

GRIP

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The gravest beast is the Ass.
 The gravest bird is the Owl.
 The gravest fish is the Oyster.
 The gravest man is the fool.
 — Joe Miller

THE BUDGET.

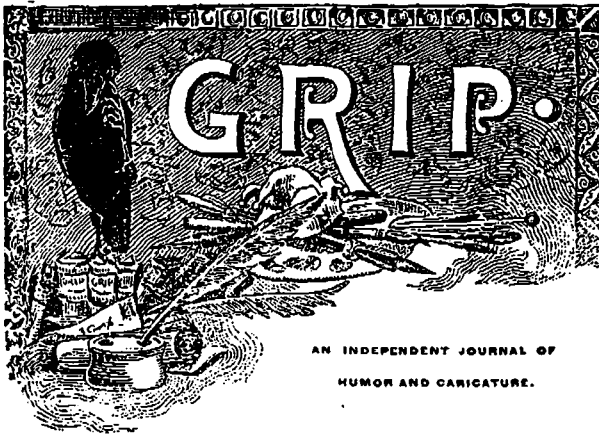
Young Mr. Canada.—Well, Tupper—aw—how do I stand?
Tupper (head bookkeeper).—You have a deficit of \$300,000, sir—
Young Mr. Canada (exploding).—What?
Tupper.—But by a little judicious cooking I have turned it into a surplus of \$97,000.
Young Mr. Canada.—Oh, I'm so relieved. Tupper, what a splendid financier you must be!

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Comments on the Customs.



THE R—D H—D—D G—I AND WH—TE H—RSE.—There is a modern occult science of correspondences by the aid of which it has been discovered that whenever you see a red-headed girl you are sure the very next thing to see a white horse. Why there should be a connection between auburn locks and milky equines is one of those mysteries of nature which "no fellow can find out;" the searcher into those deep things can only sigh, "there are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in our philosophy." Of course there are skeptics who boldly dispute this girl-and-horse theory, and GRIP has no hesitation in saying that until convinced by experiment, he belonged to that class. The test which settled the question was made, not with a red-headed girl, but with an eminent member of

Parliament whose hirsute adornment—what he has left of it—is of a crushed strawberry shade. It was found that upon rigging this distinguished gentleman out in feminine trappings, he was near enough to a red-headed girl for all the purposes of the experiment, and—But why detail the incidents of the test? Is not the whole matter set forth in our cartoon? Is not the white horse there, for certain? Can there be any doubt as to who the next Minister of the Interior will be?

THE BUDGET.—Sir Richard Cartwright, from his place in the House, distinctly charged the Finance Minister with cooking the public accounts so as to present a small surplus as the result of the year's business instead of a considerable deficit which would have been in accordance with the facts. It is surely a startling commen-

tary on the demoralization of the present Parliament that this charge was not met with an indignant disclaimer; that steps were not at once taken to prosecute Sir Richard Cartwright for a gross outrage upon a minister of the Crown; that no denial whatever was made, but the whole thing was tacitly admitted as the most ordinary matter of course! And this demoralization of the House argues equal supineness on the part of the people of Canada. Sir Charles Tupper's opinion of both must be that they are so low and gross that they are incapable of being insulted, and from the fact that his "cooking" of the accounts in this barefaced manner has failed to excite any popular indignation it would seem that he is right in his view. In some quarters we hear his praises sounded for this exhibition of "cleverness," and that by persons who would be the first to hand over to the courts any financial manager who was caught doing the same thing in connection with a private business. This is the sort of thing that makes a would-be Canadian patriot sick.

MORE trouble brewing. Just note this:

The *Star* says:—Mr. Chamberlain took the opportunity, at a large dinner which he gave on Saturday, of declaring emphatically that he was engaged to Miss Endicott.

Miss Endicott's friends say emphatically that he is no such thing. Here is another great international question that will have to be submitted to a commission, but thank goodness, so far as we can see, there is nothing of Canada's that can be given away this time.

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THE Quebec court has declared the Salvation Army to be a public nuisance, and hereafter it will be in order to a-bate the same with sticks and stones. A nuisance! How very tender the Quebec susceptibilities are! If the members of the Army were to quit their present work and take to keeping low grog-shops in the ancient capital they would be regarded as excellent citizens—especially if they came down handsomely for masses and sich.

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THE London *Advertiser* says:—

"If the religious papers do not discuss spiritualism, it is, perhaps, for the same reason that they do not discuss Friday as an unlucky day, or the red-headed girl and white horse fad, or any other piece of balderdash."

Balderdash, hey! Well, of course, we don't stand by the Friday superstition, but the red-headed girl and white horse fad is different. The *Advertiser* man will, perhaps, acknowledge this when he examines the cartoon in the present number.

