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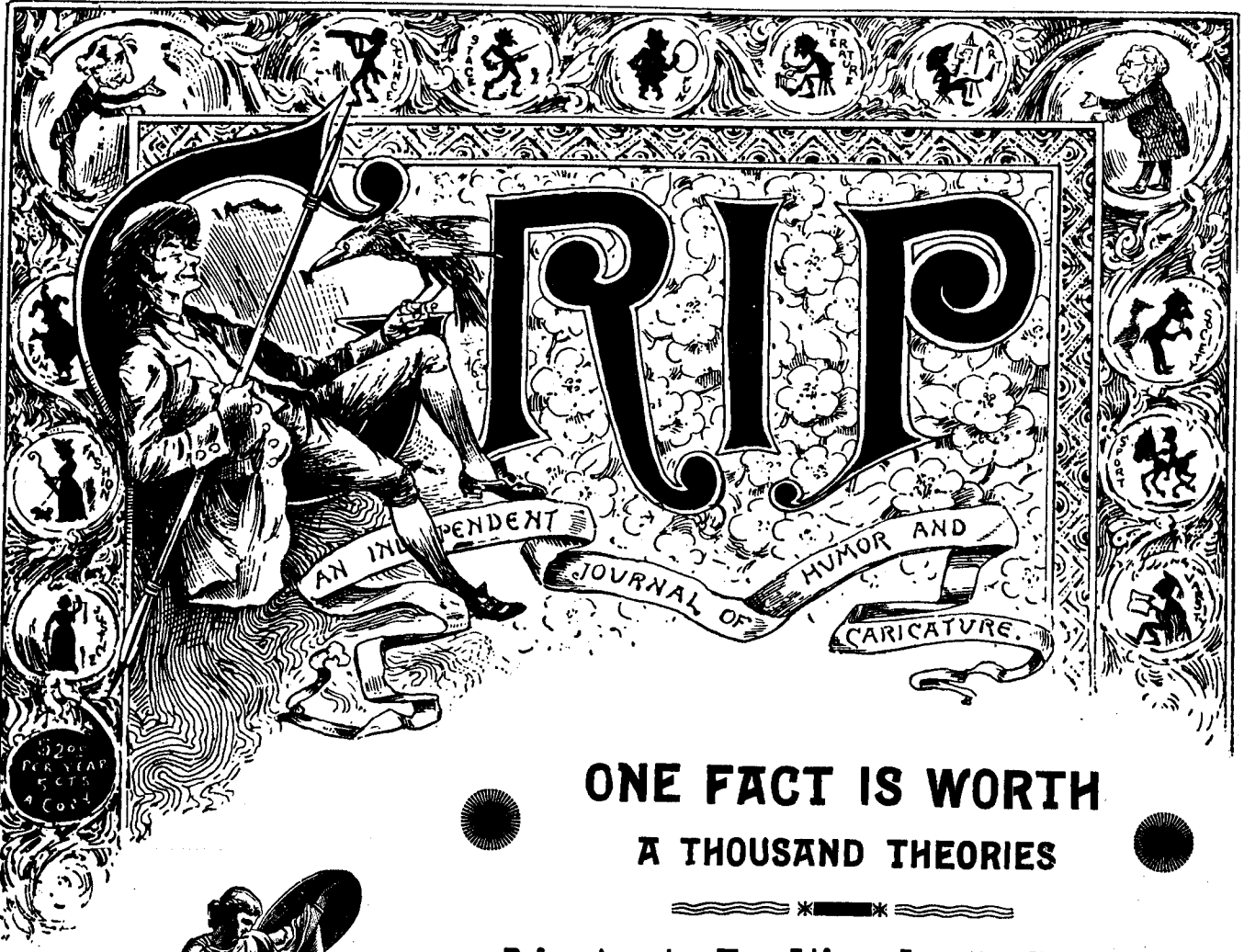
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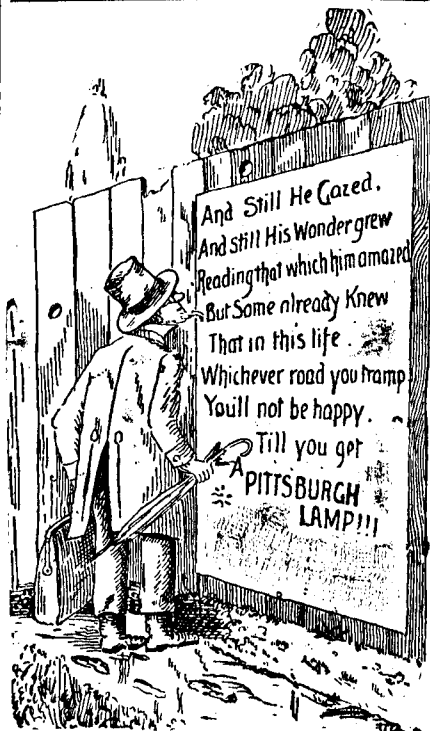
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COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS



MR. MOWAT'S WEE NOTE.—If anything could elevate Mr. Sol White's one-horse propaganda, "Political Union," to the dignity of an issue in practical politics, that would surely be accomplished by a solemn deliverance half-a-mile long by the leading statesman of Ontario. And yet it will fail. People are asking one another what the Attorney-General means by all this ado about nothing. It doesn't seem a bit like the cautious, considerate and level-headed Oliver to thus "spread himself" in an almost hysterical protestation of two facts which were, we think, sufficiently self-evident all along, viz.: first, that the Reform party is as "loyal" as the Conservative party; and second, that

Canadians do not want and will not have annexation. Mr. Mowat seems to be apprehensive that his Party is in great danger of having the stigma of disloyalty fastened to it, and then finding itself barred out of office, whatever the shortcomings of its opponents may be. He writes, as we understand it, to sound a note of warning on this point, and to let it be known that, as a matter of fact, greater loyalty than his own—and he is a representative Grit, in accord with his party in its Unrestricted Reciprocity policy—could not be conceived by the mind of man. It is to be hoped the letter so earnestly written will accomplish the purpose intended by its author, and that without unduly puffing up the handful of annexationists on our western border. The country will at all events be delighted to hear that Mr. Mackenzie, to whom it was addressed, has been able to read it through at a sitting, as nothing could give more satisfactory assurance of that honored gentleman's improved physical condition.

