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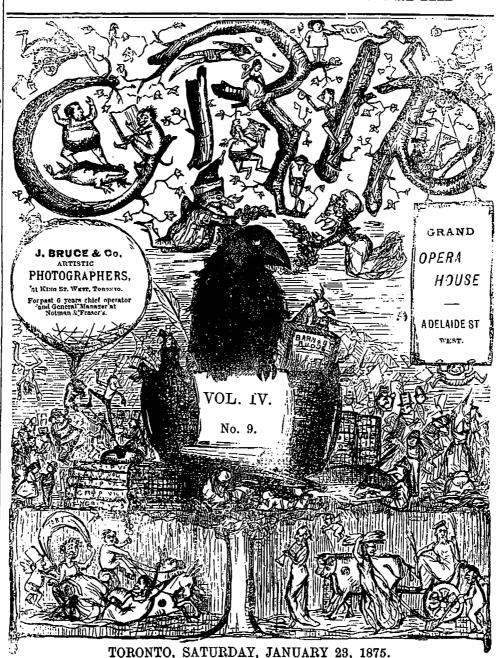
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To Correspondents and Contributors.

V.—Many thanks.

Thaddeus, London.—The expressions "good-bye" and "adicu" are synonymous. When your true love is going to Port Stanley for the sammer, Adieu would probably sound better; but in addressing your friend "the Majaw" you might say, "Adieu, Walker," or "Good-bye, Walker"—there is really little difference.

East Elens, St. Thomas.—We have no misgivings as to the political integrity of your present member. Ho will no doubt support, as he has pledged himself to do, the present Government. It has boon told of the late Mr. Cartier, that on a division being called he used to cry: "Call in zo Membares," Mr. Macrenzie will very likely exclaim in such an ovent: "Colin McDougall."

Midsummer Night's Dream.-Act IV.-vcene I.

IMPROVED BY "GRIP."

(The Hon. George Brown has been induced, at a considerable loss, to undertake the part of Bottom on this occasion. M.C. Cameron, Q. C., at considerable gain, undertakes that of Puck.)

Bottom asleep on a bank. Enter Puck.

Puck—(Takes ass's head off Bottom).—When thou awak'st, with

Puck—(Takes ass's head off Bottom).—When thou awak'st, with thine own fool's eyes peep.

Bottom—(Awaking).—When my cue comes, call me, and I will answer; my next is "Rise, Sir George!" Hey, ho!—Thouson, the railway mender! Chooks, the loan-tinker! O'Dononce! God's my life!—stolen hence, and left me asleep! I have had a most rare vision of place and power. I have had a dream of ruling this land—past the wit of man to say what harm I did; man is but an ass, if he go about to expound how much. Methought I was, what was't?—amb-ass-ador?—whatever I was, there was an ass in't. Methought I was and methought I had a treaty to make: but man is but an amb-ass-ador?—whatever I was, there was an ass in't. Methought I was, and methought I had a treaty to make; but man is but a patched fool, if he will offer to say what good it was. The eye of man hath not heard, the ear of man hath not seen, man's hand is not able to taste, his tongue to conceive, nor his heart to report, what my dream was—how I did arrogant—how I did play 'Ercles; how I did tear Macdonald;—how I did make all split. I will get my Nicholas to write an editorial of this dream, and it shall be called Brown's Dream, because it hath no reality; and I shall sing it in the latter end of the Globe, before the Canadians; poradventure, to make it the more gracious, at shall sing it when I am leaving them.

Puck—Thou sing!—thou shalt soon sing small. I will sing. (Sings.)
Tell me, where is falsehood bred,
In the heart or in the head? See him wake; and some of you-Are you not just waking too? Row you now what dupes you be?

Now each subterfuge you see!

Read the sheets of purity—

Read the lies they told of me—

Read them but for six weeks past— How each moment was my last; How "quite safe the East End looks;" 'Most "unanimous for Crooks." "How my meetings were but small;
"Boys!"—"Electors!—none at all;"
"Needn't mention MATTHEW C.!"
"Quite as good as beaten, he!"
Read them still, they will you tell Mowat's sure of place as well.

An Admonition.

