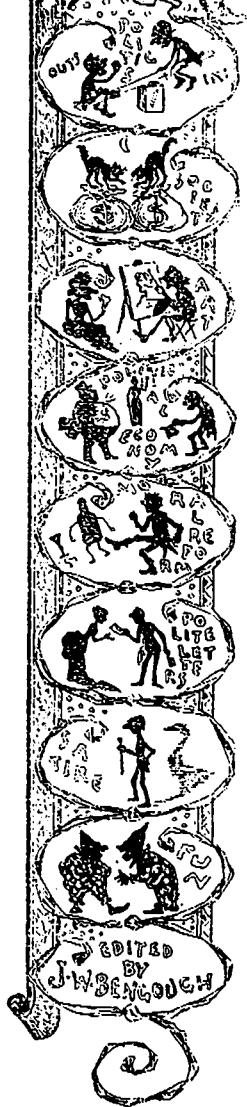


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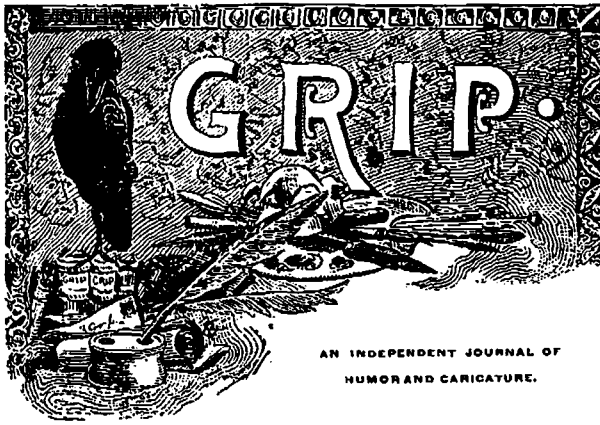
UNCLE SAM—"Canadians are complaining of hard times. Let us have free trade across the border, and—just observe what awaits your people, Sir John!"

SIR JOHN—"Yes; it's very tempting, and if I were running the country for the people, I shouldn't hesitate. But perhaps you haven't noticed this encumbrance on my shoulders."

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A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.—Mr. D'Alton McCarthy is probably not surprised to find himself an object of suspicion to the leaders of the Liberal party in Ontario. He must know that circumstances justify a feeling of this sort on the part of those who give him credit for a good measure of political sagacity and cleverness. By the prominent—and so far praiseworthy—position he has taken against Jesuit aggression, he has virtually become the leader of all who are opposed to the principles embodied in the Estates' Bill, and it is only natural to suppose that he appreciates the opportunity which that leadership gives him. While Mr. McCarthy is very much against Jesuitism he is also very much

for Sir Johnism, and while upon this one occasion he parted company with the chieftain, there are few who doubt that he is still entirely loyal to the Conservative programme and willing to advance the party's banner by any means within his power. Now, one of the things the party wants, and would richly pay for, is the defeat of the Mowat Government, and it so happens that Mr. Mowat's record, good in so many respects, is vulnerable upon the Romish aggression question. What more reasonable, then, than to suppose that Mr. McCarthy is awaiting his chance to throw the weight of his anti-Jesuit following against the Local Cabinet, and, having captured the citadel, to hand it over to the Ottawa forces. Or, to employ the less respectable simile of our cartoon, Mr. McCarthy may be likened unto a crackman who is loitering about with a view to a job of house-breaking. All

which, of course, may be quite without foundation. GRIP does not by any means set forth these suspicions as his own; for they would seem to imply that Mr. McCarthy is a deep, scheming, wicked, political person—whereas we have always been accustomed to regard him as a lawyer of good standing.

"SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR."—In a recent article on the Reciprocity question the *Globe* presented the argument in concrete form, and in a most telling manner. According to Sir John himself (a few years ago, when political exigencies permitted him to talk sensibly on the matter), the removal of the American duties on grain, wool, live stock, etc., would have the effect of materially increasing the price of Canadian products in these various lines—as much as 10c. per bushel in the case of grain. If this was true when Sir John said it, it is equally true now, and it is a simple matter to calculate what the change would mean in hard cash to the various counties of Canada. The *Globe* has figured it out, so far as grain and wool are concerned, in the case of half a dozen Ontario counties, and the result equals a "bonus" to each, varying from \$25,000 to over \$100,000. To bring this golden argument home to our constituents, we take the liberty of putting it in pictorial form, at the same time incidentally indicating why it is that a long-headed statesman like Sir John stands inertly by and ignores so good a chance to make the people prosperous without any cost to himself or the country.



OUR much-talked-of Court House and City Hall is actually going to be started right away. The people, having got into a pleasant "blow the expense" frame of mind, voted through the \$600,000 by-law with a sweeping majority, and now the order is, "On with the dance!" Let us only see to it that we get full value for our money. Something decidedly neat ought to be forthcoming for the million and a quarter we have put up, but if another half-million is necessary to guarantee the absence for all time of the odor which clings so lovingly to the present court-rooms, let us know it and we will give it due consideration.

