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The Mail-ed Warrior Defines his Position-The honest and intelligent reader of the .Mail's remarkable series of articles on the Jesuit question is in no need of any explanation of the exact point at issue; but there are honest and intelligent persons who have not had the advantage of perusing these articles, and who may be imposed upon by those whose intelligence is greater than their honesty. Some editors of Reform papers, we regret to observe, appear to be of this description, otherwise they could not so persistently tell their readers that the Mail is raising a "religious strife" and making a gratuitous assault on the Roman Catholic Church for the purpose of "smashing Confederation into its original fragments." It is just as well, therefore, that the Mail has taken occasion to define its position with a clearness which will put these misrepresenters to the blush-if they have not forgotten what a blush is like. We are at pains to make a point of this, because the position of the Mail on the question is precisely that occupied by Grip as well. There is no attack being made on the Catholic Church or on any of her doctrines or practices as a religious institution. There is no fault being found with any of the Orders associated with that Church in so far as these Brotherhoods are performing their functions within the moral and spiritual domain. The fight is against the poritical doctrines and ambitions of a single one of these Orders-the Society of Jesus. This Society is no essential part of the Roman Catholic Church. for it has time and again been denounced and suppressed by the faithful sons of that Church, and was once extinguished by the infallible Pope himself. That it is once more suffered to
exist under the supreme Pontiff does not by any means make it identical with the Church. The line of demarcation is perfectly clear, and only casuistry, guided by "political exigencies," would seek to forbid an exposure of the dangerous political teachings of this Order, on the ground that this necessarily involves an attack upon the religion of a large section of the community. The Mail-ed warrior in our cartoon expresses our attitude as well as his own in the sentence-"Good Mother Church, our quarrel is not with you, but with that mischievous boy of yours."

Mr. Ross' Explanation.-The Globe regards Hon. G. W. Ross' reply to the Opposition charge in connection with the question of the English language in the French schools of Eastern Ontario, as a crusher-an end of all further controversy. We would like to regard it in the same light, but the facts are rather against this view. The Oppositionists hold that in this English Province the ruling tongue should be that of the majority : that all our schools should be conducted in English, and all other languages, if dealt with at all, should be regarded simply as branches of study. Mr. Ross' reply to this is, that there are now no schools in Ontario in which English is not taught, though in the Eastern Ontario district this teaching is done in French. The answer is no real reply at all, unless we are to understand that, as soon as the pupils have become sufficiently acquainted with English, by means of lessons given in the ordinary routine of study. it is the intention to do all the teaching in our mother tongue. If this is the idea, it is a fair question to ask, will it work? By the time the pupil has gained a slight mastery of Fnglish on this system his school days are over, and the incoming children have to begin their English de novo with the same general result. Our reply to the question is decidedly, no; it will not work. On the other hand, there is some ground for objecting to the plan of beginning straight away to do all the teaching in English, as it would necessarily retard the progress of the pupils in their general studies. But could not the "happy medium" be acted upon? Devote, say, one half the school hours to the teaching of English. In a marvellously short time, under competent instruction, the French children of Eastern Ontario would understand Inglish well enough to use the regular school text-books, and then the question would be solved.

M
R. MEREIITH was inaccurate in at least one point in his able speech on the licensing business. That was where he described himself as "a Conservative." If this word has not entirely lost its old popular meaning, it is a complete misnomer for a man who expresses the broad and progressive views which the leader of the Local Opposition expressed in the oration alluded to. The resolution with which he concluded, proposing to replace the power of electing license commissioners and inspectors in the hands of the people, was essentially a Liberal motion.

