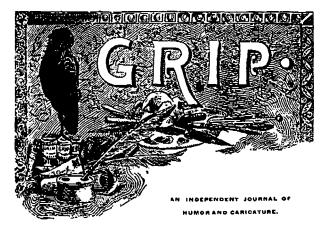


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HE QUEBEC VENDETTA.-Mr. Mercier seems to be playing a part in the Quebec drama something like that of Sapolo in the comic opera which so much amused our citizens a fortnight ago. He does not really hate Mr. Laurier politically; on the contrary, these nominally Liberal leaders are, at heart, it may easily be believed, very warm friends; but Mercier, like the "invertebrate nephew' Sapolo, finds himself at the head of a faction which is determined on the "fitz-

poofing " of Liberalism in the Province, and Laurier is unfortunately the representative of that cause. Unless Mercier avails himself of every opportunity to pot a Liberal, there are "400 knives" awaiting him in Ultramontane hands. Well may he exclaim with Sapolo, "What a country this is !" And if at any time Laurier should find his friend's knife sticking in his back, he will, of course, understand that it has been placed there with "no unfriendly feeling."

THE VERY OBTUSE PROFESSOR.—Nobody has ever yet charged Prof. Goldwin Smith with being a dullard and a dunce, but he must be both if his utterances on the Henry George theory in a late Bystander are to be accepted as being penned in good faith. Prof. Smith is not particularly famed as a humorist, and the deliverance alluded to was probably not intended as a burlesque. It certainly is a travesty, however. With an air of soberness the learned writer raises objection to Mr. George's statement that every child born into the world has a right to its fair share of the land—that is, of the raw material of nature. While not explicitly rejecting this proposition, Bystander professes to fail to see how that right can be vindicated, without an absurd and impossible division and redistribution of the land with the birth of every child. Mr. George's whole work for many years has been to show how it can be done by means of a single tax on the rental value of land. Has Mr. Smith read the books Mr. George has written? If not, he has no business to deal with the subject at all; if he hus read them without being able to understand what their author proposes, then it certainly speaks poorly for the practical usefulness of an Oxford training.



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ATERFAMILIAS is just now giving deep and anxious thought to the subject of Christmas boxes, but the malady is still more

acute in the case of Bachelorius, who is all day thinking of his girl, and wondering just what sort of present would make the deepest impression on her heart. The problem, albeit blissful, is very wearing, and GRIP, with the paternal instinct which sits so gracefully upon him, feels like coming to the relief of his young friend. There are two important preliminary points to be settled in a case like this. First. What to get, and second,

Where to get it. Bachelorius, old boy, vex yourself no longer. There is an easy answer to the first of these questions. An outfit of magnificent diamonds is always in order, and can scarcely fail to please your girl, whatever her figure or complexion. Diamonds let it be, then. Query the second remains to be dealt with, and this is a point of scarcely secondary importance. So many houses are liable to sell you paste at the price of the genuine article, that you cannot be too careful. The surest pointer we can give you is a negative one, namely —Don't buy your diamonds at any establishment that does not advertise in GRIP. It might be all right, but you would be running awful chances !

SPEAKING of Christmas, have you seen GRIP'S COMIC ALMANAC FOR 1890? It is considered by connoisseurs to be the best of the series, and the connoisseurs are right, as usual. It is very cheap, too, considering its size and excellence—only ten cents. You can find nothing in the market better adapted for sending to friends abroad as proof positive that we are a lively, high-minded, intelligent and fun loving people.

IT wouldn't be unsafe to bet that the gentlemen who have been for some time undergoing trial in Chicago for the alleged murder of the supposed Dr. Cronin, will escape conviction. As they are manifestly innocent every one of them having been elsewhere when "a person or persons unknown" committed the murder—it



#### A SURE SIGN.

OBSERVANT AUNT—"Er—have you duly engaged yourself to Mr. Cashley, my dear?" ETHEL—"Why, aunt, what a question! He is merely a

ETHEL---' Why, aunt, what a question! He is merely a friend. I have given him no particular encouragement to propose.''