SHIELDING THE WORKER.—A vote on the Sunday street car question appears to be one of the certainties of the near future. GRIP will cast his ballot as early and as often as possible against the proposed Chicagoizing of Toronto. Sunday cars are not necessary here; we are in every way better without them. The workmen, in whose interests the agitators pretend to be working, are most deeply interested of all of us in frowning down the project, for it is simply the opening of a door that leads to seven days' work for six days' pay. Toronto's fame throughout the world as the city of the old-fashioned day of rest is one of her chief glories. We trust she will not be beguiled by sophistry of any sort into flinging away such honorable distinction. We may not be as good as the outside world give us credit for, but let us cling to our Toronto Sunday whatever we do, and that apart altogether from religious considerations, though these ought to weigh for a good deal in a Christian community.



THE deed is done! Lt.-Gov. Angers, of Quebec, has played his little coup d'etat and given the Mercier Government its coup de grace. History has repeated itself with unusual exactitude, but strangely enough the Conservatives who howled with indignant rage at Lt.-Gov. Letellier for dismissing his Cabinet and thus outraging the constitution, are now throwing up their hats and shouting the praises of Angers for doing a similar act!

AGAINST Letellier de St. Just Indignantly they fumed and cussed, And raged and roared, But Angers they're inclined to praise—"It all depends," the adage says, "Whose ox is gored!"

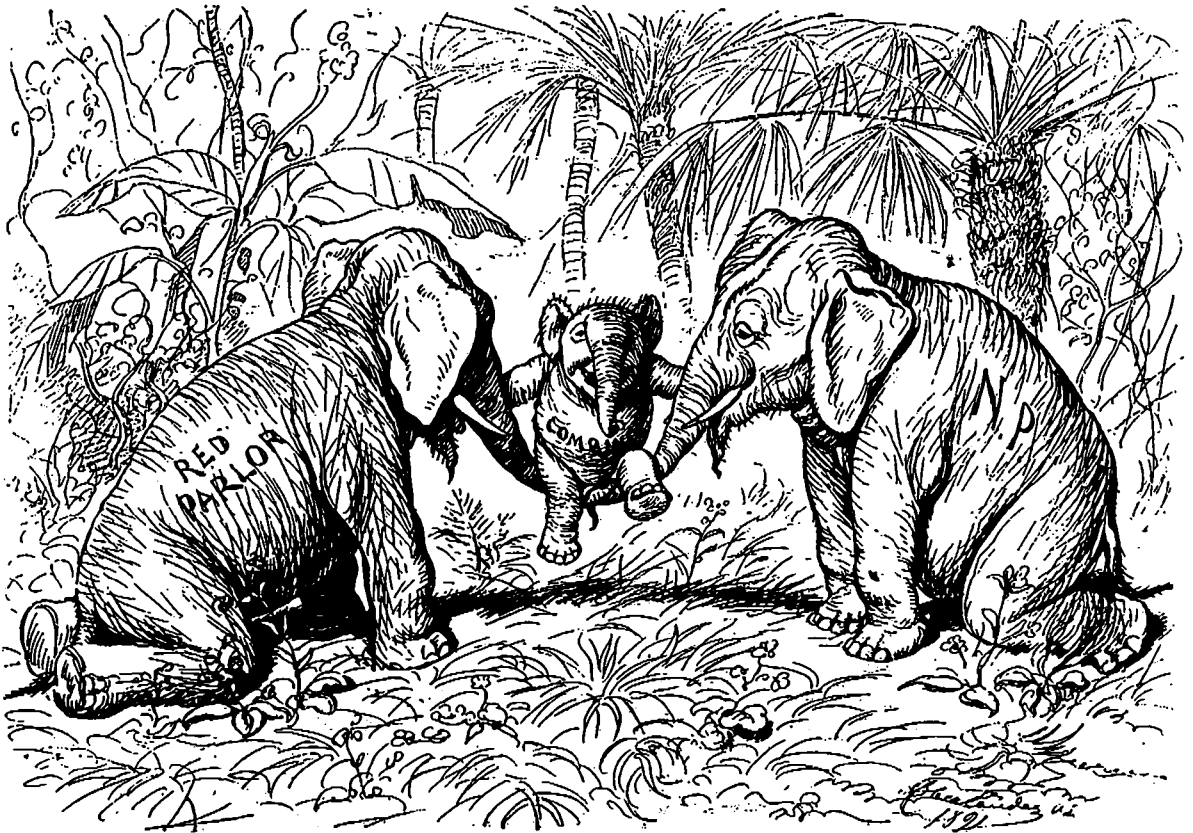
THE Mercierites declare that the thing was done in a low down, sneaking fashion, and was the climax of a plot deliberately hatched at Ottawa. The Commissioners had not reported upon the evidence taken in the Baie des Chaleurs case, and there being no verdict against the Government there could be no passing of sentence. But the Lt.-Gov. sent for two of the three Commissioners, and got from them a sort of interim judgment condemning Mercier, upon which he proceeded to act.

OH Abbott, you should never let Your Anger-y passions rise, Your Federal powers were never meant To black Provincial eyes!

WELL, the deed is done. And what now? De Boucherville, whom Letellier bounced out, has been called in to form a new Government and thus the cycle of revenge is completed. The next thing is a new election, and the Mercierites are willing to bet long odds that they will sweep the Province, and send the Count back to office again. In which case, what? According to the constitution the Lt.-Gov. ought to resign forthwith. But will he? Does he really care anything for the constitution?

