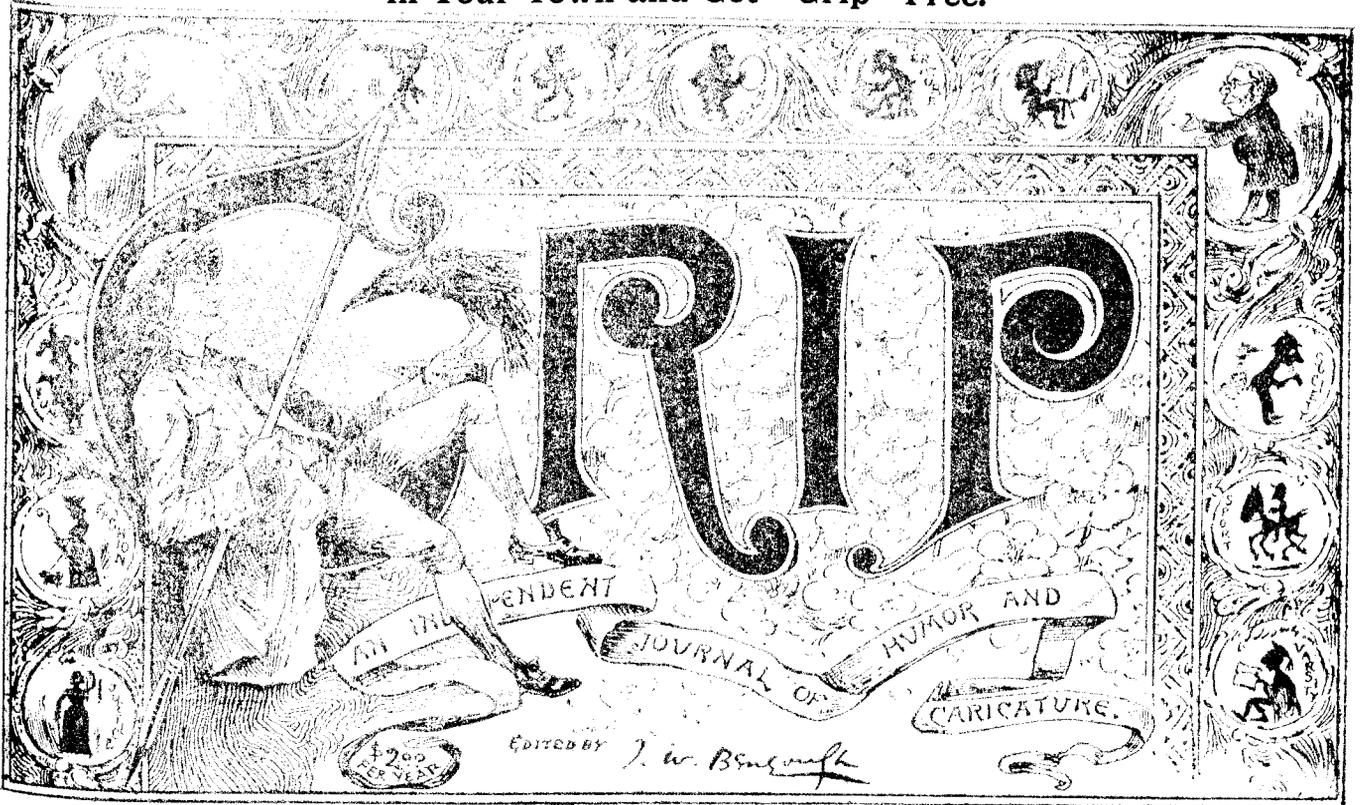


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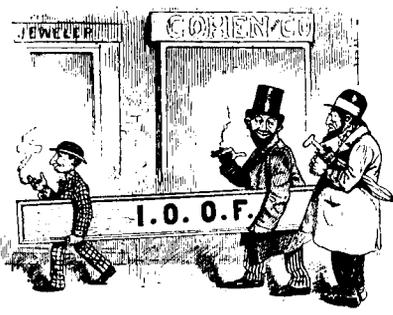
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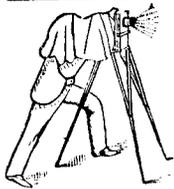
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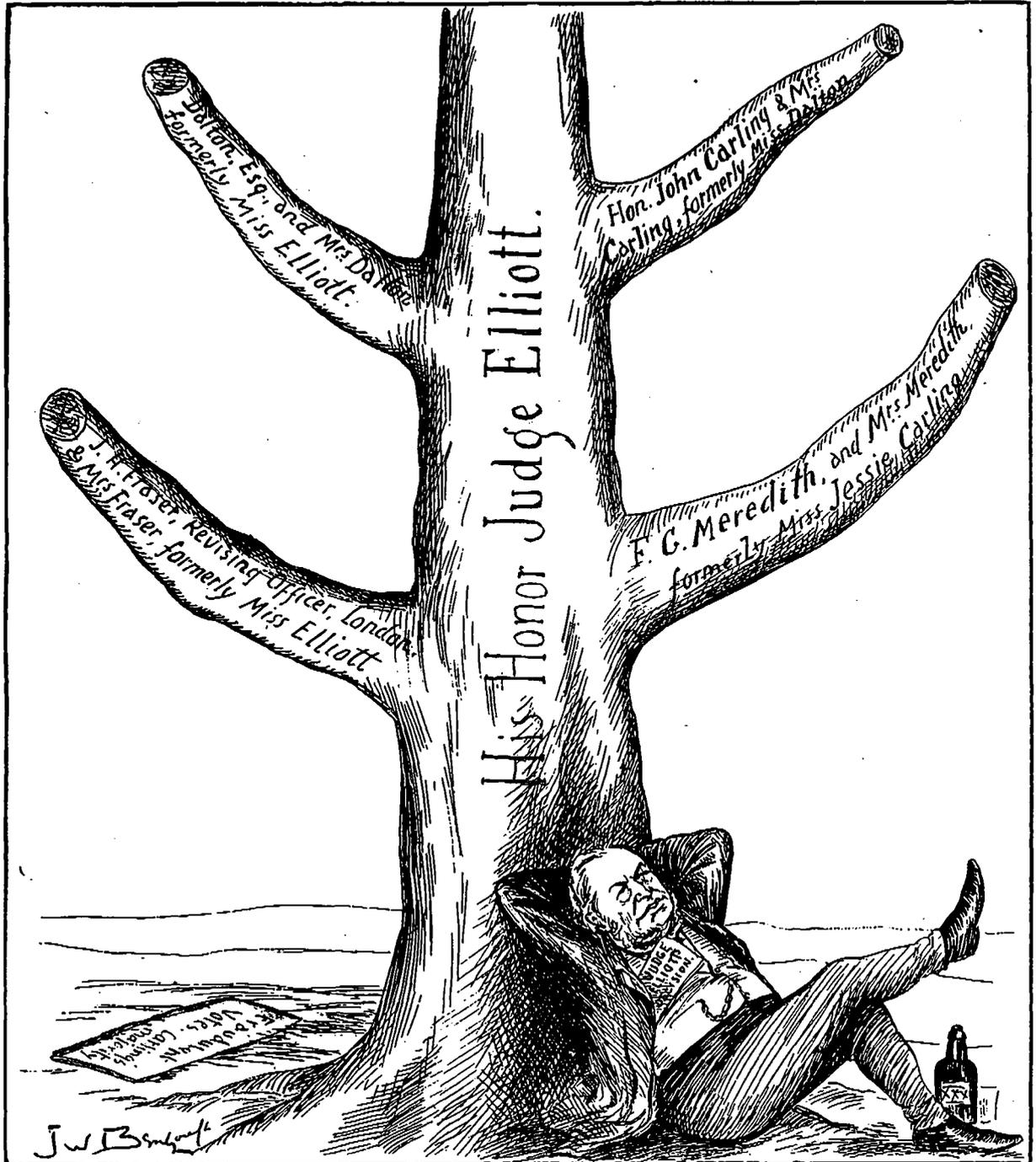
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COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.



SWILL FOR SWINISH CONSTITUENCIES. — The Dominion law against bribery is good enough as far as it goes, but it only deals with the retail department of the business. It has no provisions against the open and barefaced bribery of constituencies and even Provinces, a practice which has been reduced to a fine art by the present Dominion Government, and may be just as deftly worked by the Government which succeeds it, if nothing is done to prevent. If it is repre-

hensible for an election worker to offer a \$5 bill to some needy and not too scrupulous voter, what is to be said of such an appeal as the following, which appeared in the *Cobourg Star* during the late contest in West Northumberland :

The opportunity is again offered to the people, however, to secure the construction of the new railway, or otherwise as they may decide at the polls on Tuesday. Let them not be deceived, for upon their decision in this contest depends the fate of Cobourg for at least the present decade. We do not propose to deceive the people, nor to hold out to them false hopes. Our success just now depends upon sending to Ottawa a representative friendly to the Government, so that the charter for the new road may be extended and the additional subsidy granted, which will in all human probability secure its construction.

The Conservative candidate was elected, and it is fair to presume that this flagrant bribe was a factor in his success. This sort of thing is done in all parts of the country, with a cynical disregard of common decency. And the pity of it is the bribery is, in too many cases, successful. It is hard to find a simile for a people so besotted as to respond to such a base appeal short of that suggested by the *Montreal Witness*. Speaking of the above extract from the *Cobourg Star*, the *Witness* says :

Whenever the people of Cobourg and of the townships of Hamilton and Alnwick hear the farmers calling "Pig, pig, pig, pig," to the hogs rooting about the fields or wallowing in the mire and see the animals run grunting in response to throw themselves into the trough and greedily gorge the swill, they will, if they have any sense of analogy, remember the "free and independent electors" whom the organ of the Government thus called to their meal.

BASKING UNDER HIS FAMILY TREE.—The decision rendered by Judge Elliott, by virtue of which Hon. John

Carling holds a seat in the House of Commons to which Mr. Chas. S. Hyman was rightfully elected, cannot be justified in equity, and runs counter to the opinions of the superior court judges in law. Under the circumstances, the relationship, political or otherwise, existing between the judge and the beneficiary of his remarkable decision, is a matter of public importance.