Mind not. To the House with me,

Jolly changes you shall see.—(Exit.)

"Go West, young man, go West!" said Horace Greeley;
"Get married and grow with the growing country!"
Advice most excellent, which Grip endorses freely— The man disputing this has great effrontery. In movements retrograde Gan takes no interest,
For one's success is seldom by them increased,
And late events have the worn adage impressed:
Look what poor Adam got by going East!

What's in a Name?

GRIP, who cares not for party politics, has nevertheless a sincere desire for good government; so he has anxiously scanned the list of members elected to the Legislature of Ontario, that he may judge from members elected to the Legislature of Untario, that he may judge from its personnel what the Province has to expect. In the first place he is delighted to observe that there is a religious element in the House, for he finds that a Bishop, a Monk, a Deacon, and two Clarkes have been duly elected, though unfortunately there is no Church nearer than the Quebec Legislative Assembly. It is satisfactory to know, however, that when a proper edifice is provided there is a Section to ring the Bell already on hand, as well as to do the honours to all members who are assigned political funerals. We have not yet learned that any cushions have been provided to Neelon, and though no one has yet been appointed to praise the arrangements there will be at all events one Lauder available. The industrial element is not altogether unrepresented. There is a Miller, a Baker, a Flesher, a Smith, and a Barber; also a Hunter, who we may add has in his belt a Kean knife. The House will not suffer for want of necessaries, as it has, so far as we have learned, a capital Stock. There is a full supply of Hay (for such as need it), Cole, and Wood. There are also Wells to satisfy the Temperance men who think Watter-worth more than whiskey, which encourages the hope that there will be no "Tooley-rural" sort of cucourages the hope that there will be no "Tooley-rural" sort of nonsense. We have only just had a peep into the larder, but we know there is at least one Apple-by the pot which holds the Currie; and that, though spring chickens are not just now in season, there are some old Cox, which will get Springer if kept long enough. The supply of fish may not be very large, but the variety which a Fronchman would call De-roche will not be wanting. All things considered, there is no danger of having any "Oliver asking for more." The House is to some degree cosmopolitan, for we shall have the canny Scott sitting alongside his "colored Broder." The Legislature will never be out of each while it has a Courte for its banker, even though its present can alongside his "colored Broder." The Legislature will never be out of each while it has a Coutts for its banker, even though its present capital is represented by a solitary Brown, out of which it is hard to believe that more than one railway Grant can come. Should there be any irregularities in the sale of debentures in future, Guir hopes the offender will be brought to the Barr of the House. He also expects that the Code will assign a sufficient penalty to those who make Long speeches on the Grange question if it ever comes up with a view to regulate the "Will you meet me in the Lane when the clock strikes nine?" practices of young Patrons of Husbandry. We regret that the gallant age has not yet arrived when ladies shall be represented in the Legislature, as at present we have to put up with Williams and Wills from all parts of the Province. When the fair daughters of the land take their seats, we may hope to get rid of two Patter-sons, Wil-son, Gib-son, and Richard-son. Gib-son, and Richard-son.

The Battle of Toronto.

Sung by the Editor of the Mail.

AFTER MACAULAY-SOME DISTANCE.

Now glory to the Ballot-box we ever may ascribe, And glory to our Sovereign Lord, -MACDONALD of the Bribe; For they have set our BELL on high, and elevated PLATI And CAMERON hath knock-ed CROOKS slap into a cocked-hat.

Oh, how our nerves were shaking, when on the polling day We saw those Grit rapscallions all to voting on the way; And Thomson's railroad canvassers, and CROOKS' Globe-rid row, And all the Irish myrmidons of Red O'DONOHOE.

Sir John he telegraphed to us, all in his jovial way—
"Oh, promise like the devil, for we've nothing now to pay!"
Then he thought upon the Scandal, and a tear was in his eye, Then thought upon the taverns closed, and felt extremely dry.

A thousand cabs are pressing fast, a thousand cabmen swear, A thousand wild Conservatives to voters' houses tear; And out they burst, and in they rushed, and from each slamming door Away with speed of lightning-blaze each free elector bore.

