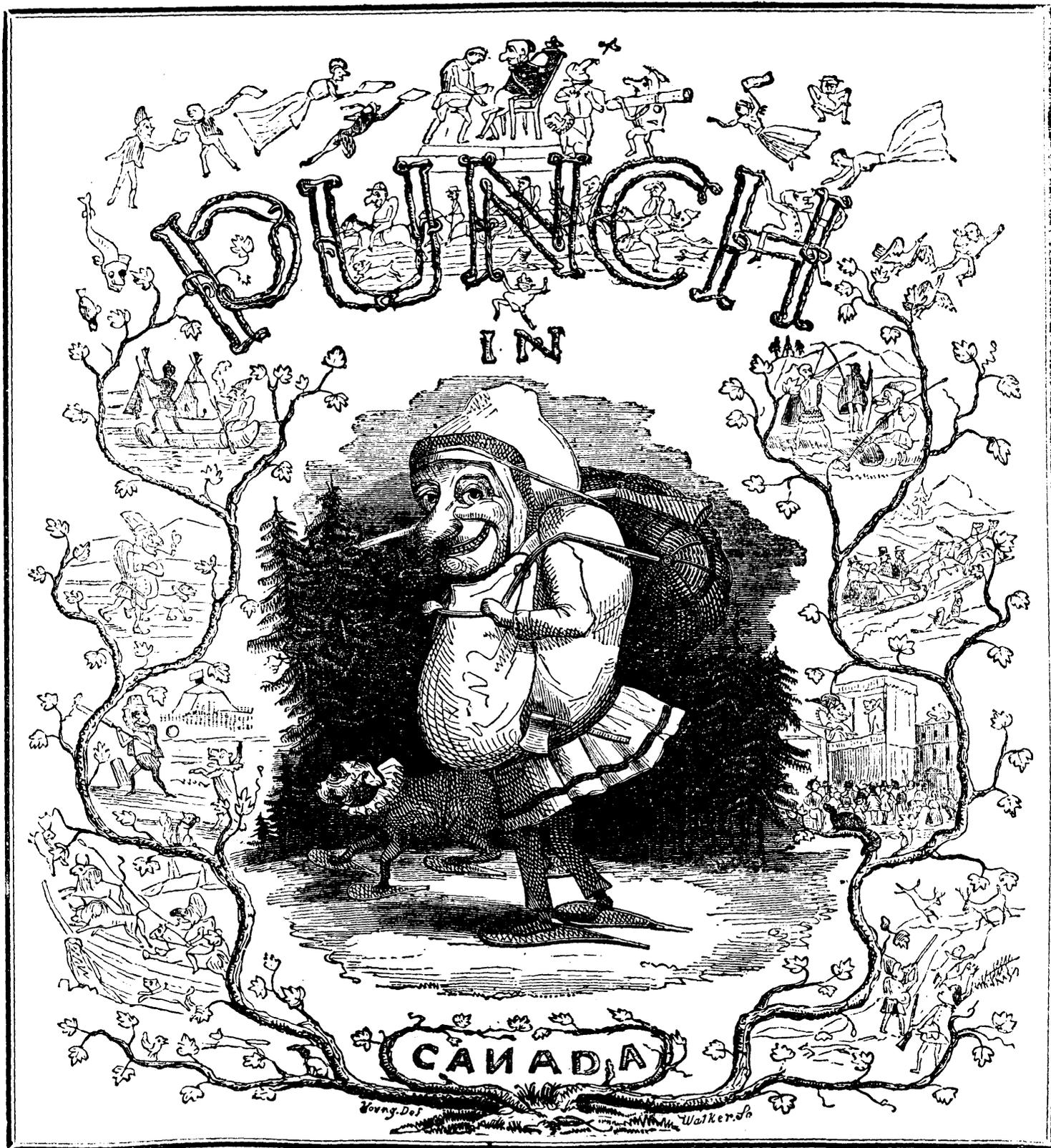


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DR. FREEMAN, whose wonderful experiments in the above science, electrified his audience on Thursday last, will repeat his Lecture at the Royal Lyceum on MONDAY NEXT, the 8th instant, when his experiments will be more astounding than ever.

PUNCH'S ADVERTISING PAGE.

TORONTO, SIMCOE AND HURON RAILROAD UNION COMPANY.

UNION OF INTERESTS.

Capital—\$2,000,000.

