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The gravest beast is the Ass.
 The gravest bird is the Ostrich.
 The gravest fish is the Oyster.
 The gravest man is the fool.

— W. Miller

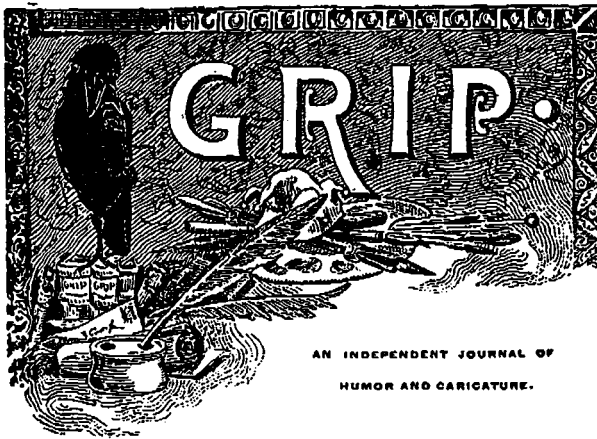
THE SCOTT ACT AS AN EDUCATOR.

Prohib.—I'm sorry to observe that you're drinking again, Mr. Rubynose, why is this?
Rubynose.—Well, while the Scott Act was in force I couldn't drink without being an outlaw, and I'd rather not lower myself to that. *Now*, of course, since it's a legalized business, it makes a difference, you know.

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Comments on the Cartoon.



"DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED."—Mr. Mercier protests that he had no thought of injuring the Federal Government when he summoned the Inter-Provincial delegates to discuss the British North America Act. He invited Sir John to be present and take part in the Conference, which, he thinks, is conclusive evidence that there was no intention of censuring that great statesman. The fact that Sir John declined the invitation with more or less vehemence is neither here nor there. Of course Mr. Mercier had no idea that the delegates would be likely to vote against the abuse of the veto power, or pass any other resolutions directly or indirectly censuring the Federal Cabinet. Certainly not. Now that Sir John and his colleagues feel hurt it is a clear case of accident. When Mercier pointed the Conference blunderbuss in their direction and pulled the trigger, he "didn't know it was loaded," but it is not on record that the victim of this sort of accident ever felt better on account of the explanation.

THE TUPPER QUARTETTE.—Perhaps before these lines reach the public, this remarkable organization will have been dissolved, but it deserves pictorial record as one of the unique things of Canadian political history. It is stated that Sir Charles Tupper is on the point of resigning his position as M. P. for Cumberland and Finance Minister, so that the quartette will be resolved into a duo. And there will always be a marked discord in the singing of the two, for the office of High Commissioner is not, in our opinion, a whit more compatible with that of C. P. R. trustee, than the position of member of Parliament would be. Sir Charles is not troubled with any qualms on that point, however, as he deemed it quite decent to become the paid servant of the Syndicate even while he was in the ministry.

GOOD boy, *Globe!* . . . Excuse this sudden outburst, reader, but we can't help it. Did you see the leading article in the big Grit journal on May 23rd? Wasn't it refreshing to hear it tell the Oppositionists at Ottawa that they were equally guilty with the Government in rushing through the estimates without proper examination just to accommodate the Governor-General by closing the session before his departure? The castigation was well merited, and it would be a good thing for Canada if papers on both sides were in the habit of attacking their own so-called friends when the public interests demand it.

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IT is suggested, in view of this coal contract scandal in the Council, that a Citizens' Association ought to be formed, to guard the public interests in cases where the aldermen, from motives best known to themselves, are bent upon sacrificing them. This is a valuable proposition, and we would like to see it acted upon at once. But what we need and will have to come before long is Civic Government by Commission, the system in vogue in some of the large English cities. A board composed of half-a-dozen able men, liberally paid, and held personally responsible for all expenditures, would secure for this city the same careful financial management that most private companies now enjoy. It is unquestionable, also, that under such a plan the various departments of the city government would be administered with much higher ability and efficiency than under the present system.

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THE Government acted sensibly in reducing the grant to the late Hon. Mr. White's family from a fancy figure to an amount representing the salary that would have been due from the time of his death to the end of the year. Mr. White himself would, we are sure, have been opposed to the precedent of lump sum grants to the families of deceased ministers. The arrangement as it is is a bad precedent, in our opinion, but not so utterly objectionable as the original proposal.

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IN other countries the leading political personages sustain more or less of a character for literary ability. Are we to suppose that our Canadian statesmen know nothing beyond politics? We don't observe that any of them belong to or take part in the Royal Society. This should be remedied. If they are all quite ignorant of polite literature and science, let them deal with Politics, of which they *do* profess to know something. Why, for instance, could not Sir John read a paper on "Statesmanship; What is It, and wherein does it Differ from Small Potatoes?" And Sir Richard—couldn't he give us an essay on "Vinegar, as a Political Weapon"? Nicholas Flood Davin has a fine literary style, as everybody knows, and he could, if he felt disposed, enrich the proceedings of the Royal Society with an elegant dissertation on "Political Trimmers and why They Never Get There." GRIP would really like to see our great men branch out a little.