THE real Tories in this matter are on the opposite side of the House, and in the discussion which took place upon the resolution alluded to, they cut a very sorry figure indeed. 'Cause why? the facts were against them. The evidence that the patronage and machinery now controlled by the Government are used for -party purposes is conclusive. It would be strange, indeed, if it were otherwise. If the Conservatives were in office in Ontario, would it be possible to convince Mr. Hardy or any other Reformer that they allowed all the beautiful chances for effective partizan work along this line to pass by unimproved? The same evidence now submitted against the Mowat Government would certainly be held to establish the charge beyond all controversy.
R. MANNING'S "unofficial" letter to Dr. McCully, which Mr. Meredith read, was a sad "give away" for the Government. In this epistle Mr. M. (who is the chief officer of the Department of Temperance Law Enforcement), candidly referred to a visit he had received lately from "a gentleman of considerable influence and position," who intimated that "a more rigid enforcement
of the Act would be highly injurious to the Mowat Government." "Thus," he adds, with charming innocence, "we have again the difficulty of pleasing both partics." This is the whole case in a nutshell, and sufficiently justifies Mr. Meredith's resolution. As for the Opposition leader himself, we are proud of him. He ought forthwith to cut his connection with his wicked partner at Ottawa and come out as the leader of the new Party, which is in the field, and has come to stay.

PPROF. J. E. WELLS has a very calm and thoughtful article on the Jesuit Estates Question in the current number of the Week. This is a pleasant change from the prevailing fashion in articles. He meets two points upon which hot words have been used: first, that Mercier has taken counsel with a foreign potentate; andsecond, that in giving the Pope the right to say how the $\$ 400,000$ shall be disposed of, he has introduced the clement of foreign sovereignty into the Province.

THE Professor does not see that the Pope is involved in the case at all as a foreign potentate. The Province admits the moral justice of a certain ciaim made by the Jesuits, and proposes to satisfy that claim by a money payment. The Pope is simply regarded as the official representative of the creditors. "Is there any act of sovereignty," he asks, "in the acceptance and distribution of a sum of money paid in satisfaction of an alleged claim?" We think this point is fairly taken, and deserves an equally calm reply.


THE music-recitation is the latest fad of the platform, but it is a very charming innovation when it receives full justice. To secure this, it is, of course, necessary to have a first-class elocutionist, supported by a thoroughly competent pianist. These conditions were fulfilled at Association Hall on the evening of the 1gth, when Mr. Charles Roberts made his second appearance in Toronto, and successfully reasserted his title to rank with the very best readers of the world. In his programme for Thursday evening, 2 rst., the music-recitation finds a place, and we would counsel all who appreciate something uncommonly good to be present.

$I^{T}$T was no doubt generally observed that a large space on M. Coquelin's engraved posters was clumsily doctored up with white paper, and thereupon the words "farewell appearance," in extemporized print, were superadded. Seeing that the clever Frencluman never was here before, this was puzzling. Thereby hangs a tale, however. The space so sedulously covered contained the name of Jane Hading, the comedian's fellowstar, but there was a row in the camp, and M'lle Hading packed up and went home. This paragraph finds an appropriate lodgment in this column, as it chronicles something in the line of disagreeable music.


NR. A. S. VOGT, organist.

THE Wagnerites could not wish for a more devoted and enthusiastic comrade-inarms than Mr. Vogt, who loses no opportunity of singing the praises and playing the compositions of the great master. This gentleman is busily engaged upon his second and concluding lecture on the redoubtable Richard, which will be delivered at the College of Music at an early date-not as yet specified. Mme. Asher-Lucas and others will assist in the instrumental illustration of the theme. It is to be noted that all the young and rising musicians on the staff of this institution are "musicof the future" men. The same is probably true of the Conservatory professors as well.

* ME. ASHER-LUCAS, whom the modesty of genius, or some equally powerful influence, has kept too much in the background since her arrival in Toronto, contributed some piano solos on the occasion of Mr. Roberts' dramatic recitals. In Mme. Asher-Lucas, Toronto possesses unquestionably one of the great pianists of the time. Her brilliant career in Paris and I,ondon is known to the initiated, but the general musicloving public of Toronto have heretofore had few, if any, opportunities of hearing her. We trust these occasions will be more frequent hereafter, especially as we hear whispers to the effect that her residence in the Dominion may not be for very long.