Hurrah, the foes are breaking fast —the Globe hath turned its tail, And Brown reads from the polling list with face exceeding pale; Among his delf has Thomson rushed; Crooks statters out "No go!" And fast to Cabbagetownian tents flies great O'DONOMOR.

Ho! Mowar of the Local House, right troubled may ye be.

Ho! Chief MAGKENZIE of the Pure, watch thy majority;
Ho! Georgie, send, for charity, thy Globes free gratis round,
That thy poor Grits may cheer themselves with fictions most profound.

IMPORTANT POLITICAL ITEM. -It gives us pleasure to announce that the newsboys who ran for Grap last week are in by an overwhelming majority of half-dimes.



SHAKESPEARE IN THE CITY ELECTIONS

THE TORY PUCK DISPELLING THE DREAM OF THE GRIT BOTTOM.

(Vide Midsummer Night's Dream.)



Grip's Epistles to the Boys.

My Dear Rober,—
IT was not without a feeling of pride that I saw you peel off your jacket and face that blustering boy Patrick when he squared up before all the fellows in the play-ground the other day, and, as it were, knocked the chip off your shoulder. I rejoiced in your pluck, and I was pleased to observe that you had some real science to back it up with. I witnessed the fight from an adjoining maple bough, and decide without hesitation that you whipped him badly—in fact he was plainly done for after the first round, although he did come to time in a sorry way once or twice afterwards. But after all I hardly think it was necessary for you to do more than cuff the little fellow's ears, especially as your chum Archie Dracon and one or two other boys piled on to him at the same time. Besides, it is well known not only by the whole school, but throughout the entire town, that Patrick piled on to him at the same time. Besides, it is well known not only by the whole school, but throughout the entire town, that Paranca can't fight, and to regularly enter a ring with him and begin what the New York Clipper calls "a battle" in solor carnest, is enough to fairly expose any boy of muscle to ridicule, if not to a charge of cowardice. I am afraid you have got your foot in it, for I observe fellows laughing behind their sleeves in all directions. Some of them fellows laughing behind their sleeves in all directions. Some of them look at it in the other light, and come to me expressing the greatest disapprobation with your proceedings. They say that you were not content with the victory to which I have referred, but have whalloped the poor little boy several times since. This is all the worse if it is the fact that Parnex avoids lighting all he can, and peacefully amuses his spare hours building little mud men and calling them by the names of your forefathers. If it is a reproach to a noble boy to fight a fellow who hasn't any notion of boxing, what shall be said of one who would pummel such a fellow behind his back or after he had thrown up the sponge? I am informed—I hope not correctly—that you have made arrangements to thrash Parnex again. I believe you first took off your jacket at the request of a number of your schoolfellows. Very good. You accomplished all they requested in the first round; you fought you ought to should now the contract at an end. I am afraid some of those boys are only too foud of fisticuffs, and I first round; you fought you ought to should now the contract at an end. I am afraid some of those boys are only too fond of fisticuffs, and I have noticed that they especially delight in seeing Patrion and all the other boys of his class, whipped on every possible occasion. My dear Rober, I don't think you are doing a wise, a useful, or a kindly thing in carrying out the wishes of those pugilistically-disposed boys. Your fights may pay those boys in some way that I know not of, but as Bird of Sense I think myself safe in saying that it will not add to your reputation for provess to conquer the boy Patrick any more than it would if you succeeded in thrashing your great, great grandfather.

Believe me, my dear Rober,

Yours affectionately,

Griv.

The Defunct.

(With adaptations and variations from a well known Nursery Song.) Ten little Politics sitting o'er their wine, Boultbee thought he wanted rest and then there were nine.

Nine little Politics sat up very late, Hodgins overslept himself and then there were eight.

Eight little Politics filled with Gritty leaven, Crooks soon got raised up and then there were seven.

Seven little Politics with Heathen Chinee tricks, RYKERT soon got found out and then there were six.

Six little Politics playing in the Hive A ballot-box stung little SMITH and then there were five.

Five little Politics standing round the door, PRINCE, the martyr, caved in, and then there were four.

Four little Politics, in speculations free, FAREWELL, my boy, the voters said, and then there were three.

Three little Politics; well! what could they do? One stayed home to Cook his goose, and then there were two.