An extensive Canadian Railroad Union Triage,
Founded upon the principle of the Art Unions of England, specially authorised by an Act of the Provincial Parliament, 12th Victoria, Chapter 199, and sanctioned by the Royal Assent of Her Majesty in Privy Council, July 30th, 1849.

Containing \$2,000,000 in Stock,

in various allotments of

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The proceeds to be applied to construct a Railroad from Toronto to Lake Huron, touching at Holland Landing and Barrie. To be Publicly Drawn at the City Hall, Toronto, under the superintendence of Directors specially authorised by the Act of Incorporation, consisting of the following Gentlemen, viz:—

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F. C. CAPREOL, Manager,
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50 allotments of 2,000 in Stock.....	100,000
100 allotments of 1,000 in Stock.....	100,000
250 allotments of 500 in Stock.....	125,000
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Jan. 25, 1850.

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Omnibuses always in attendance on the arrival of the Boats.

N. B.—Punch is an authority on Gastronomy. For further particulars apply at his Office.

FALL GOODS FALLEN!

THAT goods manufactured expressly for a fall, should tumble is not to be wondered at! but that they should be up and down at the same instant of time may appear strange! But "truth is stranger than fiction," and MOSS and BROTHERS,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Clothing, &c.,
180 St. Paul Street,

Assert that their Fall Goods are up in quality and down in price. But all the ups and downs are not so advantageous to the PUBLIC OF MONTREAL! as the before mentioned ups and downs of MOSS.

THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT is gone up, and Montreal is down (in the north.) Rigid economy will soon purse up the mouth of Montreal with smiles, and by purchasing their Winter Clothing at

MOSS'S FAR-FAMED MART,

the careful man will best practice that best of all virtues, and repair the "RUIN AND DECAY" so piteously spoken of in the GREAT ANNEXATION MANIFESTO. A saving of 10 per cent. is granted to all WHOLESALE and RETAIL customers of Moss and Brothers, whose Stock is the largest ever offered for sale in any corner in the City. In the Retail Department will be found every article of Fall and Winter Clothing. In the Wholesale all descriptions of Clothing, Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, Furs, &c. &c. and a complete assortment of Buttons and Trimmings. Clothes made to order, under the superintendence of a first-rate Cutter.

MOSS & BROTHERS, 180 St. Paul St.

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A TABLE D'HOTE every day from one to two o'clock. Private Dinner Parties supplied with all the delicacies of the season. Orders for Luncheons, Suppers, &c., attended to on the shortest possible notice.

JAMES ELWOOD.

P. S. Gentlemen wishing to Mess together, can have dinner at any hour they may desire.

BOSTON BOOK STORE,

AND

GENERAL PERIODICAL AGENCY.

THE Subscriber respectfully intimates to the inhabitants of Toronto, that he has opened a branch of the above establishment at No. 6, WELLINGTON BUILDINGS, KING STREET, for the sale of Cheap Literature. Having made arrangements with the principal Publishing Houses in the United States, he is enabled to sell all Books, Periodicals, &c. at Publishers' prices. The New York, Boston and Philadelphia Weekly Papers received, and single Nos. for sale. Catalogues ready in a few days, and will be delivered gratis on application at the store.

B. COSGROVE.

Toronto, Dec. 24, 1849.

BONUS

TO SUBSCRIBERS TO THE

Toronto Patriot.

THE Proprietor of the *Patriot* having made arrangements to purchase a number of copies of PUNCH IN CANADA.

Will be prepared to supply them to all Subscribers to the *Toronto Patriot* paying in advance, at a subscription of Six Dollars per annum for the two publications.

The Weekly Patriot

Is published for 10s. per annum, or 7s. 6d. each in advance. It is by far the largest and cheapest newspaper published in Canada.

ROWSSELL & THOMPSON,

Printers and Publishers.

Toronto, Dec. 21, 1849.

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PROFESSOR AND TEACHER OF

DANCING & CALISTHENICS,

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For further particulars, apply to Mrs. CHARLES HILL, at her Academy, during the hours of tuition on Monday and Wednesday; or at her residence, late the Savings Bank, Duke Street.

Schools and Private Families attended.

Toronto, Nov. 25, 1849.

PUNCH IN CANADA

Having been daily increasing in strength, will henceforth be a WEEKLY PUBLICATION.

TERMS, CASH.

Subscription for the year ending 1st January, 1850, entitling the Subscriber to the back numbers..7s. 6d. Subscription for one year, from date of payment 15s. 0d. Subscriptions for any portion of a year will be received.