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THE last session of the Toronto School Board is a very poor argument for the ballot system. Archbishop Lynch couldn't do better than have the printed report of it circulated among his parishioners as a solemn warning of what a Board may come to if left without the supervision of the clergy. A regular cat-and-dog time began late in the evening over the "Building Inspectorship," and the deliberations of the guardians of our school-children at last broke up in wild disorder.

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THIS Inspectorship is a little political deal. It is a newly-created billet worth \$1,450 per year, and the Grits on the Board want to give it to Mr. Bishop, while the Tories are equally anxious to give it to Mr. Thos. Downey, who was formerly a Grit but mysteriously became a Tory just before the last election. Downey will, of course, get it; at least we hope so. It would be too bad if he got nothing to fill the aching void in that part of his anatomy where his political principles used to be kept.



In all sincerity, MR. GRIP joins in the chorus of thanks and congratulations to Dr. Schultz for the energy and ability he has displayed in connection with the Mackenzie River Basin enquiry. From the report of the committee, now published to the world, Canadians learn with amazement and delight that they possess a country 1,260,000 square miles in area, and fabulously rich, where most of them had supposed there existed a mere alkali desert. It is almost as if the good Senator had, with magic wand, created this new realm for the future abode of millions of happy Britons. It is the duty, as it will surely be the pleasure,

of every Canadian to read the Report. The country has additional reason to rejoice that Dr. Schultz saved his head from President Louis Reil's executioner, when he broke jail and cleared out of the Red River Republic some years ago.

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A GOOD deal *does* depend on whose ox is gored, that's so. When poor Sheppard was dragged to the Province of Quebec and ballyragged half to death for an alleged libel published in Toronto, he got no practical sympathy that we ever heard of from the Government at Ottawa, although the injustice of the law under which he was being prosecuted was repeatedly brought to their attention. Now that Mr. Creighton, of the *Empire*, falls a victim to the same law, the Minister of Justice rushes in with a bill to provide the long-needed relief. It's very small potatoes, but we are glad to see a good move made, however unworthy the motive. And Oppositionists ought not to fail to note the fact that the quickest way to get bad laws amended by the Government is to bring them to bear if possible upon the pet lambs of the Ministry.

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"SENATOR ALEXANDER has become an intolerable nuisance and will have to be effectually squelched." So says the *Empire*. The most satisfactory method of squelching the old gentleman is, it seems to us, by invoking the majesty of the law. Senator Alexander has openly and repeatedly charged Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. G. W. Allen and Sir David Macpherson with wholesale robbery and fraud in the matter of the old Bank of Upper Canada, and these gentlemen owe it to themselves and the country to have the charges cleared up. To denounce their persistent accuser as "a nuisance" is to treat a serious matter much too mildly.

THE painters are having quite a brush with their employers over the question of an increase of pay. The K. of L. are endeavoring to throw boiled oil on the troubled waters, and it is to be hoped they will succeed. The strikers find that they never had a more unprofitable job than painting the town.

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JOHN T. HAWKE is a caged bird. He is languishing in prison down by the sea, all because he used violent language in his paper about certain judges. When he received his sentence of two months in quod and a fine of \$200, he is reported to have replied calmly, "The sentence is worthy of this court." Which calls to mind the case of the redoubtable Earnest Albert Macdonald, ex-alderman, who, when threatened with arrest for "contempt of court" by the chairman of the Board of Revision, politely said, "Excuse me, sir; I will endeavor hereafter to conceal my contempt for this court."

A BIBLICAL QUESTION.

CLOSE and hot the crowded schoolroom;
Broken is the Sabbath calm,
By the children's drowsy voices
Droning lazily a psalm.

Then the grave and reverend pastor,
With a thoughtful, earnest air,
From the Book of Kings, twelfth chapter,
Draws the lessons hidden there.

Tells of how command was given
Zion's walls should be restored,
And the priest should mend the breaches
Of the temple of the Lord.

How Jehoida neglected
To obey the King's command,—
While the lady teacher listens
Up goes Willie's little hand.

Puzzled is the eye that meets her,—
Puzzled, but with roguish glance,—
As he forward bends and whispers,
"Teacher, did the church wear pants?"

—Sigma,

A NEW PARTY.

WE are in receipt of a circular containing the "Principles of the Anglo-Canadian Political Party," which are embraced in half-a-dozen resolutions, moved by — and seconded by —. Mr. Blank seems to be the accredited leader of the new movement, and a more appropriate person could not have been selected, as it is certain to end in —.



GRIP'S MCGILL MEDAL

STRUCK IN HONOR OF THE FIRST BATCH OF SWEET GIRL BACHELORS, GRADUATED APRIL, 1888.

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Fozy Pate; or, Clever Bob's Lament.

