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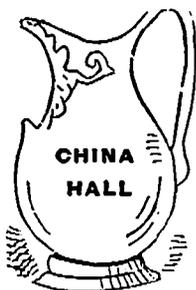
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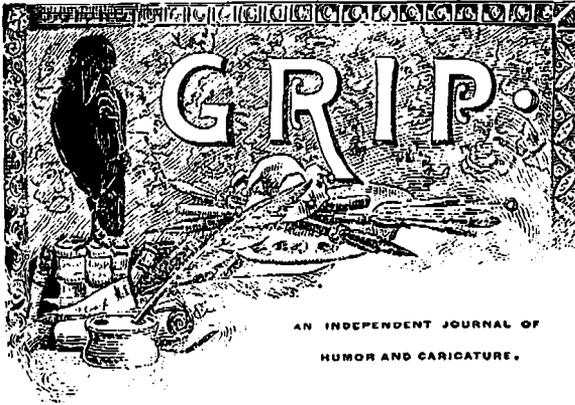
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OUR friends are reminded that the magnificent lithographed plate, "Prominent Conservatives," issued as a supplement to Midsummer GRIP, will be sent to every subscriber applying for same and enclosing five cents for postage.

Comments on the Cartoons.



CHRISTMAS REVELS IN QUEBEC.—The Ottawa Government has found a rare field for the display of its tactical talent, in the Local Government of Quebec, and the country is being entertained with reminiscences of the famous "double shuffle" of olden days. The grand object in view is to keep the defeated and discredited Ross cabinet in office by hook or by crook until after the general election. They have decided to do it by crook, regardless of constitutional forms. Ross and another member of the Ministry have now ostensibly retired, and by Federal pressure a couple of new men have been secured to fill their places. The people of Quebec are expected to believe that this is a new Government, so different from the last as to be worthy of their confidence. But it is significant that no move is made toward calling Parliament together to test the feelings of the members. The whole business is disgraceful, and if similar trickery were practised by the opposite party there is not a Conservative anywhere who would not justly and indignantly denounce it.

"PUBLIC OPINION NOT RIPE."—If precedent counts for anything with a great lawyer, Mr. Blake ought to be struck by the fact that his proposed course on the Prohibition question is contrary to the usage of law-givers. If we understand his position rightly, he thinks it best to wait until the public conscience has become toned up to a very fine degree, before introducing a measure to banish the rum shop. Mr. Leys, echoing his leader's deliverance, declares that he will be willing to vote for the submission of the question when "a majority of the people have become total abstainers." Both these gentlemen and all who take the same view practically deny that law has any educational influence—a position which is too absurd to be argued. It is notorious that the one great educator of human society from its establishment has been Law. Not that the law can in any case of itself regenerate a man; that is not its office. Its one purpose is to make manifest the wrong or evil to be avoided; and the very fact of any act or institution being placed under the ban of the law at once affects the public conscience in the most direct and powerful way. If this theory is not correct, then of a truth Moses brought down the tables of the Decalogue much too

soon. The people were very far from being educated up to such prohibitions as were therein contained, though we do not hear that any sincere and well-meaning though mistaken leader of the people thought of mentioning this at the time. We come nearer home for an unanswerable argument as to the efficacy of law as an educator. We point to the county of Halton, and ask once more, why is it that no person who outwardly professes to be a respectable member of society will either buy or sell whiskey in that community? Why is it that in Toronto thousands of men who consider themselves "as good as the best" will both buy and sell the same stuff? Isn't there a difference in the moral sentiment? And hasn't the Law had something to do with the creation of that difference? Mr. Blake, if you want to educate the uneducated section of the people up to Prohibition, give them the law and enforce it thoroughly.

OVERHEARD IN THE CELLS.

ONCE more in limbo I find myself waking,
With head thumping, jumping, and well nigh a-breaking;
Every inch of my body with bruises is aching,
But I'll never get drunk again.

wonder where ever I got the vile whiskey
That sent me down here after making me frisky;
I wish it was dumped in the big Bay of Biscay—
But I'll never get drunk again.

I'm a consummate ass to be so overcome,
And I feel like the skin in the head of a drum;
If I do have to burst, may it very soon come—
But I'll never get drunk again.

There's the "beak" I must face in a very short while
With his "dollar and costs," and professional smile;
Oh, why did I swallow this whiskey so vile!—
But I'll never get drunk again.

By yon bright little stars that peep through my grating,
By the walls of this closet in which I am waiting,
And by every known oath, just remark what I'm stating:
I will never get drunk again! W. H. T.



SOME OF OLIVER'S ANCESTORS.

MOSES OATES has recently been tracing the genealogy of the Mowat family. He finds that the name was originally Mowat (pronounced Mo-au). This was in France, where three brothers of the name, owing to some radical disagreement (with some dark hints of a duel, etc.) found it convenient to leave the country. They settled in Calthness, Scotland, where they received several large grants of land from the Crown, and founded a leading family, not a clan, in the North. Moses also finds a strain of Scandinavian blood in the Mowat family; but of the Franco-Italian origin he is sure. Moses himself being a Mowat, he is rather proud of his discoveries.

A QUESTION IN FINANCE.

(Scene—Lawyer's Office in West Regent Street; enter client from the Upper Ward.)

LAWYER—Come in, come in, Mr. Templeton. What can we do for you do for to-day?

MR. TEMPLETON—Weel, Mr. Smith, I wis thinkin' aboot failin' y' see, an' I jist cam' in tae speir whit they were giein' in the poun' the noo.—*The Bailie.*

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The Lay Preacher ;

OR, RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD REFORMER.

THE parish seemed all in a blaze,
Folk held their hands up in amaze,
" Sic doctrines, never a doot,
Maun be frowned doon ere its owre late,
Or they'll owerthrow baith Kirk and State,
And maun be trampled oot."