DISTINGUISHED ADVICE.—Punch advises his country cousins to send their subscriptions to his Office in Toronto, or to John McCoy's, Montreal, or to the Booksellers in their neighbourhood, as on and after the 1st January, 1850, the price to non-subscribers, away from the Metropolis, will be increased one half-penny to pay for the postage.—BOOKSELLERS "when found make a note of."

Punch informs every body that Mr. J. McCoy of Montreal, has the entire wholesale agency for Lower Canada.

Toronto, Jan. 1, 1850.

JOHN SALT,

HATTER AND FURRIER,

HAVING removed into the spacious premises lately occupied by Bayce, McMurich & Co., has now on hand a most superb Stock of FURS of all kinds.

CALL AND SEE.

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January 10, 1850.

ATHENÆUM BUILDINGS, 57 KING ST. WEST, TORONTO.

THE ATHENÆUM NEWS ROOM, IS NOW OPEN,

WHERE a choice selection of English, American and Colonial Newspapers and Periodicals, are regularly received.

Subscription, 12s. 6d. per Annum.

Toronto, March 7, 1850.

PUNCH'S CORRESPONDENCE.

During the past week, on account of his non-appearance last Saturday, Punch has received so many letters from distinguished individuals, that the vanity of his human nature—or wooden nature, which is often the same thing—will not allow him to keep his correspondents' communications so "private and confidential" as they might desire. Punch himself, allows very little importance to conventional rank: but then, unhappily for the world, every man is not Punch—every man has not his philosophy—his proud stoicism—his beautiful contempt of empty titles, frequently associated with empty heads—his great power, that strips humanity to its mere moral nakedness, and calls it beautiful or ugly as it then appears. Punch, therefore, will not illumine his clay with Lord Elgin's letter, but enshrine it in everlasting type.

LORD ELGIN TO PUNCH.

Elmsley Hut, April 1, 1850.

MR. PUNCH,—If I have sustained, with more than my wonted dignified neutrality, the various attacks that have been directed at me by the "clear grit" demagogues and the evil-minded men of the "League;" it is to you that I feel myself bound to attribute this unusual firmness. Yes, Mr. Punch, during my egg-compelled seclusion at Monklands, and my (on sufferance) residence at Elmsley Hut, I have read you—studied you—worn your pages next my heart, as naughty men, resolved upon penance, walk with peas, unbowed peas in their shoes—wear iron chains and hedge-hog shirts. To my friend Henry Sherwood, I am indebted for my first introduction to Punch. It was he who forwarded me the first number of your magnanimous publication. He, it may be recollected, once called me "an obscure Lord." I am now, I feel it, known in every log cabin in Canada; my "vera effigies" are hung up by grandams to frighten naughty children, and this I owe to—Punch.

You are aware, my dear Punch, that since my benevolent relation Earl Grey provided for me by the bestowal of the vice-regality of the United Provinces of Canada, I have received £7000 sterling each year from the pockets and affections of the benighted people of this highly favoured land. You also know, that within a few months a most dastardly association, called the "British League," and a ferocious pack of curs, called "Clear Grits," have been haranguing the people with a view to deprive me of this, my hard-earned and carefully saved income. Within a few months, yes the time was chosen after I had assented to that highly moral act of legislation, called the "Rebellion losses bill;" when I was secluded at Monklands, after delivery from the stones of the street of Sherbrooke, the infuriated yells of Montreal rioters, the perils of eggs and other fetid missiles, with which in the disgraced City of Eggs I was greeted, after all this, I am attacked under the name of retrenchment by Malcolm Cameron—that Jack Sheppard to my peace, and that of my responsible advisers, and am called on to "stand and deliver." Well, they have said their worst, but can they do it. My advisers tell me they have an overwhelming majority; but have they, my dear Punch—I fear not—fear their odour and mine is but unsavoury in the nostrils of the country: but you have advised me frequently, and I will take your advice; yes, Punch, the country shall be convinced of my gubernatorial magnanimity.

I will give up—of my own will give up—and pray put these lines in large and striking letters.

LORD ELGIN WILL RETIRE FROM CANADA, AND REFUND ALL THE MONEY HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE; TOWARDS MAKING UP THE REBELLION FUND, AS A MARK OF CONTRITION FOR HIS SHARE IN LENDING HIS INFLUENCE TO THE PASSING OF WHAT HE NOW IS SENSIBLE WAS AN IMPOLITIC, EXTRAVAGANT AND INFAMOUS MEASURE.

