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THEY'RE SAVED! THEY'RE SAVED!

. The Tory Ministry had to defend their Reform Bill against strong attacks by the Liberal Opposition. The system of concession or abandonment of tentative propositions, pursued by the Ministry, was so remarkable that "Mr. Foxon" prognosticated its further application to objectionable clauses.

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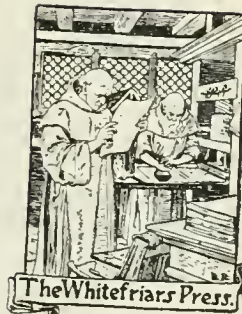
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THE NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

PAM (TO SIR COLIN).—"WELL—UPON MY WORD—EH!—I'M REALLY EXTREMELY OBLIGED TO YOU—BUT—EH!—HOW ABOUT KEEPING THE BRUTE?"
* * * The Indian Mutiny had been successfully put down by Sir Colin Campbell and his brave companions in arms, and it now remained with the Government to profit by their success.



A NATIONAL TOAST.

“HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM! (HOORAH!)”

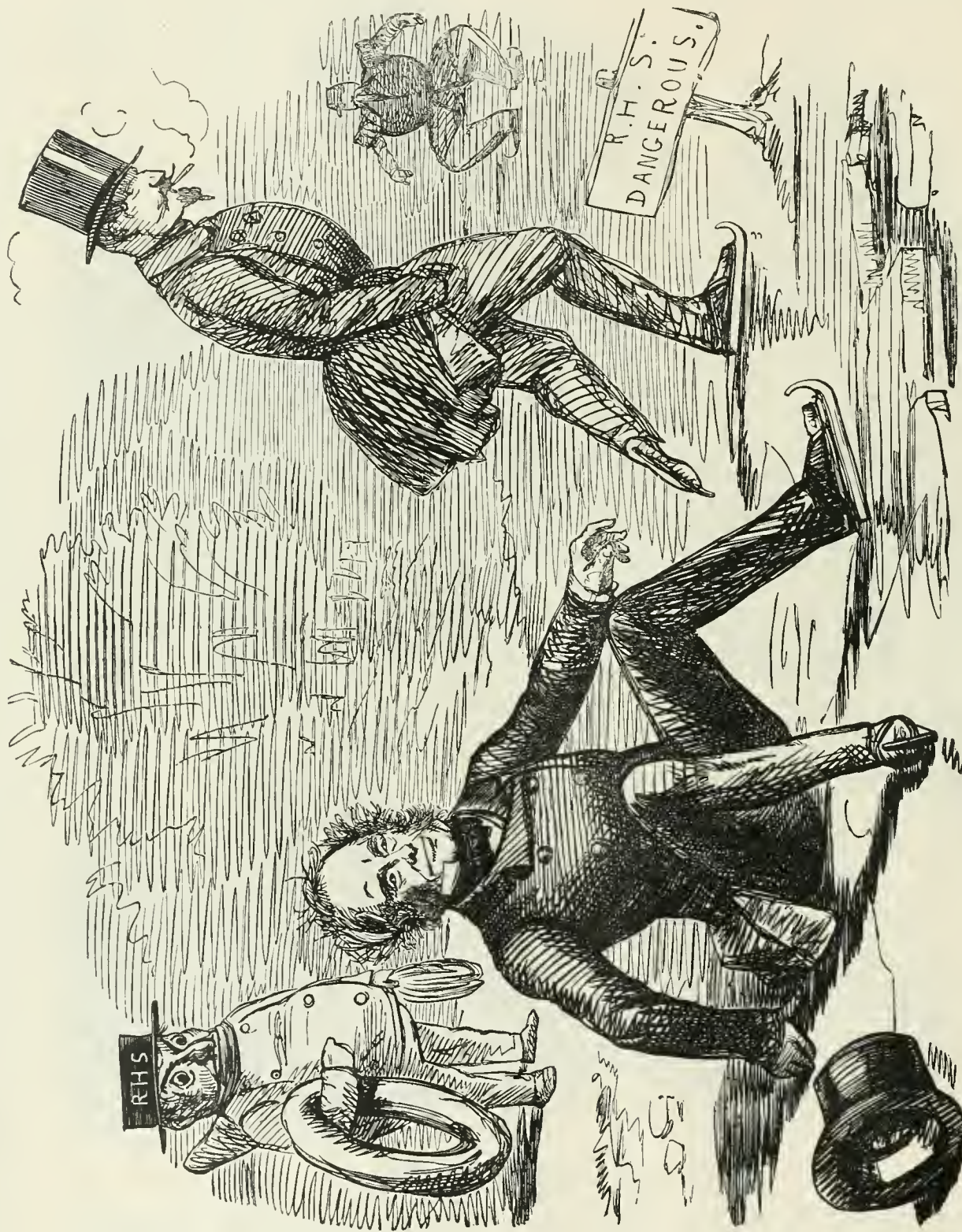
. The marriage of the Princess Royal of England to Prince Frederick William of Prussia was celebrated at the Chapel Royal, St. James.’



COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!

"LET THE MISERABLE ASSASSINS, THE SUBALTERN AGENTS OF SUCH CRIMES, RECEIVE THE CHASTISEMENT DUE TO THEIR ABOMINABLE ATTEMPTS; BUT ALSO LET THE INFAMOUS HAUNT WHERE MACHINATIONS SO INFERNAL ARE PLANNED BE DESTROYED FOR EVER. . . . GIVE US THE ORDER, SIRE, AND WE SHALL PURSUE THEM EVEN TO THEIR PLACES OF SECURITY."—*Moniteur*.

. An attempt to assassinate the Emperor Napoleon was made by Orsini, who had been resident in England for some time. The act created a strong feeling in France against England,



DIGNIFIED POSITION.

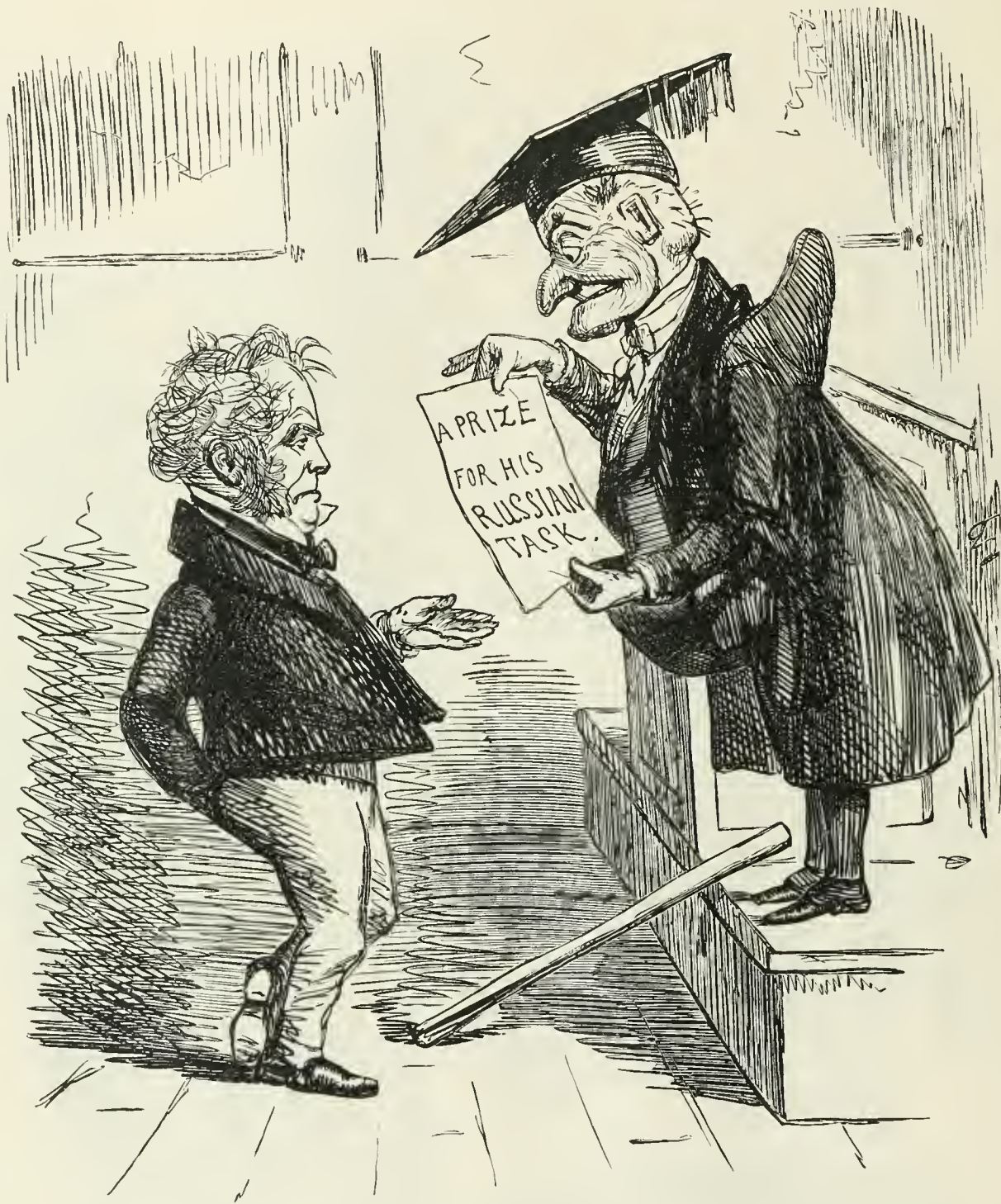
PAM (who has just been Knocked Over by the Foreign Gent).—"OH, I BEG YOUR PARDON, I'M SURE! I DIDN'T HURT YOU I TRUST!"
 ... The Government was defeated on the Conspiracy to Murder Bill, which was considered to be dictated by a too great subserviency to the wishes of the French. Lord Palmerston resigned in favour of Lord Derby.



THE BRITISH CONSPIRATOR IN PARIS.

A SUBJECT FOR AN HISTORICAL PICTURE.

•• In France it was said that Orsini concocted his plot in England and with the connivance of Englishmen.



A PLAISTER FOR PAM.

DOCTOR PUNCH.—“POOR OLD BOY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT YOU QUITE SO HARD, BUT YOU MUST REALLY BE MORE CAREFUL—HERE'S A NICE PLAISTER FOR YOU.”

* * Lord Palmerston, beaten on the Conspiracy to Murder Bill, resigned office.



THE RIVAL BLACK DOLLS.

*• The India Bill brought in by Mr. Disraeli was very similar in principle to that which Lord Palmerston had previously introduced.



THE NEW BUDGET.

"I SAY, JIM! AIN'T IT PRECIOUS 'ARD? WE'VE GOT TO PUT A PENNY STAMP ON EVERY CHEQUE WE DRAWS ON OUR BANKERS!"

* * A feature of Mr. Disraeli's Budget was the imposition of the penny stamp on bankers' cheques. The Budget on the whole was favourably received.



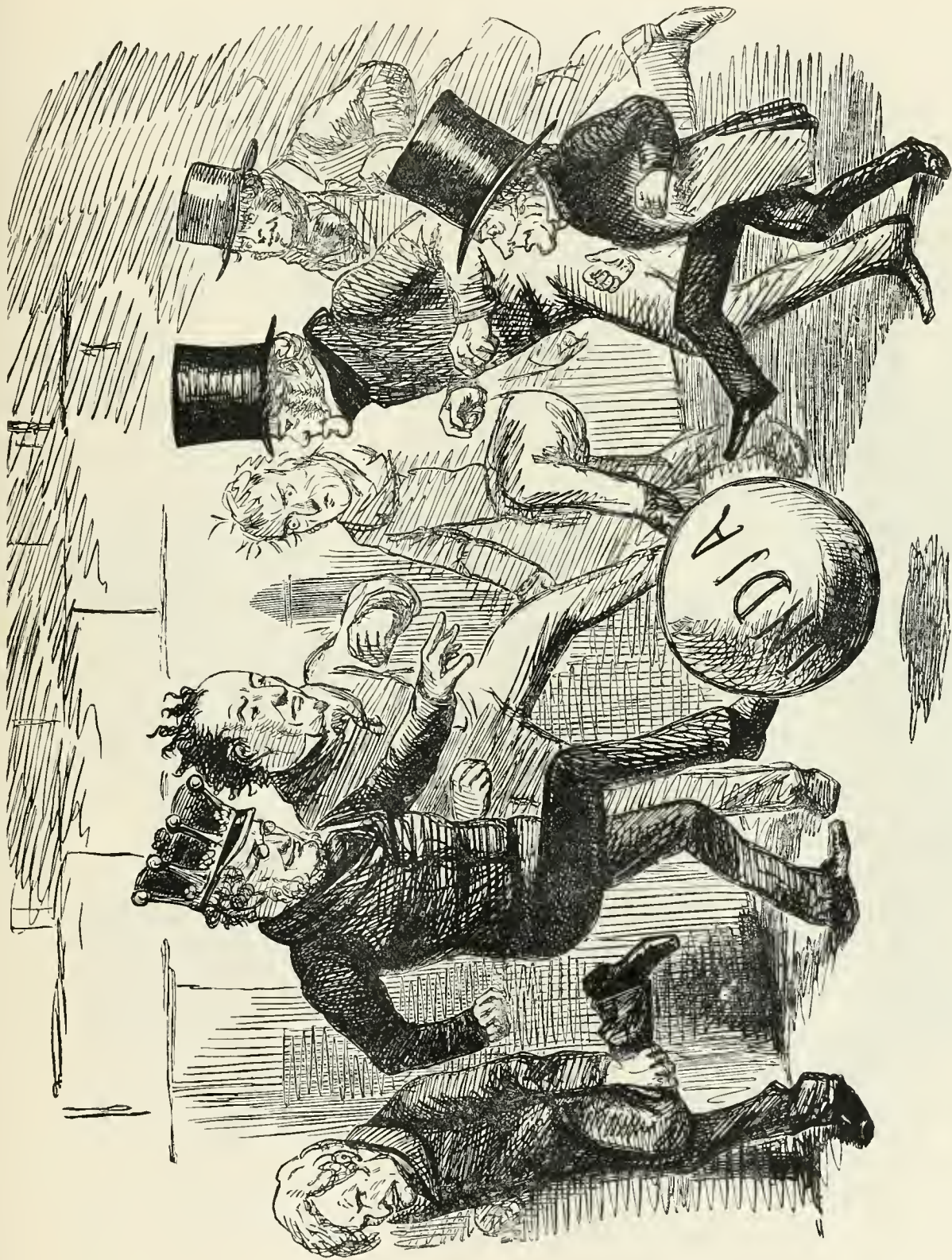
THE GOOD LITTLE ROBINS BURYING THE BILLS IN THE WOOD.

* * Lord Palmerston's India Bill dropped through his defeat and resignation on the Conspiracy to Murder bill. Mr. Disraeli's was also abandoned, Resolutions having been brought forward on which a third and more complete Bill was based.



THE DERBY DAY (?). ANOTHER FALSE START.

* * Lord Ellenborough seriously damaged his party by publishing a despatch which condemned a proclamation issued by Lord Canning, and thereby weakened the authority of the Governor-General of India. Lord Ellenborough saved his colleagues by resigning.



A GAME OF FOOT-BALL,

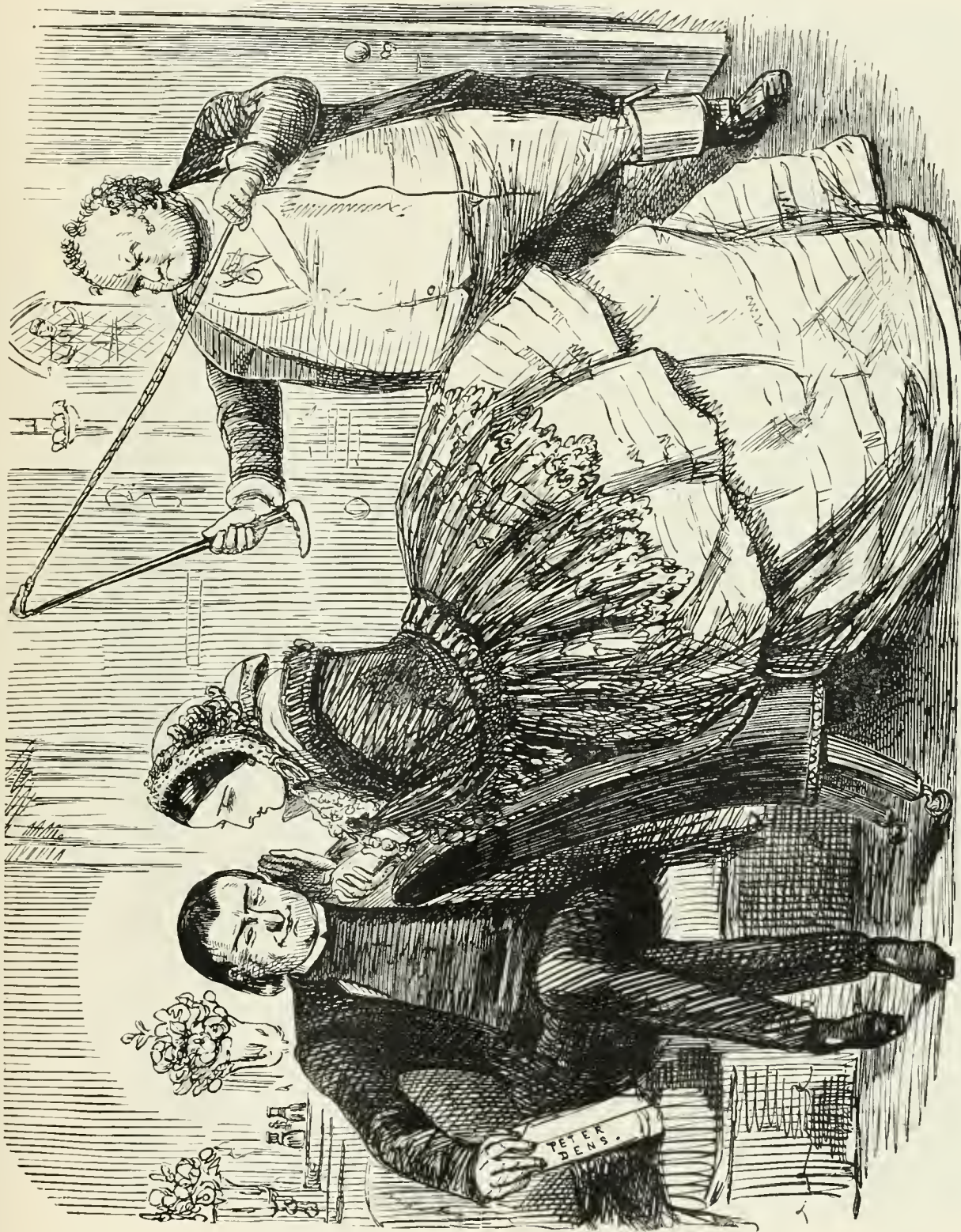
AS PLAYED BY CERTAIN WESTMINSTER BOYS.

* * The India Bill, transferring the Government of India to the Crown, after much discussion, passed both Houses, and received the Royal Assent on the last day of the Session.



THE MAN WHO WON THE FIGHT.

* * Mr. Disraeli was vigorously attacked by both Lord Palmerston and Lord John Russell on account of various charges which he brought against the late Government. He defended himself with vivacity and had decidedly the best of the encounter.



RELIGION À LA MODE.

MR. BULL.—“NO, NO, MR. JACK PRIEST! AFTER ALL I HAVE GONE THROUGH, I’M NOT SUCH A FOOL AS TO STAND ANY OF THIS DISGUSTING NONSENSE!”

** Tho Confessional was at this time becoming à la mode.



THE "SILENT HIGHWAY"-MAN.
"YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE!"

** The River Thames at this time was in a very filthy and dangerous condition. A Bill authorizing the cleansing of the river was introduced and ultimately received the assent of the House.



THE ARISTOCRATIC FATE AT CREMORNE.

TERRIFIC DESCENT AMIDST SHOWERS OF WATER-WORKS.

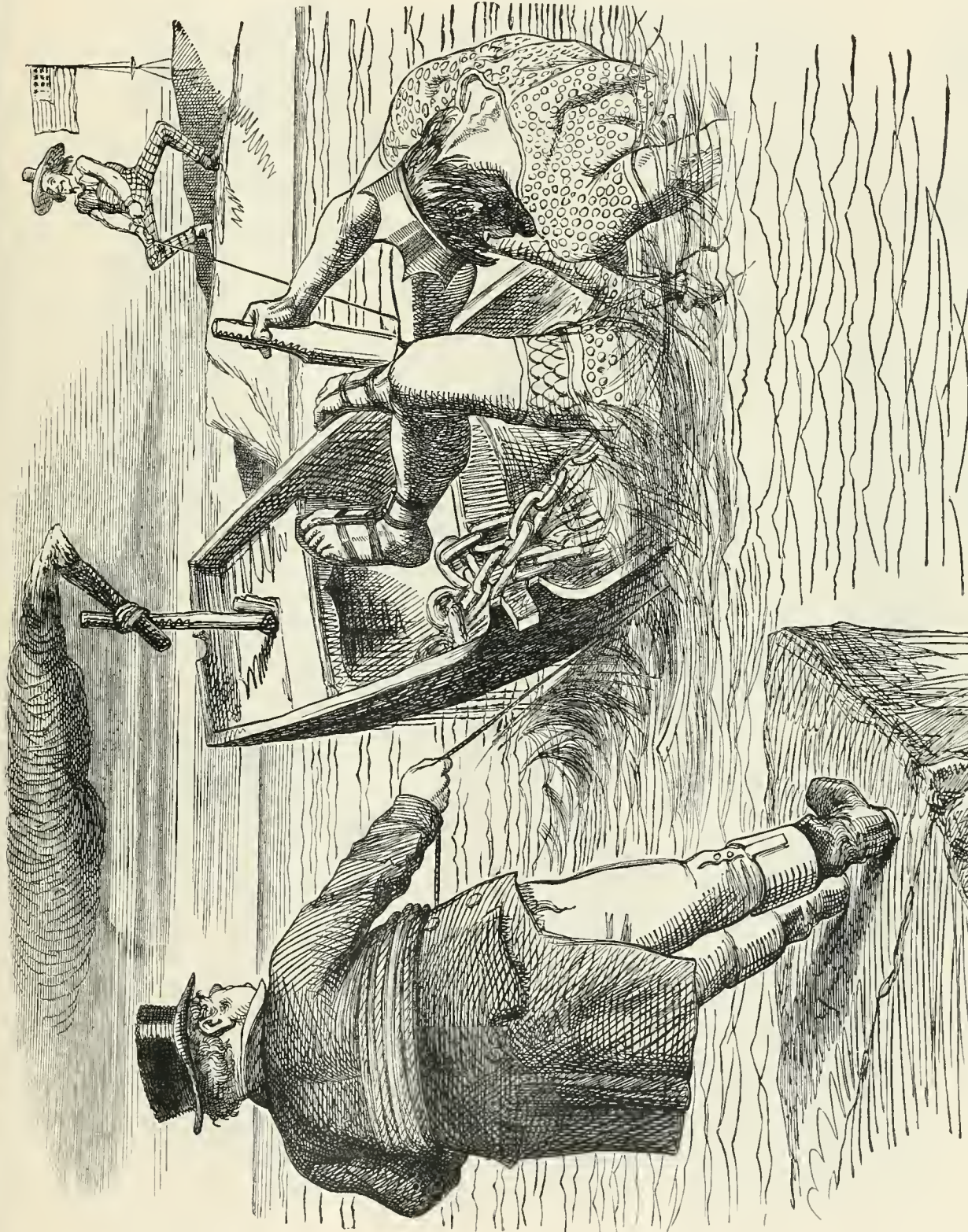
* * * A grand society fête, held at Cremorne Gardens, for which vouchers were required and tickets were one guinea, was spoilt by the rain which fell in torrents.



THE ROYAL VISIT TO CHERBOURG ANTICIPATED.

THE EMPEROR.—“A FINE GUN, YOUR MAJESTY.” THE QUEEN.—“YES! EXACTLY LIKE A NUMBER WE HAVE AT WOOLWICH.”

** The Queen, Prince Albert and the Prince of Wales were about to visit France to attend the inauguration of Cherbourg.



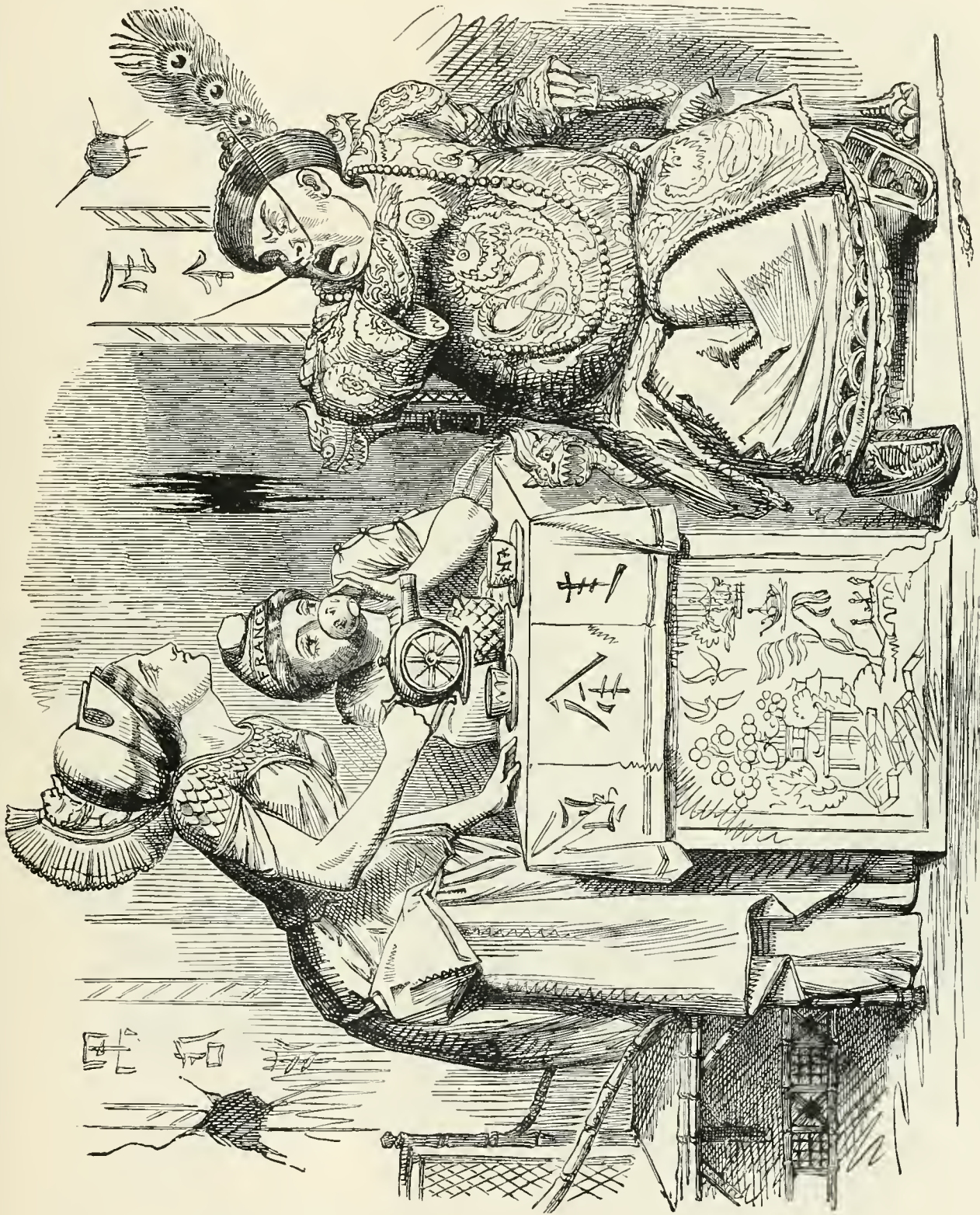
THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH ;
A BAD LOOK OUT FOR DESPOTISM.

JOHN BULL.—“HOLD FAST, JONATHAN.”
 JONATHAN.—“ALL RIGHT, JOHNNY.”
 * * The Atlantic Cable having been successfully laid, an interchange of good wishes took place between Her Majesty and the President of the United States.



DANGEROUS FLIRTATION, OR SAM AND THE SCARLET LADY.

* * The Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Samuel Wilberforce (nicknamed "Soapy Sam") was suspected of countenancing the Confessional—and was thought to have a leaning towards the Romish Church.



A LITTLE TEA PARTY.

BRITANNIA.—“A LITTLE MORE GUNPOWDER, MR. CHINA?”

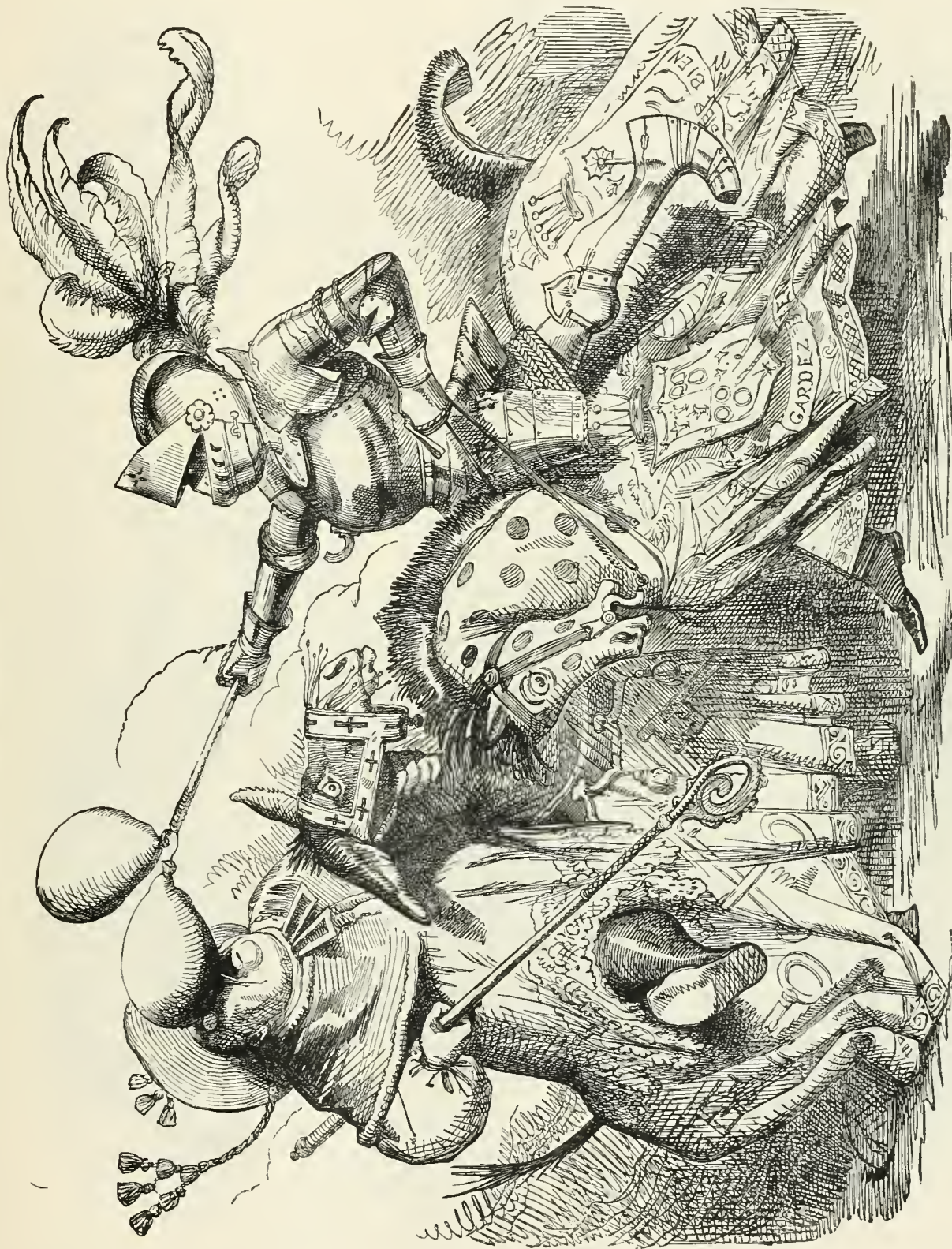
CHINA.—“O—NO—TAN—KE—MUM.”

* * * A Treaty of Peace with China was only settled after many evasions on the part of the Chinese plenipotentiaries, which it was feared might necessitate the renewal of active hostilities.



THE ACCESSION OF THE QUEEN OF INDIA.

. The Government of India was transferred from the East India Company to a Board controlled by and responsible to the Legislature.



LAST EGLINTON TOURNAMENT.

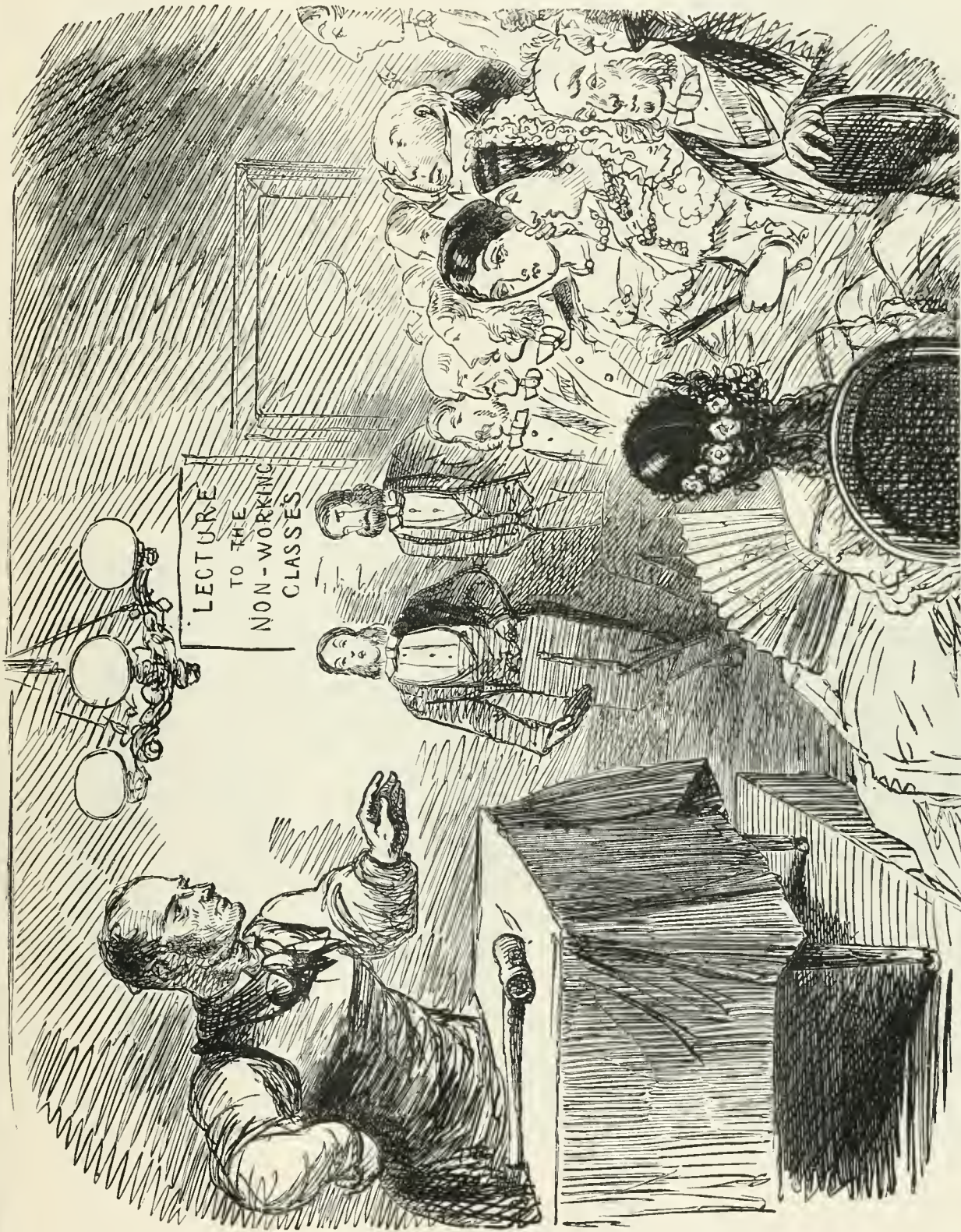
THE EARL, DOING BATTLE FOR HIS LADY.
.. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Eglinton (celebrated in connection with the Eglinton Tournament), administered a well-deserved snub to a Cardinal of the Romish Church who had insulted the Queen



TO THE TEMPLE OF FAME.

