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To Correspondents and Contributors.

A. McK., Toronto.—Crowded out.

Max Noble.—Thanks. Will be happy to hear from you again.

Smike.—Hope to hear from you soon.

Anonymous.—Many thanks.

W. E. C., Scarboro.—Rather too lengthy. Please try again on some of the

NONYMOUS.—Many channes.

W. E. C., Scarboro.—Rather too lengthy. Please try again on some of the living issues.

Swine Coop, St. Thomas.—The late firm of Rok Brothers of your town did not engest to the poet Moork the idea of writing "The Canadian Boat Song," the relivation of which is "Row, Brother's Row." You are wrong in languing that tho above named poet ever lived in Venice. He was born in Cork, Ireland; so your informant is wrong as to the Desdemona affair. Historius, Onkville—Mart. Cameron, the Conservative candidate for Frast Toronto, did not derive his "front" name from his seting as a Matador in the Bull Fight at Madrid. Neither is he addicted to tippling. It is the Hon. George Brown who goes in for short horns.

Thunderer, London, Eng.—Business is not as a rule conducted in the upper stries of the shops in "King Street, Toronto, Canada, in winter on account of the snow blocking up the lower doors." A great portion of that seuson admits of the usual ingress and ogress, to wit: by the street or lower doors. Wolves and fiery gazelles have for the last few years been very scarce in the streets. They soldom now are found south of Yorkyile, the inhabitants of that outlying clearing shooting them for their furs. We learn from people who have visited that region that the natives consider the flesh of these animals when properly prepared to be quite gamey.

New Year "Calling."

BY OUR GOOD NATURED CONTRIBUTOR.

Next to having a "surprise" party when your wife is sick, I do not know of anything a "surprise" party when your wife is sick, I do not know of anything more tedious and unsatisfactory than New Year "calling." I think, and I hope I may not be deemed uncharitable, that the practice could be managed much better by postal card. From an economical standpoint the saving in strong coffee and weak wine would be something startling. There is an evident need of reform in this direction, and it has been a matter of much surprise to me that the opportunity has not been seized upon for the collection of doubtful debts of twelve months standing. Then there Then there would be a mutual interest in the matter, and the called upon could not very well plead the usual excuse of not being at home. The caller as well as the hostess would not be obliged to fall back upon the weather as the soul-absorbing topic of interest, neither would the visit be devoid of a certain amount of pleasure, and they could go into the particulars "of that little account" and rake up old memories of the particulars of that little account and rake up old memories of dry goods and petty sundries long since laid aside and forgotten—by the purchaser. The lady's recollection of how, in that lovely blue silk, she threw Miss Clementina Plantagamer into the shade at the Yacht Club Ball would be worth the rominiscence; even the collector, that much abused individual, would experience a keen pleasure—principally in anticipation of how good he'd feel if he could only get the mount for it. But then those suggestions are only those as the the money for it. But then these suggestions are only thrown out in

The object of the custom of "calling" on New Year's day is for a social exchange of good wishes—and seeing how much a man can carry without staggering. Very often the experiment is so clumsily performed that the experimentalist sinks beneath the weight of his responsibility. The sentiment may be a pretty one; but by the time the last "call" is made it has completely vanished from the mind of the fast "can" is made it has completely vanished from the ining of the tourist. Occasionally an unpleasant contre temps arises as the following circumstances will illustrate. My friend Tourius adopted a method in his system of "calling." He would say the same thing at every house he visited, and it was amusing to see the serious manner in which his remarks were made. "I wish you a happy now year Miss So-and-So. "Delightful weather." "Yes, coffee, please." He was rather taken aback at one of the houses where the people were of homœoputhic tendencies, and who hated coffee as if it were poison. Mater-familias frowned, Toukins looked embarrassed, and swallowed a morsel of soda cracker to hide his confusion. A particle caught his breath and if I hadn't punched him in the small of his back his name would have been among the paid policy list of a prominent life insurance company. To crown his misfortune Mater-familias thought Tomeins was drunk and she administered a solemn injunction to her eight year old son, "not to touch a drop of spirits, not even if it was to save ma's life." Young hopeful said "No Ma, I won't," with so much carnestness that I fancied I depicted a shade of disappointment in ma's expression of features. There is nothing like instilling moral principles in children at an early age.

Another acquaintance of mine, philanthropically inclined, Simson by name, conceived an original idea of taking advantage of the generosity of those who invite others "to look upon the wine when it is red." Simson placed half-a-dozen empty wine bottles in his buggy and at every house he called at, where asked to take wine, he produced a bottle and glass funnel and much to the astonishment of the lookers-on would transfer the boverage from the wine glass to the bottle. In this fashion he succeeded in filling three of sherry and three of port. After placing new labels upon the bottles he sent them to the General Hospital "for the benefit of the sick poor." The realt is that two of the patients are in such a critical condition from sult is that two of the patients are in such a critical condition from partaking of this compound mixture that Simson's good intentions may be the means of his compulsory attendance before a Coroner's inquest. His gratification at seeing the acknowledgement in print has been sadly worried.

