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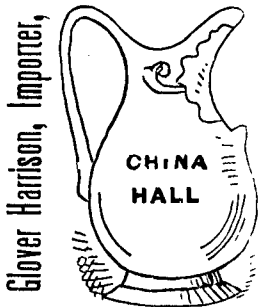
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 The gravest fish is the OYSTER.  
 The gravest man is the FOOL.  
 J. W. Miller

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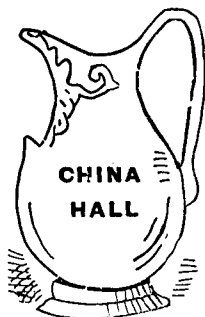
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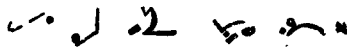
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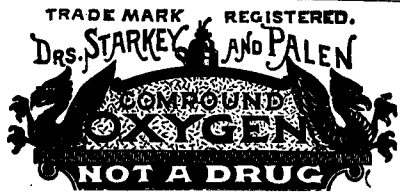
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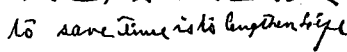
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**AN IMPORTANT LITERARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

WILL be made to the readers of GRIP next week, to which their attention and that of the public at large is specially called. The paper will make its appearance in 16-page form, and will be filled with good things throughout. Look out for it!

**Comments on the Cartoons.**



DEPENDING ON ONE MAN.—The utter dependence of the Conservative party upon the brains of one man has been a standard theme of comment for a long time. New emphasis was given to the thought by the demonstration which broke forth on the Government side the other day, when Sir John Macdonald entered the House for the first time after his recent illness. All due allowance being made for the personal popularity which Sir John has always enjoyed with both parties, and for the natural pleasure which his convalescence has inspired in all hearts, the long continued and vociferous applause, the laughter, cheers, shouts and singing on the Government side plainly indicated that the reappearance of Sir John was regarded as a respite for the party. The chieftain's withdrawal means chaos and ruin to the organization, and every one of his followers

knows and feels it. His occasional intimations that he feels old age creeping upon him, and that in the natural course of events he will have to retire from the leadership, are always deprecated, and his devoted party does its best to convince itself that the man who carries it has more that mortal strength.

"THE PUBLIC INTERESTS."—It is interesting to mark the influence of a bad example set by a man in a high position upon those who regard him as great. The example is imitated on the first opportunity. The latest case in point is that of Sir Hector Langevin and Mr. Gemmell. The refusal of the former to produce certain papers on the flimsy pretext that the "interests of the country" would suffer, was duplicated by the latter when, as a witness in the White-Jamison investigation, he pleaded "professional privilege" to avoid producing some damaging testimony. And it was amusing to observe that amongst the members of the committee who pointed out to the witness the inadequacy of his plea was Sir Hector himself!

CONCEIT—a barometer chuckling at its power over the weather, or a weathercock directing the changes of the wind.

**"A WORD OR TWO"—FROM CARTWRIGHT.**

TAKE the *Globe* of the 5th—that is to say, take the paper for a whole year, but particularly look at the copy of the edition named—turn to the 4th page and, if you have strength and courage remaining after giving the editorial your most careful consideration, run your trembling finger adown the 4th column and pause right here:

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.—Mr. Speaker, before the question is put, I desire to say a word or two as to the present position of this country.

Now, if you are not prepared to gather a week's provisions in a bag and hie to the swamp, fold up the paper and lay it away carefully in the wood-box, so the hired girl won't have to hunt around next morning to find the very latest news, as well as the coal-oil can, for the kitchen fire. That is our calm, unprejudiced, Dr. Dio. Lewis advice. But if you really want an explanation you shall have it. We hate to be thought mysteriously erratic. Listen, then! That opening paragraph is unmitigatedly deceptive; it is unblushingly disingenuous; it is irredeemably insidious. You read it with genuine surprise and pleasure. Only "a word or two." You murmur insinuatingly to yourself—"The ex-Finance Minister has been undergoing treatment somewhere! Oh, joy! joy! joy!" Then you hop blithely from sentence to sentence. Presently you are skipping paragraphically from bough to bough, with a sort of pause between skips. Next you find yourself plodding manfully from break to break, with a perceptible inclination to hail a hack. Soon you are struggling desperately with column after column, in a vain endeavor to find the conductor and secure a stop-over check. At last you are ambling aimlessly from page to page with but one wild desire haunting you—to gain the woods and become a complete corpse, which any coroner in this age of affidavit would unhesitatingly make an exception of, together with his princely fees!