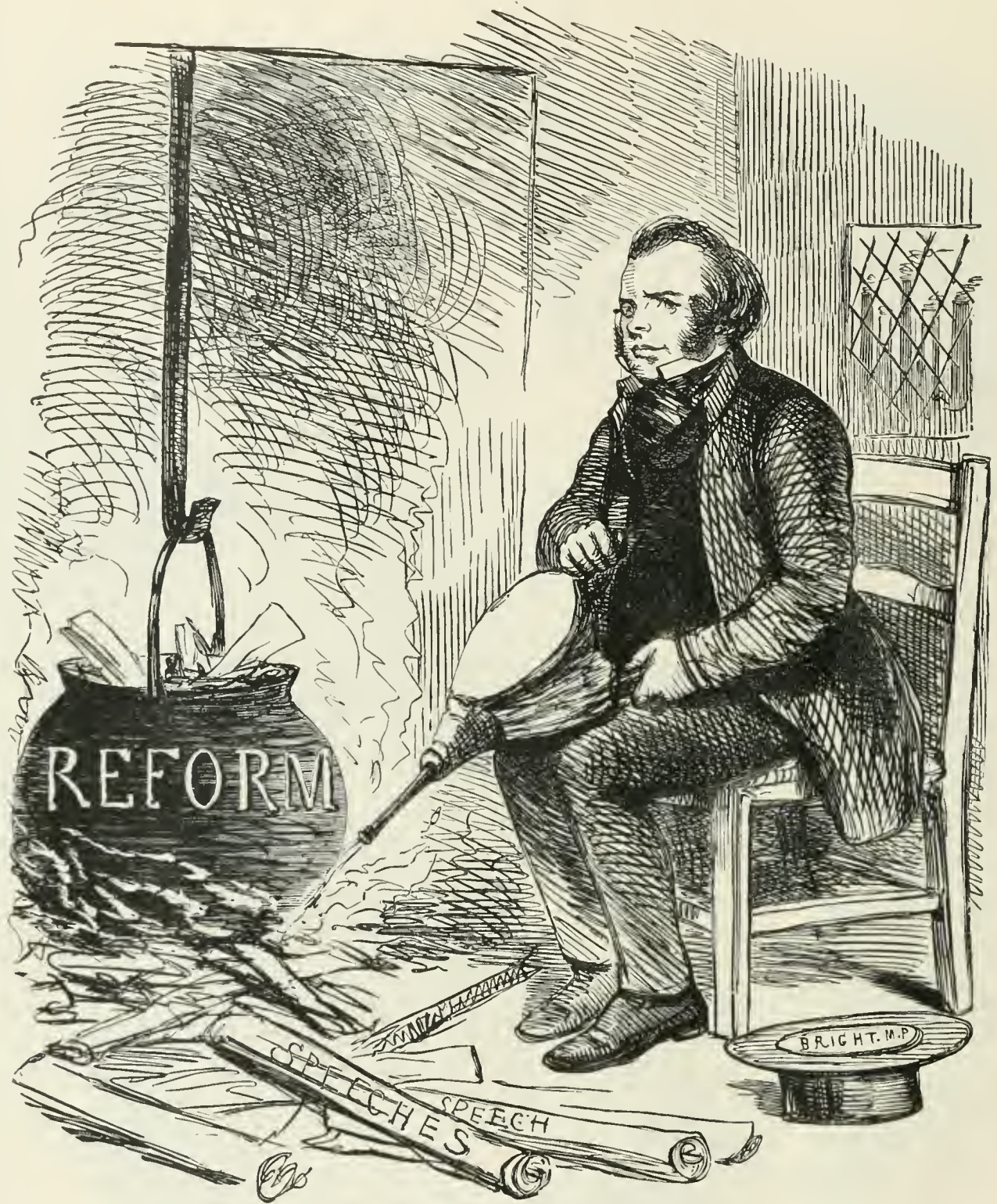
MR. PUNCH (*with the Greatest Respect*).—"AFTER YOU, MY LORD!"

. The venerable, but still vigorous, Lord Brougham delivered a most admirable address at the meeting of the Social Science Association.



ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER.

THE WORKING MAN ENLIGHTENING THE SUPERIOR CLASSES.
... To pose as the "Working Man's Friend" was a favourite device of popularity-hunting peers, professional philanthropists and would-be Members of Parliament. It was suggested that the working man should return the obligation.



“IT WILL SOON BOIL!”

. Mr. Bright employed himself, during the Recess, in attempting to revive the question of Parliamentary Reform.



THE GREAT LOZENGE-MAKER.

A HINT TO PATERFAMILIAS.

. Alarming revelations were made at this time as to the poisonous character of cheap sweetmeats.



A PROPER CHARGE.

B—P OF L—D—N.—“YOU MUST NOT BRING YOUR PLAYTHINGS INTO CHURCH, MY LITTLE MEN.”

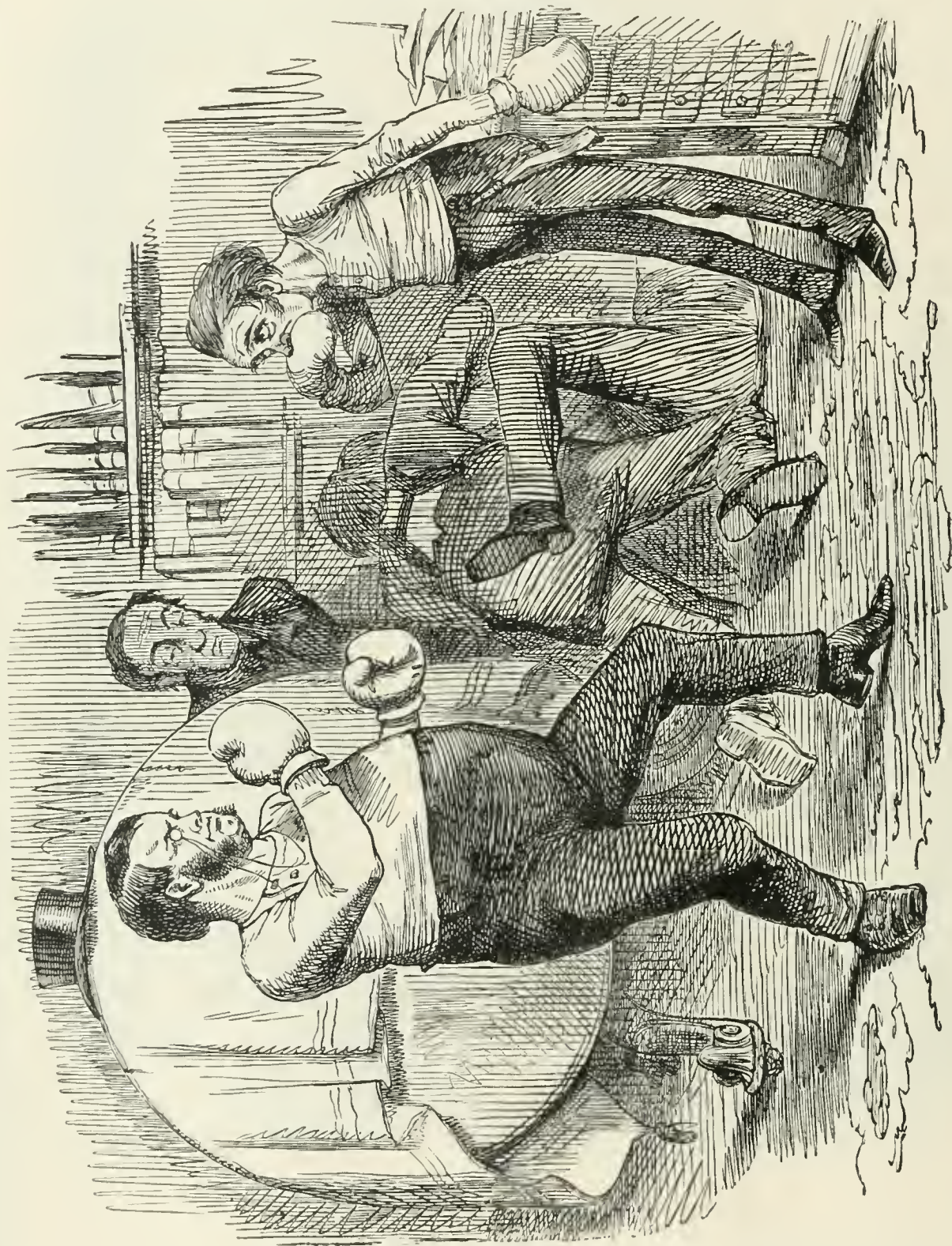
•• The Bishop of London revoked the licence of the curate of St. Barnabas who had become notorious for his practice of Romish ceremonial and observances.



FRENCH FASHION.

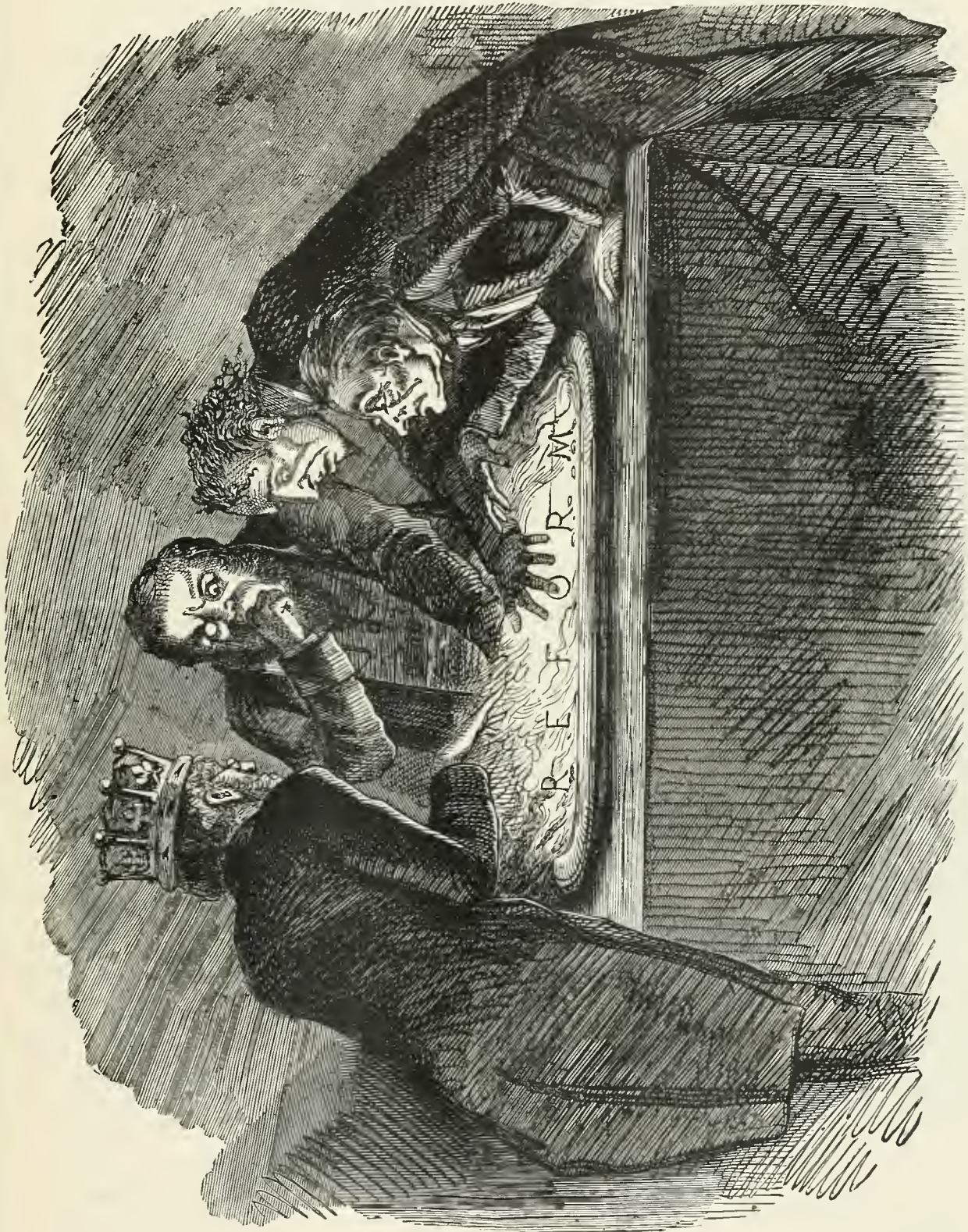
PAM (TO BRITANNIA).—"HERE'S A SWEET THING IN BRACELETS, MA'AM; WORN VERY GENERALLY IN PARIS."
BRITANNIA.—"AH, SO I'VE HEARD! BUT IT ISN'T MY STYLE."

. The state of France at this time was not in accordance with English notions of liberty.



MR. BRIGHT OFFERS TO GIVE SATISFACTION TO THE LIBERAL PARTY.

∴ Mr. Bright, in a fighting speech at Manchester, rejected the timid Reform proposals of the Whigs and demanded the widest extension of the Franchise.



REFORM SNAP-DRAGON.

.. At the beginning of 1859 Lord Derby, Mr. Disraeli, Mr. Bright and Lord John Russell were all associated with measures of Reform.



THE QUAKER AND THE BAUBLE.

"IT IS THE LAND WHICH THE TERRITORIAL PARTY REPRESENTS IN PARLIAMENT. * * * THAT IS THE THEORY OF THE CONSTITUTION: BLACKSTONE SAYS SO. BUT IT IS A THING WHICH IS NOT LIKELY TO BE RESPECTED MUCH LONGER, AND IT MUST GO, EVEN IF INVOLVING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CONSTITUTION."—*Mr. Bright, in his Penny Organ.*

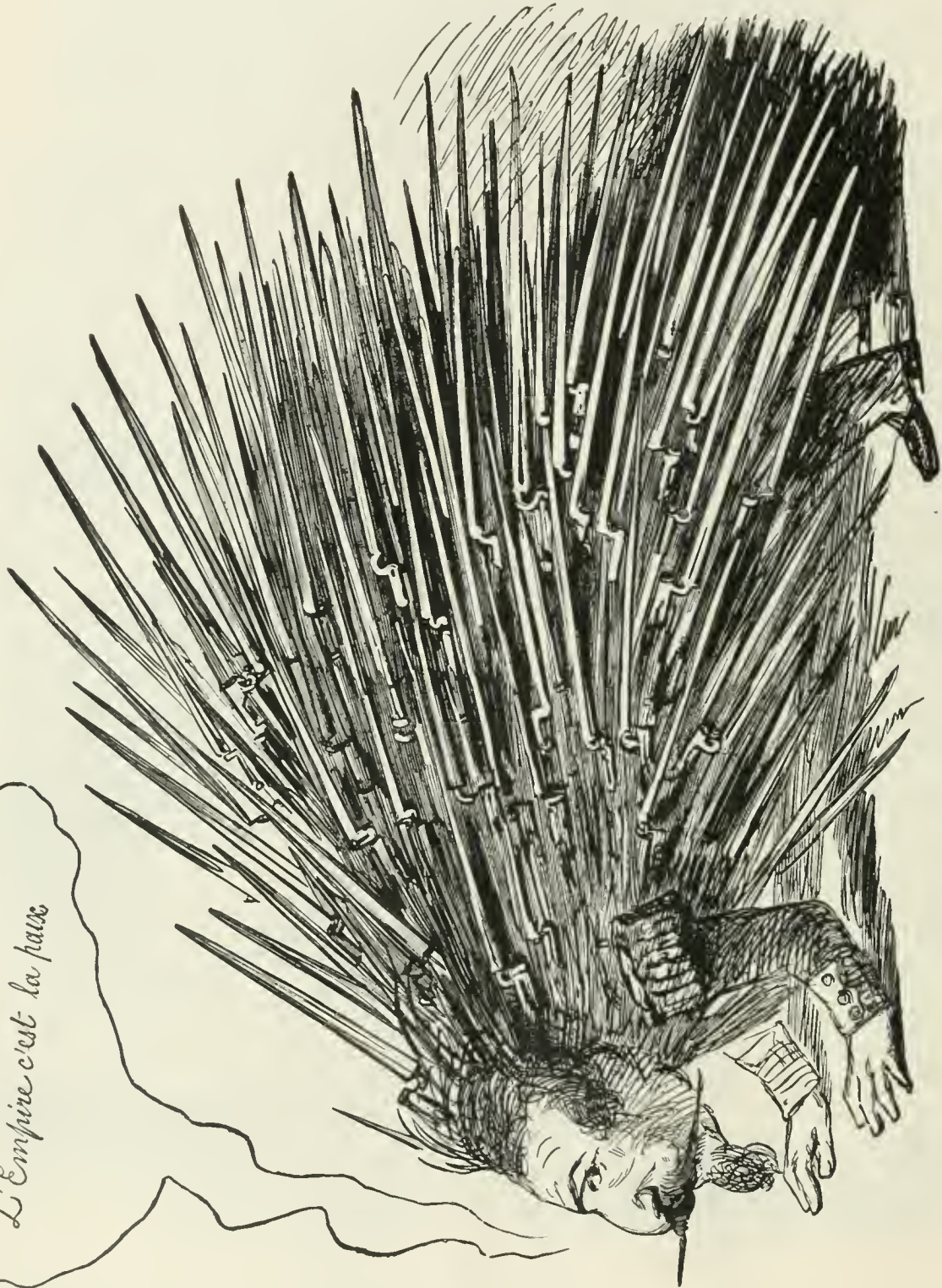
* * * *Mr. Bright, both on public platforms and in the columns of his special organ, The Morning Star, continued with unabated energy and zeal his fulminations against the British aristocracy and in favour of Reform.*



THE TORCH OF HYMEN.

•• Prince Napoleon, cousin of the Emperor Napoleon III. married the Princess Clotilde, eldest daughter of the King of Sardinia. The match was made at the instigation of the Emperor and was generally regarded as a political "marriage de convenanc

L'Empire c'est la paix



THE FRENCH PORCUPINE.

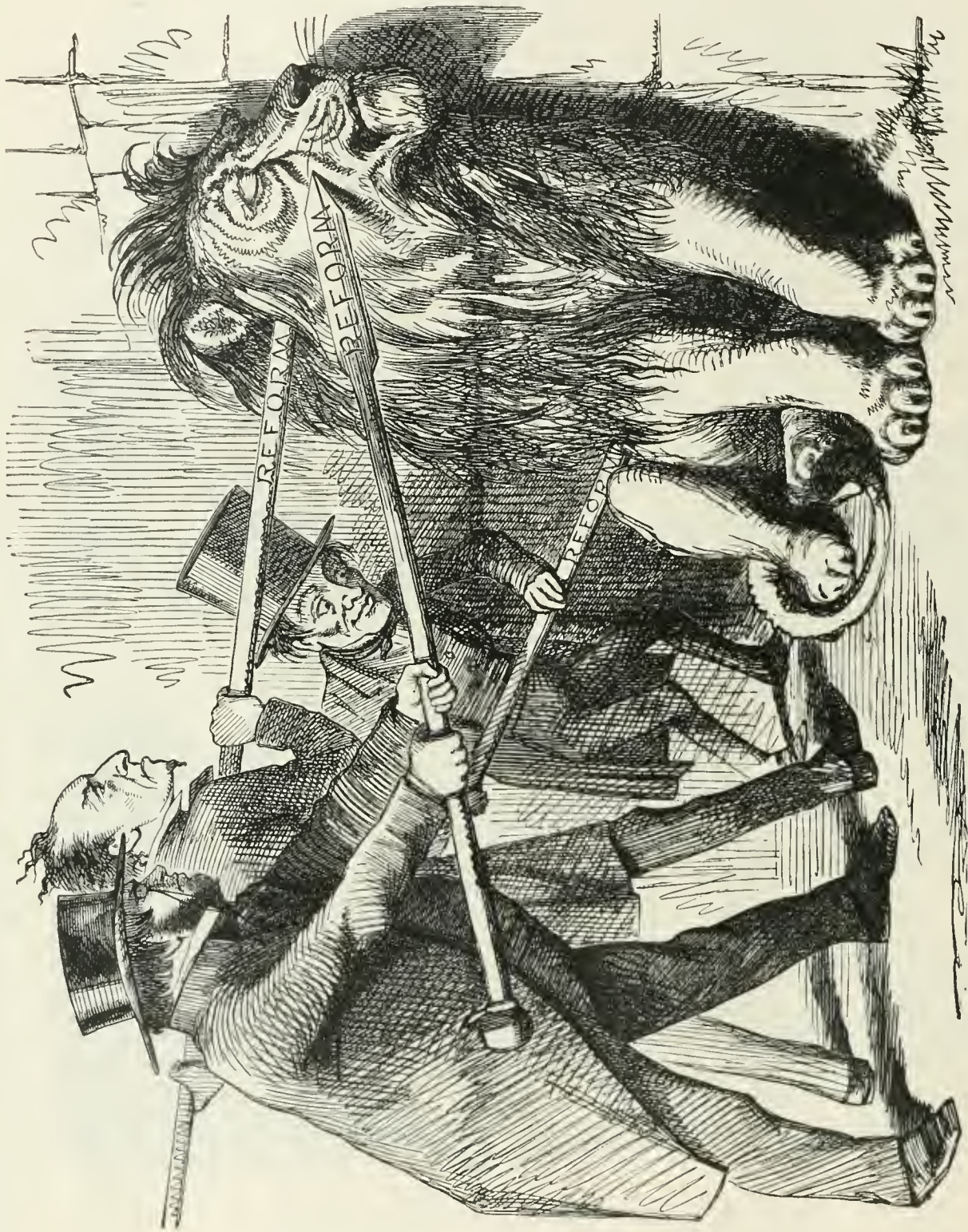
HE MAY BE AN INOFFENSIVE ANIMAL, BUT HE DON'T LOOK LIKE IT.
* * The war preparations of the Emperor Napoleon created considerable mistrust in England. The feeling towards France was undoubtedly less cordial than in the early days of the Alliance.



THE QUEEN IN HER STOREROOM.

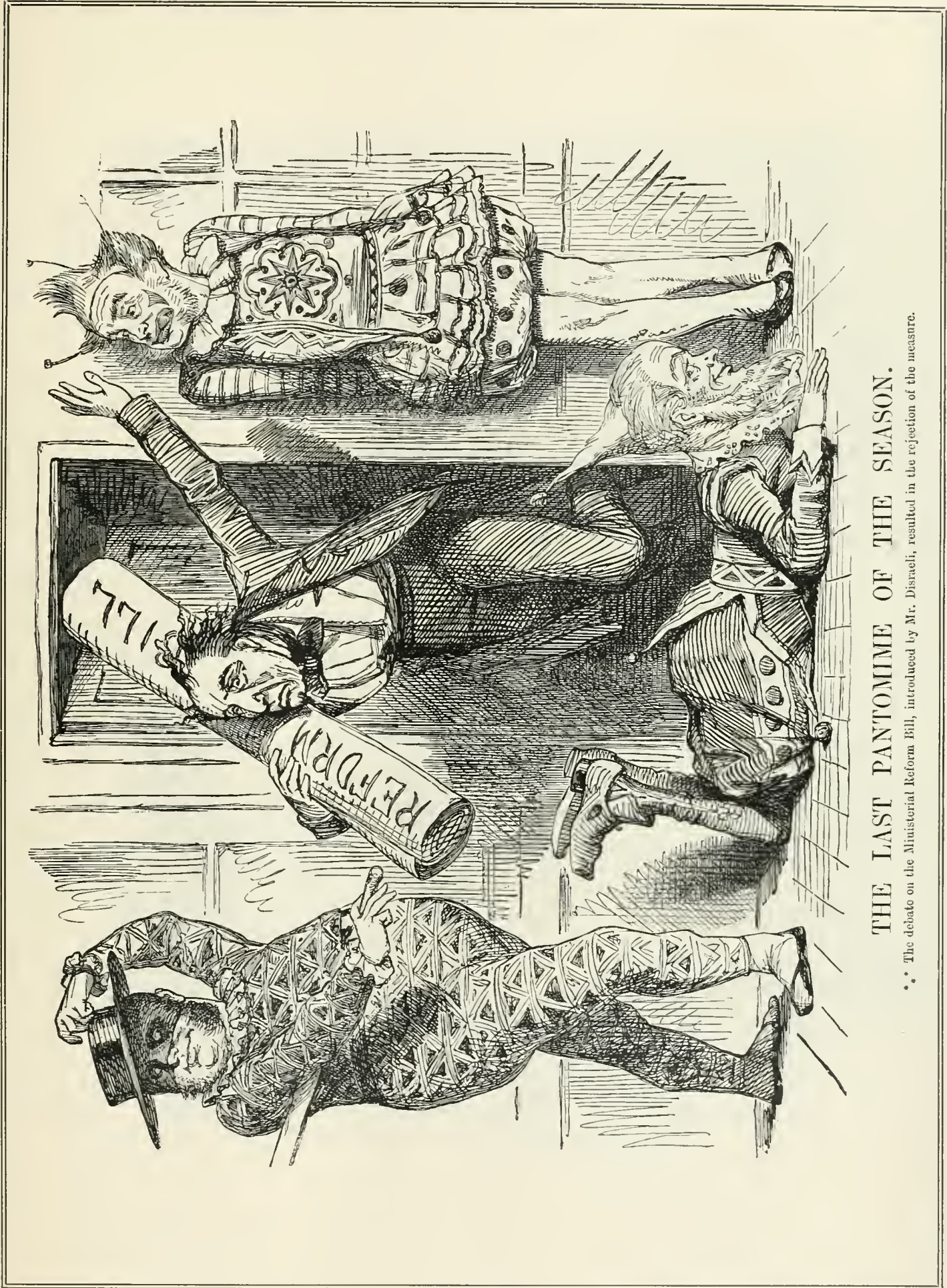
HER MAJESTY (to her Faithful Servant).—"I DON'T KNOW WHAT MAY HAPPEN, MR. BULL, BUT 'KEEP OUR POWDER DRY.'"

. Public attention was at this time directed to the menacing aspect of Continental affairs.



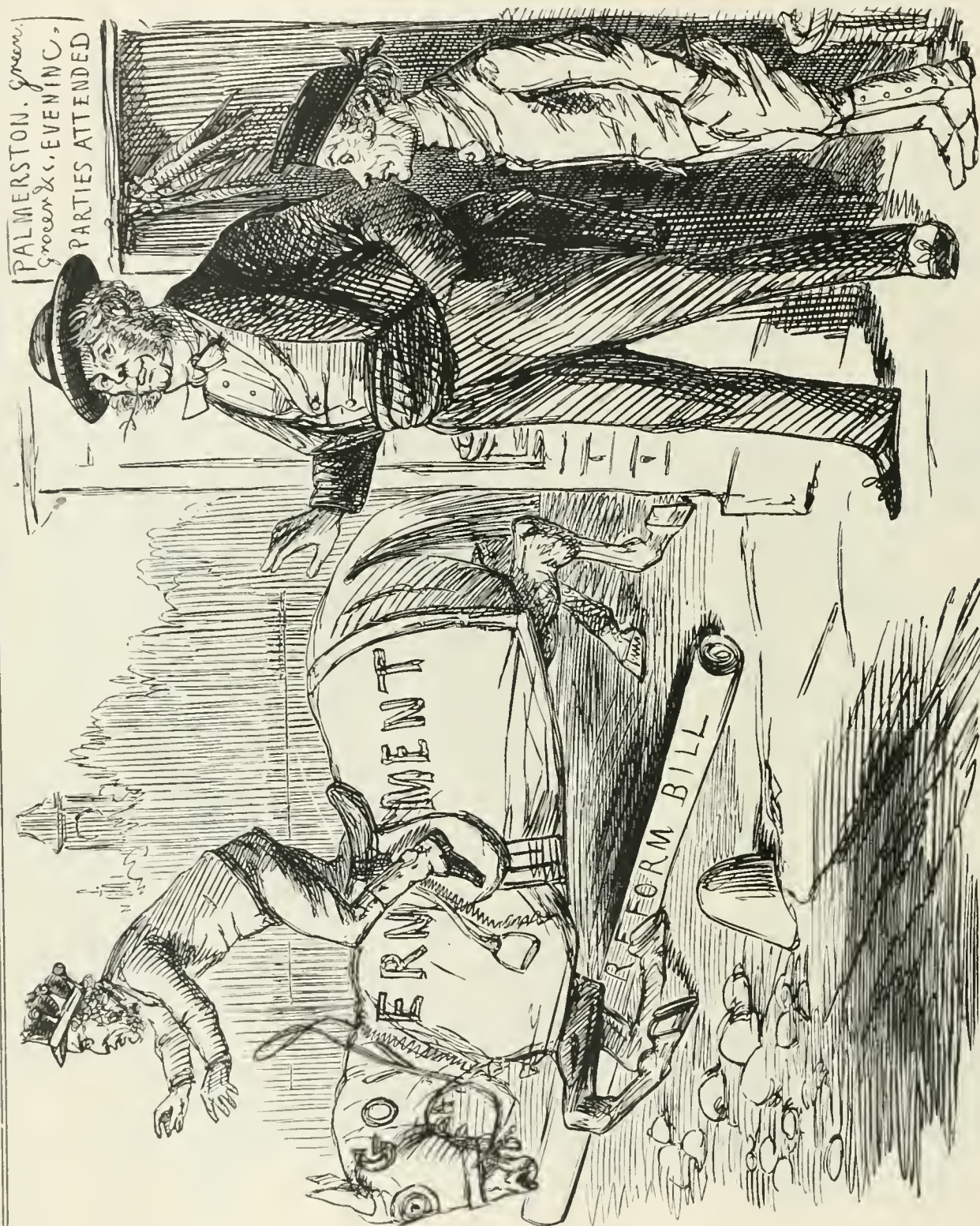
WHO WILL ROUSE HIM?

* * Mr. Bright's pertinacious demand for a Reform Bill and the endeavours of both political parties to settle the question, failed to awaken the indifference of the country generally.



THE LAST PANTOMIME OF THE SEASON.

.. The debate on the Ministerial Reform Bill, introduced by Mr. Disraeli, resulted in the rejection of the measure.



THE CLUMSY GROOM.

PAM.—“HA! THAT COMES O’ TRUSTING A VALUABLE LOSS TO A CHAP LIKE THAT! WHY, LAW! HE AIN’T NO SEAT, NOR NO HAND, NOR NOTHINK! POOR FELLOW! I HOPE HE WONT LOSE HIS PLACE—DONT YOU, JACK?”

..* The Reform Bill, introduced by Lord Derby’s Ministry, caused the downfall of the Government.



THE SUPPORTERS OF THE "WORKING MAN."

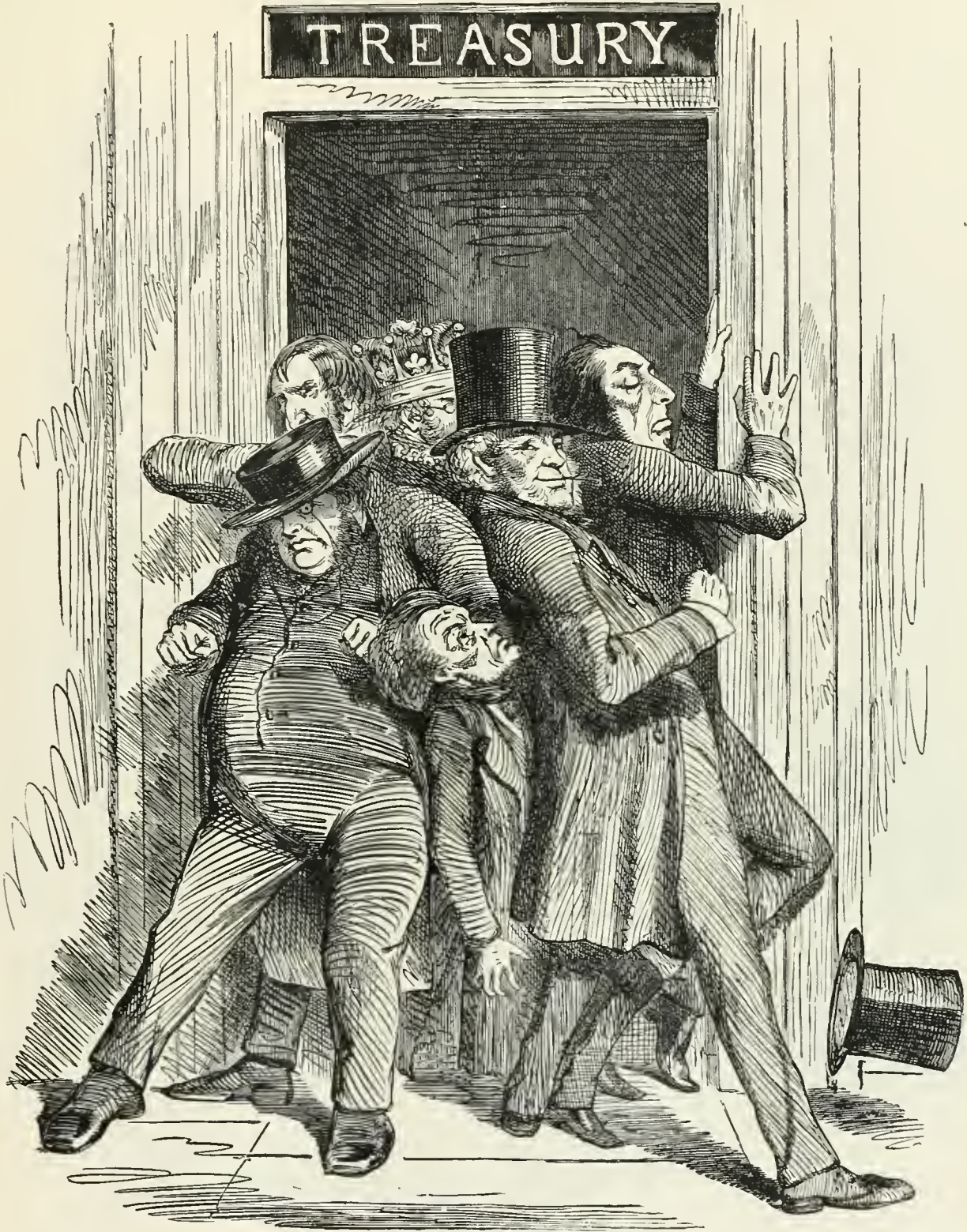
. Tory, Whig and Liberal were all devoting themselves in words, at this time, to the interests of the working man.



THE FRANTIC FOOTMAN,

WHO HAS HAD WARNING.

•• As a consequence of the defeat of Lord Derby over the Reform Bill, Parliament was dissolved and a General Election became necessary.



THE REAL UGLY RUSH.

"HE FEARED THERE WOULD BE AN UGLY RUSH SOME OF THESE DAYS."—*Mr. Henley on the Reform Bill.*

•• Mr. Henley referred to the possible consequences of a reduction of the Franchise. "MR. PUNCH" said the real ugly rush would be that of the rival parties and politicians for the Treasury Bench.



BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

IMPERIAL FRENCH EAGLE (to Imperial Russian Dittos).—"DEAR BROTHER! OH, LET US HASTEN TO PROTECT THE POOR LAMB YONDER!"
" Austria had commenced hostilities against Italy. In England the co-operation of France and Russia, ostensibly in the interests of Italy, was looked upon with considerable suspicion.



MEN FOR THE FLEET!