I WONDER what's gaen wrang wi' her,
 What motes in her e'e,
 That for a moment she'd prefer
 The silly sumph to me;
 Yet I could hae forgien her a',
 Had she that was sae blate,
 Taen ony ither ane ava
 Save only Fozy Pate.

And aye she dawned upon my sight,
 So faultless, so complete,
 A perfect image o' delight,
 As she gaed down the street;
 The blush upon her bonny cheek,
 And fair without a flaw,
 So bashfu', modest, and so meck,
 To cheat me after a'!

Wha'd think while looking in her face,
 And e'e o' heavenly blue,
 That ane wi' sic a modest grace
 Could ever be untrue;
 But oh, alas! I'm fairly beat,
 So deep are women folk;
 To think she's aff wi' Fozy Pate
 And I'm a laughing-stock.

To think she'd tak the silly gowk,
 Wi' naething in his heid,
 And mak o' me a laughing-stock,
 Ah, woman's ill to read!
 And yet how strange that after a'
 The scorn she's put on me,
 I would forgie the lassie braw
 For ae blink o' her e'e.

ALEXANDER McLACHLAN.

FACTS FUNNIER THAN FICTION.

I HEARD the other day a good story, the truth of which I can vouch, on a well-known citizen of Toronto. His business gives him considerable information regarding the passengers arriving at Quebec from the "ould sod" in advance of their arrival. Happening on one occasion to be on the wharf at that port when the Allan liner *Anonyme* landed its load of immigrants, his quick perception enabled him to recognize a raw Irish girl with coarse red features and ungainly figure, with whose friends on this side of the water he had had some dealings, and with whose affairs he was consequently well acquainted.

Now, our friend is something of a wag. He saw his opportunity at once, and giving the wink to a couple of friends who accompanied him, sidled up to the girl with that entrancing smile of his, and began a conversation which, as he expected, soon left the girl in a state of hopeless amazement. In a broad Irish brogue he commenced:

"Good mornin', Mary."

The girl stared, but made no answer.

"Good mornin', Mary," he repeated. "Isn't it Mary Connolly ye are?"

"Yis," she said, but stared more than ever; bewildered to find herself known in a strange land by an utter stranger.

"An' yez'r goin' to yer sither's in Thoronto?" pursued the joker, enjoying the affair as a huge piece of sport.

A light seemed to be breaking in her mind as to the identity of her unknown questioner. "Sure an' I am."

"An' don't ye know me, Mary? Sure isn't Johanna married in Thoronto? An' isn't his name Pat Mulvey?"

The light broke all over her broad, plain features. Her wide mouth was yet more widened by a warm Irish smile of delight. She sprang towards him and gripped him close in her arms, "Arrah, ye thafe. I know ye now! Ye're our Johanna's husband! Sure she tould us she got a good-lukkin man!"

But the kiss she purposed was never bestowed. He broke from her embrace and fled, with his reputation as a practical joker blasted for ever. Nowadays, he tries that game only on a select and good looking few.

SOME few of GRIP's readers may recognize the subject of the following anecdotes:—One of those whole-hearted, out-spoken men, who, in our pulpits and out of them, are yearly becoming fewer. Our friend—a Presbyterian minister in an Ontario town—was an enthusiastic Reformer, and his blunt honesty prevented any concealment of his convictions. On one occasion, during a troublesome political crisis, the old man, apparently with no sense of the quaint humor of his words, prayed thus for the Conservative administration: "And do Thou grant wisdom to the Government of Canada at this time, for Lord, *Thou knowest they sorely need it!*"

It was the same scrupulous regard for truth which led this blunt old Scotchman, on another occasion, to make a curious exception. It was harvest time, and the farming population about him was rejoicing over an abundant yield; it happened, however, that the oat crop was an utter failure. In his Thanksgiving Day prayer, the old man seemed determined to give credit only for what had been actually received. "We give Thee thanks," he said earnestly, "for Thy goodness to us in the abundant harvest which has just been gathered in, and for the plentifulness of all the crops, except oats, Lord, which have not been as good as usual!"

NOVA SCOTIA'S Home for the Aged.—The Legislative Council.



LAND-LEAGUER PAT'S DILEMMA.

BEGORRA, FWWHAT'LL OI DO NOW? BECHUXT HIS HOLINESS ON TH' WAN HAND, AND ME POOR, SUFFERIN' COUNTRY ON THE OTHER. WHURRA! WHURRA! ROME OR DUBLIN; ITALY OR OIRELAND? FWWHAT'LL OI DO, AT ALL, AT ALL?

(Left considering.)



JOHN A'S TORMENTOR.
"SHOO FLY, DON'T BODDER ME!"

"A MODERN INSTANCE."

