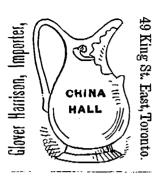


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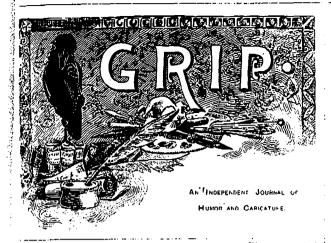
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DR. BLAKE'S SURE CURE FOR THE BLEUS .-- It is pretty well understood that when the leader of the Opposition delivers himself on the subject of the political situation (as he will do in a few days at London) he will propose as a sovereign cure for the varied ills that Canada is heir to, a novel yet most promising remedy. He will suggest that Federal justice to each race and section, and Federal respect to the spirit of our constitution as regards the rights of the Provinces, shall take the place of centralization and tyranny. This is a medicine which ap-

parently Sir John has never thought of trying—his faith in the old prescription, "Fraud and Force," being as strong as ever.

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF.—It is rumored that on New Year's Day Mr. Mowat called his Cabinet together and severely reprimanded them for the awful wastefulness and extravagance of the past year, and exacted from them a promise that during 1886 more rigid economy and retrenchment will be practised. As a consequence of the meeting the charwoman of the buildings is trembling in anticipation of a reduction of salary, and the mice which infest the old place are on the contrary in high glee at the prospect of cheese-parings galore!

PADDY GETS A LOAF BECAUSE OF HIS IMPORTUNITY—For many long years the Irishman has hammered at John Bull's door asking for Home Rule. And now at last John has been routed out of bed and is preparing to grant him the favor, much in the spirit of the man in the parable—not so much from Paddy's deserts as because of his importunity.

A JOB ON HAND FOR THE NEW "TURNER."—Sir John has been honored with the freedom of the Turners' Company, of London, Eng. If this will fit him better for the work of heading off wild bulls, the investiture happens at a very opportune moment.

As We Bass By.

WELL, how do you like us in our new clothes? We're a darling little dude, aren't we? But only that as to our outward dressing; our brain is just as powerful as ever, and our devotion to the Good, the True, and the Beautiful was never so profound as at this present moment.

I'may be well to repeat, from the notice of last week, that the annual subscription price of Green has been advanced from \$2 to \$3, and the price per copy from 5 to cents. Present paid up subscribers will receive their papers to the end of their respective terms, and those who pay up before the 2nd day of February next will be similarly dealt with. To all others the new price—which is still very reasonable—will be invariably charged.

AN elegant frontispiece has been drawn for Grap by Mr. A. H. Howard, but circumstances have prevented its being engraved in time for this week's issue. At the last moment a hastily designed title has been substituted. We hope next week to have the new one ready.

R. HOWLAND has been elected mayor of Toronto by a magnificent majority. If he doesn't turn out to be the finest Chief Magistrate we have ever had, Gripwill be disappointed. Meantime, will the friends of the whiskey cause please make a note of the fact that there are a few other trades and occupations which propose to have something to say in the governing of this city?

THE Knights of the Road—by which we mean our jolly friends the Commercial Travellers, and not the disciples of Dick Turpin—were in great form on Wednesday evening. Instead of the customary banquet, the annual meeting of the Association terminated in a conversazione and ball, given at the Pavilion Music Hall. It was a vast improvement on any possible dinner. The introduction of the feminine element, with its witchery of face, form and fashion, and its accompanying banishment of the decanter in these social demonstrations, marks a distinct advance in civilization. Of course, the introduction of woman means the blissful subjugation of man. The ladies ruled on Wednesday night; and it is safe to say the C. T. boys never had a better time in their lives.

THE directors of the V. M. C. A. deserve some recognition for having saved our common Christianity from utter annihilation last week. Having rented Shaftesbury Hall to Mr. Bairnsfather for three concerts of Scottish music, they resumed their good work, never dreaming that the genial Scotthwar, was a moral dynamiter in disguise. It was only after the programmes were printed and in the hands of the audience that the directors made the horrible discovery that Mr. B's two children were going to dance the Highland fling! For five minutes the directors stood in speechless amazement before this ghastly announcement. Then they took

immediate action to ward off the threatened calamity and to save from this desecration a Hall which is sacred to political conventions, Gough comic lectures, mayoralty hurrahs, and evangelical prayer-meetings. With a shrill cry of *Pidei Defensor*, or words to that effect, they rushed upon Mr. Bairpsfather and struck him over the head with their cast-iron rule. The performance was omitted, and the Christian religion was saved. It is sad to relate that the audience (made up, too, of good church members) did not express any vast appreciation of the heroism of the directors. It is still sadder to confess that they unanimously voted the directors a parcel of narrowminded ninnies. Thus do the truly good suffer in all ages!