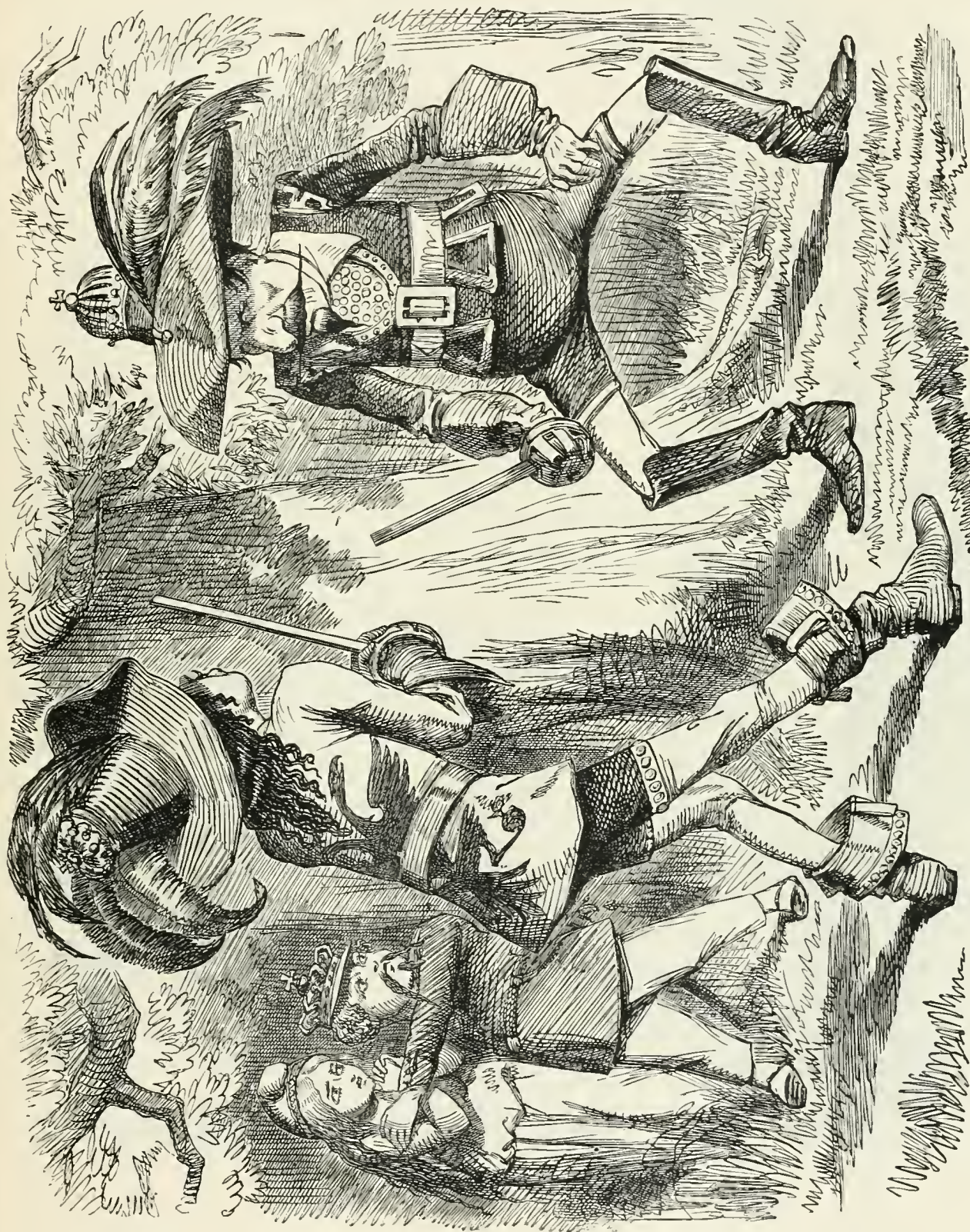
ADMIRAL PUNCH.—“THERE, BOYS! THERE’S AN EXAMPLE FOR YOU.”

. Prince Alfred, second son of the Queen, was entered on the books of H.M.S. *Euryalus*.



THE ANGLERS' RETURN.

•• The result of the General Election was adverse to the Derby Government, which found itself without a working majority.



BABES IN THE WOOD.

... The Italian struggle had commenced, and France and Austria had declared war.



THE GIANT AND THE DWARF.

“BRAVO, MY LITTLE FELLOW! YOU SHALL DO ALL THE FIGHTING, AND WE’LL DIVIDE THE GLORY!”

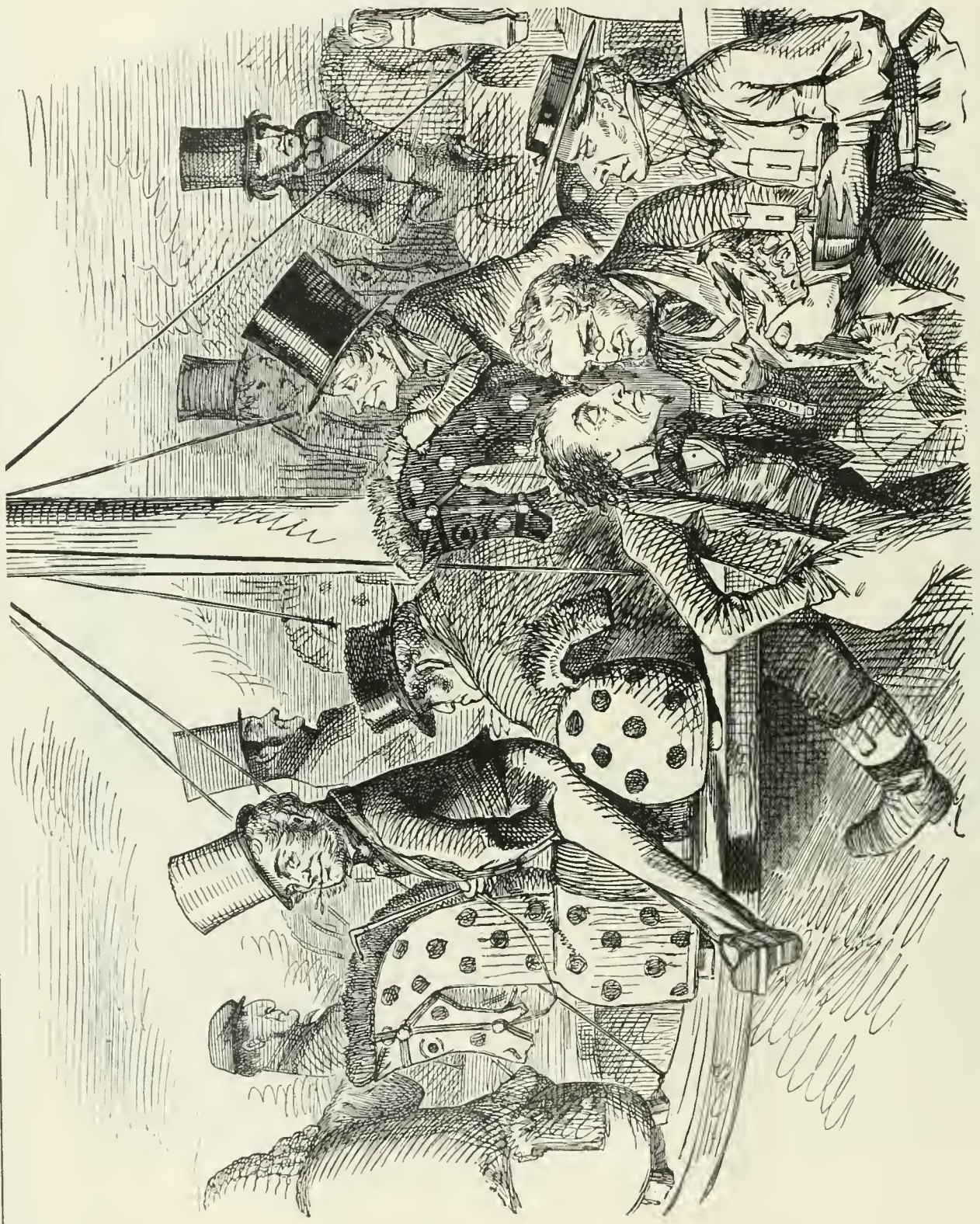
•• It was not altogether believed that the French Emperor’s desire to emancipate Italy from the yoke of Austria was disinterested.



BALM FOR THE WOUNDED.

H—R M—J—STY.—“POOR LITTLE MAN. DID HE HAVE A NASTY TUMBLE? HERE’S SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM ALL RIGHT AGAIN!”

. Lord Derby having resigned the Premiership, in consequence of the adverse result of the General Election, received the Order of the Garter.



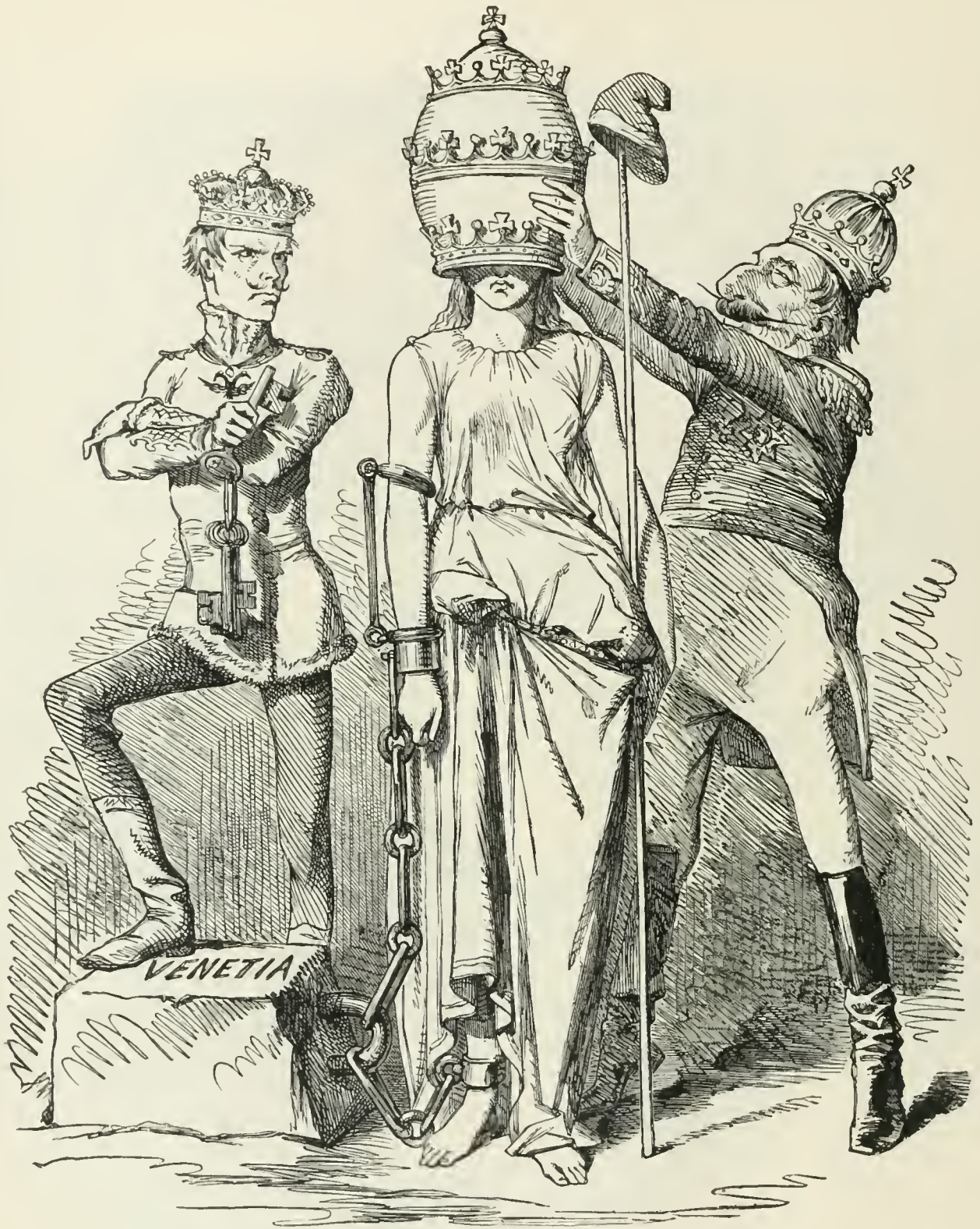
TURN AND TURN-ABOUT.

.. On the resignation of Lord Derby, Lord Palmerston formed an Administration with himself as First Lord of the Treasury, Lord John Russell, Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Gladstone, Chancellor of the Exchequer.



THE ARMISTICE.

EMPEROR NAPOLEON.—“WELL, BROTHER, HAVEN'T THEY HAD ALMOST ENOUGH OF THIS?”
** After the battle of Solferino an armistice was agreed upon between the Emperor of the French and the Emperor of Austria - and ultimately a Treaty of Peace was signed.

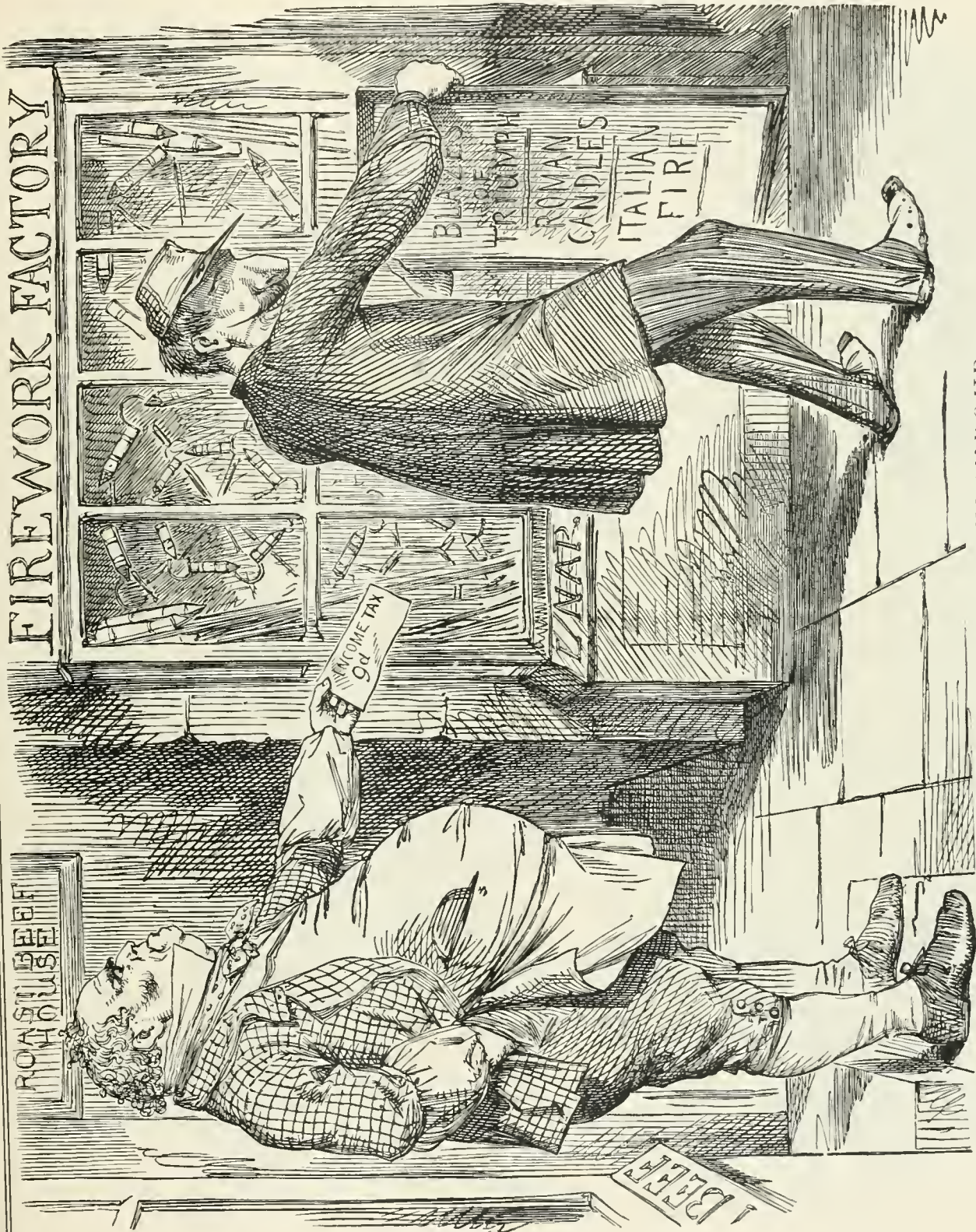


FREE ITALY (?)

•• The terms of the Treaty of Peace between France and Austria greatly disappointed the Italians. The prevailing opinion was that the campaign, opened avowedly to free Italy, had come to a lame and impotent conclusion.

FIREWORK FACTORY

ROADHOUSE



AN UNPLEASANT NEIGHBOUR.

Mr. BULL.—“HERE HAVE I GOT TO PAY DOUBLE INSURANCE, ALL ALONG OF YOUR CONFOUNDED FIREWORKS!”
 .. The Income Tax was nearly doubled to meet the naval and military expenditure necessitated by Continental disturbances. It was suggested that the French Emperor's “firework” policy was the cause of increased taxation.



PEACEFUL—VERY!

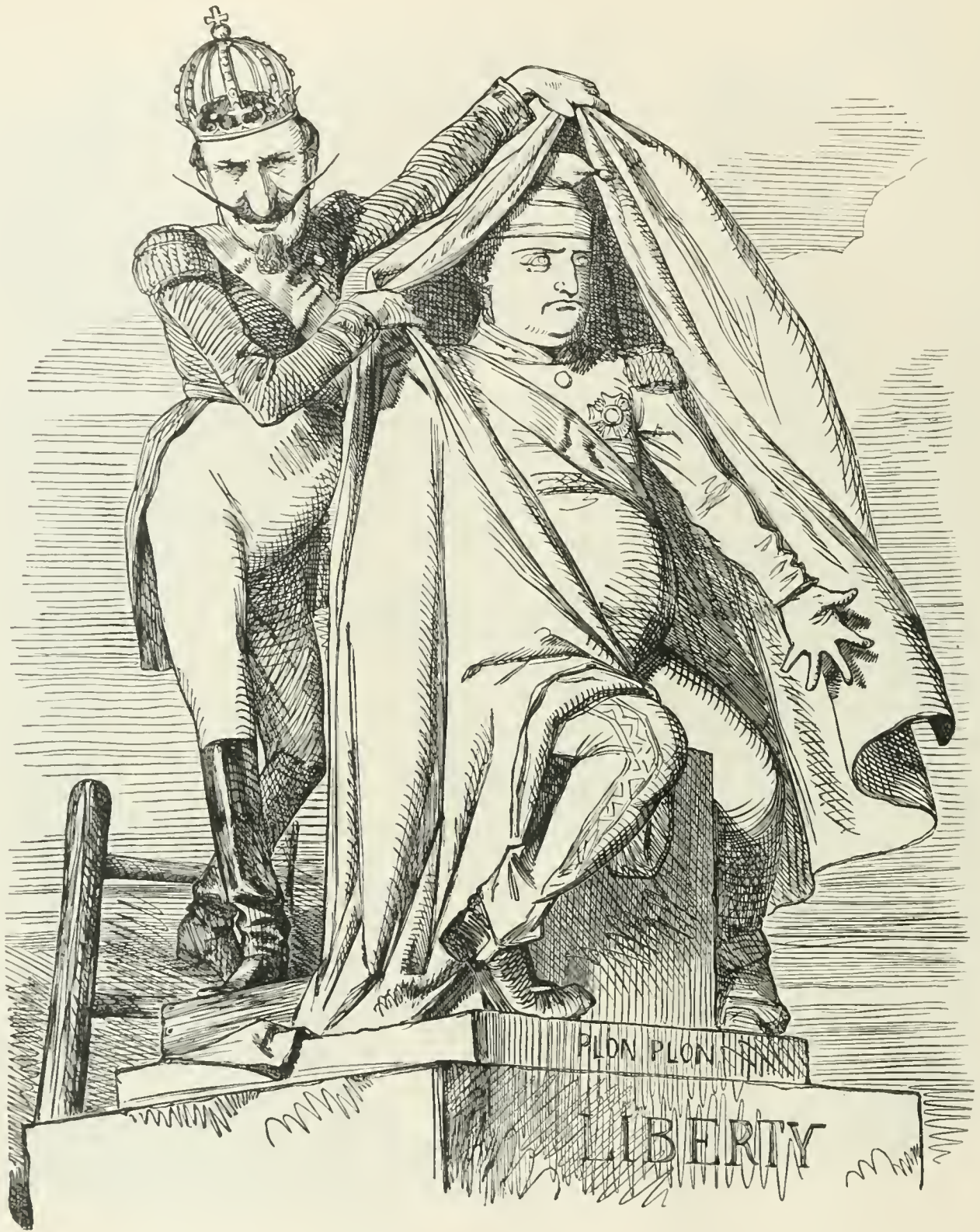
•• The French Emperor was loud in his professions of peace. In England he was not altogether trusted.



THE FIRST LESSON.

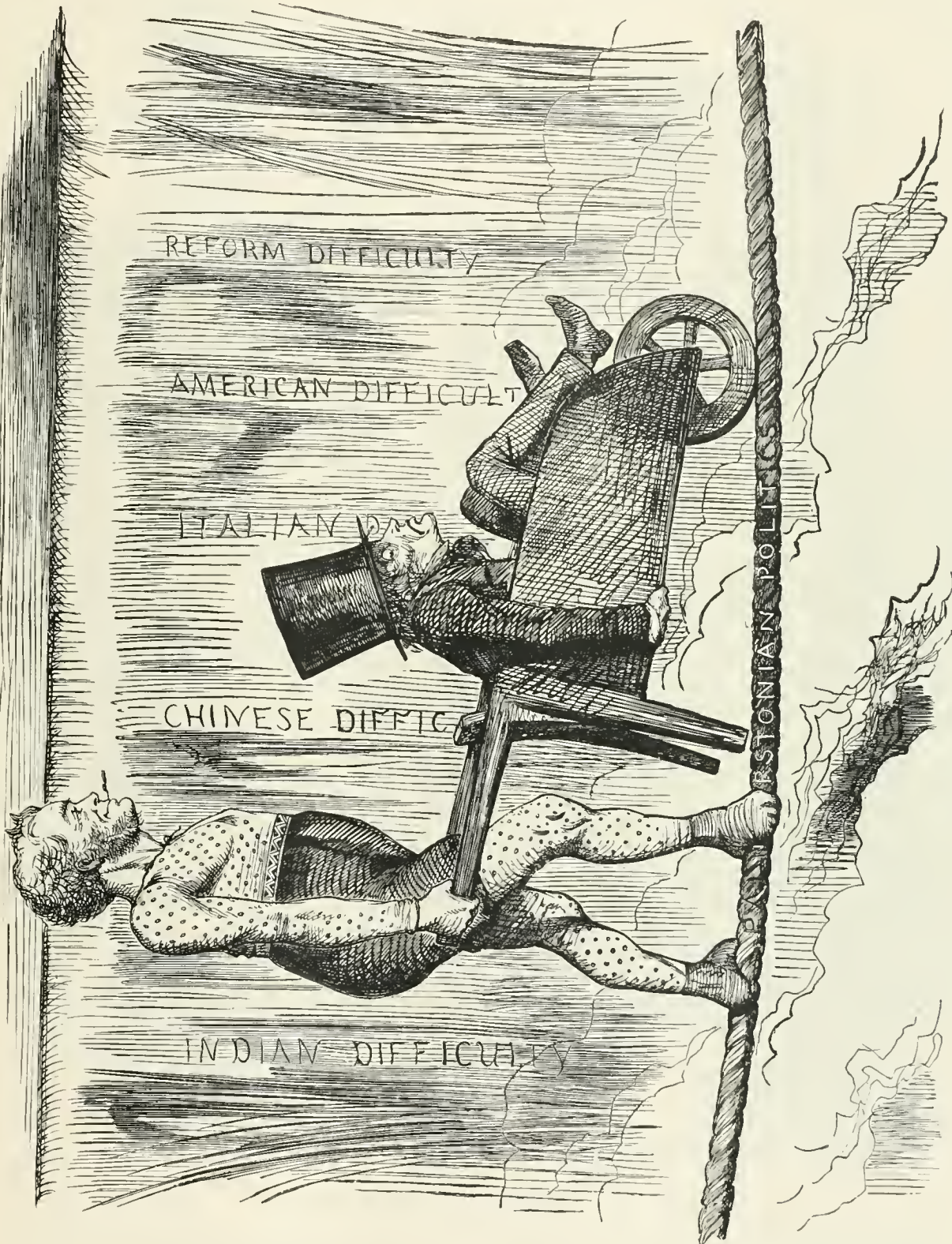
NOT SO BAD FOR A BEGINNER!

. When the French army returned from Italy and made a triumphal entry into Paris, the Emperor published an amnesty "to all Frenchmen imprisoned or in exile for political offences."



THE EMPEROR UNVEILING ITALIAN LIBERTY.

•• It was believed that the Emperor of the French had hopes of seating his cousin, Prince Jerome Napoleon, known in Paris by the contemptuous nick-name of "Plon-Plon," upon the throne of Italy.



BLONDIN OUTDONE.

* * Difficulties in America, Italy, China and India and the Reform Question at home made the task of Lord Palmerston's Government no light one.



THE OLD REAL REFORMER.

"THERE WAS NO STOPPING THE SLAVE-TRADE UNTIL I MADE IT *FELONY*, AND SO IT WILL BE WITH ELECTION BRIBERY."—
Lord Brougham at Bradford.

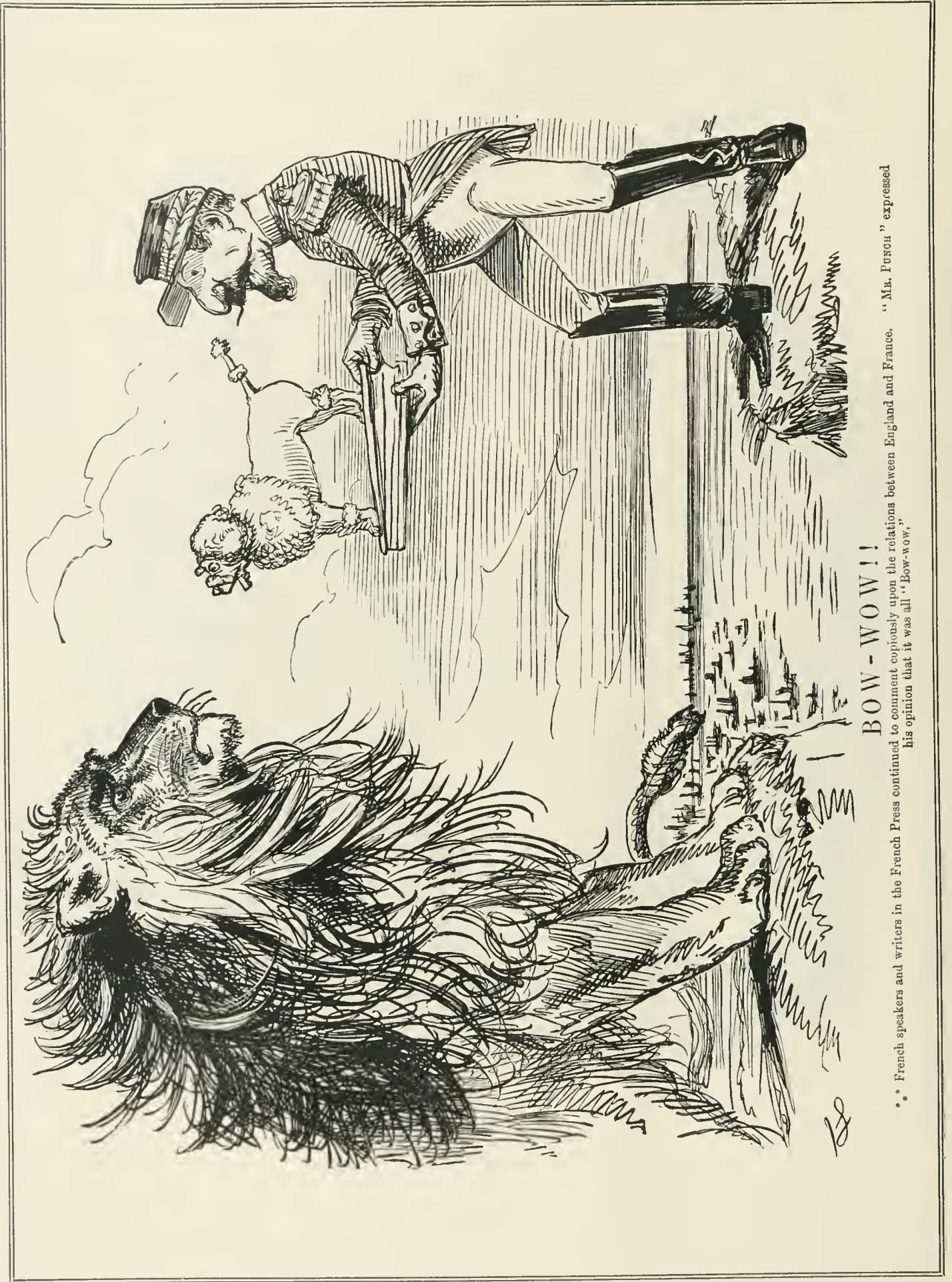
. The veteran reformer, Lord Brougham, in a speech at Bradford, strongly condemned the continued prevalence of bribery at Parliamentary elections.



WIDE AWAKE.

MR. BULL.—“INVASION, INDEED! THAT’S A GAME TWO CAN PLAY AT!—WHY, TO HEAR THESE POODLES TALK, ONE WOULD THINK MY BULL-DOG WAS DEAD!”

. There was much wild talk at this time about a French invasion of England. These vague war rumours had, however, the effect of stimulating the Volunteer movement, which was then in its infancy.



BOW-WOW!!

... French speakers and writers in the French Press continued to comment copiously upon the relations between England and France. "Mr. Fuxon" expressed his opinion that it was all "Bow-wow,"



BRITANNIA—THE UNPROTECTED FEMALE!!

∴ "Mr. PUNCH's" opinion of the invasion agitation was again admirably expressed in this cartoon.



SCENE FROM THE NEW PANTOMIME.

CLOWN (to Britannia, a Wealthy Lady).—"OH, IT'S ALL RIGHT! MY INTENTIONS ARE STRICTLY HONOURABLE!!"

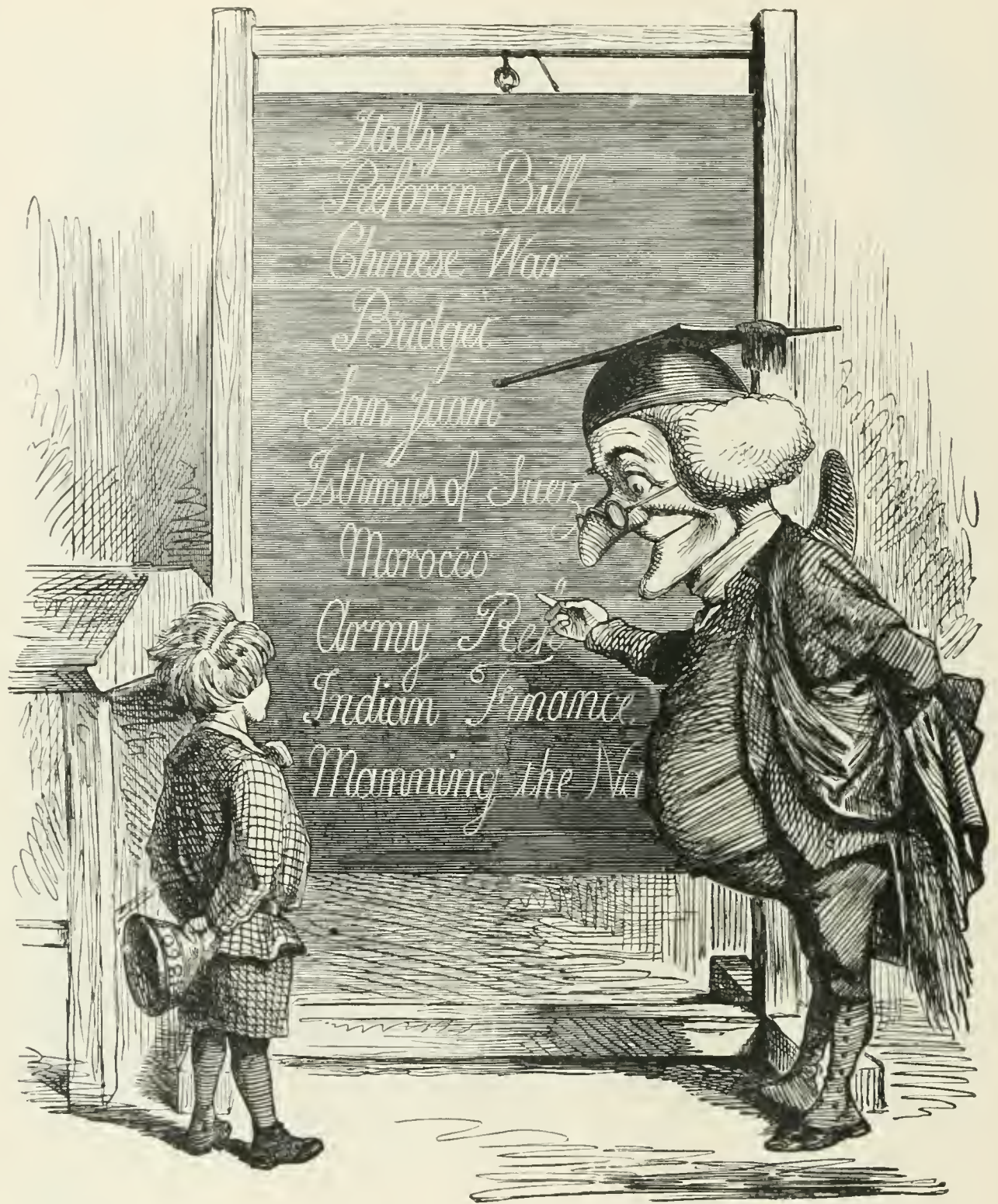
•• The French Government Press denied any intention on the part of the Emperor to annex Savoy and Nice to France. Subsequent events proved that "MR. PUNCH'S" anticipation of the French policy was right.



A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE YOUNG FRENCH PRINCE.

MR. PUNCH.—“THERE, MY DEAR, PUT AWAY THAT NASTY THING, AND PLANT THIS.”

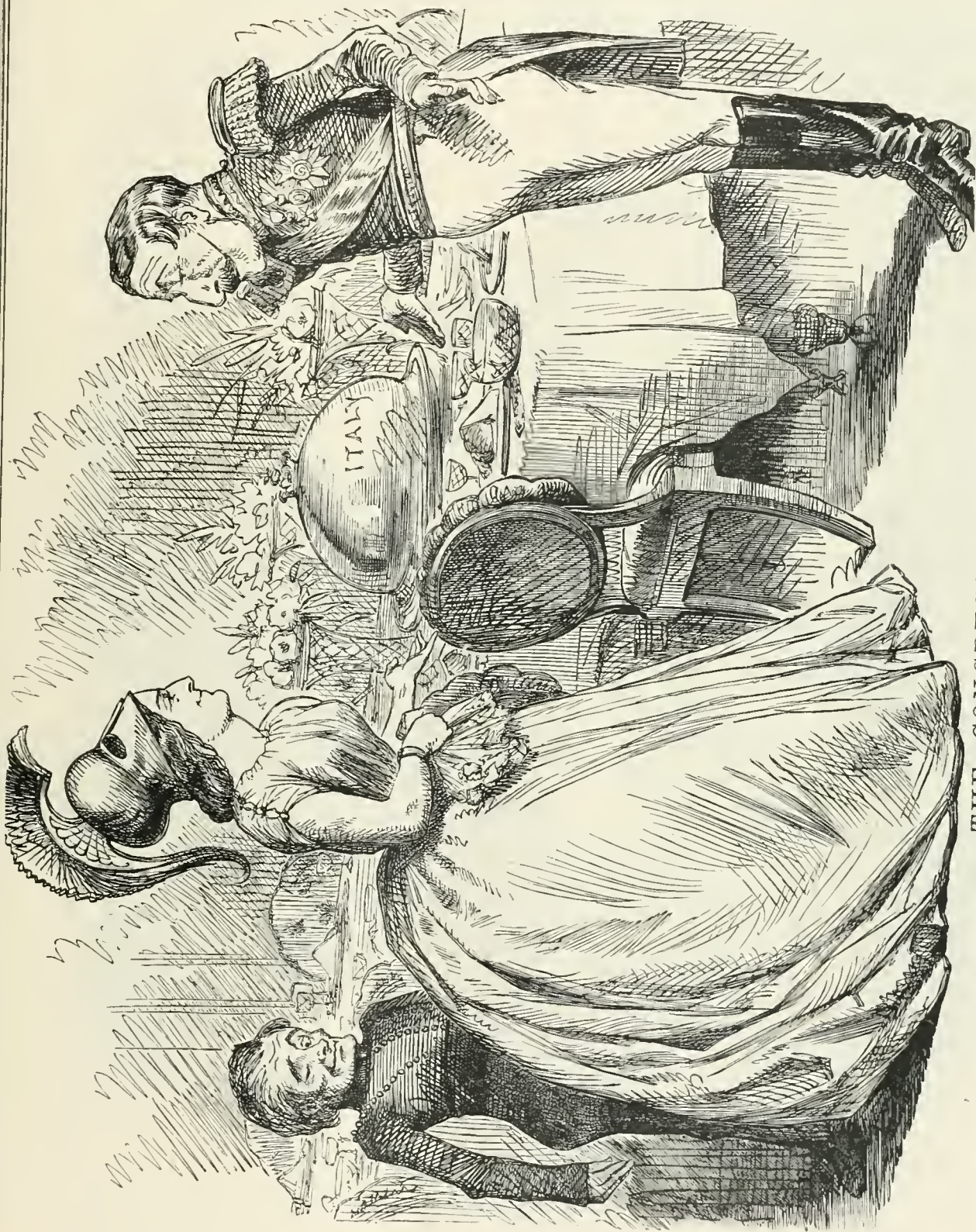
•• “MR. PUNCH” conveyed a seasonable suggestion to the French Emperor in representing himself as presenting a Tree of Liberty to the young Prince Imperial.



