

CHOICE EXCERPTS FROM THE WORKS OF TOM HOOD.

The following extracts are commended to the notice of the members of the Fire Committee as the writings of a Tom Hood.

"For the pomp and pleasures of pride, We sell like Africa slaves, And only to earn a home at last, Where yonder cyprus waves. And there they pointed—I never saw A ground so full of graves: And still the coffins came, With their sorrowful trains and slow; Coffins after coffins still, A sad and sickening show; From grief exempt, I never had dreamt Of such a world of woe!"

The poor widow in her need might recall the lines:

"No part she had in vulgar cares That belong to common household affairs— Nocturnal annoyances such as theirs. Who else with a shroud's surrounding That while they are exacting a bitter toll, Their heads and butters are getting up, And the coal-convulsions them—are rolling. No fear she had her sleep to postpone, Like the crippled widow who weeps alone. And cannot make a dose of her own, For the dread that mayhap on the morrow, The life and Christian reading to talk, A broker will take up her bed and walk, By way of curing her sorrow."

Those who would pose as patriots read with profit:

"I've heard there is a famous land for public spirit known— Whose patriots love its interest much better than their own. The land of promise sure it is: but boys shall I get there? Straight down the Crooked Lane, and all round the square."

Tom Hood also penned an "Ode to Mr. Perry":

"For this shall men, when they make Perry Discarding port and sherry, Drink—Perry? Perry, whose fame, pennated, is let loose To distant lands, Perry, admitted on all hands, For patient Perryans approached by no man! And when, ah me! far distant be the hour, And Fate shall call thee to her gloomy tower Many shall be thy pensive mourners, And Perry itself shall club its penny To raise thy monument in lofty place, Higher than any son of War: For when all manner engines shall Whirl by, On the pentagonal base Shall stand the Parian, Perryan, lamented Perry."

DEFECTIVE LOGIC.

(Texas Siftings)

Gabe Snodgrass owned a farm near Austin, and Sim Webster asked Gabe the other day what he was doing with his farm this year.

"I has rented it on sheers to Sam Johnsing. He gets half a dollar on ten every dollar he makes outen the farm."

"But how does yer know he gibs yer do korrect amount of what he makes? He kin keep back some, and you will never know it."

"Dar ain't no danger of dat. Don't yer see de more dollars he brings in ter me, de more half dollars he gets. You bet he ain't gwine ter keep back none. He ain't no fool. He wouldn't get no half dollars outen de dollars he would keep back."

A TEMPERANCE DRINK.

From the Detroit Free Press.

Among the thirsty ones yesterday hunting up and down Woodward Avenue for something to quench thirst was a man in rusty black, who entered a drug store and softly inquired:

"Have you a temperance drink?"

"Two or three of 'em. Will you take soda water or ginger ale?"

"Well, now, our society does not regard either of those as a strictly temperance drink. Both are associated with stronger liquors."

"How would root beer answer?"

"Suspicious—suspicious," was the whispered reply.

"Ah! I've got it now!"

"Ah!"

"I can give a straight temperance drink as cool as ice, but it comes high."

"How much?"

"Ten cent's a glass."

"Very well," said the old man, as he put down his dime.

The druggist was absent only a minute and then returned and put a glass of liquid before him. The old man drank half of it, smacked his lips and asked:

"My I ask what you call it?"

"Certainly; it is called water. I just drew it from the hydrant."

The excursionist set the glass down much harder than he needed to, buttoned his coat, and with a glance meant to reduce the druggist's weight to 120 pounds in five seconds, marched out as stiff as a bean-pole, and crossed the street after a lemonade with peppermint essence.