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FROM the *Globe's* Parliamentary report we clip this:

"Before the doors of the Commons were thrown open to others than members this morning, Mr. Perley (Assiniboia) called the attention of the Government to the fact that the habit of drinking in the restaurant by others than those connected with the House was becoming a nuisance. It was said that when the city hotels were closed in accordance with the requirements of the laws, outsiders had nothing to do but go to the Parliament buildings and get a drink. Sir John Macdonald promised to inquire into the matter. Mr. Mitchell said that the proper thing to do was to admit no one

to the Commons restaurant unless accompanied by a member of Parliament.

Providing, he should have added, the "stranger" will stand treat. No, Peter; the proper thing to do is to clear out the disgraceful rum-hole altogether. It is a standing insult to the decent people of the country, and especially to decent members of the House. We would like to hear from Sir John on this question when he speaks to his Methodist brethren at the opening meeting of Grimsby Park.

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ALDERMAN BOUSTEAD, anxious to restore the lustre of his own good name, and to banish the burning blushes from the cheeks of his friends, made haste to explain why he voted to give the coal contract to Patrick Burns. He says he did so because (1) Burns had not been actually black-listed by the council, notwithstanding Judge McDougall's exposure of his dishonesty; (2) Burns' sureties were satisfactory, and (3) his tender was the lowest of those formally submitted. Our own opinion is that any tender is too high from a contractor who collects money for goods which he doesn't deliver. Toronto cannot afford to endorse P. Burns and his methods even if he offers the coal for nothing.

THE AGRICULTURAL EDITOR ON THE STUMP.

FELLOW citizens; free, intelligent and independent electors: I stand before you to-day as the herald of a new and brighter age of progress—as the annunciator of a time when one question, and one alone, shall occupy the minds and sway the hearts of the people of this vast and glorious Dominion—when the preacher, the prophet, the seer, the economist, the philanthropist—the whole nation, from the laborer down to the senator, from the statesman to the Ontario politician, shall write and speak and work and wait for one grand consummation—one grand completion of the work of centuries of progress—shall work and wait, shall watch and pray, fellow citizens, for BUTTER REFORM.

I need not—it were indeed a work of supererogation—I need not, I say, allude to the need of a change, a radical, a sweeping, an all-sufficient change, which shall rival in its perfection and completeness, the most stupendous and successful revolutions of all time—a radical change in the butter market! Our fathers have striven and we strive. They fought and bled and died for freedom—we fight for Butter Reform. They struggled to establish the liberty which we now enjoy. Fellow citizens, let us emulate their glory. Let us establish creameries! To Magna Charta, to Habeas Corpus—to the long list of glorious measures from John to John A., let us add a crowning glory, an act which shall secure to the subject that eternal and inalienable right—the right to eat good butter!

Fellow citizens, the days of tyranny, in one sense, are past—but bad butter still holds despotic sway over the digestive organs of a suffering and dyspeptic people. Will you suffer it, Canadians? You, the descendants of an heroic ancestry! You the sons, grandsons, perhaps even the *great* grandsons, of the Pym and Hampdens of a bygone day! No, fellow citizens, a thousand times, no! You, the heirs of all the ages, in the foremost files of time, will you not lead also in the front rank of Butter Reform? And a mighty chorus answers, Yes! Methinks I hear it swell, that thund'rous shout of anticipated victory! Higher and higher, methinks, from young and from old, from palace and from cottage, from the hotels

and from the boarding-houses of this grand Dominion—higher, yet higher, through the quivering air, till it cleaves the trembling clouds and thrills the stars in the vaulted blue above, rises that paean of glorious determination: "Maclean for ever! Maclean and BUTTER REFORM."

Fellow citizens, let me encourage your hesitating hearts, Butter Reform cannot fail. We shall struggle but we shall conquer, and poets shall make our struggles and our victory immortal. Speaking of poetry, let me close with the word of poetic jubilation which our majestic cause has already inspired:

I.

HAIL to the chief who in triumph advances,
Hail the cosmopolite man of the *World*;
See, on his flag, as the sun on it glances,
"Butter Reform" on its broad folds unfurled.
See how the tyrants' heads
Bow, as he onward treads,
Bearing the banner thro' strife and thro' storm.
Let all the Cardwell men
Echo the sound again:
"Ho for Maclean and for Butter Reform."

II.

No more the Tories shall shout for Protection,
No more the Grits, multinomial fad—
C. U.—we'll hear of! Both, sunk in dejection,
Now must admit that bold Billy's the lad!
See how the Tories heads
Bow as he onward treads!
How the Grits wail as the war waxes warm!
Hear all the Cardwell men
Echo the shout again:
"Cardwell for Billy and Butter Reform."