WE had not seen any announcement of the arrival in Canada of the eminent Jesuit writer, Gury, and yet there can be no doubt he is in the country. Who else could have produced that sophistical, sugary, and altogether ingenious article in the *World* a few days ago, in which it was shown to be Britain's duty and interest to send a representative to the Vatican? The column which this remarkable composition graced has heretofore been filled with sound anti-Jesuit doctrine, too—but that is neither here nor there with the *World*, of course.

A "river of caterpillars, two miles wide and from two to four inches deep," flowed over the C.P.R. track near Milo, the other day, effectually stopping all traffic for more than ten hours. The men who were sent out to clear the track were pounced upon by a reserve army of mosquitoes, and defeated with great slaughter. Well, it is satisfactory that there is *some* living thing competent to stop the C.P.R. in its wild career, and it will not surprise us to hear shortly that the Manitoba Government has determined to go extensively into the cultivation of caterpillars and 'skeeters, preparatory to the next unpleasantry with the Syndicate.

SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL says he is deficient in a knowledge of Art. The art of politeness is a branch in which he is certainly a tyro. He began his remarks at the Exhibition opening by bluntly intimating that he was

quite aware he had been invited simply for the purpose of drawing a crowd. It was not pretty of him to say this, but it was gospel truth, and we sincerely thank him for it. It was a greatly needed rebuke to the sycophancy which has long prevailed in society here, and which has particularly affected art circles. Nothing can be attempted in a public way without the "patronage" of royalty or its representative, and a lot of disgusting toadyism which is inseparable from "patronage." Sir Alexander Campbell is not likely to do any greater service during his term of office than he did in delivering this blow at flunkeyism—whether it was the result of boorishness or wit.

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AH, there! The Grit and Tory parties will resume their trembling when they learn that we were "away off" in giving the membership of the New Party as 300 in connection with the cartoon in our last issue. The Secretary of the Executive Council writes as follows:

PARKDALE, 25th May, '89.

DEAR GRIP,—In your able cartoon and comments on Canada's New Party, you have very much underestimated our numbers. At the date of our inauguration, March 21, '88, we had fifty-seven members; at our annual meeting we had upon the membership roll 1,060. Since the Convention, only about two months, we have more than doubled our membership, and to date we have over 2,300 pledged advocates of Canada's New Party.

Yours for God, Home and Country, Wm. MUNNS.

#### "MUSIC HATH CHARMS TO SOOTHE THE SAVAGE BREAST."

THE man who wrote that never educated six daughters, and not a musical ear among them. I'm inclined to think if he'd listened to Mary and Jane's scales for over two months, he'd have changed those lines to

Music hath power to turn the gentle breast savage.

The girls have fairly banged all the melody out of two pianofortes, and now they want me to give them a "Baby Grand." I tell you, sir, they want "up-right" great-grand-fathers to hold out against the attacks of their twelve hands. Seeing we had so many girls in the family I thought that the two eldest could provide all the music the household wanted, and the rest would take up some other accomplishment, like painting plates and imaginary flowers, and non-headache producing amusements, but my wife said "it couldn't be done; that no young lady could be considered educated unless she played the piano, or the violin, which was more fashionable." So in an evil hour I said the two youngest had better learn "to fiddle," as I didn't think their four sisters had left me enough nerve to stand any more piano. Heavens and earth, what I've gone through since! I've found out that there is more agony in one string of a solitary violin than ten pianos with a harmonium thrown in. Parents, be warned! Pray that your daughter's arms may be long and bony; if she has soft round arms she'll never rest until she can hold a bow in her hand, wear a short-sleeved dress, and show off all its pretty curves, worrying out a tune on a violin before company. You may not enjoy listening to a jumble of sharps and flats, and mis-hits at octaves when your girl is learning "The Maiden's Prayer" on the piano, but that is softly falling water to hearing her scratch out the notes of a tune on a violin. When you undergo that agony, if you aren't reminded of the time when your dentist pierced the nerve of your tooth, it will be because you are stone deaf. People don't understand why fathers pinch and strain to send their girls to boarding-school, when they can be educated for nothing at the public schools. It is because they won't

hear them practising. You think I've no music in my soul? I say I have; and if I haven't heard a kaleidoscopic arrangement and reassortment of the notes of a piece in a dozen or so different tunes on four or five thousand separate occasions beforehand, I could enjoy "Whoa Emma," or "Annie Laurie," as well as anybody—but not on a violin. Practising on a half string of catgut is calculated to break the tympanum of any father's ear.

J. M. LOES.

#### LINES ON THE HEEL OFF A LADY'S SHOE FOUND ON YONGE ST.

AN eighth of an inch less heel—no longer the queen of parade,  
Serenity checked plays false, no longer is present to aid;  
Pride rescues the faltering step whilst homeward she bendeth  
her course.