The Sculemaster, tho' little else than a fule,
When he heard o' sic doctrines did glowr,
" Thae precepts," quo he, " wadna dae in the scule,
Od ! I waldna be maister an hour."

The Baillic—wha always was stovin' wi' drink—
His wrath on our hero did pour.
Said he, " Civilization he'd turn to a sink,
A thing I could never endure."

" Na, na ! " said the Provost, " wise folk maun tak care
An' no let the rabble command ;
Keep a healthy distinction between rich and puir,
That's the bulwark and stay o' the land."

Sir John said our hero was " waur than an ass,
For the creature he seems unaware
That God in His mercy provided a class
Baith to guide and to govern the puir."

" Sic doctrines," he said, " would soon ruin the State,
'Working folk would a' rise in revolt !
So for safety our hero he'd shove o'ot the gate,
And keep under key lock and bolt."

Such gossip seemed but idle breath,
And all unworthy of the wrath
Of such a man I ween ;
He'll fearless speak the truth aloud,
And thus to the astonished crowd
He held forth on the green.

" We're poor little creatures all building for time !
Through pride and ambition we strive,
But Truth is the only one temple sublime,
That shall other temples survive ;

" The splendor of titles, of rank and of power,
Tnat isolate men from their kind,
The pure human spirit they rob and deflower,
And dwarf while they fetter and bind ;

" What high haughty mortals, unsocial, austere,
And cold to the very heart's core ;
To whom no one living thing ever is dear,
And self the one God they adore.

" What millions are leading a meaningless life !
And know neither friendship nor love ;
And never once felt in the turmoil and strife
The warm brooding wings of the dove ;

" Whose lives are a fiction—mark bowing to mark,
Who know not what 'tis to be free,
Rich bond-slaves that go through their pitiful task,
And dare not to think and to be ;

" They meet but as strangers, as strangers depart,
All wrapped in a triple disguise ;
Nor know they what's meant by communion of heart,
And life is a commerce of lies.

" How God-like this same human nature can be,
When free from the worm at the core ;
How grand the communion of souls that are free !
And mutually love and adore.

" We live upon sympathy, kindness and love ;
Eich o' her we never can know,
Till the spirit of kindness descends from above,
And the wells of affection o'erflow.

" Yea, nursed by the dews of affection's glad fount,
What great golden harvests have grown,
Long, long, or ere Moses gaed up to the Mount,
Or commandments were written in stone.

" Who has not met mortals of high moral worth,
That stept with a carriage sublime,
Who were raised far above the ambitions of earth,
And the fleeting distinctions of time ;

" With spirits as pure as the sun's golden ray,
That illumines the swamp and the fen,
Still scattering blessings along their life's way,—
Yes, such are the monarchs of men !

" And there is a Sister, with meek modest grace,
And eyes that are fixed on the ground,
Whene'er there's affliction that pitying face
Is sure to be hovering round ;

" Whene'er I encounter those pitying eyes,
A draught of pure glory I get !
And I cry, ' Tho' surrounded by folly and lies,
There's hope for Humanity yet ! "'

(To be continued.)

ALEXANDER MCLACHLAN.

THE JUNIOR PICKWICKIANS ;

AND THEIR MEMORABLE TRIP TO NORTH AMERICA.

CHAPTER XXIX.

NEXT morning, after breakfast, our heroes strolled out on to the porch to begin the day by a little conference and a mouthful of fresh air. Yubbits had preceded the others, and was deeply immersed in one of the city papers when the trio arrived.

" I say," he called out as his friends joined him, " here we are, large as life: Listen: 'Personal: Amongst the guests at the Rossin House are Messrs. Thomas Bramley, V. Yubbits, C. H. Crinkle and Thomas Coddleby, members of the celebrated Junior Pickwick Club of London, England. These gentlemen purpose making an extended tour through this country, and will probably remain some days in the city, investigating our scientific, artistic and literary institutions.' How's that, Bramley ? "

" In the first place I think it is most ridiculous to speak of us as ' guests ': We are not guests, though I observe that most of the newspapers fall into this error: ' patrons ' would be a much more correct term, or ' visitors,' or even ' inmates.' "