T last the Reciprocity jig is up, so far as the present Dominion Government is concerned. Mr. Foster has formally stated what GRIP has often informally mentioned—that Uncle Sam will not accept Reciprocity on the half shell; nor, adds Mr. Foster, will he accept the unrestricted variety of Reciprocity, except upon a commercial union basis. The finance minister, on behalf of the Cabinet, heaves a sigh of relief. "I'm sorry we couldn't get it, and yet I'm glad its over," says he. Yes; it is well to have an end of the tomfoolery at last, for that is all it has been on the part of the Government. Their study all along has been how not to get Reciprocity.

AND now Mr. Foster turns with a light heart to the British market as if that great consuming institution had not been gaping wide open before us all the while. But he throws out a hint of a new policy of discrimination in favor of the mother country. This is certainly a step towards enlightenment, but what will the Red Parlor say to it? Will their exuberant loyalty stand the strain of the reduction or abolition of the duties on British goods? They are ready to die at any moment for the old flag, we know, but this thing of having to compete with "the pauper labor of England" is too lingering a death, we're afraid.

MEANWHILE, if Mr. Foster means free trade with Great Britain, he will have the satisfaction of seeing a panic in the ranks of the Opposition and if he goes on and declares for free trade with the world and direct taxation, he will book the other party for the cold shades indefinitely. But he hasn't said that he means anything more than a reduction of the tariff Britain-wards; and there are some knowing ones who say he doesn't mean anything at all.

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT was hauled over the coals in Parliament for his letter to the *London Economist*, in which he set forth the condition and prospects of Canada from the Cartwrightian standpoint. The picture was, of course, a nocturne in blue, and was calculated to have a depressing effort on the British money-lender. The want of patriotism of this performance was duly commented upon, and Sir Richard's only defence was that his statements were true. The defence was not a sufficient one. The poet speaks of "the ill-timed truth we might have kept," and there was no compulsion upon the Opposition deputy-leader to deliver his hustings speech away from home.

PROF. DAVID SWING denounces the parenthesis as a disfigurement of good English writing, and points out that it is becoming more and more prevalent

in the high class reviews of the old land. He thinks it in every way better form to avoid the "intercepted utterance," and instead of indulging in a parenthesis to make a separate, direct sentence for each idea. This, he claims, is the American and French style. The point is worthy of the attention of young writers. We decidedly agree with the learned Professor.

ZEAL WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE.

THEY met by chance, the usual way,
Upon the street the other day;
Jassack and Pugsley, ancient friends,
And each to each a hand extends.

They talked awhile of various things
Around which memory fondly clings;
At length said Pugsley, "Soon we'll see
Cars run by electricity.

"'Twould be an error, as I deem,
To run them on the trolley scheme."

"Oh, no," quoth Jassack. "That's the plan,
Ask any scientific man."

"Come off!" said Pugsley, "any fool
Would sooner ride behind a mule.
The storage battery commends
Itself to all the people's friends."

"The man who says so is a chump!"
The epithet made Pugsley jump.

"And you," he cried, "'tis very plain,
Have selfish interests to gain.

"The man who'd advocate a trolley
Is guilty of far worse than folly.
You sycophant in Keily's pay!
You trolley-truckler, stop your bray!"

"Ha! storage-miscreant! this to me?
I'll—I'll—begosh, I'll let you see!"
When of a sudden 'twixt the foes
A mutual friend dared interpose.

"Hello! what's all this row about?"
"I'm going to knock this rascal out,"
Said Jassack, "I'll soon let him see
He can't come storage over me."



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"This trolley nincompoop and ass——"
Said Pugsley. "Now, let all that pass,"
Exclaimed the third man. "That's no way
To settle questions of the day.

"What do you know about the matter
Concerning which you raise a clatter?"
"Ah—w-e-l-l," said Pugsley, answering slow,
"I can't exactly say I know."

"You, Jassack, never posed before
As expert in electric lore.
Say, could you for your life explain
The difference betwixt the twain?"

"I don't know as I could just now,
Hurrah for trolley, anyhow!"
"Hurrah for storage!" "Whoop!" "Clear out!"
And then, with many a swear and shout,

They hustled that intruder round,
And with his body mopped the ground.
Then clinched and fought, inflamed to more rage
With shouts of "trolley" and of "storage."

Two used-up, battered forms next morn
In the police court stood forlorn.
Moral,—The fiercest fights are those
About the things that no one knows.

SOME GOOD BOOKS.

WE have received from Messrs. F. J. Schulte & Co., publishers, of Chicago, "An Honest Lawyer," "Better Days," "A Tramp in Society," and "Ten Men of Money Island."—all works of a progressive character, dealing with the question of social reform. Those who are interested in the money problem will find a very clear exposition of the financial situation in the last named work, which points out very clearly how a few men, by controlling the currency, can exploit the mass of producers for their benefit. Messrs. Schulte & Co. have done much to promote a better understanding of social and economic questions by issuing literature of an advanced character.



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FLOSSIE (*with a sigh*)—"This is an awful hard world on us women, ain't it, ma?"