YOUNG 1860.

MR. PUNCH (to the New Year) — "THERE'S THE WORK BEFORE YOU, MY BOY."

. The problems to be faced by the Government at the commencement of 1860 were many and difficult.



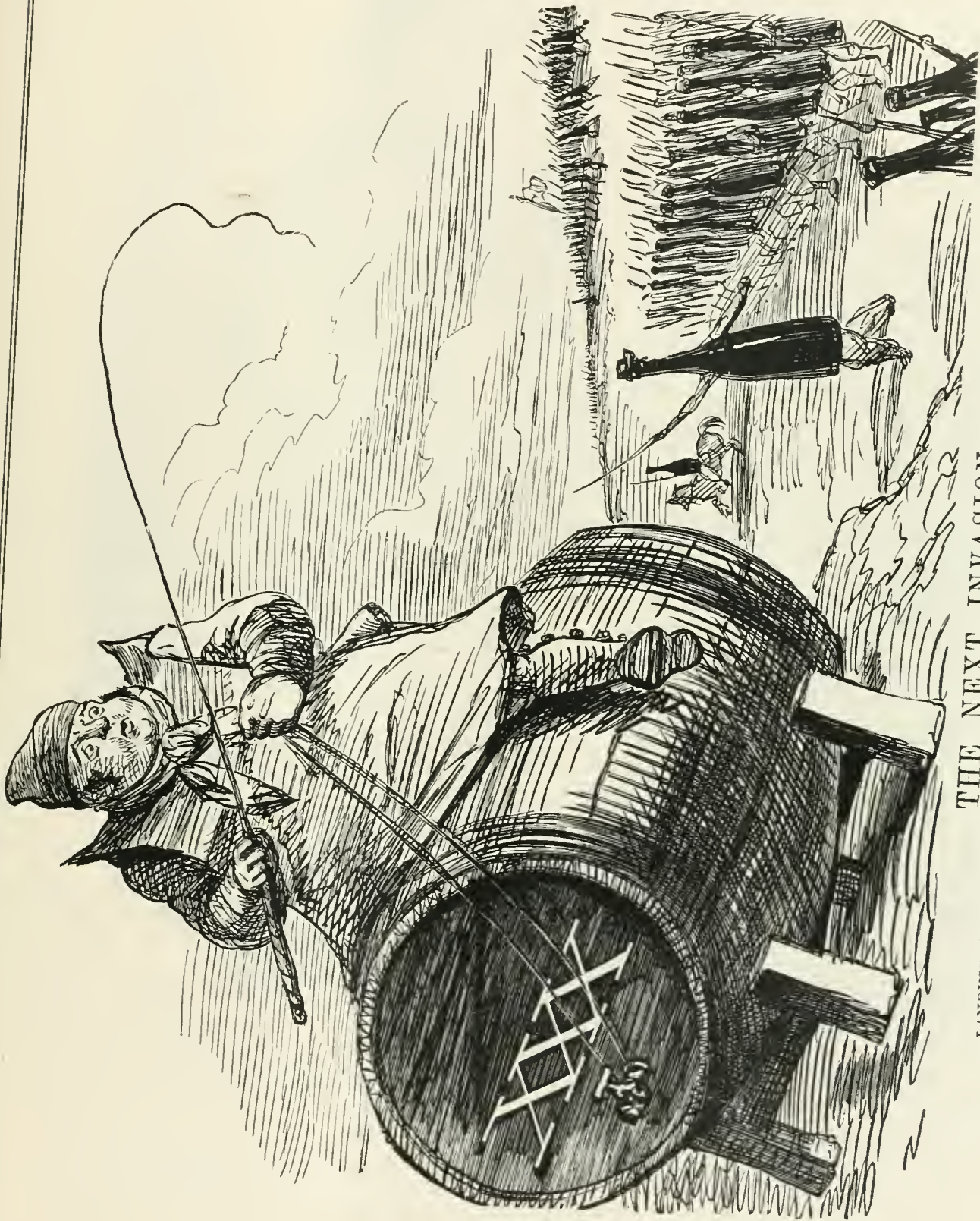
THE CONGRESS PARTY.

EMPEROR.—"I THINK WE HAVE WAITED FOR OUR OTHER FRIENDS LONG ENOUGH.—SUPPOSE WE BEGIN!"
** The Treaty of Zurich provided for a congress of the European Powers to consider the question of the pacification of Italy. Owing to disagreement on the part of several of the Powers the scheme had ultimately to be abandoned.



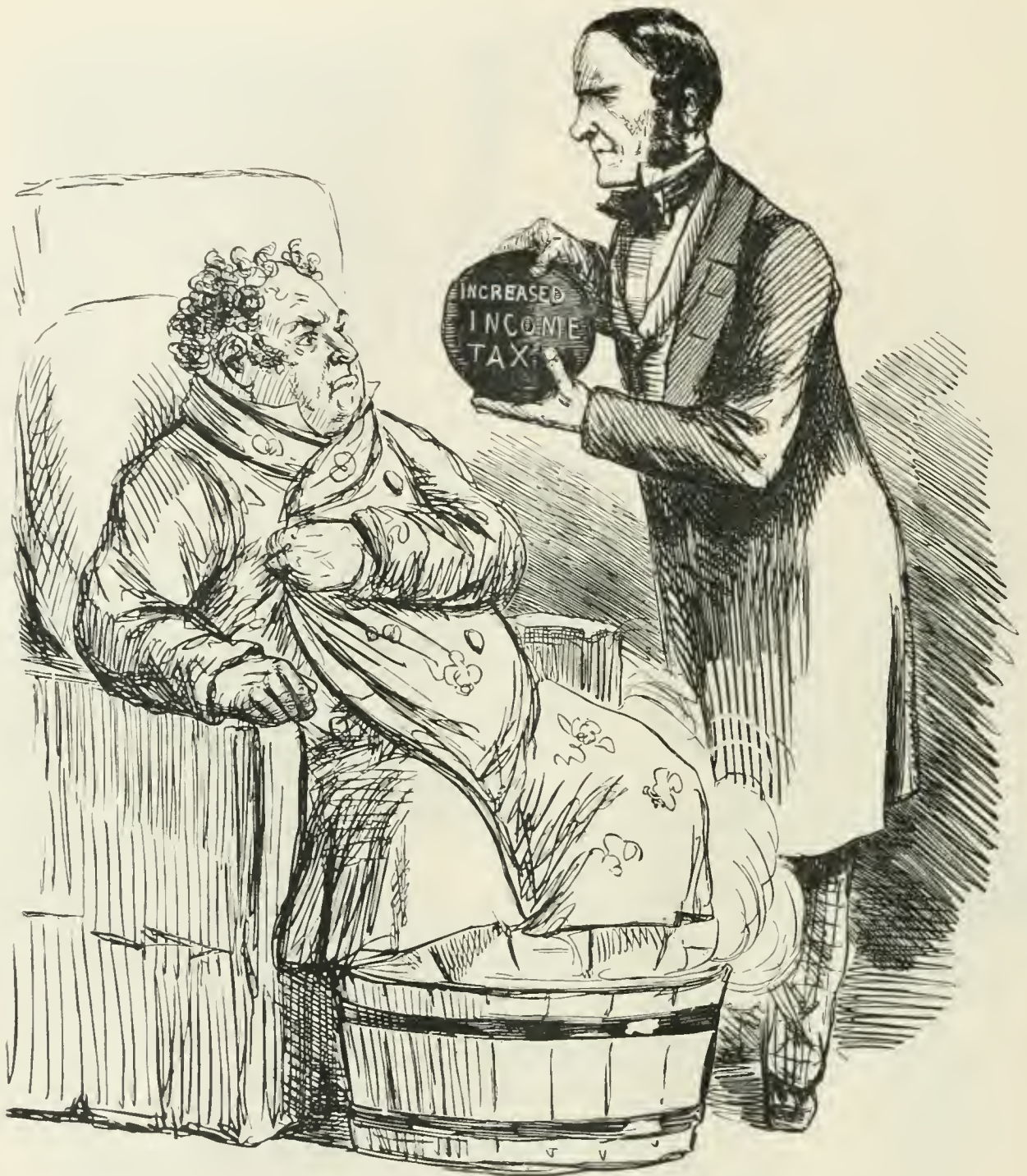
DAME COBDEN'S NEW PUPIL.

•• Mr. Cobden was appointed Plenipotentiary to negotiate a Treaty of Commerce with France. The Emperor had lately intimated his intention to remove many of the existing restrictions on French commerce. The Treaty was ultimately signed at Paris.



THE NEXT INVASION.

.. Under the new Treaty of Commerce French wines were admitted into England on cheaper terms, and it was expected they would come into much more general use.



THE GLADSTONE PILL.

DR. GL-DST-NE.—“THERE, MR. BULL—SWALLOW IT AT ONCE, AND IT WILL RELIEVE YOUR CHEST DIRECTLY.”

* * * Mr. Gladstone introduced his Budget, which included a further increase to the Income Tax.



THE OLD NEWS BOY.

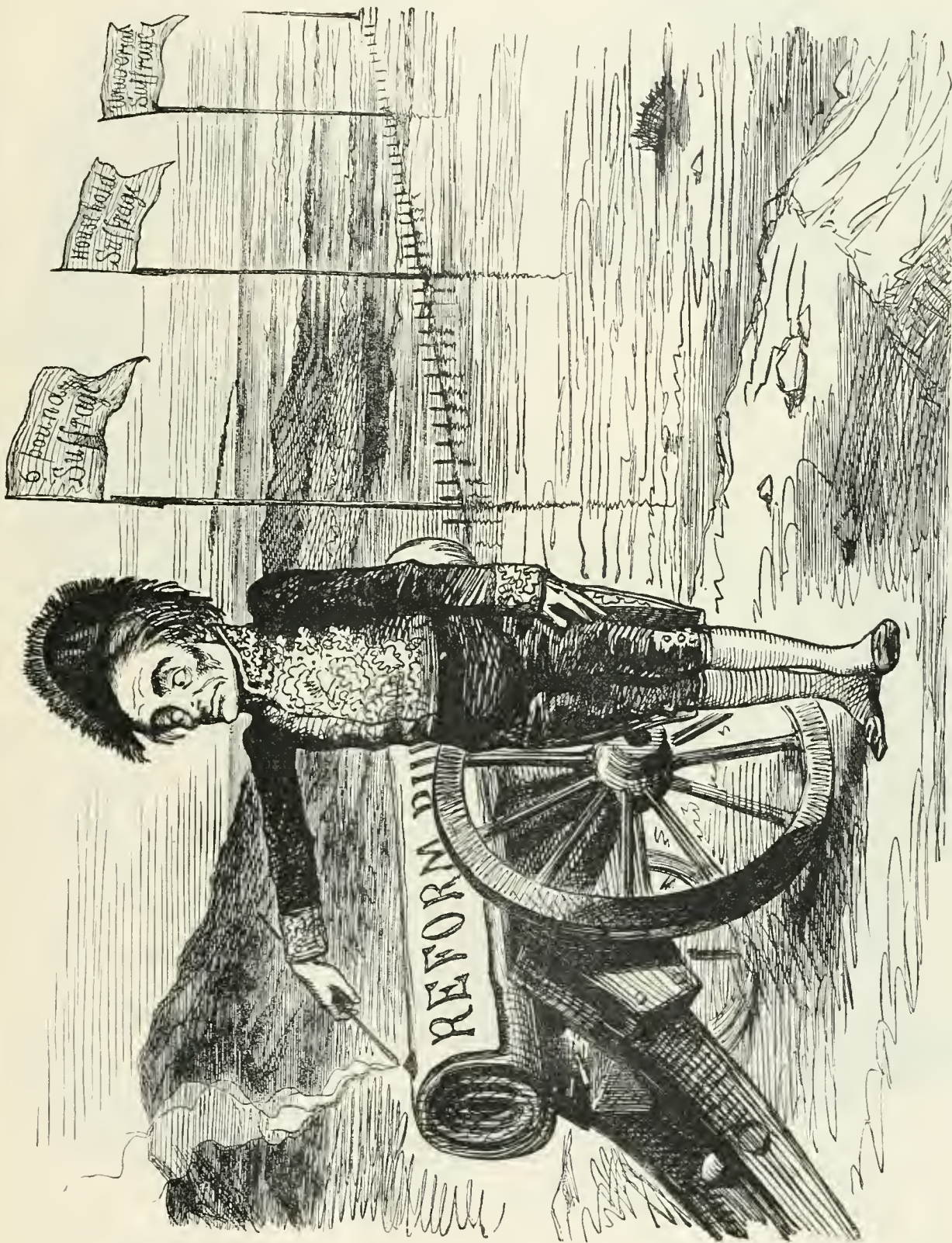
BOY.—"SECOND EDI—TI—ON! REFORM BILL!"

•• Lord John Russell introduced his New Reform Bill, which proved to be an unsatisfactory and feeble measure. It was ultimately abandoned after the second reading.



AN UNCOMMONLY CIVIL WAR.

MR. BULL. — "ALLOW ME, MY DEAR EMPEROR, TO INTRODUCE TO YOUR NOTICE THESE BEAUTIFUL DIAMONDS!"
EMPEROR. "AND LET ME, CHER M. BULL, OFFER YOU A GLASS OF THIS EXCELLENT LIGHT WINE!" — (N.B. — We know who has the best of it.)
* * * Cheaper French wines in England and the free exportation of coal into France were prominent features of the new Treaty of Commerce between the two countries.



THE NEW RUSSELL SIX-POUNDER.

•• Lord John Russell's Reform Bill provided for a reduction of the borough franchise to £6, thus increasing the number of voters by nearly 200,000.



AN UP-HILL JOB.

MR. POLICEMAN PUNCH (*compassionately*).—"Now, LITTLE 'UN, DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SHOVE THAT PERAMBULATOR UP THEM STEPS?"

. Lord John Russell was unable to carry his Reform Bill and it was ultimately abandoned.



MUNBO JUMBO.

•• The annexation by France of Savoy, with the consent of the King of Sardinia, caused the Pope to pronounce excommunication against the invaders and usurpers of certain Provinces in the Pontifical States, with the result that no one was frightened.



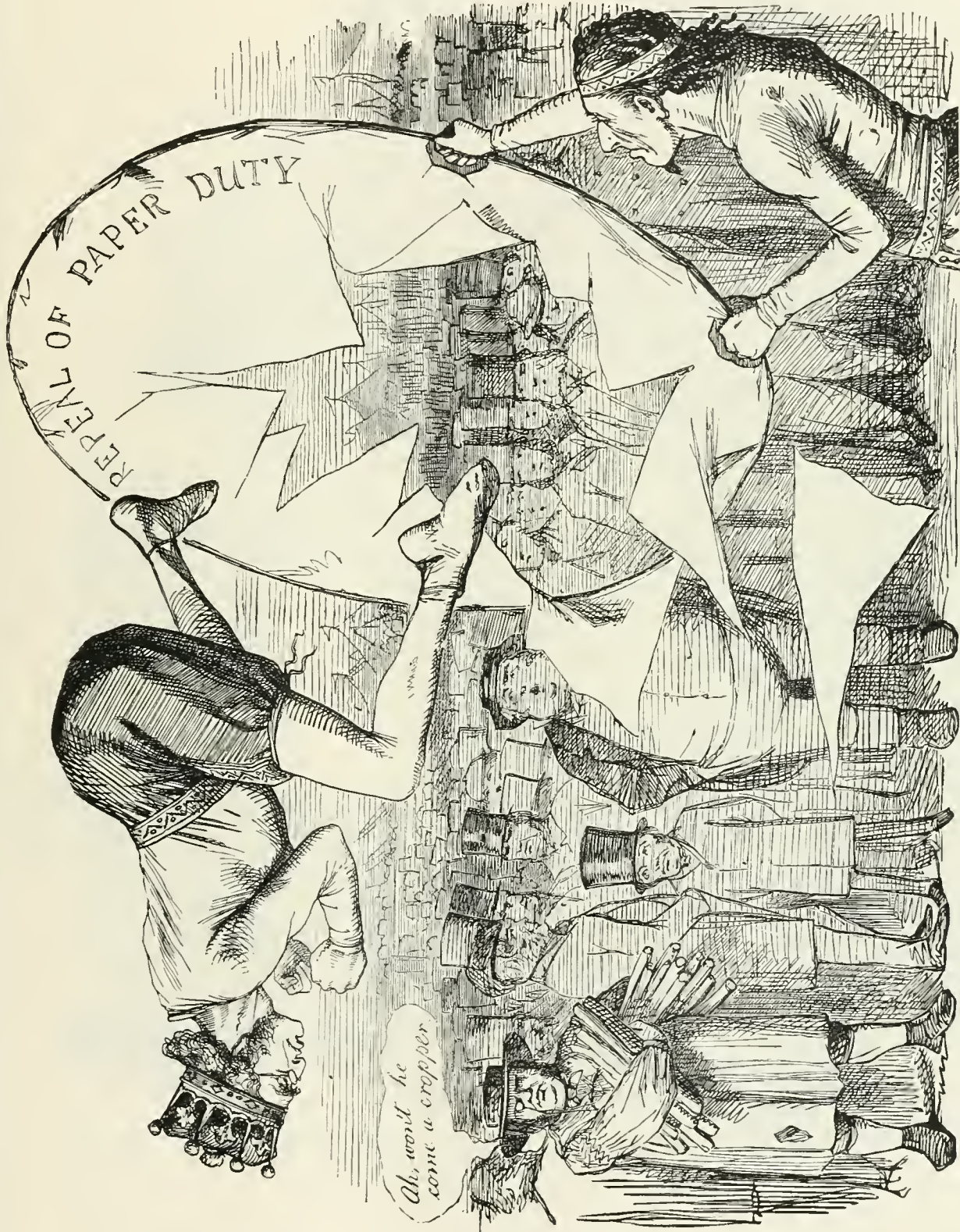
Just the thing you want my dear Bright: double your constituency!

Pray don't be alarmed! - It only adds one per cent to the franchise!

REFORM BILL

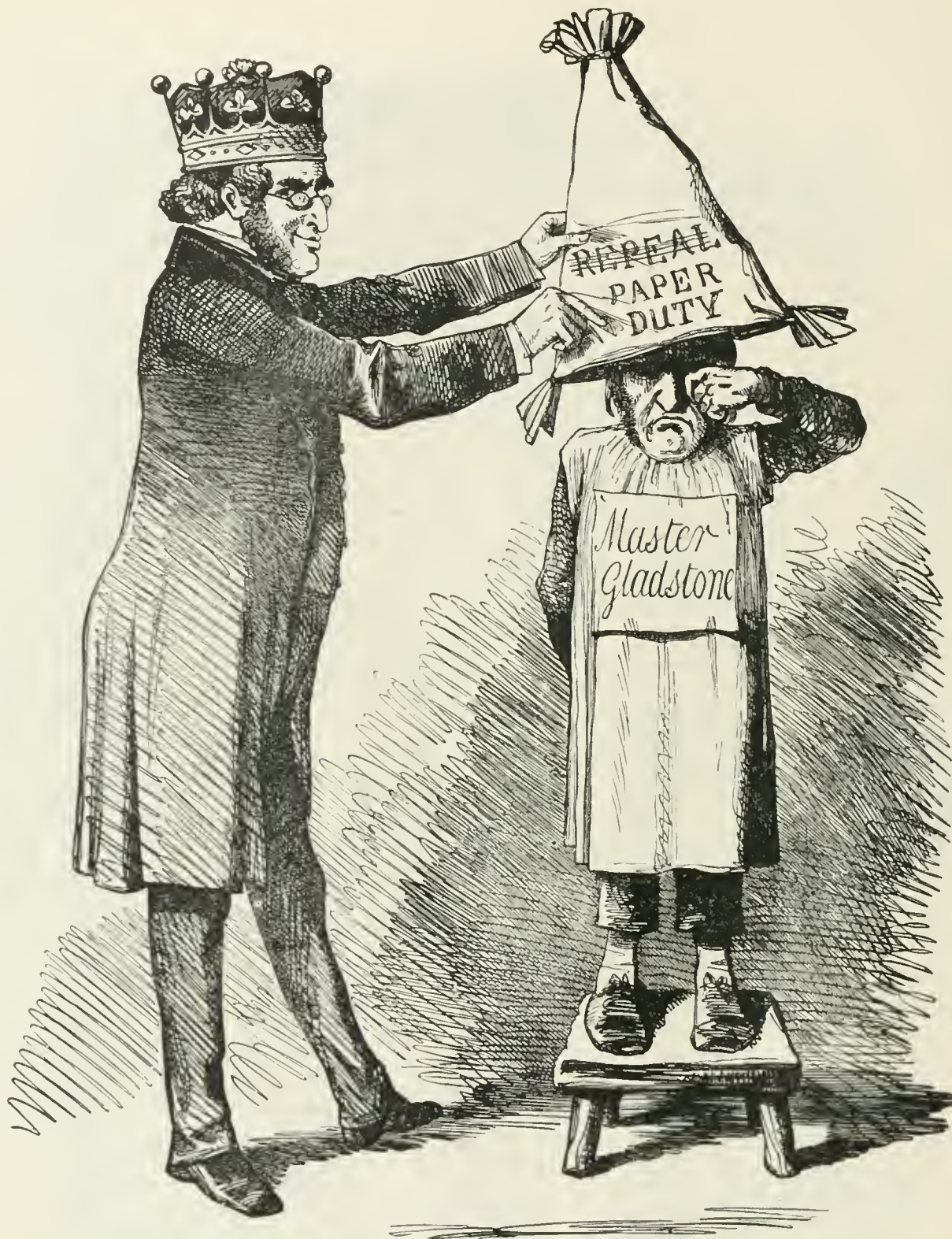
THE REFORM JANUS.

•• Lord John Russell's Reform Bill satisfied neither the earnest advocates nor the vehement opponents of Reform.



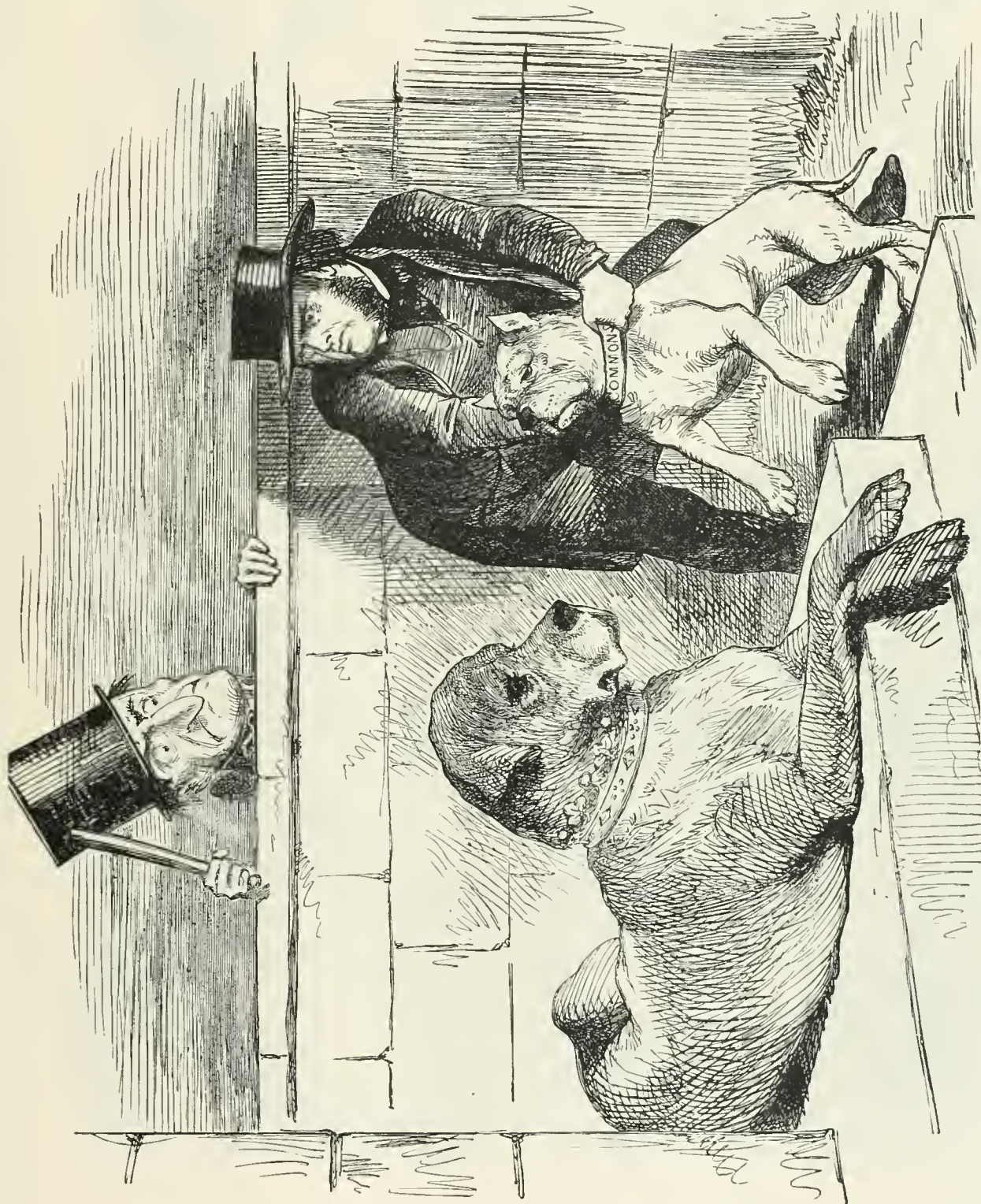
A DERBY COURSE INCIDENT.

•• The House of Lords having threatened to reject the proposal of the Government to repeal the Paper Duty, a public meeting was held to protest against such action, Mr. Bright being the leading speaker.



THE PAPER CAP.

•• The House of Lords rejected the proposal to repeal the Paper Duty, which formed a part of Mr. Gladstone's Budget. Much indignation was aroused amongst the more advanced Liberals.



BRIGHT THE PEACE-MAKER.

.. In consequence of the rejection of the proposal to repeal the Paper Duty, Mr. Bright fulminated very vehemently against the privileges and prejudices of the House of Lords.



GARIBALDI THE LIBERATOR ;

OR, THE MODERN PERSEUS.

. Sicily was suffering under the despotic rule of "Bomba Junior"—King Francis the Second. Garibaldi came to her rescue and drove out the tyrant.



BEST REST FOR THE QUEEN'S RIFLE.

•• The Queen fired the first shot at the first meeting of the National Rifle Association, which was held at Wimbledon.



“SEE THE CONQUERING HERO COMES.”

•• Sir Colin Campbell, afterwards Lord Clyde, on his return from India, after suppressing the Mutiny, was enthusiastically welcomed by England.



INJURED INNOCENCE AND HIS BILLET-DOO.

•• The Emperor of the French, writing to M. Persigny, the French Ambassador in England, declared that his one thought was "peace." His pacific assurances were not, however, received in England with implicit confidence.

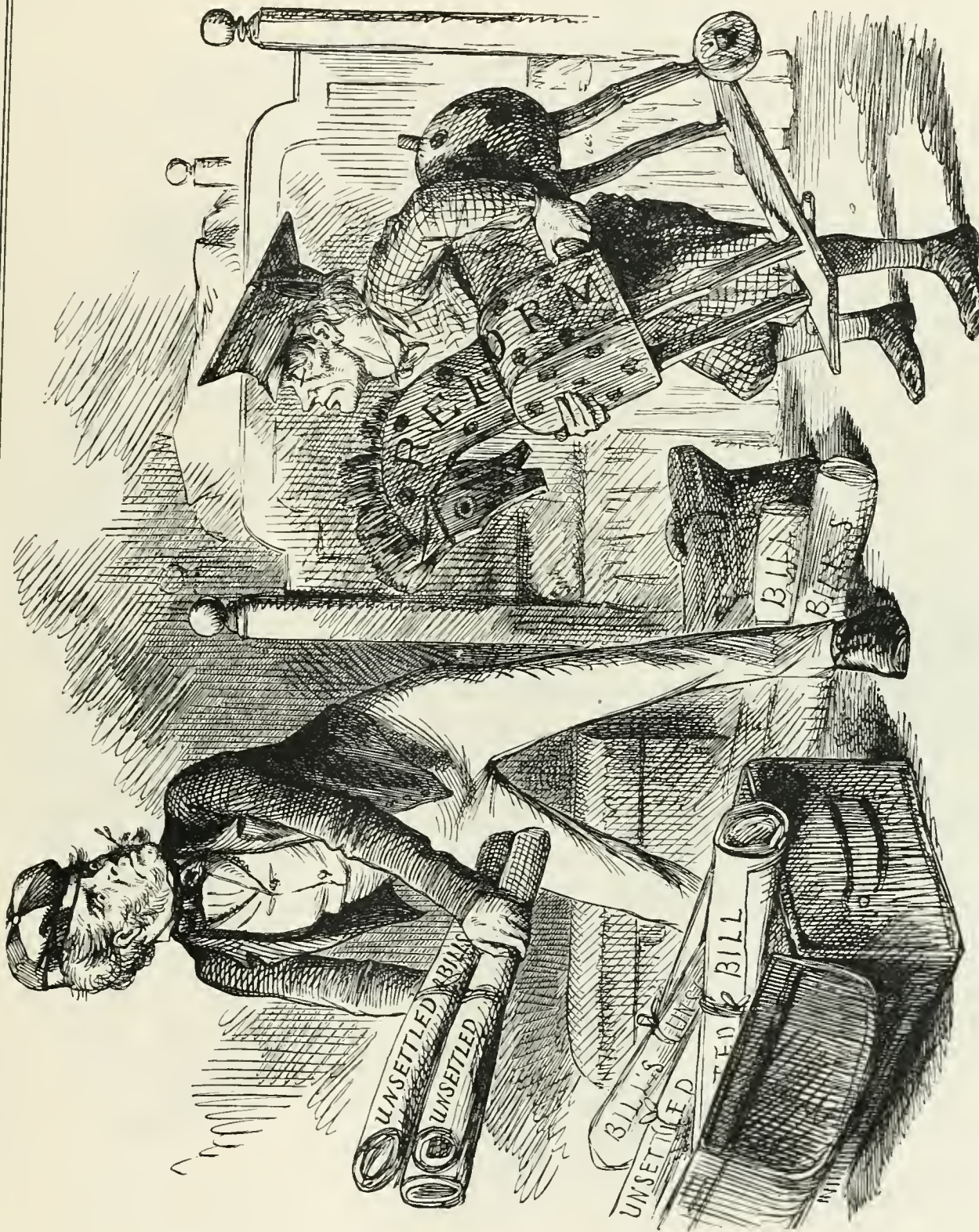


RETRIBUTION, OR THE GREENWICH DINNER.

LORD JOHN RUSSELL.—“THIS CAN'T BE WHITEBAIT?”

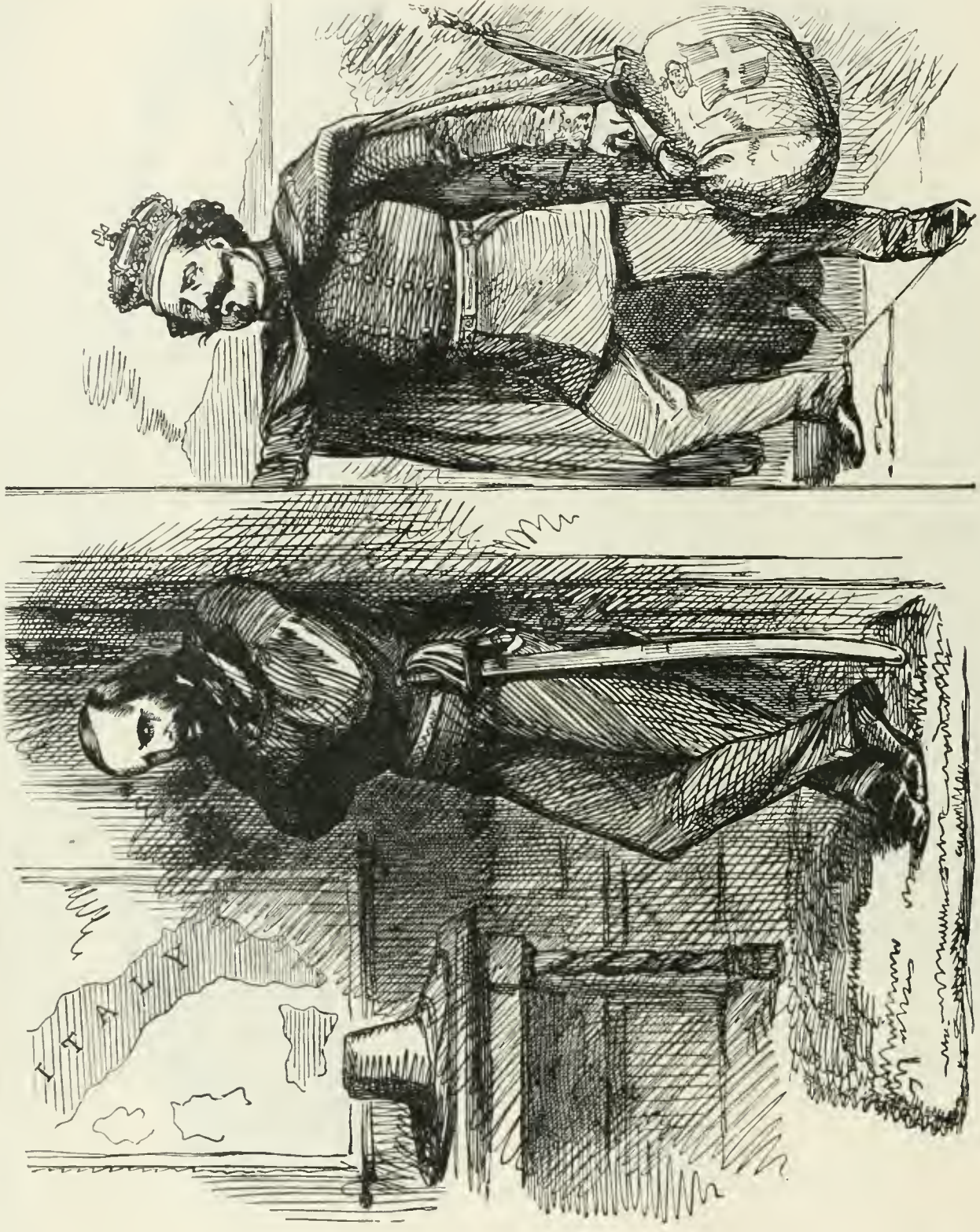
LORD PALMERSTON.—“OH, YES! YOU WOULD MAKE IT SO LATE IN THE SEASON.”

•• The Session was very prolonged and the Ministerial whitebait dinner at Greenwich was held much later than usual.



PACKING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

MASTER JOHN RUSSELL, — "PLEASE, PAM, FIND ROOM FOR THIS."
MASTER PAM (*the Big Boy of the School*). — "NO CERTAINLY NOT. YOU MUST LEAVE THAT OLD HOBBY OF YOURS BEHIND."
** One thing at any rate had been settled during the Session just closed, and that was Lord John Russell's Reform Bill.



THE MAN IN POSSESSION.

V-R E-M-L.—“I WONDER WHEN HE WILL OPEN THE DOOR.”
•• Garibaldi constituted himself Dictator in Naples on the 8th September, and, on the following day, Victor Emanuel was proclaimed King of Italy—but two months elapsed before the new King actually entered Naples.



THE FRIEND IN NEED.

EMP. NAP.—“THERE—THERE! CUT AWAY QUIETLY AND LEAVE ME YOUR KEYS! KEEP UP YOUR SPIRITS AND I’LL LOOK AFTER YOUR LITTLE TEMPORAL MATTERS!”

* * * The Pope, threatened by the King of Sardinia with invasion unless his mercenary troops were disbanded, indignantly protested, and the Emperor Napoleon promised that he would oppose “such culpable aggression into the Pontifical territories.”



