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## Bomanexts an the faxtorns.



Van Horne's Trick Line. - The railway game in Manitoba is taking on daily a more and more striking resemblance to Progressive Euchre. It is a game that affords many opportunities to the cleverness of enterprising strategists; and both Mr. Norquay and Mr. Van Horne are rather good hands at strategy when they are feeling pretty well. What the outcome of it all will be it is, of course, impossible to determine. There are seemingly invoived too large a dependence on chance, and too many unknown disturbing elements to render at all probable any forecast-save a very general onethat might be formed at the present time. We incline, however, to the belief that at the end of this extensive game of Progressive Euchre all the Progress will be found to have been on the side of Mr. Norquay and the rights of a Province, while all the Euchre will have fallen majestically on Mr. Van Horae and the menopoly he is acting for.
Waiting for the Cat to Jomp, - It has grown to be a familiar strain of satire, that which compares politicians to monkeys in the animated alacrity which they exhibit in jumping from one branch to another of the political tree, according as the brecze of popular opinion veers. It is not easy, however, to decide which is the more fickle, varying, and unreasonable, the faith of a politician, or the whim of the public. In his own generation Sir John Macdonald has shown himself astute and skilful, both at ruling the country by Parliament, ruling the Parliament occasionally by the country, and ruling both in these latter days by sheer force of corruption. Public opinion, looking at large areas, has not yet
declared itself with a decisiveness sufficient to alarm a premier so firmly throned and set about with horse and foot as Sir John. But it is on the point of so declaring itself; and that declaration will carry with it a momentum which would push any premier from his place, and which Sir John is too knowing to make light of and underestimate. And so he stands waiting for the cat to jump.

## A SPECIMEN.

Of all the public men in Canada, one would think that Sir Richard Cartwright would be least at fault in his estimate of the interests and tendencies of the Common$w(h) e a l$, -that is, if there's anything in a name!
(This is the sort of facetiousness that the British intellect revels in. Grip, don't you know, is often spoken of as "our Canadian Punch;" so we occasionally turn off an atrocity like the above, just to keep our hand in. And besides, it makes us solid with the Court of St. James.)

## COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!

'Twas a broth of a bye in the Calholic Reviez,
So wrathily he waxed, hey ! ho!
" Here's that ould burd thrid on the tail av me coat, An' bedad its himsclf yez must boycott,

Imadiately, melads, yo-ho!,
Imadiately me lads, yo-ho!"
"Tis that infomous Grir we mane," says he,
"For thim cartoons shew things up, d'ye see?"
"Why bless 'ee sir, go ahead," says we
"Cheerily, my lad, yo-ho!"
Cheerily, my lad, yo-ho!"
Take a long, long pull,
Take a strong, strong pull :
Cry Gallagher, let her go !
And the bird will wink,
While to ruin's trink
You'll bring bim, no doubt, yo-ho!"
"Go ahead, old boy, for all you're worth,-
('Tis a very rich joke, yo-bo !)
So long as you stand it, so can re,
For the truth we always tells, d'ye see?
Honestly, my lads, yo-ho!
Merrily, my lads, yo-ho 1
GriP will sing out breakers when there's breakers ahead,
Though it may upset little plans you've laid ;
Always Canada first, let who will be afraid,
Cheerily, my lads, yo-ho !
Cheerily, my lads, yo-ho!
With a long, long pull,
And a strong, strong pull,
To the right we will make her go !
And we care not a fig
For the boycott prig,
But we cheerily sing yo hol"

## ALIVE AND KICKING.

Jonesey-" By the way, Smithers, how is that Spicer girl you were gone on ?"

Smithers-"She's all right."
"And that crusty old cuss, her father, is he alive and kicking ?"
"You'd a-thought so if you had seen him hist me out last night."-I'evas Siftings.

From a learned article on "Kissing," published in a Chicago paper, we glean the interesting information that Indian and negro women, on meeting, do not indulge in osculation, as is the custom among their less highly-colored sisters. We extend to all Indian and negro women, assurances of our distinguished admiration for their excellent and discriminating taste.-Puck.

