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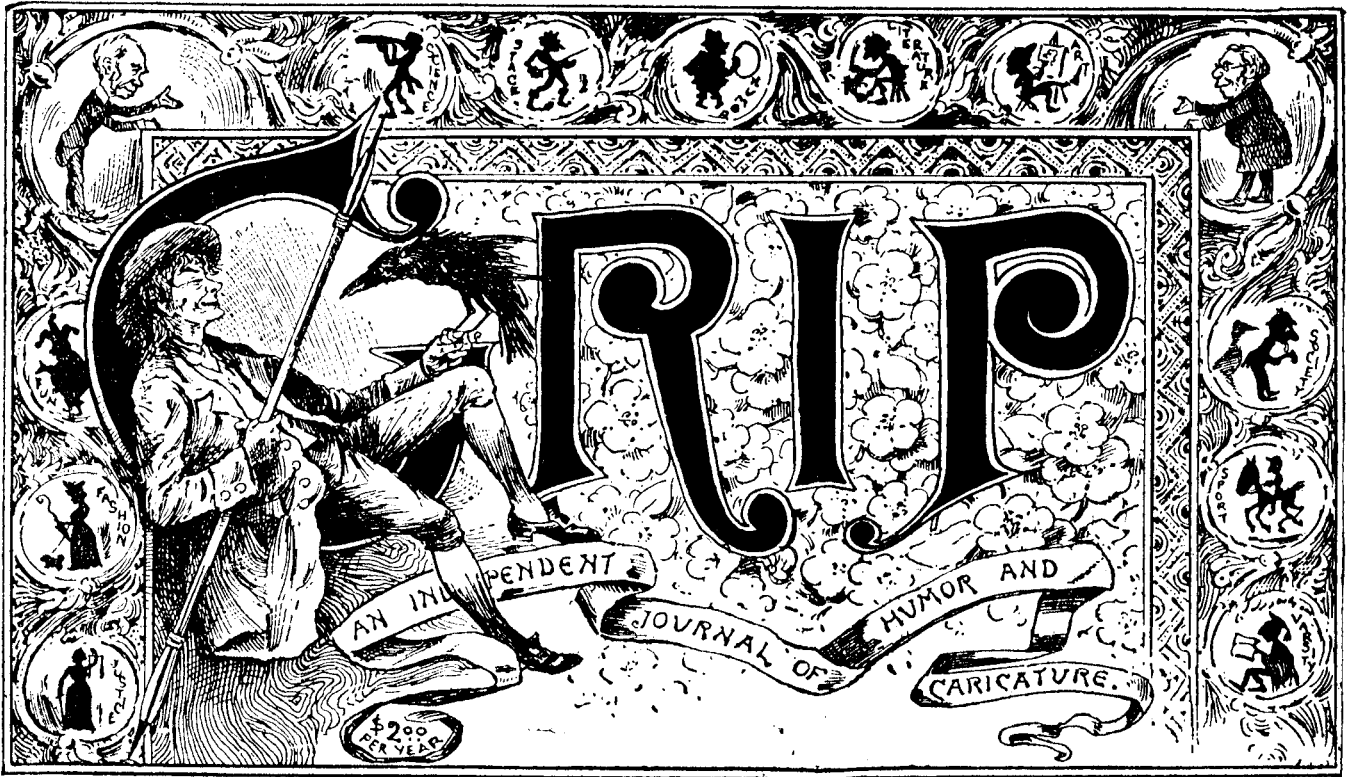
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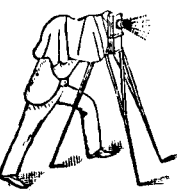
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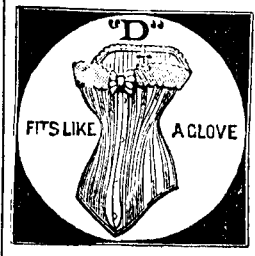


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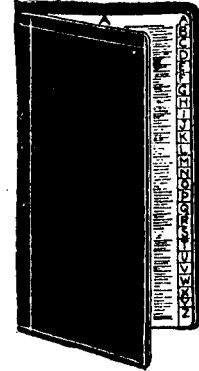
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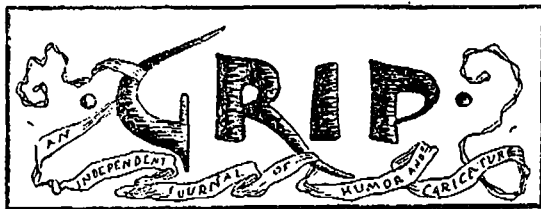
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GIRDING ON HIS ARMOR.

DOUGHTY OLIVER—"What's this? Annexation rampant in Montreal! By my troth I must furbish up my accoutrements to smite them hip and thigh. There are loyal hearts yet by the thousand eager to be led against these rebels to victory—or a Government subsidy."



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TORONTO, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1892.



