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A VERY YOUNG PHRENOLIGIST.

(In a recent number of The Nursery, the following little poem was published by Emily Carter, in which one branch, at least, of Phrenology is very naturally and pleasantly illustrated.)

Now tell me, my own baby-sister, What bumps do you find on my head? You've felt it all over so wisely, With your little soft fingers outspread !

In my brain do you find any music? Am I good at a tune or a glee? Or is it your private opinion I never a singer shall be?

Can I fight? Can I cipher? Oh, tell me! Am I fit for the pulpit, the bar? Will it be my desire to travel From you and my dear ones afar?

Now say, little sister : you've studied The bumps right and left, up and down Do they bid me be painter or poet? Was I born for a Deacon? a clown?

'Oh, stop there, you strong little baby ! To play such a trick is not fair : Do you think, little maid, I've no feeling? Oh! how she is pulling my hair!

EMILY CARTER.

A HAPPY CONCEIT.

When to the flowers so beautiful The Father gave a name, Back came a little blue-eyed one (All timidly it came),

And standing at its Father's feet And gazing in His face It said, in low and trembling tones; "Dear God, the name thou gavest me, Alas! I have forgot."

Kindly the Father looked him down And said: "Forget-me-not."

"THERE'S MILLIONS IN IT!"

The Rise and Fall of the Toronto Commission House Company.

(From The Mail.)

During the past week or two the name of the Toronto Commission House Company has occupied a prominent position in the reading matter which finds a place under the head of " Police Court News." Wolf Simon, one of the directors of the Company, recently answered two charges, one for perjury and one for larceny, preferred by Samuel George Ginner, a fellow-director. From hints dropped by counsel during the progress of these trials at the police court, it became apparent that there was something "crooked" at the bottom of the concern. Enquiries made show that the whole affair was a "bumble" speculation, got up by men as devoid of honour as they were of that useful commodity, cash.

THE RISE. On the 27th of May the following persons

met together and organized the Toronto Commission House Company :-- Samuel George Ginner, Wolf Simon, Josiah Darlington, John Potter and William Darlington. The moving spirit in the scheme appeared to be Ginner, who held out bright hopes of untold wealth being rapidly accumulated. In fact, when the salary list was struck, the directors and officers already felt themselves growing rich, and were h ppy. First came the president Josiah Darlington, with \$1,500 per annum, while John Potter, as vice-president was to receive the modest sum of \$1,000 for his services. Wolf Simon was required to fill the trustworthy position of inspector of merchandise, for which he would be paid \$1,200. The future business was no doubt expected to be heavy, and would often require another inspector of merchandise, so Wm. Darlington was awarded the position, coupled with that of shipping clerk. For this he was to receive at least "a fair living salary" of \$800 per annum. Ginner provided for himself as managing director at a salary of \$100 per month, to be paid weekly. Everything being satisfactorily arranged in reference to the renumeration, the next move to be made was to procure the wherewithal to remunerate each other. The fertile brains of the officers and directors soon concected one. A joint stock company, with a capital of \$100,000, met with approval, for it sounded well. Shares to the number of 20,000 were to be issued and put on the market at a fare price of \$5 each. Ginner who had a small commission business, was to be handed \$50,000 worth of shares for his good will in the concern. The understanding arrived at was that this \$59,000 was to be put forward as a "blind" in the shape of paid-up capital, and as soon as the money could be realized on the shares, it was to be divided up amongst the directors. This also was favourably received, and the next step taken was to apply to the Ontario

Joint Stock Companies' Act. In the meantime shares were printed and "responsible" man was aked to put his name down for \$2,500 worth, merely to give character and tone to the uncertaking. This was done, the "responsible" man being told that the shares would be cancelled as soon as a charter of incorporation was procurred, and that he would be handsomely treated for the use of his name. Ginner resigned his position as managing director and accepted that of travelling agent, at the same salary, with all expenses paid.

THE TOTTER.

The travelling agent went skirmishing in country places for victims, in the shape of shippers of produce, etc. Butter, eggs, pork and such like stuff, were sent in and sold, and the money was consumed in paying salaries and expenses. Thirty days drafts and notes were given to the owners of the goods and they hold them yet, although twice thirty days have expired. Simon either became convinced that something was going wrong, or that he was not getting share for share of the spoils. He commenced to get noisy, and to look upon his co-directors as rogues. The "responsible" man also commenced to feel uneasy in his mind about the shares he had purchased, just to oblige the promoters. He consulted a lawyer, who told him that should the airy company collapse after they had received their charter, the creditors would hold him responsible to the value of the shares he had signed for. This news was not comforting, and the "responsible" man set about undoing the evil he had done himself.

THE FALL.

One half day only remained to the "responsible" man to have the application for the charter withdrawn. Finding that Sim on was growing cold towards the scheme he induced that person to accompany him to the Parliament buildings, where Simon withdrew his name from the application. This was the finishing stroke, and the Toronto Commission House Company vanished into the substance from which it emanated-air. Simon then proceeded to the warehouse of the now defunct company, on Front street, threw the officers and directors into the street, and put the key of the building in his pocket. The remaining stock was sold, and the money received was paid, always less commission and expenses, to the consignors. Ginner became wrathy at the turn of affairs and had Simon arrested on a charge of perjury. This case was dismissed by the magistrate before a plea was entered. The President then had a warrant issued against Simon, charging him with larceny. Ginner was about to he called as a witness for the prosecution, but was net allowed that privilege. While the case was in progress he was arrested by a constable from Woodville and taken to that place to answer several charges against him of obtaining goods under false pretences. Simon on the larceny case, was discharged. Further actions against the travelling agents and directors are expected, but one thing is certain, the plaintiffs will, at the conclusion, be minus law costs, as well as the amounts at issue. The late president has gone back to the business he resigned to assume controll of the vast affairs of the company, viz. peddling through the streets small wares such as towellings, handkerchiefs, combs,

DARING BURGLARY.