## SQUELCHED.

D
E CRI'TIC—" In my opinion, Moore was not a poet at all."
Lady Friend (who has averheard the remark)-" In whose opinion, Mr. De Critic ?"

De Critic--"In mine."
Lady Friend-"Oh. Ha! ha!"
A square word-Equilateral.


## ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT-GRATIS.

Mr. Grif-_" Sir John, if you would give the people some of the things they want, and refrain from giving thom so many things that they don't want, your Cabinet would come to be regarded with a certain measure of esteem."


## THE BREATH OF SUSPICION.

Mrs. LUSHE-(to her hubby, who has just returned from a litile trip betrucen the acts)_"Er_did you see the man?"

Mr. L.-"Y-yes, I saw him."
Mrs. L.-" Was he a nice person?"
Mr. L.-"'Course he was. Why do you ask?"
Mks. L.-" Well (sniffing duintily) I had an idea that you must have been talking to a heavy drinker."

## OUR OTTAWA CORRESPONDENT.

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE SCENE OF THE ATROCITIES.

DEAREST GRIP,-Since my last letter I have been hard at work on the interviewing mission upon which I have centered my extreme nervous energies, and which is the real raison d'etre of my presence here. I do not satisfy myself with the mere results of the Parliamentary debates. I go below and bencath that, in so far as is consistent with maidenly reserve and (2), with the idea that members of Parliament arc, as a rule, about as near human as respectable and reputable members of the community at large.

I made it a special point to see D'Alton McCarthy. He said :-"My dar $\longrightarrow$, or rather, my dear young lady, please spell my front name with an apostrophe, because it sounds more French like, and so serves to allay the feelings of race prejudice which naturally exist as between a thorough-going Irishman of Protestant tendencies and our best party friends of the other brand, so to speak. I could have taken office long ago-in fact, by reason of my close relationship with Sir John, I could have taken anything I wanted to, in connection with the public service, always excepting the High Commissionership, which Tupper appears to have got out a patent on,-darn his gall!"-added the great statesman, as he tried to pull his moustache. "But I preferred the boundless freedom of action and law briefs, notwithstanding I knew my country was suffering because I would not grab a portfolio and cab-hire emoluments. It was not my fault. It was the I-run-away of Fate, if you will kindly note the expression and see that the printers do not make a mull of it. Please attend to the success of this off-hand joke, not so much for its intrinsic value but as a slight token of the esteem in which, my dear girl, or, rather I should say, my dear madam, I hold you. I know I am The Coming Man. The Barrie Advance has said so! But, at the same time, I wish to be regarded like Punch's grandmother, 'coming to come.' I will eventually get there with both my feet,
if you will pardon the freedom of my language. At present I am willing to be regarded as such by my editorial friend in Barrie, and to go on making a precarious living as a lawyer. I feel conscious the country needs my services in an exalted sphere; but yet there are several Division Court cases up north that demand my immediate attention. Therefore, in the words of the poet, 'unumgo pluribis, Erin go bragh. Please keep off the grass!' But there is one slight thing I would like you to mention in connection with my distinguished career and that is that I and Rosebery are going to finish up the Imperial Federation job, just as the printers say,-_' while you wait.' It is the easiest thing imaginable for myself and the noble lord to do this. We are the people. We know what the people want. Meantime, dearest gir—, that is to say, my own, precious, sweetest one-or rather, if you will kindly allow me-madam, I am busy just now with the Fenceviewers' case of Jimson $v s$. Jackson, and will have to ask you, gently but firmly, to withdraw."

My notes of an interview with Sir Richard Cartwright are held for another letter. Yours ever,

Anna Nyas.

## HEAR! HEAR!

"Frechette and Haliburton should have their societies and worshippers like Browning in England and Emerson in the States."-Montreal Herald.