OBSERVANT AUNT-"Indeed! You surprise me. I notice that your little dog Fido wags his tail now whenever the gentleman calls."

would be altogether too bad to hang them, and it would also be somewhat unhealthy for the members of the jury. The gentlemen of the latter body being unusually intelligent, must of course be quite convinced by this time of the strange and cruel misapprehension of which these unfortunate prisoners have been the victims. They are not the "parties wanted" at all. Mr. Burke's flight to Winnipeg, the attempted bribery of the jurymen, the subsequent attempt to blow up the hotel where the jurymen stayed, and lastly, the use of a mysterious potent influence to choke off Mr. Luther Mills' closing speech for the State—all these circumstances are in exact line with most of the evidence for the defence, and are enough to convince anybody.

PROPOS of Mr. Dalton McCarthy's speech at A Ottawa, wouldn't it be a good plan for some of our big papers to publish in full the text of the Treaty of Paris? Upon this document the Equal Rights question really hinges, and at present there is a radical disagreement as to what the Treaty says about the status of the French. Some say it guarantees all the special privileges enjoyed to-day by that section of our fellow-countrymen; others assert that it only guarantees freedom of religious worship agreeably with the laws of Great Britain. There are no doubt good Orangemen in the back districts who firmly believe that it provides for the perpetual rule of Sir John, and there may be backwoods Grits who hold, on the other hand, that it sets up Gritism as the established political faith of the country. The vox populi and the pro bono publico ought to have an opportunity to read it for themselves. The paper containing it would sell a big edition. Verb sap.

THE impression exists in some quarters that the name of the Minister of Education for Ontario is George Washington Ross—it has, in fact, been so written in sundry solemn and serious addresses presented to him in his official capacity. His name is really George William. The "Washington" was substituted by some subtle and flattering courtier, and somehow got into general vogue. We feel it a patriotic duty to correct the error, as it would be inexcusable to have the name of this very distinguished man go booming down the corridors of Canadian history in an erroneous form. Besides, since the French school episode came up, and Mr. Ross declared so emphatically that certain things were not so which he afterwards admitted by his actions to be very much so, the "Washington" part of the name has an ironical sound which must be far from pleasant to his friends.

A FTER Mr. Mercier has filled himself to the brim with glory in this country, and sighs for other worlds to conquer, he will find a capital job ready for his hand in Brazil. The new Republic is on the eve of ejecting the Jesuits bag and baggage, and escheating their property to the State. In a few years the astute Quebec Premier might go down there and become Premier or something, and work over his little bill for the restoration of the estates thus taken from the pious Order, and the "un doing of an act of robbery and spoliation." Only let us counsel him, if he undertakes the business, to see that his head is fastened on particularly well.

## LOVE AND SNEEZING.

L OVE and sneezing are not one. Both are funny when begun, But to different ends they run, Yet in this it is confessed They a likeness manifest, Neither sneeze Nor heart's disease Can with safety be suppressed.

#### FOREARMED,

CUSTOMER—"I want a brace of revolvers and a bowie-knife."

CLERK—"Ycs sir. Going out West, sir?" CUSTOMER—"No. Going to teach school in Peterborough."



PROSE AND POETRY.

MR. BANGS (of the Philharmonic Orchestra)--" Yes; it is a prosaic instrument; but oh, Clara, if your heart only thumped that way for mc, what music it would be!"



#### PARABLES IN ENGLISH HISTORY.

## II.

#### ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.

ST. GEORGE was a knight of the middle ages, about whom many curious legends are recorded. He must not be confounded with St. George of Cappadocia, that rascally prelate being merely his patron saint. This caution is necessary as there are doubtless points of resemblance between the two, their dispositions being similar, and their claims to saintship having been based on the same grounds, viz., suffering at the hands of justice.

St. George, the hero of this tale, came from the North. His early history is wrapt in obscurity, but he appears to have been a sort of prodigal son, who developed such an insatiable appetite for roast beef that his father was unable to support him in this extravagance, and accordingly expelled him from home. He joined one of the crusades, and in the course of his career in the East gained a thorough knowledge of the arts of necromancy. Wishing to make a name for himself, he then took ship for a certain island, which was being laid waste by a fierce, vor-St. George announced to the panicacious dragon. stricken inhabitants that he came as their deliverer, and was hailed by them as such with loud acclamations.