A quarter of an inch less heel—this time unattending remorse,  
She steps as a mother should who goes to the peace of her hearth,  
Content with her lot—a wife, her children, a queen upon earth.  
A half of an inch less heel—again she is back on the farm,  
Or walking the lane from church, she leaneth, sweet faith, on his  
arm.

A quarter is only left—who cares for propriety's rule?

A rollicking, hoyden girl, just fresh from the trammels of school.

It is now positively asserted that many Hamilton people omit the "h" in spelling sugar.

TORONTO rowing clubs propose to form a navy. The U. S. Government will bid for it when formed.

WHEN the grocers are forbidden to sell spirituous liquors, where will the fashionable drinker get it from?

MRS. GUPPY says she doesn't want any Chicago pork. In the market report she read "it was active and strong" last week.

"CONSTANT READER," who thinks that when Sir John Macdonald cuts an offending member, he might be called Surgeon Macdonald, will kindly call at this office. The coffin is already ordered.

A YOUNG lady (presumably from Boston), entered a Montreal drug store last week in search of some "should have risen." On inquiry, it was discovered that what she wanted was "otto of rose."



#### RECIPROCITY.

MR. CULLY—"You don't object to my smoking I suppose, Mr. Mylde?"

REV. MR. MYLDE—"N—not in the least, if you don't object to my being sick."



### APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT.

MRS. SHORTCASHE—"Bye-bye, dear. I'm going to Wordley's on my way down town. Shall I order a roast of lamb for Sunday's dinner?"

MR. S.—"By all means. Er—but stay; don't order it; just ask, you know, merely request to have it sent. Last month's bill is still due."

### AN INTERVIEW WITH GABRIEL DUMONT.

(BY OUR REGINA CORRESPONDENT.)

WE have had a visit from Gabriel Dumont, who is on the eve of departure for Europe. We did not know he was coming in time to give him a public reception, and when I suggested to our mayor the propriety of tendering to our distinguished guest the freedom of the city, he objected. He thinks that Dumont ought not to have any freedom whatever. I took the liberty of calling upon him at his hotel. I was unarmed, with the exception of a small lump of dynamite, which I should have thrown at him had he attempted to scalp me.

"Do you propose remaining permanently in Europe?" I asked.

"No; I have promised His Royal Highness, Prince of Wales, to spend a few weeks with him, in order to explain the true state of affairs in connection with my countrymen, and their claims upon the present Canadian Government. Albert will run up with me to see his mother for a few days. My staff of Breeds and Indians will dance the "tom-tom," and do their best to divert her attention while there. I have been given to understand that I shall be made a Knight of the Breeds before leaving England. It is my intention to give Boulanger a few pointers, if I can find him while on the continent. I am looking forward to a continued ovation, as I am the only American General of world-wide renown who has honored the European world with a visit since Grant, and you remember, of course, the reception tendered *him* at every court in Europe."

"But," said I, "Grant was a victorious general, and you must admit that Middleton was a little too much for you when you struck for what you believed to be your rights, and the 'green graves of your sircs,' etc.—"

"Not at all; Middleton could have been wiped out, with all his troops, had we thought best. We succeeded in what we struck for—spoils.

"We didn't wish to drive out the white settlers, nor did we want to bury all those soldiers—that would be hard work. Let *them* do the work, cultivate the land, fill their storehouses, and when the time is ripe, we will go at

them again. Why, man, that rebellion was the salvation of the North-West. Right here in Regina we had merchants and lawyers who were on their last legs. The war made business for them, and there are private residences here that will stand years as monuments of that rebellion. Then look at your farmers—men who had nothing except the ragged edge of anxiety to live upon, went into the transport service, and came out with more money than they ever had in their lives. We made the Government dance and pay for the music, and we have material enough left for another carnival. If you know of any other man who could have managed the business better, without greater loss of life, tell me who he is."

"Do you purpose remaining long in Europe?"

"No. It is my intention now to return in time for the next Dominion election. I have been asked to run for Western Assa."

I told him that he would make a good run, and so he will (for the woods.) Not that we have any objection to Mr. Davin, personally. As a man and brother, we love him; as a poet, he is unique; as a statesman, he excels Sir John A. This is not enough—we must have the man who can control the greatest number of votes, and Mr. Davin is neither a Half-breed nor a Roman Catholic. Gabriel Dumont, M.P., is the coming man!

### A SIGNIFICANT REMARK.

OBTUSE HENNEPECK was telling his friend Drily a little domestic incident. He said: "This morning, as I came down to breakfast, I remarked that my left hand had been itching, and asked my wife what that betokened. She answered that it was a sign I was going to get money. 'But did you touch wood?' she enquired. 'No,' I replied, 'I can't say I did. I believe I just rubbed it on my bald head.' 'Oh,' said my wife, 'it amounts to the same thing!' Now, what do you think of that?"