A cool but daring burglary was perpetrated on the residence of James Squelch, Esq., Merchant, Prince Albert, between the evening of the 20th and the morning of the 30th

Master and Mistress Squelch retired about the usual hour, between ten and eleven, on the night of the 29th leaving a lamp burning on a table in the bed room, the doors and windows were all fast, the pantry window was raised a little but the venitian outside was fastened .-- The burglar or burglars in order to gain an entrance br ke the bottom slats of the venitian and putting in their hand unfastened the blind, raised the window and passed through the pantry into the bed room in which Mr. and Mrs. Squelch were sleeping took Mr. Squelen's pants from the bedside, extinguished the lamp, took Mr. Squelch's pocket book from his pants pocket, threw down the pants in the pantry and made their escape in the same manner as they entered. The pocket book contained a \$4 bill, a \$1, about \$6 in silver, quite a number of notes, receipts and other papers. Before retiring Mr. Squelch took \$50 out of his pocket book and laid it away, otherwise that too would have gone

It is the duty and interest of all wishing well to society to make it a personal matter to endeavor to discover and bring to punishment the perpetrators of so daring an act. No man's property is safe while such charac Legislature for incorporation under the ters are at large .-- Observer.

"SA-LUTING THE BRIDE.

There was a marriage at the upper end of the Detroit, Lansing & Northern Road the other day. A great big chap almost able to throw a car-load of lumber off the track, f. A in love with a widow who was cooking for the hands in a sawmill, and after a week's acquaintance they were married. The boys around the mill lent William three calico shirts, a dress-coat and a pair of white p nts and skipped in a purse of about \$20, and the couple starte I for Detroit on a bridal 'tour within an hour after being married.

"This 'ere lady,' exclaimed William as the conductor came along for tickets, " are my bride. Just spliced tifty-six minuts ago. Costs \$2, but durn the cost! She's a lily of the valley, Mary is, and I'm the rightbower in a new pack of keerds. Conductor sa-lute the bride !"

The conductor hesitated. The widow had freckles and wrinkles and a turn-up nose, and kissing the bride was no gratification.

"Conductor, sa-lute the bride or look out for tornadoes !" continued William as he rose up and shed his coat.

The conductor sa-luted. It was the best thing he could do just then.

"I never did try to put on style before," muttered William, "but I'm bound to see this thing through if I have to fight all Michigan. These 'ere passengers has got to come to the chalk, they has."

The car was full. William walked down the aisle, waved his hand to command attention, and said: "I've just been married, over thar' sots

the bride. Anybody who wants to sa-lute the bride kin now do so. Anybody who don't want to will he cause to believe that a tree fell on him.' One by one the men walked up and kissed

asleep. William reached over and lifted him into sitting position at one movement and commanded : "Ar' ye goin' to dust over thar an' kiss

the widow, until only one was left. He was

the bride?" "Blast your bride, and you, too?" growl-

ed the passenger. William drew him over the back of . the seat, laid him down in the aisle, tied his legs in a knot and was making a bundle of him just of a size to go through the window, when the man caved and went over and sa-

"Now, then," said William, as he put on his coat, "this bridal tower will be resumed as usual, and if Mary and me squeeze hands or git to laying heads on each other's shoulders I shall dem and to know who laffed about it, and I'll make him e-magine that I'm a hall boom full of the biggest kind of saws legs, au' more comin' down on the rise. Now Mary, hitch along an' let me get my arm around ye !"-Detroit Free Press.

AN ACTOR'S ANGEL CHILD.

Willie Edouin, that irresistibly funny come edian of the Rice Surprise Party, is notoriously not a handsome man. His wife, the graceful and talented Alice Atherton of the stage, is generally conceded as one of the handsomest women before the American footlights. Fortunately for the two children, they inherit the beauty of the mother, heightened by the freshness of baby hood, even while they display in a measure the promise of that force and energy of mind which are characteristics of the father. The elder of these children, little May, who has already made her mark upon the stage records a Jenny Wren, in 'Babes in the Wood,' was photographed by Mora two years ago, when she was but three years of age, in the character of a cherubim. As over fifty thousand of these pictures have been sold it is probably familiar to the public. It represents the little babe with angels wings. and is called 'Angela.' As the name of the original has never been attached to the photograph, it has generally been supposed to be an ideal subject or the reproduction by photography of some old painting. This fact led to a very humorous scene in New Haven, when Mr. Edouin was playing in that city. Attracted by this picture of his little one prominently displayed in the window of a bookstore mainly devoted to the sale of religious publications, the comedian, with pride, asked for a copy of 'that picture of my child.' The book seller, a man having every appearance of being an excellent exhorter, gazed at his questioner in blank dismay, and in answer to his look the comedian pointed out the picture called 'Angela' and said he was the father of the original.

The gentleman behind the counter, always ready to check irreverence at once informed Mr. Edouin that his remark was the contrary of humorous, and had a decided tendancy towards the blasphemous. He furthermore condescended to enlighten the ignorance of the comedian by informing him that the picture was the typical representation of an angel. Mr. Edouin agreed with his religious instructor that the picture was that of an angel, but firmly maintaining that he was its father. At this remark the book seller, delivering a warning as to the fina destination of scoffers, retired to the lower part of the store, leaving the angry and baffled comedian in no pleasant frame o mind, first, because his word had bee doubted; second, becau e his child's namwas not upon the photograph, and last be

cause his personal appearance was so decidedly against the suspicion of his being the father of an angel.—Boston Times.