A STUDENT of Manitoba College sends us the following good thing which occurred at that seat of learning the other day. Professor is absent, and a senior student a pronounced Tory, takes charge of the history class. Subject: the Reign of Queen Elizabeth. Lecturer specially emphasizes Elizabeth's long-headedness in the selection of wise legislators to administer the country's affairs. With a view of bringing out a tribute to the Great Ottawa Chieftain, lecturer asks for a modern instance of such judicious selection, whereupon, after an impressive pause, the voice of a Freshie pipes out "Tom Greenway!" *Confusion and broad grins. Class dismissed.*

AN INCIDENT OF THE CIVIL WAR.

THE battle smoke drifted across the scorched and trampled meadows, over the grey and blue-coated dead and dying men, above the shorn fields and riven trees, and drooped again in the dead air to the greener meadows in the valley below.

The heat was oppressive; the panting soldiers and their weak, petulant cries for drink told only too plainly how cruel was the fierce, hot sun; kind, perhaps, in hastening the end of some who were doomed to die, but terrible in augmenting the agonies of others.

"Water! water!"

The dying federal glanced at the man who knelt over him with a flask of pure, fresh, sparkling spring water, such water as he remembered from the spring on his father's farm, when he was a little barefooted lad of ten! What recollections crowded upon him now! The old familiar "Set 'em up again!" sounded in his ears. And here was an *enemy*, a confederate, a man he had tried to kill an hour back, giving him a sweet pleasure in his last brief hour of life.

But the federal was dying fast. He sank back, and his lips moved slowly. His eyes seemed to beckon the confederate soldier nearer. The latter leaned forward and put his head close to the moving lips of the dying bu'coat.

A moment later he started back with a terrible cry, and at the same instant the federal lay dead.

What was it?

The federal soldier had whispered, "Is it hot enough for you?"

And that was a soldier's gratitude!

CONTRADICTORY.

THE *Empire* heads a bit of business intelligence in this fashion:—

HUGHES BROS. SUSPEND.

ANOTHER WHOLESALE FIRM GOES DOWN.

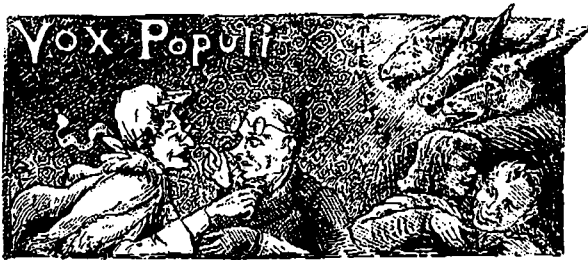
This leaves the simple-minded reader in a muddle to understand how a firm can go up and go down at the same time. Great is the English language and *pre-valebit*.

"WIDOWER JONES," having finished his amorous career in the pages of *Saturday Night*, has put on a bran new coat—in honor of his second wife, we presume—and is now in all the bookstores where you can get him for thirty cents. We are alluding of course to Editor Sheppard's story. It is well worth reading for its keen portrayal of human nature, and its touches of humor and pathos. Besides this, it deals with a theme which is always of deep interest, though not often used by the writers of fiction.

A SUGGESTION TO THE POLITICIANS.



OME profound people are in the habit of laughing at France for what they call her volatility in the matter of changes of government. It may be that France carries the thing a little too far, but there is a great and universal truth at the bottom of her eccentricity. That truth is that human nature abhors monotony, just as nature in general abhors a vacuum. Nothing is more depressing in the political world than a well-entrenched and impregnable government—it makes little difference whether that government *per se* be good or bad. After a certain period, the feelings of the politicians, if not of the people, begin to turn against the "ins"—they demand a new set of rulers just for the sake of change. Here in Canada we have been for some time suffering from political *ennui*, and there is no present prospect of our malady being relieved by the ousting either of Sir John at Ottawa or the Hon. Oliver at Toronto. And yet it is most desirable, in the interest of the public health, that the monotony be broken. We have a suggestion to make to this end. We propose that the two Premiers and their Cabinets change places in alternate sessions. Let Mr. Mowat and his company perform at Ottawa next fall, and give Toronto the novelty of a John A. season in the spring. Why not? Didn't the long-headed and philosophical founders of free government in Canada establish the perambulating system, for the very purpose of keeping politics fresh and interesting? Of course they did, and we their sons have been ill-advised in abandoning it. Let us return to our muttons in this respect. Give us some volatility.



A PRESBYTERIAN SUGGESTION.

MR. GRIP,—

SIR,—I have a suggestion to make in view of the long and heated discussion in Toronto Presbytery the other day. The difficulty seems to be that the plain, common people cannot tell when the Church is speaking as such, and when it is simply the ministers speaking in their capacity as private citizens. My idea is that the trouble would cease if the General Assembly passed a law to compel ministers to indicate their citizenship, whenever they had occasion to say anything as citizens, by taking off their white ties. This would be "an outward mark and sign" which everybody could understand.