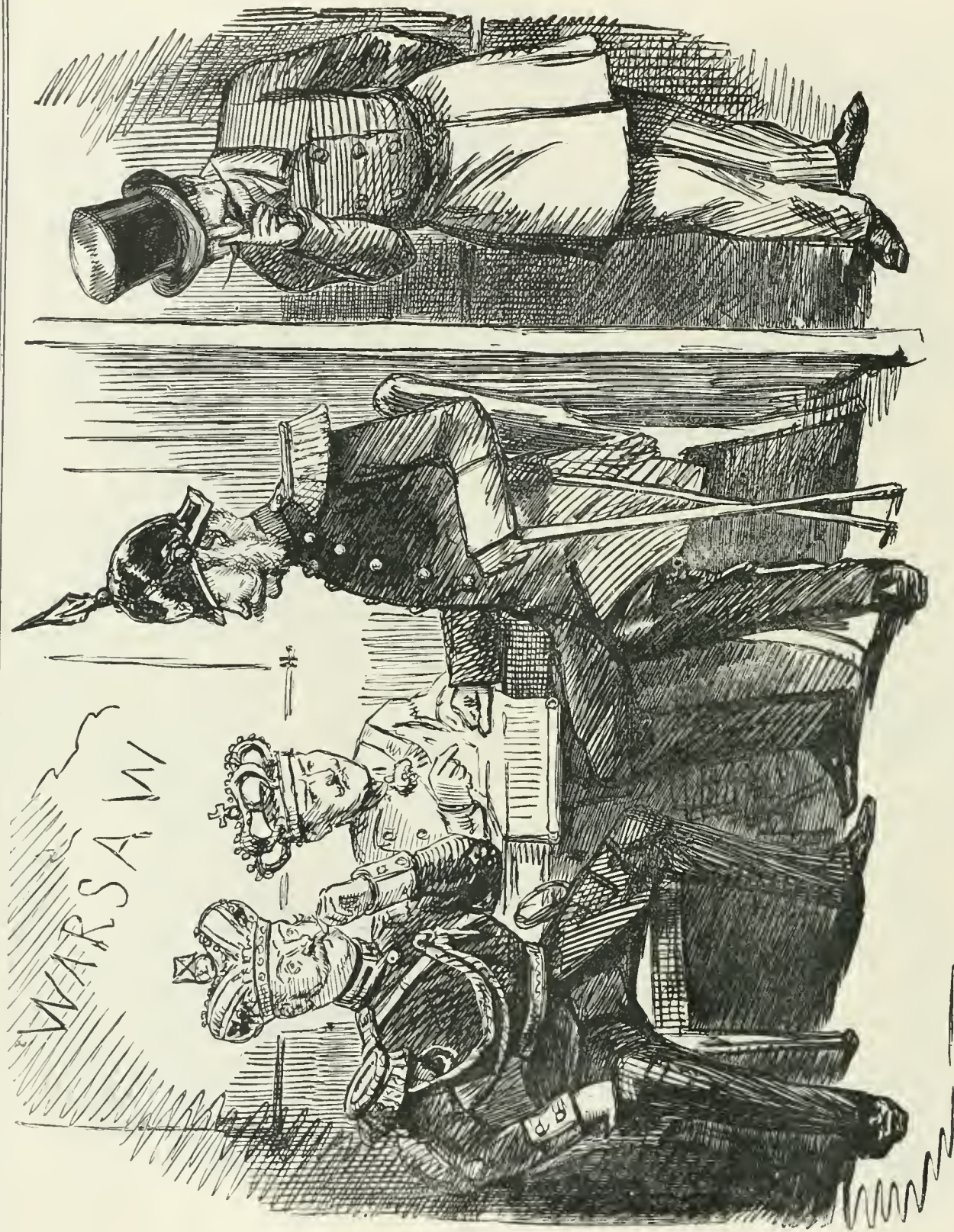
THE NEXT DANCE!

LORD PUNCH.—“Now, my boy! there's your pretty cousin Columbia—you don't get such a partner as that every day!”
... The Prince of Wales was at this time paying a visit to the United States.



THE RUB.

* * Victor Emanuel having crossed the frontier into the Abruzzi at the head of his army, a memorable meeting took place between him and Garibaldi, at which the latter hailed him as "King of Italy."



THE WARSAW CONFERENCE.

LOUIS NAP. (*A Detective in Plain Clothes*).—"OH! YOU'RE UP TO A NICE GAME; BUT I'VE GOT MY EYE ON YOU!"
** A meeting of the Emperors of Russia and Germany took place at Warsaw, which gave rise to considerable conjecture.



RIGHT LEG IN THE BOOT AT LAST.

GARIBALDI.—“IF IT WON'T GO ON, SIRE, TRY A LITTLE MORE POWDER.”

. Having accomplished his task and given Italy to Victor Emanuel, Garibaldi left Naples and retired to his quiet home in Caprera.



NEW ELGIN MARBLES.

ELGIN TO EMPEROR — "COME, KNUCKLE DOWN! NO CHEATING THIS TIME!"

•• Lord Elgin, having occupied Peking with English and French forces, compelled the Chinese Emperor to pay the indemnity due for the last war.



A FRIENDLY VISIT.

ENGLAND.—“HOW FRIENDLY! WHY DON'T YOUR HUSBAND CALL IN THIS QUIET WAY?”

•• The Empress Eugénie of France paid a friendly visit to Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle.



A SENSIBLE MOVE.

EMP.—“THERE, M'SIEUR BOOL! NO MORE NONSENSE ABOUT PASSPORTS. HERE'S A LATCH-KEY, AND COME AND GO WHEN YOU LIKE!”

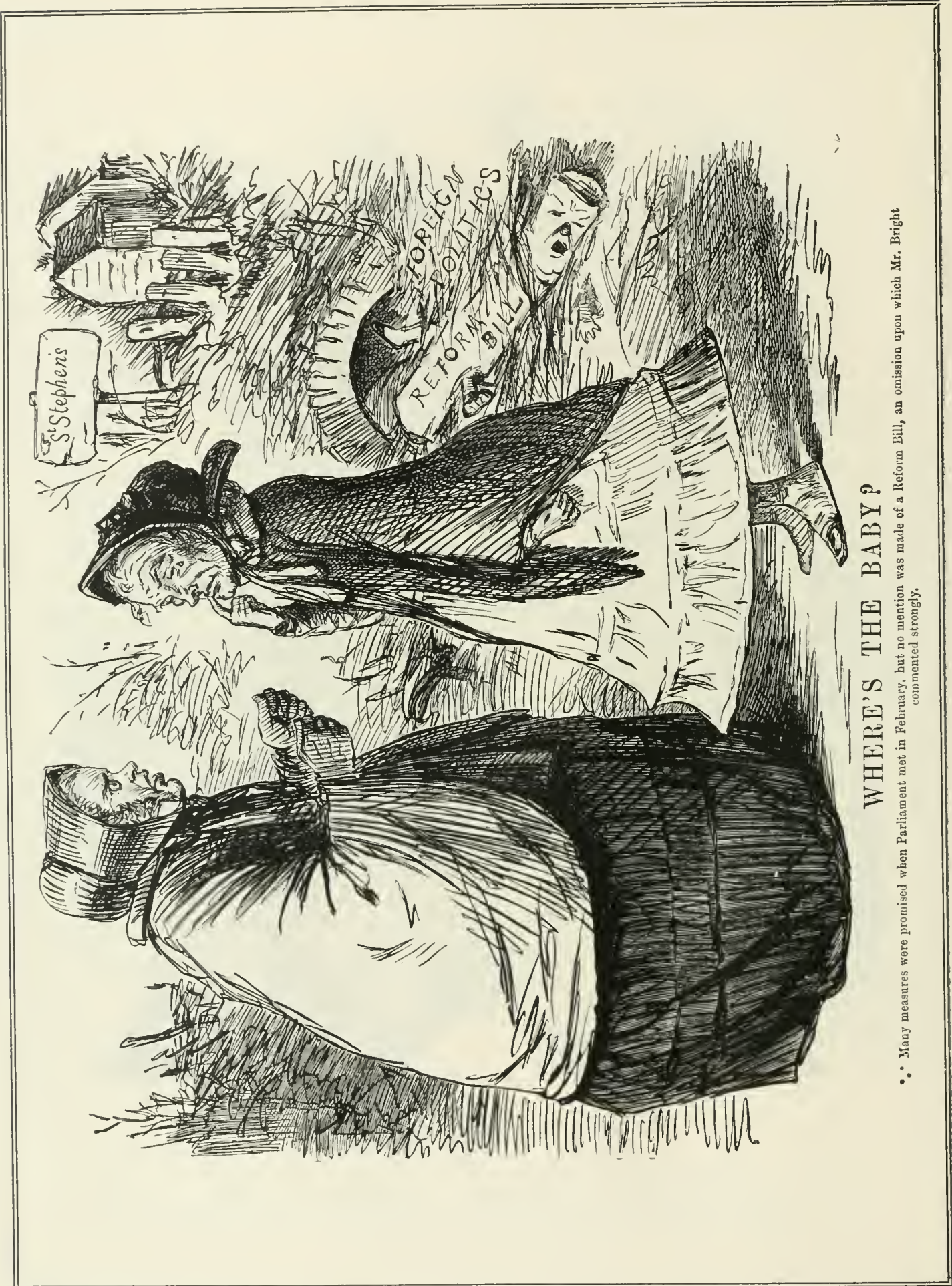
*. It was announced that the subjects of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland coming into France would be admitted to “circulate on the territory of the Empire without passports.”



DIVORCE À VINCULO.

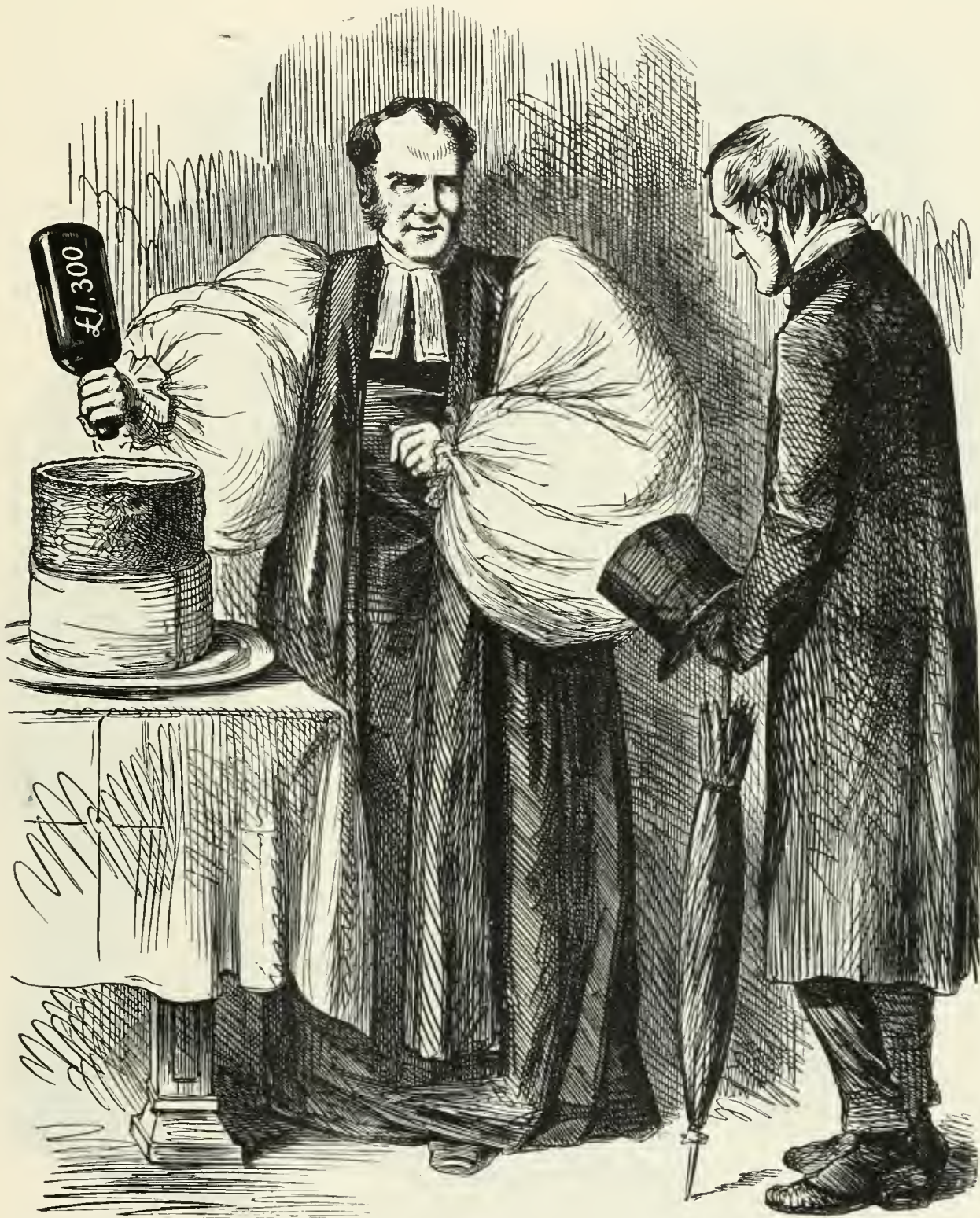
MRS. CAROLINA ASSERTS HER RIGHT TO "LARRUP" HER NIGGER.

*• South Carolina seceded from the United States and her example was quickly followed by other States.



WHERE'S THE BABY?

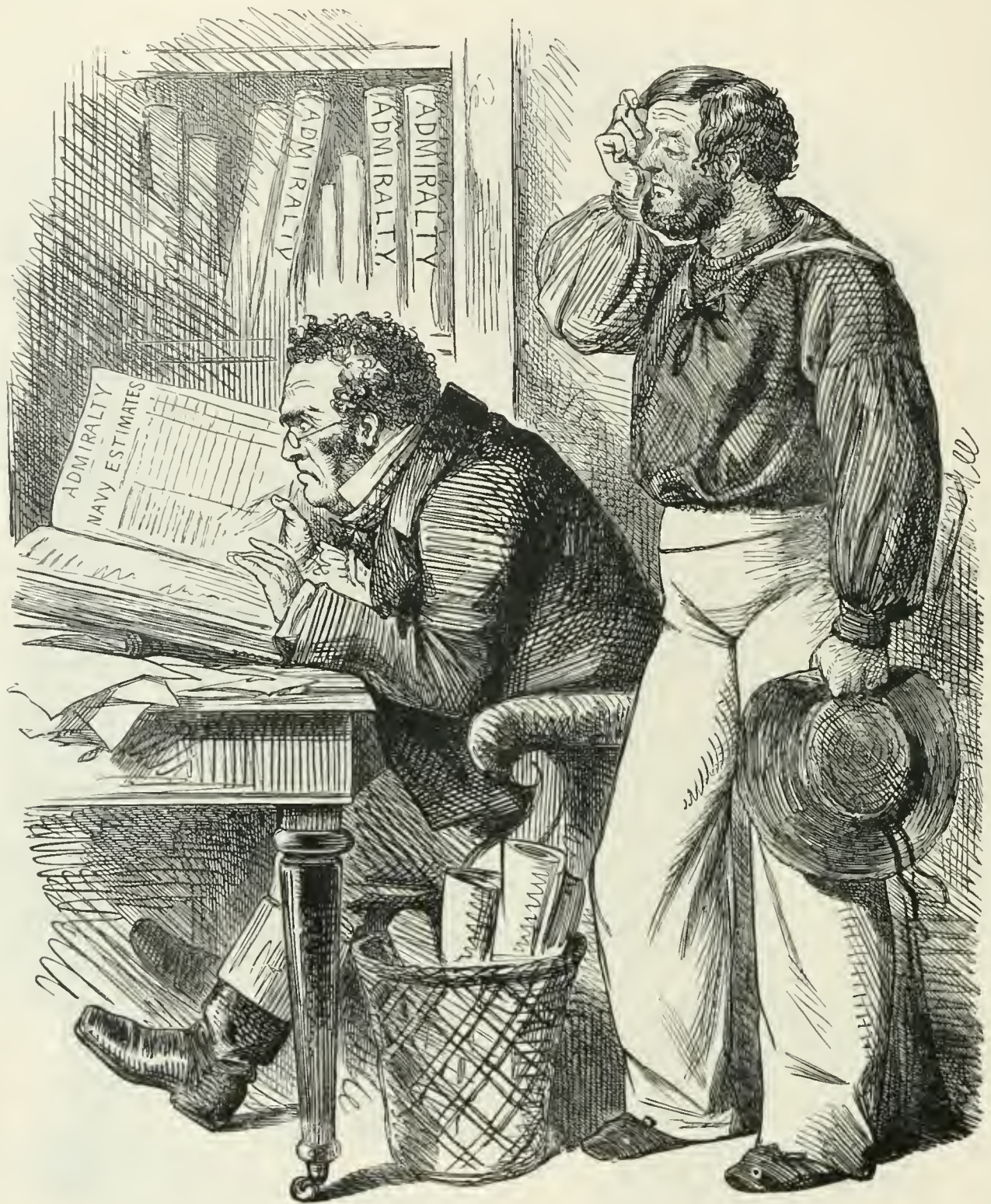
•• Many measures were promised when Parliament met in February, but no mention was made of a Reform Bill, an omission upon which Mr. Bright commented strongly.



THE DURHAM CHEESE.

BISHOP (to Nedy Clergyman).—"I AM EXCEEDINGLY SORRY, DEAR BROTHER IN THE CHURCH, BUT YOU SEE I HAVE NOT A DROP LEFT FOR YOU. I HAVE POURED IT ALL INTO MY CHEESE."

. The Bishop of Durham had lately appointed his son-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Cheese, to a living worth £1,300 a year.



JACK'S "NAVY ESTIMATE."

MR. BULL.—"DEAR, BLESS ME! WHAT A PRICE I PAY FOR MY NAVY!"

JACK.—"AX PARDON, YER 'ONOUR, TAIN'T ALONG O' WE FIGHTIN' BEGGARS, IT'S THEM THINKIN' BEGGARS."

•• The Navy Estimates and the state of the Admiralty were the subject of much discussion. Exception was taken to the high salaries of some of the officials.



“BEGGAR MY NEIGHBOUR.”

P.A.M.—“IS NOT YOUR MAJESTY TIRED OF THIS FOOLISH GAME?”
 * * The Emperor Napoleon was making great additions to the French Navy, provoking a corresponding increase on the part of Great Britain.



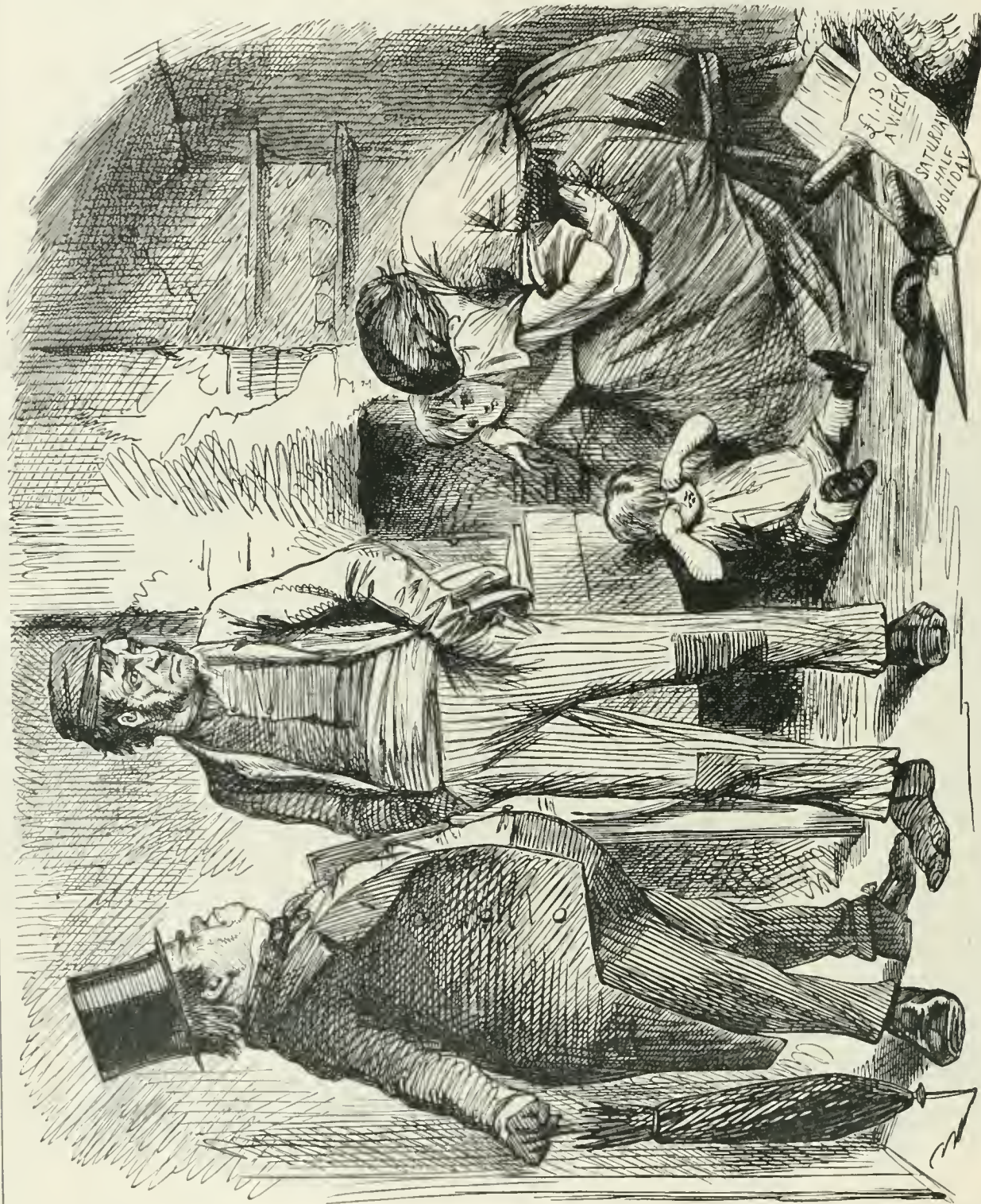
THE LATEST ARRIVAL.

“The Sardinian Ambassador was recognised by Lord John Russell on behalf of the Queen as ‘Envoy of Victor Emmanuel II., King of Italy.’”



PAPAL ALLOCATION.—SNUFFING OUT MODERN CIVILISATION.

•• Pope Pius the Ninth issued an Allocation condemning without reserve all aspirations for reform at home and abroad.



THE BRITISH SLAVE.

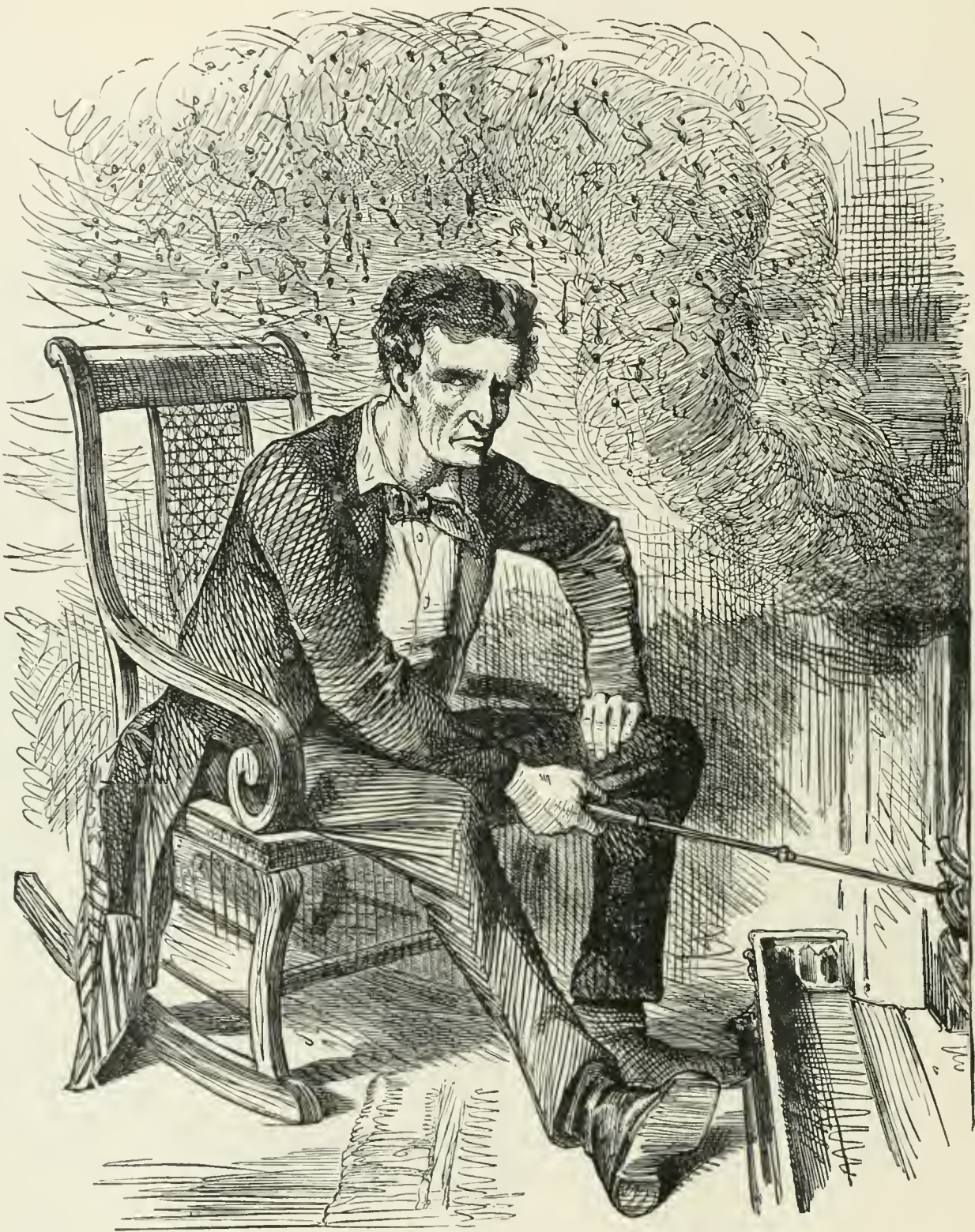
DISINTERESTED DELEGATE.—“WANT TO GO TO WORK, DO YER? GOIN’ TO OIVE IN, ARE YER? NOT IF I KNOW IT.”
• • • “Mr. PUNCH” suggested that it was to the interest of the well-paid delegate to keep the British workman on strike.



MASTER BULL AND HIS DENTIST.

DENTIST.—“DON'T CRY, MY LITTLE MAN! I'M NOT GOING TO DRAW ANY MORE THIS TIME, AND THERE'S A PENNY FOR YOU!”

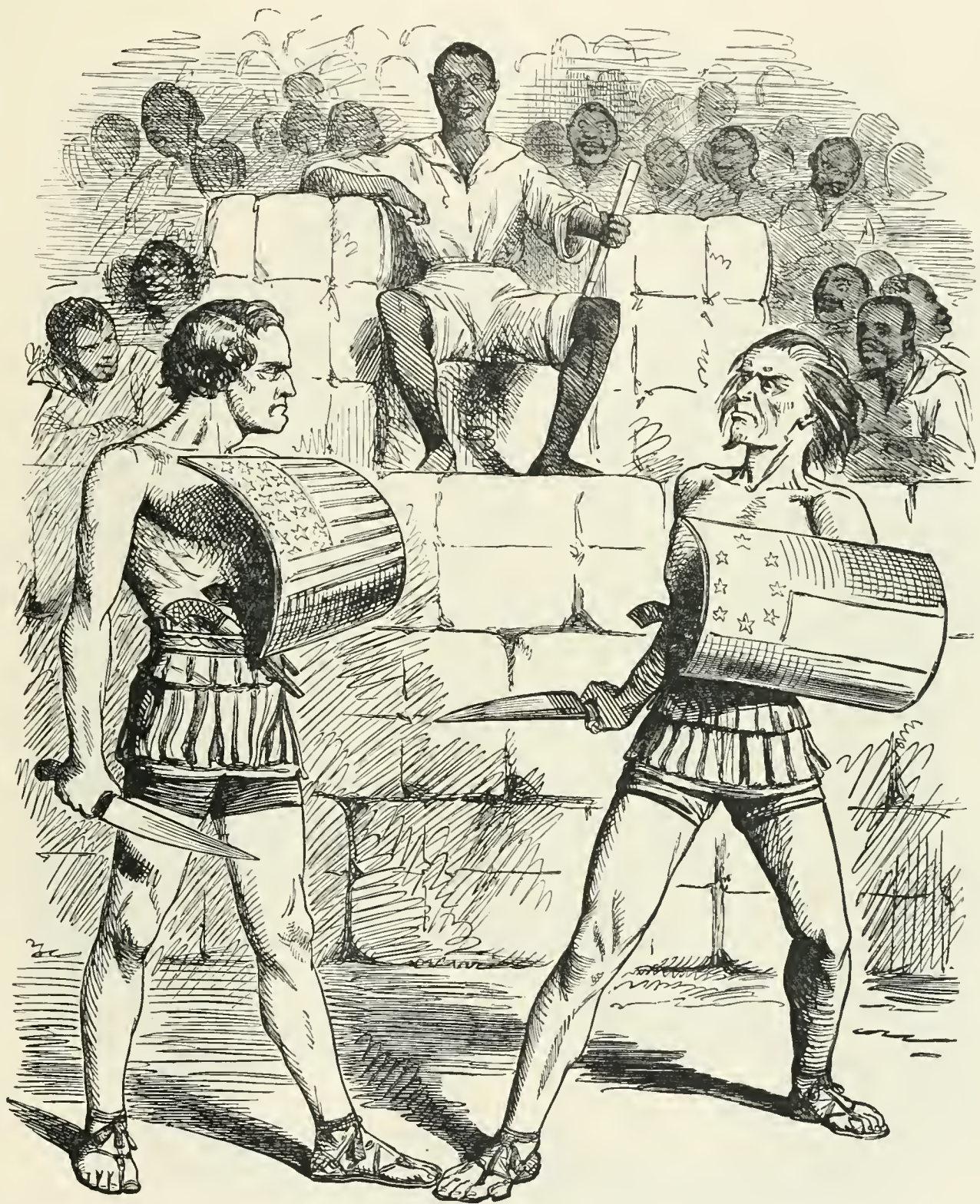
. A gratifying feature of the Budget introduced by Mr. Gladstone was the reduction of a penny on the Income Tax.



THE AMERICAN DIFFICULTY.

PRESIDENT ABE.—“WHAT A NICE WHITE HOUSE THIS WOULD BE, IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE BLACKS!”

•• The breach between North and South in America was becoming wider. President Lincoln, by proclamation, called out 42,000 volunteers to serve the United States and largely increased the Army and Navy.



“ CÆSAR IMPERATOR ! ”

OR, THE AMERICAN GLADIATORS.

. A state of civil war prevailed in America. It was announced in England that the Southern Confederacy must be recognised as a belligerent Power.



THE LION OF THE SEASON.

ALARMED FLUNKY.—“MR. G-G-G-O-O-O-RILLA!”

♦♦ A book on African travel by M. du Chaillu had drawn attention to the Gorilla, at that time little known. The man monkey was, in fact, the talk of the town.



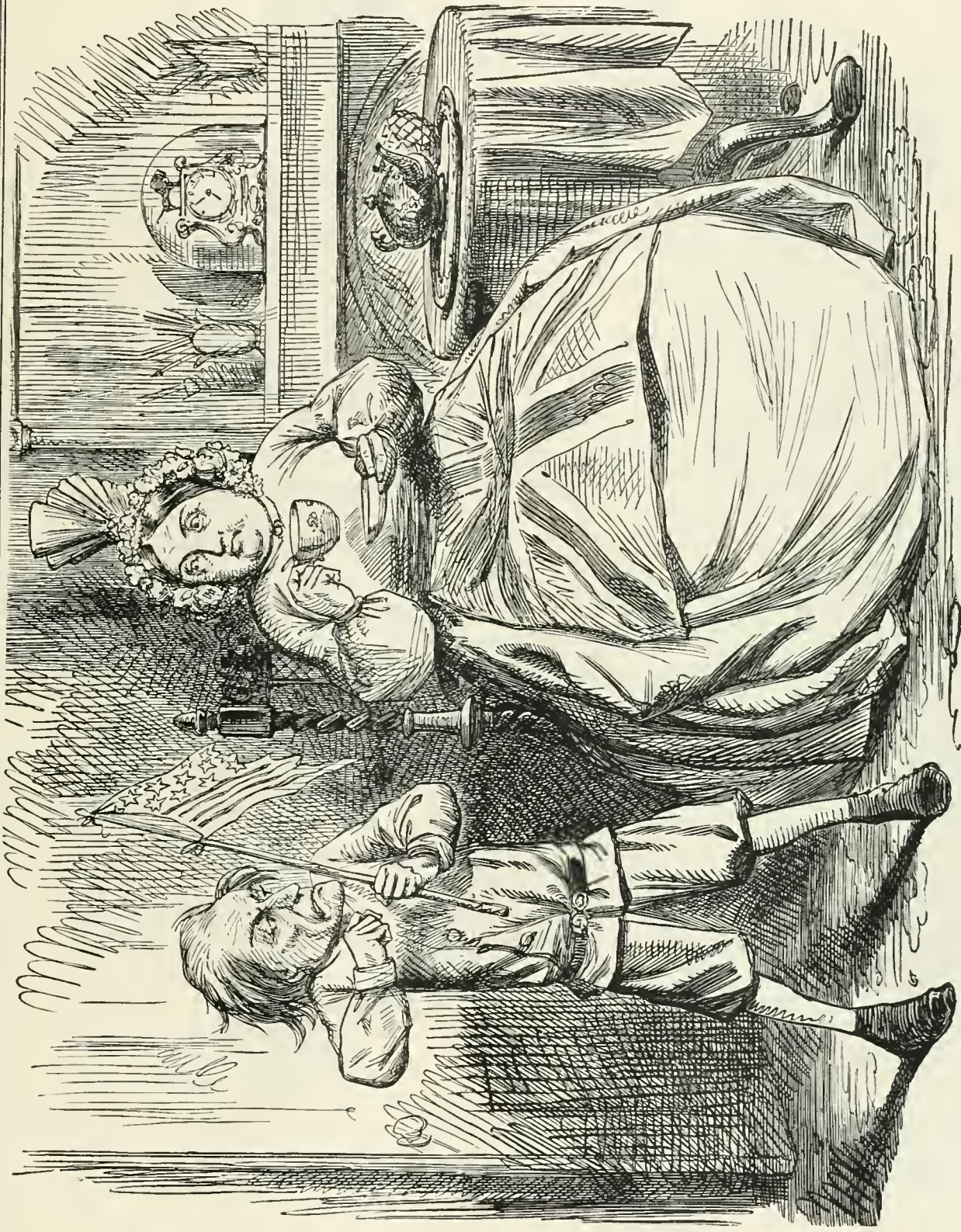
A DERBY SPILL.

* * Mr. Disraeli had endeavoured to put the Government in a minority over the Paper Duty Abolition Bill, but without success. Although strenuously opposed the Bill passed the Commons.



CHURCH RATE.—MR. SPEAKER THROWS HIS WIG INTO THE SCALE.

∴ The Bill for the Abolition of Church Rates, after a close contest, was lost on the third reading, the Speaker giving the casting vote against the Bill.



NAUGHTY JONATHAN.