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"A word or two."

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Oh, parallel of Plumb!

Oh, cruel, callous, conspiring Cartwright!

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**COULD THIS BE CALLED SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS?**



"MY SINS ARE AS MANY AS THE HAIRS OF MY HEAD."



**AN ENGLISH EQUIVO-LENT.**

*Monsieur Crapeau.*—Ze Lent is ovaire—ze fast season is end and now ze fast season begin—I not compr'end! It is von marvellouse language!

**CONFIDENTIAL CONFESSIONS.**

THE MUCH MARRIED MAN'S.

(By Telephone.)

SOME people, sir, don't like women, and would not marry one for a small fortune. That's not my feeling. I don't care who knows, I have had five wives already and am on the look-out for a sixth. I revel in matrimony and its many comforts. I started well on my matrimonial cruise, but did not long enjoy the company of my first mate. When I began to feel my loneliness in the world I confess I felt a certain repugnance against marrying again, but it wore off by degrees, and once more I became united in the holy bonds. When my second wife was taken away, and I had gone through the necessary term of mourning, I was again attacked by the old repugnance, but very slightly this time. I had begun building a villa, and felt as if I should have the means to finish it, and therefore looked around for another partner with whom to share the common fund. I was fortunate in finding a spinster fast verging upon old maid's estate, but possessing a few thousand dollars and a small yearly income, who accepted my heart and hand. Alas! she only lived two years, and I lost the small yearly income—the few thousand dollars had gone into the villa. By this time a respectable sized family had grown up around me, and it was very evident that if I did not wish to be worried out of my existence, I must find some lovable, matronly creature who would fill a mother's place. I found such a dear creature. Within a month she displayed so much energy in bringing up my children that several of their front teeth were loosened and more than one bunch of hair dragged out, whilst I, on more than one occasion, for daring to remonstrate with her, was presented with a black eye made by her own hand. I confess I greatly appreciated her thoughtful care. Eh?—what's that?—Why did I allow her to do this? A pertinent question, but I put it to you, if you were a man standing just five feet four in your stockings, and your wife stood one inch short of six feet, and further, your wife's fist was of corresponding size and power, and that hand came in contact with your eye in an unguarded moment, what would, what could you do? What!—hello!—you, what, you—would go for her! That's just what I did, but, unfortun-

ately, I got the worst of the encounter every time; often getting another black eye to bear the other company. I cannot tarry here, the retrospect is too gloomy—eh! you can't hear me?—well I was getting a little low. It took a much longer period than usual to consider whether I should seek another wife or not. I decided to enter the lists once more. I again led to the altar a most desirable lady, her only drawback being the possession of seven most undesirable sons and daughters. There was no help for it, however, I was no longer tinted with the roseate hues of youth, and besides having eight undesirables of my own, I was in no position to pick where I liked. She was a good wife, that fifth of mine, and when the two families came together we had a packed yet happy household—eh! what? you didn't hear what I said?—I said *happy*, HAPPY household, and the butcher and baker built new stores. Six years of wedded bliss and she has gone, but the butcher and baker bills run along all the same. And here I am to-day a widower with eighteen, *eighteen* beautiful children and other worldly goods, and yearning for more matrimony. I have the sixth in my mind's eye, sir, and—eh! what? is she five feet eleven?—no siree! I have found it best, and I give you the pointer, never marry a woman one inch taller than yourself. Good day.

SOLOMON BLUCHER.