RECHETTE! all hail! and Haliburton too!
And Wilfrid Chateauclair, perhaps, is three! Behold! we Canucks low on bended knee Worship and try to read your works all through.
Away with Shakespeare, Milton and the crew
Of ancient England's lights of poesy-
Replace them with a modern lamp, mais, oui!
And show the world what Canada can do.
Browning in bronze on many a mantle stands Across the water, while across the line The marble bust of Emerson doth shine, And before each a nation claps its hands. Then up, ye sons of Canada, prepare the crown; Catch jour great poet and fall prostrate down.

Mrs. Guppy says there must be speech in the lower animals. She has heard of deer-stalking.


## ON THE SEVENTEENTH OF MARCH.

Mr. Cohn-." Hurry up, Rebecca. Put der emeralds and der green umbrellas in der vindow. Ve must peen loyal to der day, you know!"


A CHIP OF ${ }^{\text {THE }}$ OLD BLOCK.
Sir Charles (old Parliamentary sport)-" Ha! the youngster's a good 'un. Does him up almost as well as I could myself!"

## IMPARTIALITY.

a dialogue.
Scene 1.-The Breahfast-room The-Morning.


VANITY POMPOUS -(sitting with his feet on the fender-nezuspaper in hand-suddenly jerking up his spectacles, and staring at his aife.)
"What this paper means by this con: duct, I don't know. I'd like to know who does know? It is the mostill-conducted, the most trashy, the most scurrilous $\qquad$ "
Mrs. P.—"Are you speaking of the Independent, dear?"

Mr. P.-_" Of course I am. Independent-it is the most accursed thing published in this city. It has no principle, no stability, no patriotism. What are its political opinions worth? Does it pretend to be a political organ

Mris. P.-" It does not pretend to be a-_"
MR. P. (violently)-" It does pretend to be-it pretends to be everything and is nothing. That editor is the merest upstart-a man of no judgment-no-I'll stop this paper-I'll stop it-it is not fit for-I'll stop it to-day "-(throtes the paper into the fire).

Mrs. P. (zeith some reproach) -"Why, my dear, I wanted to read ""

Mr. P.—" Yes-you wanted to read that story. Oh ! I know you women; all you care for is some miserable, wretched serial-but

Mrs. P. (sipping her chocolate)-" I wanted to read-"
MR. P. (more hotly) - " Madam, I don't care whether you did or not. That paper shall not come within my doors. I should think that instead of spending your

(A FACT, AS WIER INFORMED.)
Physician-" It's your cyes, you say, my good woman; now just look steadily at me and tell me what you see."
Visiting Patient-" Well, sor, to tell ye the thruth, savin' yer prisince, I don't see very much, and divil a word o' lie."
time over a silly, sentimental, degrading story, you would occupy it in seeing after your household. Your duty is not only to yourself. Am I, as the head of this household, to see it neglected while you pore over such detestable nonsense as these depraved journalists thrust upon us?"

Mrs. P. (with malice aforethought)—" I wanted to read —your letter!"

Mr. P. (rising noze and screaming) - " My letter-my letter-did you suppose those ignorant devils would know enough to put it in? Did you think they could appreciate it? It foas not in. Thank heaven, my name is not mentioned in those disgraceful columns. Did you think-I'll stop that paper-I'll-

## Enit (noisily).

Scene in.-The same. Time-the same-some zoeeks later.
Mr. V. P. reading-a heavenly satisfaction upon his opentioroze.

Mrs. P. (entering quietly) - " Good-morning, my dear !"
Mr. P. (benignly)-" Well-my love-sit down, sit down - (drawing up her chair).

Mrs. P. (approaching him)-"What paper have you there, dearest?"

Mr. P. (mildly and somecoluat alisently)—" The a-the 'Independent,' love (then quickly) I fear there will be trouble about, about this business at Samoa. These Germans, you know-"

Mrs. P.-"Oh! I understood you had stopped 'that paper'" (the very faintest emphasis on the last two words).

