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 is so seldon:-so veryseldom-that the City Counc l is found supporting a proposal in favor of progressive and radical legislation, that when it does take such an unusual step it ought to receive full credit therefor. It is gratifying to find that body sup. porting by nearly a two-thirds majority the proposal to confer the municipal franchise upon married women who possess the requisite property qualification. No good reason can be advanced for making marriage a bar to the exercise of the right of suffrage. Women, both marricd and single, ought long since to have been fully enfranchised, not as property-owners, but on the broader ground that as human beings they have a right to be represented in making the laws that govern them, and one of the greatest stigmas on Premier Mowat's alleged Libera'sm is the scanty and grudging recognition that their claims have met with at his hands.

NOTHING will strengthen English feeling in support of the Home Rule Bill more than the arming and drilling of Ulster Orangemen to oppose it. The Ulster swashbucklers are doing the same service for the Home Rule cause that the dynamiters did for that of Toryism.


* very easy for the daily press, irrespective of party, to condemn on grounds of political economy, the proposal that the government should lend money to the debt-laden farmers, but none of the critics seem able to point out any better way of rescuing the farmer from the clutch of the moneysharks. Saturday last, can, at all events, be congratulated on having done unusually little mischief, as its legisla-
tive record is a very insignificant one. Otherwise, it was a rather exciting session owing to the development of differences among the supporters of the party in power, which will before long wreck the Thompson administration.

EVIDENCES continue to multiply that the Chicago World's Fair will be a very good place to stay away from this summer. Even if cholera, or some other frightful epidemic, does not break out-as it probably will-dangers to life and limb are likely to be numerous, as the arrangements made for the accommodation of the expected throngs of visitors put a premium on disasters on a large scale. According to the New York Herald 279 temporary hotels, containing 33,945 rooms, are in course of erection. As they will nearly all be torn down after the Fair is over, their construction is of the


HE WAS SAFE.
"Young man, do you know that every drink you take is one more nail in your coffin? '
"Oh, that's all right. I've requested that I be cremated, and my remains put in a jar."
fimsiest possible description, and there will be great danger of fire or collapse. All kinds of schemes are being worked for obtaining money in advance on the promise of accommodation, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been gathered in by the speculators. There is no more rapucious set of sharpers anywhere in the world than in Chicago, and as all the hungry rascality of the continent is likely to draw to a head there during the Fair, the visitors will doubtless be swindled and plundered in every direction. The chances are that the whole business will end in disaster and disappointment.

W HEN Oliver Momat was created a knight, in order to tickle his senile vanity, there were not wanting partizan apologists who belied their convictions and the raditions of the Liberal party by pleading in mitigation that the conferring of the title, at least did no harm to


GOOD-BYE TO THE BRIDE,
anybody. Subsequent events show the falsity of this argument. It has already done an infinite deal of harm. It las altered the tone of the administration considerably for the worse, and forced the Grits, instead of beirg the champions of Democracy and progress, to become defenders of medirevalism and renctionary ideas. As an evidence of this we sec the absurd and senseless display of military pageantry at the opening of the Provincial session, which had been abandoned in deference to the growing intelligence of the public, now resumed in connection with the inauguration of the new Parliament 1 uildings. Furthermore, the affair was made the occasion of a gubernatorial reception in which only the favored few could participate. The whole thing savors of the spirit of caste, aristocracy and medixvalism, and is clearly due to the gratification of Premier Mowat's snobbish whim. It is a pity there is not enough of manliness in the party to resent this dragging of their professed principles in the mud to please a vain, conceited old man, who ought to be thinking of other things than strutting about in antiquated frippery to receive the servile homage of snobs.

## TO MR. McCARTHY.

(Oit Dalton, my son,
UThen you once have besun
A reform in our matters financial,
I: will help matters much
If you advocate such
A reform as is really substantial.
Though spol:e= or written,
Free trade with Cireat Britain
Is a policy not to be sneezed at;
lou soon will discover
Free trade the work over,
Is one we should be better pleased at.
G.C.

## PARTICULAR ABOUT TRIFLES.

$\mathrm{B}^{\text {INNICK-" }}$ whan." Their original quarrel was over a
Crinic-"I knew it was some such trifle as that."