VERY one who says a word against Premier Thompson's appointment on the ground of his reactionary opinions, is of course denounced as a narrow-minded bigot and fanatic by the Tory and Ultramontane press. We have been deluged lately with repetitions of the platitude that a man's religion has nothing to do with his fitness for public office—as

though in these days any number of people worth considering held the opposite view. We repeat again that it is not Mr Thompson's religion that is objectionable—it is the general style and temperament of the man—his mediaeval habit of thought—his stolid, cold-blooded selfishness—his imperviousness to all progressive, humanitarian, twentieth-century ideas. The man is a typical *bourgeois*—smug, self-satisfied, ostentatiously respectable, hypocritically devout, and with a heart as hard as the nether millstone. He has no sort of sympathy with the masses of the people, or any idea that any other remedies than repression and vindictive penalties are needed for social injustice. It is for these reasons, not because of his Catholicism, that GRIP dislikes Premier Thompson.

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THOSE who are influenced by religious considerations in the matter are the Catholic supporters rather than the antagonists of the Government. Because the new Premier happens to be a Romanist, every journalist of that faith in the country is rushing to his support, regardless of every other consideration—of the qualifications of the man or the effect of his appointment on our public life. The fact that he owes allegiance to the hierarchy is quite enough to secure him the support of every Catholic in the country not prominently identified with Criticism. It is by no means an exceptional case, as any one of ordinary observation must be well aware. Let a politician be ever so objectionable either person-

ally or politically, provided he is a faithful son of the Church, he will always find champions in the Ultramontane press ready to accuse all assailing him of bigotry and fanaticism. We tell the Catholics plainly that this spirit of clannishness will not tend to increase the belief of other citizens in the desirability of affording them a controlling influence in public affairs.

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JAY GOULD has passed over to the majority. His death excites less regret, if not more positive rejoicing, among the general public than would the taking off of any other person of equal celebrity. For something like a generation his name has been the synonym for conscienceless greed and acquisitiveness at the expense of the community. Of Gould and those who have enriched themselves in similar fashion, it may be said with especial significance that "the evil that they do lives after them," surviving in the form of their accumulated millions, which, instead of being a blessing to the world, become the instruments of further extortion and oppression. Men die, but corporations, unfortunately, live on. The death of a Gould, a Vanderbilt, or a Carnegie, practically makes no more difference to the despoiled and disinherited masses than does the succession of one despot to the throne of another, to the people of Russia or Turkey.

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IT is difficult to find anything good to say of the departed magnate, but it is only doing justice to remember that whatever he was, he became by consent of the majority of the American people. So long as men having political power in their hands consent to be slaves, the blame for unjust and oppressive conditions rests upon themselves rather than on those who shrewdly take advantage of their cowardice and apathy.

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THE *Mail*, since it ceased to be a party organ, is undoubtedly the fairest-minded, most independent and progressive of our daily newspapers. It is the only one to which we can look for impartial and unbiased reports of political meetings and editorial comments on public occurrences, free from party or sectional prejudice. It retains one feature, however, which is singularly out of harmony with its general tone. We refer to the "Flaneur's" department in its otherwise excellent Saturday issue, the editor of which is a supercilious English Tory of the most narrow-minded and virulent type. For some inscrutable reason, this fellow has been permitted to air his ignorance and self-conceit by attacking promiscuously everything and everybody outside of the limits of the political, social and theological orthodoxy of fifty years ago. In last Saturday's issue he blackguards the ministers who have lately been preaching against the theatre and gambling, in a fashion that outrages all decency. It is not necessary to agree with the views of Rev. Drs. Starr and Galbraith in order to condemn "Flaneur's" course and malignant diatribe. But of course a person of his stamp does not regard "dissenters" as entitled to ordinary courtesy or even fair play.

THE Single Tax movement has advanced with rapid strides, as is evidenced by the support received by the proposal to change the law so as to allow municipalities the power to re-adjust local taxation and shift the burden upon the land. Aldermen who refuse the people the right to pronounce upon the question ought to be retired to private life at the earliest opportunity.

THAT "IMPROMPTU" LATIN SPEECH.

GOV. STANLEY—"The deuce you say! One of the Upper Canada College boys going to address me in Latin, and I'm expected to reply to it! By Jove! that's too much. Addresses in Canadian English are bad enough, but Latin—"

AIDE-DE-CAMP—"Well, your Excellency, I suppose I can get a translation of it in advance, so that you can catch on—beg pardon, m' lord, I mean you will be able to follow the address."

GOV. STANLEY—"Ah, but my dear fellah, the worst of it is they'll expect me to reply in Latin. Never do, don't you know, to be beaten by a schoolboy, especially as the stunkey press of this country have made me out a sort of Admirable Crichton."

AIDE-DE-CAMP—"Then what do you mean to do, me lord? Shall I say you'd rather dispense with the Latin address and let the youth frame his remarks in his native Canadian dialect?"

GOV. STANLEY—"No, that won't do. Could be managed nicely in England, but in this country the newspapers get hold of everything. Why, if we did that, we should have the boy running to an editor and telling how he stumped the Governor."



EASILY PREVENTED.

ISAACS—"Let me sell you dat flannel shirt. It will lasht you forever."

HAYSRED—"But it will shrink when it is washed."