Mr. P. (generously) - " Yes, yes—but it doesn't seem right to cherish these things, Matilda. It doesn't show the true Christian spirit. For my part I don't believe in being petty aloout such things, you know. If a paper is trying to do its best, why-",

Mrs. P. (after a minute's silence-wiuith more than the zoisdom of Solomon) - " Read your letter-aloud, dear !

Mr. P. (clearing his throat aith srout alacrity)-" Certainly, love. It is one of the best letters I have ever written-the best article in the paper-it occupies a column and a half.-(reads-uninterrupted domestic bliss.) E. A. D.


## CONGRATULATIONS.

Smith-" So, old fellow, you've got married, I bear, while I have been away. I am glad of it ; that will rid you of that old she-dragon of a house-keeper."

JoNes-"Hem—er-but she is the one I have married!"


## PECULIAR ECONOMY.

$\mathrm{M}^{\text {R. RAYKE (examining his accounts)-"It appears }}$ to me that I am beginning to save money. I have made two thousand dollars less debts during the past year!"

## A MODERN BUSINESS.

A. "Well, how does your cousin get on in his new business?"
B.-" Hem! He has a first-class house, lives and entertains well, gives his children the best of education, is generous to the poor, but he can't pay anything!"

## CHILD OF THE PERIOD.


" $\begin{gathered}\text { ELL me, little one, } \\ \text { what is your }\end{gathered}$ name?"

Child-"Beg pardon, sir, but don't be so fresh!"

## CRITICAL.

PAINTER - "What do you say to m ; new picture?" HisFriend-"Nothing. It has not addressed me."

## DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

$H^{\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{C}}$ " Miss - - in return for the poem I made upon however, it was not from your own head."

She-"Oh! that is all right--the poem, likewise, was not from your head!"

## FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

HUSBAND-"My wifc is past all endurance. Every day she comes to me for money."

Friend-" What, with your simple housckeeping? It is incomprehensible what she does with it."

Husband-"Oh, she can't do anything with it, because I don't give her
 any."

## DONT.

TEACH not a parent's parent to extract The savory juice of poultry fruit by suction : The good old lady can that feat enact. Quite irrespective of your kind instruction.

## A MONOLOGUE.



WHAT do I think of Oliver Mowat ? Oh, he's well enough-for a man, I suppose. He doesn't seem to be addicted to drink, and I understand that he keeps pretty respectable hours, and doesn't do much in the lodgegoing way. For a man, he is not so bad as one might reasonably expect. But to call him a statesman-that's quite another matter. It makes me sick to hear it over and over every place I go. Just because he came out best in some law cases, and managed to defeat another man, everybody scems to have gone crazy about him. That is, of course, the men have. Poor things, they don't know any better. A statesman, forsooth! I wonder if they know the meaning of the word? If $I$ understand anything about it , a statesman is a person who possesses wisdom, and uses it for the benefit of the country. Where does Oliver Mowat stand when you come to measure him by that standard? Nowhere at all. A statesman! Why, good gracious, he doesn't know enough to enfranchise US! !

## THOSE TRIOLETS.

$I$SAT in my chair, And the window was near: Perhaps 'twas not fair. As I sat in my chair:
But the fool he was there. And I could not but hear, As I sat in my chair, And the window was near.
" To these triolets fair I will give my whole mind!. So I heard him declare, As I sat in my chair; For the fool, he was there. And in rapture he whined.
"To thase triolets fair I will give my whole mind!"

His whole mind, think of that! To some triolets silly;
But surely 'twas pat!
His. whole mind, think of that! For his head it was flat
Where it should have been hilly. His awhole mind think of that! To some triolets silly!

But they made a good match,
His whole mind and the verses, Evolved in a batch ;
Yes! they made a good match!
And this thought let us catch
Before it disperses ;
They made a good match, His whole mind and the verses! Merlin.


No. I-Photo of Miss DeJones after the grand Xmas Ball-December.


JONAH AND THE WHALE.

## CANCELLED.

CLASSICUS_-"What do you think of the decree passed by the College Council prohibiting hazing?
Modernus-"Oh, that's dead. Onc of the boys wrote "Rats" all over the copy of it that was posted on the notice-board the other day."