"I should observe," replied Drily, "that that was a significant remark."

"Just so!" assented Hennepeck, eagerly. "Only I thought at first she was getting off some kind of a gag on me."



### LOVE'S OFFER.

JOBBLES—"Widow Washley, say you'll be mine, and I will make your life a dream of pleasure."

WIDOW W.—"No more taking in of washing?"

JOBBLES—"Well, I wouldn't promise that, exactly, but—I'll furnish you with the best brand of 'Seafoam Soap,' which makes washing a luxury!"

## DIEU ET MON DROIT!

THE lion is not mated  
With the subtle, wily snake,  
The one fights in the open,  
And the other hid in brake.  
The one is proud and kingly,  
And magnanimous to foe,  
The other, lurking, strikes unseen  
The unexpected blow.

The serpent, whipped from covert  
By the rage of other lands,  
From the lion now seeks shelter  
And his clemency demands,  
In this quarry if it faileth  
Then the fateful die is cast,  
And a yawning, deep oblivion  
May receive its form at last,  
It knows the point of vantage,  
And the lion's easy mood,  
Though the lioness and whelps may cry  
As in pain through lack of food;  
But the lion's cares are many,  
And his heart is like a host,  
And he brooks not to be troubled  
About—trifles—at the most.

And the crafty, cunning creature  
Mong the whelps would sport and play,  
And would taint their blood with poison  
Till their strength should ebb away;  
Till shorn of lofty courage,  
And the brow of fearless might,  
They too should crawl accursed  
Through the mire, and through the night.

Then must we face the issue,  
And the question of the hour,  
Or leave it for a score of years  
Till the fangs have got their power?  
Leave it to our little ones,  
Who stand about our knees,  
And let them fight the hydra  
And its infamous decrees?

Shame, shame, if e'er such baleful thought  
Has glanced your bosoms through,  
The old-time blood needs cleansing fires  
If flows such blood in you.—  
No shame be ours, the guns are manned,  
The old flag flutters still,  
AND TRUCKLERS TO AN ALIEN POWER,  
SHALL LEARN THE PEOPLE'S WILL.

## THE BEST-PAYING CROP.

SOME time ago a Canadian gentleman was visiting South California, and thought he would invest in a little land. A Yankee land-speculator showed him a lot of hungry, barren, worthless soil, and asked him an enormous price for the same. The Canadian looked at the land in astonishment, and at last exclaimed, with a good deal of emphasis, "What on earth could a man ever raise here?" "Raise!" replied the Yankee; "raise! Why, you can raise the price."

THERE are few subjects which lie closer to the heart than the human shirt.

POPULAR newspaper heading: "The Glass of Fashion"—a champagne glass.

RECENT events go to show that the Toronto baseball team can occasionally hit some sphere besides the atmosphere. This is official.

A WINNIPEG Icelander blew out his brains one day last week because a girl refused to marry him. The young lady is to be congratulated on her good sense.

OH, the Nun of Kenmare  
Knows what Jesuits are,  
For she has be'n there.



## PHIPPS TO THE RESCUE.

FORESTER PHIPPS (to the intelligent Being who is "clearing up" the High Park grove)—"Here, idiot, take this Report of mine and read it, and learn something of the principles of Forestry."

## A STONE'S THROW.

THE very smallest things possess  
Hid meanings of their own,  
I sing the trivial circumstance  
Of meeting with a stone,  
While ploughing in a clayey field,  
As countrymen are prone.  
It means a strong and straining team  
In their full vigor stopped,  
The plough becomes a thing of life,  
Out of the ground has hopped,  
While on the earth as he were dead  
The ploughman has been stopped.  
It means a list of horrid oaths  
Let loose upon the air,  
Which it would never do to quote  
Or openly declare,  
For sorrowful it is to hear  
Such shaken sinners swear.  
Among the general repairs  
The plough will get its share,  
A new one, for the ancient one  
Is hurt beyond repair;  
The clown to sell it for old junk  
Doth gather it with care.  
All this results from one small stone  
The size of a door knob,  
Scarce bigger than the bump it raised,  
(Which long with pain will throb)  
Upon the ploughman's sides, when first  
It made the handles bob.

## MY NEIGHBOR'S CURTAIN.

(AFTER ALFRED DE MUSSET.)

THE curtain of my neighbor fair  
Is raised a little, slowly;  
"Perhaps she comes to take the air  
Awhile," I murmur, lowly.  
The window is half opening,  
My heart is palpitating;  
Perhaps she now is wondering  
If I for her am waiting.  
Alack-a-day! The dream is o'er,  
She loves a lout, that's certain;  
And 'tis the wind that lifts—(no more)—  
The corner of her curtain.



### THE RULING PASSION.

AFFIDAVIT EDITOR.—“Dearest Mathilde, can you doubt the strength and sincerity of my love?”

MATHILDE.—“Swear it, Alonzo, swear it!”