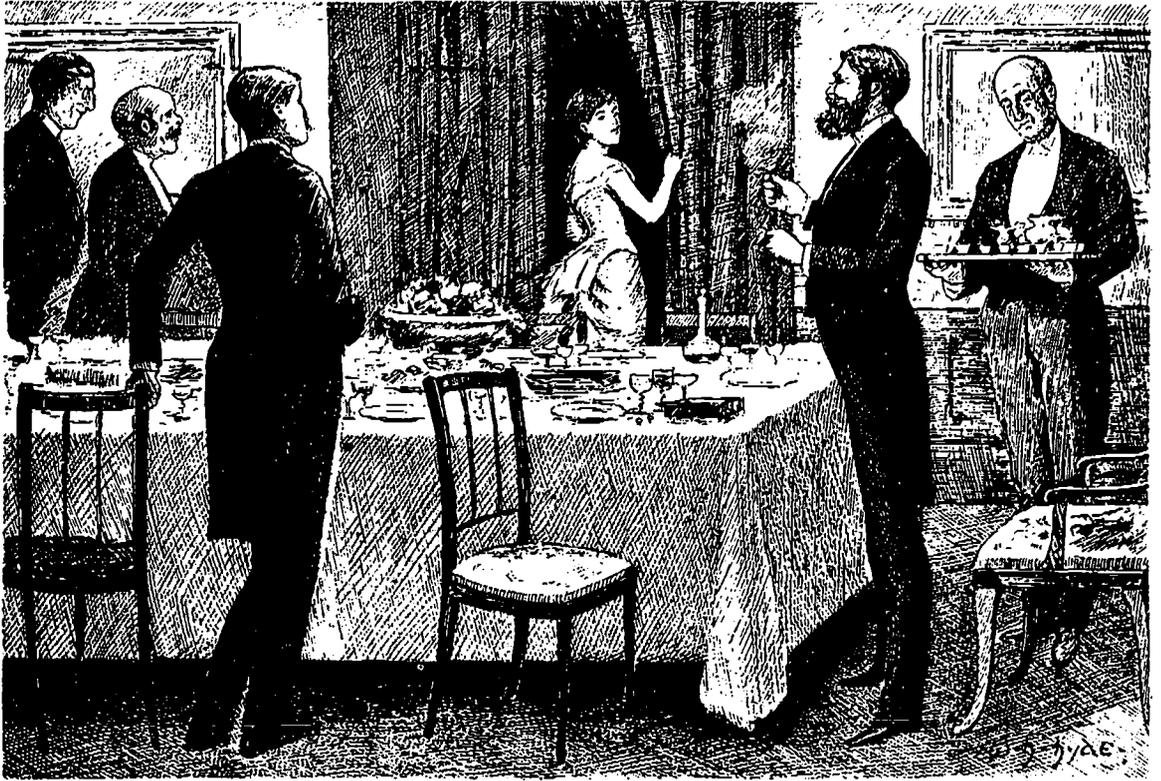
" Oh, come, I say, that last sounds too much like a lunatic asylum: Call us patrons or visitors if you like, but no ' inmates ' for me, thank you," said Yubbits.

" Well, we certainly are not guests: We pay for what we have, a thing a *bona fide* guest should not do— " began Bramley, when Yubbits interrupted him,

" By Jove! he has to do it, however, in England, especially: how about the ' tips ' to servants? If that isn't paying for attendance, it's most suspiciously like it; and the bigger the swell your host is the bigger the tip the demd flunkeys expect? "

" By the way," said Bramley, " never mind about this question just now: Your mention of the word ' flunkey ' has reminded me that we must see about getting a man to attend us. Now, what's our best plan—to advertise or— "

" Ah! here you are, sir," said a cheery, hearty voice behind them, and Mr. Douglas stepped into the porch and shook hands with Yubbits, to whom he had addressed his remark: " Introduce me to your friends, sir; I shall be delighted to make their acquaintance."



CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES.

Hostess.—NOW, DON'T STAY OUT HERE ALL THE EVENING.

Host.—WE'LL JOIN YOU IN TEN MINUTES.

Hostess.—MISS SCREECHY IS GOING TO SING, YOU KNOW.

Host.—O! WELL, SAY AN HOUR.

—N. Y. Life.

This ceremony was accordingly performed by Yubbits, who asked with a somewhat disappointed air, whether Miss Douglas was not to be one of the party

"Certainly she is," was the reply. "She's waiting for us in the carriage at the King Street entrance: here, boy, run and tell my coachman to drive around here, look sharp: and now, gentlemen, are you ready?"

All expressed themselves as being so, except Crinkle, who remained firm to his expressed determination to strike out for Rose-dale and compose his poem, and nothing would induce him to join the yachting party. Accordingly, the carriage—a magnificent open barouche, drawn by a spangled pair of sleek, glossy chestnuts whose harness was brought to the highest state of polish and perfection, having been driven around to the York Street door, Messrs. Douglas, Bramley, Coddleby and Yubbits got in, the door being held open by a very imposing footman in plain livery, Mr. Yubbits presenting his friends by name to Miss Douglas who looked, if possible, fresher and more charming than ever, and the party drove rapidly away to Mr. Douglas' boat house, from which the yacht was lying at anchor at a distance of about fifty yards.

"There lies the *Elsie*, gentlemen," exclaimed Mr. Douglas, pointing towards the beautiful schooner, "and a picture she is."

"She is indeed a beauty," said Yubbits, and in this opinion both his friends coincided, and rightly so.

The *Elsie* was a schooner yacht of forty tons; her hull, the lines of which approached as near perfection as it is possible to be, was painted black, and relieved by a narrow scarlet stripe all round. Her masts were exceedingly tall and taper, with a decided 'rake' ast, and her whole appearance pronounced her to be a very swift sailer, as indeed she was.

She was manned by a paid crew of five men, some of whom could be seen moving around on board, as our little party alighted from the carriage at the boat-house, Mr. Douglas having sent word to them at an early hour that he intended to make a short cruise that day, and for them to be in readiness.

"Ah! I see my fellows are on board," exclaimed Mr. Douglas, "that's good: and here's Chambers," as a fine looking young fellow with large dark eyes and crisp curly hair appeared at the door of the boat-house, dressed in a dark blue jersey, on the breast of which, in pink let ters was the name *Elsie*—and neatly fitting blue trousers and canvas slippers: a black glazed hat with blue ribbons, also bearing the name of the yacht, completed a costume which set off the wearer's straight athletic figure to much advantage.

"Good morning, Chambers," said Mr. Douglas, as the young man, who was the sailing master of the yacht, too

off his hat and bowed respectfully to Miss Douglas. "All ready, I see: Did the hamper arrive all right? I sent it off before eight o'clock."

"All right, sir, it's on board: beautiful day for a sail: fine southerly breeze that looks like lasting, and no appearance of bad weather."

"Ah! that's capital: where's Timbs?"

"Here I am, sir," piped a shrill treble voice, and a boyish countenance peeped round the corner of the boat-house, "Never far off when wanted, sir."

Timbs, be it known, was a lad who took care of the boat-house and who was to be found there at all hours, as he slept in a cosy little room partitioned off at one end, and whose duty it was to look after the boats, of which Mr. Douglas possessed several, and to bring back that one which conveyed the owner of the yacht and his friends, or any other passengers, on board.