Yours, sir,

A PRESBYTERIAN ELDER.

BOUSTEAD BERATED.

DEAR MR. GRIP,—

SIR,—I wish, through you widely circulated columns, to protest against the action of Ald. Boustead in demanding the water rates six months in advance. He deserves severe censure for not making it a year, which he might have done with just as much show of legality. Yours,

WATERSHAME.

A POINTER.

MR. GRIP,—

SIR,—I clip this out of my evening paper :

"SARATOGA, ARK., May 3.—About two weeks ago Mrs. Sarah Langston, colored, gave birth to a male child that surpasses all monstrosities in the human family. This baby, which is alive and well, has two perfectly formed faces, backing each other. It frequently cries with one face, while the other is sober or laughing. Both faces are perfectly formed in all their features or functions, there being two mouths, two noses and four eyes."

I want you to forward this item to John A. I understand he is soon to have several portfolios vacant, and



IT HAS REACHED OTTAWA.

THE great financial genius of the Opposition has staked his chances of office on his ability to solve the problem: If a hen and a-half lay an egg and a-half in a day and a half, how many eggs will etc., etc., etc.

considering the South-by-North position of the Government on the Reciprocity question, it struck me that this baby, when grown a little, ought to make a phenomenal minister in the present cabinet. Yours, etc.,

A CLEAR GRIT.

HEARD FROM AT LAST!

DERE MISTER GRIP,—

i am ony a litel boy but i rite to let you no i am living in toront, an why Mister Mote aint made a sherif of York he is wateing for me to grow up cause i am to be the sherif, and he promist my pa to give it to me and that is the reson he is wateing, so no more from

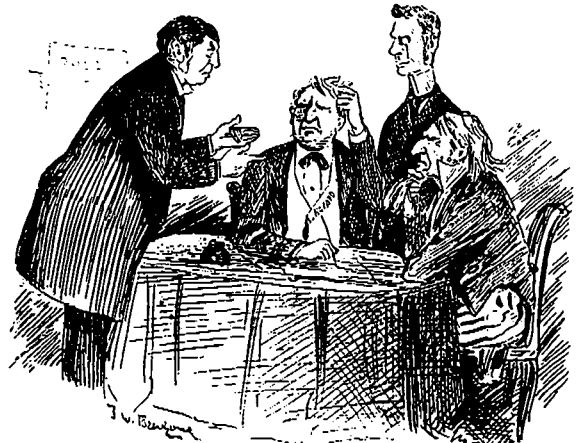
TOMMY, AGED 10.

THE LAST TRIBUNAL.

MR. GRIP,—

SIR,—Having used in vain all ordinary means within my reach, as a citizen of Montreal, to have the Road Inspector of this city clear away the disgraceful *debris* on Victoria Square, at the site of the old *Herald* building. I now appeal to you, sir, to compel that slipshod official to do his duty. The place is almost impassible and positively dangerous, besides being an eyesore that any one-horse village would be ashamed of. Yours indignantly,

A MONTREAL MERCHANT.



TUPPER'S OFFER AT WASHINGTON.

Uncle Sam.—Then we understand that you make, on behalf of Canada, an offer of unrestricted reciprocity?

Sir Charles.—Not at all, no; I said an Unrestricted Offer of Reciprocity; pray don't misapprehend me.

Bayard.—Pity we haven't a Philadelphia lawyer on this commission, to point out the difference.

Chamberlain.—To be perfectly safe, better not discuss the matter at all. [*The subject was then dropped.*]

WANTED—AN "HONORABLE" TREASURER.

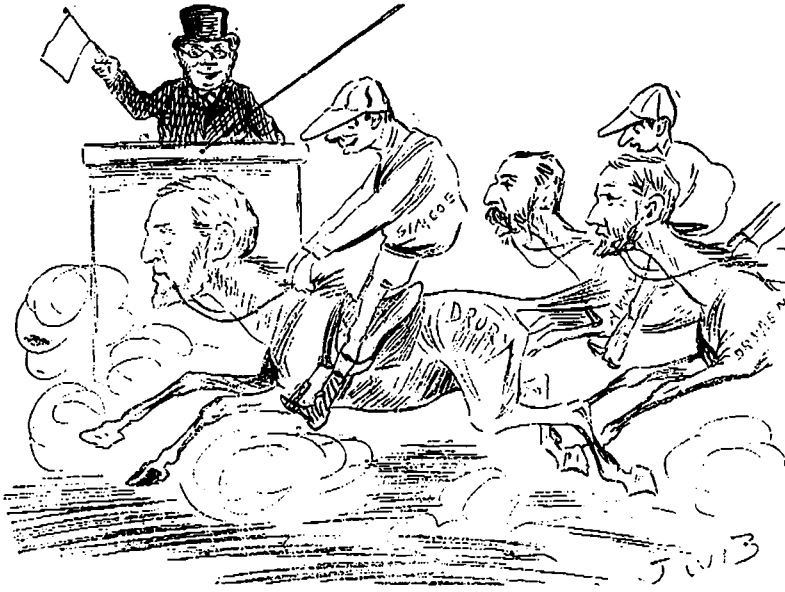
FIRST DUDE—That's a fwightful discloshaw about the blankety blankety blank toboggan club, old chappie. Honorable treasurer, ye know, can't account for \$300; funds of club, ye know.