Now St. George, though he certainly had some skill in arms, was not very fond of fighting, and when anything of that sort had to be done, usually contrived to get some one else to do it. In this adventure, however, he trusted more to his skill in magic than to his prowess in the field. He went to the wood where the dragon had its den, and by the power of his enchantments threw the monster into a state of coma. Then drawing his sword, he cut through its slimy scales, and lo, a beautiful princess stood before Throwing the hideous skin over his shoulder, he him. came out of the wood followed by the princess, and proclaimed to the admiring multitude that he had slain their foe. The princess, he said, had been held captive by the dragon, and having liberated her he was resolved to make her his lady.

The gratitude of the people knew no bounds. They made the knight ruler over the whole island, and were proud to be his slaves. They gave him a number of castles where he and the princess reigned in great state. Though to the outward eye the latter had the appearance of a gracious queen, in appetite she still remained a dragon. However, similarity of tastes made her a worthy consort for St. George, and the quantities of roast beef and mutton the pair consumed were enormous. In course of time they had a numerous progeny, blessed with like prodigious appetites, to satisfy which the land was laid under heavy contributions.

The people, though patient and long-suffering beyond belief, did not always respond to the demand for refreshments without a murmur. At one time, indeed, they openly rebelled, attacked St. George, defeated him and cut off his head. But here his skill in magic helped him, and enabled him to swim across the sea with his head under his arm. This feat has been wrongly ascribed to St. Patrick, the most diligent research having failed to discover the slightest foundation for such a supposition, whereas it is a well authenticated matter of history that St. George was the hero of the adventure.

In a few years we find the knight again embarking for the island, and by throwing a spell of enchantment over the people, inducing them to restore him as their sovereign. And there he has remained to the present day, decimating the flocks and herds, and devouring the substance of the land. In spite of the influence of his sorcery the inhabitants are getting weary enough of this state of things, and think if they could only get rid of St. George they would not mind one or two dragons. They are waiting in patience the fulfilment of a prophecy of Mother Shipton, recently brought to light by antiquarian researches. It runs as follows :-

> " Let kings, queens, lords and noble dames Dread him who bears two royal names."

This undoubtedly refers to Henry George.

WM. MCGILL.

"LET us sweep," as the house-maid whispered to the new broom.



#### DASHED PROSPECTS.

PROUD AND HAPPY (though somewhat absent minded) PARENT-"Ha! what a fine little fellow he is, nurse; and what a head He'll carry on the business after me in proper style, I know !' NURSE (apologetically)-" But it's a girl, sir."

P. & H. PARENT-" Thunderation, I had forgotten that !"

DIARY OF OUR MAN ABROAD.

Nov 12 . Here you have a sketch faller Morden, after whom this fine lettle town is named. The old gentleman is decidedly provide die distinctioni as l well man be, for morden is "w slouch of a place. The saying in this district is that Morden has not only more businep. but. citizens than any place in for a greater proportion ? Marlitoba. This probably accounts for the mistence here of a very flourschung Curling Club, and a fair muluber of hordges and Robueties that boast a I noth. bership. We born All of a brief west here to the the method & by Morden, unless we encept a more or less cruel tendency of B the cetizeur is 'put up' joke's on one another. It is only to mention that the people of this town are not more de The addreted to the andered than & the average run of Montobans and that the big wooden bottle. lawing in front. of one of the stores - and which is the first object to stuke the eye of the " passing tourist - is not itis Coat of anne of the Corporation but simply W. Neumans priden 15 - To get from Mor. den 15 Gretna, you finat-gend a telegram to the Ewery Iman at the latter place to meet jom tion al Rosenfild Spinetion ; then you ! go by the morning sipress to that point where you find a ve comfortable waiting room, where your pass ( the time descussing manitoba politics with slep Laurence MPP, who in towards evening, when

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## THE FLESH IS WEAK!

MINISTER (proudly reading the climax of his next sermon to his wife).—" The strength of the noblest men shows itself in their ability at all times to be strong in *little* things; and grander than this can no man be, that in the little trials and vexations of life by gentleness and love he mounts superior to——"

WIFE (interrupting)—" Oh, did you call and order that meat?"

MINISTER (after a pause of specchless horror).—" Confound it, woman, why will you interrupt me with these miserable, sickening little things, when I am teaching you great moral truths,"

#### THE BUTTERMILK MAN.

N all kinds of weather, thro' thick and thro' thin. You can tell him afar by the shining of tin; Down the road, round the corner, appears the tall can Which partly eclipses the buttermilk man.

His horse is a veteran stager, I trow, Scarce able to struggle the cart thro' a slough, Which cart was procured on a cash-saving plan, For cheap is the 'rig'' of the buttermilk man.