"I've got the boat all ready, Mr. Douglas."

"You're the chap," said the gentleman addressed, as the whole party passed through the boat-house and emerged on the platform at the further end. "Now Elsie," he continued, stepping into the boat spoken of by Timbs, "come along: the sooner we start the sooner we shall get there—wherever 'there' is," and he handed his daughter, who looked irresistibly fascinating in her neat straw hat and white muslin dress, in after him. "Now, gentlemen, 'all aboard' as the conductors say: you're sure everything is on board the *Elsie*, Chambers; nothing forgotten, eh?"

"Make yourself easy, sir," replied the sailing master, "everything's there."

"All right then: now Timbs, jump in and shove off; Mr. Yubbits, kindly take that oar, Chambers'll take the other: off we go," and away went the boat, and though Mr. Yubbits experienced some little difficulty in avoiding 'crabs,' the distance was so short between the boat-house and the yacht that no one had time to notice his awkwardness.

"Now, isn't she a beauty?" exclaimed Mr. Douglas, rapturously, as the boat glided alongside the schooner: "Isn't she perfect?"

"She is indeed, sir," replied Bramley, with his eyes fixed on Miss Douglas; "She really is."

"Tut, tut: I mean my daughter's namesake, Mr. Bramley," went on Mr. Douglas, laughing, whilst the young lady blushed in a very charming and becoming manner; "though I really think that both *Elsies* are perfect in their way," he added, stepping on board and assisting his daughter to do the same. "And now, gentlemen, welcome to the *Elsie*," as one after the other of the party stood on deck, where four other young men, all attired in similar costumes to that of Chambers, were assembled, each wishing Mr. and Miss Douglas good morning as they came on board, the greeting being returned in a very cordial manner.

"Now, Timbs," said the proprietor of the vessel, "away you go, and don't be getting into mischief, and look out for us at about five or six o'clock," and away accordingly went Timbs in the direction of the boat-house.

(To be continued.)

AMONG the fashionable follies to be perpetrated by society this season is a novelty in the way of dinners. This will consist of a banquet at which only the flesh of young kids will be served. It is not announced whether they are to be eight button or mousquetaire kids, but something stylish is predicted.—*Boston Herald*.



LATEST FROM HAMILTON.

(A FACT.)

He—Did you enjoy the Judge's party last night? I saw you there.

She (daughter of a citizen in trade)—Er—well, it was rather a mixed company, don't you think? But I suppose the Judge's public position compels his association with professional people, and obliges him to invite those of that class!

SCOTTIE AIRLIE.

THE WAREHOUSE, Dec. 7th, 1886.



DEAR MAISTER GRIP,—The enclosed address I was proposin' to print an' plaster on a' the fences and kirk doors, but on second thochts I thocht it wad hae a better circulation if published in GRIP. Of coorse, if you have ony notion o' rinnin' for Mayor yoursel', I'll retire at once, but itherwise kindly insert this, an' save me the expense o' printin'. I'll be at your office frae ten tae four a' next week tae answer ony questions the public may see fit tae pit tae yours truly.—H. A.

To the Free an' Independent Electors o' the Ceeity o' Toronto.

LEDDIES (that's tae say, weedy's an' auld maids) AN' GENTLEMEN:—Gin I was a stranger tae ye noo, it wad behoove me tae tell ye wha I was an' what family I had come o'; I micht even think it necessary tae trace ma pedigree back tae Audam, an' frae Audam back tae the puggies and puddocks that claim tae be the first originators o' man's ancestral line. But bein' nae stranger, but on the contrary, a douce an' well kent ceetizen, I just come forrit an' request yer vote an' influence tae clap me in for Mayor next year, bein' convinced that I could fill that poseition with honor tae ye an' profit to masel'.

I wad specially request the votes an' influence o' the women. (What mair delightfu' than the sweet vote an' influence o' womankind!)

"O, woman! thou in oors o' ease
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please;
When the Mayorality is in tig-tow
A ministering angel thou!"

I'm vera fond o' poetry, it has a very saftenin' effect, an' ane o' the reforms I wad introduce in the City Council wad be selections frae the poets tae be read whenever the Aldermen were particularly obstroperous. I'm a great admirer o' women—my mither was a woman, and so was ma grannie, an' ma wife's a woman—so ye see I have, as it were, a kind o' a claim on yer votes on account o' bein' sae closely connectit wi' women folk. It's true I'm a marrit man—but it's hard tae tell what may happen in a year, an' if durin' the year o' ma mayoralty I should happen in the coorse o' Providence tae hae the misfortune tae become a late lamented widower—why, of coorse, there'll be a chance for some o' ye tae become Lady Airlie—for of coorse a' the mayors are gaun tae be knighted in honor o' the Queen's jubilee. I maun warn ye, hooever, no tae depend on this—for there's mony a slip atween the cup an' the lip—an' the present Mrs. Airlie is a stoot, healthy woman; still, accidents *will* happen, an' some o' ye *might* be Lady Airlie after a'.

There's anither consideration that presents itsel' tae me wi' great force, an' the mair I think about it the mair I'm impressed wi' the fact that there's very few men in this ceety capable o' bein' a decent Mayor—no' ane in ten hunder fit tae fill the ceevic chair, an' keep, as it were, the whip hand o' a' the Aldermen, without upsettin' the Council coach. But if eleckit, I wad just sit in ma chair, an' when they were a' gabblin' like a when geese, an' ca'in' ane anither great leears, an' exchanging aldermanic ceevilities generally, I wad just whistle "The Miller o' the Dee," or "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," an' gin that wadna settle them, I wad send for ma bagpipes an' skirl them doon. *Nil desperandum!*

About the prohibition question I wad prefer tae tell ye a' about that in ma maiden speech after I'm eleckit an' get time tae see hoo the laund lies. There's a great deal I wad like tae say in addition to a' this—an' though I dunna pit it in words ye ken that it's a' in ma heid like a horn; but a'e thing I maun say, the contractor that paved the streets wi' rotten cedar wad hae tae whistle for his siller.