## Saxat tlue 準asinu.

A TRUE STORY. (Continued.)
His chum, the poet, bashfu' Rab,,
Tho' not his equal-at the gab; - - ...
Tho' wi' amlictions heavy laden ;
And shy as any artless maiden;
Yet gic him but a drap o' drink,
Then he could gar the lines to clink,
Od ! he could shake frae oot his bonnet
Right there and then a sang or sonnet;
But keep him straight and gie him time,
Till fairly mounted upon rhyme,
Oh ! hoo he speeled the heights sublime,
And brought e'en to our mortal lien
The worlds alike of gods and men;
Yea tried 'mid neglect and disgrace,
To throw a glory o'er oor race.
The story gaed, I doubt 'twas true!
A faithless woman's broken voo
Gart a' his young ambition wither,
Until he tint hert athegither,
Tried to forget 'mid roaring fun
His sorrows neath the "Rising Sun":
E'en for a day to keep him straught
His frien's had a' an unco faught.
It seemed as if the love $0^{\prime}$ drink,
Refore which a' distinctions sink,
Deprived him o' the power to shun
Big blust'ring Archic Anderson-
By far the loudest o' the threeLame o' a lcg, blin' o' an e'e,
Yet stuffed up wi' conceit was he, And hardly could a word o' truth
Come frae the blust'ring blockhead's mouth,
The feats 0 ' strength that he had done,
The mighty battles he had won,
And ev'ry ancedote and story
Redounding to big Archic's glory :
As quecr a company as ever
The love o' liquor drew thegither.
Ae nicht, when reamin' wi' the toddy, And fairly mounted on his hobby, He got back to his younger years,
When he was in the volunteers,
Hoo he laid low the grenadiers:
" It took o' this nicve but a thwack To lay their bully on his back. In thae days nocht could staun afore me!
And shouther high ma comrades bore me;
And noo, altho' $\mathrm{I}^{\prime} \mathrm{m}$ settin' grey,
I dinna fear the face o' clay,
Nor ghaists nor witches do I fear,
Nane ever daured to me appear !
They daurna show their faces here.
Let them bring on their very deil!
They'll fin' a steive and sturdy chiel, Wha would disdain to turn his back
On him or a' his grousome pack,
Ay ! that's at least a stubborn fac'."
While thus a blustering on he gaed,
"I wad a pound," the poet said,
"I'll write you down a little verse
Ye daurna for your soul rebearse-
Ye daurna at this midnight mirk
Walk three times round the haly kirk,
At every roon ye'll staun and cry :

- Witches, ghosts, and devils, I

A' the powers o' Hell defy,
To the combat dare to come, And face big Archie Anderson
Repeat the challenge three times o'er
Then stick it up aboon the door."
Quo' Archie " Man ye're fairly done, The forfeit is already won,

There's nae sic things as ghosts ava,
Ye're fairly done for, ha, ha, ha !
And just supposing that there be.
Wha the deil's to be there to see?
Or will ye come alang wi'me
To see if I should rin awa'?
Ye're fairly done for, ha, ha, ha !"
"Aweel," said Rab, " there let it rest,
I ask for no severer test .
So up and off upon the track,
And we bide here till ye come back."
alexander M‘Lachlan.
(Concluded next week.)

## DISALLOWANCE RUN MAD.

The Government having disallowed the Red River Valley Railway, the Emerson and North-Western and other roads, are about to take, so it is rumored, a more decided stand. "You can't check Manitoba," said Sir John, in a now memorable speech, and so it seems he is not going to try checking it, but will simply disallow it out of existence. Any railway, or tramway, or even Red River cart that may be thought to compete with the C.P.R., will be disallowed. A man, a rash and impudent Winnipeger, with a fast horse, raced the C.P.R. express train from Louise Bridge, down Main Street to the station. He beat the express by two lengths, and his horse and buggy are to be forthwith disallowed, because the rules of our country deem such competition dangerous to our great national enterprise.

The crops have turned out well this year, but it is considered that such an immense yield of wheat will be injurious to the interests of the Ontario and Quebec farmers, and, next year, Manitoba and the North-West will be allowed to grow only ten bushels to the acre. All over that, if it is not killed by early frost or eaten up by grasshoppers, is to be disallowed. The Manitobans must be taught that they have no right apart from the general interest of the Dominion, and that they must not be more prosperous than their brethren of the East.

The immigration this year has not amounted to much, and, for the peace of the country, it is well it was not larger, for, as soon as it reaches alarming proportions, the Government intend to disallow it. Any fool, that is any unprejudiced fool, can see that it would never do to permit Manitoba to fill up her rich territory. Such a population would outnumber the people of every other province, and the stability of the Dominion would be in danger. If intending settlers are not enticed into Dakota and Minnesota by the wise and liberal policy of the United States, and still persist in going into our great North-West, they must be disallowed. There is no help for it and the Government must be firm. They must not be influenced by Norquay and his selfish clique.