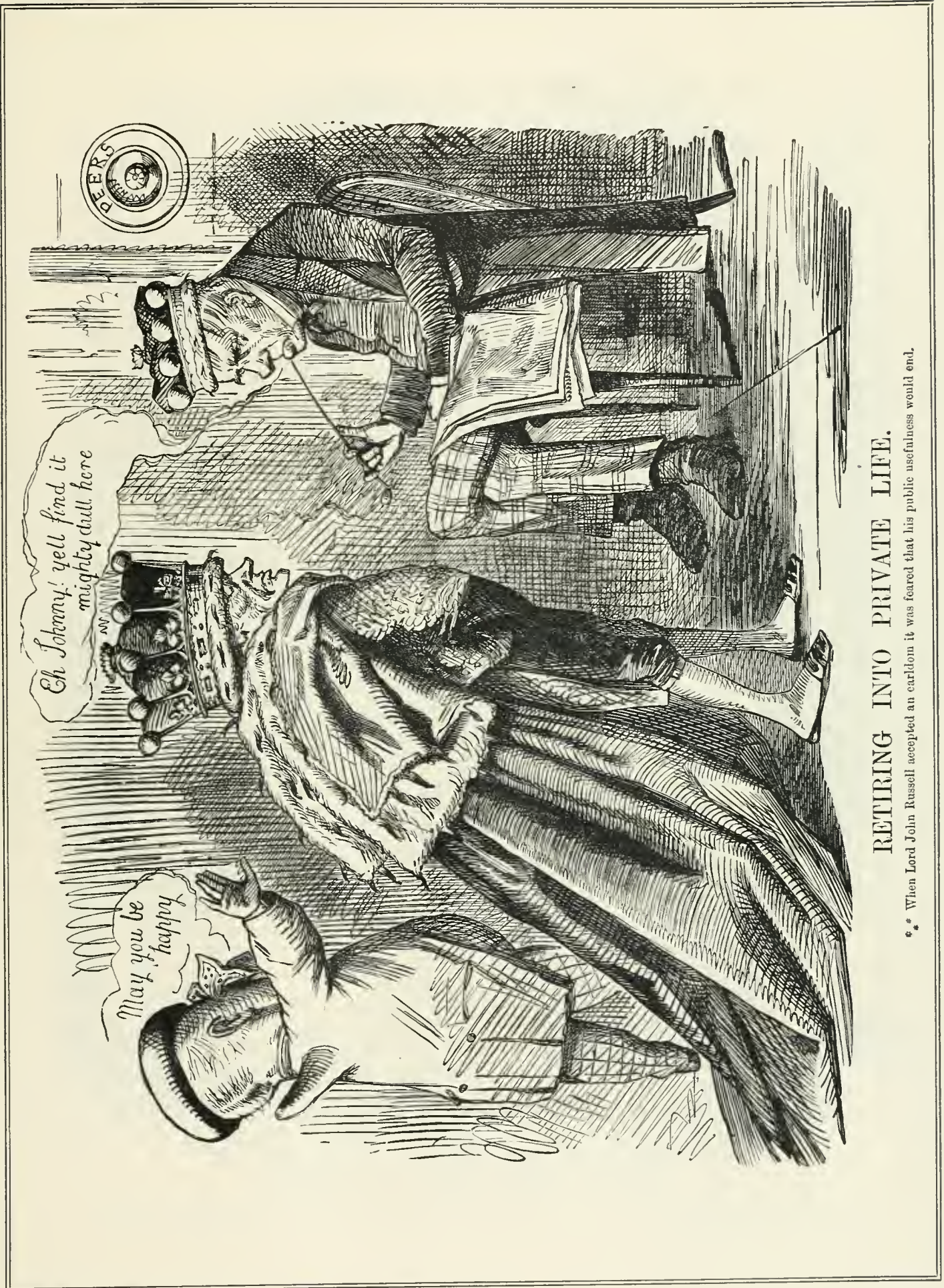
"YOU SHAN'T INTERFERE, MOTHER—AND YOU OUGHT TO BE ON MY SIDE—AND IT'S A GREAT SHAME—AND I DON'T CARE—AND YOU SHALL INTERFERE—AND I WON'T HAVE IT."
** The American Press was very contradictory. On the one hand England was blamed for not assisting the North to crush the South; on the other it was declared that any interference would be an insult to the United States.



CÆSAR ET IMPERATOR.

"AH, MASSA NAPOLEON! YOU AL'AS WAS THE FRIEND OB FREEDOM—NOW YOU AM A MAN AND A BRODER."

*• The slave trade, which was carried on by French agents on the coast of Africa under the pretext of hiring and service, was put down by the Emperor Napoleon.



RETIRING INTO PRIVATE LIFE.

* * * When Lord John Russell accepted an earldom it was feared that his public usefulness would end.



ITALIAN
WAREHOUSE

ABOVE THAT SORT OF THING.

•• Victor Emannel had recently ceded Savoy to Franco and it was rumoured, but without foundation, that Sardinia was to follow.

Hullo Brother Jonathan
Where are you all running to

Just quine to take Canada



HOW THEY WENT TO TAKE CANADA.

“FOR THE OUTRAGE OFFERED IN THE QUEEN’S PROCLAMATION, THE UNITED STATES WILL POSSESS ITSELF OF CANADA.”—*New York Herald.*
* * * At the Battle of Bull’s Run the Federals were defeated and fled pell-mell to Washington. There had been some wild talk at this time of America’s intention to annex Canada.



“DOTH NOT A MEETING LIKE THIS MAKE AMENDS?”

H. M. J. Y. THE Q.—N.—“MY DEAR IRELAND, HOW MUCH BETTER YOU LOOK SINCE MY LAST VISIT. I AM SO GLAD!”

.. The Queen paid another visit to Ireland and was enthusiastically welcomed wherever she went.



NOTICE TO QUIT.

"THIS WON'T DO, MRS. POPE!—YOU ARE ENCOURAGING ALL SORTS OF DOUBTFUL CHARACTERS ABOUT THE PLACE, SO THE SOONER YOU GO THE BETTER!"** The Pope incurred the displeasure of the Emperor of the French by giving refuge to Ferdinand, ex-King of Naples.



THE GERMAN FLEET.

MR. PUNCH (to *Small German*).—"THERE'S A SHIP FOR YOU, MY LITTLE MAN—NOW CUT AWAY, AND DON'T GET IN A MESS."

* * The Germans were developing a strong desire for the possession of a fleet with a view to becoming an important Naval Power. Their aspirations in this direction were generally ridiculed.



KING COTTON BOUND;

OR, THE MODERN PROMETHEUS.

. On account of the blockade of the Confederate ports and the consequent diminution in the supply of cotton to England, distress was beginning to make itself felt in Lancashire.



THE COVER-SIDE AT COMPIÈGNE.

KING OF PR—SS—A.—“I’M A YOUNG MAN FROM THE COUNTRY, BUT YOU DON’T COME OVER ME!”
∴ A meeting took place at Compiègne between the Emperor Napoleon and the new King of Prussia, William I. The meeting excited some considerable curiosity.



LOOK OUT FOR SQUALLS.

JACK BULL.—“ YOU DO WHAT'S RIGHT, MY SON, OR I'LL BLOW YOU OUT OF THE WATER.”

** Certain Envoys to Europe of the Confederate States were seized on board an English ship, the *Trent*, by a United States warship. This was considered a breach of International law, and England demanded the liberation of the prisoners.



WAITING FOR AN ANSWER.

* * The *Trent* case created much excitement in England, and war preparations were commenced, but eventually the United States yielded to England's demands and released the captured Envoys.



COLUMBIA'S FIX.

COLUMBIA.—“WHICH ANSWER SHALL I SEND?”

* * * When the demand for the release of the Confederate Envoys was made there was some hesitation in acceding to it. The hostile tone of the American Press caused energetic preparations for war to be made by the English Government.



“UP A ‘TREE.”

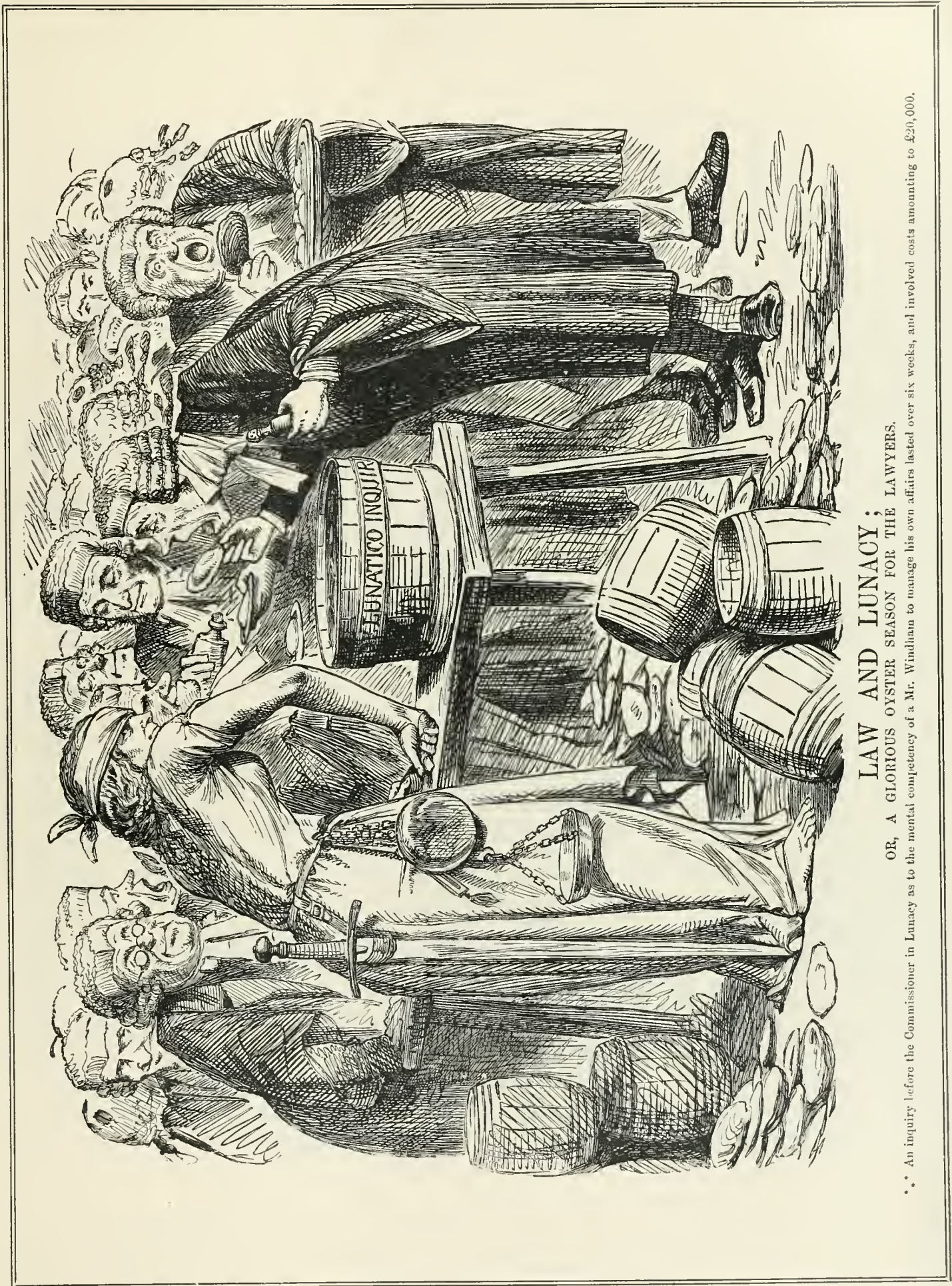
COLONEL BULL AND THE YANKEE ‘COON.

‘COON.—“AIR YOU IN ARNEST, COLONEL?”

COLONEL BULL.—“I AM.”

‘COON.—“DON’T FIRE—I’LL COME DOWN.”

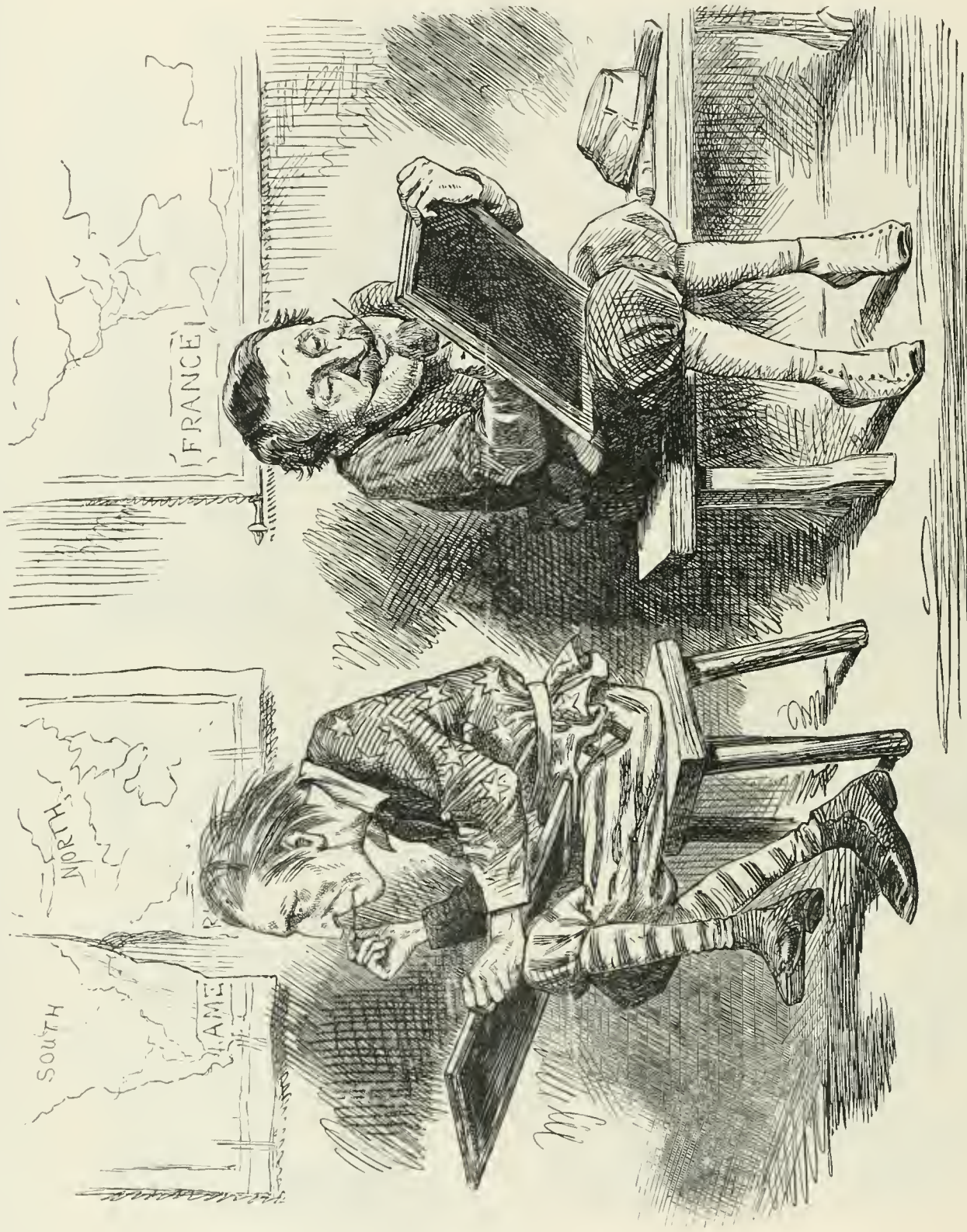
•• The determined attitude assumed by England in the matter of the *Trent* was thought to have conducted to the peaceful termination of the difficulty.



LAW AND LUNACY ;

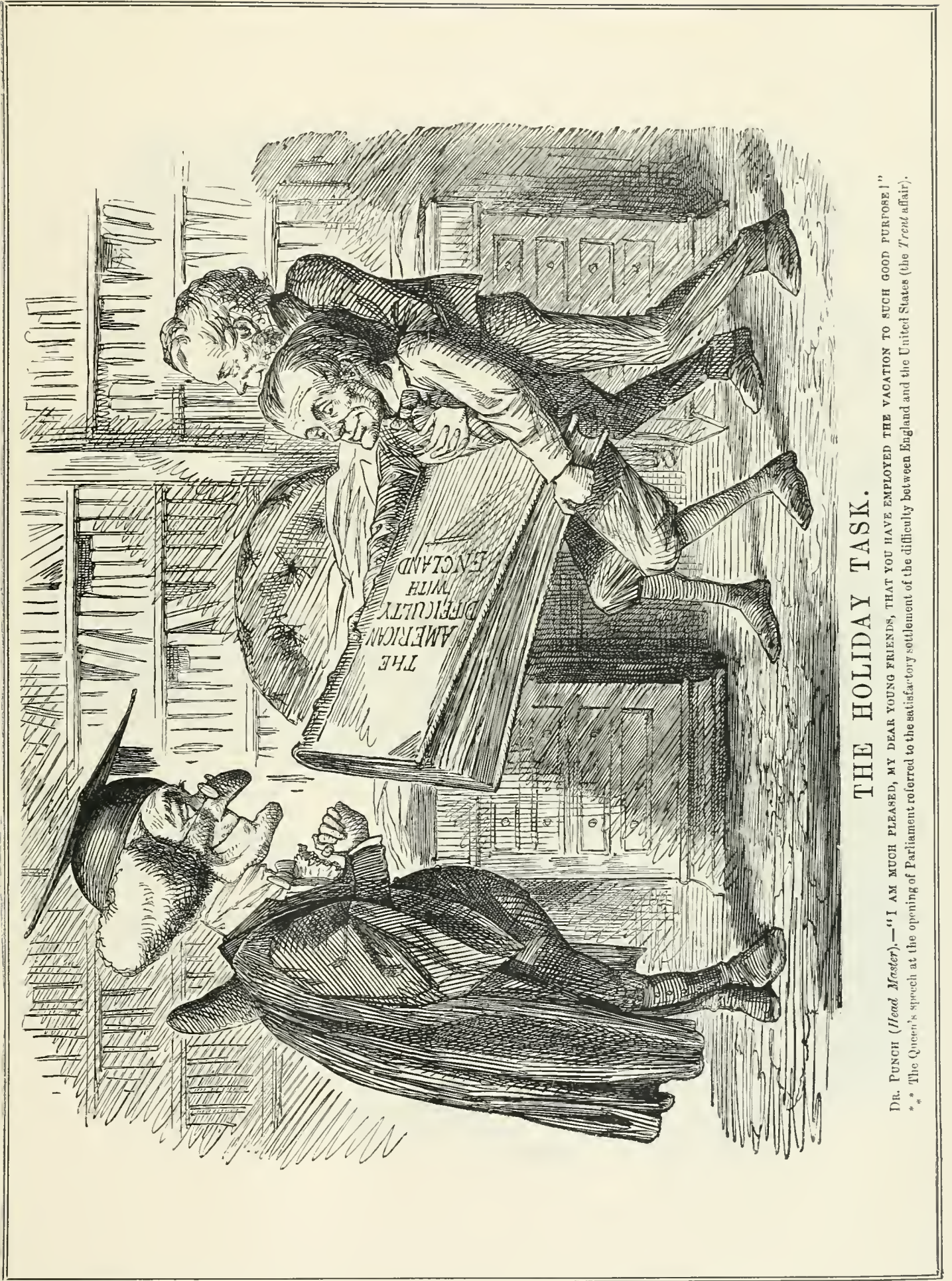
OR, A GLORIOUS OYSTER SEASON FOR THE LAWYERS.

* * * An inquiry before the Commissioner in Lunacy as to the mental competency of a Mr. Windham to manage his own affairs lasted over six weeks, and involved costs amounting to £20,000.



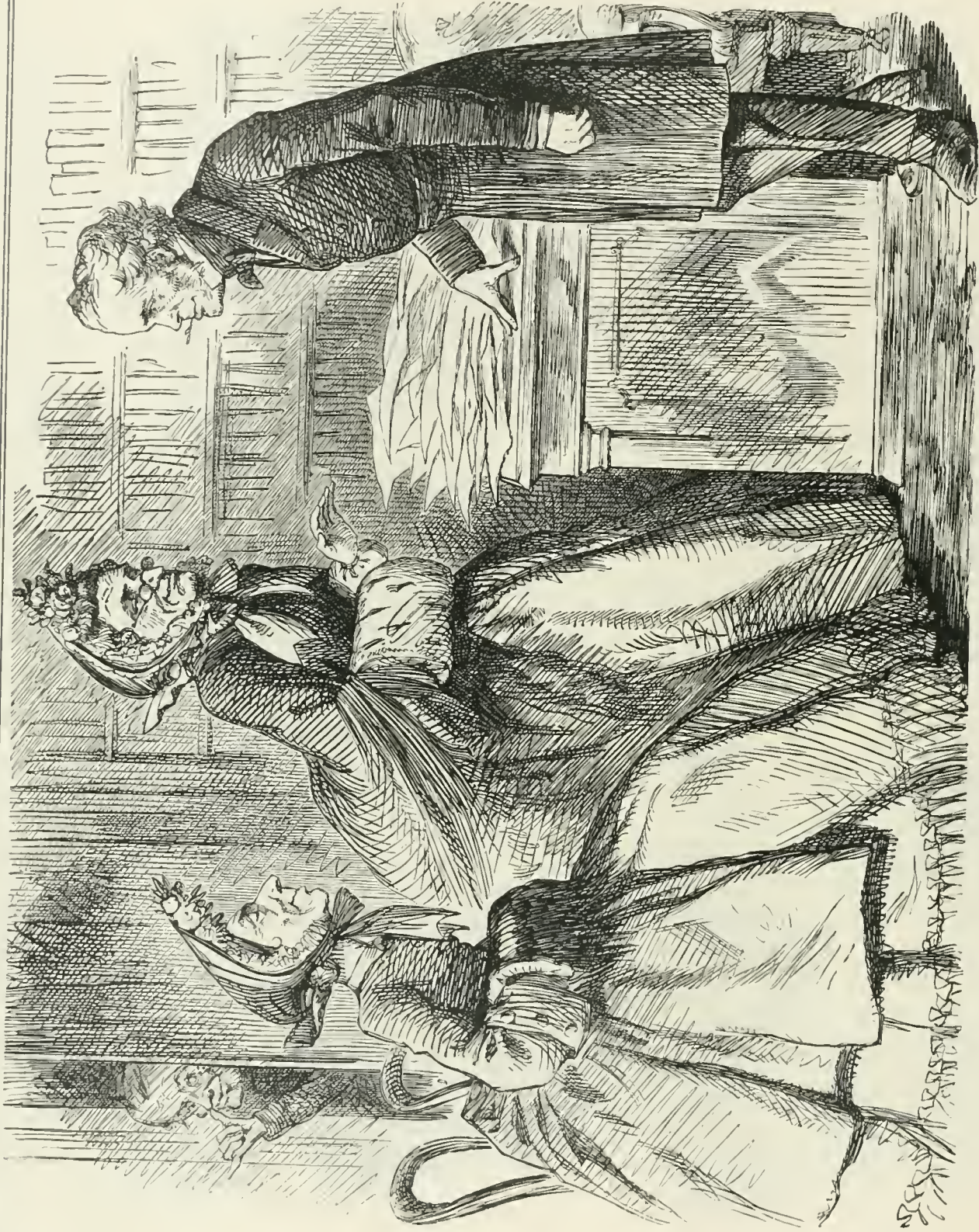
POLITICAL ARITHMETIC.

MASTER JONATHAN.—“GUESS I’M IN COMPOUND ADDITION AND LONG DIVISION!” MASTER LOUIS.—“AH! I’M JUST BEGINNING REDUCTION!”
 ** The fierce struggle between the North and the South divided America. A reduction of the National Expenditure occupied the attention of France.



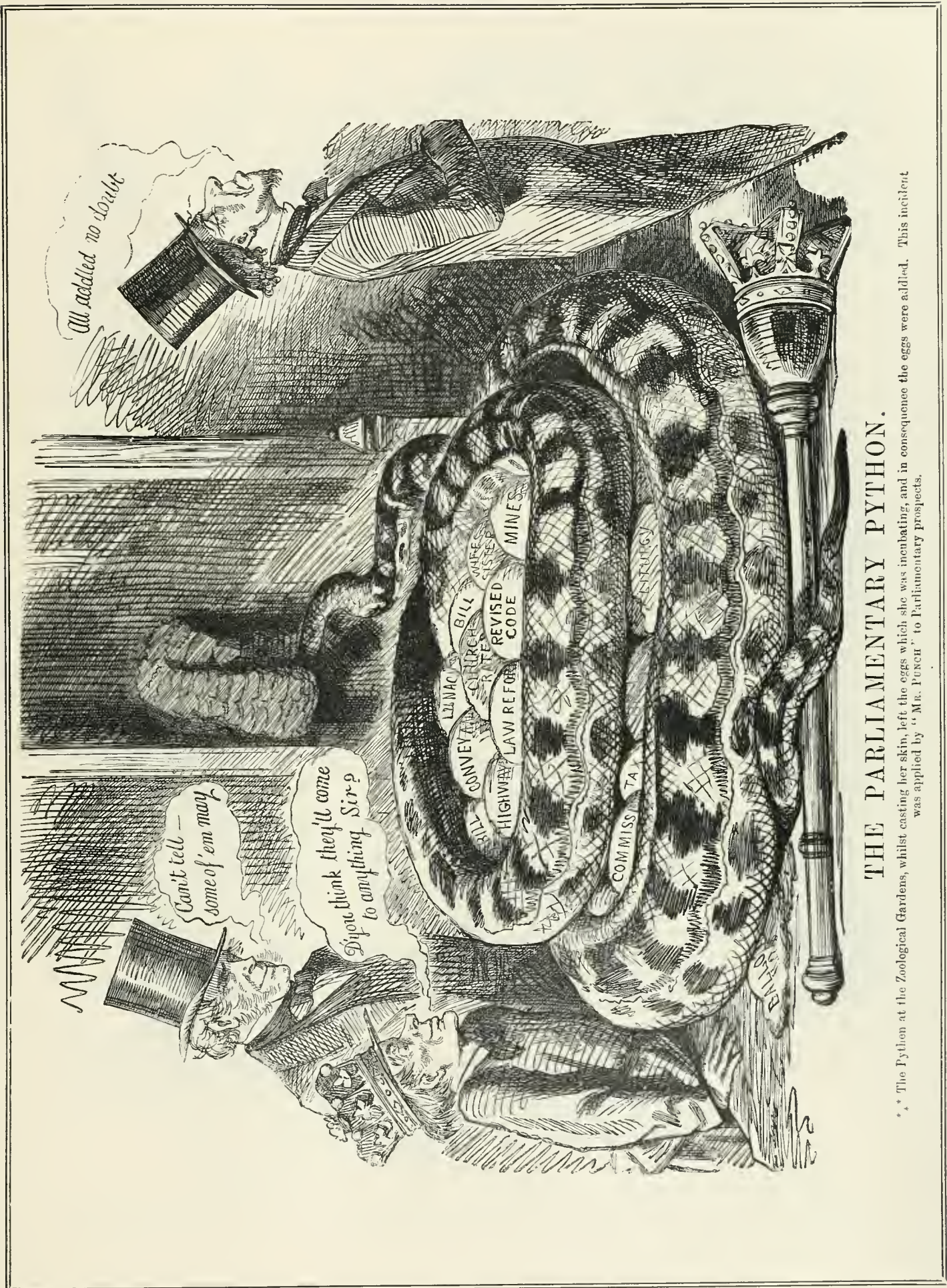
THE HOLIDAY TASK.

Dr. PUNCH (*Head Master*).—"I AM MUCH PLEASED, MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS, THAT YOU HAVE EMPLOYED THE VACATION TO SUCH GOOD PURPOSE!"
* * * The Queen's speech at the opening of Parliament referred to the satisfactory settlement of the difficulty between England and the United States (the *Trent* affair).



TOO CIVIL BY HALF.

Mrs. DERRY AND Mrs. DIZZY.—“QUITE CHARMED AT YOUR BRILLIANT SUCCESSSES!—OH DEAR YES! SO TRULY GRATIFYING TO ALL PARTIES!”
Lord P.A.M.—“MUCH OBLIGED, I’M SURE! (Aside).—THEY DON’T COME IN AGAIN IF I KNOW IT!”
Lord Derry and Mr. Disraeli were very complimentary to the Government on the settlement of the American difficulty.



THE PARLIAMENTARY PYTHON.

* * The Python at the Zoological Gardens, whilst casting her skin, left the eggs which she was incubating, and in consequence the eggs were added. This incident was applied by "Mr. PUNCH" to Parliamentary prospects.

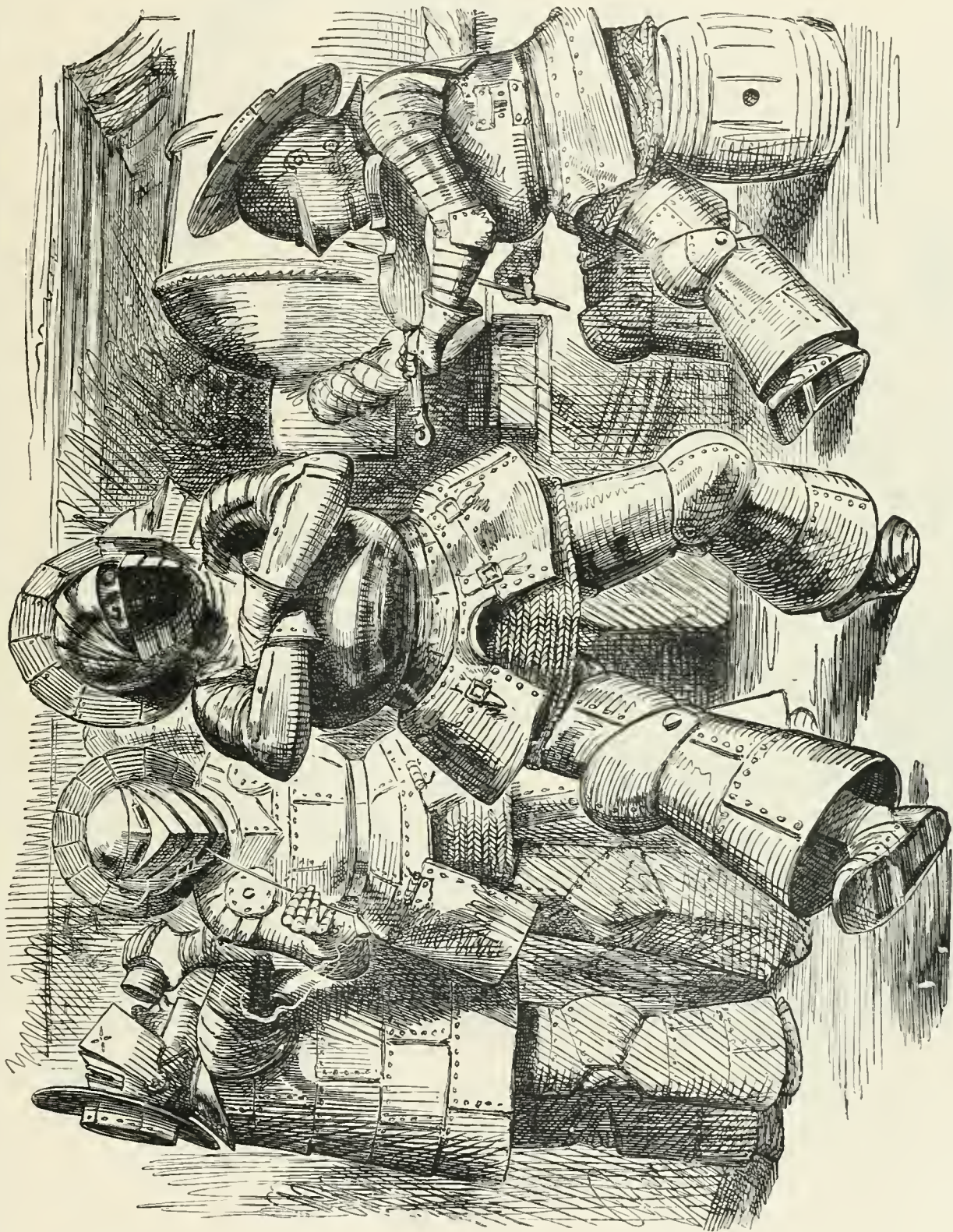


OBERON AND TITANIA

OBERON (*Mr. President Lincoln*).—"I DO BUT BEG A LITTLE NIGGER BOY, TO BE MY HENCHMAN."

TITANIA (*Miss Virginia*).—"SET YOUR HEART AT REST, THE NORTHERN LAND BUYS NOT THE CHILD OF ME."

*. Virginia (which was a chief seat of the war between the North and South in America) was vehemently opposed to the abolition of slavery. This question was coming more and more to the front.



THE "BRITISH TAR" OF THE FUTURE.

.. The fight between the American vessels *Merrimac* and *Monitor* demonstrated the superiority of iron war ships. In England the question of building "Ironclads" was occupying much public attention.



VULCAN ARMING NEPTUNE.

. It was announced in Parliament that iron war ships were being built.

HOTEL DE L'EUROPE



THE POPISH ORGAN NUISANCE.

PAM TO NAP.—“WHY DON'T YOU MAKE HIM 'MOVE ON?' HE DISTURBS THE PEACE OF THE ENTIRE HOTEL.”

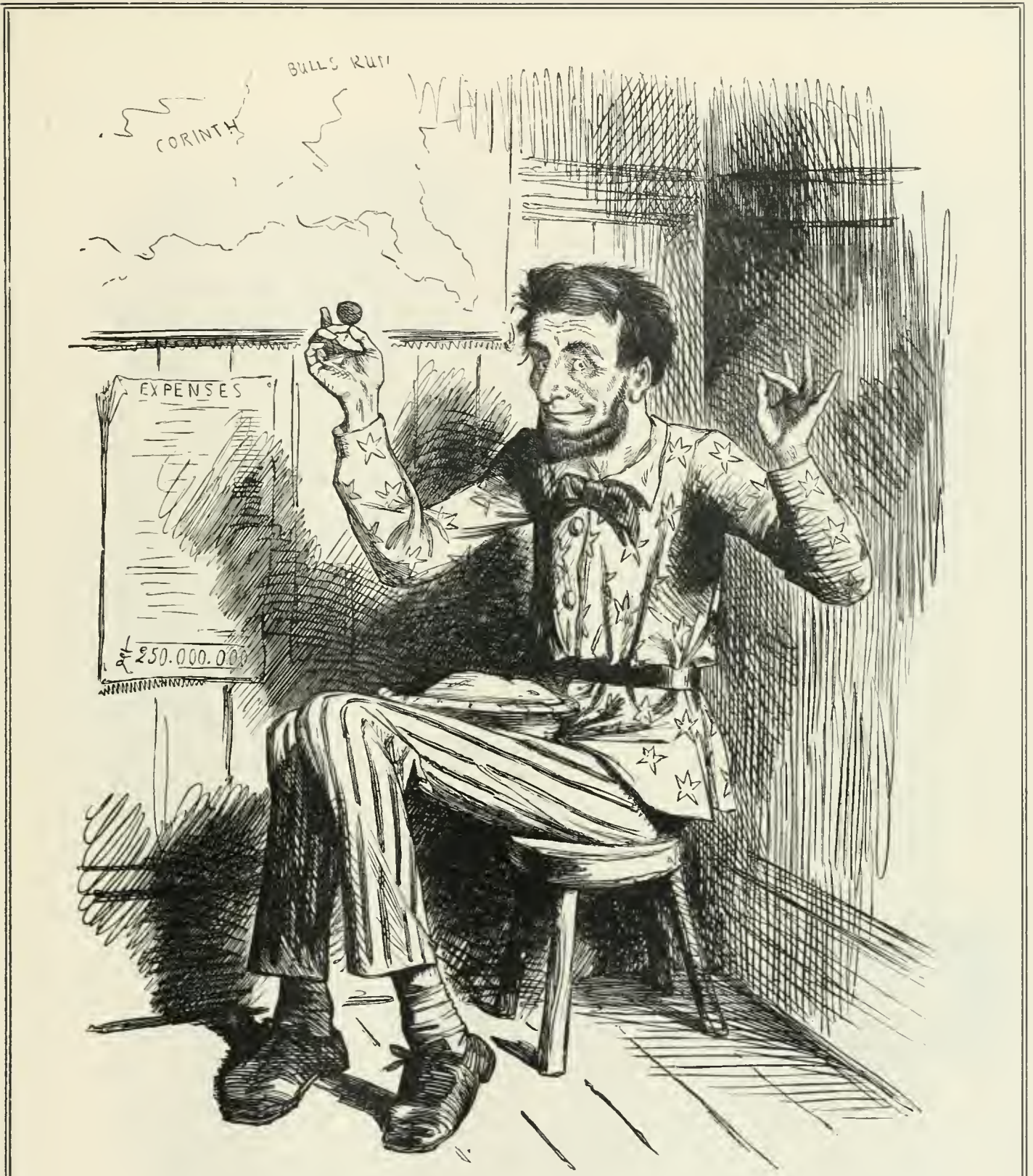
*. * The occupation of Rome by the French troops, and the countenance by the Pope of Ex-King Ferdinand, kept Italy, and indeed Europe, in an unsettled condition.



THE MAY-DAY PRESENT.

Mrs. BRITANNIA.—“OH, THANK YOU, Mr. BULL, VERY MUCH! I CAN'T THINK IT QUITE SO PRETTY AS THE ONE YOU GAVE ME ELEVEN YEARS AGO.”
Mr. BULL.—“HM! P'RHAPS NOT, DEAR MADAM—BUT YOU SHOULD SEE INSIDE!”

... The second Great Exhibition was opened at South Kensington. The exhibition was very successful, but the building as compared with that of 1851—the “Crystal Palace”—was much criticised.



THE NEW ORLEANS PLUM.

BIG LINCOLN HORNER,
UP IN A CORNER,
THINKING OF HUMBLE PIE;

FOUND UNDER HIS THUMB,
A NEW ORLEANS PLUM,
AND SAID, WHAT A 'CUTE YANKEE AM I!

* * The Federals, after many reverses, had, by the capture of New Orleans, somewhat redeemed their character and revived the spirits of their sympathisers.



BEN THE BIRD-CATCHER. (OUT OF LUCK.)