An' noo I think that's about a' that has tae be said; at least, a' you womenfolk wad be able tae understand about municipal maitters. It only remains for every weedy woman an' auld maid amang ye tae mak for the polls helter-skelter, and deil tak the hindmost. As Mr. Milton sensibly remarks,

"Grace is in all her steps, heaven in her eye
In every gesture dignity and love"

as she boldly comes forrit an' votes for your humble servant.

HUGH AIRLIE.

ONTARIO with no Parliament, conceive,
The want must sure our rising hopes all smother,
And yet each party thinks 'twould better be
To have no government than have the other.

BUFFALO claims to be more free of crooks than any other city in the United States. There are days when she gets so lonesome that it would be a great relief to learn that some one of her aldermen had accepted a bribe.—

Detroit Free Press.

A BONEYFIED BOY ON BOYCOTTING A CAT.



DEAR EDITOR:—My name's Charlie an' I'm thirteen an' I get lots of magazines an' things with stories in, what was wrote by bad boys an' I think they're most all rot for I don't believe enny boy wrote them, an' the man that did he didn't know enny too much about boys. Now I ain't a bad boy an' so perhaps I don't count for much, but I just want to tell you sum things as duz happen to a real boneyfied boy. I've looked up most all these words in the dickshnary

cept boneyfied, wich there was no use a lookin' for in a English dickshnary, coz its latten—but I ain't goin to bother with no more dickshnary spellin.

Our teacher sez all words had orter be spelt fonnetick, just like they sound. He gets a paper cald the "fonnetick nuz" all speld real sensibel just like enny boyd spel, an' thats the way I'm goin to do in this letter when I can't just think how groan fokes spels a word, so don't you go for to think its ignorants. No its fonnetick spellin'. An' as for punkshashin, I want you just to punkshate for me, gess you hafto do it for most chaps what rites you letters.

That Jimmy brown in Harpers yung People he thot he dun wonders when he sent a kitten tide to a fire baloon, though it seems to me it was lots of work for little fun. Me and jim Donelly cud give him sum points on cats. Jimmies a home Ruler by distrackshun he sez, an' he works for us, an' hes sum oldern me, an' hes a dazy on larks.

Wun day he cum an' sez thers the quarest cat at the barn its got a maltee tale an' black spots all over it, an' its a white cat. An' its killing all the chickens sezee, an' what we do to boycott it? An' I sez sick sir Fredrick middleton on er, Sir fredrick hes the yung coley. An' he saiz hes no use, sure hes only a puppy, hes no good to ketch anything. What duz yez think ov making a commick uv her sezee. A commick sezi. Yes sezec, like thim commicks that flies aroun in the sky with blasin talc, just giv me tin sinse, an' wate till dark sezee.

So soons twuz dark he cot the cat an' giv her to me to hold, an' tuk a bunsh of fier crakkers out of his pocket an' begun to tie them to her tale clost up, an' she begun to spit an' scratch. An' I sez poor pussie, but I had to take off my cap an' hold her with that. So then he lit a matsh an' tucht off the first crakker, an' I let her rip, an' she tuk out on the sidewauk an' strate up town. Evry time a crakker went off she let a yowl and jumped, an' every time she jumpt hier and swore and scritchd shriller, sose it seemd she wuz in the air all the time with a regular blue streke of fire an' skweles an' cats cusses a trailin behind her. Now aint she a dazy commick sez Jim, an' I had to giv in that she wuz.

Well al the fokes wuz goin to permetin an' twasnt long till the commick was in amungst em or ruther on top of em. Fur she wuz just off of wun fellers sholder onto another gerls hat, an' away agin usin ample lang-widge an' lettin off crakers in ther eyes with her tale.



HOLIDAY CAPERS IN QUEBEC.

SIR JOHN TEACHING PREMIER ROSS TO DO THE DOUBLE-SHUFFLE.

Last she struck a tellypone poal an' yowled right up it an' away on to the ruff ov sniggles tavern with the last three crakkers, an' all the others got left in hur a goin off together.

You'd better bleeve ther wuz a circus on the sidewauk. Ther wuz 16 gurls lyin round in historics and catfits, an' 30 fellers bringin of em two, an' the pius kind a prayin an' all the rest quarelin bout what it wuz thatd struck em. You see twuz all over so quick they hadent time to see no cat, nor make out nuthin but fizpopyon rip an' away she goes. Wun sed twuz dinemite, and anuther sed twuz licktrissity coz ther wuz such a smell of sulfer, an' the baloffier had run up the tel a foam, an' eggsploled just like hed red about storms in the troppicks. An' the preacher wen hed got em into the basement he sed it wuz a loosenshin of the evil wun to temp them, an' the cuss words they thought theyd herd was only suggested to ther minds by him that you cant name out of church. But Sal smith she sed no loosennation woodent have gon off with her back hare an' skind her left ear.

An' we kep mum an' nex mornins paper had it aul in a fenommenon queery, was it lectricle or spychickle, (can this mean *psychical*? Ed.) infloons that cawsd it, big tipe, dubble led.

An' wen we went to gether the eggs, wot did we meet but our old lectrical loosenshin commick a suelkin out from nunder the barn with a brammy chikken in her mouth, an' her tale as bares a wiplash.

You cant boycott a cat nohow, not sose twile stick.



“ EXTRAS.”

Irate Hotel Guest—Here, waiter! there's a button in this soup!