SECOND DUDE—Yaas; but that is not the worst of it old chappie.

FIRST DUDE (showing his fangs faintly, thinking a joke is imminent)—Aw!

SECOND DUDE—Er—you see, they cawn't get another man to accept the position, as there is no cawsh to-handle, ye know.

WHAT'S in a name? Two of the most honest and up right citizens of Amherst, N. S., are Robb and Steel.



LOCAL SPORTING NOTE.

Finish of the great race for the Agriculture Portfolio. DRURY wins.

JOCOSE JOTTINGS.

A WAKE is generally conducted with a *spree du corpse*.

Who did Dr. Jekyll and where did he Hyde the body?

In what key should entomologists sing? Bee-knatural.

A-VIARY important question—Was the arrest of Hawke at Moncton, il-eagle?

A TAIL OF A PUG.

A Halifax girl had a pug
Which she used to caress, kiss and hug;
One day the pug died
So they tanned his dear hide
And her boudoir now sports a fine rug.
JOE KERR.

MRS. SILLABUS is of the opinion that His Lordship the Metropolis of Canada, who recently resided at the desecration of Bishop Courteney in Halifax, being overworked should have a vocation and let Bishop Kingdom the Co-agitator act as destitute during his abscess.

AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE.

SINNIC.—Mrs. Allbashe, I wish you would ask Mary not to stand the milk in cold water in the morning to make it cool. I think there must be a hole in the bottom of the milk jug and the water leaks in. Sort of waterway to China, so to speak.

SPRING POEM BY FITZDUEDSON.



THE spwing has come again,
With its gentle showa's of wain,
And the wobin's sweet wefwain,
Deah boy—deah boy,
And I wish it would wemain,
Deah boy!

I do adaw the spwing,
When the bi'ds begin to sing,
I think its just the thing,
Deah boy—deah boy,
New life it seems to bwing,
Deah boy!

In the winter, doncher know,
There's a lot of beastly snow,
And the mercury's down low,

Deah boy—deah boy;
And your baggy trowsers blow,
Deah boy!

And in summer time it's hot—
"Seaside breezes"—simply wot
You cawn't find a decent spot,
Deah boy—deah boy,
And your collahs go to pot,
Deah boy!

Autumn tints are well enough,
But the weathaw's sometimes wough,
And the leaves are dwoopping off,
Deah boy—deah boy,
Aftaw all the spwing's the stuff,
Deah boy!

"A TEMPEST in a Teapot"—Messrs. Blizzard and T Potts were lately candidates for the councilorships of Duke's Ward in St. John, N. B.

AT THE CONCERT.

SIGNOR BONAFIDECELLE has received an encore, and in reply has returned and sung an additional verse of the same song. Old lady from the suburbs—Dear me! There, that poor man has forgotten a verse and has come back to sing it! Poor fellow!—(Fact.)

IN OLDEN DAYS.

"YES, I'm pretty good at lifting dumb-bells," murmured the masked man softly as he carried off the beautiful maid. "And I am pretty good at swinging clubs," said the policeman as the baton alighted deftly. But this was in a by-gone age, the age of chivalry and beauty; when daring deeds were all the rage, and *peelers* sometimes did their duty.



2 FLY.

"I never described myself as a fly on the wheel, and if you say I did, you're a ———"
"Well, I say you did, and if you deny it, you're a ———! ———!"

THE HUMORIST TO TALMAGE.

REV. DR. TALMAGE has a good word to say for the "funny men." Says he: "God bless all skillful punsters, all reparteeists, all propounders of ingenious conundrums, and all those who mirthfully surprise us with unusual juxtaposition of words!"



HANKS, Reverend Dr. Talmage, my deepest thanks I give
To the man who, liberal minded, would let the punster live;
For it's hard to find a Christian on all the church's list,
Who really thinks it any harm to kill a humorist.

Touched by your kind expression I hasten, sir, to swear
That never more will I comment jocosely on your hair;
Nor will I get off little things about your pulpit style,
To hold you up to ridicule and make the groundlings smile.