Yet blithely he follows his trade every day, And sings as he goes on his buttermilk way, From farm house to farm house to get all he can; All the neighbors around know the buttermilk man.

Wuen his load is procured, then he hies him to sell. And the town streets resound to the clang of his bell, The women with pitchers frequent his old van, Recognizing the ring of the buttermilk man.

But though jocund in all of his wanderings, still He loves to return to his house on the hill, Where his good wife and children, a prosperous clan. Are waiting to welcome the buttermilk man.

For though he is poor, he has family joys, And boasts half a dozen of girls and of boys : An annual series, which since it began Has ne'er disappointed the buttermilk man.

Then, that long he may live to replenish the earth, Thathis household so large ne'er be troubled with dearth;

Tho' their living depends on a cruise of the can, Let us pledge in sour milk the gay buttermilk man.

## NO GO.

THAT fragile hand In all its power A fairy wand To lure men's hearts To Cupid's bower.

That silken hair, Each strand so slight And passing fair, Yet no steel locks Surpass in might.

That gentle glance 1 know so well, A Cupid's lance With mortal wound And Circean spell!

That archèd foot, A shapely mould In dainty boot, With cong'ring tread Of hero bold.

That air blase When luckless I Am in the way. And plainly tells How vain I sigh ! —SALGOND.

#### THE YOUTH WITHOUT A GIRL.

[-] OW lonely in a country crowd Appears the single churl, The butt of whispers low and loud— The youth without a girl.

On him contemptuous looks are cast, And lips in scorn do curl, And sounds of smothered laughter blast

The youth without a girl.

Far happier he with sweetheart plain As ever wore a curl, Than that forlorn, that luckless swain---The youth without a girl.

Now all young men my counsel heed, Or scout it at your peril, To rustic party never speed Without the usual girl. WILLIAN

WILLIAM MCGILL.



## LOVE'S ORDEAL.

"OH, Mr. Shankey, I'm so glad you've come! That horrid bull's got my parasol, and he's tearing it up! I wish you would go and take it from him!"

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## A BURGLAR ALARM.

S NIFFKINS was snoring the snore of the just the other night, when he suddenly awoke with the indefinable feeling that there were more people in the room than had got into bed. It did not take long to ascertain the fact that a couple of burglars were a-burgling, and that they were even at that moment feeling for a roll of bills in Sniffkins' pants pocket, said roll representing his whole month's salary.

Now, Sniffkins happened to be suffering from a very bad sore throat, and had his thorax mantled in bandages, which made him look like an amateur representative of a hospital accident ward. Raising himself on one arm he suddenly exclaimed :

"Gentlemen, as a member of the Society for Preventing Contagious Diseases, it is my painful duty to inform you that I am just recovering from a severe attack of diphtheria, and that there are two more cases in the next room. You are perfectly welcome to anything you can find in the house, but ———"

When "Buck-eyed" Jack and "Sharky" Bill pulled up at the place of their mutual abode about ten minutes later, they went through a course of fumigation which would have deodorized a soap factory.

## SCIENTIFIC.

S HE had exhausted every human topic of conversation under the sun, and in a last despairing effort remarked :-

"You seem to have rather a bad cold, Mr. Dudekin." "Yaas. Jolly shame, too, by jove, but they-er-

nearly always go to my-er-head. How do you-eraccount for it?"

"Perhaps it's on the principle of nature abhorring a vacuum," suggested she, and Dudekin has been wondering ever since as to what she really could have meant.

#### A SUITABLE TEXT.

M<sup>R.</sup> EPHRAIM P. RODEN is seeking re-election as a Public School Trustee. Mr. Roden is intimately associated with the Board of Works, and in connection with the dilatory delays of that body it has been suggested that clergymen in St. David's ward, on the Sunday before the election, should preach from the text : "Ephraim is joined to his *idlers*, let him alone."

"GOING home to dynamo," as Edison soliloquised on the street the other day.



"PLEASE, missus, is this your little boy? He's lost!"

## HE COULD GIVE THEM ON THE SPOT.

VOUNG FLANERIE (son of Dennis Flannery, ex-porkdealer, and who is just getting a society footing)-"Say, Snaggs, what does this R.S.V.P. mean on the corner of this printed bid?"