AFFIDAVIT EDITOR (*absently*).—“I swear—we have the largest circulation of any daily paper in Ontario!”

### A YANKEE HANDLE.

LONDON, MAY 1.—Divers rumors have wormed themselves into print *re* the late little Domestic Conference at Sandringham. It is semi-officially announced to have been most Eddiefying. Mr. J. Sullivan looks knowing. Suggests an American match. P. Wales, Esq., thinks it a trifle sulphurous. His son rushes to the front. Has he not seen Sir Edward Sullivan in the ring, as champion of American boxers? Fresh in the regal mind is a vision of baseball—in the wet. Buffalo Bill forms a Cody-cil to the Royal will. The young prince is ardent in his appeals to be allowed to have his hair cut and go west, young man. Democratic vistas carry in their train pictures of broncho-breaking, lion-hunting, wrestling with hyperborean bears, robbing banks, cracking impossible whips, flipping flies from the left ear of a fiery ox, shooting sixpences with a revolver out of the hand of a fair damsel on a distant horizon. Here, however, his ardor receives a check at the thought that it must be high treason to shoot at his grandmother's image and superscription. High treason begets in his mind thrilling scenes of lynching. At length, nevertheless, youthful ardor prevails, and it is decided to send him to America to learn farming. The advertisements in the *Nobleman's Sportive and County Gent's Pastime* are conned over by grave councillors. Major MacTavish MacMurdo receives an answer to his ad., and, having settled on the premium, resolves to buy a farm in the Far West. No references needed—it is sufficient that he is a retired militia officer, and has great agricultural acumen, having spent the last thirty years in raising and perfecting a brilliant crop of oats—the *O. feroces* of the botanist. Next the wardrobe has to be considered. Riding undermentionables, velvet shooting coats, corduroys (as being most suitable to a prince of the royal blood), top-boots of patent leather, guns, repeaters, revolvers, saddles, fishing-rods, landing-nets, hunting-crops, and a yellow horse-rug, with large black and red stripes, as being a welcome addition to camping out on a saddle otherwise than his own. This

said rug, in a moment of economy, is obtained second-hand, almost new, from a cab-stand, to prevent possible opposition in Parliament, where such a grave consideration of supplies might end in a dissolution. Great discussions as to whether to take a kilt. It is objected to on the score that an American match can never be struck on such terms. All's ready. A gold watch from his father, a silver life-preserver from his mother, and an emblematic half-crown from his granddame, see him off. He boards the steamer. Accosts the skipper, who appears in Persian lambskin cap and mitts, which make the royal hand wince, and reminds that functionary that he carries J. Cæsar and his fortunes—which is correct, as Parliament has not yet decided on the allowance to be made for youthful indiscretion. He hastily seeks the cabin.

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CADE'S CUTLASS, KAN., *July*.—The heir is cloudy—otherwise than apparently, the atmosphere is serene. The sun is sending a last gleam of red over the veranda, on which a figure in overalls sits, reclining against the green and white post. The moon is already in the heavens, and the stars begin to appear. A soft rustling, and another figure, this time a female, appears. Light cotton gown, low shoes, Venus di Medici. Together they in silence count nine stars; this is the eighth representation of this tragic performance; to-morrow will be positively the last, and they will speculate on the probable reward of such constancy. They are busily engaged shelling peas. She is first to break the silence, and, with a half-sob, asks the meaning of his marked attention to the young lady that trims bonnets in the store, in giving her candies at the fair that day? He replies in a *tu quoque* argument decidedly detrimental to the character of one Jacobus Heckmann, who appears to be a cowboy. Eventually more candies are produced, and the figure in overalls rids himself of a quid, and exchanges it for a nigger's-toe. The moon gets paler, and they sit closer. The arm encircling weds with the flowing tresses that have escaped from the Mikado roll. Soft whispered vows—but we draw a veil. The harsh dissonance of the old man, and a vision of grog blossom, long grey beard and shaved upper lip. Hasty adieux and a click—of the garden gate. All is still.

S. GOIN.



### A SCIENTIFIC MYSTERY.

OUR DAIRYMAN (*puzzled*).—“It's queer, but the water is pure and so is the milk, and yet as soon as you put the two together, they call it adulterated!”



### DRYGOODSIANA.

LEADING MERCHANT—"Good morning, Mrs. Shopperly, I trust you are finding what you are in quest of?"

MRS. S.—"Oh, yes; but is this really 'below cost,' as you advertise?"

LEADING MERCHANT—"It is, truly. Our motto is, 'small profits and quick returns,' you know."

### DID THE POET SPEAK TRUTH?

DE PAHVENEW—"That's Lawd De Cameron. I have met him quite fwequently."

DE BARNAKL—"He didn't seem to wecogzie you when we pawsed him."

DE PAHVENEW—"Owh! he nevah speaks to me when he is sobah; but he is vevy sociable when he is dwunk."