ISAACS—"Vell, don't you vash it, den."

AIDE-DE-CAMP—"Then you mean to reply in Latin, me lord?"

GOV. STANLEY—"Practically I see no other course. If I can manage it successfully it'll please the Canadians and give the loyalists an answer to the malcontents who are always complaining about my salary. Think of it! A paltry ten thousand pounds a year seems a fortune to some people in this beggarly country! However, some of them have got the idea that I'm a man of vast scholarship and erudition."

AIDE-DE-CAMP—"And you want to live up to it."

GOV. STANLEY—"Just so. But 'pon my soul, I don't believe I've opened a Latin book for thirty years. However, just get me the English of this confounded address, will you? I suppose I can put together a sentence or two, and then work in a few quotations from Horace and Virgil. Deuced bore to have to remember the thing."

AIDE-DE-CAMP—"Perhaps I'd better get one of the professors to give you a little assistance."

GOV. STANLEY—"Ah, do like a good fellah. I'll pull through an impromptu Latin speech with a little help."

AIDE-DE-CAMP—"In other words, you'll let him-prompt you!"

GOV. STANLEY—"Eh?"

AIDE-DE-CAMP—"Beg pardon—nothing, my lord. I'll attend to the matter at once."



MAL APROPOS.

MORELLA—"What is Miss Frostique looking so mad about?"

BEEWAX—"Old Sillipate tried to compliment her by remarking that her age rests very lightly on her."



ALL THE SAME.

"I ASKED him to give me lemonade with a stick in it, and he gave me lemonade and wine."

"Well, that was all right. The wine is made of logwood."

LIKELY TO KEEP DARK.

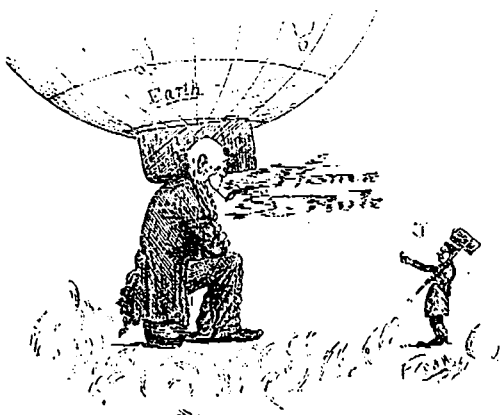
BUDGER—"They say that Frank Smith is a dark horse for the mayoralty election."

FLIPJACK—"Well, he will get thoroughly curried down."

SHAKESPEARE IMPROVED.

BORAX—"Dr. Galbraith must be crazy, to go on about the theatre the way he does."

SMILAX—"Well, perhaps; but, as Shakespeare says, there's Methodism in his madness."



THINKS HE CAN DO IT.

BLAKE—"Come down wid yez, Atlas! I'll hould her up a spell."

NOT TRUE TO LIFE.

BEE SWAX—"I don't know that the theatre is absolutely immoral, but I think it tends to give the young mistaken impressions of life."

PEAVICK—"Yes. That's what struck me in seeing Mrs. Potter in her celebrated disrobing act. I don't think that ladies as a rule wear their slumber-robcs beneath their ordinary costume."

MOWAT'S LATEST RECRUIT.

OLD Oliver Mowat, to strengthen his party, When he lost Elgin Myers gained Dalton McCarthy. But when next Provincial election comes round, Who can tell where McCarthy will likely be found? By turns Equal Righter, straight Tory and Grit, He changes his coat with each whimsical fit. As in catching a flea, when with infinite care You've entrapped him securely, behold, he's not there! From his chequered career it is easy to prove Annexation is certain to be his next move. He's been everything else through opinion's wide range, So where else can he go when he makes his next change?



A NOTE FROM COFFEETOWN.

"LAST evening a young negro desperado drew a razor upon Deacon Jones, an old and respected white resident. The Deacon is not expected to recover (his temper) for some time."

A PAIR OF SUSPENDERS.

"**OUR** head-master suspended a boy to-day for throwing snowballs," remarked a little Montreal boy the other day.

"Yes," replied his brother, and Miss W. (one of the assistant teachers) "made him suspend one of the M. boys for a week for not bringing his grammar."

"Well, I guess they must be a pair of suspenders, sagely remarked the elder.

NOT MUCH ELSE TO PRESERVE.

PETTIGREW—"The English landlords pay great attention to preserving their game."

PIGSNUFFLE—"Yes. They don't grow enough fruit there for preserving purposes."

MONTREAL NURSERY RHYMES.

THE Bleu leaders cheep, they're losing
their sheep,
And do not know how to bind them;
Bleu hearts must be stone to hear poor men
groan
After leaving their taxes behind them.

Poor fat merchant sheep, they feel very cheap
To see how their leaders have served them;
This wicked new tax each big pocket racks,
And the nerve of that haul has unnerved
them.

Jack and Jill found an empty till,
So thought they'd raise the taxes;
"Boo-hoo!" they cry, "they're raised too
high;
Next thing the country sacks us."