CARET.



HIGHLY COMMENDED.

Customer.—I'm getting this Hair Restorer for a friend.
Druggist.—Yes? Well, I hope he'll recommend it to you. It's an excellent preparation, put up by ourselves, sir.

OVERCOMING THE DIFFICULTY.

Would-be Customer.—Don't trust here, do you?
Grocer.—Oh, yes, when I *know* the party, I—
Would-be Customer.—Oh, that's easily settled. Allow me to introduce myself. Mr. John Jones, make you acquainted with Mr. Nocash.



THE PROBLEM.

'Tis strange that a man should consort with Old Rye,
For he's sure to be ruined and disgraced—
To solve this old puzzle there's no use to try,
For there's no accounting for "taste."

TA HAPPY HIELANMAN.

Ho, Tonull! an' where 'ull ye pe goin' ta tay? Her nainsel, she'll pe goin' to ta meetin' of ta Happy Hielanman. Tey'll meet on ta Teusday night in ta Victoria Hall, an' there'll pe ta spokin', an' ta tancin', an' ta piper weess ta pipes, an' her nainsel, she'll gif a spoke. An' ye'll no pelong, Tonull? Heeh, but ye'll lost ta goot times! Ye'll can spoke ta Gaelic? Ay, surely, surely! Ay, Tonull, but it's a gran' spoke, ta Gaelic! She'll hears tat ta Gaelic wiss ta pest lankuage in ta world, an now ta Canatian Institute 'ull proofed tat she'll wiss ta oldest.

An' ye'll not gone to ta Ceilidhs? Ye'll heard off ta Ceilidhs, Tonull, tat tey'll had in Scoteland when ta young mans an' ta young weemens 'ull gone mad weess ta tancin' an' ta sparkin', an' ta goot times. So we'll had ta Ceilidhs here, an' we'll no had plenty when ta weemens 'ull gif them, so ta young mans 'ull gif them too. Ta Ceilidhs 'ull pe catehin', Tonull. Her nainsel 'ull gone an' try! Tonull, but we'll haf ta goot times! Weess ta tancin' an' ta pipers, an' ta heather-dew, she'll no haf so goot a time once pefore.

An' she'll pe so glad when she'll heard them sing ta Gaelic. Some of ta peoples 'ull said tat tey'll no sing in ta tune, but ta *Mail*, she'll know, an' ta *Mail*, she'll said tat ta sing was peautiful! An' if tey'll sing ta Gaelic out off ta tune, tat 'ull pe petter tan if tey'll sung ta Enklish in ta tune whateffer. Ay, Tonull, she'll pe a gran' spoke, ta Gaelic!

An' ta tancin', Tonull! Tey'll tance till ta poards 'ull

creak an' ta sweet 'ull came town ofer ta face. An' ta little girl! Her'll pe ta pest tancer in ta ceety. Her'll tance ta Hielan' Fling, an' ye'll no see ta shoes off her, Tonull, she'll gone so fast. An' ta piper! Hech, Tonull, but she'll pe ta poy! She'll plow like ta wint on ta Pen Neffis, an' ta skirlin' of ta pipes 'ull set all ta peoples moofin' ta foots on ta floor, an' tey'll all get up an' tey'll "hech!" an' tey'll tance an' ta hall 'ull pe full off it. She'll not see a pesser times, Tonull, since she'll left Inferness. An' ta spokin' in ta Gaelic! Her nainsel 'ull gave a spoke on ta "Groicheadhraibhain." She'll no praise her nainsel, but she'll no heard such spokin' for ten years alreatty. An' when she'll saw ta Gaelic in ta *Mail*, she'll no pe able ta spoke for gladness.

An' ye'll no can go, Tonull? Hech, but ye'll lost ta goot times! Ay, Tonull, but it's a gran' spoke, ta Gaelic!
CEILIDH.

JOCOSE JOTTINGS.

ARE sparrows "ring" doves?

Is Pope Leo a Roamin' lion?

HANLAN'S days at the oar are o'er.

A SHOCKING DEATH—killed by electricity.

THIS contest in Cardwell is a buy-election, isn't it?

YOU would not expect a fresh-et from Salt Springs.

D. MUIR is the mayor of Truro, N.S., and yet he is not a demure looking man.

There is a panic in the London tin market. A sort of tin-panic, probably.

If one swallow does not make a summer, several swallows will sometimes make one fall.

SPRINGHILL, N.S., has no lawyers, consequently no suers. It is of course deficient in drainage.

DOES a Game Protective Association protect a young pigeon from being plucked by a "poker" hawk?

THE statue of Boston's cultured pet, John L., must be a very striking likeness if it resembles the slugger.

THE One Thousand Guineas race at Newmarket was won by "Briar Root." A good horse to-back-oh!

THERE is very little difference between an oculist and an aurist. One is a nigh and the other's a near doctor.