GOOD-BYE TO THE BRIDE.


## sN EXCEPTION

Mlsis Bickerstaff-"They say that starvation quickens the imagination."
lobcins-" Not enougt. to make a man who hasn't eaten anything for two days imagine he's had a Delmionico dinner."

## RESCUED FROM THE WASTE-BASKET.

HAIL, gentle Spring! thou hast been often hailed H by many a rhymer since the days of Homer, With all their failings they have never failed
To give thee welcome warm, thou yearly comer.
Though late in coming, thou art not assailed,
They but exclaim how short will be the summer,
Kil at the winter for her lingering,
A Il hail with joyous walcome gentle Spring.
Tnou shouldst be grateful, too, Ogentle Spring,
To those who shower on thee their benedictions, Though crucle and lacking true poctic ring, And the high finish of fine flattering fictions. Though in the offrings thine admirers bring There are grave faults and many contratictions, Thou shouldst excuse them, for thou art so palmy, Thy balay days jut make the tingers "balmy."


IN THE GLOAMING.
Sile-"George, dear, if you only knew papa as I do-so noble and impulsive, so full of soul and fire."
George Dear (zuith sad reminiscencs)-"Yes, darling, I know he is fu'l of fire, and in my short interview with him last night I was forcibly struck with the greatness of his sole."

## MR. MANGS LOOKS AFTER HIMSELF.

MRS. MANGS, after many years of hopeful anticipation, left town to attend an annual missionary meeting. The following morning Mangs put his head out of the street-door and signalled distress to Joe Smith, who was passing. Smith, who had been his best man ten years previously, noted with surprise that the attire of the usually correct Mangs was decidedly incomplete.
"Old man," said Mangs in the appealing tones which Smith had not heard since the ever-to-be remembered morming, " will you do me a favor?. Come up to my room for a minute."

Mangs had behaved badly since his marriage. It, is the duty of every bridegroom to furnish amusement and cause for self-congratulation to his celibate friends. This Mangs had not done. He had not even acted the


Mrs. Cloonan-" I wonder fwhat Dr. Brown is afther havin' M.D. behind his name fur, Mrs. Lahey ?"

Mrs. Laher-"I dunno. Shure but by the way he wus after chargin' me three dollars fur a bottle of medicine, I think it must meara he is Mighty Dear."
part of the foolishly fond parent for the best of reasons. Smith smiled all over his clean-shaved old face behind Mangs' back as they went up the stairs.

Mangs sat down on the side of the bed and directed Smith's attention to a choice selection of neckties.
"What can I do for you, old man? Isn't Mrs. Mangs at home?"
"No, Maria bas gone to a missionary meeting. I've always remembered the way you stood by me that morning, Joe.:

Smith reluctantly accepted the missionary theory, and supposed that Mangs wished to prepare some affectionate surprise against bis wife's return.
"Joe," continued Mangs, sighing deeply and thrusting his hands into the pockets of his imperfectly supported trousers, " what necktie shall I wear ?"
"Did you say what necktie, Mangs ?"


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Friar Tuck-" Have another piece of the pastry, my liege."
King Richard- "Fair would I, but I have on my unyielding corset of stect."
"Yes," returned Mans, with the deep content of a child whose wants are understood, "what necktie, Joe?" "I should think any of these would do."
Hangs looked at the neckties unhappily. "But which would you wear, Joe?"
By this time Smith, who bad been looking into the Mans wardrobe, began to take a clearer view of the situation. "True as you live, she had all his things laid out in sections and labelled," he confided afterwards to a friend. "Wear the red one, Mangs."
"You think that one would be best?"
"Ob, undoubtedly."
"I had to dress the fellow completely," he went on to the same friend. "She actually had little dusters for each separate pair of boots, and he used them, too"

It was half-past ten when he left Mans, a desolate man, faltering on the edge of the pavement.
"Joe, what would you have for breakfast?"
"Eggs, hen's eggs, boiled, brown ones, but take white if you cant get brown. Ask the waiter about the rest." Then Smith dashed madly in front of an electric car.

Penny.