BUT, perhaps this dandy Roman Count Is prematurely counting chickens, The people may his party flout And relegate him to the dickens.

QUITE so. And Quebec would be doing a good thing for itself if it kept Mercier out now that he is out. De Boucherville would probably stand a better show of



THE ELEPHANTS AND THEIR OFFSPRING.

(Adapted from *Fliegende Blaetter*).

getting a pull at the Federal money-bag, and that is what Jean Baptiste is now calculating on. But when Premier Abbott begins to listen to any proposal of the kind, look out for a big row in Ontario.

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COL. DENISON'S rattling lecture on "National Spirit" at the Auditorium a few evenings ago enthused the large audience to the bursting point. His glowing periods in praise of Britain's military prowess, interspersed as they were with apt quotations from the poets, called out storms of cheering. It was a bad time for Annexationists, whom the gallant Colonel court-martialed and ordered out for execution in his most summary fashion. It was a glorious night, and the lecturer of the evening deserves to be complimented on his oratorical ability, which surprised many of his friends.

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ISN'T it a pity, though, that the wildest enthusiasm of a highly civilized audience in a Christian city in the closing days of the nineteenth century is most readily evoked by the glorification of warlike deeds? It is about time, surely, that the world had got over the folly of worshipping the battle axe. Britain has done great things in the fighting line, but she has done greater and nobler things in the arts of peace. How is it that these higher deeds cannot call forth thunders of applause from an audience half so easily as the stories of war? Man seems to have an inbred appetite for blood. And it is something he ought to be ashamed of.

IF you're eager for to shine in the loyal lecture line,
And evoke great shouts and cheers,
Don't devote yourself to praise of the peaceful arts and ways
Of Britannia's glorious years,
But depict some gory battle, and make the platform rattle
With imaginary shot and shell,
And deluge it with blood in an oratoric flood,
And you'll make these Christians yell!

* * *

JOHN CHARLTON has followed the example of Messrs. Laurier and Chapleau by making a speech in the States on Reciprocity. With characteristic disinterestedness the hon. gentleman went over to Buffalo, not to plead the cause of Canada, but to prove that reciprocity would be a fine thing for the United States. This was wise, because Uncle Sam only wants to be convinced on that one point. John appears to have made a very good job of it, too. He declined to express an opinion on political union, as that was not at present up for discussion—in which opinion he seems to differ slightly from his Ontario leader, Mr. Mowat.

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MINISTER'S SON (aged four)—"Pa, this is the night for damnation party, isn't it?"

MINISTER—"Hush, Willie, I am shocked to hear you use such language. Do-nation you should say—(reflectively)—and yet—and yet I'm not prepared to say that it is wholly inappropriate."



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SUNDAY CARS.

A CONVERSATION OVERHEARD IN THE STALLS OF THE STREET RAILWAY STABLES.

DOBBIN—"I see the *World* is at it again, agitating for Sunday cars."

JERRY—"Yes, so I'm told. Well, I hope the voters of the city will put an extinguisher on that rather fresh sheet if it comes to a vote."

SORREL—"Hear, hear! Sunday cars is fool business. So far as I'm concerned, I'll kick if they try it on."

DOBBIN—"But hold up a bit. We're only horses, and it won't do to forget that as such we are inferior animals."

SORREL—"I'm as good an animal as the *World*, and need a rest on Sunday more than they need street cars."

DOBBIN—"All very true, but we haven't got souls, you know. At least that is the prevailing belief among mankind."

JERRY—"Well, what has that got to do with it? It isn't our souls (even if we had 'em) that get tired going around the belt-line—unless you mean the soles of our feet. It's our bodies. And I agree with Sorrel. We're completely tuckered out at the end of the week, and need a rest."

DOBBIN—"That may all be, but the question is just this—are our bodies of more value than the souls of the *World* and its sympathizers? You see, Sunday cars are needed to carry these good people to church. Surely you wouldn't stand in the way of their going to worship, and thus put their souls in jeopardy?"

JERRY—"Going to church? Rot! If the Sunday cars were only run for church hours you would hear these schemers howling worse than ever."

SORREL—"Yes, and see here. If we horses haven't any souls or any rights, what about the drivers and conductors? Haven't *they*?"

DOBBIN—"That's no point at all. The fellows who worked on Sunday would lay off some other day, see?"

JERRY—"And I suppose you believe that arrange-

ment would last? If you do, you don't know enough to eat hay, and your ears haven't reached their full growth yet."

DOBBIN—"Why wouldn't it last?"

SORREL—"Any colt could tell you that knows anything of human nature, especially human nature in the shape of a Street Railway Company."

DOBBIN—"Explain yourself, if you can."

SORREL—"Well, it's just this way. The Company goes in for getting its work done as cheap as possible."

DOBBIN—"Yes, that's true enough. Buys cheap horses, too, like yourself, for instance."

JERRY—"Come, now, old file-tail, be civil."

SORREL—"Well, don't you see, the labor market being overstocked, plenty of fellows would come and offer to work seven days for six days' pay, and the Company would take 'em on. That's *business*."

DOBBIN—"Yes, I see the force of that. I don't want you nags to suppose I agree with the *World* crowd. I'm as much against Sunday cars as any parson in Toronto. I was just putting the snivelling arguments they use before you."

JERRY—"Oh, I see through the *World's* little game easy enough. Give us Sunday cars, and we'll soon have Sunday cigar-shops, and then a Sunday newspaper."

SORREL—"Yes, that's the racket. But this talk about giving the poor man a chance to get out into the country on Sunday makes me sick. There may be some decent citizens in favor of the Sunday business, but I know that every rough and tough in the city will vote that way. And up to date, Toronto isn't ruled by its toughs."