MRS. SILLIBUS says, "now-a-days when a man makes love to another man's wife, he calls it Plutonic affection."

PROVIDENCE, R.I., officers poured \$5,000 worth of liquor into a sewer.—*Ex.* This is a new way of committing sewer-cide with the ardent.

W. T. McLEAN, of the *World*, announces that he will run for Cardwell in the coming by-election. He says he will run on the butter question.—*Ex.* If he does he is certain of a "strong" support.

CORSETS MUST GO. It is said that Sarah Bernhardt, Ellen Terry and Mary Anderson don't wear them, except in some particular part.—*Boston Courier.* Men are a coarse-set to talk about such things, but "some particular part" is good. Where would they wear them if—but perhaps we are getting out of our depth.

INCOG.—The editor of the Halifax *Echo* asks the meaning of *incog*. If he will try the experiment of getting entangled in a cog-wheel making 1,000 revolutions a minute, he will probably discover that his appearance will be so thoroughly disguised, that even his creditors will not know him, and thus prove conclusively that *in-cog* means "unknown."
JOE KERR.



THE CELEBRATED TUPPER QUARTETTE.

THE EMIGRATION QUESTION.



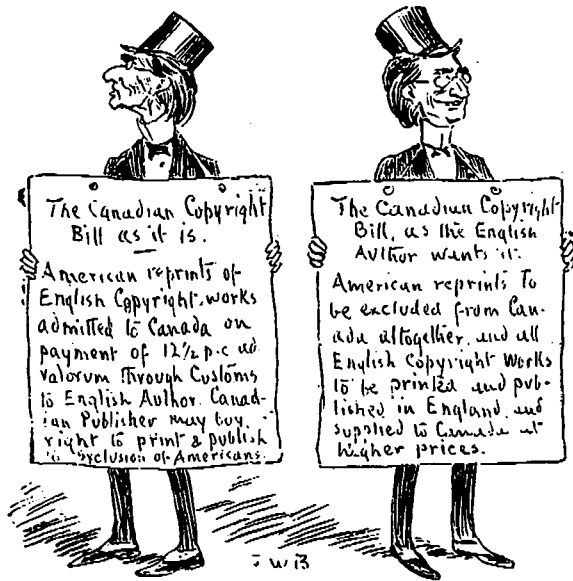
AKING alarm at the great mass meeting of the labor organizations held at Shaftesbury hall on May 23rd, to protest against the Government system of pauper emigration, a counter meeting of the friends and supporters of that system was convened, the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B., presiding.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the meeting, briefly explained the object in view—viz.: to vindicate the course of the Government in appropriating public money to assist pauper emigration, and to reply to the attacks made at the workingmen's meeting upon the Government's emigration agents. The speakers at that meeting complained that the bringing in of emigrants at the public expense was unfair to the toilers of Canada, as it glutted the labor market and tended to depress wages. He would simply reply to this, that the workingmen of Canada had the N.P. to protect them (cheers) and that so long as he was at the head of the Government he would nail the old flag (tremendous cheers) to the mast, and stand by the policy of Canada for the Canadians, (renewed cheers). He was and always had been the friend of the workingman. (A voice—Yes, the foreign workingman! Groans, hisses, cries of 'put him out' and interruption.) But the

workingmen seemed to forget that a Government had something else to do besides look after the public business. (Hear, hear!) It has to look after its friends. (Cheers). It has to find fat places for party hacks. (Laughter and renewed cheers), and it has to pay those hacks out of the public money. (Hear, hear!) Hence the emigration system at present in vogue. He was prepared to defend that policy on its merits, for while on the one hand the bringing in of emigrants keeps the Canadian laborer from feeling lonesome, on the other hand it enables the Government to feed its party friends, the agents, (loud cheers) with pap, and at the same time to supply its equally well-beloved friends the manufacturers (applause) with cheap labor. He would not further occupy the time at that stage, but might have something to say later on.

Mr. OILY CUSS, Government agent for Yorkshire, said the workingmen of Canada were a parcel of numbskulls. (Cheers). It was not true that the Government agents in England and elsewhere actively endeavored to send out emigrants. That was in reality only a secondary matter with them. The main consideration was to get the stipend, which came with admirable regularity. (Cheers and applause.)

Mr. MUNCHAUSEN WILES, agent at Shoeburyness, said he observed that the agents were charged with systematic lying to induce emigrants to go to Canada. He would not say there was much real truth in what they told the people about the chances Canada offered, but he would



AN OBSCURE QUESTION MADE PLAIN.

like to know what else they could do as employes of the Government. (Hear, hear!) Surely, nobody would have them state the naked and disagreeable facts? (Cries of No!) The brazen side of the shield is a Grit idea, and may be left to Sir R. Cartwright. (Cheers.) Besides, where was the harm in a little lying, anyway? It is well known that the Government often lies and prevaricates and misrepresents things. (Loud and continued laughter and applause).