## " NOTHING IN THE PAPERS."

CT. PETER he sat by the heavenly gate,
And his face wore an ominous frown :
"There's nothing at all in the papers of late," Said he, and threw one of them down.
"I have read my exchanges all over with care, That of interest used to lee full,
If I wasn't a saint I should certainly swear, They are most unaccountably dull.
" let I don't think that crime has a great deal decreased, Anal political scandals are rife;
Old Nick's hard at work-yet there seems at least Less interest in human life.
"The editor bravely continues the fight With his low-lived and pestilent foes;
The fashion-plates bright still the females delight, With their visions of new Easter clothes.
" Yet something is missing which used to give zest To my randing-now what can it be?
Oi yes-when the newspaper funny men jest They no longer make jokes about me.
"I used to get mad at their scurrilous jokes, And for vengeance upon them did call.
But I d sooner be gibed at, like some otbe:fol Than never be noticed at all."


A PULL ON HIS PARENT.
Moneypensy, Jf.-"That cigar! Twenty-two dollars a hundred, sir."
Moneypeniy, Sk.-" Humph! I can't afford such cigars as that,"
Moneybensy, Jr.-"Certainly not, sir."
Monfypensi, Sk.-"Certainly not! And I know very well you smoke a better cigar than that oftencr than you do a cheaper one."

Moneypensy, !r.-" Yes, sir ; but I have a rich father, you know, sir-and you haven't."
be interesting to know how many of that deputation belongtd to the St. George's Snowshoe Club, or had husbands and sons belonging to it. The St. George's Club house is situated at the aristocratic west end. It is the swell club of Montreal. Everybody who is anybody belongs to the St. George's Snowshoe Club. Far different is the people's park, to which anyone can belong by paying a small entrance fee.

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## NOT ALTOGETHER A DUDE.

PAPA -"Well, dear, I was perhaps a little too rough on Cholly Litepate last night. I saw him down town to-day and have changed my mind about him."

Maud-"O, I am so g'ad."
Papa-" He was drunk. I never thought him capable of such a thing."

## DO NOT KNOW THE ABC'S OF THEIR TRADE.


a late meeting of the Montreal City Council a large and influential deputation of citizens and citizenesses appeared before that august body to protest against the sale of four per cent. beer at Sohmer Park. How grateful the poor people of Montreal should be for having the rich people to look after their interests and ceen attempt to make them virtuous by Act of Parliament! These unselfish people evidently care more for the welfare of the poor than they do for that of their own husbands and sons. It would
although the Cote is strictly teetotal, otherwise no liquor can be sold in it. But selling letters is a different thing, and getting drunk on letters is a polite and aristocratic thing, so "letter go, Gallagher," as the St. Gcorge's boys would say. But these things seem strange to

The Min in the Moon.


A HANDICAP.



THERE'S DANGER IN THE FASHION.

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## Wall canada.

WAIL, Canadians, for your land, Jail the boodlers, sleek and bland. Who say, "We've bled our country"s till, Of public funds had our sucet will, And now the logus trial's 'cooked,' Enjoy the swag from poor men hooked. Let no chance to grab be lost, Never mind the blooming cost. Are nol farmers taxes high, That our pile may reach the sky?".

Chorus-Hang together, boodlers all, Rally now at Mammon's call. If we now our interests pool, We the people stil: shall fool.

Shate of Walpole, rise again !
Defend the record 'gainst these men :
Let no mere 'prentice colonist
Take larger toll from pul)lic grist
Than thon, who long hast horne the palm
For bribery and shameless sham.
Combines of old ! with enve see
More infamous monopoly
Is crushing Labor to the ground,
While heelers stand rejoicing round.
Chorus--Hang together, etc.
"'Rah for the Chief who now commands !"
So sing the well-fed boodling bands.

- You'll scarcely find a single 'beat'

Who found the feet of 'justice' fieet.
When threats of prosecu ion rise,
Commissiuns blind the people's eyes.
Ilurrah ! we no more feel dismay,
You bet you're boots we're here to stay.
The public mind from change seems free :
Then whoop 'er up for the great N.P."
Chokus-Hang together, boodlers all, Rally now at Mammon's call. On high enthroned sit crafty knaves, The people are but fools and slaves.