Waiter—All right, sir. We don't need it—you can have it.

—*Kambler.*

MAJOR SICKEM—Is your wife a mesmerist, Mr. Henpect? *Henpect*—Heavens, no! I hope not. Why do you ask? *Major Sickem*—Oh, nothing; only I had noticed that she has you pretty well under control.—
Lowell Citizen.

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EPISTLE TO JAMES L. MORRISON, ESQ.,

ON HIS RETURN FROM A VISIT TO SCOTLAND.

I SCARCE need say thu'rt welcome back,
F'rae owre the lang and weary track :
Wi' you I lang to hae a crack
'Bout Scotia dear,
And questions by the yard in fac'
I want tae speer.

I only wish along wi' thee
I could hae ventured owre the sea,
For to oor ain green glens, ah me !
Glens o' the west,
Back like a bird I fain would flee
Tae my young nest.

When winter shrouds this land in gloom,
And leafless trees talk o' the tomb,
Just speak o' Scotland's bonny broom,
And instantly
I'm wafsted to youth's world o' bloom
Ayont the sea.

What joy wi' thee tae rove amang
Her hills and dales renowned in sang,
And battle fields, where peasants sprang
At freedom's ca',
And nobly dared against the wrang
To stand or fa'.

There freedom built her lofty dome,
And issuing from her mountain home,
Defied the legions of old Rome
Her to enslave—
No, not another step to come,
Save o'er her grave.

To gaze upon the hills ance mair—
Auld monarchs on their thrones of air !
Still towering in their glory there
As when a boy
I gazed on them wi' rapture rare,
O what a joy !

And let us wander where we may,
They never leave us by the way ;
At ev'ry hamely word or lay
Hoo they will start,
Wrapped in their misty mantles grey,
Up in the heart.

Oh but to lie the broom amang,
And listen tae the lavrock's sang,
In notes, a perfect living thrang,
A' raining doon ;
Back ev'ry foot I'd gladly gang
Tae hear the roun.



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And then the wee gray lintie coy,
 Ah wana he a living joy!
 While ev'ry wee enraptured boy,
 Wi' heart ahusk,
 Drank in the straits without alloy
 Frac tree or bush.

And wi' what joy ance mair to stray
 By Cruickston castle's ruins grey,
 Where hapless Mary viewed the fray
 Upon Langside,
 Which doomed her to a lot o' wae
 Sair, sair tae bide.

That ruin auld did ye explore?*

Still sitting in Glengarnock hoar,
 From which owre to Largs' rugged shore,
 To face the Dane,
 Hardy Knute, in days of yore,
 Marched not in vain.

Ah weel I mind 'mang youthfu' pranks,
 I travelled far wi' weary shanks,
 To gaze on Bothwell's bonny banks,
 Still blooming fair;
 And where the covenanting ranks
 Were worsted sair.

Then a' the glories o' romance
 Did ev'ry sight and sound enhance;
 How grand upon her steeds to prance!
 Oh why did truth
 Waken us frae that glorious trance
 Wi' facts forsooth?

Dear early world, ere selfish sin!
 Wi' a' her weary strife and din,
 And wrath-wud-hags had entered in
 Wi' cursed greed,
 To a' her heavenly glories blin'
 As bats indeed.

Still looking back wi' fond regret,
 Youth's radiant world we ne'er forget;
 The sun o' young Romance tho' set,
 Still throws a maze
 O' never dying glories yet
 Among the braes.

But now I maun draw to an end,
 In hopes to see you soon, my friend,
 And ac hail day at least to spend,
 And hear o' a'
 The things that roun' my heart still blend,
 Tho' far awa'.

ALEXANDER MCLACHLAN.



GREAT HOME RULE DEBATE.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH:—Ladies and Gentlemen: It gives me much pleasure to preside upon this occasion. I need scarcely say that my interest in the Irish Question is painfully deep. You are all aware of this from my writings in the public press, which, being persons of high foreheads and cultivated tastes, you of course read regularly. You are, doubtless, also aware that, not content with pouring out my soul in streams of fervid ink, I felt impelled by my intense

*The castle alluded to in the grand old ballad of Hardy Knute, beginning thus:

“Stately stept he east the wa'
 And stately stept he west.”

The ruin, when viewed from the opposite bank of the river Garnock, is one of the most picturesque ruins in Scotland.



A FAMILY RESEMBLANCE.

John Bull—PON ME SOUL, YOU WOULD TAKE THEM TO BE BROTHERS!

Columbia—ISN'T IT WONDERFUL AFTER WE'VE BEEN STRANGERS FOR ALL THESE YEARS?
—*Rambler.*

interest in the question to proceed to England, on the announcement of the dissolution of Parliament, and take an active part in the salvation of the integrity of the Empire. It became my duty to exclude Mr. Gladstone from office, and I did so. It was a painful duty, but I did it. To everything explosive in the realm he had applied his match, and there would no doubt have been an appalling catastrophe had I not arrived in the nick of time. I relegated him to the cool shades of Hawardon, where I trust his internal machinations against his country will pass away in the impotency of postal cards, and in his place I put the Marquis of Salisbury and Lord Randolph Churchill. I then returned to Canada with the consciousness of having served my day and generation. But I am not here to make a speech, ladies and gentlemen; I am here simply to introduce to you the distinguished gentlemen who are to discuss in your presence this great question of Home Rule. Speakers representing both sides have already addressed Canadian audiences, but upon separate platforms and occasions. It has been thought well to have the issue discussed fairly in the form of a debate, and the distinguished orators of this evening have therefore been secured for that purpose. Mr. Phelim O'Terence Muldoon, of Ballywhack,

County Kerry, will on this occasion represent the Home Rule view, and Mr. John McKoy, of Londonderry, Ulster, will speak for the Loyalist cause. I trust you will give the arguments advanced your very best attention. I will now have the honor to introduce Mr. Muldoon.