DE BARNAKL—"Bah jove! I'd cut him if he tweeked me like that."

DE PAHVENEW—"Why, my deah fellah, you don't look at this thing pwoperly. I consider myself highly honahed; for lawds ah lawdliest in their wine, doncher-know."

### ROWING.

BY exercising the most rigid economy for three weeks and selling two pair of discarded trousers for \$1.20 I managed to scrape together \$10 and join the Boat Club. I wish I hadn't. I have a dim and shadowy idea that I am about the most expert oarsman living in these parts. I rather think I enjoy a monopoly in this opinion.

I don't feel very well to-day; I feel sad and lonely. The only young lady I ever loved real hard has gone and smiled on my deadly rival, Toodles, an inspired sort of an idiot, who parts his name in the middle. I volunteered last night to take my fair inamorata out for a row. On going to the boathouse I found that all the boats were out or engaged; then in a spirit of reckless daring I chartered a canoe for the trip. The golden sun was sinking in lurid splendor in the west, the gentle sparrows were singing in the trees, and bananas were only 25 cents a dozen. It was a gorgeous evening, and all nature seemed to smile. The large crowd congregated on the bridge unquestionably smiled when they saw me trying to manipulate that diabolical \$2.00 canoe. The unsuspecting and confiding young lady seated herself in the craft. I

gave the paddle a few preliminary flourishes and started out with a fictitious air of coolness that gave me a kink in the neck. I began to think that any man who couldn't paddle a canoe must be numb in the head. I must have made large dents in the heart of my best girl by my artistic work. I prepared to throw still more grace and energy into my stroke as we were approaching the bridge, which contained many spectators. I inflated my chest, gave a wild swoop with the paddle, and then, oh ye gods! the fickle canoe turned over, and we both suddenly disappeared under the water, which was quite wct. I came up very much out of breath and was promptly clutched around the neck by my fair enslaver, who faintly gurgled, "Savc me! save me!" "Le, go, le, go!" I gasped; but as I couldn't speak and swallow water at the same time, I relapsed into silence, and we skirmished around the bottom of the river a second time. We were rescued. I was fished out by the aid of a sharp but friendly rake. Toodles rescued my fair inamorata, took her home in a cab, and was received with open arms by her ma. I met her to-day and she was stiff and frigid in the extreme. Alas! I am afraid all is over. My dream of love is oar. I am forced to bow to the stern decree of fate. Some idiotic imbecile told all around town that when I came up from under the canoe and opened my mouth the river fell half a foot below its ordinary level. This is a scurrilous slander, and I brand the man as a vivid and picturesque romancer who circulated that report. E. A. C.

MRS. GUPPY says a two-wheeled cab is the hackney of comfort.

MR. MOWAT will please tread on the tail of Mr. Murphy's coat.

MRS. GUPPY reads that a large number of Swedes reached Winnipeg from Europe yesterday, and wonders why Canadian farmers cannot grow their own.



### DIZZY II.

MR. BULL (to the latest debutante in English politics)—"Hum! Disraeli—Coningsby Disraeli! Well, young man, I should say you'll have something to do to live up to that name."



#### AWKWARDLY WORDED, SOMEHOW.

GENIAL HOSTESS—"What, going already, Professor? And must you take your dear wife away with you?"  
 PROFESSOR—"Indeed, madam, I am sorry to say I must."

#### MISS CANADA'S COACHMAN.

MISS Canada is a high-spirited maiden,  
 With fallals and ribbons her outfit is laden,  
 And though she has little enough of hard cash,  
 She would spend her last cent on a feather or sash.  
 But of all her proud notions she specially dotes  
 On servants in livery with fine, gaudy coats,  
 And the pet of her household, her pride and her joy  
 Is the blue-blooded coachman she has in employ.  
 O! he is a dandy, a long-titled grandee,  
 Or she would have nothing to do with the boy.  
 A common-place working-man over the way,  
 Drives Jonathan's bus well enough for small pay,  
 But little Miss Canada never would dream  
 Of letting such vulgar guys handle her team,  
 And a blue-blooded coachman alone will employ,  
 A lord from the peerage to be her Viceroy,  
 He must be a dandy, an old country grandee,  
 Or she will have nothing to do with the boy.

#### KYDSICUS ON STICKS.

NO one given to speculative philosophy can fail to recognize the omnipresence of sticks in the ethical code of ephemeral man. In youth he crows before the insignia of the schoolmaster, and in latter days bows with reverence to that of sovereignty, in either case represented by a stick, now crude and birch-like, now curiously wrought and gilded. Happy he who doth not experience in the meantime that of the policeman. The French soldier carries a marshal's baton in his knapsack. The baseball man suspends with ribbons his bat over his couch like an agitated Damocles. The child of wrath and four summers trails a cane in his left, whilst with his right hand clutching with earnest tenacity to the skirts of his nurse. The cream of manhood shape their course through life with minute attention lest a scratch appear on the golden head of the malacca.