SOME time ago GRIP had occasion to crack an aspiring comique over the knuckles for an exhibition of vulgarity in alluding to the death of Riel in an "original" song, at a concert here. Another vocalist has more recently endeavored to catch the applause of the moment, by introducing an allusion to the Metis, to the effect that if they ever dare to rise again "we will string them up." This is all well enough for bounce, and there are always addle-pates to stamp and cheer it. But the sentiment of our intelligent population is not reflected from these dullards. As to the Metis, Ontario's opinion is that they were more sinned against than sinning, and that they did just what Ontario would have done under similar circumstances. Only Ontario would have done it a few years earlier.

THERE are a great many well-educated old countrymen walking about this city looking in vain for the means of carning a living. These unfortunate persons are in this cruel fix almost invariably as a result of believing the lies told by agents in the old land. It is a great pity the Government couldn't put an extinguisher on these mendacious scamps, or, at all events, limit them to the statement that Canada is a good field for emigrants of the class referred to only so far as the Civil Service offices are concerned.

As a recognition of his distinguished services in com-pleting the building of the C. P. R., Sir John has been awarded the freedom of the Honorable Company of Turners, of London. This is very kind and considerate toward our Prime Minister, but why should it be the Turners? Of course it is true that by his railway policy Sir John has turned a good many things. For example, he has turned his surplus into a deficit, and he has turned the prairie into a habitable country, etc. But wouldn't it have been more appropriate if the Cheesemongers' Company had decorated him, to signalize, in one word, his mitey achievements? Perhaps this never oc-curd to them, though.

MY NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

I am one of those who revere and stick to old customs. I respect the memory of the good old times, and the cold formalities of modern society please me not. I know that New Year's calls are getting to be what is called "out of date," but what care I? If the pretentious Hammanchines, who now put on the airs of a blue-blooded aristocrat, though old Hammanchine laid the foundations of his wealth in a sausage factory not smelling of the Lotus reason I have to sustain it.

Accordingly, about the hour of ten a.m. I sallied forth on my pleasing and sociable errand, dressed, I flatter my-

self, in good form-fur-trimmed overcoat, otter cap and everything en règle. I had planned the campaign during the week, which was to commence my tour by visiting my casual and ordinary acquaintances, and wind up by calling on the Browns and pass the evening with my adored Emily-my Emily, the dearest and finest girl in the world!

My first call was at the MacInernys'. I must confess I was rather early. I found Miss Janet in curl papers and her sister Jessie in fatigue dress with a dessicated pair of carpet slippers on her rather ample feet. "Happy New Year, ladies," said I, entering with a smile. you," said Miss Janet, who seemed not to remember me. "Is it anything parteekular? Fayther's oot at prasent, ye might call anither day. If ye'd but leave your name, I'll tell him." "Oh, nothing particular," said I. "New Year's call, that's all. Good day." "Gude day tae ye," said the ladies, who opened the door at once. I think they wanted to get rid of me. Well, this visit was rather a damper, but confound the Scotch old maids anyway, they might have offered me a cup of coffee.

Call No. 2. Went to Ringbolter's. Old Ringbolter well fixed, used to keep a "public" 'ouse, I believe, in London, though he denies it. Affects the country gentleman. Pretty daughters, fair and flirty. Ushered into drawing room. Two weak-eyed dudes there, sucking canes and smelling of cigarettes; stared at me when I arrived. Coffee, port, sherry, brandy and everything offered. Took small brandy and plum cake. Jolly girls the Ringbolters. Took another small brandy and bowed myself out. Heard one dude, English, say as I left, "That's a jolly old swiper for a sov."

Call No. 3. Visited the Van Vonsers—serious family—Puritans. Miss Van reading "Harvey's Meditations" and Miss Martha absorbed in "Baxter's Saints' Rest." Received with coldness. Would I partake of refreshment, what could they offer? Suggested small brandy. No brandy. No intoxicants. Drinkers of such were sons of Moloch and worshippers of Baal. Handed me a tract, "Dragged from the Fire"—took it as a good exit and

Calls Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, the Callaghans, Joneses, McManuses, McTavishes, Vanderboozers, etc., all jolly folks, plenty of fun, and beer, wine and whiskey galore. No tracts, no sermons for me. Went to Public Library to reflect. Something wrong with books, letter-press blurred. Grew melancholy. Thought of Emily. Dear Emily! Go at once and see her; should have gone before.

