



THE SUB-EDITOR.

We spoke in the last issue of the absent-mindedness of the sub-editor, and expressed a hope that it was only temporary. Alas, the shock of an adverse decision in the case of Bell v. FAIR PLAY has preyed upon his mind to that extent that he has become a physical and moral wreck. With a vain hope of recovery he turned to alcoholic stimulants, and on Monday morning when he arrived at the office his head appeared as above. He is now under treatment.

The Galley Whiskey which has been introduced into New Zealand by means of Messrs Philips and Pyke is rapidly finding favour with consumers of whiskey here. The liquor had a great run in Australia, especially in Victoria and New South Wales. If one calls for Galley Whiskey and really gets it, he can be assured of good spirits, the great difficulty is that so many of the local publicans fill bottles which have contained this and other brands with draught whiskey and sell it over the counter as the genuine stuff.

It wasn't before Martin! "You're a nuisance sir, said the irritable magistrate to the cheeky witness, and if you don't take care I'll commit you!" "Hardly consistent with the decorum of this honourable court, your Worship, to commit a nuisance here," suggested the cheeky witness. "Silence in the Court," shouted the crier, and there fell upon the plate a silence you could have cut with a knife.

Freddy Weston, the genial sub of the *Post*, has gone away to Auckland where he is to wed a sister of Mr. Geddes, of the *Observer*. We wish the pair all future happiness. Holidays are not frequent with pressmen. The average newspaper man only gets one when he marries or is buried.

There was a lovely sight the other day at a certain big building in Wellington where the *creme de la creme* love to congregate and talk about these blasted Radical papers don't-cher-know." One of the company had dined "not wisely but too well," and it was an "exhilarating" sight to witness his attempts to open a grape with the nut crackers! He ought to change his tippie from whiskey and soda to tea!

Those two whiskies and soda which Mr. Bell admitted in his evidence to taking daily, seems to have had an effect on the sub-editor, who, under the influence of a purely Barmecides "exhilaration," when asked for copy responded with the following:—

"I COULD DO WITH A BIT."

(To be sung with dreamy softness.)

I was sitting in the office, with a forty horse-power thirst,

For the weather I may tell you was about as hot as —

And although I tried to work, my aching head seemed like to burst,

And I couldn't help but think of those two daily drinks of Bell.

Spoken.—The gurgle of the whisky, the fizz of the soda, the "Here's Luck!" of the Oracle of Wellington, all rose before me and unconsciously I hummed.—

I could do, could do, could do, could do, could do with a bit,

I could do, could do, could do, could do, could do with a bit,

The dream appeared so nice, that I thought once or twice,

I could do with a little very well.

Rudyard Kipling, we read in a Home paper, is enlarging the house he has built for himself in the States. Well, it's only a case of "that another Storey!"

We are in a position to state that the rumoured transfer of Inspector Pender to another station is without foundation. One of our representatives called on the Inspector and he denied any knowledge of the supposed transfer. He furthermore empowered our representative to state that had such a change been contemplated he would probably have heard of it and he thought it more than improbable.

In reviewing the American racing season of 1893, a writer in the columns of *Baily's Magazine* pays the following high tribute to the son of the expatriated Sir Modred:—"The last horse worthy of special notice is, perhaps, the most remarkable one in the country; I allude to Dr. Hasbrouck, by Sir Modred from Sweetbriar. In this five-year-old we have a truly wonderful sprinter. At five and six furlongs he seems capable of winning under any weight, and has run five furlongs in 57 secs., and six furlongs in 1 min. 12 secs. He has also won races at a mile, but he excels on a shorter course, and I feel very confident that in the Wokingham at Ascot or the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood it would puzzle the best sprinter in England to give him weight."

On November 27th, S. Emmett and W. Haines had a race over the championship course from Putney to Mortlake for £50 a side. Emmett, who hails from Wandsworth, has taken part in many contests—as also has Haines, who comes from Old Windsor, and is better known as the ex-champion professional punter than as a sculler. Neither are more than second-class, and do not appear likely to improve. The race in question was a very

stubborn one to Hammersmith, first one and then the other leading. Off the Soap Works, owing to Haines being out of his water, there was a foul, but Emmett cleared himself and passed under Hammersmith Bridge a length and a half a head, in 8min. 35sec. From there he did as he liked, and won easily by two lengths in the very good time of 23min. 12sec. A. strong tide was running up, and the loser started favourite at 18 to 8 on.

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