DOBBIN—"You've struck the best argument there is against the movement. Toronto's reputation as the City of the Old Fashioned Sunday is world-wide, and it's the finest advertisement that could be had. The people will be bigger chumps than I take them for if they throw away that reputation, and open the way for such a Sunday as curses Chicago and other cities across the line."

JERRY—"Correct; but here's the boy to trot us out for another weary trip."

[Enter stable boy. Scene closes.]



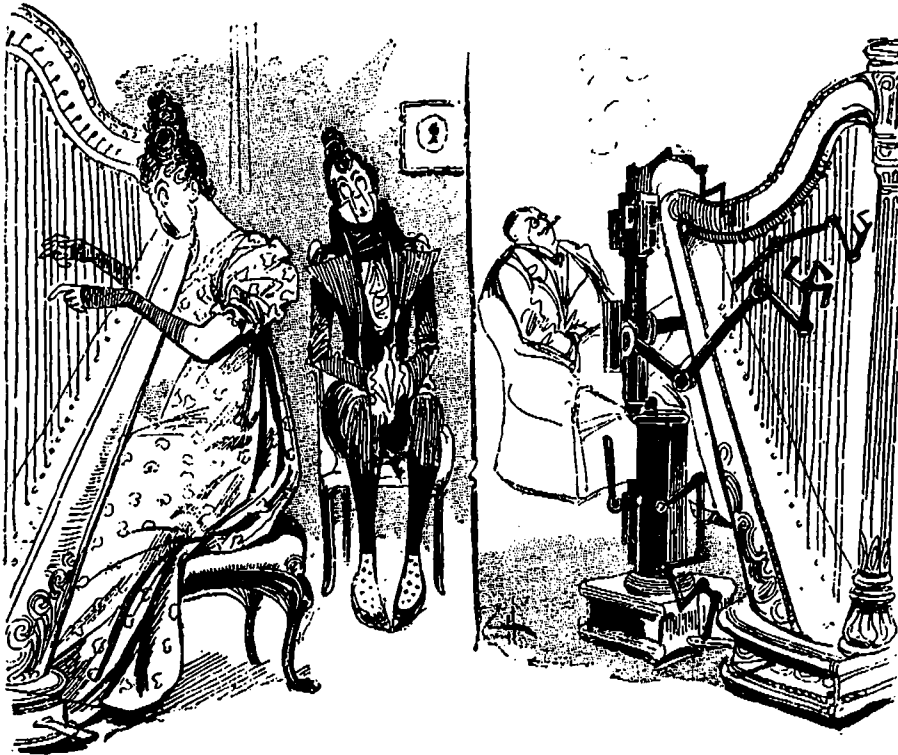
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OLD LADY (to her six-year-old grandchild from Boston)—"Come and sit down by me, Waldo, and I'll tell you a fairy tale."

GRANDCHILD—"Thank you, but I'm not greatly interested in Folk lore. To a student of Comparative Mythology, it is without doubt a necessary study; but beyond reading Professor Fiske's little work, and a desultory perusal of Baring-Gould, I have given the subject little attention.—*Comic Weeklies*."

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Putting by all his cash for his heir,
If he'd given to the poor whom he turned from his door,
He'd have found his account greater "there."

To be sure where he's gone all his money will come,
For we find, later on, watching "Sonny,"
What with drink and with play, "there's the devil to pay,"
And the devil he gets all the money.



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"Don't be afeared of him, mister. He's muzzled."—*Jury.*

MR. TROW'S SPEECH.

MR. JAMES TROW, the unseated of South Perth, was renominated the other day by the Reform Convention of that riding and made "a few well chosen remarks" in accepting the honor. Our special correspondent, who wasn't present, sends us a *verbatim* report of the genial gentleman's address, as follows :

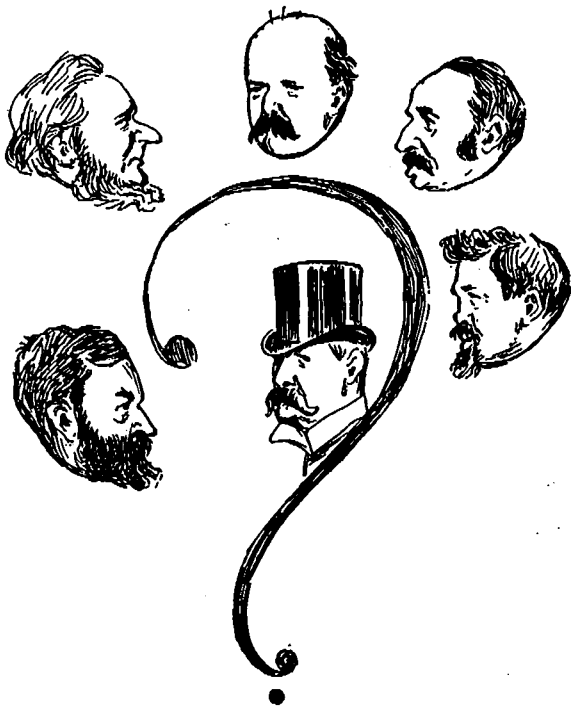
"Gentlemen :

"I thank you for sending me back as your member. I don't know what I would do if anything happened to prevent me from spending a few months of the year at Ottawa, looking after the comfort of the boys in Number Six and dodging around the old familiar corridors of the House, hobnobbing with Grits and Tories, without distinction of color. Such a sudden interruption to the habits of a lifetime would probably prove fatal. I don't believe even the medical skill of my boy could counteract the effect such a thing would have. Nor am I able to imagine what Number Six and the Commons at large would do without me. Gentlemen, you have probably averted a great national disaster by this nomination, which, of course, means election. I thank you. Have a cigar?"

IT DON'T MENU.