Yes, Mr. Punch, I have taken counsel with myself—instructed, let me add, by the mildness and benevolence of your philosophy—and henceforth refuse to touch one penny coined from the blood of the people of Canada; I am no longer a leech on the body politic, but—

The People's best Friend,

ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

Of course, Punch instantly forwarded Lord Elgin's letter to the Hon. Robert Baldwin, who as yet, however, has wanted the courtesy to acknowledge the communication; neither has an extra *Gazette* been published to announce to the country this cheering news. But we have little doubt, however, the communication is delayed—when it is made, it will command, as it deserves, the most profound gratitude; and we doubt not that in our next we shall be able to furnish the programme of the ceremony which will solemnize the departure of Lord Elgin from the shores of Canada. He will take away its blessings in the exact proportion that he leaves its money.

The next correspondent is George Brown Esquire, of the *Globe*.

GEORGE BROWN, ESQUIRE, TO PUNCH.

George Brown, Esquire, presents compliments to Punch, and as he has received the enclosed, requests that Punch will favour him by inserting it, with George Brown Esquire's, answer in his columns.

Y. Z. TO GEORGE BROWN, ESQUIRE.

GEORGE BROWN, ESQUIRE,—The late sad and disgraceful affair (as it is miscalled) of a cabinet minister been found lying in the gutter, should not be lost sight of by you, who are the castigator general of all the acts of ministers, and to whom the people of Canada look for instruction in all things.

Your obedient Servant,
Y. Z.

GEORGE BROWN, ESQUIRE'S, REPLY TO Y. Z.

George Brown, Esquire, presents compliments to Y. Z., and does not see how he can reprove any one for lying either in the gutter or elsewhere, he himself dignifying the practice of lying anywhere and anyhow, as it may suit his convenience. At the same time he wishes to be understood, that he only lies for the good of the people, (who, as you truly observe, look to him in all things,) on the principle that the end justifies the means.

The last epistle Punch will publish is from the Editor of the *Church*:

THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TO PUNCH.

MR. PUNCH,—In the columns of *The Church* of April 4th, you will observe I deservedly administer a castigation to the *Canada Christian Advocate*, on the profanity and irreverence of his description of what he calls a "revival." The passage runs thus:

"We arose from praying, to give chance to speak. One arose,—spoke; another arose,—when, lo! a sound like to the rushing of a mighty wind filled the place—every believing heart praised God; the unconverted feeling the weight thereof, *without delay ran* for the door as fast as they could *run!*"

You will observe, I say, I "dislike commenting on such profanity;" and I also quote other words of a "deluded revivalist," which I truly say, I "feel a repugnance to write." These are:

"He had seen Jesus Christ—held him by the hand—and jumped with Him as high as the stool, from which the Spirit lifted him!"

I think you might approach this subject in a proper spirit, and give their just meed of praise to Churchmen who, as I observe in the article alluded to, are placed—

"Amid the shady pastures and cooling streams of the Church; safe from the influence of the distracting profanities which, ever and anon, sweep like raging whirlwinds through the ranks of the dissenting bodies."

I remain, Mr. Punch,
Yours, obediently,
THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH.

In every word, every line written by the Editor of *The Church* in the article alluded to in the above letter, Punch cordially agrees. But he cannot blind himself to the fact that profanity is not confined to the columns of the *Canada Christian Advocate*. Punch with sorrow refers the Editor of *The Church* to his own advertising columns where, in an advertisement for subscriptions to the Church University will be found these words: "a better investment for time and ETERNITY it is impossible to conceive."



THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION.

FOND FEMALE *loquitor*: Will you go home, dearest, and give up that blessed £7000 sterling a year?

THE LEAGUE PETITION.

Oh, to Canada give back Protection,
And put down the Free-trading crew;
Or we in the deepest dejection,
Must live as plain people should do:
We must sell off our piano-fortes,
Our daughters must dairy and bake—
Berlin wool work be left to fine ladies—
Crotchet nick-nacks they only must make.

No longer on sofas reclining,
They 'll show off their beauty and grace;
Nor with velvets and satins so shining,
Exhibit their feathers and lace:
But like the good mothers that bore 'em,
Tend the cows and the sheep and the hogs;
Nor violate sense and decorum,
With pet polkas—pet parrots—pet dogs.

Our sons, too, they needs must knock under—
Give up waggons, and trotters, and game;
Parsons, doctors and lawyers—no longer
We 'll see 'em, but farmers again.
The hospital, court-house, and church too,
Were filled with our sons up till now;
Shall we no more these honours attain to?—
Ere we yield them we 'll "kick up a row."