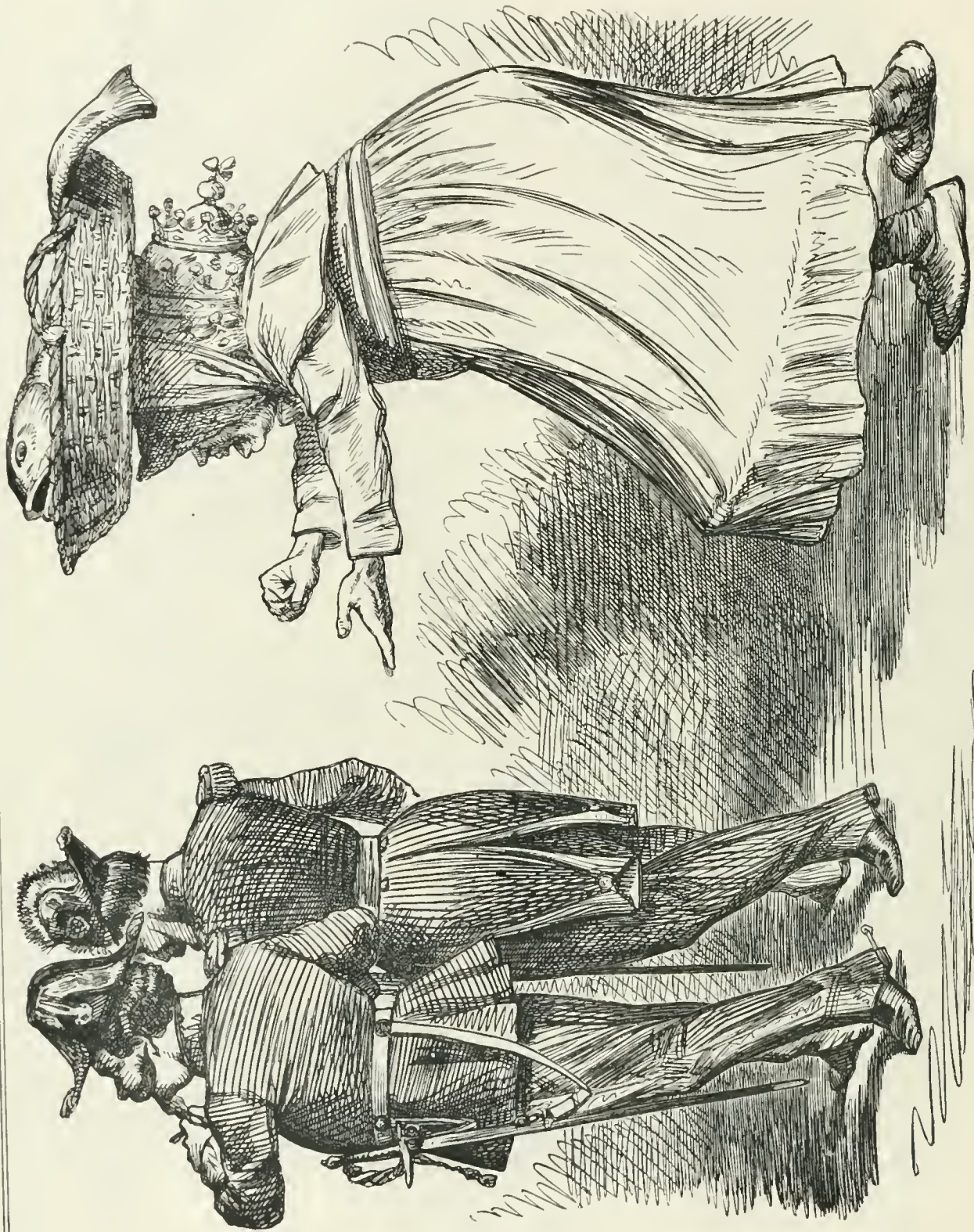
“IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T GET HOLD OF 'EM NOHOW.”

• • Mr. Disraeli had been playing up to the Extreme Liberals, the Irish and the Priesthood, but with little practical result.



THE "SENSATION" STRUGGLE IN AMERICA.

. The war between the North and South in America was proceeding at an enormous cost in men and money. The United States debt at this time was estimated at £100,000,000.



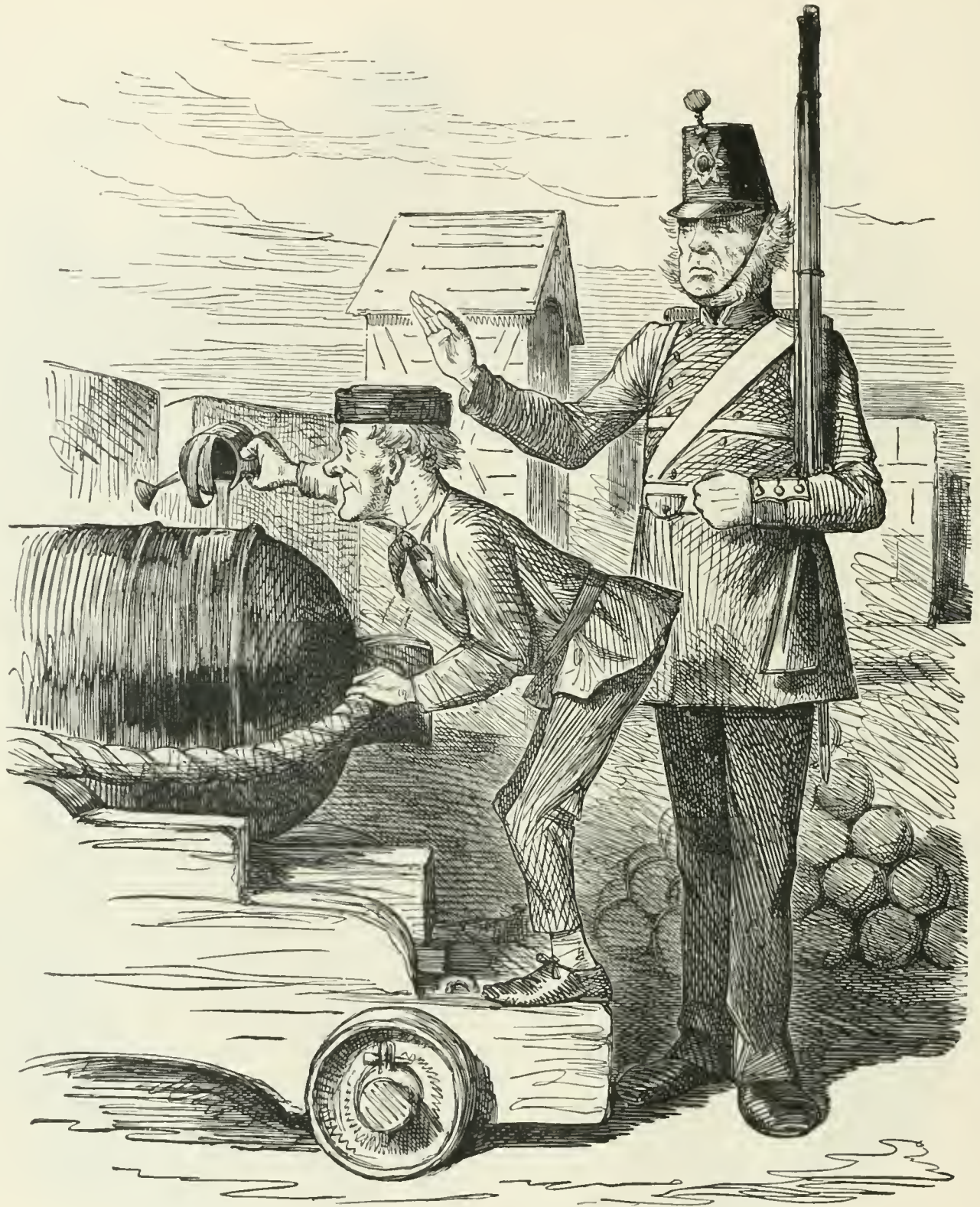
THE PROFESSOR OF ALLOCATION.

SCOLDING LADY.—“HAH! GO ALONG BOTH OF YER! WHO CARES FOR YER MUSTACHERS!”
•• The Pope published an Allocation in which he reflected on the conduct of the Emperor Napoleon and the King of Italy.



SAWNEY STOPS THE WAY.

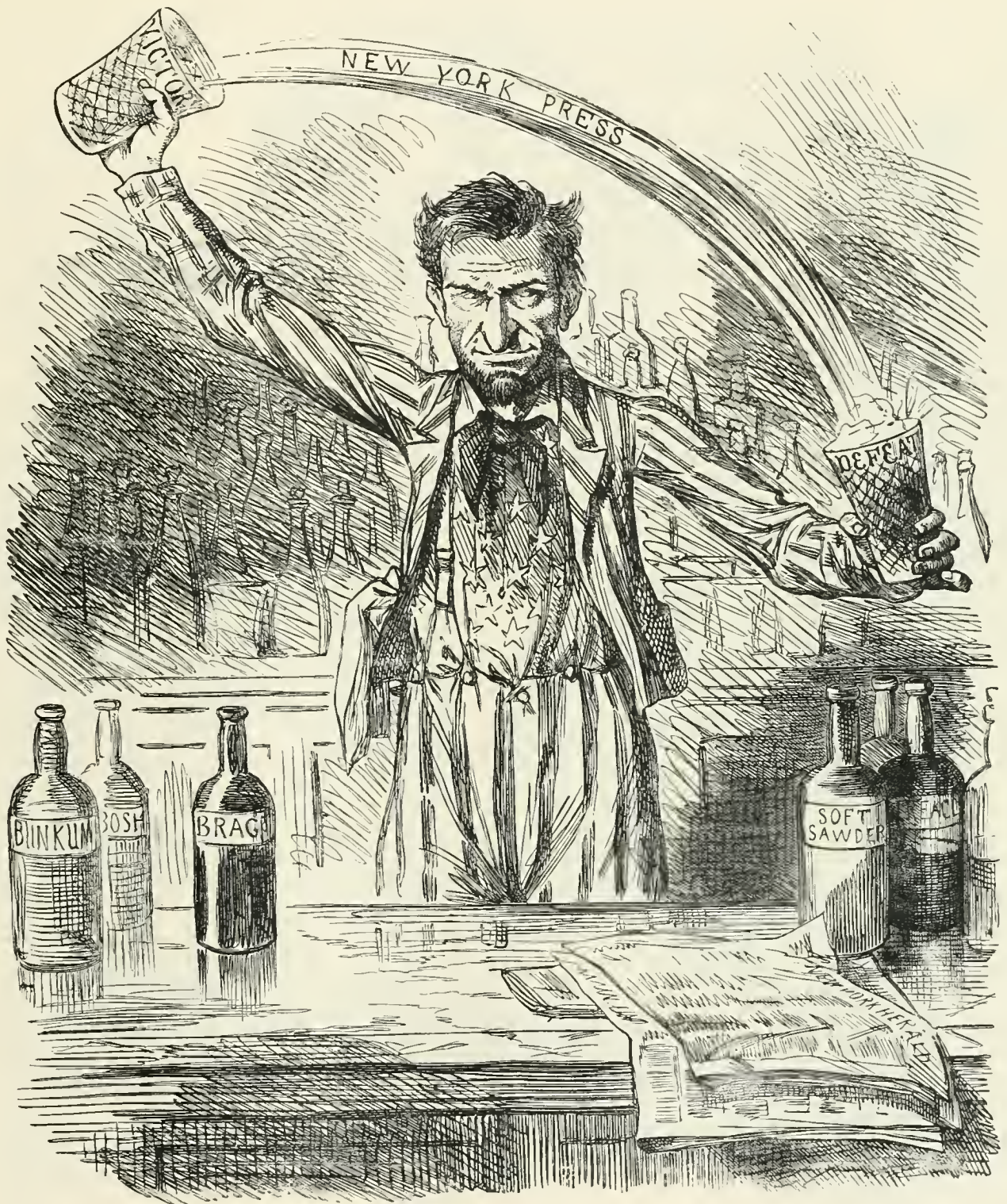
•• The Duke of Buccleuch, who had a palatial residence near Westminster Bridge, was said to be strongly opposed to the making of the Thames Embankment.



THE OLD SENTINEL.

PAM.—“DON'T YOU MEDDLE WITH THINGS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOUNG FELLER.”

•• During the discussion on the Fortification (Provision for Expenses) Bill, Mr. Cobden made a personal attack on Lord Palmerston, charging him with responsibility for the invasion panics which periodically disturbed the country.



THE LATEST FROM AMERICA ;

OR, THE NEW YORK "EYE-DUSTER," TO BE TAKEN EVERY DAY.

•• The New York Press turned Federal defeats into victories and, generally speaking, published very untruthful reports of the war.



DRAWING THE STUMPS.

COBDEN TO DIZZY. — "CARRIES OUT HIS BAT? OF COURSE HE DOES! YOUR UNDERHAND BOWLING 'LL NEVER GET HIM OUT! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO DO IT NEXT INNINGS."

* * At the end of the Session Lord Palmerston still remained in office, notwithstanding the attacks of Mr. Disraeli and Mr. Cobden.



LINCOLN'S TWO DIFFICULTIES.

LIN.—“WHAT? NO MONEY! NO MEN!”

President Lincoln called for a second levy of 300,000 men, to be drafted from the Militia, for a service of nine months. Volunteering was very slow and the public debt was estimated at 1,222,000,000 dollars.



GARIBALDI SURRENDERS HIS SWORD.

•• Garibaldi made a rash attempt to lead a band of adventurers to the liberation of Rome. His followers were dispersed by the Royal troops, and Garibaldi himself was wounded. He received much sympathy in England.



RELIEVING GUARD.

MRS. POPE.—“Oh, Mr. Policeman, I HOPE YOU AIN'T A-GOIN' TO LEAVE A POOR OLD 'OMAN!”

MR. NAP.—“Yes, M'm, I AM—YOU WILL ER QUITE SAFE WITH YOUR FRIEND, VICTOR, YONDER. HE'S A CAPITAL OFFICER.”

•• The Emperor Napoleon notified that he proposed to withdraw his soldiers from Rome. Affairs in Italy were in a somewhat unsettled condition.



ABE LINCOLN'S LAST CARD ; OR, ROUGE-ET-NOIR.

∴ President Lincoln proclaimed his intention to recommend to Congress a decree emancipating all slaves in the United States, and making compensation to all owners who had remained loyal to the Union.



HERCULES AND OMPHALE.

•• It was thought that the Empress Eugénie was at this time greatly influencing the Emperor in the settlement of the Italian difficulties.



ONE HEAD BETTER THAN TWO.

LOUIS NAPOLEON.—“I SAY, HADN'T WE BETTER TELL OUR FRIEND THERE TO LEAVE OFF MAKING A FOOL OF HIMSELF?”

LORD PAM.—“H'M, WELL, SUPPOSE YOU TALK TO HIM YOURSELF. HE'S A GREAT ADMIRER OF YOURS, YOU KNOW.”

* * The Emperor Napoleon had for some time past been inclined to favour intervention in the American quarrel. England declined to assist him.



THE GAROTTER'S FRIEND.

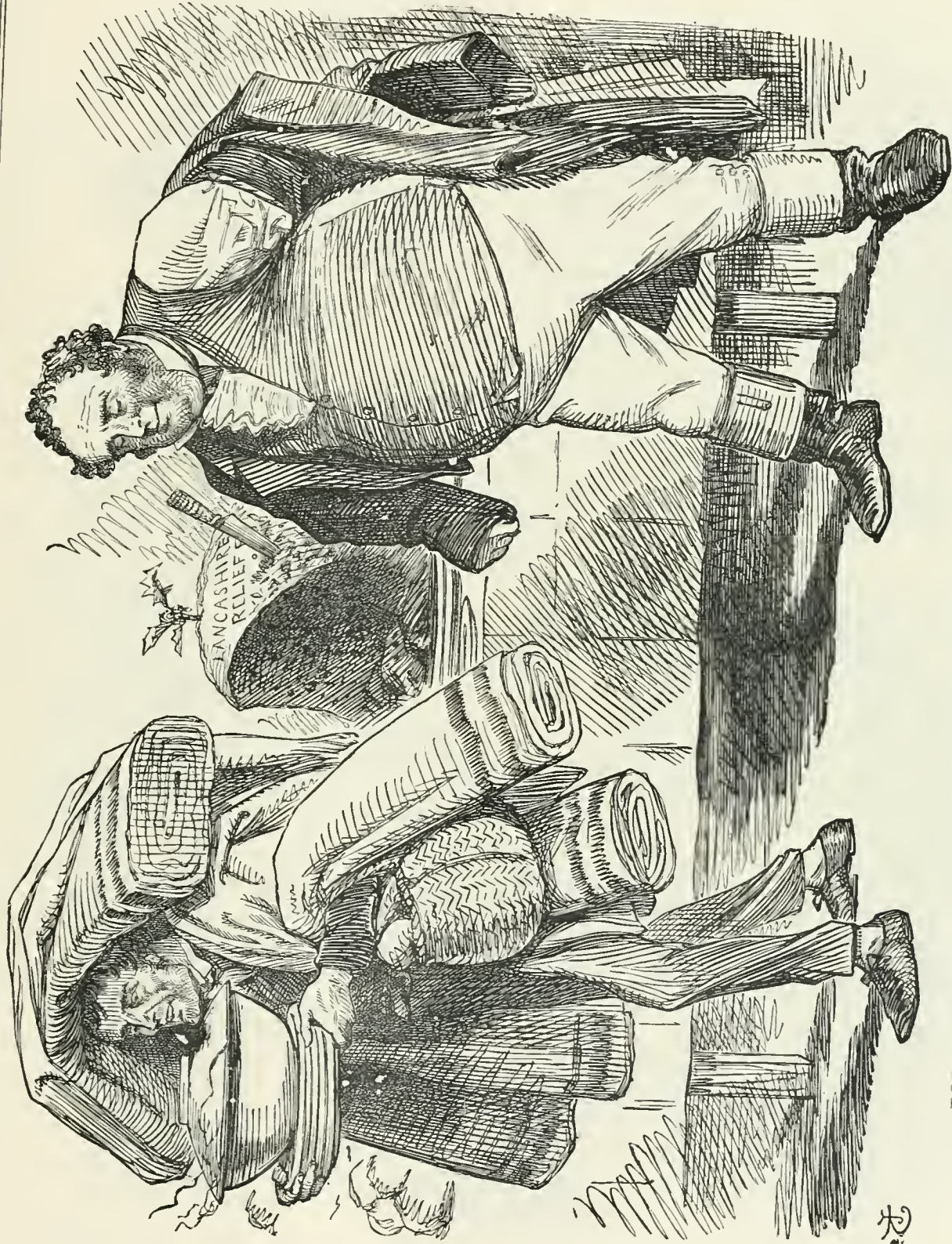
"LET GO, BILL, CAN'T YER—IT'S OUR KIND NON-INTERFERING FRIEND, SIR GEORGE GREY!!!"

* * There was an outbreak of garotting in London and it was felt that special measures were demanded to stamp out this form of ruffianism. The Home Secretary, Sir George Grey, did not, however, favour flogging.



ALFRED REFUSES TO BURN HIS FINGERS.

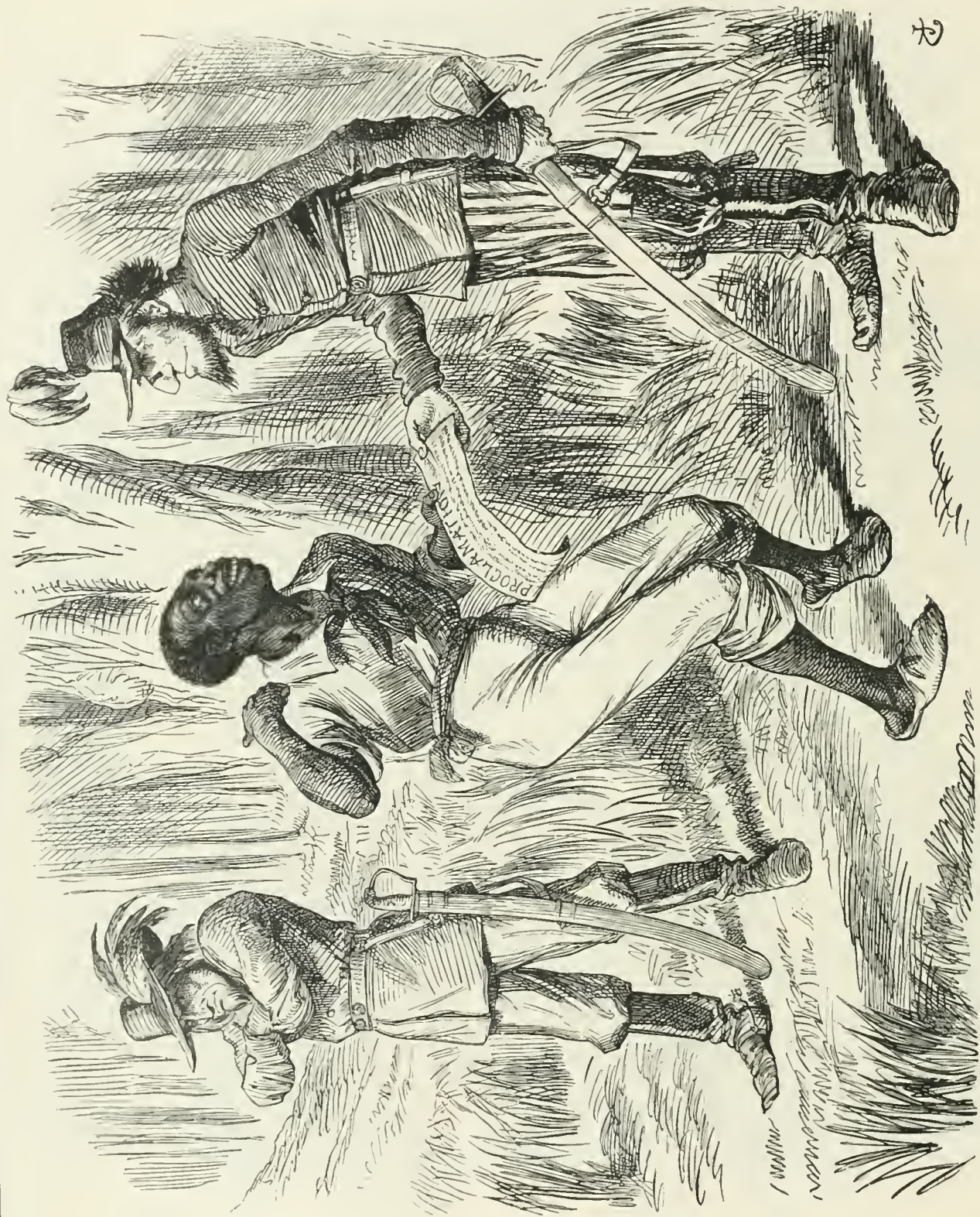
. On the abdication of King Otho, Prince Alfred of England was offered and refused the Crown of Greece.



JOHN BULL PREPARES TO SPEND A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Mr. BULL.—“THERE, MY FRIEND, I’VE DONE MY BEST TO MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE; SO NOW, I THINK, I MAY ENJOY MY CHRISTMAS.”
 .. The subscriptions for the relief of the distressed Lancashire weavers flowed in very freely, and a Committee under the Earl of Derby was formed and rendered lasting and effectual aid.

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SCENE FROM THE AMERICAN "TEMPEST."

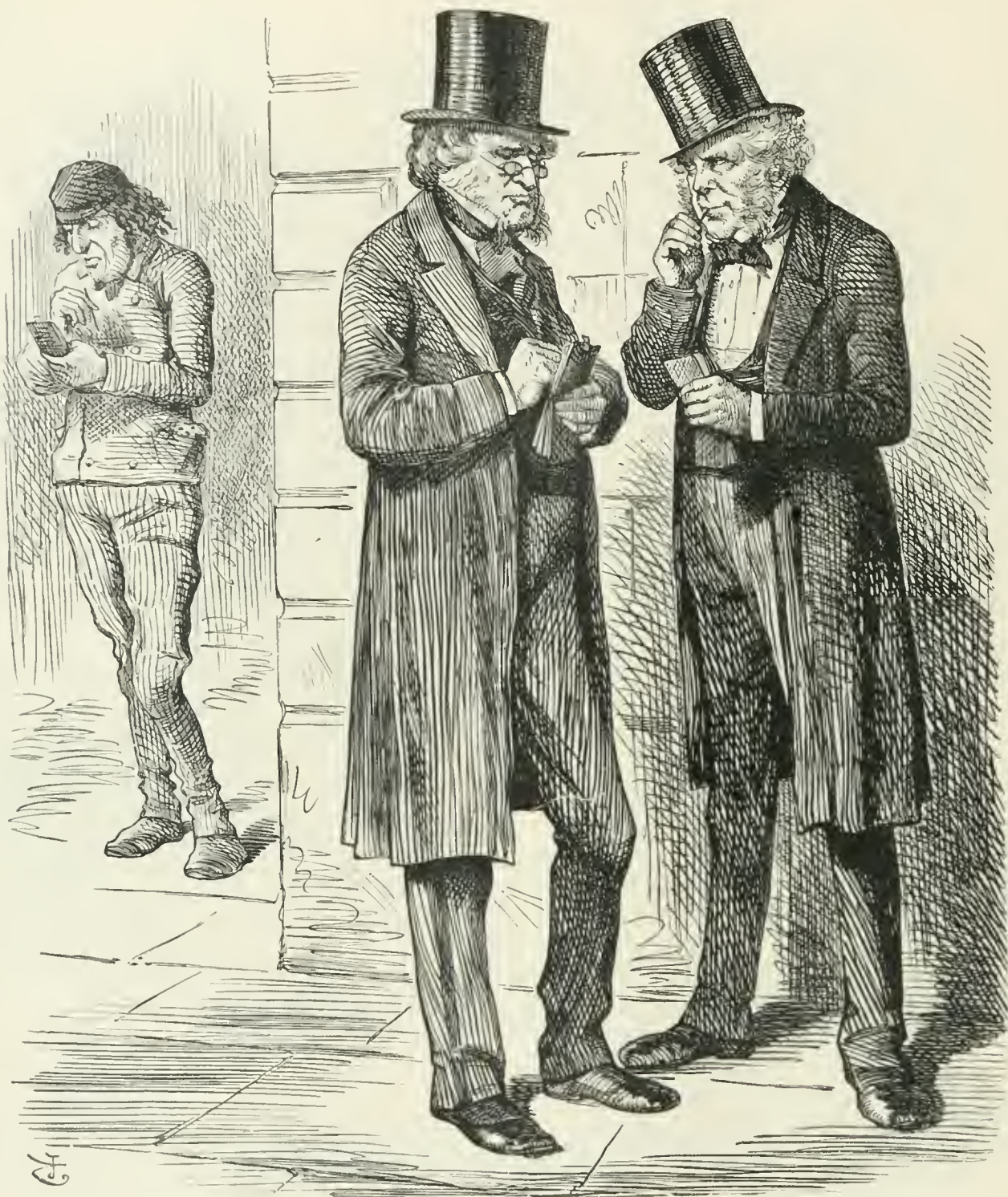
CALIBAN (Sambo).—"YOU BEAT HIM 'SOUGH, MASSA! BERRY LITTLE TIME, I'LL BEAT HIM TOO."—Shakespeare. (Nigger Translation)
... President Lincoln issued a Proclamation that all persons held as slaves within the Confederate States were and should henceforward be free.



THE NATIONAL CRINOLINE.

MR. PUNCH.—“TELL YOU WHAT IT IS, MARM, ALL YOUR GUARDS WON'T KEEP YOU OUT OF THE FIRE, UNLESS YOU REDUCE SOME OF THAT.”

. The question of the rapid increase of national expenditure was greatly occupying public attention.



THE SPRING MEETING.

LORD PAM.—“HAVE YOU ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO MATCH AGAINST MY REDUCTION?”
LORD DERBY.—“H'M!—I'LL HEAR WHAT OLD BEN HAS TO SAY ABOUT DIVISION.”

. A reduction of the Income Tax and Tea Duties was promised, and the Opposition was thought likely to divide on the Budget.



A GROWL FOR POLAND.

Mr. BULL.—AH, OLD DOG—YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER RUN AT THAT BEAR, WOULDN'T YOU; BUT IT WON'T DO THIS TIME.
* * * The cruelty of the Conscription carried out by Russia in Poland was exciting universal condemnation in England.



THE DOWRY.

MR. BULL.—“THERE, PAM! THERE'S THE TRIFLE OF MONEY FOR THE MARRIAGE. AH! HOW MUCH BETTER THAN SOME UNITED STATES, EH?”

* * The Prince of Wales was betrothed to Princess Alexandra, daughter of the King of Denmark. In view of the Royal Marriage a “dowry” was voted by the House of Commons.



PROBABLE EFFECT OF MR. SOMES'S SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.

WORKMAN.—“WELL, BETSY, IF THEY WON'T LET US GET ANY REFRESHMENT O' SUNDAY OUT O' DOORS—WE MUST LAY IN A STOCK, AND DRINK AT HOME, LIKE THE PIOUS SCOTCH!”

*. * Mr. Somes excited much ridicule by bringing in a Bill for closing all Public Houses on Sundays.



POLAND'S CHAIN-SHOT.

. Poland rebelled against the cruelty of the Russian Conscription, and entered once more on a fight for freedom.



GLADSTONE SALVE—FOR TENDER CONSCIENCES.

"THE INEQUALITIES AND ANOMALIES OF THE INCOME-TAX HAVE THIS ADVANTAGE; NAMELY, THAT THEY ARE UNDERSTOOD. THE BACK LEARNS TO ADAPT ITSELF TO THE BURDEN."—*Speech of Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons.*

THE MEANING.—"I MEAN, OF COURSE, THAT AS A MAN QUITE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE TAX IS UNEQUAL AND ANOMALOUS, HE ADAPTS THE BURDEN TO WHAT HE CONSIDERS THE POWERS OF HIS BACK."—*Literal Translation by "MR. PUNCH."*

* * * The injustice of the Income Tax Assessment lay in the fact that precarious incomes were charged at the same rate with assured incomes.



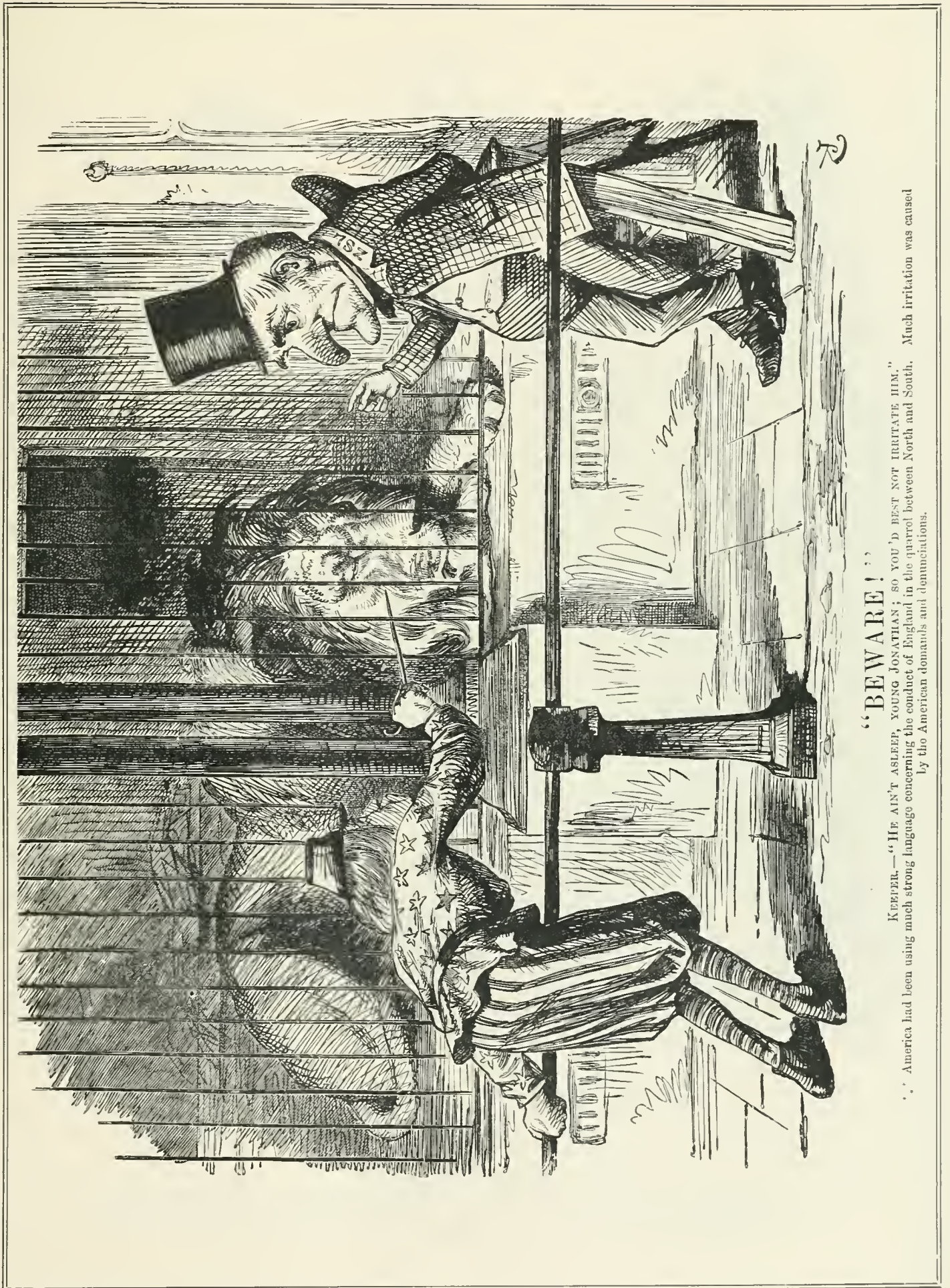
THE SCOTCH WITCHES' CAULDRON.

1st Witch.—Round about the cauldron oo,
 In the best materials throw.
 Porridge, that itself alone
 Were a feast for any one.

2nd Witch.—Coffee, clear and not opaque,
 Boil, the workman's thirst to slake;
 Bowl of milk, to mend his prog,
 Is he not a lucky dog?

3rd Witch.—Roll—no better feeds the park—
 Butter worthy of remark—
 Such a breakfast offers auld tron
 Such the ingredients of our cauldron.

* * A working-man's dining-room had been opened in Glasgow and excellent meals provided for a very small charge. The undertaking was most successful.



“BEWARE!”

KNEPLER.—“HE AIN'T ASLEEP, YOUNG JONATHAN; SO YOU'D BEST NOT IRRITATE HIM.”
“... America had been using much strong language concerning the conduct of England in the quarrel between North and South. Much irritation was caused
by the American demands and denunciations.”



RUSSIA'S "EVASIVE ANSWER."

ENGLAND.—"IT SEEMS TO MEAN—EH? H'M!"
FRANCE.—"I THINK IT MEANS—EH? HA!"
AUSTRIA.—"I SUSPECT IT MEANS—EH? HO!"
CHORUS.—"AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS."