SHE—"See! There are Professor and Mrs. Nolot. Isn't she insipid! I wonder why clever men generally marry such silly little wives!"

HE—"I don't know—except we account for it by the time-honored fact that sage always accompanies goose."



THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

WHO'S TO BE TORONTO'S NEXT MAYOR?

BACHELORS BOLD, BEWARE!

OH, beware! take care, ye bachelors, young and old! GRIP raises the voice of warning. Dally not with the dear girls whom you have led to believe you will some day marry; for Nemesis, with a very large N, will swoop down upon you. So bewar-r-re!

A few days ago there was instituted in Toronto a movement which cannot fail to cause a great upheaval among bachelors, both far and near, before the waning of 1892. The Hon. Secretary *pro tem*, at once sent out to hundreds of maidens in Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Kingston, St. Kits, etc., the following call to arms (not masculine arms, of course):

DEAR MISS BLANK,—Feeling the great unreliability of the marriage market, and knowing that eligible bachelors cannot be brought to the popping point now-a-days, except under exceptional circumstances, it has been thought well that the unmarried ladies of the Dominion should band themselves together to avail themselves of the rights accorded the sex in Leap Year—which, you know, comes next year—and to this end you are invited to attend a meeting in Hymen Hall, Toronto, next Monday evening to discuss the formal organization of a Leap Year Society. From yours lovingly,

TILLIE TREFOIL.

The call was nobly responded to, and the hall was crowded with a mass of femininity from all parts of the Province. Two men, who had dared to peep in at the entrance, went away horror-stricken on seeing the deep-set looks of determination that rested upon the fair features of those in the audience. No less than fifty young ladies were present from Hamilton, and other centres were largely represented.

The platform was gracefully adorned by about twenty sweet damsels, who without impropriety could well be called the ringleaders.

By unanimous consent Miss Flossie Fairone was voted to the chair, and Miss Tillie Trefoil was continued as

secretary *pro tem*. Miss Imogene McTavish, of Hamilton, Miss Josie Jochelon, of Montreal, and Miss Eugenia Toffetot, of Kingston, were specially chosen to support President Fairone. Miss Fairone, looking delightfully lovely, gently tapped the talkative gathering to order, and proceed to explain the reason of the meeting.

"Young ladies," she began, "we are here to discuss a means of organizing so that we can secure every advantage that falls to the lot of unmarried ladies during Leap Year, which will soon be upon us. (Muffled kidglove applause.) Each of you wishes to marry, I know, if you can get the man of your choice (yes, yes, and fluttering of handkerchiefs)—and—and—so do I. (Much merry laughter.) Now, it is too certain a fact that the darlings (yes, bless 'em, and more fluttering) the precious ones (laughter) are altogether too backward in proposing (yes, indeed) and if they won't come to us, why, we must go to them. (Gentle cheering, and evidences of rising enthusiasm.) Next year we, who are not accepted, must leap for our chances, (more enthusiasm) and who knows but that such bold venturing will bring us husbands? (More and more enthusiasm.) To help on that good time, it is proposed to establish a society, and call it the Society for the Promotion of Matrimony, the aims of which Miss Trefoil will unfold to you."

The charming chairwoman sat down to the accompaniment of a choice Chautauqua salute.

Miss Tillie Trefoil gave her golden bangs a shake before lifting her musical voice to tell about the proposed society. Her remarks gave unbounded delight to her hearers. She stated that the society would have branches in all parts of the country and would, to a certain extent, be a secret organization, for on meeting nights information of a valuable nature would be imparted to the members, such as the proper methods of popping the question under variable circumstances, and the announcement of the names of desirable bachelors. Each member, by her sworn promise, would be obliged to propose once to the man of her choice. Under no circumstances whatever could a member propose more than twice in one month.

On the ladies being asked to express their opinions upon the proposal, Miss McTavish, of Hamilton, declared herself as enraptured with the idea, remarking gushingly: "It will be a blessing to the dear girls at home. I can promise you a membership of at least 1,000 from Hamilton." (Applause.)

"Just think," said Miss Toffetot, of Kingston, "how we can fetch 'em by whispering in the dear one's ears, if they show signs of wavering, 'I am a member of the S.P.M.' How they will tremble."

And so it went on; about half a hundred jumping up in rapid succession and enthusiastically endorsing the proposed society, which within an hour became an accomplished fact, with the following efficient officers: President, Miss Flossie Fairone, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, Miss Imogene McTavish, Hamilton; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Eugenia Toffetot, Kingston; 3rd Vice-President, Miss Millie Merrimaid, Montreal; Secretary, Miss Tillie Trefoil, Toronto; Treasurer, Miss Dolly Sweetlove, Hamilton; Inner Preceptress, Miss Helena Fearnought, St. Kits; Outer Preceptress, Miss Marian Vinagrette, Parkdale.

Before 1891 is ended branches of the S.P.M. will have been established all over the country; and when Leap Year sets in, Bachelors, all keep your weather eye peeled or you will be captured before you know it.

J. W. S.



MOWAT'S WEE BIT NOTE.

OUR GRAND OLD MAN—"Weel, Meister Mowat, I've perused your wee bit note, an' I would just like tae speer at you one question."

HON. OLIVER—"And what might that be, my honored friend?"

OUR G.O.M.—"You've proved our Pairty is loyal. Micht I enquire, Wha said it wisna?"



XMAS.

FIRST LADY—"What are you going to give your husband for a Christmas gift this year?"

SECOND DO—"Well, I think I'll give him a hat-rack for the hall. It will be so nice for him to have for his hat and coat, and I've wanted it for a long time. What are you giving your husband?"

FIRST DO—"Oh! I'm going to give him a lovely large mirror for our dressing-room; you can see yourself full length in it—and some silk handkerchiefs. I think a silk handkerchief is so nice to wear round one's neck inside a sealskin jacket, don't you?"

A LEARNED MAN.