In fact something must be done about the soil of Manitoba. It is far too fertile. Any province that can grow 30 bushels of wheat to the acre is a standing menace to the Dominion. It is not sufficient to disallow all surplus over ten bushels. That is a mere temporary measure. The country must rise to a sense of the threatened danger and disallow the soil itself. It is said to be composed of 14 inches black loam with clay subsoil. We can let the clay go for the present, but we must really do something about the black loam. Black loam will break up the confederacy some day, if the settlers go on breaking it up. We must disallow at least 12 inches of it. No farmer will be allowed, after next session of Parliament, to plough more than two inches deep.

There is another matter which has not yet been brought to the notice of the Government but which will be doomed the moment Sir John sets his eagle eye on it. That is Main Street, Winnipeg. I am told it is the finest street in the Dominion-far ahead of anything in Toronto and Montreal. What right has Winnipeg to threaten the Dominion with such an enterprise as that? The Government will no doubt disallow it, and make the Winnipegers move their houses, on either side of the street, about ten feet forward on to the block pavement.

The only thing that will not be disallowed is any property of the C.P.R. All C.P.R. lands too in Manitoba or the Territories will be exempt, and immigrants intending to settle on those lands will be passed through.

Otherwise the disallowance policy must be carried out, unless the country should see fit to send Sir John and his cabinet to an asylum.

## SOME WRITERS.

Some men there are who write for fun, And know not when they should be done; Some write upon the profit plan,
And spin it out as long as they can;
While others write to air their views, And others still to tell the news.
Some write and think, the world around,
Their writings have much favor found,
When they, in truth, were never scen;
And others write because they're "green."
Some writers long for worldly praisc,
And salt their work with foreign phrase ;
Their French and Latin never scanty,
They quote from Homer and from Dante, Yet always find it necessary
To use a foreign dictionary:
Thus simple people think them wise,
And fools may carry off the prize.
'Twas ever thus with talent nil
Since people split the goose's quill.
W, H.T.

## TALKING SHOP.

I was walking down street with Jawkins the other day when we met the Reverend Willian McSwagely. The Rev. gentleman, it is unnecessary to remind those who are acquainted with him, has a big brain but a diminutive body holding it up. Quite recently he had united himself for more or for less to a buxom widow. Jawkins blusbed a little as he passed ; such an unusual display of emotion on Jawkins' part excited my curiosity. So I asked Jawkins the reason.
"Well you see," he said, "we had a tea fight at McSwagely's shortly after he was married. I was called on for a speech. You know you are expected to be humorous on such occasions. So I referred in a casual way to Mac. as the widow's mite. He has acted strangely ever since."

## STUDIES IN SHAKESPEARE.

(Continued.)
II. -two gentlemen of verona.

E We have had many flattering letters from readers of Grip referring to our entire crushing of Ignatius Donnelly, whose Bacon we have settled forever, and received numerous requests to proceed with the great work of interpretation we have undertaken regarding the great dramatist's plays. Our cipher was most carefully made before we tried it on any play, and the result has surpassed our
most sanguine anticipations. (Stubbs is snoring horribly. He is asleep under the 25 cent bust of the immortal bard which adorns our study.)

The story of the two gentlemen of Verona, when analyzed, presents nothing very remarkable. One can hardly understand how Shakespeare calls a fellow a gentleman who tries to take another fellow's sweetheart from him while he is away. But, of course, there are gentlemen and gentlemen-(Stubbs has knocked over and smashed beyond repair the treasured bust in his efforts to regain his feet.) That is all the plot of this playWe don't think this is one of Shakespeare's best; in fact, Stubbs offers to bet a level $\$ 500$-that he can write a finer play himself on the same subject, founded on his own personal experience as a masher, to be called "The Two Gentlemen of Toronto." Perhaps Stubbs would not be able to find the ther. There is something also about a rope ladder in this comedy, by which a fellow wants to get to his girl. Perhaps this sort of thing was uncommon in Verona, but in Toronto it is usual for the girls to rope the fellows in-especially to ice-cream parlors and Island concerts. Now with the aid of our cipher in the very opening speech we find a reference to itinerant showmen and the great Barnum himself could take no better motto than this:-"I would rather entreat my company to see the wonders of the world abroad." (Stubbs says interruptingly that the bard didn't know anything about dime shows anyway; but future references will show that he did.)