In ribald comic papers no more I'll draw your phiz,
And amplify your mouth to point "an opening for hair;"
No more I'll twist you out of shape to excite the world's derision
And say this picture represents your "self-defined position."

No, I'm an altered funny man; I'll come and hear you preach;
You'll find me in the audience when'er you make a speech
And every time I get a chance I'll seek an interview
And read my new conundrums and puns and things to you!

SPICY.

DUBELY—What a spicy article Brown writes!

LONDON—Yes; I think he must breathe on his manuscript.

CARD FOR A FRONT DOOR, FRIDAY 11th.

CALL round again in the morn'ing, for Betsey and I are Out,
We've gone to 'Sociation Hall, to hear Will Carleton spout.

YE GLADDE SPRYNGETIDE.

A DAINTIE IDYLLE IN HONOURE OF YE SPRYNGE WH ALSOE
SHEWETH YE ART OF YE WARYE ADVERTISER.

I.

Now the earth grows green beneath us,
Now the sky is blue above;
Now the birds among the branches
Sing their loving lays; and love
Moveth eke the young man's spirit,
Who, with many a gleeful glance,
Takes his girl to church and weareth
Shoddyson's \$3.50 pants!

[New spring styles; full and attractive stock; get Shoddyson's prices before purchasing elsewhere.]

II.

Now the days are sweet and balmy,
And the evening's soft and long;
And the young man with his banjo
Sings his serenading song.
But the nightly air is chilly
And he fastens 'neath his chin,
Close and tight the bran nsw necktie
That he bought to-day from Flynn.

III.

But the air, though nice, is noxious,
Fever-laden; Ague, too,
Lies in wait to trap the unwary
With the fell malarial crew.
If thy life thou would'st preserve then,
From each foul distemper free,
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THE BAD SHANTYMAN.

REV. T. L. McKECHNIE sends to the *Presbyterian Review* an account of his recent missionary tour among the Upper Ottawa lumber shanties. It is in diary form, and we find the following entry:—

March 4. Sunday. In the afternoon and evening visited two shanties that were within five and three miles respectively of the depot. At one of the shanties I found that the foreman—a Presbyterian—was off moose hunting, and chased the moose past within sight of the shanty. He got back just when I was leaving. Had pleasant, and I trust profitable, meetings at both these shanties.

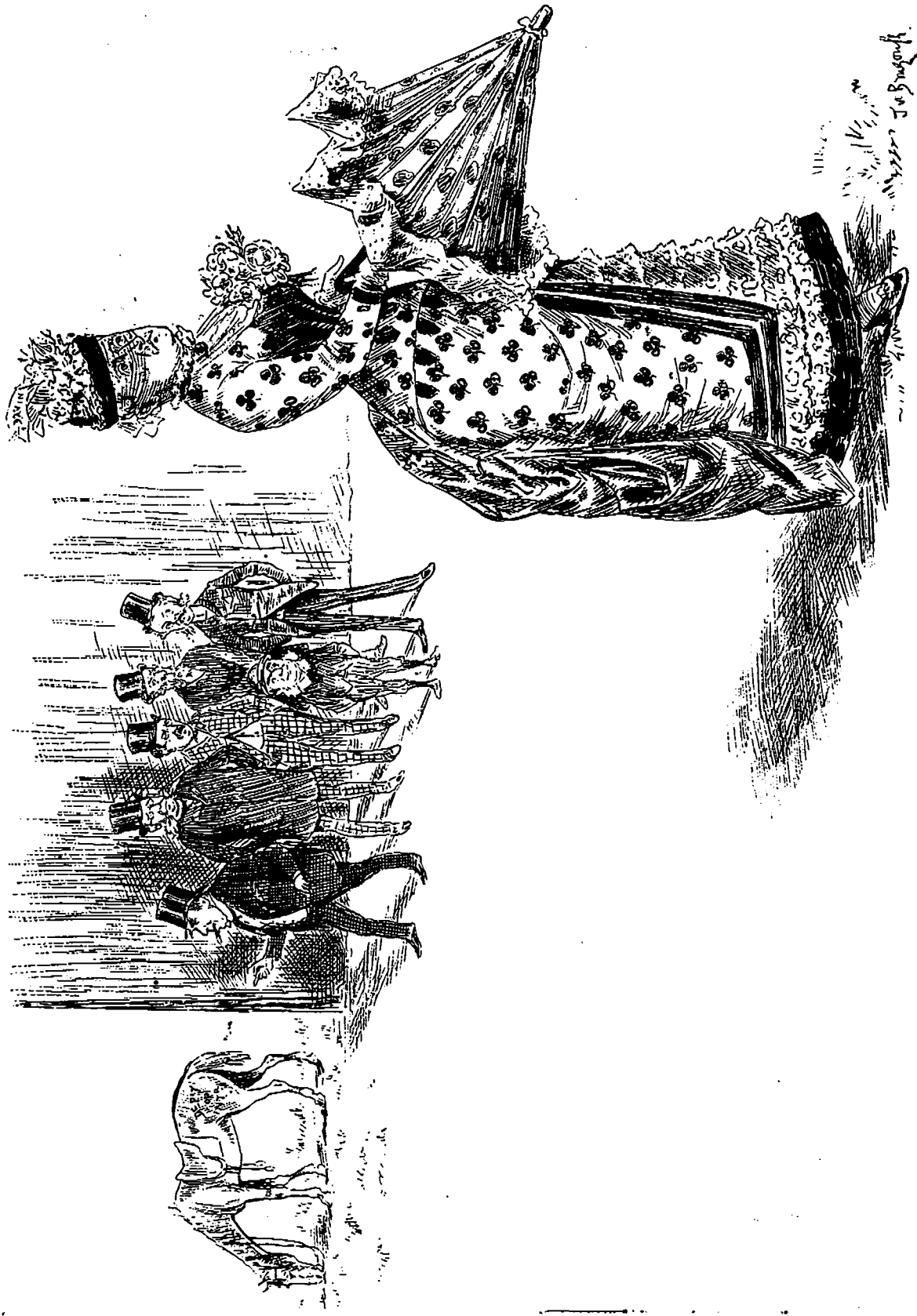
The sad need of missionary work is surely manifest when a Presbyterian foreman goes off hunting the moose on the Sabbath—something which cannot possibly be excused as a work of necessity, far less of mercy. This foreman had no doubt been brought up to know the wickedness of all forms of Sunday a-moosement, but the instructions of his youth were so far forgotten that he had the hardihood to drive the animal right past the minister's nose. However, as he got back just before the reverend gentleman left, we presume he received a proper talking to, and won't do it again. It is to be hoped that, at this particular shanty, the "pleasure" of the meeting was not due in any degree to the dishing up of a slice of the Sunday-hunted venison.