SHE—"They tell me you are very persevering, Mr. Smith."

MR. SMITH (*with modest pride*)—"Well, I don't know! If I undertake a thing I generally accomplish it—or know the reason why."

SHE (*thoughtfully*)—"You must know the 'reason why' of a great many things."

THE NEW BOARDER.

LANDLADY (*pleasantly*)—"We are to have another boarder, a Mr. Rust. He comes to-morrow."

MR. WEEKLY (*assailing beefsteak*)—"Yes! Good name; fancy he'll like the place, and be easily satisfied."

LANDLADY—"Why?"

MR. W. (*still hacking at steak*)—"Rust can eat iron."

AT THE GERMAN RESTAURANT.

WAITER—"Vas willen sie?"

SMITH }
JONES } "Beer!"
BROWN }

WAITER—"Drei bier!"

SMITH—"Oh gracious, no! Hold on waiter. Wet beer, if you please. We're dry enough as it is."

AT THE POLICE COURT.

FRIDAY, 18th.

COL. DENISON—"Mulcahy, you're charged with being drunk last night. What have you to say?"

PRISONER—"Sure, your worship, I wasn't drunk at all. I was just passin' by the Auditorium an' the National Spirit went to me head." (*Discharged*).

L'ENFANT AGAIN.

MRS. GUSHER (*to visitor*)—"Do let your sweet little boy stay and have tea with Tommy. I know he would be so delighted to have the dear child!"

TOMMY (*eagerly*)—"Oh, yes! Please do let him. I heard ma say you allow him to eat like a little pig, and I'm just dying to see how he does it!"

PROOF POSITIVE.

MAUDE—"It's so sweet to know you are a man's first love!"

HER CONFIDANTE—"Yes, dear, But—a—how can you be quite sure? They all say that."

MAUDE (*shewing letter*)—"My dear! Do you suppose a man who had experience, or had ever been engaged, would lay in a lot of heavy cream-laid note paper to write his love-letters on? I'll have to give the poor fellow a hint to get foreign note, or he'll be spending so much on postage that he won't have anything left to buy me a Christmas present!"



CROPPING THE 'AIR.



AIRING THE CROP.

OUR CREDITOR.

BY an unfortunate oversight the editor of GRIP'S ALMANAC for '92 failed to attach the due credit mark to the series of comic sketches entitled "The Editor's Visitor." Eleven of these were by Mr. A. B. Frost, and appeared originally in *Scribner's Magazine*. They are good specimens of the humor and artistic genius of this, the cleverest of all American wits of the pencil. We regret this oversight all the more as the sketches in this series were the only selected things in the ALMANAC. All the other illustrations were specially drawn for the work.

MERCIER'S DOWNFALL.

HOW THE NEWS WAS RECEIVED IN QUEBEC.

VOILA! Houp la!
 Angers fait son coup d'état!
 N'est ce pas?
 Mercier il est tombé
 Chassé à coup de pied
 Jeté dehors! Ma foi!
 Est il possible? Pourquoi?
 N'est ce par contraire aux lois?
 Morbleu! Parbleu!
 Ventre bleu!
 Vingt cent mille tonneres de Dieu!
 Ah bah! Scelerat!
 Il est bien hors de combat.
 Mais les Rouges eperdument
 Parlent de ce bouleversement!
 Combrieu? Est ce vrai?
 Ah oui! oh non!
 Il est chassé certainement!
 Pour cet diable Angers
 A frappé avec main de fer
 Pauvre Mercier—
 Feu premier!
 Helas! A bas!
 Bas! bas! bas! Angers!
 A l'enfer!
 Avec Angers.
 'Cré nom de chieu!
 Eh bien!
 Ah mais Mercier n'est pas mort
 Il reviendra encore.
 Coup d'état
 Ne va pas!
 Et le peuple certainement
 Renversera cet bouleversement
 Ah oui! Nous verrons!
 Hourah!
 Houp la!
 Bientot il reviendra.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

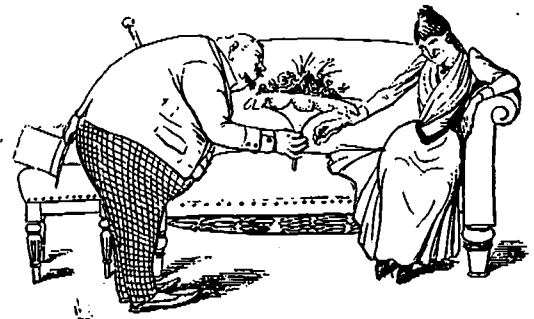
"HOW self-centered some people are!" exclaimed Mrs. Metoo as she came in the other morning from shopping. "I met Mrs. Brown down town to-day, and I declare I couldn't get a word in edgewise about anything, she was so busy talking about her own affairs. How her baby had been sick—I think it's stuffing it with that patent food myself—and her mother is coming to visit her, and her husband gave her a seal coat—I wonder if it's paid for?—and her cook is leaving, and they're going to move to Jarvis street in the spring, and—dear knows what all! Would you believe it, I really couldn't get a chance to tell her about Tommy having

had the measles, or you buying this house—or the impertinence I had to put up with from Sarah before she left. Not a word! I did try to tell her how well the children did at their examinations, but it only made her think to tell me how awfully clever that boy of hers is. You should have heard her! No interest outside of herself and her own! What do I care about her doings, anyway? Indeed, I have my own affairs to look after! But, dear me! how people can be so egotistical I can't understand! I'm so glad I'm not like that!" And Mrs. M. picked up her muff and boa, leaving her husband with a meditative look on his face, as she went upstairs.