Ding, dong, bell! the Bleus have rung their
knell;
Who put them in? The merchants, that's
their sin;
Who'll put them out? "We will," the
merchants shout,
"Fore they know what they're about!"
GEN.

ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH.

ETHEL—"Johnny, was it you
that put the pin in the chair
that Mr. Slowboy sat on last night?"

JOHNNY—"No, indeed! Honest
Injun, sis, it wasn't!"

ETHEL—"If it had been you I was
going to give you a quarter."

Then Johnny went out and got
the bully of the street to lick him."

MORE THAN HE BARGAINED
FOR.

JACK—"I bribed her little brother
to get me a lock of her hair."

TOM—"Did he get it for you?"

JACK—"Yes. He brought her
whole wig."



THE HORRID MEAN THING.

SHE—"Here's a paragraph which says that the force exerted by artificial means to compress the waists of women, if aggregated, would be sufficient to turn all the mills in Canada; and the condensed force of their tight shoes, if it could be applied, would run many trains."

HE—"Bless me, if that is so, what would the condensed force of their tongues not run?"

LOYALIST ARGUMENTS.



WE regard it unwise
for those who are
opposed to annexation
to meet the
misguided advocates
of that movement
on the public
platform.—*World*.

Hurrah! Despite the sorry tale
That adverse ballots tell,
The loyal cause will yet prevail
As long as we can yell.

Who heeds the solid silent vote,
Though high its hundreds swell,
When bellowing from each beery throat
We raise the loyal yell?

In argument we have no chance,
Yet still our voices swell,
And check each traitorous advance
With loud, unmeaning yell.

We need no culture, sense or wit,
It serves the cause as well

To blow around and swear and spit,
But more than all to yell.

Our brazen throats and leather lungs
Have served our country well,
Though worsted in fair strife of tongues
We never cease to yell.

A dozen blackguardly galoots
Can calm discussion quell,
And of a triumph claim the fruits,
If only they will yell.

Oh, never will the Stars and Stripes
Our subjugation tell,
While loyal cads and guttersnipes
Retain the power to yell!

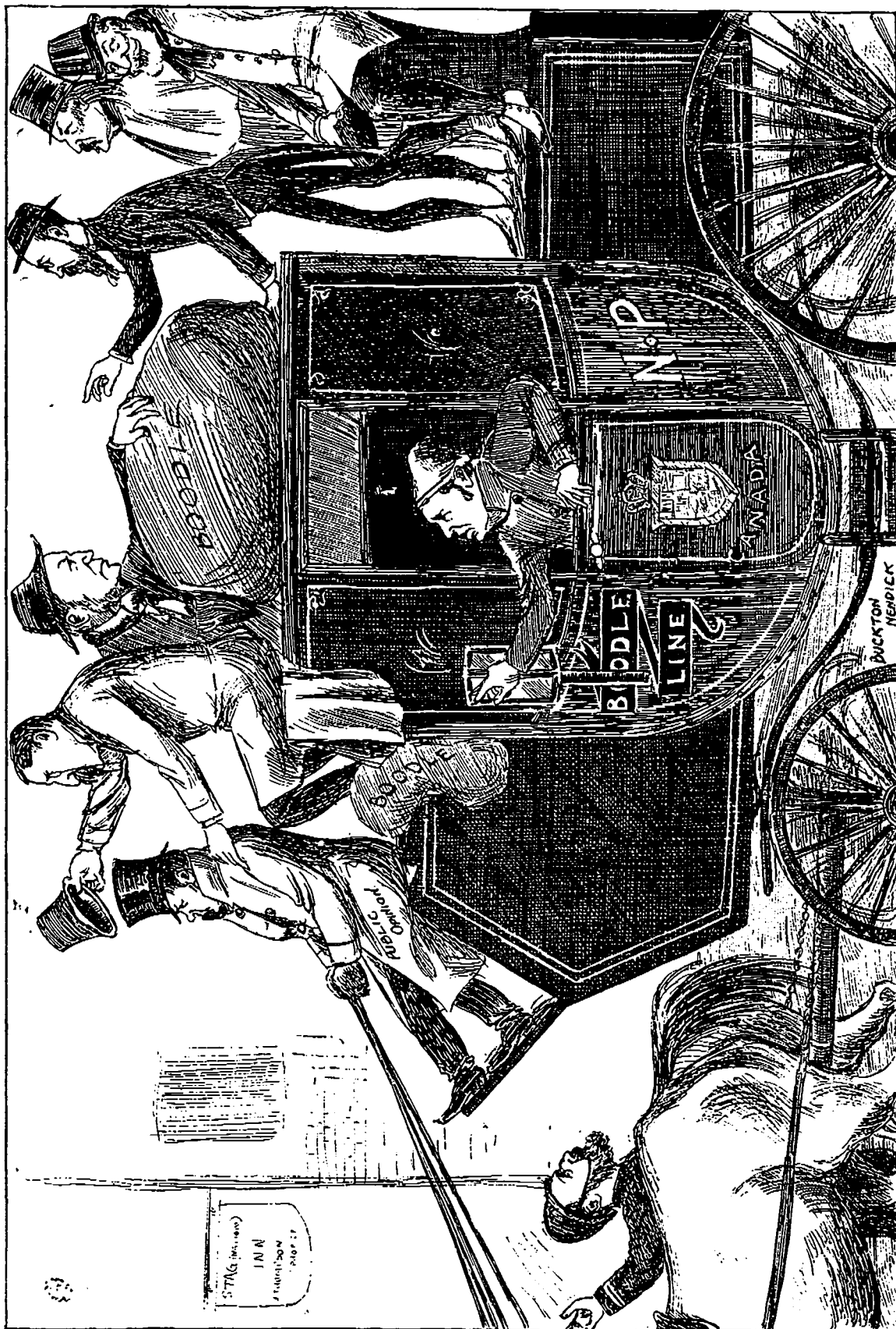
HE HAD ONE AFTER ALL.