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What could our rotund organ do?
It must have some sensation new.
Else, as you know, 'twould be about
Like Hamlet with the Prince left out.
Paterfamilias would feel
An aching void at morning meal,
Were not the *Globe* there to supply
Tid bits of "Tory scandal" pie.
Belles lettres,—ugh! unsavory trash!
Let Tories take it with their hash!
We take our coffee and hot roll
With *Globe* sensation rigmarole.
It used to be "The Premier dead!"
"Skeddaddled," "Sneaked to England," "fled,"
"Vamoosed, in fear of wrathful Bleus,"
Such choice and tasty bits of news!
And now since he is really dead,
Still oft it paints the Chieftain red;
Tells how he did the country bleed,
To satisfy "vile Tory greed."
And so we get a full supply
Of Clear Grit garbage—John A. pie.

At this, the Tories in disgust,
With upturned noses, kick the dust,—

They mud-bespattered Mr. Blake,
And tried his moral force to shake;
Still stir their literary scum
And serve out Tory pabulum;
They baneful innuendos throw
At Mowat of Ontario.
That "Christian politician" gibe
Reflects no credit on the scribe;
Such questionable buncombe chaff
May make unthinking Tories laugh;
But Tories even, with common sense,
With "Christian" here would fain dispense.
They, smear Sir Knight with "ruin blue,"
Paint Laurier a deeper hue,
All this, served hot with Tory spice,
In language neither mild nor nice.

And thus our party organs brand
The leading statesmen of the land;
Their ancestry and offspring, too,
They smirch, bespatter and tattoo;
To poison at the very fount
The stream of honor is their wont,
With slander's slimy ooze to mix
Till it becomes a seething Styx.
By charge and party counter charge
The whole community at large
Would seem corrupted to the core,
Sunk till it could descend no lower.
Is there in Gilead no balm
These sores to heal, this strife to calm?
Can no physician's aid be found
To soothe and heal this gaping wound?
This land of Bibles, churches, schools,
Is it a land of knaves and fools?
When will this crying evil cease?
When shall the things that make for peace
Be viewed as inside politics,
And men discard unmanly tricks?

That we may live like decent folk
Let us the powers above invoke,
Let's pray that our Canadian press
May teach and practice gentleness.
Censure and blame may have their place
Enforced with mildness, urged with grace,
But hopeless he, his state forlorn,
Whose pen drops malice, hate and scorn.
Let public men be what they may,
The Briton always loves fair play,
Be he of Saxon line or Celt,
He never strikes below the belt.

T. W., B



"FULL DIRECTIONS."

PEDLAR—"Can you tell me how far it is to Snagville down here."

FARMER—"Well, to tell you the truth, I can't; but you can find out when you git thar by asking my son Tom. He keeps the tavern in Snagville, an' he'll likely know."



OTHELLO UP TO DATE.

OTHELLO—MR. BULL; IAGO—SIR R. CARTWRIGHT; DESDEMONA—MISS CANADA; CASSIO, (Finance Minister on a borrowing expedition)—HON. MR. FOSTER.

PANDERING TO THEIR MORBID SENSIBILITIES.

TWO or three cigar shops have lately been started where the cigars are made in view of the public. The spectacle attracts a curious crowd who stand gazing in at the windows intently scrutinizing the motions of the deft-fingered craftsmen who manipulate the rolls of tobacco. The other day a veteran cigar-maker who had inspected the process for some minutes observed, as he edged out of the throng:

"Pshaw! Them fellers don't know how to make cigars."

"What's wrong with 'em? They'd ought to know. They're all union men," said another.

"I ain't sayin' nothin' about that, but they don't do the thing right" said the objector.

"What do you know about it, anyhow?"

"Well, I'd oughter to know. Ain't I worked at the trade fur about twenty-four years? That ain't no workmanlike style to make cigars. Ye see when ye finish a cigar ye want to put the little end in yer mouth, and give it a lick and a twist. Never worked in a shop yet that

they didn't finish 'em off that way. Wonder where in thunder them bloomin' duffers learned their trade?"

"Ye're quite right, pard," said another; "but don't ye see they's got to omit that there ceremony. Folks have got to pander to the morbid sensibilities of the public these times."

MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD:

ALL the earth wore roseate hues,
Smiling were the summer skies,
Happy time which childhood views,
When I helped her make mud pies.

Now I deem myself a man,
Still from mem'ry's sea uprise
Visions of an old tin pan,
When I helped her make mud pies.

Now she is married, so they say;
Funny how the season flies;
Seems to me but yesterday
Since I helped her make mud pies.

KAY LEE.



SUPERLATIVELY HAPPY.

BROWN—"Jones, if you keep on at this rate, whiskey will surely get the better of you."

JONES—Oh, no! I always get besht of whiskey."

THE MODERN MAY DAY.

[The cable informs us that the Anarchists of the continent are preparing to make a demonstration on the first of May.]

If you're waking call me early, call me early, mother dear,
For to-morrow will be the liveliest day of all the glad New Year.
Of all the glad New Year, mother, the most hilarious day,
For to-morrow's the first of May, mother, the anarchist first of May.

The Maypole racket is played out, no more are peasants seen
Indulging in a blithesome waltz upon the village green.
It isn't up to date, mother, that sort of thing, to-day,
Besides, there is no village green or Maypole, anyway.

No more through damp and lonesome woods do swains and damsels
stray,
To cull the flow'rets of the spring to crown the Queen of May;
'Twould not be *fin de siècle*, that ancient kind of sport,
Our pastimes in this stirring age are of a livelier sort.