## IN A FAIR WAY.

BOOK AGENT-"Good morning, doctor. I'm not here as a patient, but-" (producing his prospectus.)

Docror-" But you mighty soon wlll be one, if you don't get out of this office."

## AT THE CONVERSAZIONE.

FRESHY-" You look at me as if you thought me cheeky."
Stranger-"Oh, no! I at first thought you werc an old friend of minc. I'll beg his pardon the first time I meet him."

## A stam-casi-A telcscope.

You should never strike a man when he is down, unless he happens to be down on you.

## THE LAW OF AVERAGE.



No. 2.-Ditto of Ditto after the Rockaway season -July.


No. 3.-Composite photo of Miss DeJones, showing the mean average annual costume of the Canadian belle of the period.


De Looney (Ottawa scciely szeell, to His Excellency's aide-de-(amp)-" $\Lambda \mathrm{w}$, could you oblige me with an invitation to the State ball?"

AIDe (horrified)-" Good gwacious! You don't mean to say society people in Canada actually azosk to be invited to balls?

De Looney-" Oh, no; only those balls that they have to foot the bill for as tax-payers, doncher know."

## THE ROMANCE OF AN EYELID.

$M$Y name is Green, Tom Green, though why I have not the least idea. Probably I was so called after our oid cat, for $I$ rescmble that august animal in at least one respect-I wink.

Did you ever watch a cat sitting before the fire, and every now and then indulging a sly wink at the flames? Well, that is my specialty, too. In childhood my winking was ascribed to that large factor in boys called devilment, and accordingly I often suffered for my involuntary twitching.

But the sufferings of my youth were nothing to those of my later life. Some time ago I saw a girl, just the girl that I, a middle-aged bachelor, have sought for years. She used to take the same car down town every morning, and soon her face became so familiar that it began even to intrude into my books during the day, chasing the figures in the columns I was adding, and making everything bright. Well, after a few weeks of that I got into a way of hurrying through breakfast and rushing down town till I came in sight of my fair one's corner, and then managing to time my arrival so as to meet her and her car at the same moment. I even helped her on several times, and I shall never forget her pretty way of saying "Thank you;" but one dreadful day when I helped her off the car she dropped her handbag. Of course, when I picked it up, she thanked me in her prettiest way. She smiled, and, while I gazed into the depths of her beautiful eyes-to my horror-I felt my eyelid twitch, and I knew that I had winked at my darling. It did not need her little stare of angry surprise to tell me that I had insulted her beyond forgiveness, so I grasped the hand-rail, swung myself on the car, and stood glaring up the street, winking fiercely to keep back the tears. My dream of love was over.

> S. J. R.

## TO SETTLE IT.

TSmarriage a failure? Some point to divorce And others, indignant, deny it;
But to all men and women (unmarried, of course)
Grip's advice (which is gratis) is,-"'Try it!"

## A POINTER.

MY frens, ef you wish ter be pointed out as er great man, keep yer mouf shet on things you don' know nuffin about. Fokes may tink you're dunib, but don' let dat trubble yer.

## ANOTHER WAY OF PUTTING IT.

COUNSEL for the Defendant-" And now, my man, you say that when you entered you were struck with the heterogeneous conglomeration of articles in the room."

Plaintiff--" No, your honner, 'twasn't nonc o' then things as struck me. It was Billy Maloney as did it, an' it was wid a frozen turnip."

## NEEDED EXPLANATION.

M
R. DE LIMPKIN-" What a flatterer that fellow Brown is !"
Miss Bjones-" Flatterer! Why, he is too conceited to think of anyone but himself."

Mr. De Limpkin-" Exactly. And he is always talking about himself."

## QUITE SO.

R. IST BOARDER-"This confounded butter is a mixture. You can see two colors in it."
Mr. 2nd Boarder-"Well, isn't that all right? 'In union there is strength,' you know."

