she's averse to giving them a lift.

However low and cheerless their estate,
At its degraded level they must stand;
For obviously she'll never tolerate
A single elevator in the land.
As though the only mission of her crown
Were simply just to keep the people down.

Why chain them thus to earth to drain their cup?
If asked, perhaps she'd answer, in response,
"Too many things already have 'gone up,'
While others should be brought right down at once."
In truth it seems from her despotic tone,
She'll brook no elevation but her own.

Surely that patient, uncomplaining throng,
Some means to circumvent her can devise;
They've been "dumb-waiters" in the State so long,
Most certainly they should know how to rise:
But, then, alas! there's this to dash their hopes,
When they're well up she'll surely cut the ropes.

But, then, the Opposition seem intent
On giving her advisers one more ride—
One upward Guy Fawkes' trip of swift ascent,
With Irish pyrotechnics flashing wide.
Perhaps they think, with all this hue-and-cry
They've not been blown sufficiently sky-high.

Parnell applauds the scheme with lusty cheers,
And says he will defend it in his seat;
And if the royal lady interferes,
He vows he'll soon compel her to retreat.
And make, if she's not muter than a mouse,
A move that's certain to bring down the house.

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RESULT OF TOO MUCH THINKING.

As I lay a-thinking, a-thinking, a-thinking,
Of cares, debts and duns for things I've had to buy,
My future looked so dark,
A Civil Service Clerk,
I cannot make my mark
Ere I die.

As I lay a-thinking my throat felt very dry.

As I lay a-thinking, a-thinking, a-thinking,
In morbid state of mind, my hopes began to sink,
I thought my life to end—
When roused up by a friend,
Whose language well might mend—
So I think.

He said, "Blow your thinking, come out and have a drink!"

As we sat a-drinking, a-drinking, a-drinking,
My spirits being low, I poured some others in,
The bar-man gave us tick,
But soon we felt quite sick,
My friend could only hic-
Cough and grin,

As we sat a-drinking we filled up to the chin.

Out of bar-room slinking, overpowered with drinking,
We sang all through the town—to us a perfect maze,
A bobby—poor, mean sneak,
Said he'd not stand our cheek,
Hauled us before the beak,
Heads ablaze.

Verdict—"You've been drinking—five dollars or ten days."

C. L. L.

RIPPLES.

YE full-pursed canvassers, of either party,
Now to a new excuse for bribery shift;
Stoutly declare your slight inducements all,
Each to be but a friendly Christmas gift.

McGUFFIN has made his joke at last. He wrote to me the other day about the not very late revival, with the sage advice:—

"Don't judge the Sams from a few samples."

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"THE German War Office has decided that all sub-officers must learn telegraphy."

That they may *despatch* their enemies more quickly, we presume.

Here's a pretty mess,
In a month or less,
All our canvass must be done,
All our voters' hearts be won;
Here's a pretty mess.

J. H. B.

A LITTLE girl went visiting one day, and after a time was given the album of family photographs to look at. She turned the leaves over carefully, and pretty soon closed the book. "Well, dear," asked the hostess, "did you look at the album?" "Oh, yes," answered the little maid, brightly. "And we've got one 'zactly like it, only the pictures are prettier."

Elderly Gentleman (from way back; on his first visit to New York)—What an immense throng are gathered at the entrance of yonder church! how excitedly they struggle for admission to the sacred edifice! Evidently a revival of unprecedented dimensions is in progress. *Unregenerate Gann* (scornfully)—Naw, dat ain't no' revival. Dis is der last night of der big church fair, an dey're goin' ter raffle fer der grand pi'anny in half an hour.



OLIVER'S HASTE.

Mrs. Ontario.—WHY, OLIVER, HOW YOU ARE PUFFING! WHAT DID YOU COME BACK IN SUCH A HURRY FOR? NOT AFRAID OF THE DOG, WERE YOU?

Oliver.—N-NO—OH, N-NO, THAT IS, ER-UM, CERTAINLY NOT; BUT HE HAS AN UGLY LOOK, HASN'T HE?

LONG-EARED NED.

O NED,
I wish your entire stubborn race were dead—
Like Mohicans or Aztecs disappeared,
Or other tribes of which we all have read,
Who melted when enlightened folk appeared!

You kick,
You sulk and mope, however much I lick,
You try to knock my brains out every day;
Your stubborn disposition makes me sick,
But still you flourish on your mouldy hay.

I try
To dim the lustre of your wicked eye
By feeding you on ropes and cast-off boots;
But still you live, your heels as lively fly
As though you dined on oats and garden roots.

What fate
Placed you on earth to live 'mongst those you hate?
Was it some fiend, to cause mankind to swear?
Was it to force me every tooth to grate,
And howl, and mourn, and rip, and rant, and tear?