A TRANSLATION.

DUDE (sticking his head out of cab window)—Dwivah!
dwivah! Wheah aw you gowing?

DRIVER—Shure, I couldn't make out yer orders, they were in such a quare language; so I just thawt ye wanted to go round the corner to the asylum for belated ijits that can't spake plane!

A MAN named Coffin, in Barrington, N. S., sells monuments.



SURE ENOUGH!

“WHENEVER YOU SEE A RED-HEADED GIRL, YOU’LL FIND A WHITE HORSE IN THE VICINITY.”—Current Proverb.

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A CALAMITY.

WIFE—It would be an awful thing if that ceiling at Albany should fall, John.

HUSBAND (something of a lobbyist)—Yes; particularly if it should fall at night when the place is empty.—*Epoch*.

A THOUGHTFUL CATERER.

CUSTOMER (at railroad restaurant)—Here, boss, this coffee is cold.

PROPRIETOR—Yes, sir; you see the train stops only a few minutes, an' if the coffee was hot you wouldn't have time to drink it.—*Epoch*.

"What can you tell me about Esau?" queried the pedagogue.

"Esau," responded the youth, with the glib alacrity of one who feels himself, for once, on safe ground, "Esau was a writer of fables, who sold his copyright for a bottle of potash."—*Albany Express*.

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"No."

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"Yes."

"Would you have recognized them if you had seen them before they was brung here?"

"Yes; I would have knowed them."

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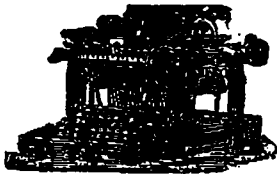


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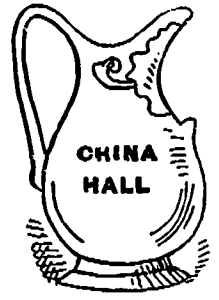
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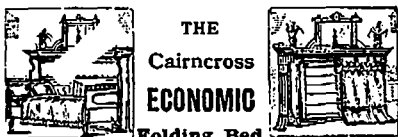


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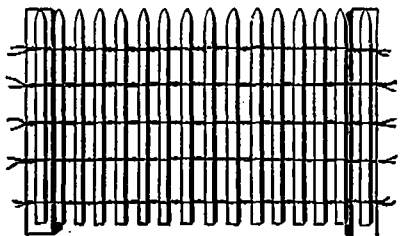
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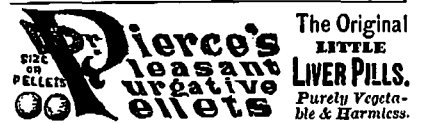


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