How tenderly he anticipates the fate of many a foolhardy lover who trifles with the feelings of his prospective father-in-law :-


When Shakespeare gives the following advice, surely it must have beento boarders who are apportioned back rooms overlooking the garden, where the nocturnal adventures of the lively cat drive away sleep-" Give her no token but stones."
Baseball was undoubtedly played, both by men and women in the old days, for Lucetta says in this play :-" I bid the base for Proteus." Probably Proteus was taking off his shoe or something, and wasn't quite ready for the game.

A subtle reference to
 the game of curling is often reported by ignorant editors wrongly reading it thus - "I throw thy name" instead of "I throw thine aim against the bruising stones." There was nothing of the hog about Shakespeare, even in curling, which clearly proves he was not Bacon.

How beautifully he prophesies the time when women will be relieved of corsets when he says "No More of Stays" -Perhaps one of the most pathetic passages in the works
of the great Poet has never yet been adequately illustrated, and the subtle meaning of a very beautiful sentence has been left for the present cipher to explain.

This is the passage :-
"This parting strikes poor lovers dumb"-and this is the illustration of the text :-


Once more do we find a reference to the Old Man, though it taxed the energy of Stubbs to the utnost to find the key. In this simple sentence is the allusion :-" Was this the idol that you worship so?" and this is the illusion.

Every day we see upon the public street a living illustration of the pathetic truth of the extreme opposition of physique and affection, which caused Shakespeare to exclaim, "'Tis pity love should be so contrary "-and it is either like one or the other of these couples :-

(Stubbs has just returned from a visit to the neighboing grccery store, bearing in his right hand a red herring and in the left a bunch of spring onions. He explained that he met with a streak of luck on the Hanlan-Teemer race and wishes to treat his colleague to a supper. I succumb to the united aromas of the feed, and on the cover of a first folio of the Immortal Bard we spread the onions, having equally divided the herring. There is no help for it ; Stubbs has seated himself on the top of Shakespeare's cranium and is already on his gth onion-).

## P. Quill.

## AN INTERRUPTED REVERIE.

With silvery sheen the rounded moon Illumines forest, lake and stream ; Like skeletons, the leafless trees
Wave answer back to night owl's screams.
The glistening snow so pure and white, Unsullied yet by earth's foul breath, Mutely pleads for holier lives, And innocence to last till death.

Fond menory flies, with pensive wing,
To brighter scenes in other lands;
A father's eye, a mother's love,-
The tender care of vanished hands.
Sad retrospection brings to view. Hell's direst curse-a wasted life !
The closing scene must set in gloom When with regrets the heart is rife !

But, hark ! what piercing yells are those, (Commingled, too, with shrieks of pain)
Which break the stiliness of the night, And wake the world to life again?

The Indians' war-whoops, too, I hear, (Blood-curdling sounds which chill the heart!)
And trampling feet, and cries which tell
That life and timb will quickly part.
Some fellow-creature in distress,
Pursued by Redskins' cruel hate ;
A race for life-the forfeit deathYes, death may be the runner's fate !
And shall I let those devils wreak
Their vengeance on a white man's head, And strike no blow, however weak,

To save him from a doom so dread?
With eager haste I seize my stick,
The only weapon chance could give, And swear, by every sainted name, I'll either die or he shall live !

I rush before the raging throng,
I litt on high my wooden brand;
With scornful jeers they bear me down, And dash the weapon from my hand!
They raise me to my feet unhurt ; They point to him who flees amain ;
With angry mien, they hoarsely shout,
"His blood, we've sworn,our hands shall stain!"
What are his faults? What is his crime? I do not pause to ask or think :
The murderer's thirst burns in my veins, The thirst that must have blood to drink !
I join as one the savage crew, Forgetful of my solemn vow,
The madd'ning thirst for living blood Turns pity into fury now.

By cruel fate, our victim falls : With brutal yells we gather round :
Fast and furious fall the blows, And blood-gouts stain the snow-clad ground!
Bereft of friends! Bereft of hope: His life he scarcely cares to save :
Reproachful cyes be bends on meThose eyes will haunt me to the grave!

Yet, still, like tiger brought to bay,
Our victim fights in wild despair :
'A1f a brick $I$ 'cave at 'is'ed; Somelody's Tom lies pturrless there!
Black Kiver.
E. W. S.

## AT THE BRUNSWICK.

Mr. Augustus Spooney, (to his Maria)-For a brief space let us tarry at this hostelry, which I will make a very tower of Paradise for my love.