Two little Politics praised up in the Sun, MACDOUGALL he got fizzled up and then there was one.

One little Politic playing all alone, He'll soon get done Brown and then there will be none.

GRIP, ever auxious to please his many patrons, has great pleasure in announcing that with an early number he will issue a cartoon the subject of which will apply all over the country. That subject is of course the Hon. WILLIAM MACDOUGALL.

Croaks from Grip's Basket.

THE London Advertiser concludes a short article in which, without giving any proof, it thinks it has smashed some Toronto writer, by saying that "general charges are much easier to make than to sustain." Well, what if Gnir adds—"much easier to deny than to refute?" Advertiser, if you don't do better then that in your Library refute?" Advertiser, if you don't do better than that in your Liberal, you'll be chawed up in Toronto.

The Theatre Royal, Court street, Toronto, is to be re-opened for the coming season by Manager McNabb. We understand that the interesting drama of "Ten Lights in a Bar-room" will be given by the members of the Toronto Licensed Victuallers' Association. Mr. Alderman BAXTER will be a prominent member of the company, and that favorite Irish comedian, Mr. R. M. Allen, is also retained. The prices fixed by the management are somewhat high, ranging from one dollar (or thirty days) upwards, but the large company required for the increased accommodation necessitates this arrangement. A limited number of free admissions to drunken persons will be given by Mr. Baxten. The new building will be well ventilated and good fires kept up. Sitting on the coal-box will no longer be allowed, and spittoons will be placed in the parquette.

AT IT AGAIN.—The Globe critic said, last Monday, of Mr. Leonard, at the Royal, before that artist had appeared: "This gentleman is quite unknown in Toronto," but innocently added, "he is one of the finest actors ever seen on the stage in this city!"

COMPARISONS ARE ODIOUS.—We don't know in what University the editor of the Mail learned the "art of speaking and writing correctly," as LINDLEY MURRAY calls it. Though he may be a Bachelor of Arts generally, and certainly is entitled to rank as Senior Wrangler in particular, it is more than questionable whether he ever took the Degrees of Comparison, or he would never have written in a leading article, last Tuesday, in allusion to the defeat of the Government in Toronto, that "its chiefest man has been ignominiously hustled out of a constituency of his own choosing," If that is the bestest way he has of expressing his ideas, Grip would like to have an example of his worstest. The leastest he can now do for his readers is to give them the mostest number of examples of the same sort from current literature which by his utmostest efforts he can find; and Grip promises to read them from

P. E. W. MOYER, alias Peter X., of the St. Catharines Times, occupied a Berlin pulpit on a recent Sabbath. But wouldn't it have been more appropriate if Peter had occupied a P. E. W.?

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Great Natural Curiosity.

You've heard—and no doubt thought it strange— Chameleons can their colors change; And scarce believed what trav'lers said, By turns 'twas grey—'twas pink—'twas red.
'Tis true—Gure tells to all the town— He's got one, and its name is Brown. Not that he's brown by night or day, For neutral colours him dismay! Just six months since, in Goldwin's sight, BROWN beamed on him like angel bright. But late, if Goldwin happened there Did black as thunder on him glare; And now, opposed to Goldwin seen Brown does look most extremely green.

A Color-blind.

THE following puzzling conundrum is found in the Hamilton

To the Mayor of the City of Hamilton.

Wo, the ratepayers largely of the city of Hamilton, do ask why there has not been, for a great many years, any of us chosen on the jury. Is it on account of our color?

It is a shame that His Worship of the Ambitions City should have It is a shame that His Worship of the Ambitious City should have such posers relentlessly thrown at his devoted head, which has quite enough to occupy the brains within already. Now, Grar has himself some conundrums to ask Harrison. Who are the "ratepayers largely of the city of Hamilton?" And further, of what color are they? Is Harrison a Milesian, and is it his Hoy color that stands in his ware Perhaps it comes from ardent liquors, which would account for his exclusion from a jury. Or are he and the "ratepayers largely" green, that they desire a duty which their unverdant fellow-citizens are only too glad to shirk? Answer us that, H. H., and quit harassin' His Worship with your enigmas. Worship with your enigmas.

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