CHOLLY—"Why, oh, why did you coax me to dwink
so much wine at dinnah lawst night? I made a
beastly fool of myself."

MAUD—"I wished to see if it would go to your head
Papa was arguing to me that you had none."



MISS CANADA DREAMS.



COME OFF THE ROOF.

POLICEMAN STANLEY.—“WHY DON'T YOU GET A MOVE ON, COACHY?”
COACHMAN I'M WAITING TILL THESE GENTS GET OFF. THIS COACH AIN'T GOIN' ANY FURTHER WITH SUCH A LOAD.”



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WOMAN—"Why don't you tramps work instead of going about begging?"

DUSTY HIGGINS—"Work! Begorry I've worked till me back's broke."

WOMAN—"When was that, I'd like to know?"

DUSTY HIGGINS—"At the House of Industry. Devil a bite or sup would they give me till I'd worked about half a day."

THE COURTING OF MAGGIE O'FLANNAGAN.

"Now's the time to make Jerry happy, Maggie! Leap year will soon be over, you know."

"And what's lape year to Jerry thin?"—

"Why, Maggie, don't pretend! Havn't I often told you that Jerry's great enemy is bashfulness! You know he wants you badly enough but he's afraid to tell you so."

"Go along wid you for an impudint spalpeen!" said Maggie, but she had a pleased smirk on her face, I could see that.

"And if all was true you said, why should Jerry be plased over its bein' lape year more than any other year I dunno," said she.

"Leap year, Maggie! is a year to bashful lovers and constant sweethearts. It occurs every four years, when it is decreed that each faint-hearted lover should have the question popped him by his girl. Do you see?"

"Go way wid your nonsince, shure! I don't know half you be sayin', and you needn't try to decaive Maggie O'Flannagan wid any of your stories!"

"Well, Maggie, just you ask the mistress about it and if I havn't told you gospel truth I'll eat my slippers."

A few days after this I interrogated Jerry shovelling in the back lane

"Well, Jerry! and how goes the world with you?"

"Purty well, Misther Harry! considerin' its bein' sich an awfu' year, what with the elections an' the harrud times, an' grip and all sich disaises! I have been feelin' it comin' on a long time, Misther Harry, and this terrible year has brought it."

"Brought what, Jerry? The hard times or the grip?"

"It's about as bad jist, for it's Maggie O'Flannagan has fixed it to be married to me wan of these days."

"And how did that come about?"

"Indade and that's more than I can till you."
 "Why! don't you know how you came to ask her?"
 "Ax her? Ax her did you say? Begorra she did the axin' herself."

"Oh come now, Jerry, that's mean of you. She perhaps helped you a little, but you know you needed help, being a little shy!"

"Misther Harry, if I should drop dead in my thracks it's no lie I'm tellin' you, but jist the truth. Maggie she began an' says she, 'Jerry, this is lape year!' 'An' if it is,' says I, 'what's the matter wid it?' Says she, 'I was tould about it and it's in the almanic as will!' 'Will!' says I, 'I'm willin' for it to be.' 'Oh!' says she, 'Jerry did you mane it?' 'Mane what?' I says, bein' that turned about that I didn't know what she was afther at all. 'Why, to marry me!' says she. 'Maggie O'Flannagan!' says I, 'are you forgittin' yourself so far as to propose to a man roight out in face?' But she was niver abashed the bit. Says she, 'in ginerol it's the man what proposes'—'And the Lord,' says I, 'disposes!' But she pretended not to hear that. Says she 'It's the roight of the woman this year to propose and the man has jist to excipt.' 'Don't he niver refuse?' says I. 'No, Jerry Dougherty!' says she, 'unliss he wants to lose thirty-five dollars in the bank and tin dollars what's comin' to me from the missis!'"



STRICTLY NECESSARY.

POLICEMAN—"Ey'm a native iv Toronto."

CITIZEN (scornfully)—"Your accent convinces me of that."

POLICEMAN—"Ey hod to go till the Neurth iv Eirelan afore I cud qualify for the foorce."

"Well, after a good dale of talkin' I see there was nothin' for it but to give in."

"Maggie has a nice little sum saved up, you know, Jerry."