**EDGAR ON KNIGHTHOOD.**

THE WORTHY MEMBER FETCHES HIS COLLEAGUE CARTWRIGHT A BACK-HANDED RAP ON THE SMELLER!

**CANDOUR.**

THE editor of the San Francisco *Wasp* says:—I have no hesitation in saying that of all the artists whom it has been my privilege to know in San Francisco, not three have had enough of learning and letters to justify them in beginning to draw straight lines with a ruler. As for color—their work is so coarse and offensive that it seems to be done with hogments.

If the *Wasp's* cartoons are to be taken as specimens of Pacific slope art, the editor's criticism is sound—but too mild, far too mild.



**THE BOOK OF THE SEASON.**

THERE is no occasion for this unseemly struggle. Each of these political boys can get a copy of the work for himself, and every follower of either can do likewise. Many of them have already done so, on the strength of a subscription in advance, and now that the first volume is ready for delivery the demand amongst non subscribers is growing brisk. The book we refer to is the "Caricature History of Canadian Politics," or, in other words, the History of Canadian Politics since 1841, as illustrated by caricatures, a publication which will find a place in every well equipped library of the land. Besides a letter-press sketch of the historical period down to 1878, and a highly interesting introduction by Principal Grant, 200 cartoons are given, representing many able Canadian caricaturists of the past and present generation. The second volume, which is now in course of preparation, will likewise contain 200 cartoons, and the concurrent history. The volume already issued is very attractive in appearance as well as unique in character, and is well worthy of the attention of all who take an interest in Canadian politics and the art of caricature. Messrs. Jas. S. Robertson & Bros. are the agents for the publication.

**OUR BOTANY BAY.**

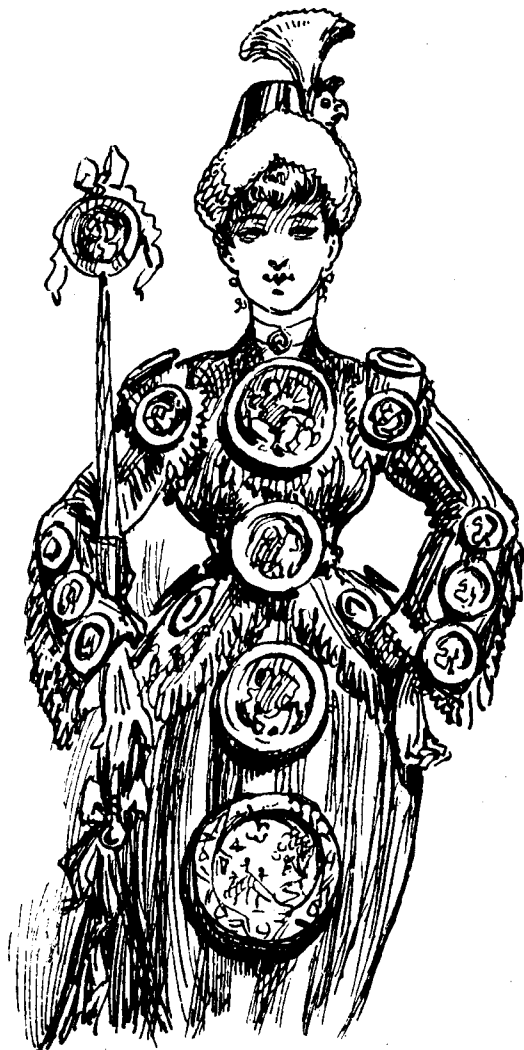
A FAIR exchange is no robbery; but the party that takes everything and gives nothing in return, is guilty of thievery quite as much as if he had usurped a horse and left nothing to the horse's owner but the stall the animal occupied.

Mr. John Bull is very jealous of his Canadian fisheries. They belong really to Uncle Sam, as does the entire continent. They are conceded to John Bull merely to avoid trouble—and after all the fish are, to use the metaphor of the blundering agriculturist of old, "very small and few in a hill." Who cares for fish? There is but one Friday in the week, and lent runs through only about forty of the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year. Fish are—ah well, they are fish, and they are not to be used, like horse-flesh, merely as a means to keep from starving to death.