Mr. SOAPELY SLICKTON, of Barrow-cum-Ashton-on-Trent Workhouse, said he could hardly find words to express his admiration of the present Canadian Government and its emigration policy. (Loud cheers.) That policy he could say had the unanimous approval of Poor-law Guardians and workhouse officials throughout the United Kingdom. Although we understood the Government was Conservative, he could not imagine a more Liberal administration, for it not only opened the doors of Canada to the paupers and other useless classes of the old country—a burden which they were very glad to get rid of—(cheers) but it paid them to emigrate, and that out of the money of the working people of Canada. Before returning to England he hoped to see a Canadian working man. He had long had this desire. He could not imagine a more wonderful natural curiosity than the workingman who would vote for a Government and policy of this kind, though it was greatly to the honor of Canadian workingmen that they should thus rise superior to the feeling which actuated their class in every other part of the world.

Mr. THUMPER LYE, agent at Stoke-Newington, said he had gone into the emigration agency business not from any sordid consideration, but as a means of useful intellectual exercise. He was by profession a romantic novelist, and he had genuine pleasure in the work of painting fictitious pictures of Canada before wondering audiences of English yokels. He didn't consider it any moral harm to lie in his official any more than in his professional capacity.

Sir JOHN MACDONALD, in closing the proceedings, said he observed that the workingmen at their meeting did

not object to emigrants of the right class, but only to the expenditure of public money to bring them to Canada. One speaker had also stated that the Government had promised to do away with aided emigration, but had broken their promise. (Laughter.) Of course the Government had to make promises, but *you* know gentlemen, said he, how much promises are worth—you make 'em yourselves. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) As to the expenditure of public money, the fact was very little of it went to emigrants' passages. It was voted ostensibly for that, but most of it was expended, as everybody knew, for party purposes in bye-elections—they might even spell that prefix b-u-y. (Laughter.) Then, another portion went the emigration agents, who must be kept fat, for the sake of the country. (Renewed laughter.) He trusted the workingmen would say no more about the subject, as it was really inconvenient for the Government that it should be discussed. (Applause.) The meeting then broke up.

EASY TO ANSWER.



HE *Montreal Gazette*, commenting on the cartoon in our issue of May 19th, says:—

GRIP presents its views on the question this week in a cartoon in which a laborer is joyfully shouting, "With the land free from the clutch of monopoly, I defy poverty." This is very fine for GRIP's laborer. What it is for the man whose industry and thrift has enabled him to become possessed of a home or a farm, we are not told.

Well, dear *Gazette*, we'll tell you now. For "the man whose industry and thrift has enabled him to become possessed of a home

or a farm," it just means that he would be required to pay annually a single tax representing the fair rental value of the land he holds. If the land happened to be situated in the centre of a large city, the tax would be pretty high, but the land needed by the average thrifty citizen for a home, and the land used by the average farmer for purposes of cultivation, is not usually so situated, and has a comparatively low rental value, and the tax would accordingly be light in proportion. Meantime, the man whose "industry and thrift" is now retarded and discouraged by taxation on land, buildings, stock, fences and improvements of all kinds, food, clothing, income, and everything else, would be relieved of all these imposts. He would simply render to the public till each year the land value created, not by the sweat of his brow, but by the natural growth of the community, instead, as he does now, a portion of the result of his labor and toil. In short, Mr. *Gazette*, the thrifty and deserving person for whom we are glad to see you so solicitous, would only have his taxes lowered under the system which GRIP favors. Do you think he would object to that?



COLONISTS AND COLONISTS.

If New South Wales has pluck enough to prohibit Chinese Emigration notwithstanding Imperial wishes, why hasn't Canada the nerve to stop the Emigration of Workhouse Paupers?

MULAI HASSAN.

A TALE OF MOROCCO.

THE sultan, Mulai Hassan, in a dreamy mood,
 Called his chief eunuch, Aben Stickadude.
 "Aben," he said, "last night I late did sup
 Too well, get me a pick-me-up;
 And ah, Ben"—not Ben Butler, though his eye
 Was cocked upon his serene Royal High-
 ness—"hither call the Princess Fatima,
 My favorite slave, I would that her mamma
 Were tied up in a sack and quietly laid
 Where she might rest. I'm half afraid
 That Fatima doth love a Christian dog.
 If that I find it so I'll quickly jog
 His progress to the spheres. Light of my eyes,
 My Fatima, joy of my bosom, rise.
 How fares your fatty-ma, I mean the queen?
 'Tis ages since her lovely face I've seen.
 And tell me, sweet, my rose of Sharon, tell
 What thinkst thou of the Yanks? Nay, ponder well,
 Hast thou e'er seen one? Ha! she blushes. So!
 'Tis as I thought. What is his name? Hello!
 She blushes more. Now by great Allah I
 Shall find the meaning of that tell-tale sigh.
 Sweet, name the lean Yankee that thy eyes admire.
 I'll make him my cashier, and great chief liar,
 Boss of my court, and champion of my harem,
 Egad! the wild-cat, Fatima, will scare him."
 "O sire," cried Fatima, as down she flopped
 Upon a mat, "a Yankee beau has popped.
 His name begins with Tom and ends with tree,
 The middle part, like Oak-hill sounds to me.
 What could I say? His words were hurried o'er
 With stories of wild life, and talk of gore,"
 "You bade him git? Close, close to my buzzum come.
 I may be Mulay, and a Hassan-d dumb,
 But I'm a match for any Yankee living,
 Excepting in the lost art of forgiving."

