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#### THE PHYSIOGNOSCOSPOCRAPHY SOCIETY.

Lively Nights in Kingston in the Year 1852.

was heart trouble, and after any un- for those secluded times, was sud- gallantly came to his rescue.

Save perhaps for a small commiting any after ill effects, and have not tee, the Physiogs were not an actual had any weak or dizzy spells for organized society. But from time some time. Your medicine has done to time orders would be issued and me more good than anything I have large numbers of men and youths would arrange a parade to charivari persons who were considered to have deserved such notoriety. In 1849 their torchlight masquerade on the second night of the great Provincial Exhibition had excelled anything of the kind seen here before. Only one other procession had been held since, a midnight affair to "bury" a gentleman who had given some temporary offence to the society. On that occasion the entire countryside flowed into Kingston and crowded the streets along which the procession passed. So the general delight which greeted the an nouncement that another such night of pleasure was in store can be imagined.

announcing the event in circulation when Mayor Counter posted a proclamation prohibiting the parade. There was a city by-law which rendered it illegal to have processions of parties in masquerading costume with disfigured faces, etc. Disappointment and indignation filled the city, and the mayor was assailed from all sides.

discovered that a quorum of the and entertaining costumes followed Council of the Physiogs was prest their favorite symbol, the cradle. ent, and then and there his worship One of the oidest saints of the orapthelososulphuricoso Degree was A carriage from ancient Ninevehadministered and he was presented a most ancient and classical looking with his diploma. Still he did not object-and a troop of Nubian min-

"We take it for granted," says the thrown upon the merry scene But on the contrary, should a spirit others who merited special attenof perverseness actuate the Physi- tion and then returned in good orogs, inciting them to resist the Law, der to headquarters. what is the mayor to do? With a A week laier, when the excitechief constable and four subs how ment had died down, came a very is he to enforce his orders against warm and somewhat incoherent let-

a whole city?" meeting at which a petition from the sake of amusement, putting the the Physiogs was presented, prom- charivari in the best possible light ising if they were allowed to walk to a crowd was collected of boys, and maintain the strictest decorum. fear children of a larger growth The mayor defended his action, who should have had the wisdom of stating that he was bound by oath men: put'c decorum was violated;

The fag end of the long winter, that he could no; have acted otherof 1852, extraordinarily dull even wise than he had. But the council denly enlivened by the announce- pctition was copied in the minutes My doctor advised a complete rest ment that on March 23rd the of the meeting, as a tacit admisand change, but this I was unable to Physiognoscospocraphy Society sion that the parade was held with would hold a torchlight procession their knowledge and that nothing il-I became interested in Milburn's to visit several newly married out legal was contemplated. Councilmayor had done his part and that

new, f the society claubeyed, would simply fine them. When Mr. Crawford announced that the clety had made transive preparafrom walking, there were -"Hear, hear's" from the aldermen and applause from the gallery. So it was stated, that the society might promayor swore in more than fifty specials and prepared for trouble.

yard of Phillips and Milo, and at with ponderous broad swords, regu- story lar whiskered pandoors, and certainly no mean imitation of the real the bride and bridegroom, decked different in style, matter and diction in all the attractions of dress suit- from the one published by him a But hardly were the handbills able to such an interesting occasion. few days ago, that we strongly sus-Then a fullrigged merchantman bearing on his quarterdeck no less than the king of the sea himself, with his trident, crown and other emblems. Then came the band car, drawn by five horses with outriders in full regalia. After that came number of appropriate symbols, amongst which a cradle marked "British bottoms" attracted much At a St. Patrick's Day dinner at attention. The brethren of the orwhich he was guest of honor it was der, all arrayed in most appropriate

was unanimously elected a fellow of der, St. Duchaum, in his carriage the proscribed society, the Chloron- protected the rear of the brethren. strels followed by a troop of dra-On the 20th, three days before goons brought up the rear of the the date set for the procession, the procession. The minstrels seemed Whig took up the cudgels, showing to be a great attraction; the negro the harmlessness of the fun, the re- songs which they executed in burspectability of the society and the lesque drew a crowd around them. popular desire for this procession. We forgot to mention that light was Whig submissively, "that the Phys- hundreds of torches, and ever and iogs will see the propriety of obey- anon a rocket or a blue light was ing the mandate of the mayor, and let of by the patron saint of the orabandon all idea of marching on der, St. Duchaum." They passed Tuesday next, as all loyally consti- before the door of five prominent tuted bodies of the people should do. gentlemen lately married and two

ter from the Rector of St. James, Next night there was a council roundly condemning the affair. "For to uphold the laws of the city and the sanctity of domestic life was



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ed with a levity destructive of its on our youth? What is it but the first lesson in licentiousness, throwwho evidently, need the curb for their own and society's good."