We're going to blow the city up, and won't the public stare
When the Custom House and the Post Office go sailing through
the air?

We've half a ton of dynamite down cellar stored away,
And won't we have a high old time upon the first of May!

We've undermined the palaces and the mansions of the great,
Their lordly inmates we intend to further elevate;
And those in office high, mother, will find to their surprise
That there is yet abundant chance to make a sudden rise.

We're laying for the cops, mother, 'gainst whom our wrath has
burned,

And you may bet to do them up we'll leave no stone unturned;
A glorious time for anarchy—a wild, hilarious day,
For to-morrow's the first of May, mother, to-morrow's the first of May.

OVER-RATED HIS IMPORTANCE.

SAYS Mons. Chapleau, "I vill let zem see
Zat ze parti cannot dispense wiz me;
For I am ze man vich control Quebec,
Wizout me zey cannot ze Rouges check.

"Parbleau! Ma foi! I vill go me away,
And stay until after election day.
Aha! I vill spoil ze Bleu campaign,
An' let ze Count Mercier come back again."

So he crossed the line in a peevish mood,
And he stayed away, as he said he would.
But it came to nothing, his little game,
For they pulverized Mercier just the same.

RATHER WORSE THAN USUAL.

A PARIS journal declares that a body of Anarchists
has been discovered by the police who intend using
poison instead of dynamite to carry out their aims.—
Globe.

GRIP was not previously aware that policemen used
dynamite to carry out their aims, though it has been
hinted that sometimes dynamite explosions are "put up
jobs" on the part of officials. This has never been directly
proven, however. But judging from the brutality
with which the police frequently act in suppressing popular
gatherings and crushing out the right of free speech
under monarchies and republics alike, whenever their
masters, the privileged classes, think such a course
advisable, there would be nothing surprising in their resorting
to either dynamite or poison. After all it would not be
much worse than promiscuously shooting, sabreing or
clubbing gatherings of citizens in the public streets as
has repeatedly been done of late years in London, Berlin,
New York and elsewhere.



THE COMING BOOM.

BIERMANN—"I dink dot real exsthtate vos goin' to boom preddy
kvick again already. I hafe bought me lots by Rosedale."

SMITHERS (with a glance at the unwashed paws of his Teutonic
friend)—"How much will you take for all you have on your
hands?"



SWILL FOR SWINISH CONSTITUENCIES.

(SEE COMMENTS, PAGE 210.)



A "BLOW-HARD."

[COMPETITION--THIRD PRIZE.]

A FOREIGN MISSIONARY MEETING.



THE following report is clipped from the Calcutta *Independent* of recent date:

The large hall of the Home and Foreign Proselyte Agency was comfortably filled with an attentive audience to hear the report of the Fakir Gladli Cumbac, who has recently returned from the Far West land of America, after several years absence.

He began by explaining his mission. It being commonly supposed in India that the people of that land were in the deplorably wretched condition

having only one god to worship, some of the kind-hearted people of this Empire deemed it a praiseworthy act to send some one to bear to them a knowledge of some of the numerous deities of the more favored East.

The speaker then startled his hearers by informing them that it was quite a misconception to suppose that these people were in such a sad state as was generally believed; on the contrary, he rejoiced to say that they worshipped practically the same gods as ourselves, but under different names, a difference which all reasonable people would readily concede was but a small matter.

Describing a few of their principal deities the venerable Fakir then left his audience to make their own comparisons.

As the most important the speaker first referred to their god Mammon: this god he said was most important in the sense that he is more generally worshipped than any other. To him are erected the most numerous and the costliest temples; to him are sacrificed the most and often the best human lives, for his service are the brightest intellects reserved at the highest pay. It has been asserted that one reason for his popularity lies in



the fact that to worship him successfully is to be worshipped in turn by the less fortunate. This god is symbolized by a silver coin, on which are imprinted these words: "In (this) god we trust."

Another somewhat important deity was the god of Custom, which he found to be one that had to do with the habits and manners of the people. Some of his rules were more strictly observed than others; some might be set at naught with impunity by any one, but others there were that were carefully regarded by all with but very few exceptions, and the penalty paid by these exceptions was sufficiently severe to deter any one not wholly regardless of the good will of his fellows, from imitating them.



The lecturer regretted that he could not give any reliable account of a deity named Theology, for the reason that no two of his priests could agree as to the method of worshipping him. The result of this lack of harmony is that this god is steadily falling into disrepute, and it is predicted by the best authorities that he will eventually cease to be worshipped unless the priests sink their differences, which, however, seems very unlikely.

The god of Politics receives much worship, though principally of a periodical and spasmodic kind. His field of activity is the material interests of all the people, but he is so partial to a few and so utterly ignores the bulk of his worshippers, that he also will ultimately be forgotten, and in the vernacular of the country, become a back number.



Now there were some gods which were not worshipped by the whole people, but by certain sections only, for instance, the god Society, which was held in high esteem by the higher classes, though in what sense higher the lecturer omitted to explain; the Secret Order god worshipped by many, chiefly as a valuable auxiliary in their worship of Mammon; the god of Sport deified by men who smoked bad tobacco, drank worse liquor, and used still worse language.



"In this way," said the lecturer, "I might describe hundreds of their gods but time forbids, but sufficient has been said to satisfy you that these people are not nearly so badly off as has been until now so generally supposed.