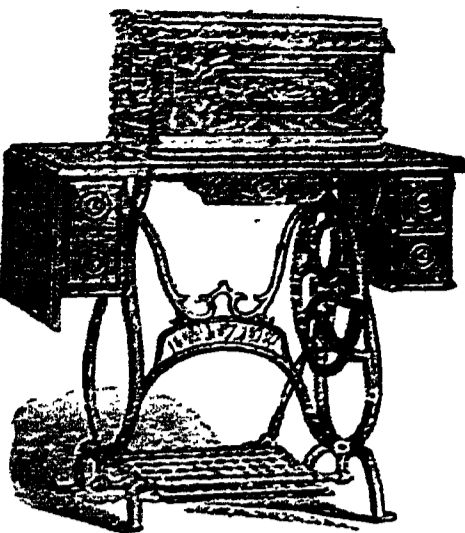
The French Government denies any "intentions" as to Tripoli so long as they can avoid it. As they are the sole judges of how long they can avoid it, the nations interested in Tripoli need have no doubt as to the result. The French had no "intentions" on Tunis. But they are so creating anarchy that complete annexation will soon be inevitable. There is a British Lion in the way of further French progress in North Africa.—Toronto Mail.

With an Earl of Mar, an Earl of Teviot, and a Tichborne claimant within its bounds at one time Canada is becoming quite an aristocratic country.—Scottish American.

If ever a man has expiated the indiscretion of a moment by deeds of gallantry and terrible sacrifices, Col. Baker has.—London World.

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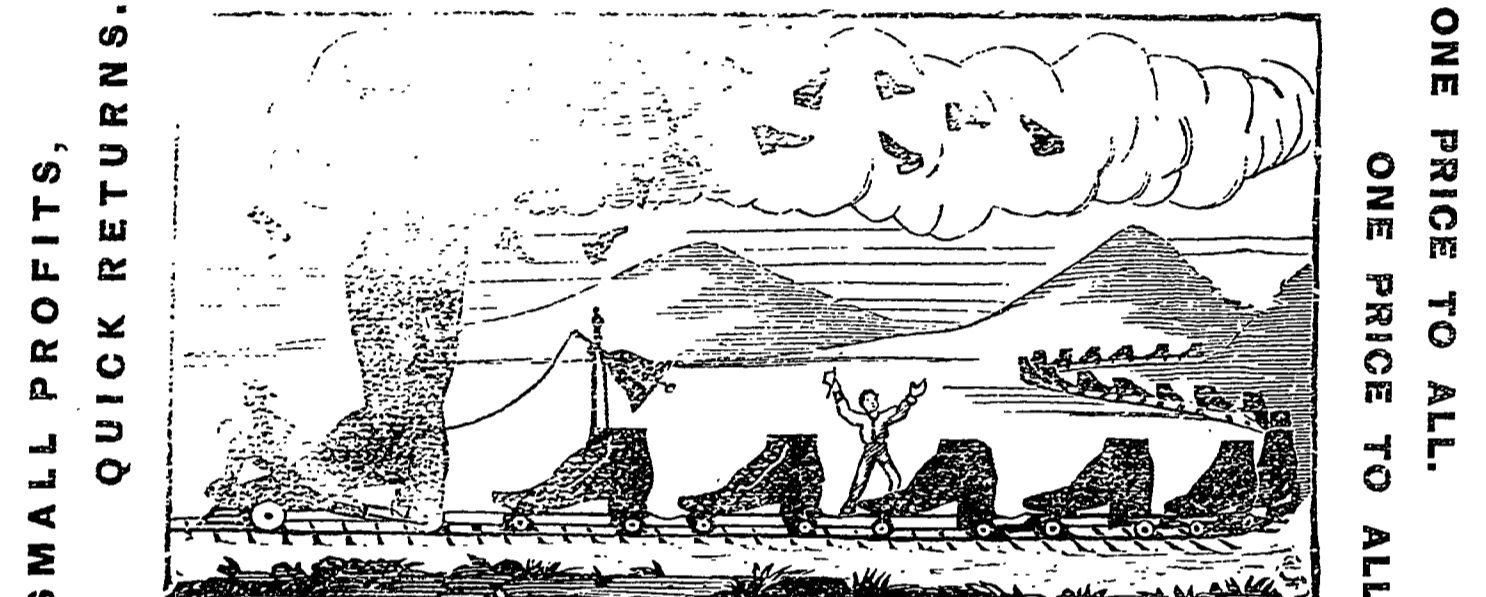
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NOTE AND COMMENT.