## STOP, THIEF!

General Booth having asked Government aid for the establishment of Food and Shelter Depots, and Rescue Homes for Fallen Women, the London Spectator and other papers protest against the employment of public funds for such purposes.


HERE'S a hue and cry, and a hurrying of feet,
Britannia has nearly been robbed on the street;
Shewasjust passing through the Salvationist mob,
When a light-fingered 'convert' attempted the job.
But the thief has been caught, a poor, wretched, drab,
Who thought the dame's pocket a fortunate grab.
March her off to the cells in double quick time,
Let want and starvation excuse not her crime.
'Twas a dastardly deed to attempt to waylay The pious Britannia in that sneaking way. She has plenty of outlets for all her spare cash, Without letting any be boned by such trash. She has many a servant and tradesman to pay, And the sum of her debts is increased every day, For her family burdens are truly enormous. As the budget's long columns of figures inform us.

[^0]Williàm McGill.


## THE MAIL-ED WARRIOR DEFINES HIS POSITION.

"We heartily recognize the common element of Christianity, and desire fellowship with our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens in all good works. But Jesuitism is a widely different thing from the simple faith of the Middle Ages, and from any relic of that faith in French Canada or elsewhere. * It is no fault of ours if the religion of our fellow-citizens in Quebec, much to our sorrow, becomes mingled in the fray. Let them dismiss the intriguer and the strife will end. The Jesuit is strife incarnate and has been so everywhere and in all times since his career began. He does not come to save souls: he comes to carry on the intrigue to which he has been dedicated from the birth of his Order. He intrigues now with the demagogue, as in the days of absolute monarchy he intrigued with kings. Possessed by the spirit of ecclesiastical aggression, French nationality also will become more aggressive. Talk of our smashing Confederation! What can be so sure to smash Confederation as a Jesuit Quebec ?"-Mail, rath;
＂Does your husband go to his club，Mrs． Gibberick？＂
＂No；I broke up that little game last winter．＂
＂Why，how in the world did you do it ？＂ ＂Whenever he started for the club，I went with him as far as the skating－rink， and told him to call for me on his way home．It only took a few doses to cure him．＂－S，F．Wasp．

First Farmer－＂I hear your son has done mighty well since he went ont West．＂

Second Farmer－＂Yaas，he sayshe owns a good bit of ther town he lives in．＂
First Farmer－＂In the land of business， is he？＇＇

Second Farmer－＇＇No，he＇s sellin＇house－ hold goods on ther installment plan．＂

The Premium Plate．－A very large number of old subscribers are sending for the＂Horse Fair．＂This picture，as is uni－ versally the case with premiums，was in－ tended to stimulate new subscriptions．We have，however，arranged to accomodate present subscribers by giving the picture to all who pay to the end of IS89，and en－ close 25 cents for expenses．This will give to all the average footing of new subscrib－ ers．But many send the 25 cents and for－ get the other part of the condition．Be kind enough to read our offer at the foot of the advertisement on page 187 ．

Oriental Actina．－The only Catarrh remedy cever offered to the pubicic on fifteen days＇trial．Actina is not a medicine or a disgusting lotion，but a self－generating vapor，easily and pleasantly applied at all hours，times and places．A written guaran－ tee given with each instrument．Illustrated Book and Journal sent free．W．T．Baer \＆Co．，I55 Queen Street West，Toronto．

Young Chicago Miss－（in Boston art gallery）：＂Mamma，who are the old mas－ ters？
Mamma－（knowingly）：＂The old mas－ ters，my dcar，were southern slave－holders． They were cruel men but they painted awful nice pictures．＂
＂Beacon Lights＂opens at the Toronto Opera House Mondlay evening for a week． The action of the play is laid on the south－ western frontier，and the scencry and cos－ tuming are brilliant．A play that has to do with frontier life，of course reflects to the limit of exaggeration the free－and－easy， careless customs of that wild region．There are many scenes and climaxes of startling interest．

Little Johnny－＂Mamma，may I speak？＂
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