Just now
You will not move; I'll sing a song, I vow,
Of politics and cant, which I have read
Within the columns of the Press; thy brow
Sinks to the earth! Ah, me, the ass is dead!

W. H. T.

EXPLAIN! EXPLAIN!!

OR WHO, WHICH, WHAT, WHY, HOW, COURT?

AWAY off in the remote regions, several miles beyond the beautiful and flourishing town of Paris, lies a place they call Brantford. If you look carefully on a large map of Ontario for a long time, you may possibly find Brantford marked somewhere near where it is supposed to be, in a careless and cursory sort of way, as though the person who invented the map were not quite certain whether it would be advisable to indicate the spot, even supposing Hon. A. S. Hardy does belong there.

But, anyway, as I was saying, there would seem to be a newspaper published at or near the place, as the subjoined paragraph from it appears to indicate:

COURT SUCCESS.—Court Success No. 6,827, held its regular meeting last night. On motion Court Success decided to pay a fraternal visit to Court Enterprise on Thursday evening, and Court Endeavor next Monday night.

Now, what is this veiled mystery, I respectfully but relentlessly ask the author of the item from this safe distance?

Answer me, sir, before I proceed to find it out for myself, and forever after hold you in scorn as a writer of disguised humor, such as the Editor of *Puck*—

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Having waited for the next mail without hearing directly from you or receiving from your second an intimation that you wished to retract your base calumnation, I proceed to explain this wretched, mince-pie mystery to my own satisfaction.

(1) "Court Success"—This looks like disinterested and timely advice at first blush. I always court success; and there is a dark and dreary chapter in my early history which impels me to the confession that one time I did successfully court. She was a beautiful woman with red hair. I was a splendid specimen of vigorous and carefully dressed manhood. She still has all of her red hair. I have very little of mine remaining. Need I add that she and I are married, one to the other? Is this what you darkly hint at, oh, fellow-townsmen of the Provincial Secretary and Chief Thayendanega, or some such name as that?

(2) "Court Enterprise"—How comes this strange legend, Brantford boy? Who is to court enterprise? Why is he to court enterprise? What is it to court enterprise? Which—but perhaps I am becoming involved. The Court of Enterprise is not the Police Court or Division Court, is it? Maybe you mean the Court presided over with marked enterprise by Justice O'Connor! But isn't that one rather Court Surprise? Out with it, my man! Out with it!

(3) "Court Endeavor"—Just so! When a man "courts" he does "endeavor." Some men should endeavor not to court. It would be better for the man, not to say the endeavor. The endeavor is often misapplied. Don't care, let me hear of you aiding and abetting the divorce laws of our land in any such shameless way! I hope you distinctly understand me. If you do not, please believe me when I say I reciprocate the compliment. And, further, if I go on studying over and talking about this Chinese paragraph of yours, I'll go mad.

Go on with your endeavor to court success with enterprise, or to enterprise your success with your court, or to success with your court to your endeavor to enterprise—or anything else you want.

But, mark me! I'm never going to subscribe for any such paper as yours. I'll take the *Mail* first.

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ARTISTIC LICENSE.—An artist exhibits for sale a panel painting representing three dead birds hung from a nail in the wall. The picture is spoken of as "still life." This poetic license is a glorious institution when it allows a man to speak correctly of a dead bird as an example of "still life." We should have thought "still death" more appropriate. Of course we are wrong.



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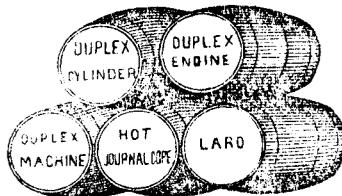
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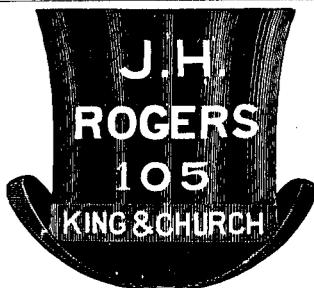
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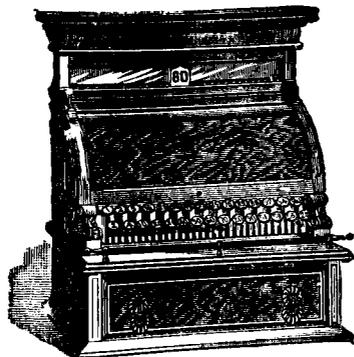
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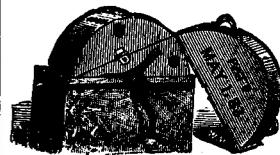


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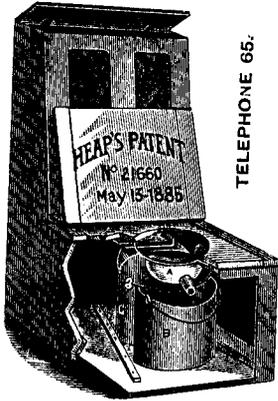
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