For the information of the curious I may add that out of a list of

For the information of the curious I may add that out of a fist of thirty "calls" on the 1st January ten people "thought we'd have snow soon," twelve persons "wouldn't be surprised if we had rain," five "thought it exceedingly mild for the time of year," and three hadn't any opinion on the matter, inasmuch as they "didn't know." I am of the opinion that New Year "calling" is a sort of social pilgrimage and a very useful institution for grocers and bootmakers—and who are principally interested in its observance.

The Sad Record of the Mowat Administration.

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B—is for Blundering, his principal forte;
C—is for College, which he built up at Guelph,
D—is for Damask, which he bought for himself; E—is Economy, the Gov'ment's pet game,
F—is the the Fence which illustrates that same;
G—is the Globe which dictates to the Grits,
H—is for Hornocus—the Mail gave him fits;
I—Independence, which Fraskr promotes, Jack-in-Box members who score the Grit votes; K-stands for Knowledge of Treasury fraud, L-is for LAUDER who'll spread it abroad; M—is McCandless who squealed so on Mowat,
N—is Nathanil who on contracts doth "go it;"
O—is for Oliver; the Child-like and Bland,
P—is for Proton, which he "don't understand;" Q-is the Queer goings-on at the "Farm," W—is the queet goings on at the "Parm,"

R—is Redistribution, a scheme fraught with harm;

S—is for "Speak-now"—the facts you know well—

T—"Timber Limits"—another big sell!

U—stands for Ewing, Mrs. Blank's tardy ally,

Y—is for Victory! Conservatives, rally!! W-for Wells who decides always Right, the expense—Cnoons' Budget's a fright!
is for You—vote for Bell, Mart and Platt,
is for Zero—vote the Grits below that!

Extract from Police Magistrate's Catechism.

ADAPTED TO TORONTO REQUIREMENTS.

-What are the duties of a Police Magistrate? A.—First, to adopt that course best calculated to benefit the Government employing him. Then he may expect his salary raised.

-How is he to do this?

A .- License as many taverns as possible, so that the income to Government may be the greater.

-Do not statistics prove that this increases drinking? -Don't care. It don't. I know better. And if it did, more rhiskey makes—greater income to Government. Q.—What is his next greatest duty?

To adopt that course best calculated to keep himself in office. -How is he to do this?

Be impertinent to any one who supports morality, and assist hose whose influence is most exerted in elections, i.e., publicans, oughs, tavern-frequenters, and the like.

Q.—How long will they keep him in? A.—Till the respectable citizens take interest enough in their own

affairs to manage them. Q.—And that will be?

Q.—And that win be . A.—In the millenium.



THE CONTROVERSIAL KITCHEN.

"TOO MANY COOKES SPOIL THE BROTH.".

A Lay of Ancient Rum.

On a January morning, before the hour of nine, The hostile columns, moving up and forming into line, Were seen, with banners waving, and shining spear and lance, While mailed knights and men-at-arms continued to advance; And never since the Punic wars, Cressy and Agincourt, Bunker Hill or Waterloo, or "Deep of Elsinnore," Was such a fight expected when, at the roll of drum, Et. Squestus and his brave men came down to fight for Rum. For if that mighty Fortress were taken by the foe, Full many a goodly henchman would meet sad o'erthrow, And lose that feudal right that he had always held so dear, To bring the stranger to his gate and furnish him good cheer, (And charge him but a pittance for flagons of strong Beer). Yet it had come to pass that in El Squestus' nation rose A turbulent and flery set their just rights to oppose; And so it was that, one and all, the good men of that ilk Had drawn their swords, and waved aloft their streaming flags of silk, To fight these rebel traitors thro' fire and blood and slaughter, And swore an oath they'd sooner die than drink cold sparkling water.

The skirmishers commenced the fight in noble St. John's Ward Twas then they met the formen first with faces grim and scared; Who, under cover of the night had there advanced unseen, Where "Number Four boys" in old times had "kept der old machine."

For if their water had run short, or if their hose would "bust," They there could get a new supply to "bust the bummer's crust;"
Their batteries then they opened as if with one (M)accord,
The bummer's line was driven back as far as St. James' Ward.
For the the men of El Squestus would even face Greek fire,
The thoughts of so would water was a ward buffer of the face. The thoughts of so much water was more than funeral pyre; The thoughts of so much water was more than funeral pyre;
When then came up brave Baquer, so famed in warlike song,
Having aloft his "Deni John" with bummers fifty strong,
He shouted "Now keep alsy, boys, I'll soon the rebels flank!"
And then marched round both front and rear, inspecting well each rank

He now felt of each cartouche box to see that each brave boy Was well supplied with "anunish"—at least ten rounds of "rye;" He gave the word "Quick march!" said he "We now can with them

I'll see if my L'Enfants perden can't beat a "Band of Hope."
They marched through College Avenue upon the evening's rear,
And, fixing bayonets, charged their flank, which scattered far and

near.