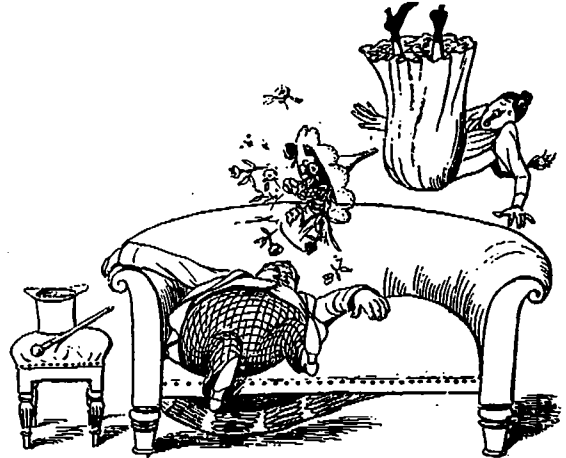
EQUIVOCAL.

ARMSTRONG'S girl, who is a bad speller, writes to him from the country that she is anxiously awaiting his presents at Xmas.

THE SPRING SOFA.



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II.



III.



THE IRISH QUESTION.

MCCARTHY—"Will we take John Bull be the horns or be the tail?"

MCR EDMOND—"Sure, I dunno; it's a toss up, annyhow."

A CONSISTENT PROTECTIONIST.

THE voters of the Township of Storrington have a chance this year to elect as Reeve a gentleman who may be described as a political *rara avis*—a Consistent Protectionist. We have pleasure in reprinting Mr. Samuel Simpkins' address to the electors, from the *Kingston Whig* of Dec. 15th:

To the Electors of the Township of Storrington:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the reeveship of Storrington, and I will tell you why.

For a good many years I have thought I was a consistent protectionist, and have, along with many of you, voted for the protectionist party, and to slave off the evil day when we should be ground under the awful mill-stone of direct taxation.

But as I was driving home from Blacklock's sale down in Pittsburg, wondering what had become of the "good old times," and why they were so long making their re-appearance, an idea struck me, and it is this: That we are only half protectionists, and are, without doubt, in municipal matters being ruined by direct taxation.

Well, as I said, it was Blacklock's sale that set me thinking. The prices offered for stock at that sale showed me that there must be something wrong when cows that, two or three years ago, would bring \$25 to \$30 were knocked down at \$11, \$11.50 and \$12, and so on, and nine or ten head of good young horses only brought cow prices.

What we want, fellow electors, what we want is this, and it's my own idea, township tariffs, county tariffs and provincial tariffs, too. I see by the *Chronicle* that this idea is forcing its way to the front. Is not Principal Grant, and Tupper too, trying to tax Yankee wheat going into Great Britain; and is not Mr. Abbott improving on Sir John A.'s National Policy by taxing the Newfoundlanders' cod fish and keeping our own markets for our own fishermen? And you may depend upon it, if we ever do get Mowat out, Mr. Meredith will make short work of the Frenchmen of Quebec by a good stiff tariff, and have no dealings with them at all; and if he don't also give us farmers protection against the cheap grain of Manitoba, out he'll go and give a better head a chance.

But, as I said, we are being dragged down by that mill-stone of direct municipal taxation, and until we are consistent and adopt protection all round, we'll never have any more good times, and don't forget I told you so.

Now, fellow electors of the township of Storrington, if you'll elect me to be Reeve, and give me a council that has any understanding of the meaning of the word "consistency," I promise you that we can run things next year without any direct taxation whatever. Storrington for the Storringtonians is my motto. Vote for Simpkins, and let the Pittsburgers look after themselves!

Now, fellow electors, you ask me how, and no wonder. I'll very soon tell you, and it's all my own idea, and it's consistent, too, and a regular bombshell for those reciprocity and free trade fellows. It knocks them out the first round.

I'd charge \$10 on every horse bought outside of the township, and \$20 if bought outside of the county, and then there's my son-in-law owns a good stallion right in the township, and I'd charge him \$20 a year, and as for Bill Potter and other outsiders make them pay \$100 a year for bringing in their stallions, or let them stay out. And then I'd charge each grist mill \$200 a year, and any farmer that went out of the township to mill fine him \$5, and each store-keeper could easily pay \$100 a year if we would all buy from him and not let the Princess Street merchants be getting rich out of the pockets of Storrington farmers. And I'd have the tavern licenses managed by the township council, sure, and that would bring in more money than it does now, and each blacksmith could easily pay \$50 a year if our home blacksmiths got all our work, and so keep our own money in this Storrington of ours, and then I'd put toll-gates on all roads and bridges, and let those pay for them that use them, and charge Pittsburgers and townies and other outsiders double, and as for schools, let them pay for them, like the roads, that have the benefit of them, and so on, and so on.

In conclusion, fellow electors, let me say that I have only been able to outline faintly the details of my policy for a complete application of the principles of protection, but if you will come to Battersea on nomination day, you will hear the full particulars, and next year, if I am elected, you will feel its benefit in an entire freedom from the present ruinous system of municipal direct taxation. Again asking your support,

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL SIMPKINS.

BOSSMARSH CREEK, December 10, 1891.

Storrington for ever! Vote for Simpkins and no direct taxation!

ONE TURKEY MORE.

THEY went to him darkly, at fall of night,
His neck with their strong hands turning,
By the flickering moonbeams' dusky light,
And the lantern dimly burning.

Few and short were the words they said,
As they plucked him they showed no sorrow,
They only remarked, "He's a well-fed bird,"
And "We'll take him to market to-morrow."

They took him to market and sold him for cash
To a lady called Mrs. McGillow.
He was roasted and served up with cranberry sauce,
And his feathers are stuffing a pillow.



A STRAY SHOT.

VENUS—"What means such work as this, Cupid?—transfixing such an old curmudgeon!"

CUPID—"It was all an accident, I assure you, mamma. I was fooling with my bow, and didn't know it was loaded."

CHATTER.

MISS AMERICA—"Of course, count, although I love you sincerely, I must learn for a certainty that your title is genuine."