Two Weeks Later.
Mr. A. S. (interviewing the Clerk) What's the damage ?

Clerk-One hundred and twenty-five dollars, sir.
Mr. A. S.-Great gosh! one hundred-I would have got a team. of mules for less money !

## GRIP'S GALLERY

or

# MEN OF T0-DAY 

## No. 3.-ERASTUS WIMAN,

LEADER OF THE COMMERCIAL UNION MOVEMENT.

Erastus Wiman was born near Toronto in 1834. He was educated at the common schools, and in 1850 was apprenticed to a printer. Having spent four years in a printing office in all its departments, he graduated into the editorial rooms of the Toronto Globe, where for several years he was city and commercial editor, in the latter capacity earning considerable reputation. His connection thus formed with commercial news made natural the transition from this position to the mercantile agency of R. G. Dun \& Co., on the establishment of a branch in Toronto. The success of the Agency in Canada between 1860 and 1867 was so largely due to Mr. Wiman that the firm became Dun, Wiman \& Co., and in 1866 he was transferred to the head office in New York as a partner, since which time he has been a resident of that city.

Mr. Wiman is also known in conncetion with telegraph enterprise, being president of the Canadian telegraph system, which extends from Halifax, on the Atlantic, to the Rocky Mountains, permeating all points in the settled portions of British North America.

A residence of twenty years on Staten Island has resulted in Mr. Wiman taking an active part in revolutionizing the means of communication between that important suburb and the city of New York, and he is at the head of the Rapid Transit movement in this direction. Having acquired control of the Staten Island Railway Company and the ferry lines running between the city and the island, he and his associates are now constructing a railway around the face of the island, the object being to concentrate the whole ferry traffic at a point on the island nearest to the city, distributing the passengers by shuttle trains, up and down the shore, instead of in the slow and expensive mode now in operation of two lines of huge steamers.

A man of ordinary force of character would find these great enterprises enough to tax all his strength, but Mr. Wiman finds time, notwithstanding his extensive business duties, to take an active interest in everything pertaining to his native country. It is chiefly to his energy and liberality that the Canadian Club is now one of the recognized institutions of New York, and through this medium he has been enabled to make the Dominion and its resources better known amongst our neighbors. Mr. Wiman was the first to raise his voice in favor of Commercial Union, and the present commanding position of that question is duc in no small measure to his eloquence and industry.

The character of the man is admirably set forth in the sentence of the Toronto Nezus: " When Wiman gets hold of a great idea, the idea soon gets hold of Wiman, and before long, they get so mixed up that it is impossible to tell which is which.'
In private life Mr. Winan is a most genial and kindly man, the centre of a happy home, and warmly liked by all who know him.

## COMMON FOLK STORIES.

I. - From Ward C.

Does it hurt me? Not much ; but it did, sir, though I've kinder got used to it now,
As I s'pose a chap gets used to such things, they're all in his life, anyhow,
The only thing hurts me is thinking as p'raps it'll have to come off, And to make out a living with two legs I find is about hard enough.
How old am I? Well that's a puzzler; I reckon I'm just on thirteen;
But Sue, she's my sister, says Billey is older 'an me-he's between
Sue and me, and she says as she's sixtcen, and as I can't be more than twelve;
But I guess as she figures it out, sir, so as to suit herself ;
Anyway, its thereabouts somewhere, for mother died six years ago,
And left us three kids all alone, sir, with nothing whatever to do.