When, however, Mr. John Bull not only keeps our fish but insists that it is his right to use the Canadian portion of his dominion for the purpose of affording shelter to our criminals, he goes very much too far. It ought to be the privilege of Uncle Sam to utilize Canada as a Botany bay, but to do it in his own way. It is too much to say that the best society of the larger Canadian cities is made up to a large extent of defaulting American bank presi-

dents and escaped thieves, male and female; but what a reflection upon modern ideas of justice it is that a scoundrel who, remaining here, would wear stripes and sleep on an iron bedstead, has the run of the best clubs and some of the good society of Montreal and Quebec. It is to say that the man who is a thief in New York and Michigan is a gentleman as soon as he crosses the border; and it is a disgrace to Canada and an injustice to us which ought to have been remedied by our congress and the dominion parliament long ago.

But there are a few more years before us. Time is not to be snubbed by the passion for haste. Perhaps, some time during the next century, it will be possible to so remedy international law, or rather to so create it, that a thief will be a thief in one country as well as another, and a gentleman need not be ashamed to acknowledge that he lives in Canada.—*Fudge.*



**THE LATEST FASHION IN BUTTONS.**

ONE swallow does not make a bummer. But that is the way to begin.

LEAST said soonest mended by the newspaper reporters who are taking your speech.

SPARE the rod and spoil the child. You may want to go fishing, and a boot-toe is quite as effective.



**THE NOSES THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING, TRA-LA.**

*Old Party.*—HELLO, JIMMY! I AIN'T SEEN YE SINCE LAST FALL. BEDAD, IF I HAD TEN CENTS I WOULD TREAT YOU. (*Insinuatingly*) MAY'BE, NOW, YE'VE GOT TEN CENTS YERSELF?

**SPRING.**

WHEN the tap no longer freezes, when we catch the first mild breezes,  
 And the dude his fancy pleases with the shortest Seymour coat ;  
 When the snow no longer covers all those lanes *not* used by lovers,  
 And a crop of tins discovers to reward the browsing goat ;  
 When those battered forms unsightly which the snow had covered  
 lightly  
 'Neath the warm sun show up brightly, while the sodden clothes  
 lines swing,  
 Then appear the grass-green shutters, then the child's sports in the  
 gutters,  
 And our fervid poet mutters—*This is sempiternal Spring !*

Not of course the Spring of olden days when everything was golden,  
 When the world had just unfolden to the Day Star's waking eyes,  
 All her virgin flowers springing, all her feathered chorus ringing  
 Some sweet song they'd caught in winging through the glades of  
 Paradise,  
 When the merry nymph and satyr kept their sylvan court in state, or  
 Coming down to times still later, to the times of Good Queen  
 Bess,  
 To the England that was "merry," to the maids whose lips are  
 very  
 Frequently described as "cherry"—then was Spring in joyousness.

Ah, alas ! our Spring is dreary, and the meekest man grows weary  
 Of the tax-collector leery, with his ever-lengthening bill,  
 Of the ever-changing hatter, who pretends "'Tis no great matter,  
 But the rim *is* slightly flatter than it was last year—but still  
 If you *like* to you can wear it." So you buy the hat, and swear it  
 Is a swindle, but you bear it ; and the yearly changes ring  
 'Twixt the tradesmen and the weather, till you really wonder  
 whether

In the Pit that's known as Nether *do* the dwellers long for Spring ?

MELTON MOWBRAY.

**GIVE US A REST !**

SUFFERIN' Ulster ! ain't it tough,  
 Have we not at home enough  
 Rows and troubles we must join in,  
 Without lugging the old Boyne in ?  
 Prince of Orange *versus* Rome  
 Should be argued nearer home ;  
 Legends old of ancient Cork  
 Don't concern our County York ;  
 Neither does the Siege of Derry  
 Tend to make our folks more merry.  
 Take a rest : call off your dogs,  
 Or drown yourselves in Ireland's bogs !