"But there is one shadow that threatens to grow to such dimensions that the state of things which we feared may become an actuality, and it is this: There is one god which is held in such reverence that his followers will worship no other. I cannot give you his name, for it is claimed that there is no name that will adequately describe him. A hatred of all that is unjust, untrue, selfish, etc., combined with unutterable love for all that is the reverse of these things is his chief characteristic. Many people would gladly worship him had they some one who would honestly and intelligently teach them to distinguish between right and wrong, but fortunately for our cause those whose special business it is to do this, were too occupied worshipping other gods themselves."



FELIX A. BELCHER.

OUR OWN FLANEUR.

(With acknowledgments to the Saturday Mail).

THERE is no doubt in the mind of any close observer of public affairs that Lord Salisbury will carry all before him in the British general elections. Gladstone is a senile old nincompoop who has no hold whatever on the British people, notwithstanding the subtlety of his Jesuitical tactics. It is a well-known fact that the bye-elections always go just the contrary way to the general elections. Speaking of the matter, I can let my readers into a secret confided to me by some of my aristocratic Conservative friends high in the confidence of the party leaders. The Conservatives have purposely lost the bye-elections just to inspire the Radical enemy with over-confidence, so that they won't exert themselves very much at the general election. Just wait and see. Mr. Balfour's fine Roman hand is visible in this brilliant piece of strategy. I consider him one of the greatest statesmen of the age, and I've been on familiar terms with so many eminent statesmen at 'ome, you know, that I rather think I'm a judge!

There is perhaps no business which pays so well as that of inciting workmen to strike. John Burns, the labor agitator, who never did a stroke of work in his life, lives in one of the finest mansions of Belgravia, and may be seen every day riding in a dashing equipage on Rotten Row. He has a villa at Nice, a yacht, a deer forest in the Highlands, and a hundred thousand pounds or so in consols, all derived from the contributions of deluded workmen. I have told them all along what fools they are, but they don't seem to see it.

What a source of amusement mingled with instruction is the Toronto Directory! I have got several articles out of it lately, but I guess it's good for another. Perhaps it never struck you before that quite a number of people have very remarkable names. I select a few, viz.:-

Hooter and Snorter	Bivins and Buster
Muley and Piggie	Bloke and Galoot
Snoozer and Boozer	Peanuts and Peppercorn
Samjones and Borax	Goffin and Bighcad
Nosey and Boffle	Oldrye and Pollywog

Remarkable, isn't it? By the way, I have often thought that the names ending in "son," such as Williamson, Johnson, etc., must have originated by the son taking the Christian name of his father and adding "son" as an affix. Thus, Williamson means the son of William, and so on. I don't think this has ever been noticed before.

"Fairplay Radical" writes: At the recent fair of Ballykildogan, in the County Cork, out of twenty-three cattle offered for sale only four had tails—the others had all been deprived of that most useful section of their anatomy by Moonlighters. Does not this show the essential barbarity of the Irish people? On the same occasion a peasant from the townland of Tubbernaboozey was heard to remark, "The devil fly away wid a landlord, anyhow." Can the human mind conceive of a more atrocious and diabolical sentiment? Mr. Gladstone is clearly responsible for this sickening outburst of savagery. The miscreant was of course arrested and sent to jail for six months.

"Fun Lover" sends me the following choice humorous *morceaux* which he culled with rare discernment from the pages of a patent medicine almanac for the year 1851:



HARD LINES.

DAY POLICEMAN (relieving night-man)—"How's the missus?"

NIGHT POLICEMAN—"I don't know. 'Aven't seen her for ten years."

DAY POLICEMAN—"But ye're living together, aren't yer?"

NIGHT POLICEMAN—"Yes; but she's a charwoman, an' is out all day, an' I'm out all night. So we've never met since we came back from our 'oneymoon.'"—*Pick-me-up.*

"Why does a sailor know there is a man in the 'oon? Because he's been to sea."

"Why is a hen immortal? Because her son never sets."

"Why is the sea serpent like Hamlet's father? Because he could a tale unfold."

These have a fine antique flavor about them. Send us some more. Anything goes that will help to fill up.

A READY RECKONER.

A NEW calculating boy has made his appearance in France, and is puzzling the *savants* by the extraordinary rapidity with which he solves complicated arithmetical problems. His name is Inaudi, which is appropriate as his silently-worked calculations are—don't all speak at once, please!

NOT POSTED ON SPORT.

THEOSOPHIST—"As those of you who have read the *Secret Doctrine* are aware, we are now in the fifth race and the fourth round."

SPORT—"Oh, come off! What d'yer know about sport? They ain't no rounds to a race. Fourth *heat*, I guess you mean."



THE ROYAL ROAD.

EMINENT LAWYER (concluding free advice to newly-fledged professional)—“In short, the surest way to success, I may say the only way, is for you to go to work with a will!”

JUNIOR BARRISTER—“Quite so, sir. I believe you. But who’s will can I get hold of?”

A POWERFUL BODY.

SOME people have apparently very exalted ideas of the powers of Parliamentary bodies. The other day when the Westport & Brockville Railway bill was up for consideration before the Railway Committee of the Local House, objection was taken to the proposed route. An alternative was suggested when Mr. Caldwell, M.P., protested. “Do not compel us,” said he, “to build an impracticable road.” A legislature which can compel people to do impracticable things is evidently possessed of more than despotic powers.