## A FIN DE SIECLE PHILOSOPHER.

HE had the air of a philosopher in reduced circumstances, as in fact nearly all the philosophers with whom we ever came in contact were, and as he ambled hesitatingly into the office and seated himself on the edge of the table drawing a few soiled and tattered papers from his pock t we braced up for a dissertation on national currency, the flatness of the earth, the faith cure, or some kindred topic.
"Have you any interest," he enquired, "in the Lost Ten Tribes?"
"Not having lost any tribes to my knowledge, I can't say that I have."
"I'm sorry. Its a most important question. You know, I suppose, that them ten tribes have never been found. Nobody knows where they went to or what became of them. They have completely disappeared. Strange, ain't it?"
"Ies, rather singular. But I wouldn't worry about it if I were you. Don't you think there are Jews enough left for all practical purposes?"
" Well. p'raps. But what became of the Ten Tribes that was yanked off to Assyria and them parts? They ain't there now, and the funny part of it seems to be they ain't nowhere else. That's what sort of gits over me. Where are they? That's what I want to get at."
"Well, if you ask me I really don't know, and as I've no particular use for them if they were found, you must excuse me if I don't share your anxiety on the subject."
"Look-a-here, mister, I've jest been puzzlin over this here business fur nigh onto twelve year. I been readin' up all the eminent researchists an' commentators, but while they all allow that them Ten Tribes is lost they don't seem to have much idea of how they's goin' to be found agin. Doc. Wild here says they're the English people, but that's where he's way off. It don't need a great sight of education to tell the difference between a Jew and an Englishman. Well, now those tribes are somewhere, ain't they ?"
"I suppose so."
"And it there was any enterprise and money pui into the business they could be found. That's just the

"To sleep, perchance to dream. Ay, there's the rub."
-Hamlet
trouble. These eminent researchists have no snap about them. They give us no end of talk, but they don't get up and hustle. Now if I had a few hundred dol lars I'll bet I'd find them Ten Tribes."
" How would you do it?"
"Hcw? I'd advertise 'em, sir. What docs a man do if he loses a horse or a cow ? Advertise for it and offer a reward. Has anybedy ever advertised for the Lost Ten Tribes? No, sir: Nobody ever took that much practical interest in the subject. Now there's been enough talk about this Lost Tribe affair, and it's time to git right down to busi ness. I'm gitting up a fund of $\$ 500 \mathrm{an}^{\prime}$ I want every man that is interested in the case and wants to see the prophecies fulfilled to subscribe. It'll cost that much to put a 'Lost' advertisement in all the leading papers in the different languages. Now then put up or shut up."
"Certainly. I shut up."
"Then you won't help this great scheme for the solution of a question that has perplexed the greatest intellects for centuries?"
"Not with money. But we don't mind giving you a free insertion of your ad., if that will help you out any."
"Thanks, Col. I knowed that a feller of your littery style would ketch on. Nom, if you just shove that there ad. in for a month I reckon it'll give the thing a start an' I can git the other papers to take holt."


FOLLOWING HIS OWN TRAIL.
Guest-" Have you sheen (hic) anyshing my fren' Bozworsh lately?"

Hotej. Clerk-" He was here half an hour ago."
Guest-"Well, waz'e, 'lone, er wuz I wiz 'im?"


And he fished out a crumpled manuscript, which on being smoothed out read as follows:

Lost, Strayed or Stoien. - Fromi Assyria, or somewhere around that section, about the year 53 S IB.C. ten tribes of Jews or Israelites. Any one sending information which will lead to their discovery to Joshun P. Shaddock, Dixie P'O., Peel Co., will be suitably rewarded. Any person detaining same after publication of this notice will be prosecuted.
Assyrian, Persian, Aralian, Indian and Chinese papers please copy.
"There," said the seedy philosopher triumphantly. ": I reckon that'll settle the question for good and all. If that don't bring 'em why these bere parsons an' lecturers an' commentators that's been talking Lost Ten Tribes for ages an' never had the sand to git a move on to find 'em had better quit Got a chew about ye? Thanks. Now I'll tackle the Ghobe and the Christian Guardian, and I reckon they can't decently refuse after the send-off you gin me. So long."