If Free-Traders should still keep in power,
And we get no "protection" on corn,
Food and raiment will daily get lower,
And we of all men most forlorn:
Each poor man will soon be a sneerer,
When we tell him "'Twill help him in need,
To make bread, meat and raiment all dearer,"—
And it seems contradiction indeed!

Help us quick, or the bubble will soon burst—
Our speeches be deemed an old song;
We have been so long petted and dry-nurst,
That we really can *not* run alone.
And the masses, no longer deluded
By our raising the labourer's cry,
We fear, have now nearly concluded
"Protection" to be "all my eye."

THE PEOPLE'S BOOK OF GAMES.

TRAP, BAT AND BALL.

TRAP.

The speech of a member before he's elected.

BAT.

The vote that is given 'gainst him that's rejected.

BA(W)LL.

The constituents' cry when their wants are neglected.

CRICKET.

A game ministerial.
Those boast the best winnings,
Of "current" material,
Who keep longest innings.

LEAP FROG.

A game patriotic:
This is the knack—
The ministers *orer*
And we *give the back*.

* SCOTCH HOP.

'Tis the very worst hop
That ever was known
For a Scotchman to take
To the land called his own.

* Contributed by Lord Elgin.

March 11, 1850.

DEAR PUNCH,—The *Colonist* of the 1st instant speaks of some one's lamentation, "that for want of a Canadian poet, the beauty of the fair daughters of Canada remains yet unsung." That the unknown may "weep no more," I send you the following song, to show him—that is, the weeper—how a Corydon of our district lauds his nymph. I must premise that our sonneteer—who, you will perceive, knows the points of a horse—had in his possession the beautiful thorough-bred racer alluded to, called "Ben-Mary," and that he was as passionately fond of a *fair race* as of *the fair race*. He happened one day to tumble down overcome with—heat, when this morceau fell from his bosom.

Ever yours,

PETER PRIG.

TO MARY.

You are so lovely when, Mary,
You gaze upon your Ned!—
Much more indeed than Ben-Mary,
Although he 's thorough-bred.
Your feet are small and good, Mary,
And close the turf they go;
And that 's a sign of blood, Mary,
Each thorough-bred will show.

Your Arab head, with muzzle small—
Your neck well set and fine;
Your lengthen'd shoulders sloping fall—
Your quarters are divine!
Your legs are clean, and short from knee,
Your hind legs are well bent—
No, not hind legs—I mean they're free
From spavin and from splent.

You're beautiful and light, Mary,
In form and action too;
Your eyes are clear and bright, Mary,—
They seem to look me through.
It is my joy to own, Mary,
The sweetest girl and horse,
That ever have been known, Mary,
To triumph on a course.

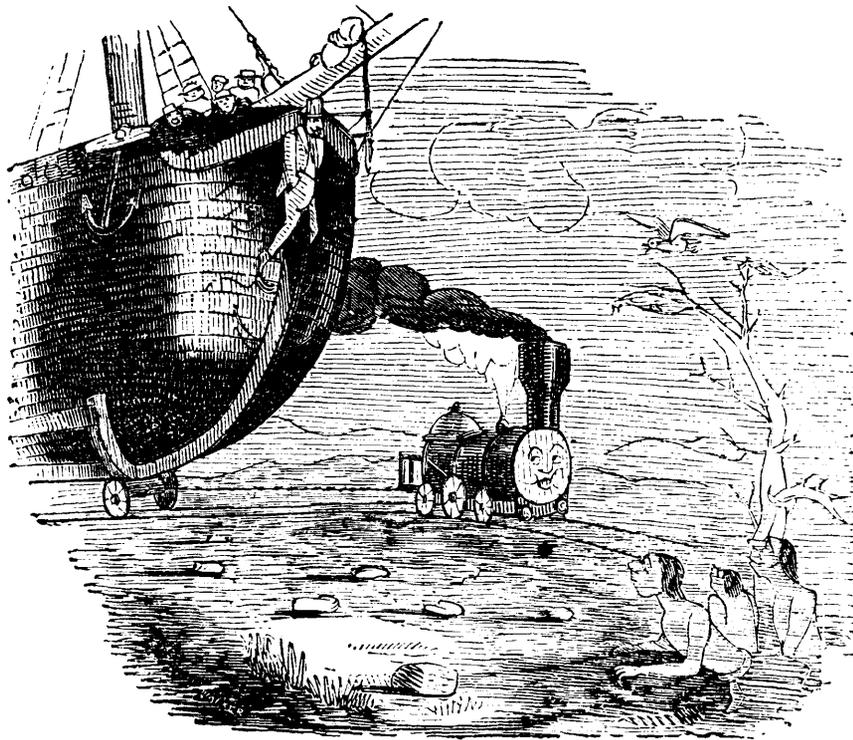
I'll match ye both indeed, Mary,
Through all the Western sphere,
'Gainst any girl or steed, Mary,
That ever might appear:
Nor would I either swap, Mary,
I solemnly repeat,
Could ev'ry star but drop, Mary,
A jewel at my feet!