YOUNG SNAGUE (a little longer on the social turf)-"Mean? Pshaw, don't you know? Why, the letters stand for the dances that'll be on-Reels, Schottisches, Valses and Polkas. You want to learn faster, my boy. But any pointers you may need on the society biz, just ask me. I can give 'em to you on the spot."

OUR LABOR REFORM CLUB.



HE speaker at the last meeting of our Labor Reform Club was Mr. John Thomas Grimes, a gentleman who has but recently taken uphis residence in Canada. Mr. Grimes spoke as follows :

" Fellow 'orny-'anded sons o' toil : I ain't been werry long in this 'ere bloomink country, but

I sees well enough that there isn't a 'cap o' diff'rence twix folks 'ere and at 'ome. It's the same sort o' 'uman nature all round, seems to me. 'Ere I find laborin' clausses same as at 'ome wastin' of their substance fightin' agin the branches o' the tree, when I says, says I, wot you wants to do is to go for the roots. (Cheers.) Wot do I mean? Well, give me time an' I'll explain. Wot I finds is, workin' men a-strugglin' for more pay an' less hours o' work, and goin' out on strike, and boycottin', and all

that there. Now, I ain't goin' to find fault with this way o' doin', taint for me to interfere, but wot I says is, to my way o' thinkin', you never cawnt cure wots wrong along that there road. Seems to me, strikes and all that there, is only the spots on the outside to show there's a case of measels goin' on, but no amount of spots won't ever cure the measels. (Hear, hear.) There's something at bottom of the well, and wot we wants to know is-wot is it? Well now, look a here. 'Ow much wages could you make if you was free to work for yourself and 'adn't anythink to pay for taxes, and so on, out of wot you made? (A voice -\$3 per day !) Three dollars—that's more'n arf a pun -well, say three dollars. Now, if you was allowed to work for yourself, don't you see, you needn't a-work for nobody 'oo wouldn't pay you at least three dollars. (Hear hear.) And that would be wot I would call freedom. And wy ain't you allowed to work for yourself? 'Cause the hoppertunities is fenced hoff. A man can't work without 'aving access to land any more than a bird can fly without 'aving access to air. And if a few big birds owned the air and 'cld it out of use, or at a big premium that the little birds couldn't pay, there wouldn't be much use for wings, would there? The little birds would 'ave to take wot grubs the big 'uns gave 'em and be thankful, and then you'd 'ear of strikes among the birds for more grubs all the wile. That's 'ow it is now with us birds, and



HE DESERVED IT.

IRATE WIFE (a woman of Mind as well as Muscle)—"You care-less, forgetful wretch. *Fil* teach you to come home without Grip's Comic Almanac, when I went to the trouble of tying a bit of yarn to your finger to remind you of it."

that's wot strikes means. It's all we can do as things is. But I says, says I, wy not put things right as they'd ort to be? Wasn't the earth made for all men alike to go to for to make a livin' by applyin' their labor? (A voice-Certainly it was !) Then wot do you say to hactin' on that idea and lettin' every man 'ave free access to it, and makin' all pay a fair shot for the bit of it they took for their own private use? (Hear, hear!) The man as took a fine corner lot in a big town would 'ave more to pay than 'im as took a bit of land in the country—w'ich is proper enough, but none of us would 'ave any taxes to pay excepting this one tax. That would make an end of strikes, for wages would never be less than wot a man could make workin' for 'imself : and it wouldn't be right that they should be 'igher. That's all I got to say just now." (Great cheers, amid which Mr. Grimes resumed his scat.)

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## THE QUEBEC VENDETTA.

(WITH ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO THE COMIC OPERA, "PAOLA.")

SAPOLO (Mr. Mercier)—" Dear-Laurier, if you should ever find my knife sticking in your back, you will understand that it has been placed there with no unfriendly feeling."