"Yis! yis! I know that, Mистер Harry, but Maggie's no beauty, shure you know that same, beside she's that tirrible close with her money; howsoever! I settled wan thing myself. I says, 'Maggie Flanagan, since you've done the courtin' it's yersilf must pay the priest,' and she consinted to that."

"Yis, sir, she consinted; she's de-tarmined to have Jirry Dougherty, so that didn't discourage her any. So now you see, Mистер Harry, what with the harrud toimes, an' grip, and the girls doin' the courtin', I was roight to call this a tirrible year."

FRANK LEEDS.

A FACT FOR DR. GALBRAITH.

"CHINESE actors often take a week to present a play."

Then I presume that is why each of them always carries his cue with him wherever he goes."

THE SWEETS OF OFFICE.

WHEN I was young a taffy pull
Could joys unnumbered bring,
But now the pull political
Doth seem a sweeter thing.

VERY DELICATE HUMOR.

SPACER—"Mr. Funniman's humor is very delicate, isn't it?"

LINER—"Yes, but it is about old enough to be expecting death now, anyway."

HIS GROUNDS FOR DOUBT.

POLICE INSPECTOR—"Your suspicion of your cashier appears to me to be groundless; you may rest satisfied of his honesty. He indulges in no kind of extravagance, but lives respectably—"

PRINCIPAL (*interrupting*)—"Yes! there it is! On the salary I give him it is impossible he can live respectably."—*From the German.*

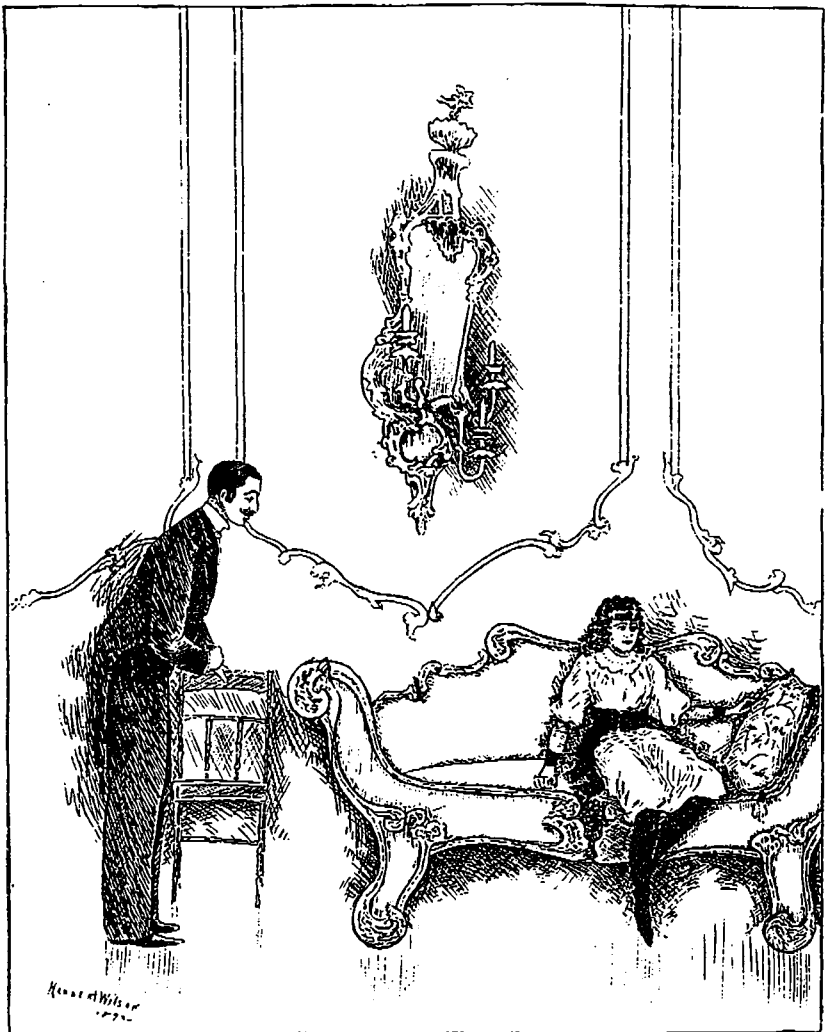
GET EXERCISED.

MRS. BUYLITTLE—"Isn't it cold to day?"

MRS. GADABOUT—"Yes, indeed! Let us step in to the first bargain counter we come to and get warmed up."

SAMJONES' MOTTO

COUNT that day lost whose low-descending sun
Hears from thy lips no mirth-provoking pun.



HER CONSOLATION.

DOBSON—"And you are to be my little sister now?"

FUTURE SISTER-IN-LAW (*from Chicago*)—"Yes, but sister promised me it would not be for long."

A KILTIE'S DILEMMA.

AT Saint Andrew's ball, my dearest,
You thought bitterly of me,
When I waltzed away and left you—
When I went so suddenly.

I was sorry, love, to leave you,
Yet when I explain you'll see
It was best that I should go then—
Best for you and best for me.

You were angry, oh, my darling,
For your fair face wore a frown,
But busted was my only burton,
And my kilt was coming down.