MR. MULDOON:—Misther Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemin. I am plazed to sthand before yez and to plade the cause av poor ould, down-throdden, persecuted Oireland, that for long ages has groaned under the iron heel av oppression, and with inaudible voice and in incoherent accints has cried loudly and distinctly for justice. Sir, what is the raison that Oireland shouldn't be free the same as Tasmania, California, Parkdale, or any other civilized country? Do yez tell me that Oireland doesn't know enough to take care av herself? Am I towld that Oirishmin are not fit for self-govmint? It's not thrue! Look at Patigonia! Isn't that a free country wid a good government, and isn't it Oirish? What else wud it be, wid the name av Paddygonia? I scorn wid all the vehemence av patriotic vehemency, the libel they wud put on me counthrymen whin they say we couldn't work the machiane av we had the chance. Luck at America. Luck at the big city av New Yark and tell me who rules that? Oirishmin! Luck where-ever yez likes, and yez 'ill find Oirishmin sittin' on the Boards av Aldermin and in Parlymint and knockin' the spots aff all the rest for brains and spach-makin', and everything else that belongs to a shtatesman. Not fit to govern! Begorra, av there's innny man more fit, I wud be plazed to be interjuced to him! And didn't Oirishmin govern Oireland before, when we had a Parlymint on College Green? Tell me that, ye omadhaun!

THE CHAIRMAN—If that remark is jintended for me, Mr. Muldoon, I must ask you to respect the amenities of debate. We cannot permit insulting language.

(To be continued.)

RIPPLES.

"WELL, Pat, and what do you think of this Italian, Dr. Succì's, way of living on next to nothing?"

"Och, Sir, it's a great thing intoirely; that is, if it's Succì-ssful."

AN English clergyman was, the other day, pursued through the streets of the village over whose spiritual welfare he presides, by his irate wife, armed with a cricket stump. He might better have remained a bat-chelor.

UNDER prohibition, the largest saloon in Raleigh, S.C., has been turned into a shoe factory.

That is, when the *last* glass has been drunk, the business winds up, all things *whisk* about, and shoemakers begin to brandish the awl in the altered rooms.

THE charge of overpraising Kansas' plains
So vigorously Blake has sent to grass,
That his detractors soon must own that he
Is not the sort of man that they *can* "sass."



"BRINGING IN THE BOAR'S HEAD!"

Lady in mourning hands a message to the telegraph office: "Dear Uncle John has just died. He left us everything. Come immediately." Telegraph official—That is two words too many. A single-price message is limited to ten words. *Lady* in mourning—Well, strike out the last word and the first.

Man (to friend)—"I have a supreme contempt for that fellow Johnson." Friend—"Why so?" *Man*—"Because he played me a contemptible trick. I took him a petition the other day and—" Friend—"And he refused to sign it, eh?" *Man*—"Oh, no, but he insisted upon reading it before he put his name down."—*Arkansas Traveller*.

"No, George," she said, "I cannot marry you. I shall always esteem you as a friend, but I cannot be your wife." George hesitated. "Clara," he said, brokenly, "will you grant me one favor before I go away forever?" "Yes, George," she replied kindly. "What is it?" "Please put your refusal down on paper. I'll feel safer."—*Harper's Bazar*.

Teacher of arithmetic class—Suppose Jack hands you a nickel, to pay you a cent: what would be left? *Jim*—Nothing. *Teacher*—But he owes you a cent and he gives you five cents. Something must be left. *Jim*—He owes me six cents. *T.*—Suppose, then, he hands you ten cents. What's left? *J.* (with gloe)—Jack would be left.—*Ex.*

Clerk—Could I have a week's vacation, sir? *Employer*—On what ground, sir? *Clerk*—Oh, a family matter. Really, I ought to go. *Employer*—A near relative? *Clerk*—Yes, sir, quite near. *Employer*—Well, I am sorry. But then you had better go. When will the funeral take place? It isn't a funeral exactly. I was going to be married, sir.

Teacher of mythology—Now we come to goddesses. Name one. *Miss Gray*—Ceres. *T. m.*—What goddess was she? *Miss Black*—Grecian. *T. m.*—And goddess of what? *Miss White*—Of marriage. *T. m.*—Of marriage? How do you make that out? *Miss White*—Well, my book says that Ceres was the goddess of husbandry.

Young Mr. Callowstuff (rusticating from Magdalen, Oxford) to *Miss Hypatia Cosin* (late of Girton)—No, but they tell me there are some quite old women at Girton—now, is that so, really, you know? *Miss Hypatia Cosin* (handsome and over twenty-nine)—In my time I think the eldest would be about thirty. *Mr. C.*—That's what I mean, don't you know? And did they go in for exams., and schools, and triposes and things? *Miss H. C.*—Certainly they did! *Mr. C.*—Plucky old things.—*Punch*.

A brakeman was sitting on a bench at the Austin International depot, when *Gus de Smith*, who was going off on the train, strolled up and began to talk with him. "I suppose when a man has been a brakeman on the railroad for years he gets to be perfectly fearless?" "That's about the size of it, mister; I've got to be so reckless that I'd just as lief as not lie down on the track in front of a locomotive." "You don't tell me so!" "Of course, I wouldn't do it if there was any fire under the boiler. I'm no darned fool if I am a reckless, harum scarum sort of a dare devil."—*Texas Siftings*.