A HARD-EARNED COMPETENCY.

PUPIL (reading)—“At length by unceasing industry he gained a competency and resolved to retire.”

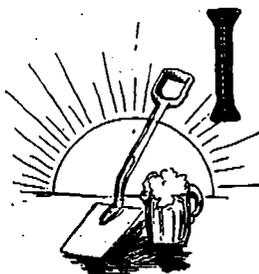
TEACHER—“Do you all understand that, children.”

CLASS—“Yes’m.”

TEACHER—“Now, Johnnie, explain what it means in your own language.”

PUPIL—“He made so much money competing for prizes given by the papers that he didn’t have to do no more work.”

“HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE.”



I T was morning, the thermometer Was dozing in the shade, And the carpenter was doing Something funny with a spade. He had often meant to try it, But had somehow felt afraid.

If he could cut his shadow With his implement, in two, It would be, beyond dispute, A mighty clever thing to do, And would greatly raise his status In society, he knew.

But his efforts proved abortive, Tho’ he strove with might and main. He cut and dug, and dug and cut Repeatedly, in vain. His shadow, spite of all his pains, Would cut—and come again.

Yet day by day, week in, week out, The carpenter would try With toil and moil, in sandy soil, Or clayey, wet or dry, And after every failure felt Just mad enough to cry.

He would try it in the morning With his face directed west, And towards the pole, at noontide, He would bare his brawny breast; While the even saw him eastward Till the sun had sunk to rest.

And whene’er he paused (as pause he did To slake the constant drouth Which somehow seemed to settle In the region of his mouth), He would mutter, “I could do it If the blessed shade was south.”

Or if they’d give him half a show Upon a murky day, Unfettered by the solar rays That round the shadow play, He’d be “in it,” but it goes to work And vanishes away.

And then again,—he always felt That fortune was unkind— If he could labor toward the sun He’d have it to his mind, But then the shadow, darn it all, Would slyly sneak behind.

And for years and years that carpenter Instead of earning pelf, Kept at his tiresome task till he Was laid upon the shelf, And then they found, to cut his shade He had to cut himself.



A. H. HOWARD.



NOT PARTICULAR.

MR. LETHERRY—“Pair boots, sir? Yes, sir. Will you have ‘em laced, or —?”

MR. OXTAIL—“Makes no difference about ‘em bein’ laced. I can lace ‘em when I get ‘em on. Number ‘levens.”



SETTLING THE QUESTION.

YOUNG MRS. DOVELY—"You do not speak to me so affectionately as you used to, George. I do not think you love me any more."

MR. D.—"There you go again! I tell you I love you better than my life. Now shut up, and let me read my paper."

JUDGING BY APPEARANCES.

TYSON—"I think these new wide tires for bicycles are a great improvement."

SAMJONES—"But don't you find that they entail greater fatigue?"

TYSON—"No, that's not my experience."

SAMJONES—"I should certainly think you would be more tired."

DR. HARVEY'S SOUTHERN RED PINE for coughs and colds is the most reliable and perfect cough medicine in the market. For sale everywhere.

SICKNESS AMONG CHILDREN,

ESPECIALLY infants, is prevalent more or less at all times, but is largely avoided by giving proper nourishment and wholesome food. The most successful and reliable of all is the Gail Borden "Eagle" Brand Condensed Milk. Your grocer and druggist keep it.

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In order to prove the superiority of their skill the staff of eminent physicians and surgeons, now permanently located at No. 271 Jarvis Street, will, until further notice, treat all curable complaints for \$5.00 per month and furnishes medicines free of cost. A more liberal offer would be difficult so make. No extra charge for anything. \$5.00 per month and medicines free.

These eminent doctors treat every variety of disease and deformity and perform all surgical operations, viz.: The removal of cancers, tumors, cataract, polypi, etc. All diseases of the eye, ear, throat, lungs heart, stomach, liver, kidneys, bladder and all female difficulties arising from whatever cause, all nervous prostrations, failing vitality and diseases originating from impure blood are treated with the greatest success.

Catarrh in all its various forms cured by their new method, which consists in breaking up the cold-catching tendency, to which every person suffering from catarrh is susceptible.

Invalids will please not take offense if they are rejected as incurable. The physicians will examine you thoroughly free of charge, and if incurable they will positively tell you so. Also caution you against spending more money for useless medicine.

Invalids who cannot visit these eminent doctors in person can write, and be treated my mail, but at least one personal interview is preferable.

All correspondents should be addressed to Mr. John Murray, Manager, 271 Jarvis street.

Hours—From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 7 to 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m.

HOW TO HELP LITTLE UNFORTUNATES.

The Toronto Children's Aid Society are going to issue contribution boxes. Will those of our readers who can help by placing boxes in offices, factories, stores, banks and church porches write the Secretary at once. When writing state whether the box is to be a fixture or to be placed loosely on a table or counter. The Society is accomplishing a great deal to help save the waifs of our cities and should be well supported. It endeavors to refrain from personal solicitation, and this is one way it will be accomplished. A contribution towards the expense of the issue of these boxes, from those offering to take the boxes, would be most acceptable. The Secretary will be glad to forward a description of the work to anyone applying by letter. Address J. Stuart Coleman, 32 Church St., Toronto.