Last call. Rang the bell at Brown's-some trouble finding it. Felt unwell and rather unsteady on my pins. Flopped into rocking chair. Emily and Young Hooker on sofa together. Hooker reading poetry, Tennyson, I think. Arose and grasped Emily by the hand, stared at her, but could not recollect what to say. Emily said sternly, "You don't seem well, Mr. Thompson." "Right, right you are, ver—hic—sick, confound—bran—ye know, not used to it, gimme another small pony, Em. What's matter with his nobs on sofa?—hic—bust his—" Here Emily led me to the door and thus spake, "Mr. Thompson, you are not content with disgracing yourself by your odious drunkenness, but you come here and insult me and my-friend Mr. Hooker; therefore I wish you to distinctof the Nile, turn up their noses at the custom, the more ... ly understand that hereafter we are strangers." I departed, called a hack and drove home, and have come to the conclusion that "New Year's calls" is one of the timehonored customs that don't suit my case.



Hon. Oliver. --Gentlemen, I am pained to see that in 1885 several dollars were expended! This will never do!



MAKING HIM SEE "STARS."

(Apropos of the asterisks in the Globe's oft reprinted Mail article on the Rebellion.)

The Bairnsfather Family gave three concerts at Shaftesbury Hall last week prior to their departure for Australia. The concerts were fairly well patronized. Mr. Bairnsfather himself is a competent performer, and has a lively manner which takes well with his audiences. Mrs. Bairnsfather sings the old familiar ballads as well as the average amateur of our local concerts, but no better.

The celebrated American humorist, R. J. Burdette, is to visit Toronto for the first time on Tuesday, 19th, when he will give one of his amusing lectures at Shaftesbury Hall. Burdette's name is a household word, and stands for fun without vulgarity. In our opinion he is the best humorous writer at present before the American public, without any exception, and as he is at the same time an eminently worthy gentleman, we hope Toronto will honor him with a bumper house. The box plan opens at Nordheimer's on the 12th.



We gladly publish the following appeal to our superior wisdom, and assure our correspondent that we think, on the whole, as far as we can make out his views, we agree with him, rather than with the "Weakly Male."

——, the 28 Decemmer, 1885.

DEER MR. GRIP,—Ma naabor thats jone Cawmil on ta tense consaishn he teks ta weakly Male and he cum where ai wass an he sess ta bluefrainsh and ither frainsh they chal ta roags wass and againest jone Aa. becoss he hing rile ta Raybel an we misst and go wiss Jone or ta confetheraashn will be Smaish. an ah sess what for will it be smaish an he sess bekoss off ta Bluefrainsh. An ah sess it will no be ta frainsh if they wass blue or no that will be able to smesh it bit it will be ta toaries that will trai to smesh it if they wass tirnt oot, an ah wass sinkin it will be smaish whataifer eff jone an will haf hiss wan wiss hiss paccefics an his macarsy and an his booneries quaishn an his tummer lummits.

An ah sess what for wass we haf a rebaylion at aal wass it no bekoss jone aa was wirrse to ta haafbrids nor ta hielan laanloards to ta croafters, an then when they wass oot an fechtin he giff them aal they effer eskit. Goash sess ai if ai wass a Haafbrid on ta saskachune myselfs ah wud be a rayble too like Rile or reel or what-

effer you will caal him.

An ah sess Jone aa wass dibble ta dait on ta kintra an it wass sexty dolers a haid an taixes was aaful an do you sink ai wass go wiss him jist bekoss ta frainsh cud no pit up wiss him no more whatesfer. An wass ah goin wuss him for hengin wan raybel when he wass mekkin rebaylions himselfs whenesfer he wass in powwer an ma kizzen Dugal wass shote at ta fishes Creek pittin it doon.

An he sess goash ah thocht ta maal was recht hit mebbe its you thats recht after aal. Noo Mr. Gree ma brither Niel thats him that has ta postoffis he was tekkin yer paper an we wass aal readin it an we sink you wass more sainsible nor ta ither aiditers an ah socht ah wad esk yer opeenion eff it wass me or ta weakly male that was recht.

JONE MACTAVISS, on ta 9 consaishn.

MISTER EDDITUR,—I see that a grate deel of barlee and wheet, and sow forth, has been razed on the average this past yeer. Can you tell me what kind of land it is, or is it a noo kind of manoor? I am a wide-awake sientiffik farmer and wood like to no. Yours,

R. U. STICK.

"William, my dear!"

"Yes, my love!"

"Have you joined this new society?"

"What society?"

"The Association of Ideas."

" No, m'idea."

YES, SHE'D HAVE HIM!

When John was courting Molly, And the maid seemed somewhat free, He felt confident and jolly When he said, "Will you have me?"

But Molly dashed his rising joy, For, with a dainty cough, She said, "Ahem! I will, my boy— Have you a long way off!"

-W. H. T.