The melton, the flowered waistcoat will be doomed to oblivion, but the stick once thrown aside, will again gently

be taken into favor with a mute apology as to an old friend, with the affectionate glance such as we bestow on the chalk portrait of our earlier days before we entered on the life of a high school. Does not the glove receive the impression of the hand and thus make palmistry to build a romance from a piece of French kid, the tanned skin of a dog? Who, then, can deny that the walking stick is similarly affected, the companion as it is of our country rambles, our four o'clock parades on King street? Nay, further, is it not the idea of bashfulness of an artificial life before a silent, deep-minded friend, that causes the stick to be left in the hall, while the owner pays his respects in the drawing-room? As the snake casts his slough, possibly the garment of his life before assuming poisonous fangs, so a man lays aside his staff; but as assuredly as that man yet again will revert to his darling sin, so will he again seek his mute accomplice—the walking stick.

Like the cuffs covering the knuckles of the undertaker, the stick is an assurance of respectability; again, it appears as the ægis of potential power; anon fraught with the energy of the concomitant passionate mind; again, like a scarecrow or tatty-bogle as a guardian of the peace.

#### UNSELECTED.

THE bachelor sits in his old arm-chair,  
 With Darwin's book before him,  
 But his thoughts revert to hours that were,  
 When reading used to bore him.

For the book-mark that retains the page  
 Is a leaf from an ancient reader,  
 Which, though faded and worn with use and age,  
 Still bears the flourish of cedar.

Still bears in a faint, round, boyish hand,  
 His childhood's chosen verses;  
 The blanks his eyes have vainly scanned  
 His memory rehearses.

Thus resurrecting, line on line,  
 By perseverance and pluck, it  
 Rewards him with those stanzas fine  
 On an ancient oaken bucket.

And he thinks of the boys and girls he has known,  
 Of many a school companion,  
 And his life seems rocky, drear and lone  
 As a Colorado cañon.

Down the current of progress some have passed,  
 And some have safely landed,  
 While he, old saw-log, has stuck fast,  
 On a shoal of slumber stranded.

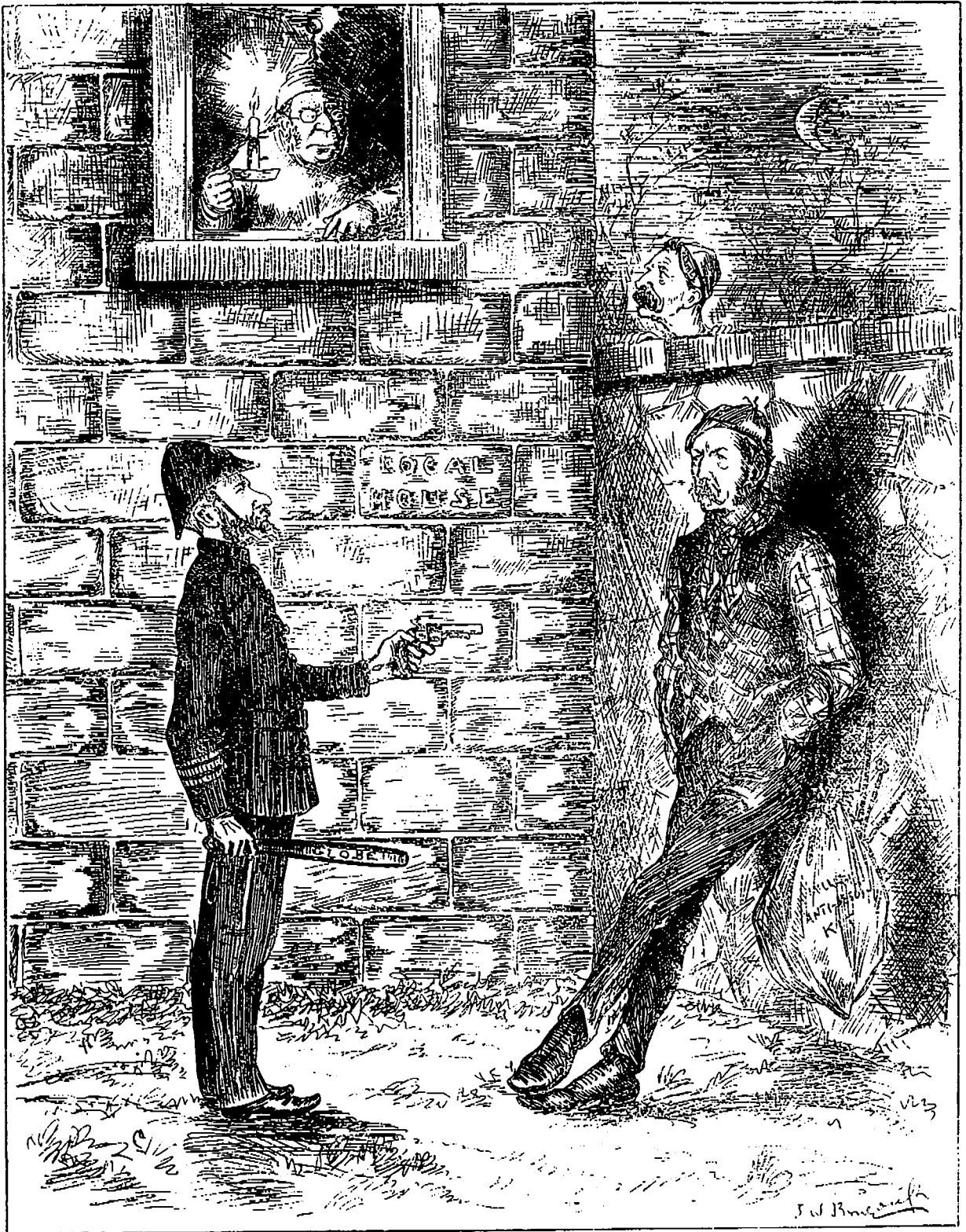
Time's tide to him brings only rot,  
 And his spirits are dejected,  
 He believes in Darwin, and thinks his lot  
 Is cast with the unselected.