Alas! that walls have ears and harems misses.
 One jealous maid had heard the sound of kisses
 Behind a screen—one pair of lips was Fatty's;
 The other seemed a Yankee Tommy Katty's.
 She told the eunuch, and the eunuch went
 To put the Sultan Mulai on the scent.

The Sultan stormed. He swore to slay all Yankees,
 And have them buried to a tune of Sankey's.
 But first, fair Fatima he ordered chopped up
 Into small pieces, while her ma he mopped up,
 And to the tigers gave her Royal Highness,
 Which caused twixt him and her a certain dryness.
 "Aben," quoth Mulay, "is the chaldron ready?"
 "Aye, son of Allah, and my arm is steady."
 "Are all the Yanks in my dominions collar'd?"
 "They are, sire, but their consul he hath holler'd,"
 "Consul be durned, I'll hang him high as Haman,
 Burn every priest, and boil each cursed layman."

They're talking war. Pooh! who cares for their buncombe.
 They've got no navy, and their powers are noncome.
 Their grand Vizier on humble pie is nourished.
 Their rag too long has in Morocco flourished.
 It must be boiled along with all their people.
 Go let the bells ring forth from every steeple.

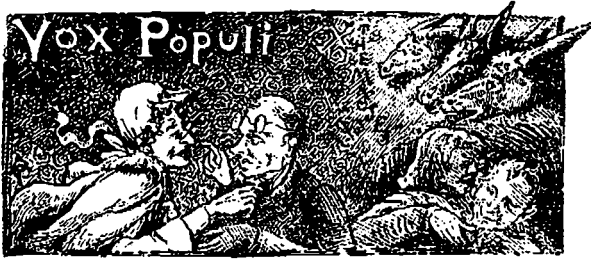
Just at this moment came in admiral Bumpus,
 K.C.B., H.M.S. "Golumpus."
 "How now, great Sultan, what's this row that's stirring?
 You're going to boil the Yankees like to herring.
 It can't be done. You dare to touch one fellow,
 And the "Golumpus" will your old town shell O.
 I'm a Great Briton, and while in this section,
 The Yankees, sire, are under my protection."
 "Allah il Allah," quoth the Sultan gaily,
 Great is your Empress, and I nevah raa'ly
 Intended to boil Yankees. They're all croakers.
 You, Johnny Bulls, are such eternal jokers."
 Still when great Bumpus had removed his shanks,
 The Sultan swore that he'd boycott the Yanks,
 And close his doors on every western sinner,
 And then he chopped off Aben's head for dinner.

A. N. LAMONT.

THE POPE'S BULL-ETIN TO HOME RULERS.

Since Pope Leo's edict against the Home Rule
 The Rulers towards him are feeling quite cool,
 And threaten to punish his dire offence
 By stopping subscriptions to Saint Peter's Pence.

JOE KERR.



A GOOD IDEA.

MESTER GRIP, SIR,—

AWM no wantin' tae trouble ye ower muckle, but the thought occurred tae me, what way can they no ease the posection o' you puir bodies i' the Isle o' Lewis in some way foreby sendin' them awa tae America? Gin onybody suld be expawtriated, awm o' opeenion the Isle could best afford tae spare a' the E. C. clairy, wha hae sae mony fine glebes, but no people wha want tae listen tae their so-ca'd sermons. I wad say, ship the hail box an dice o' thae useless beins awa, an' gie the glebes tae the crofters; an' what's mair, aw would suggest that a wheen o' the siller they propose tae spend in emigration schemes might be laid oot to mair profit gin it were used tae help in cultivatin the waste lands, let oot the noo for huntin purposes tae a lot o' idle and guid-frac naething gowks. Yours truly,
SANDY MACCLAVER.

MONTREAL JUSTICE

JUSTICE-LOVING GRIP,—

As a citizen of Montreal I blush to bring before you the following facts. About four months ago, a certain wealthy man (I use the word *man* because in English there is no term to indicate a being rather below the standard of humanity) had a slight disagreement with his coachman who was on the point of leaving his situation. The employer kept back five days' pay by way of punishing the coachman, whereupon the latter protested with considerable vigor, giving his late lord and master what is called "a bit of his mind." For this he was summoned before the Recorder, sentenced to six hours in jail, and bound over in \$50 to keep the peace. Having no money, and no one to go his security, the poor fellow has been lying in prison in this enlightened city for the last three months! What do you think of that for Justice and Humanity?
Yours,
TORMAID.