FITZ.

HE—"Money talks, they say."

SHE—"I have never heard yours doing so."

THE upward road has no elevators, but Satan keeps
the downward path supplied with toboggans.



A NEW BREED.

MR. ROONEY—"The saints preserve us, but niver before in the whole course av my loife, did I see a tu-key with such a big face."

A BELLE OF THE PERIOD.

SHE could strum on the piano, in the choir she sang soprano, she had taken dancing lessons and could deftly walk around; She had been to Mounton College, and her head was stuffed with knowledge, she could talk on archæology in a manner quite profound.

Her remote ancestral tree showed an ancient pedigree, she had been across to Europe and with her mamma to Rome; She could paint what looked like roses, and could make the loveliest cosies, and progressive euchre parties lent a radiance to her home.

She was awful fond of dances, and she revelled in romances, and her figure was constructed on a most artistic plan, But her high and pleasant station only proved an aggravation, for unlike the girls about her, she could not entrap a man.

But she did not start repining, nor her health begin declining, but she took to hugging poodle dogs to cheer her pensive mood;

She's a leader now of fashion, for champagne she has a passion, and she does not want for anything—she's wedded to a dude.

M. B. McDONALD.

AN UNDESIRABLE TENANT.

GILDERSLEEVE—"Have you rented that house of yours out at the Humber?"

PETERKIN—"Yes, let it last week to a man employed at the Bolt works."

GILDERSLEEVE—"I'd be sure you get the rent in advance, then."

PETERKIN—"Why so?"

GILDERSLEEVE—"Because he's liable to make a bolt any day."

CARON HAS A CINCH.

OTTAWA, December 1st, 1892.

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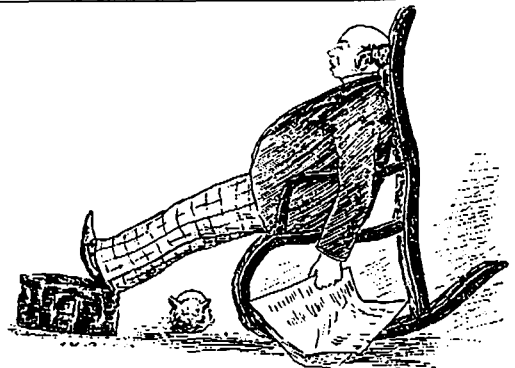


ELUBBED BRUDDER IN AN' SISTERN,—I

calculate dis ebenin' fur ter promulgate a few peremptory an' salacious observations onto de stage. I ain't been dar in a dog's age, kase de stipendiary remuneration I receive onto de instalment plan ain't nuff fur to 'low yo' pasture to pay fur reserved seats into de dress suckle, an' de management am toosmall-minded to recognize de claims ob de church an' send 'long complimentary tickets

fur Missis Pottah an' Curly Blue. I dun tole Boss Sheppard dat I'd like mos' pertickler to take in dat ar tragedy, but he nebber tumbled to de hint an' sent 'long de pasteboards, so I se gwine ter let dat sink ob iniquity hab it right in de neck. Selah!

Fustly, I wanter 'lucidate de pint dat by de stage I don't mean de bus wat runs erlong de country roads an'



A GREAT AWAKENING.

sech places whar dar ain't no steam kyars nor trolleys. I 'low dat dem kind ob stages am productive ob imnor ality in de way ob bad language wen de roads am rough an' de driber got to swar at de hosses to keep 'em gwine. But anyway folks ain't got much use fur dem ole-fashioned stages in dese hyar days, an' dey ain't a sarcumstance as compared wid de Grand Uproar an' de 'Cademy ob Music, whar de student cheweth peanuts in de gallery, an' de trombone maketh melody an' de ballet girl cavorteth before de bald-heads wid no mo' clothes onto her dan yo' could pack into de radius ob an oyster-can. Oh, my brudderin, pictur to yourselves de demoralizin' spectacle! Think ob de traps and pitfalls laid befo' de feet of unwary youth. 'Tain't no use to say dey ain't dar, kase I dun seen Mephistopheles go down froo 'em in de days ob yore. Imagine in you' mind de dazzin' array ob feminine loveliness whirlin' in de giddy mazes ob de dance, de plumpness ob dar developments recallin' de parable ob de fatted calf, an' crookin' de subtle finger ob solicitude at de venerable gentlemen ob de front row. Fancy de depravity ob de scene wen de curtain drops wid a dull, sickenin' thud, an' half ob de audience makes a rush fur de do', trampin' onto de toes ob dar neighbors to solace dar tumultuous emotions in de adjacent *salon de booze*. Oh, my brudderin, it am heartrending! An' yo' pastor'll nebber forgit de meanness ob dat man Sheppard. De way he dun acted erbout dem complimentary tickets shows he ain't got no respect fur 'ligion. But dat's jest wat yo' mout expect from a theatre man, anyway. Selah!