PROLUSIONS PNEUMATICÆ.

The air presses on us with a weight of fifteen pounds per square inch: when this pressure is exerted on all sides it is not perceptible, therein resembling the pressure of business in the Toronto Post-office; but when a vacuum is formed, as in the pocket, the external pressure renders it very difficult to raise the wind. It is almost impossible to form a perfect vacuum, the nearest approach to it being the cranium of Lord Elgin.

Air is necessary to animal life, as nothing can live in an exhausted receiver. A cat, which is believed to have nine lives, was unfortunately shut up last week in the Treasury of the Provincial Government and in five minutes life was extinct. The currents of the blood depend on a good supply of wind, and therefore the *Globe* uses puffing to promote circulation. If a guinea and feather be permitted to fall in an exhausted receiver, they both descend with equal rapidity. This has been erroneously explained; the true reason is, at the end of the experiment the guinea is *down*, as well as the feather.

On the subject of sound there are many opinions which we shall endeavour to reconcile; for instance, some persons think the arguments in favour of Protection are *mere sound*, others say they are *not sound* at all, and yet both are right; a distinction without a difference.



CARRYING SHIPS ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA.

"A civil engineer of New York, of the name of Wilkins, has brought forward a project, which he claims to have originated, for carrying ships overland by railroad, with their cargoes, to the weight of 1100 tons"—*Daily Express, March 28.*

Our artist has given immortality to Wilkins and his plan in the above sketch of an astonished ship and a frantic engine making their first trip over the bewildered Isthmus. Wilkins is evidently a man whose vast mind is capable of constructing a wooden nutmeg or a lunar aerial locomotive. His full length

statue forms the figure head of the vessel, which of course is named the "Go-a-head." It is understood that he is descended from Mr. Peter Wilkins, and his daring flights of engineering are supposed to have been transmitted to him from his maternal parent, who was one of the flying women celebrated in the veracious chronicles of his illustrious ancestor. As will be seen by an attentive study of the above wood cut, the realization of this short-cut-to-California project has "astonished the natives."

TEMPERANCE SONG.

BY MALCOLM CAMERON, ESQUIRE.

FRIEND OF MY SOUL, THIS WATER SIP.

Air: "Friend of my soul."

Friend of my soul, this water sip,
Its strength you need not fear;
'Tis not so luscious as egg-flip,
Nor half so strong as beer.
Like the Hyæna, when he writes,
It cannot touch the mind;
Unlike what he indites,
No nausea leaves behind.

QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION.

Punch suggests as a prolific theme for discussion, by all the political twaddlers, whether during the next session of Parliament Peter Perry and Malcolm Cameron will abuse the administration more than the administration will abuse Malcolm Cameron and Peter Perry.

GREAT SIMILARITY AMOUNTING TO IDENTITY.

The articles in the *Globe*, defending the administration, are very like muskets, for they all end with a heavy "but."

WORTHY OF IMITATION.

We perceive by the Montreal papers, that a number of highly respectable and charitable persons have established a Dispensary, for the sole purpose of affording employment to several indigent physicians.

This institution is founded on the most catholic spirit of Christianity (*Jews being carefully excluded*), without reference to sectarian bias. We are happy to observe that the Clergy of all denominations, however various their opinions on mere doctrinal points, are unanimous in the belief, that the only means of keeping the attending physicians from falling into the snares of the arch-fiend in the manner pointed out so beautifully by the venerable Watts, is to keep them constantly occupied.

This is the true Balm of Gilead for our provincial distress; and were the same steps taken to procure employment for our lawyers, we should no longer hear the cry of "ruin and decay," and the hydra-head of Annexation would be as quickly done for as the "bone and sinew" of our population who may apply to the above Dispensary, will assuredly be disposed of. Such institutions as the above are the only means to terminate the distresses of our labouring population.

PATENT GRANTED.—The Honorable Francis Hincks for the best manner of making a Government unpopular.