DEPENDING ON ONE MAN.

*The Party.*—O, PRAY DON'T TALK OF GETTING OLD AND GIVING OUT! I CAN'T ABEAR THE IDEA!





**AN HISTORICAL PARALLEL—THE SENATE BEFORE ROYALTY.**

I remember one time reading a passage in Bacon's works where the author makes Queen Elizabeth address the Speaker of the House and enquire "what has passed since your meetings six weeks ago?" "Please your Majesty six weeks." That is the way in which we meet, and if instead of adjourning to-morrow we were to remain here and meet every day we would pass nothing but two weeks.—*Senator Almon, in the Senate.*

**THE RUSTIC MAIDEN.**

SEE the maiden in the morn,  
Merry, merry farmer's lass!  
Rising when the sounding horn  
Calls to pork and apple sass;  
See! she walks the furrowed fields,  
And the meadows wet with dew,  
And the surface gently yields  
To the pressure of her shoe.  
How I wish that girl were mine,  
Tho' she wears a number nine!

**THE RALE OIRISH THROUBLE.**

ERRINGOBRAUGH TERRACE, *April tenth, 1886.*

MISTHER GRIP,—For the love av charity—will yez plaze to threat on the tail av me coat? Its spoilin' fur a fight meself is. Here's Misther Gladstone all astray in-toirely wid his "Home Rule," an' his finanshal canthrips—a'chasin' the gentry out of the ould sod—an' lettin' Paddy have the Grane Oisle all to himsilf. Sure an' its nayther rack rint, nor landlordism, nor bad iaws at all—at all—is the matther. It's a Canayjun, an' a "Liberal" begorra, that's found out all about the rayson av the misery in Oireland, an' he's out wid his discovery in the *wake*. Musha! now what a head that man's got!

Sure an' its the little blind divil Cupid that's doin' all the mischafe wid his slings an' his arrows, a-pursuin' an'

a-tormentin' poor Pat till nothing will do but he must go shparkin' Peggy as she rides in the low-backed car, an' they're married be Father Mahar, an' the consequences are, a lot av hungry young ones that shwarm like locusts an' ait up all the praties, lavin' divil a thing for the landlord to replenish his wine cellar wid. An' its no use a-talkin'! No matter how you may prache, Paddy *will* marry fur luv an' work for money accordin' to the ould fashioned notions, an' shure so long as he'd go on breedin' Enniskillin dragoons to interpose their bodies atune England an' the guns av foreigners, what matther? Shure the more the merrier, whin the list av the killed an' 'oonded cum in, but whin he comes to wantin' the country fur himsilf an' his childer to have an' to hould—arrah! be aff wid yez; is it a rabbit warren ye'd be after makin' the country—wid all this ridiculous lovin' an' weddin' in the ould patriarchal shtyle. Luck what a lovely paradiise av ould maids an' bachelors Ould Oireland moight be, only fur that mischayvous little god. Shure an' its Gladstone an' the whole farce av the Oirish Constabulary ought to be after him, tally-ho! a-chasin' him an' his arrows clane into the say, the way Shaint Patrick wint fur the shnakes an' the toads an' other omntionable varmint. Glory be to Peter!—Yours wid an arrow in me oiy,

BARNEY O'HEA.





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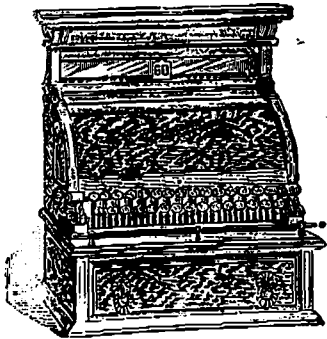
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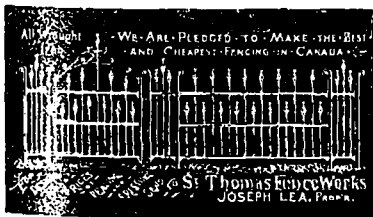


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