I reckon it am likely dat Missis Pottah ob Texas am supple about de jints an' can beat de records as a high kicker. Well, wat erbout dat? Dar ain't a mule in de country wat kain't kick furder an' higher an' stronger by a heap nor wat Missis Pottah kin. I 'low dat Curly Blue mout be a fust-class actor. Likely dar ain't few men wat kin beat him in turnin' de double back-action somersault. He mout be able ter exclaim in a voice tremblin' wid emotion,—“Ah ha! de time will come wen I will hab revengeance!” an' pace de apartment wid hasty strides. Proberly he kin do de balcony scene in “Romeo and Juliet” jest as natural as life, ef not mo' so, till dar ain't a dry eye in de audience. Guess he dun hab 'nuff practice at dat ter git it down to a fine pint. But wat does it all amount to? In de language ob de poet,

“Oh, Romeo, Romeo, wharfo' art thou Romeo?”

Jest kase dey's a lot ob folks wat ain't no mo' sense dan pay dar money fur sech foolishness.

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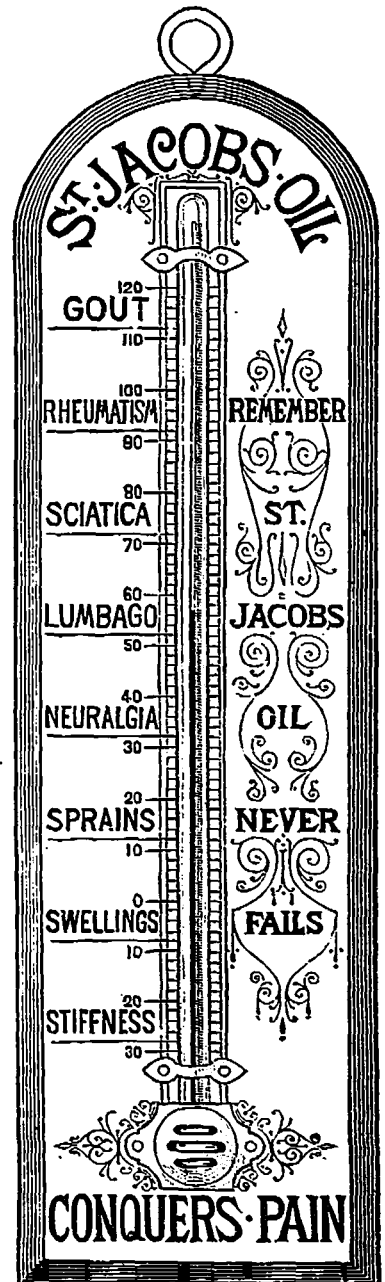
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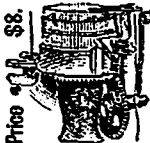
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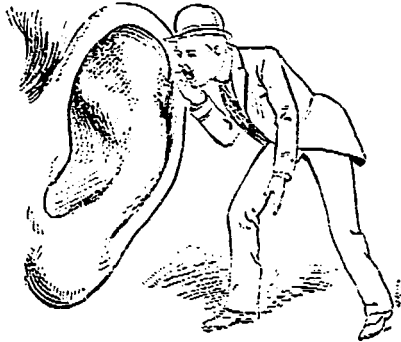
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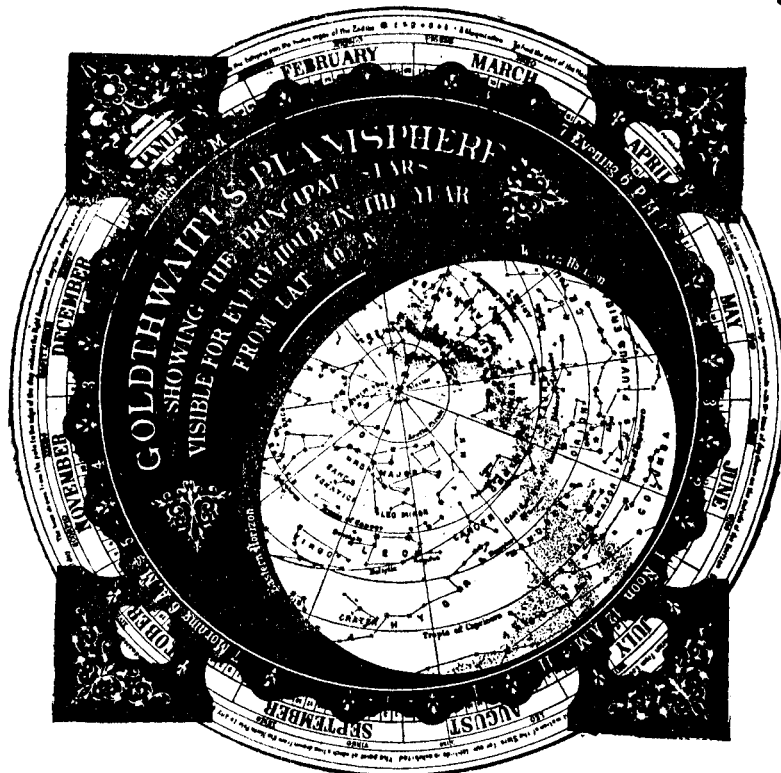
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