Whig he'd the reverend gentleman up to ridicule. "Of what are the Physiogs accused? What tions and nothing would stop them decorum was violated? Whose sanctified domestic was laid open? How was death treated with levity? The Phys ognoscospocraphy Society understood, though not acqually walked in procession past the door of an aged widower who recently ceed as long as the members behav- took to ris bosom a fifth wife, and ed themselves. But the energetic they paid a like compliment to another gertleman who married this wife's sister ere the former was well The members assembled in the cold in her grave. And this was all." It was a good retort, but by 9 o'clock came the order to march it the editor brewed himself a peck down Princess Street. First "came of troubles with churchmen genera troop of heavy dragoons, armed ally. That, however, is another

The rector's reply appeared in the News, on which the Whig comments. warriors. Under their escort came "Although not a good letter, it is so pect for the honor of the cloth, some literary friend has had it under his

revision." This second letter, however, must have proved too much for the Physiogs, for we read the next day. 'Thursday night was a gala night for Kingston, and the Physiognoscospocraphy Society was out in full force and fig. A certain gentleman offended the society, and the procession was in his honor.

"The mayor went into the body of the masqueraders, prior to the march, and ordered the parties to disperse and go home; and it is said got very roughly treated by the Physiogs and their horses. 'Satan,' who was on horseback with a large pair of horns and a long tail, came near his worship, who seemed much annoyed at his appearance; and probably actuated by the well-understood antipathy of the devil and the bakers, laid hold of Satan's tail and attempted to drag him off his horse, and for several minutes it was literally 'pull devil, pull bak-But as usual the baker had the worst of it, for he hurt his hands by the sharp wires in Satan's tail, and was obliged to let go his hold. In other respects his worship does not seem to have acted harshly or ill-naturedly. He at tempted to stop the procession and failed. He never condescended next

"First came a numerous body of

horsemen in queer costumes and very fantastically armed. There followed a platform drawn by four horses, bearing Belzebub and several of his imps, occupied all the ime in letting off a variety of fire-Portsmouth Notables, all decorated The late Mr. Ritchie was born at in every sense of the word. He was If a man has a sense of humor be with flaming torches and driven by Inverary seventy-four years ago and recording secretary of the Methodist knows when not to get funny. whole followed by a regiment of Physiogs on foot. After perambulating the city, and passing before the door of the honored individual, they proceeded to the commons near the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and forming a circle, the effigy was taken down from the yard arm where it was hanging and deposited under

day to after-claps."

The papers in surrounding cities commented at great length upon these performances, and many were the lectures administered to Kingston. Most amusing of all is the lament of the "Streetsville Review" which was ordinarily the second wittiest paper of the time in Upper Canada. The Whig says: "The Streetsville Review complains of the people of Kingston for laughing at the drolleries of the Physiognoscospocraphy Society, and scolds the British Whig for its approbation. The following paragraph (which had appeared in the Whig report) is particularly offensive:-

with due solemnity."

"Many of the masqueraders were admirably attired; a devil on horseback excellent; and the widow, all in black, was capitally executed. Her moans and groans were ludicrously pathetic and kept the whole city in one roar of laughter!

"Instead of laughing at the devil and the widow, as everyone who saw them did, the Streetsville Review becomes sentimental and thus breaks out:--

"'Widow!' Oh, there is a profound and most touching tragedy tact in selecting such a theme for the purposes of burlesque! We are somewhat familiar with Kingston, and can testify that its denizens are When It's Lame and Achy not absolute monsters -baptized vampires who with the chemistry laughter" by a ribald parody of the

sorrows of a wife whose ears were

yet ringing with the ghastly sound

"coffin-lid"."

laid open to the glare of eyes who should have shunned, to look, no: krowing how soon bereavement would visit them; death was treatintended influence; annoyance and vexation were heaped upon some who should have had the sympathy of the society. May we not fear that one effect will be the " severance of those ties which bind man man soften the asperities of life? Again, what is the effect ing the reins on the necks of those Nothing abashed, the graceless

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Orange Spoom

May 30th the death occurred of going to Toronto in 1907. He took treasurer of the Sunday school. Physiog Minstrels, and a third the Toronto, and one sister, Mrs. Silver. knew him and was a true Christian agreeable.

lived there until a short time before church at Inverary and secretary-

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