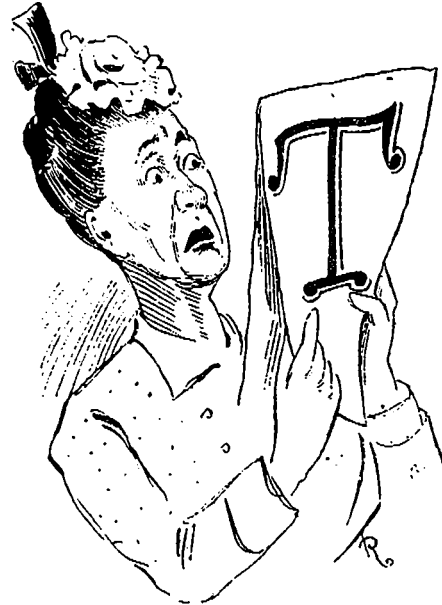
A REPUDIATION.

GRIP to hand has for its principal cartoon Mr. Davin dressed as a lady with red hair, and a white horse—the Department of the Interior near—GRIP indicating that he would be the man for this position. On that subject this paper can express no opinion. It is contrary to Mr. Davin's wishes that we should do more than reply to attacks on him—and it would seem that some of his assailants need only time to show themselves in their true light.—*Regina Leader.*

The above remarks are by the young man to whom Mr. Davin entrusted his editorial quill on his departure to his parliamentary duties. We can quite understand that the suggestion that Mr. Davin would, under any possible circumstances, accept a place in the present Ottawa Cabinet, is a severe reflection on the hon. gentleman's character,

and we do not wonder at the young man hastening to repel it as an attack from an assailant. GRIP humbly apologizes for having made the suggestion. In the heat of the moment he had forgotten that Mr. Davin sits in the House as an Independent member, and would scornfully reject any office Sir John might offer him.

THE EARLY CLOSING BILL.



HERE is a good deal of curiosity felt as to the means by which the requisite three-fourths of the grocers' signatures were got to the petition in favor of closing at 7 p.m., seeing that nearly every grocer you speak to is "as mad as a

hatter" about it—and more than three-fourths of the hatters are very mad. The following extract from a notebook of one of the smartest canvassers for the signatures will throw some light on the matter.

Mr. A. (small grocer in outskirts)—told him petition was in favor of letting clerks quit work at 7 p.m., as he keeps no clerks, signed willingly.

Mrs. B.—Got this lady's signature by representing that petition was to close all big shops down town at 7.

Messrs. C. & D.—Members of firm both out when I called. Errand boy said he had power of attorney, and signed petition for them with alacrity.

Mr. E.—Got this signature by stating that petition was to ask council to reduce taxes to 14 mills.

Messrs. F. & G.—Signed promptly on my statement that petition was for legislation against the proposal to sell eggs by weight.

Mrs. H.—Said her husband was absent and she never signed any documents without his permission. Felt sure, however, he would favor petition for abolition of credit system, so gave me the name.

Mr. I.—Explained nature of my business. Said he had always been opposed to the placing of fruit, etc., on sidewalks, and would sign it with pleasure.

Messrs. J. & K.—Agreed with me that the present method of catching dogs was a humbug, and favored the shooting of 'em on sight. Would sign with pleasure every hour of the day.

Mr. L.—As he lived out of town and had to take train at 7.30, was in favor of petition to close all grocery stores at 7. Signed without hesitation.



" DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED! "

" Mr. Mercier spoke vigorously, protesting that in calling the Inter-Provincial delegates together, he had no feeling of hostility to the Federal authorities, and no desire to attack them."

—Report of debate in Quebec Legislature.

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A LARGE audience greeted Peck's Bad Boy at the above house last night. There is not a vulgar or suggestive line or situation in the entire play. The audience certainly enjoyed it. The performance is sure to draw crowded houses the balance of the week. Matinee to-day.

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THE youth who spreads out the wings of his fancy and swears he is twenty-one for a marriage license, lays aside all minor consideration.—*Duluth Paragapher*.

DOUGLAS JERROLD was once asked by an intolerable bore, who affected to be a poet of the Milton school, whether he had read his "Decent Into Hell." "No, sir," responded the irate wit, "but I should like to see it."—*Ex.*

THEY have a way out in Kansas of bringing to time unruly members of the legislature. Mr. Funstan, member of the committee on agriculture, was late at a committee meeting, and the chairman fined him six cans of corn.—*Commercial Advertiser*.

AT A CONCERT.—Pretty woman, with knowledge of and passion for music, asks her escort: "Colonel, are you fond of music?" "Madam," replies the great warrior rolling his eyes savagely and frowning portentously, "I am not afraid of it."