Folks offered to take us, but Suey, she wouldn't get on to the scheme,
And we all stuck together like leeches, and I wouldn't ha' had it ha' been
Any different now, for our Billy ain't strong like most little blokes,
An' he might ha' been treated unkindly if he'd gone for to live with some folks;
But Suey, she's just like our mother, so thoughtful, and loving, and quick,
That it's always good for to see her, and soon makes you well if you're sick;
But you want to hear how it happened as $I$ got this poor leg broke,
Though I don't blame nothing but fortune, which was bad, and that blamed old spoke.
Well, you see, it was last Tuesday morning, as I was a-selling the Mail
At the corner of King by the Rosin, and having a pretty good sale, When coming across the roadway, just where the car-tracks meet, Walked a girl, sir, a real little lady; I never saw one so sweet
As she was-not even a picture, an' I've seen some pretty ones too
In the Graphic and 'lustrated papers, as hangs in the winders, ain't you?
But she wasn't like none of them, sir, for she was more lovely and nice,
And I reckon if she had a picture, it 'ud fetch a jolly good price.
iter hair was all gold in ringlets, and her eyes was so large and blue
That I thought I was dreaming of angels, which is lucky, according to Sue.
Well, she was a-crossing the roadway, and not looking round, when a van
Turned the corner and rushed right upon her, and I hollered, and yelled, and ran
And got past the horses, and shoved her as hard as I could, when the wheel
Knocked me over right under the wagon, and tumbled me up a good deal;
And my leg somehow caught in the spokes, sir, and I felt it was coming in two ;
So I set my teeth hard and took it-for I didn't want her to know
As it happened through her; but the people got round and kicked up a row,
And I tried to pick up and clear off, sir, but I couldn't more better than now;
And the girl as $I$ shoved in the gutter came up with her frock all dirt,
And instead of giving me fits, sir, she cried and asked was I hurt ?
And I says " not much, miss, thank yer ; only my leg's gone to sleep,"
For it made me wretched to see her a sobbin' so awful deep,
With tears from them big blue eyes, sir, and saying 'twas all her fault ;
I prayed that I might jump right up and turn just a somersault.
But I couldn't, and so told her as I felt alright and would try
To get around again the next day, and I hegged of her not to cry ; And she waited till that big p'liceman I used to make awful mad, Got a carriage and lifted me in it, and called me a brave little lad, And told 'em to drive me slowly to the 'Orspital; I've been here since,
And I'm likely to be a long time, till they takes of these 'orrid splints;
And every day her mother and her as I shoved in the street
Comes in to see how I'm doing, and brings me such nice things to eat ;
And they call me their little hero, but I don't quite like that name As well as my own, which is Jimmy; but I guess its all the same.
But it makes me mad when them fellows come here for to hear the tale,
And write as I've done something plucky to the Glohe, and the Nezus, and the Mail;
For all I did was to hollcr, and shove a girl down in the road,
And get my leg broke in the bargain, which ain't much of a trick, I'm blowed;
But I reckon if I saw it again, sir, and that girl nearly under the van,
I'd do it again to-morrow, as sure as my name is Dan.
For what is the likes of me, sir, 10 the likes of a lady like her,
And a chap as won't save a poor girl, why be ain't half as good as a cur!
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## HE GAINED THE CASE, TOO.

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Till her teeth fell one day-
Dropped out in the streets of Chicagn.
A young husband there was of Chicago
When her teeth on the pavement he saw go Straightway, as of course,
Wished to get a divorce,
And exultingly did to the law go.
W, H.T

## ON LEADING COWS.

Mrs. Stubbs thought it would be nice to have a cow and manufacture our own sour milk. She said fresh sour milk was nicer than what you buy from the milkman. And as I have learned to honor the maxim that "a wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse," I straightway meandered of into the country and opened negotiations with a farmer for the purchase of one of his female kine. He submitted one for my inspection. I eyed her critically, walked around her two or three times, and asked several important questions which I had jotted down in a note book at the dictation of my wife. I wished to be satisfied on a few points particularly, viz.: whether she was a heifer or a Durham ; if the percentage of buttermilk was large or small in proportion to the other, and if she was ever troubled with cowlicks. You see, I wished the farmer to understand that I was a professional cow-byre, so that he would not ,place upon her an exorbitant price. Being satisfied on these points, I casually remarked that she was
tail till it cracked. The latter had a sudden and terrible er fect. She bounded off like a sky rocket. I had justsufficient time to grip her tail with a death-like grasp, and away I went sliding through space, with only an occasional attempt to see if the earth was still beneath me. Then the pace slackened, and as I hadn't my negative gravity machine with me just then I lay down and skipped along over the ground on my knees. My pants didn't hold on as long as I did. The cow stopped. I grabbed the rope and started her again. There was not much of a disparity in our avoirdupois, as the cow was only skin and bone, and I weighed $2231 / 2$ ths., but the way she towed me after her would shock the nerves of a comet. We skimmed along on a down grade like a meteor. My head began to whirl, my legs to wobble erratically ; then she planted her feet before her and stopped short, and before I had a chance to down brakes I was wafted over a fifteen-foot embankment, among the briar bushes and logs. It was dark when I climbed up that embankment and crawled home.

Last week I went out to the farmer's. The cow was there, and I requested him to repurchase her for any sum he wished. "Well", he said, "I'll give you fifteen dollars for her. That's about what I always pay when she comes back here. Made a good deal of money outer that cow, stranger!" I lost a good deal-\$35 cash, and the same amount in clothing ; also an unpresented doctor's bill.

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