And the tyranny of monopoly is the monster of the day.—Toronto World.

Rhode Island has 210 miles of railroad, but when a deaf man is hoisted off the track by the cow catcher, he always finds himself in an adjoining State.—Louisville Courier.

The most notable thing about sea serpent stories is that they all smell of fish, and the most noticeable thing about those who relate sea serpent stories is that they all smell of beer.—Toronto Telegram.

Ireland suffers hardly more from her declared enemies than from her misguided friends, who, in their perverted zeal, can see no escape from her wrongs but in terrorism and brute force.—Toronto World.

The idea of Canada masquerading as a great military power and spending money in training soldiers and sailors is simply ridiculous. What people want in this country is not gunpowder and glory, but bread and butter.—Toronto Telegram.

There ought to be one law for employer and employee. If protection is a good thing, it should protect labor as well as the product of labor. There ought to be a court to settle the dispute of workmen and their employers.—Toronto World.

If two persons like to toss up, or in other way submit to chance the question whether a sum of money is to belong to one or the other of them, there should be interference, for the very simple reason that it is quite unimportant to which of them it belongs.—London Truth.

We look in vain through the reports of Mr. Blake's speeches down east for any such denunciations of "the iniquitous evil tax" as he has been in the habit of indulging in in the west. It is the duty on wheat and manufactured articles that chiefly provokes his wrath down there.—Toronto News.

What a touching tribute to Vice-President Arthur was the universal admiration, mingled with surprise, at his behaving decently in the critical emergency! Possibly another time the people will choose a Vice-President who will not surprise them by acting like a gentleman in any emergency.—Boston Pilot.

"Imperialism" means, I take it, that we ought to indulge in "land hunger" whenever we please, but that we ought to go to war with any country that follows our example. Had the Conservatives been in power now, we should, probably, in default of a war with Russia, indulge in one with France.—London Truth.

It seems that Sitting Bull is a humorist. His remark on surrendering—"My people have, many of them, been bad, but all are good now that their arms and ponies have been taken from them"—was decidedly witty. Perhaps he wished to hint disbelief in General Sheridan's assertion that "the only good Indian is a dead Indian."—Toronto Globe.

The Irish assizes generally show the country to be peaceful, and, considering the condition of the inhabitants after four months of agitation and strike, the absence of crime is quite remarkable. In one county of 200,000 population, Tyrone, the presiding justices at the last assizes was presented with "white gloves," not a single case being presented for trial. In some other counties an almost equally good showing was made.—Boston Post.

The South failed in the war; let us see to it that she fails not in peace and prosperity. Did the war destroy the rights of the States? In that case the whole country was defeated. All the rights enjoyed by the people of Massachusetts are to-day enjoyed by the people of Georgia. For our part, we ask no more—except, perhaps, that the discussion of State rights may be transferred from the South to New England.—Atlanta Constitution.

We are pleased to notice that Sir Charles Dilke declares no territorial rights will be granted to France in Newfoundland. This is the correct stand to take, of course. This, indeed, is the stand taken for over a century. But all the same the French have practically been allowed to assume a species of territorial right by long precedent of occupation. Of course, this does not hold good in law, but it adds to the awkwardness of a strict enforcement of right.—Toronto Mail.

It is probable that the attempt on the life of President Garfield will, should he recover, enable him to effect his purpose, and put an end to the official corruption of which Vice-President Arthur and Mr. Conkling, of New York, are the high priests. "To the victors the spoils," means that every Presidential election every office is to become the prey of some one who has made himself useful to the winning party during the election. Why should not the Americans adopt our system of competitive Civil Service examinations.—London Truth.

The Volunteers have become a great and all important part of the national defences, and a part upon which any monarch might look with pride and satisfaction. There was not a man in the many thousands that passed before the Queen at Windsor who was not there of his own free will. Military uniform and military weapons had not been thrust upon him; he had taken them as part of the duties and privileges of citizenship. Give such a force commanders who can lead it aright, and it becomes invincible. For it is no longer a mob.—Edinburgh Scotsman.