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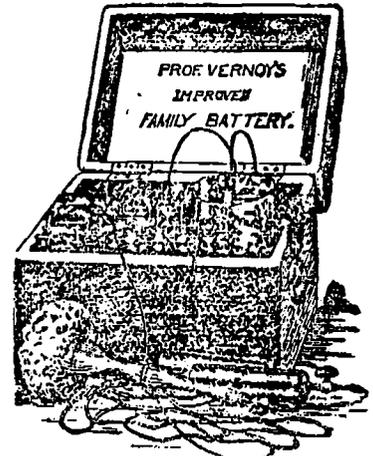
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MR. ELIAS ROGERS.

To ELIAS ROGERS, ESQ.:

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My efforts in the direction of the enforcement of law generally, but especially of the provisions regarding Sunday labor, and the reduction of open offences against morality, systematized and made effective by the Police Commissioners, have met with gratifying success. Much remains to be done in this good work, but I feel satisfied, now that the law-abiding majority have realized that the moral cleansing of our community is not impossible, that progress in the right direction will be continued. It may also be considered that the development of the executive power of the head of the Council will, for the future, tend to check hasty legislation, counteract fraud and prevent tax expenditure.

The Council has succeeded in obtaining from the Local Government important amendments to the license laws and the appointment of an additional inspector for the city; and I have to thank the aldermen for their assistance in enforcing the by-laws and in giving legal effect to several important matters to which I have made allusion in my message, such as the appropriation for a garbage crematory, the doing away with expensive and unnecessary arbitrations, the commencement of the work of giving to our main streets a pavement of more permanent character, the construction of a complete system of fire alarm telegraph, and the carrying through, to contract, of the straightening of the River Don, with its connected improvements.

Some progress has been made in the protection of railway crossings in the entry of the Canadian Pacific along our water front and in the Esplanade improvements; much more, however, remains to be done. The present is a critical time in the history of our city, and if many needed improvements are not put under way at the present stage of its growth they can never be made to the same advantage. By the neglect of present opportunities a valuable stimulant to future growth will be lost.

Among the important requirements are the following: A reduction in the number of liquor licenses, a change in the present mode of depositing sewage, a supply of pure water, the development and extension of public parks, a practical scheme for the Island protection and improvement, the building of the Court House for the sum provided or a reasonable advance only thereon, the increased responsibility of public officers to the public, a measure providing for the equalization of wards having regard to population, a reduction, if practicable, in the number of representatives, and the extension of the system of local improvement.

The extent to which these several reforms and measures shall go depends on the judgment and character of your representatives in the Council. I believe that never before was it so gravely important that sterling men should be sent to the Council. We have the grand possibilities of pure government before us, requiring only faithful administration to establish solid foundations of future greatness for our city, and ensure safety and happiness to its enterprising citizens.

Looking at what has been gained during the year, and also at the need of fostering what has been begun I do not think that it would be right for me to refuse to accede to the solicitations of those who are anxious for me to fill the position of Mayor for another term. I therefore once more offer my services to you, and as I feel that the issues are plain and need no special effort to bring them before you, I shall without resort to the usual election organization, simply leave myself in your hands to determine by the freest exercise of your franchise, who shall fill the Mayor's chair for the ensuing term.

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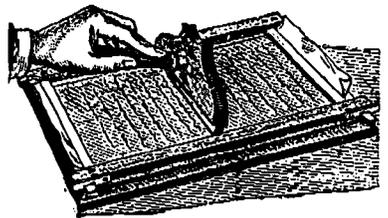
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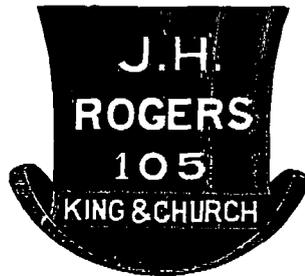
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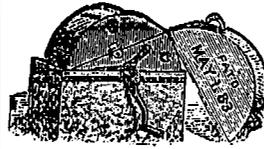


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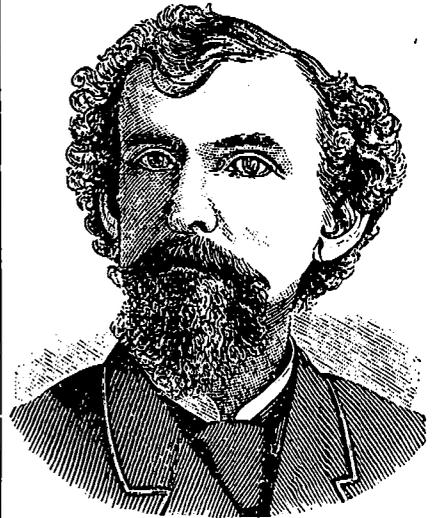
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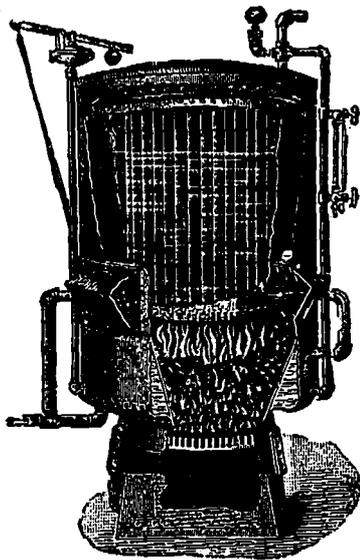
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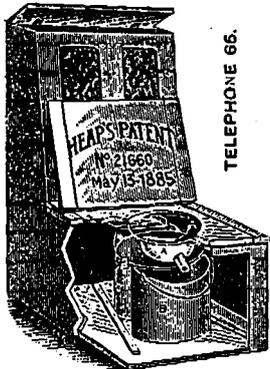
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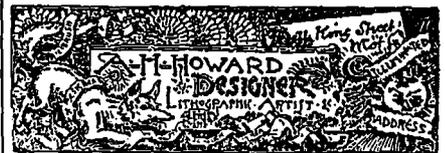
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