COUNT—"Ant I, ma lof, zat your title eez also goot—to ze property."

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SANSO—"Brown is a man of feeling."

RODD—"Yes. He frequently touches me for five dollars."

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MISS—"What is the best time of the year in which to get married?"

MRS.—"Summer."

MISS—"Why?"

MRS.—"Because house cleaning is then over."

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ONCE tricky Cupid on Olympus stood
And wore a placard, "Pity the poor blind."
Jove spied the boy and coming unobserved
With god-like vigor kicked him from behind.

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PENNIBS (*loftily*)—"I have written the latest novel."

SQUIBS—"Dear me. Is it so emphatically dead as all that?"

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SANSO—"Brown takes a friendly interest in you."

RODD—"Yes, I know. He has been remarkably impudent to me of late."

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MABEL—"I hear that Jack and Clara have quarrelled."

BELLA—"No, they haven't. I saw them sitting on a sofa in the conservatory a little while ago and I didn't notice anything between them."

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SMITH—"Brown was wedded to his ambition when I knew him."

JONES—"Yes; but in that respect he is a widower now. His ambition is dead."

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AMICUS—"What are you doing?"

POET—"Writing a spring poem."

AMICUS—"But it isn't spring yet."

POET—"No, but it will be before the poem is accepted."

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"SWEET are the uses of ad-versity," murmured the poet who got fifty cents a line for writing advertising-verses.

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SANSO—"What are you going to give up during Lent?"

RODD—"I'm going to give up observing it."

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MISS MALAPROP wasn't so very far wrong when she said to the count who came of an old family, "I love you to extraction."

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LINER—"I hear you have made a lot of money by writing poker jokes and stories."

SPACER—"Well, I need to. It cost me a lot of money to learn enough about poker to be able to write them."

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AUTHOR—"I read a great deal."

AMICUS (*insinuatingly*)—"I judged so from your writings."

GRIP'S GALLERY OF NOTABLES.



No. 1.—HON. J. J. C. ABBOTT, PREMIER OF CANADA.

NASTY.

"DO you know, that air I heard at the opera last night has been running in my mind all day, but I can't quite get it. So provoking!"

"Um—yes! Seems to me if I once got anything in such a limited space as that it wouldn't take me long to corner it!"

FOR COL. DAVIDSON.

MISS METHODOCIA PARSONS—"It's real mean of pa not letting us go to the theatre, I'd just love to see a ballet!"

SYMPATHISING SISTER—"So would I—Never mind dear, we'll see the kilted regiment march by some day!"
—(*Both brighten up visibly*).

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I feel it when I sorrow most,
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Than never to have boomed at all.

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BLOOBUMPER.—"Even animals suit their covering to the weather."

SPATTS.—"Yes?"
"In Summer, dogs wear muzzlin' pants."—
Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly.

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AN old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands, by an East India missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. NOYES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.

"It's like a bag of flour in a poor man's family," says Mr. John Maunder, of Yorkville, Ont., referring to B.B.B., "the oftener you take it the better."

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As everyone grants;
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To make an advance.

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DUNN'S FRUIT SALINE

DUNN'S FRUIT SALINE makes a Delicious Cooling Beverage, especially Cleanses the Throat, preventing disease. It imparts Freshness and Vigour, and is a quick relief for Billoousness, Sea-Sickness, etc.

BY ALL CHEMISTS

A FINE NUMBER.

THE Christmas Number of *Saturday Night* is in every way a great credit to the publishers. They have evidently spent money with a lavish hand, but it has been spent to a purpose, as it has secured splendid engraving and printing. The literary work of the number is original and good, and the supplementary plate is decidedly above the average. We are glad to know that this Number is selling rapidly. Such enterprise deserves recognition.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT?

IT is one of Grothe & Co.'s Plug Hat Cigars. Cannot be beat. Try one. L. O. GROTHE & Co., Montreal.

"STILLS" make the whiskey, and whiskey makes the "stills."—*Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly.*

KIDNEY complaints engender many dangerous disorders, which would be prevented and cured if Burdock Blood Bitters were used intelligently.

MR. CITIMANN.—"I should think a country house with its exposed walls would be rather uncomfortable in Winter."

MR. SUBURB.—Y-e-s; but no one need be cold in a country house."

"How do you manage?"
"Oh, we keep ourselves warm, carrying coal and poking fires, you know."—*Puck.*

MR. J. W. GRAHAM, of St. Mary's, Ont., says three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters entirely cured him of Chronic Kidney Complaint.

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THE DOM. ILL. XMAS. NO.

Grip is always glad to recognize evidences of art progress in Canada, and to congratulate his fellow publishers on any marked success achieved. But it is not his method to bestow indiscriminate flattery upon anything simply because it is Canadian. Praise of the Christmas number of the *Dominion Illustrated* for example must be modified by mention of very botching work on the part of the lithographer in the colored plates. No judgment seems to have been used in the selection of the tints—a point of the very first importance. Mr. Patterson's very clever illustrations to Drummond's capital French Canadian dialect story have been well-nigh ruined by the chump who made tints for the complexions the same as for the red-shirts. The supplementary plates are not up to what was anticipated, either in design or coloring. Mr. Forster's "type of Canadian beauty" does not do us proud, and as a lithographic reproduction is not ahead of the current tea-advertising cards. The body of the number is beautifully printed and illustrated, and the literary matter excellent. Better luck again, friend. Stand over that lithographer with a gun next time!

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"I wish to see your wife."
"Certainly, what number?"

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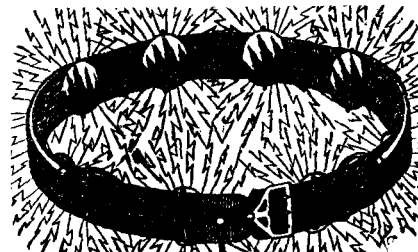
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