THE GODDESS OF WAR CONGRATULATES THE VOLUNTEER ON GETTING HIS BACK PAY.

THE CANADIAN WINTER VINDICATED.

We call the attention of our English exchanges to this description of the costumes worn at a Canadian wedding in midwinter, which we clip from an esteemed contemporary:

"The bride's costume was a white satin front, covered with Brussels lace, brocaded train and wreath of snow drops, white fur at the neck and wrists, tulle veil, fastened by a pearl and diamond spray. Her bridesmaids wore cream color, and white fur, and holly and tiny pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom."

These facts should remove the unfair impression of our climate produced by the "snow pictures" which injudicious Canadians send to the "Old Country." We have had an unusually mild holiday season, to be sure. But could the most robust bride appear, in the mildest of English winters, clothed in a "white satin front, brocaded train and wreath of snowdrops, white fur at the neck and wrists, and tulle veil, fastened by a pearl and diamond spray," without serious danger to her health? Does not the costume seem more appropriate to India—or the South Sea Islands—or Eden—or somewhere—than to "frozen Canada"?

And the bridesmaids, in their still more diaphanous array of "cream color" (whether in water or "iles" is not stated) "white fur, and holly and tiny pearl brooches"—were they not truly tropical and paradisaic?

But what should be done to the "Peeping Tom" who reported all this?

"A duck of a man makes a goose of a husband." So they say. But often a duck of a woman makes a goose of a husband.



DR. BLAKE'S SURE CURE FOR THE "BLEUS."

Dr. Macdonald.—What! THAT? I never thought of trying THAT: I always supposed THAT was a quack nostrum!



Ought Prohibition to be made an issue in Politics? A discussion. Negative by Dr. Howard Crosby, affirmative by Dr. Herrick Johnston. New York: Funk and Wagnalls.

As the time is not far distant when Canadian Prohibitionists will settle down to the inevitable policy of organizing a political Prohibition party in order to carry their measure, and—what is vitally important—enforce it when carried, this pamphlet is worthy of careful reading here as well as in the States. Dr. Johnston's argument is the best thing we have yet seen in temperance literature. He simply annihilates his opponent. Indeed, we do not know of any whiskey-apologist who could upset his points, but we would give something to see Prof. Goldwin Smith try his hand. "Sic hin," Bystander! Let us see what an be said on behalf of the sweet-savored traffic.

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The White Canoe—an Indian Legena. By J. D. Edgar, with illustrations by W. D. Blatchley. Toronto News Company.

This is a most dainty little work, looked at from any point of view. The legend itself is one of the most pathetic in the romantic annals of the Red man, and it is set forth with great poetic taste in the Hiawatha measure -the metre which now seems the only possible one for Indian narrative. Mr. Edgar, who has good-naturedly refrained from slaying the Mail man for ascribing "Ontario, Ontario" to his pen, here shows that there is some real justification for the allusions to him as a poet. It would be well for the country if many more of our public men cultivated their literary gifts instead of their partisan crotchets. Mr. Blatchley's illustrations are worthy of that gifted gentleman, and are amongst the best things Canadian art has yet produced. The booklet is bound with ribbon, and makes a pretty ornament aside from its literary and artistic merit.

Amongst the tasteful Christmas things that have come to our table the "Compliments of the Season" circular, issued by the General Passenger Agent of the C. P. R., deserves mention. The great road does everything

handsomely, and this circular is no exception. The design and coloring are unique, and reflect credit upon Messrs. Alexander & Cable, at whose lithographic establishment the work was done. Grip reciprocates the compliments of the General Passenger Agent, and begs to say, that if he ever has occasion to visit British Columbia he will certainly go by the C. P. R. May the company enjoy a Happy New Year.



AT THE MONDAY "POP,"

Ethel.--I'll tell you something if you'll never tell, Blanche.

Blanche.—I'll be perfectly mum, dear.

Ethel (in a terrified whisper).—Well—I—I—don't appreciate this high-class music a bit. I preser Gilbert & Sullivan!

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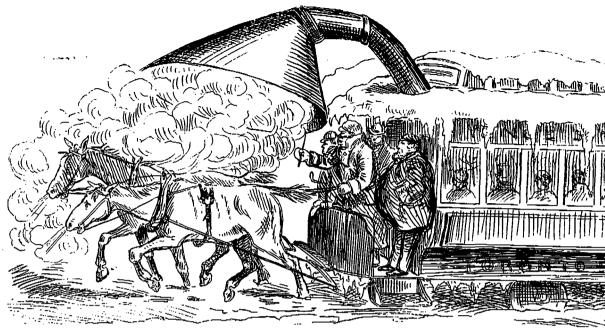
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