And he walked out with the triumphant manner of one who has achieved the purpose of his life.

## ALWAYS ON TAP.

THOUGil I've seen men so scarce of pence
That none would do them reverence-
I will not see as long's I live
One who's too poor advice to give.

## ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.



RS. QUIDNUNC-"What is all this row in Hawaii about, Lionel?"
Mr. Quidnunc-" About over now."


RELENTLESS.
Mrs. McGee-"Mere comes Micky. Forgit that bit ov a shpat and spake to him"; he's bin sick fer two months."

Mr. McGee-" Faith an' oi wuddn't spake to him if he had bin did fer two months."
a free site and exemption from taxes for twenty-une years.

To the second best guesser will be given a free site.

The third nearest guess will entitle the competitor to exemption from water rates for ten years.

One dollar must be enclosed for each guess, and competitors may forward as many guesses as they please.

The competition will close as soon as the Committee find that no more dollars are coming in.

Consolation Prizes. - All unsuccessful competitors will receive a beautiful and life-like chromo lithograph representing Mayor Fleming in the act of dismissing Dr. Allen, which from its historic interest as well as its artistic value, is worth ten times the money required to enter the contest.

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## THE SPREAD OF SOCIALISM.

REV. AUGUSTUS LOFTY--"I think the levelling tendencies of the age are most deplorable. There is no respect left for position or authority. The spirit of Socialism is abroad in the land."

Deacon Flipjack-" That's so, doctor. There's considerable too much of this Socialism to suit me. Why, do you know, they actually held a social on Good Friday in one of the Parkdale churches."

MANITOBA AND IRELAND.


OME RULE in Manitoba Is proper, just and right, In order to uphold it All freemen should unite.

No federal interference With the people of the soil,
'Tis they should run the country They ve built up by their toil.

And let them make their school laws
Exac:ly as they choose,
It's no outsider's business To force on them his views.

And should the hicrarchy To dominate them try, One hundred thousand Orangemien Will know the reason why.


KEEPING HIS WORD.
Hannah-"Ancl, Par, what are ye doing ?"
Pat-" Whist ! beaisy, Hannah. Didn't I promise Father Ryan that I'd niver touch a houtle to me lips again-and I mane to keep my word with his riverence.'

Home Rule for Ireland! Never ! A traitor and a fool
Is the man who'd give the Irish A chance themselves to rule.
'Twould overthrow the Empire If ever there were seen
A l'arliament assembled As once at College Green.

The landlords own the country, Though mostly absentecs,
And they've the right to govern Exactly as they please.

And should Home Rule be carried, And the cry; "To arms !" go forth,
One hundred thousaind Orangemen Will help the loyal North.


ONE WAS ENOUGH FOR HIM.
She-" I wouldn't give our little Lawrence for all the babies in Toronto. Would you, dcar?"

Dear-" All the babies in Toronto? Well, I should think not."

## OUR OBSTREPEROUS INFANTS.

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UR manufacturers with one voice have said OThey cannot stand without Trotection's aid ; Anel thoughtful men, while wordering at their phlegna, Ask how much longer people can stand them ? $\qquad$


Police Magistrate--"Are you married to this woman, prisoner?"
Tough-"Yes, your warship.
Policeman-"They was niver married accordin' to law, sis. "
Touch-" Dunno about law. We was married accordin' to the
Marquis of Queensbury rulcs. Ain't that enough ?"


FLOWERY.
Yousg Winow (aith moncy)-"Sweetheart is a name I always liked. You used to call me rosebud, but somehow it loes nut please me so much as sweethearr."

Cartaln. Snapler (alsentiy)-"Yes, twenty-nine years is old for a rose-bud."

## TO SIR JOHN THOMPSON.

W That the old korse N. Nou see
Is a founder'd and spavined old roarer.
And 'twould be a safe bet
That you're certain to get
If much longer you rille him, a hoorer.
Take this into account,
And secure a new mount,
And before the next parliament meets, sir, Get often astraddle
Till at home in the saddle,
And you feel quite secure in your seat, sir.