JUDGE: "You were caught in the act of taking a valuable fur out of a shop window. This has occurred several times before now. Do you admit having committed these robberies?" Prisoner: "Well, your Honor, you see, I have had an influenza for the last few days, and my doctor recommended me to take something warm every morning."—*Le Grelot*.

THEY have found out the name of the man who told "Ali Baba" and "Aladdin" to the French translator of the "Arabian Nights." As he told it something over a hundred years ago, we suppose there is no use in asking for his address; but we did want it to send to Mr. William Dean Howells. Mr. Howells ought to want to hear a story by this time—yea, he ought to hone after it.—*Puck*.

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"Horace Greeley? Who is he?"

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"Train? Train? George Francis Train?" said Artemus, solemnly. "I never heard of him."

This ignorance kept the man quiet for fifteen minutes; then he said:

"What do you think about General Grant's chances for the presidency? Do you think they will run him?"

"Grant? Grant? Hang it, man," said Artemus, "you appear to know more strangers than any man I ever saw."

The man was furious. He walked up the car, but at last came back and said:

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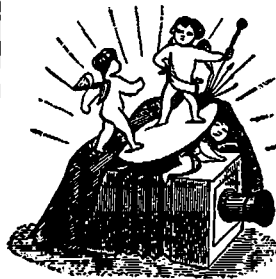
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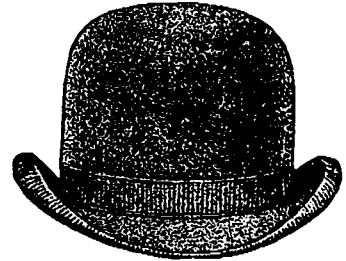
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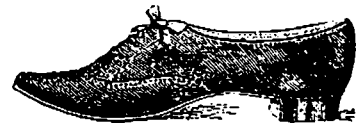
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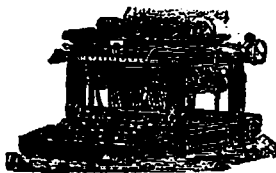
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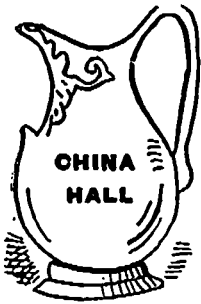
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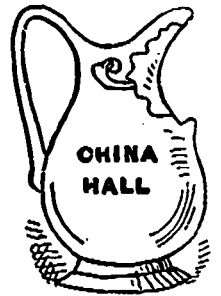
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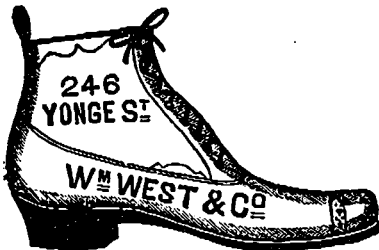


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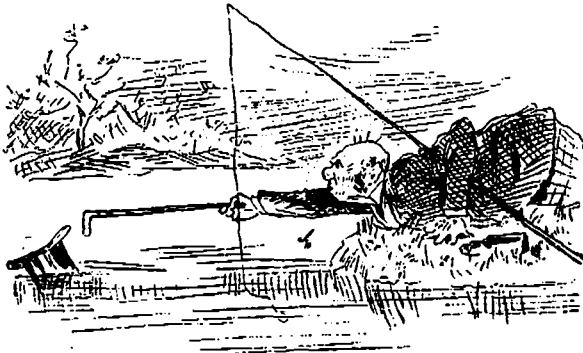
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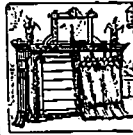
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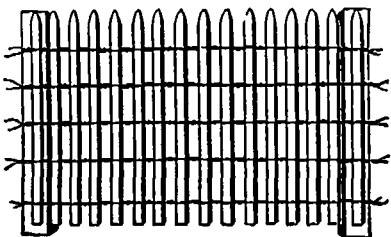
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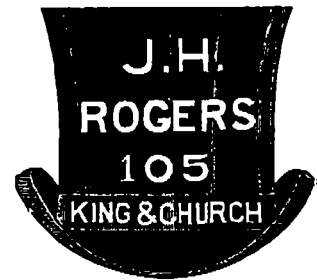
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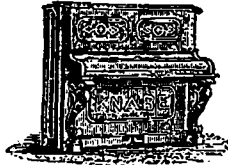


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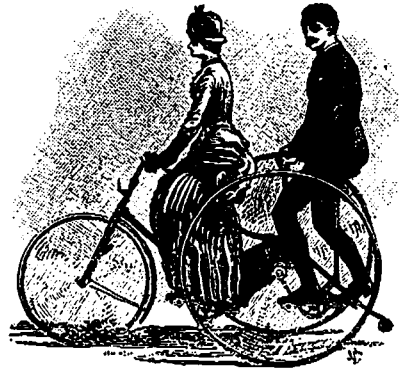
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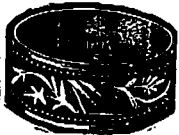
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