## A REMARKABLE CASE.

EDITOR Netes: I wish to give you, for the benefit of those suffering from diseases of the lungs, an account of my wonderful recovery from a desperate condition under Dr. Hunter's treatment by "medicated air." I took a heavy cold which settled on my lungs and gave me a hard, dry cough. After this had lasted for about three months I began to spit up thick matter mixed with blood, and sometimes coughed up pure blood. The matter was a greenish vellow color. I could get no rest day or night. I grew so weak and wasted that I could hardly walk across the floor without fainting. My breath was very short. Every afternoon 1 had a burning fever in my hands, soles of my feet and face, with heavy cold sweats at night, which drenched my clothes. I was in despair, and my friends had almost given up all hope of my re-covery, as I had been treated by four different physicians without benefit, when I heard from a neighbor, one of Dr. Hunter's patients, of his treatment by medicated air, and placed my case in his hands, He gave me very little encouragement, but said he would do the best he could for me. I soon began to improve, coughed less and spit up less matter and gained in strength; got more rest at night; the fever and night sweats grew less, till they gradually disap-peared. In six weeks I gained twenty pounds, and in a few months perfectly re-covered my health. Knowing how many there are who are suffering from the same disease, I feel it my duty to send you the particulars of my case, and will be glad to give any further information that may be desired. I reside in the Township of Brock and my address is Sunderland.

MRS. A. ST. JOHN, Sunderland Netes, Ont., Oct. 2, 1889. Nore-Dr. Hunter's office is at 71 Bay street, Toronto.

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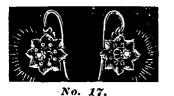
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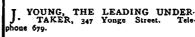
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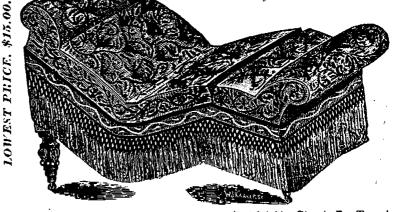
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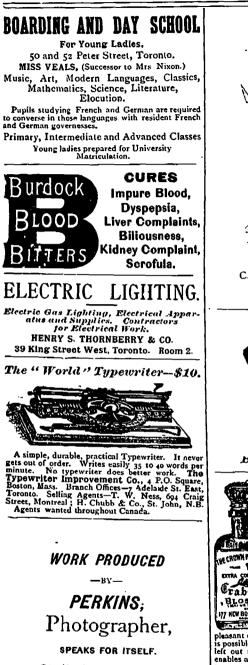
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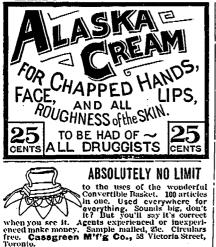
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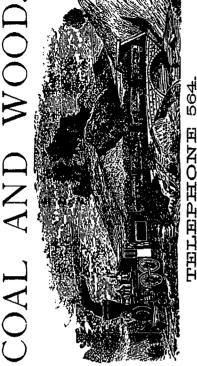
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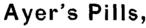
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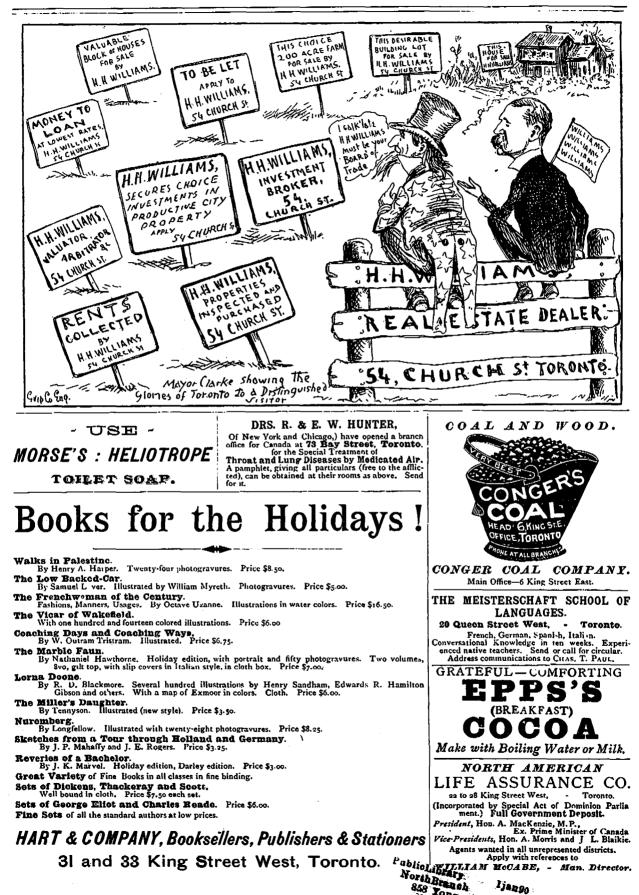
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