## "INVITED GUESTS."

MRS. POPENJOY-"I am preparing the list of invited guests to your nppronching wedding, Louisa, and if it doesn't completely eclipse that pretentious SnortonRocktord affair of last week and turn them perfectly green with envy, I shall be much surprised. Listen. (Reads.) 'Her Majesty Qucen Victoria, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Emperor William of Germany, His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, the Marquis of Queensbury, President and Mrs. Cleveland, Hon. Hoke Smith, Ward McAllister, Mrs. Paran Stevens, Carlyle W. Harris-'"

Miss Popenjoy-"Oh, but mamma, that's absurd. They won't any of them come, you know."

Mrs. Popenjoy-"Come? Of course not! What has that to do with it? But if we send them invitations they are invited guests, are they not? And their names can be published in the newspapers just as the SnortonRockford 'guests' were, though some of them were thousands of miles away."

## THE FITNESS OF THINGS.

MRS. PLUGIVINCH-"Oh, John, they had a social at the Parkdale Methodist church on Good Friday, with married men only as waiters."

Plugwinch-" Highly appropriate, my dear. If having to wait about an hour every time your wife is going out with you doesn't fit a man for being a waiter, I don't know what would."

## A YOUTHFUL EGOTIST.

TEACHER-"Can any of you tell me what an egotist is?"
Rosalind-"I know. Mamie Biggleswade is a big egotist."

Teacher-"For shame, Rosie! You shouldn't say such things about your companions."

Rosalind-" But she is, though. She ate half-adozen eggs all to herself on Easter Sunday."

CONVENTIONAL LYING.
$\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{E}}$ went to hear grond opera,
$H^{\text {lle went to hear it twice, }}$
He told his friends he liked it weil' And thought it very nice;
But still he knew this specious yarn
Was more than a mistake,
For nothing but the ceaseless noise Had made hin keep awake.

## ACCOUNTED FOR.

ETHEL-"Jack is an optimist. He can find something to acmire in everything."
Maud-"Now I can understand his attention to you."


THE BULLY BOY.
Courter-"That criminal bas a hard eye."
Paresis-"Yes. Glass, probably."
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"I'm as badly broke as the ten commandments."
" Well, that means a good deal in New York," and he shelled out a quarter.

## SHE IVANTED HIM TO SMOKE.

"Has she no pride, no self-respect? How can she permit that fellow to smoke while they aze promenadiog on Fifth Avenue?"
"Oh, that's Charlic Vanderchunnp, and she's afraid people wouldn't know it was a man."

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## STILL UNSETTLED.

Facetious lriend-" Well, have you and our wife yet setuled as to who is speaker of he house?"
Young IIusdand-" Not yet. We usually occupy the chair together."-Indianafolis fow renal.

## THE REASON WHY.

"WHy, Alphonso," said the wife, as she found her husband in the hall strapping up the family umbrellas as if he were about to depart on a journcy, " certainly you are not going to take all those down town? ${ }^{\circ}$
"Marguerita," he responded firmly," have you forgotten that this afternoon you give a tive o'clock tea?"
"But, Alfie, my guests would never steal-"
"Steal! Whos said they would? No, but they would recognize tize initials on the handles."-Tozur Topics.

## JUST THE MAN.

Buxker-"Since I have moved upon the top floor I've struck one of the lest tailors I ever had."
HILL-" What are his good points?"
Bunkfr-" He is so lame he can't climb" -Clothier and Furnisher.

## TEETHING.

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## SOMEWHAT DISCOURAGED.

Affectionate Reiative-" Why do you sit so far off, Cousin Jennic? Come over here on the sofa and sit alongside of me."
Cousin Jevnie-"I'm thinking that for a distant relative you are near enough already."

## NEEDED A SECOND EDITION.

lonle-" They postponed the races at Guttenberg to-day, on account of the condition of the track."

Roone - "Was it much worse than usual?"

Poole-"It was so good they feared it would spoil the jobs they had put up."Puck.

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## TOO CLOSE.

DiSmuth-" So the Kelly-Brown match is broken off, is it ?"
McGinnis-"Ges. The Browns objected to Kelly being so darned economical."
"You astonish me."
" Ves ! he sent circulars to all the ministers in town asking for their lowest matrimonial ternis, and old Brown kicked."

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