EL Squestus then advancing, kept followin;, up the route,
While his followers raised his war cry, "Let's see who'll put me out?"
They drove the enemy clean back, and passed through Cabbagetown,
And then our General waved his sword and said with onerous frown,
"Let those who would our cause assail, forever hence keep mum,
And never try to beat Old Ryc, or get away with Rum!"

Cronks and Pecks.

QUESTION of the Hour-" What o'clock is't ?"

New name for the Old Lady of the Lane (to be used on Polling days,-Mis (s) Leader.

MRS. PARTINGTON sent a telegram to SQUARETOES the other day, congratulating him on having defeated Mr. McCond in the struggle for the MAYORALTY of Toronto.

Grip recently engaged a gentleman at a large salary, who gave references from several members of the Local Legislature and stated that he was in a position to obtain the earliest news of secret movements in the political world. The following is the result of his first week's labour. We are not quite sure if all his statements are strictly in accordance with fact, but do not think he would willingly deceive us. Here they are :-

Under the new management of the Model Farm, the watch-tower at the head of the stairs is to be used for storing the enormous crop of turnips raised there in the past season.

Mr. Wallace, M.P. for South Norfolk and Mr. Radford of Ottawa are about to enter on a course of book-keeping at a Commercial College. The editors of two leading Ottawa journals are also about to join the same class. Mr. Radford has been endeavouring to teach himself the art for two years, but he says he can't see the difference between debtor and creditor.

Ir is said that the articles in the National condemning the Reciprocity Treaty proceed from the pen of the Hon. George Brown. The honourable also contributes an essay on "Retractation" in a recent

Mr. McKellar is about to enter holy orders with a view to qualifying himself for the Rectorship of the Model Farm.

Mr. MEDCALF is certain of re-election as Mayor of Toronto. He expects the entire support of the temperance party, and that his generally energetic conduct and brilliant talents have gained him a number of supporters.

One hundred and forty-nine new newspapers will be started with the coming year, over two-thirds of which are to be published in

THE Minister of Justice recently took the chair at the meeting of a Good Templar's Lodge, with the ex-Premier of the Dominion in the position of Vice. It was dene on the recommendation of Mr. E. B. Wood.

Political Thoughts for an Emigrant

Canada First! Canada First! In Canada's politics I'm not much versed, But the Grits and Tories seem a queer lot, And the country I fancy is going to pot. I read each day in the Globe and Mail, The doleful story and sorrowful tale That both MACKENZIE and Sir John A. Are in iniquity growing grey, And all their followers, great and small Are proving the country's sure downfall: It's hard to tell just which is the worst, So I'm going in for "Canada First!"

Divinity Reform.

EACH Sunday morning as it comes, good GRIP his church doth seek, And this explains why he is such a good bird all the week; And would not comic pictures draw, nor funny stories tell, Like wicked citizens—who'll go—a road he won't foretell.

He holds commission to reform the learned professions three, And he respects the cloth, and so takes first Divinity; Whose preachers preach theology a deal more than they should, And try to make men wise when they should try to make them good.

Grap doth propose that every church in every future year Shall statement make what good it's done, and prove the statement clear:

And those who by their works have proved their faith the most pro-

Shall have best right to say what points of doctrine are most sound.

And Reverends Right and Wrong shall make to Grap obeisance low, And say that he has taught how to make true religion grow; And then they'll make him BISHOP GRIP—unless, to give him scope. (As he's no doubt infallible) perhaps they'll make him POPE.

What we'd Like to See.

The baby that isn't the image of its pa.

The cabbic who has never asked more than his legal fare.

The License Inspector who has ever done his duty.

The female victim of lock-jaw.

The "gentleman immigrant" who doesn't "expect a remittance" when his board bill becomes due.

The newspaper subscriber who pays up promptly, without asking. The Government clerk who doesn't think he is overworked. The woman who when told that Miss Smrn had eloped, "didn't

know how it would turn out."

The man who, when a joke is submitted for approval, does'nt think "he's heard it before."

The Parliamentary candidate who admits that he was ever influ-

enced by any other motive than the good of his country.

Mr. MEDCALF's authority for sending partizan political telegrams to his personal friends in his capacity as Mayor of Toronto.

Catarrh.

A draft-a breeze-A breath—a wheeze-A chill—a choke—a larynx in a flaine— A hawk—a lump of phlegm—
A thorax-tearing "Hem!"
A freeze—a flush—a fever in the frame—
A sniff—a handkerchief—a nose aflame— A wretched mortal feeling very blue-A face aftre—aphonia—a blow!
A gasp—again: a start, a straiu, **А-тспее-чоо!**

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