WILLIAM MCGILL.

"WHAT is a good way to avoid taking small-pox, Charles?" "Well, the best way we know, on this short notice, is to swallow about a pint of prussic acid the day before small-pox is expected to arrive. This will probably have the desired effect."

CONSIDERABLE speculation has occurred over the name of the unknown lady who was entertained by Lord Randolph Churchill at the Boulanger dinner. The Empress of India, ex-Empress of the French, Amelie Rives-Chanler, Sara Bernhardt, Mrs. Grundy, and many others have been suggested, but we are in a position to surmise that the enterprising G. G. who has been recently visiting the Mikado of Japan and pulling the flowery kingdom to pieces in the press was the fair incognita.





### A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.

MR. MOWAT (*an alarmed householder*).—"That's right, policeman. Make him tell what his little game is. I've noticed him hanging about and eyeing my premises, and I'm morally certain he means to break in here if he gets a chance!"

## A COMMON-SENSE LETTER.

TO THE EDITOR: I see that newspaper articles are again making their appearance calling attention to matters pertaining to health, as well as to the means whereby disease may be removed and good health preserved. I am thereby reminded that I have received from time to time, pamphlet publications issued by the well-known firm of H. H. Warner & Co., which dwell upon the history and growth of kidney disease; showing how such is the cause of consumption, heart, brain and nervous disorders, which can only be successfully treated by removing the primary disease from the kidneys. At the same time care is taken to remind the reader that Warner's Safe Cure is the only means whereby the physician or the individual can successfully prevent and cure this class of disease.

Whilst I have personal cause to feel grateful to Warner's Safe Cure for the benefit which I derived from it when suffering from kidney troubles last spring, I cannot see, since that remedy is already so well known in every household, why the parties interested in its manufacture should continue to expend money in calling attention to what the public already knows so well. I am aware, Mr. Editor, that the members of the medical profession are seldom disposed to give due credit to proprietary medicines, but public confidence is likely to be even more shaken in those learned gentlemen since the startling disclosures in the Robinson poisoning cases were made in Somerville, Mass.

Here it was discovered, through the efforts of an insurance company, that eight cases of death from arsenical poisoning had occurred—seven of them in one family, and within five years, and the other that of a relative—wherein the true cause of death had not been even suspected by prominent physicians who were in attendance, but who treated the cases for other causes, and finally, when death occurred, issued certificates for such causes as pneumonia, typhoid fever, meningitis, etc.

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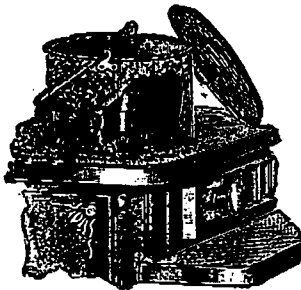
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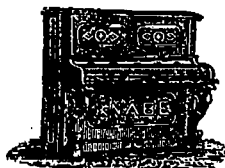
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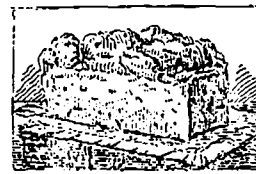


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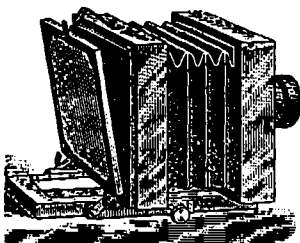


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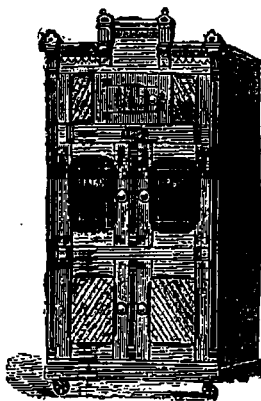
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