MR. CLARKE'S BENEFIT.

THE benefit to be tendered to Mr. Herbert Clarke, on the eve of his departure from Toronto, takes place at the Pavilion on the evening of April 7th. A wonderful programme, in which nearly all our local stars will shine, has been prepared. Tickets on sale at Nordheimer's on and after April 2nd.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

MR. HERBERT SIMPSON, our eminent artist photographer, has made a notable new departure. Following the fashion in vogue in some of the large American cities, he has removed his business from the down-town section, and located at 143 College Avenue, opposite Queen's Park. The premises now occupied, formerly a private mansion, have been suitably altered to provide operating rooms, etc., and now form an ideal home for the art. The old established firm—for as is well known, Mr. Simpson is the successor of the celebrated Notman & Fraser house—has a stock of some 100,000 negatives, including pictures of most of Canada's great men, past and present. The new establishment will be more popular than ever with our society people, and a visit to the daintily furnished rooms will soon be among the recognized functions of an afternoon outing.

LIVE men wanted on salary who won't lose their heads while making big money. For full particulars address Brown Brothers Company, Toronto.

IN AID OF THE ORPHANS' HOME.

THE lady managers of the Orphans' Home have made arrangements with the Toronto Amateur Dramatic Club to give three performances of Mrs. Burton Harrison's successful three act comedy, "A Russian Honeymoon," at the Academy of Music, on April 22nd and 23rd, with Saturday matinee. The proceeds will go to this most deserving Institute's building fund. Miss Jardine Thomson takes the leading role, while the other characters are all filled by well known amateurs, under Mr. Gerald Donaldson's management. The New York Critic says; "Of all the pretty plays which have been seen on the boards of the Madison Square Theatre, New York, 'A Russian Honeymoon,' by Mrs. Burton Harrison, is the prettiest."

DEAFNESS ABSOLUTELY CURED.—A gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noises in the Head of fourteen years' standing by a new method, will be pleased to send full particulars free. Address HERBERT CLIFTON, 8 Shepherd's Place, Kennington Park, London, S.E., Eng.

THE reason why "Myrtle Navy" tobacco has taken so strong a hold upon the smoking community is because it is the genuine article. No man has a desire to smoke anything else than tobacco. Even opium is not smoked for the pleasure of smoking it, but for its soporific effects. The desire for tobacco is, of course, best satisfied by getting the pure article, and when to this is added the finest quality the satisfaction is complete. These two things are combined in the "Myrtle Navy."

THE ladies of Toronto literally by the thousands have been and are are thronging the show rooms of the Golden Lion to satiate their beauty-loving eyes with the marvels in millinery and mantles there displayed. Messrs. Walker & Sons every year go their previous display one better, and this year is no exception. It certainly pays a high tribute to the taste and judgment of Mr. Herbert Walker, buyer for the department. The success attending the "opening" is but one of many indications of the absolute necessity for the large additions now under way. The advt. appears in another column.

WE understand that R. H. Lear & Co., of the well known gas and electric fixture emporium, are holding a special discount sale to clear a purchase of over \$9,000 bought at a low figure. Get their quotations. They are still at the old stand, 19 and 21 Richmond St. West.

WHAT IS SAID IN FAVOR OF DYER'S IMPROVED FOOD FOR INFANTS.

THE Matron of the Protestant Infants' Home, 508 Guy Street, Montreal, says: "We have used Dyer's Improved Infants' Food for the babies and have found it to agree with them, and have much pleasure in recommending it." W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

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CONSUMPTION CURED.

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.

THE actress's great struggle is to reconcile her advertised youthfulness with the experienced perfections of her art.—*Puck.*

HAVE YOU TRIED

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BY ALL CHEMISTS

STARK'S BICYCLES

The enormous demand and increased production of wheels make it impossible to keep up the old prices of last year. The demand now is largely for a good, strong, serviceable, all-round wheel, and at a price that will put them within the reach of all, both young and old, for all the world must ride or be out of fashion. Such a wheel, as described above, we now offer you as a big bargain and at a little more than half the old price.

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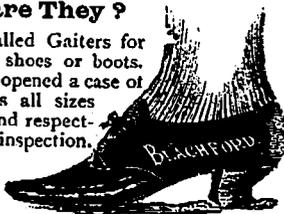
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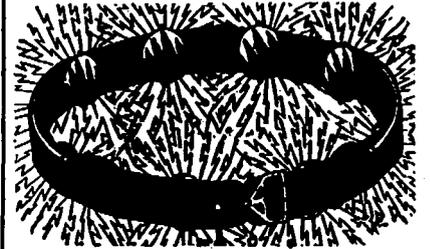
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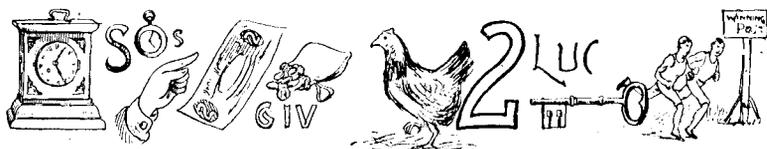
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