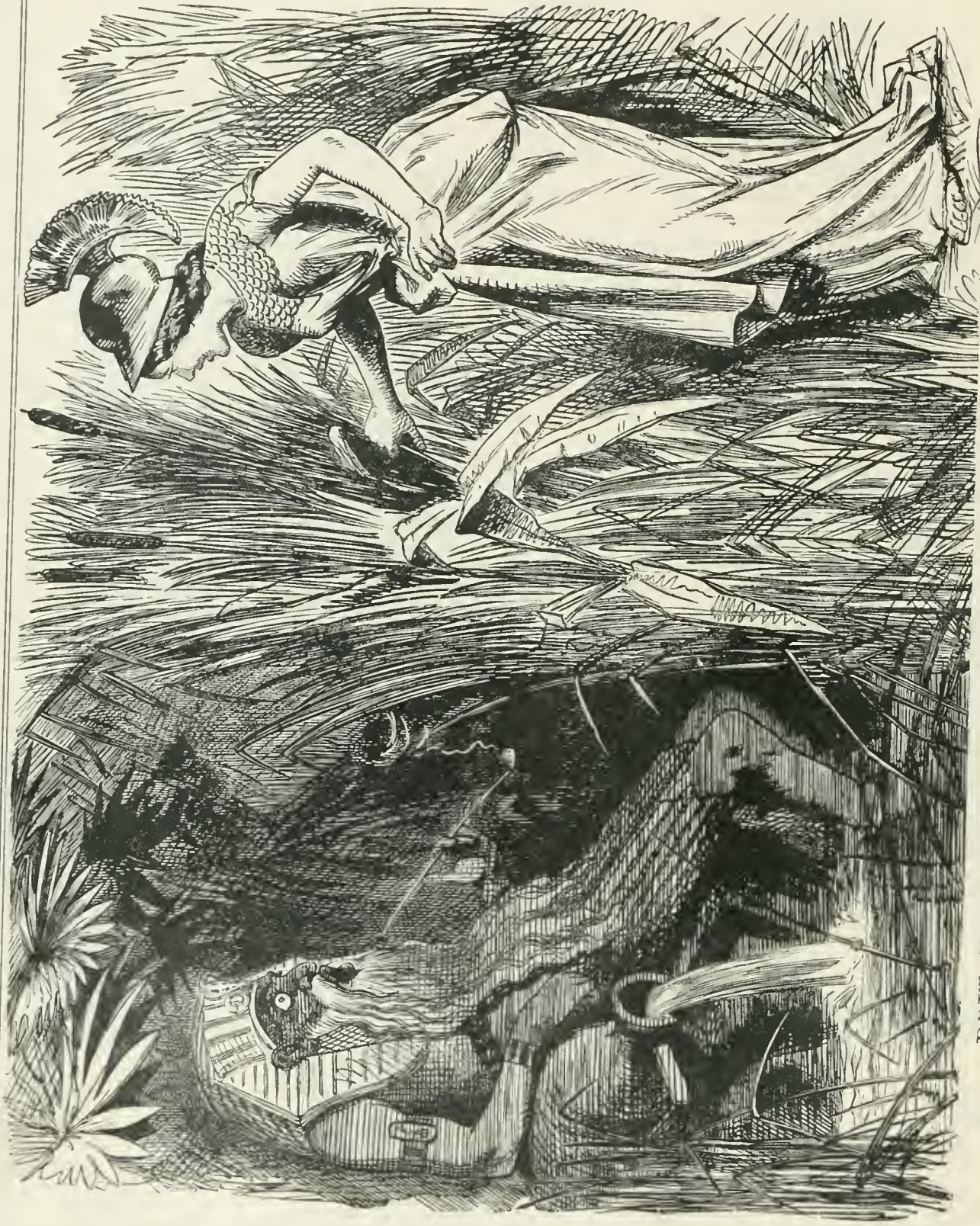
* * Poland had declared a Provisional Government. Russia offered a conditional amnesty which was rejected. In reply to an intervention on the part of England, France and Austria, Russia returned an "evasive answer."



GOG AND MAGOG CLEARING OUT THE VAN-DEMONS.

"THE CITY IS NOW TAKING ITSELF IN HAND, AND A BILL, GIVING THE LORD MAYOR THE MOST TREMENDOUS POWER OVER THE TRAFFIC, WENT THROUGH COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS TO-NIGHT. THE VAN-DEMONS WILL, WE HOPE, BE EXORCISED."—*MR. PUNCH'S* *Essence of Parliament.*

. The state of the traffic in the City had long caused well-grounded dissatisfaction.



BRITANNIA DISCOVERING THE SOURCE OF THE NILE.

BRITANNIA.—“AHA, Mt. NILUS! SO I'VE FOUND YOU AT LAST!”
... The sources of the river Nile, which previously had been unknown, were discovered by two British travellers, Captains Speke and Grant.



A SETTLER FOR SOMES'S STALE BEER BILL.
** Mr. Somes' Bill for closing the Public Houses on Sundays was rejected on the second reading.



PUTTING A GOOD FACE ON IT.

PAM (*the Plasterer*).—"LOR BLESS YOU! A LITTLE BIT O' STUCCO WILL MAKE IT PERFECT."

* It was proposed that the hideous building erected for the Great Exhibition of 1862 at South Kensington should be retained at a cost to the nation of nearly half a million.



“TEAR’EM” AT THE TUILERIES.

EUGÉNIE.—“AH, MON CHER LOUIS! PRAY DON’T CRAM THE POOR LITTLE FELLOW ANY MORE; IT IS POSITIVELY CRUEL.”

*. * Mr. Roebuck, M.P. for Sheffield, had made public an interview which he had had with the Emperor of the French on American affairs. He was much ridiculed for his credulous subserviency to the Emperor.



HUMBLE PIE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

BRITANNIA.—“NOW, JOHNNY, YOU KNOW THAT THOSE BRAZIL-NUTS HAVE DISAGREED WITH YOU, AND DOCTOR BELGIUM SAYS YOU DID WRONG, AND THAT A LITTLE HUMBLE PIE WILL DO YOU GOOD; SO EAT IT LIKE A MAN.”

* * * A dispute having arisen between England and Brazil, the matter was referred to the arbitration of the King of the Belgians, who decided against England. Earl Russell was dissatisfied with the verdict but had to accept it.



BRUTUS AND CÆSAR.

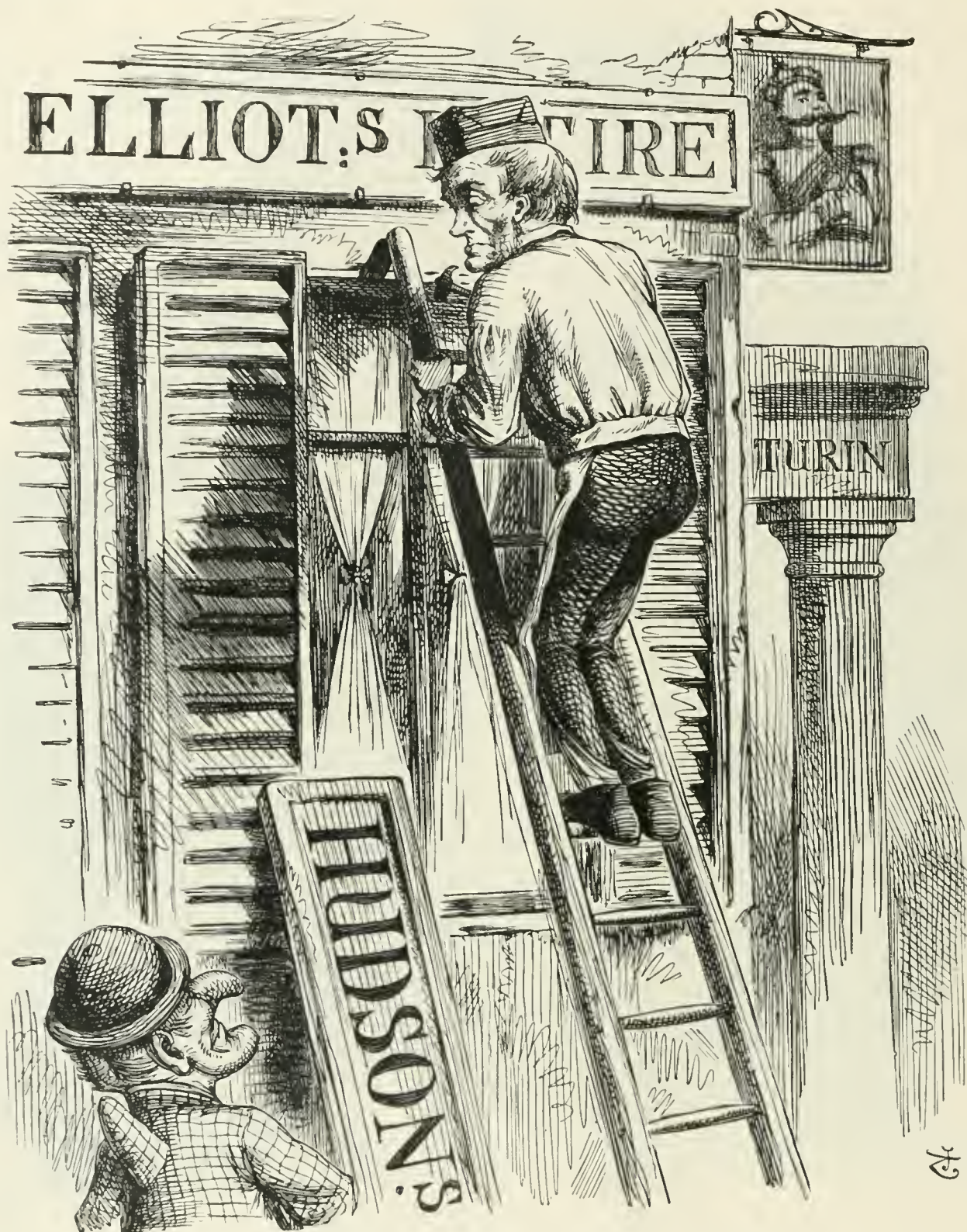
(FROM THE AMERICAN EDITION OF SHAKSPEARE.)

The Tent of BRUTUS (LINCOLN). Night. Enter the Ghost of CÆSAR.

BRUTUS.—WALL, NOW! DO TELL! WHO'S YOU?

CÆSAR.—I AM DY EBIL GENUS, MASSA LINKING.
DIS CHILD AM AWFUL INIMPRESSONAL.

. It was thought that the Negro would prove the great American difficulty during and after the continuance of the Civil War then raging in the States.



JOHNNY RUSSELL'S LAST JOB.

MR. PUNCH.—“I SUSPECT YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THAT DOWN AGAIN, JOHNNY.”

•• The Hon. H. G. Elliot, who was a relative of Earl Russell, was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the King of Italy, in the place of Mr. Hudson.



THANKSGIVING.

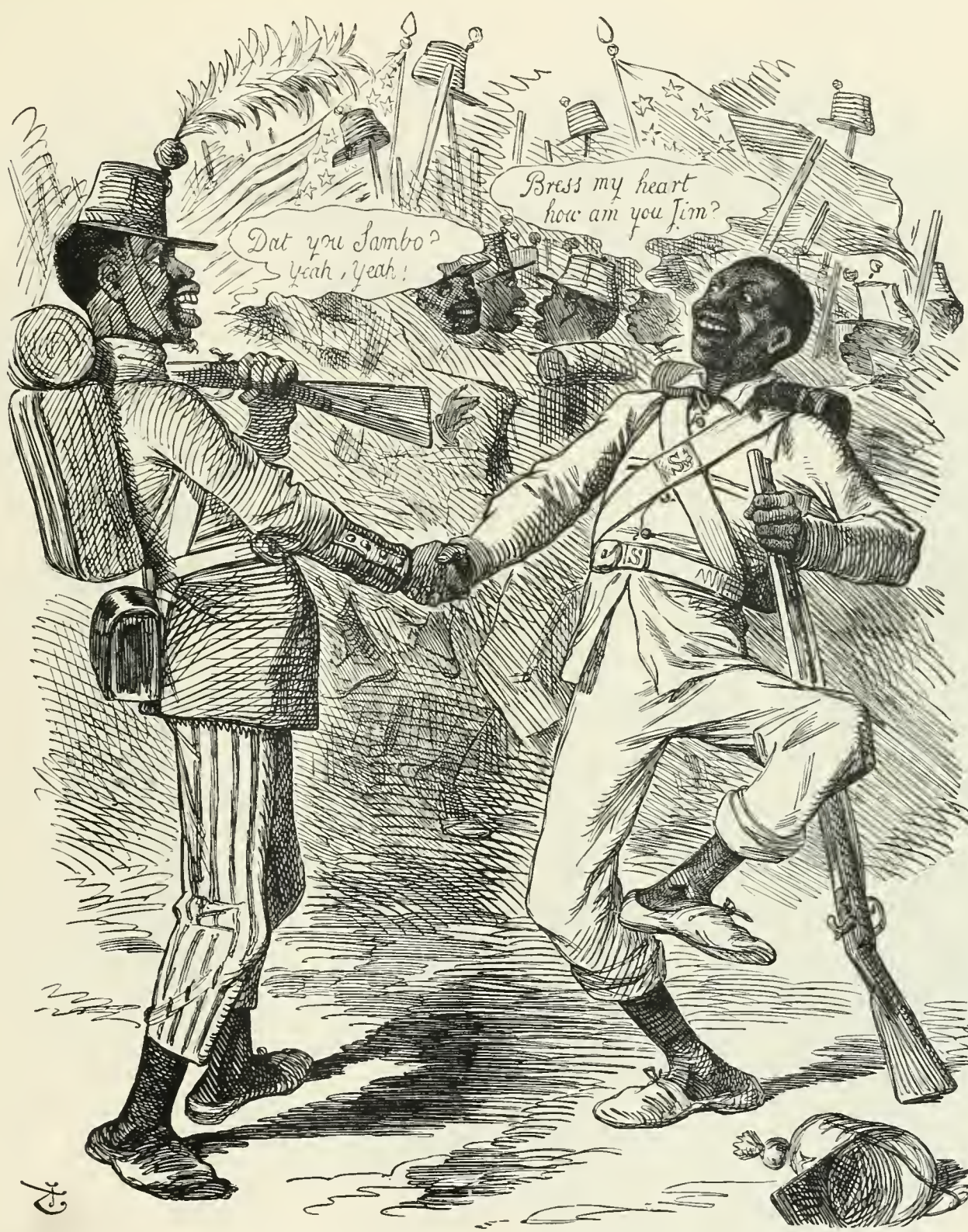
•• The Harvest of 1863 was a very abundant one.



THE PIG AND THE PEASANT.

PEASANT.—“ AH ! I'D LIKE TO BE CARED VOR HALF AS WELL AS THESE BE ! ”

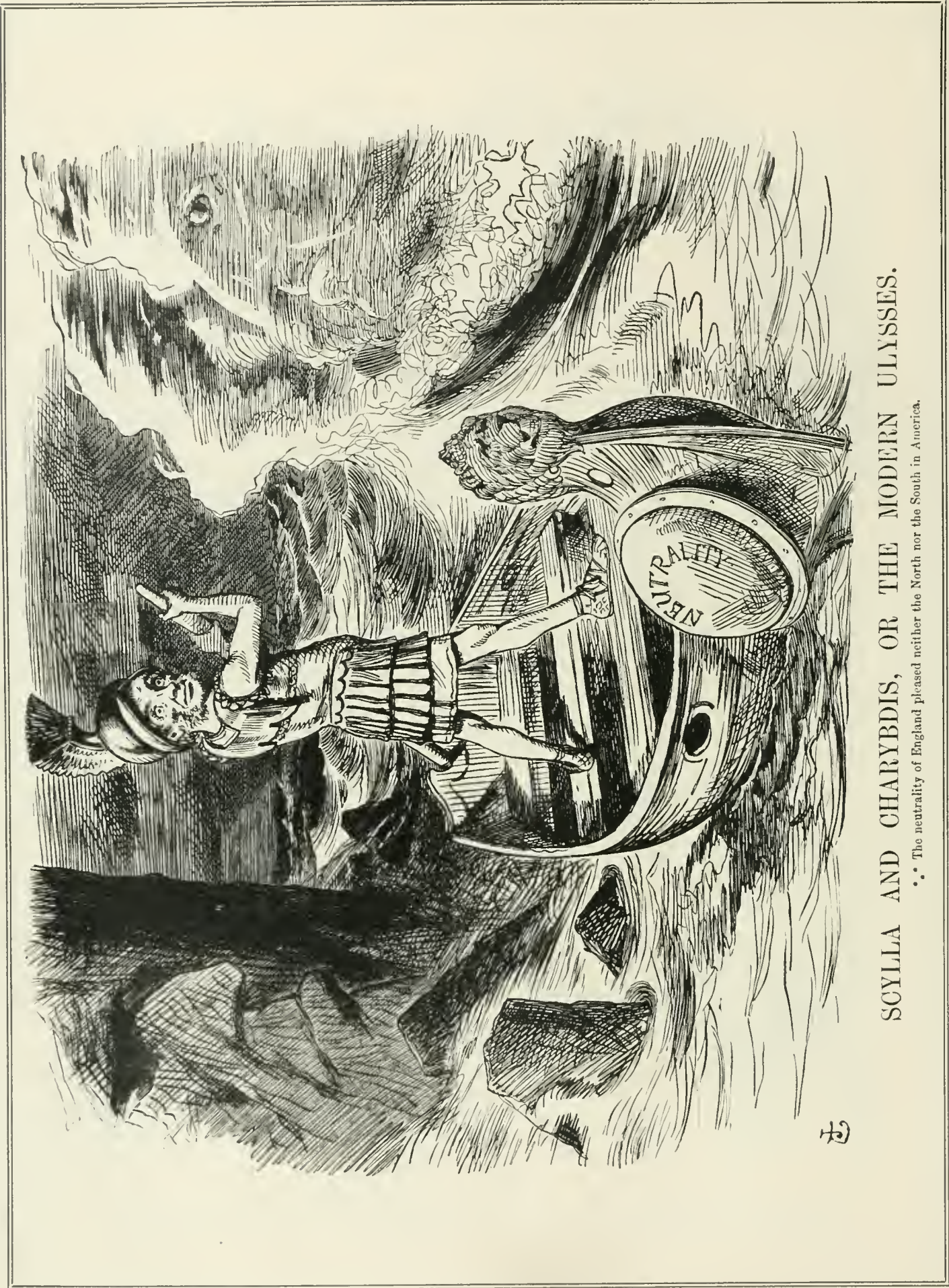
•• The miserable condition of the English rural labourer was exciting comment—but nothing practical was being done for his benefit.



THE BLACK CONSCRIPTION.

"WHEN BLACK MEETS BLACK THEN COMES THE END (?) OF WAR."

•• The Negro Conscription in the North of America was exciting much anger. In "Mr. PUNCH's" opinion the calling of the emancipated slaves into the battle was "the beginning of the end."



SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS, OR THE MODERN ULYSSES.

•• The neutrality of England pleased neither the North nor the South in America.

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THE STORM-SIGNAL.

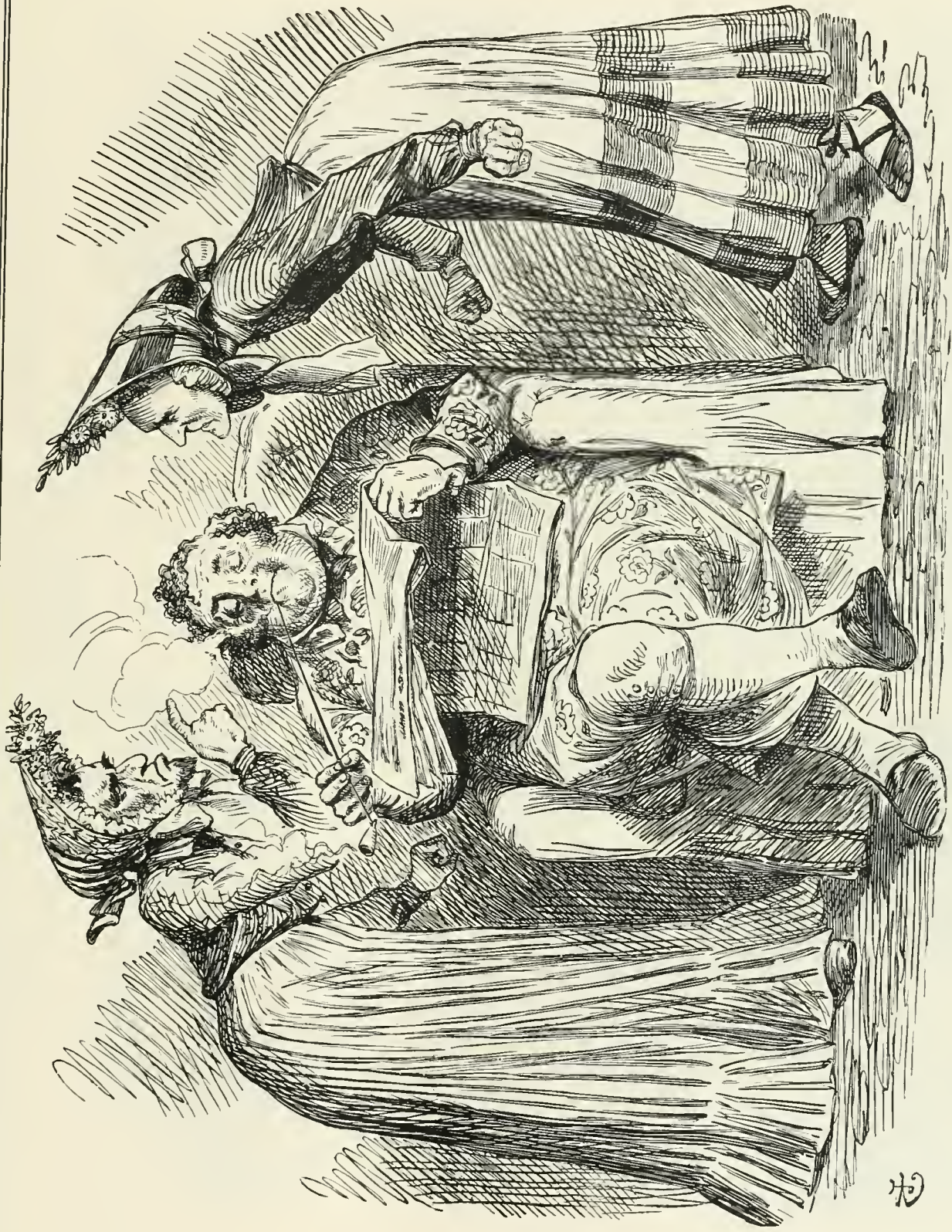
WE KNOW NOT WHENCE THE STORM MAY COME,
 BUT ITS COMING'S IN THE AIR,

AND THIS IS THE WARNING OF THE DRUM,
 AGAINST THE STORM, PREPARE!

•• Affairs abroad at this time presented a menacing aspect—and Britannia was advised to be on the alert.



“HOLDING A CANDLE TO THE * * * * *” (MUCH THE SAME THING.)
.. There seemed to be friendly approximations on the part of Russia and the Northern States of America. The Federals had destroyed a flourishing Southern city by the use of Greek fire, and Poland was being treated with great cruelty by Russia.



NEUTRALITY.

Mrs. NORTH.—“HOW ABOUT THE ALABAMA, YOU WICKED OLD MAN?”
Mrs. SOUTH.—“WHERE’S MY HAMS? TAKE BACK YOUR PRECIOUS CONSULS—THERE!!!”
* * * The failure of England to detain the *Alabama* angered the Federals, and the seizure of Rams, in construction at Birkenhead for the Confederates, enraged the Southerners.



THE CONGRESS QUADRILLE.

EMPEROR NAPOLEON.—"VOULEZ-VOUS DASSER, MAD MOISELLE?"
 MISS BRITANNIA.—"THANKS, NO I'M NOT SURE OF THE FIGURE—AND I KNOW NOTHING OF THE FINALE."
 * * The Emperor proposed a Congress, to assemble at Paris, to consider the general state of Europe. England refused to accept his Imperial Majesty's invitation.



EUROPA CARRIED OFF BY THE (JOHN) BULL.

* * England having declined to attend the Congress proposed by the Emperor Napoleon, the other European Powers relinquished the intention of meeting.



MIRANDA AND PROSPERO.

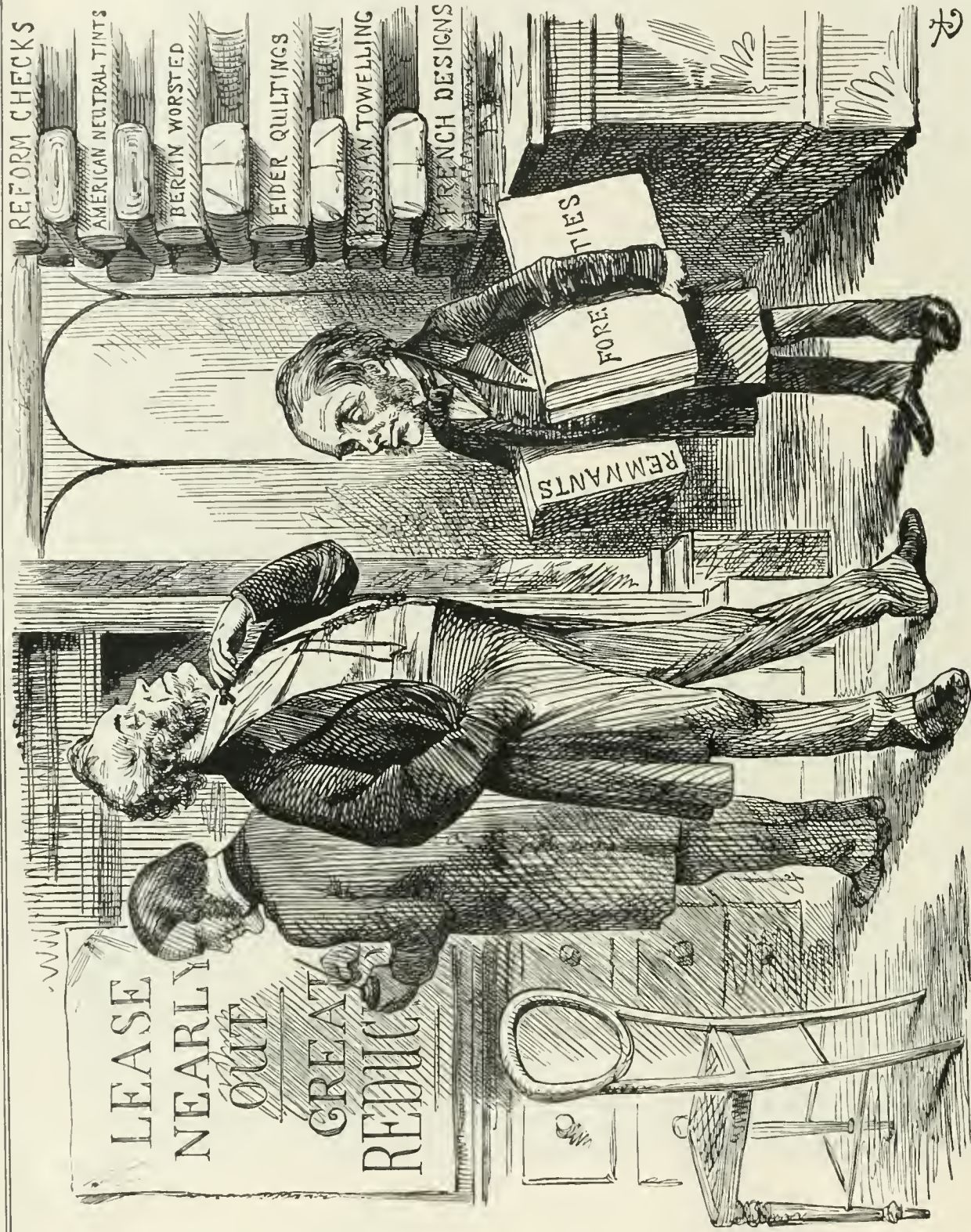
MIRANDA (*Europe*).—"IF BY YOUR ART, MY DEAREST *LOUIS*, YOU HAVE PUT THE WILD WATERS IN THIS ROAD, ALLAY THEM."

. The Emperor Napoleon was considered to be the prime cause of the unsettled state of Europe.



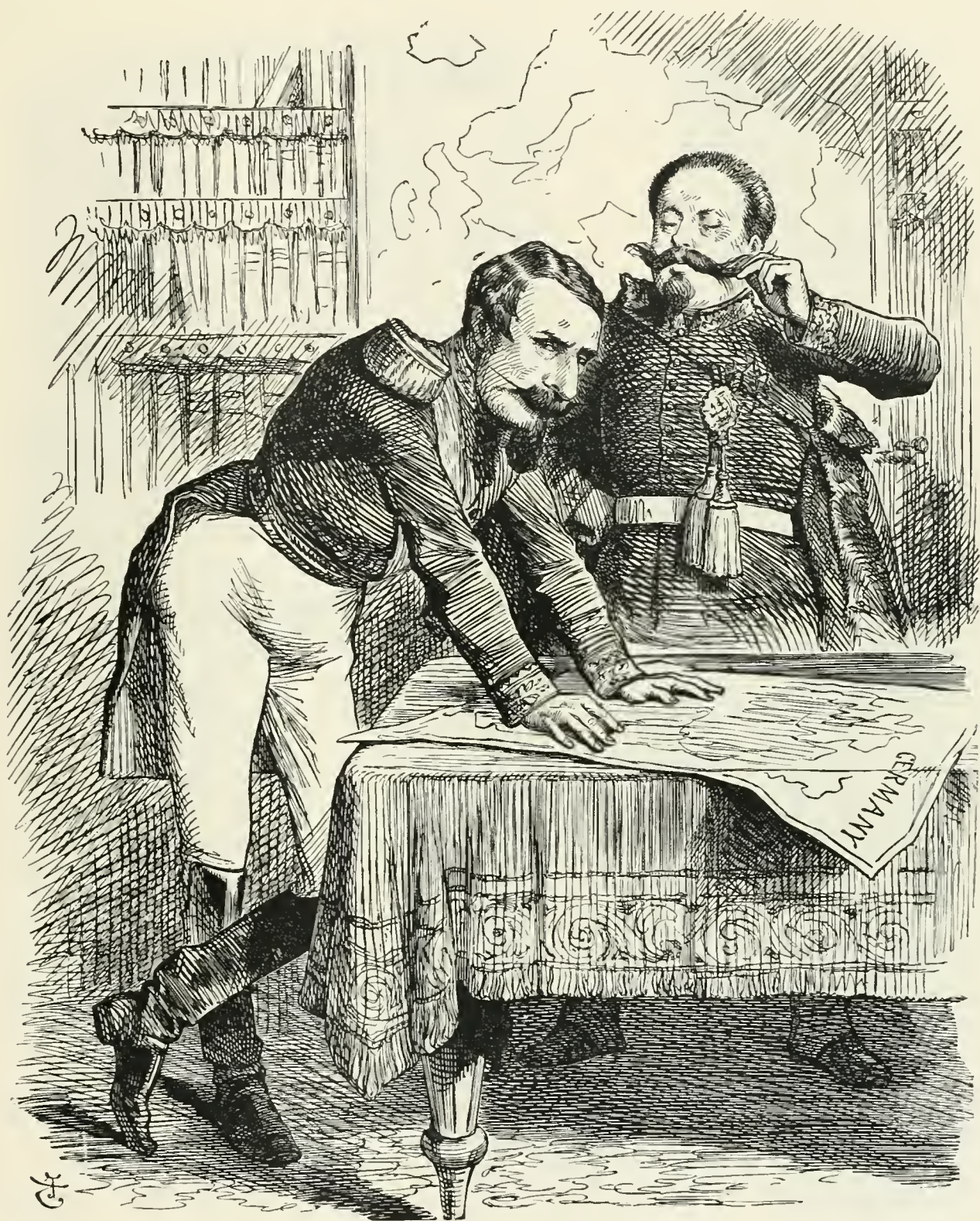
SHAKSPEARE AND THE PIGMIES.

* * * People were very busy airing their opinions on the subject of a proposed National Celebration of the three-hundredth birthday of Shakspeare.



DRESSING THE WINDOW.

PAM (the Veteran Shop-walker).—"NOW THEN, MR. RUSSELL! WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO PUT IN THE WINDOW?"
 MR. RUSSELL.—"WELL, SIR, THERE'S SOME REFORM CHECKS, AMERICAN NEUTRAL TINTS, FOREIGN TIES, BERLIN WORSTED, EIDER QUILTINGS, RUSSIAN TOWELLING, FRENCH DESIGNS, AND ANY QUANTITY OF RED TAPE."
 . . . When Parliament was opened, the foreign policy of the Government was subjected to sharp criticism. It was declared that the policy of Earl Russell could be summed up in two expressive words—"meddle" and "muddle."



NEMESIS.

EMPEROR OF FRANCE.—“HM! PRUSSIA IS EXTENDING HIS FRONTIER; WHY SHOULDN'T I GO TO THE RHINE?”

KING OF ITALY.—“HA! AUSTRIA IS DOING THE SAME; WHY SHOULDN'T I GO TO VENICE?”

* * It was suspected that the aggression of Austria and Prussia upon Denmark—in occupying North Schleswig—would encourage other European Powers, notably France and Italy, in their desire for territorial extension.



JOHN IN A MESS.

Mrs. BRITANNIA.—“PUT DOWN THAT PEN DIRECTLY, YOU TROUBLESOME BOY. A NICE MESS YOU HAVE GOT YOURSELF INTO!”

•• The despatches of Earl Russell on the Schleswig-Holstein question, which were received with marked disapproval by Parliament, were treated with contemptuous indifference by the Powers concerned.



BARK AND NO BITE.

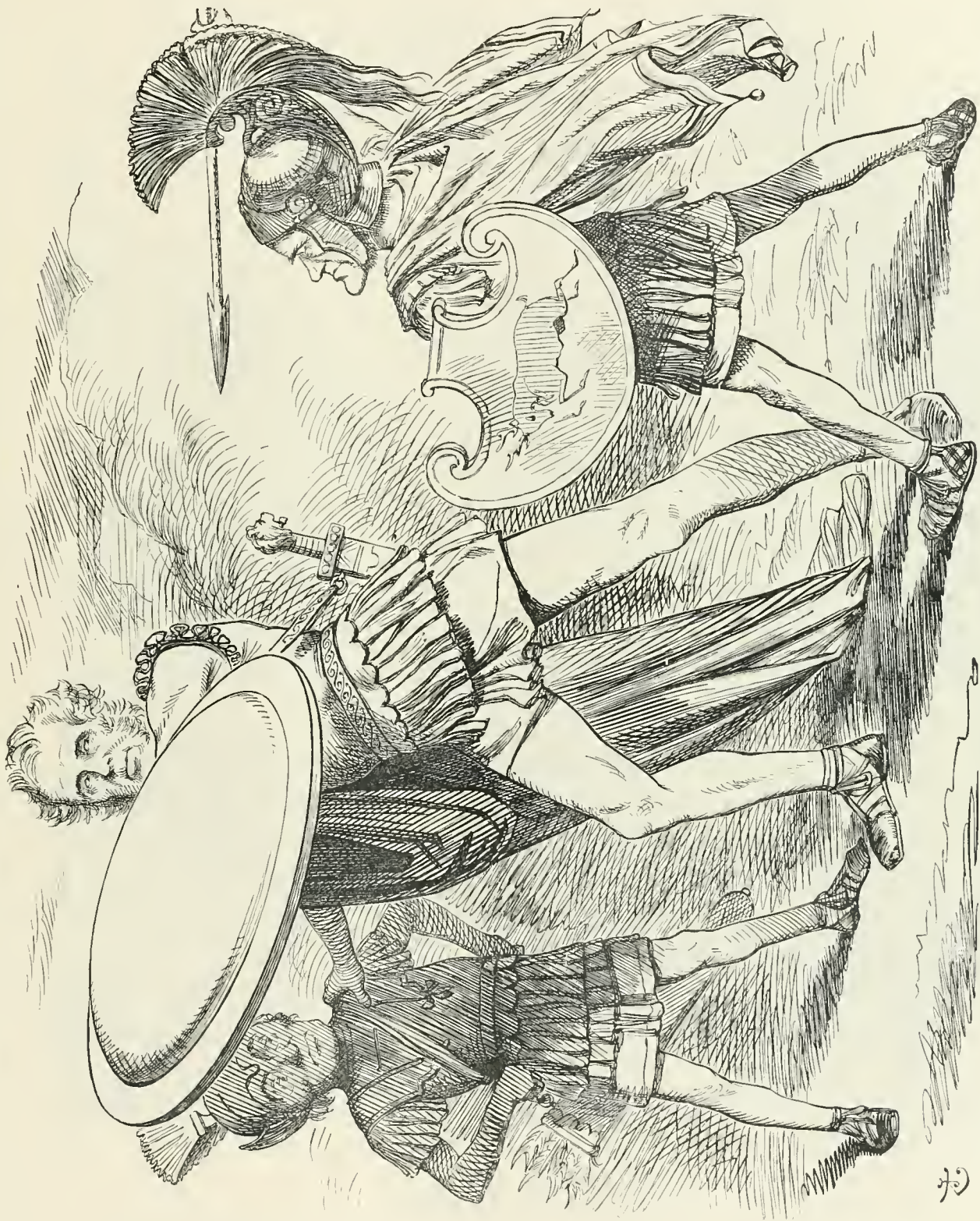
PAM.—“AH, YOU MAY BARK ; BUT YOU WON'T FRIGHTEN MY HORSE, OR UNSEAT ME.”

•• Mr. Disraeli had fiercely attacked the foreign policy of the Government, and demanded fuller information. Lord Palmerston in reply recommended him to study the papers on the subject.



SIR ROWLAND LE GRAND.

•• Sir Rowland Hill, the originator of the Penny Post, had resigned his office as Secretary to the Post Office. He received a grant of £20,000 in acknowledgment of his services.



TEUCER, ASSAILED BY HECTOR, IS PROTECTED BY THE SHIELD OF AJAX.

** Lord Palmerston stoutly defended his colleague, Lord Russell, when the latter was attacked by Mr. Roebuck on account of his policy in regard to the American War.



FRIENDLY ADVICE.

PALM.—"MY DEAR JOHNNY, THE EASTER VACATION IS A GREAT INSTITUTION, SO—REST AND BE THANKFUL."

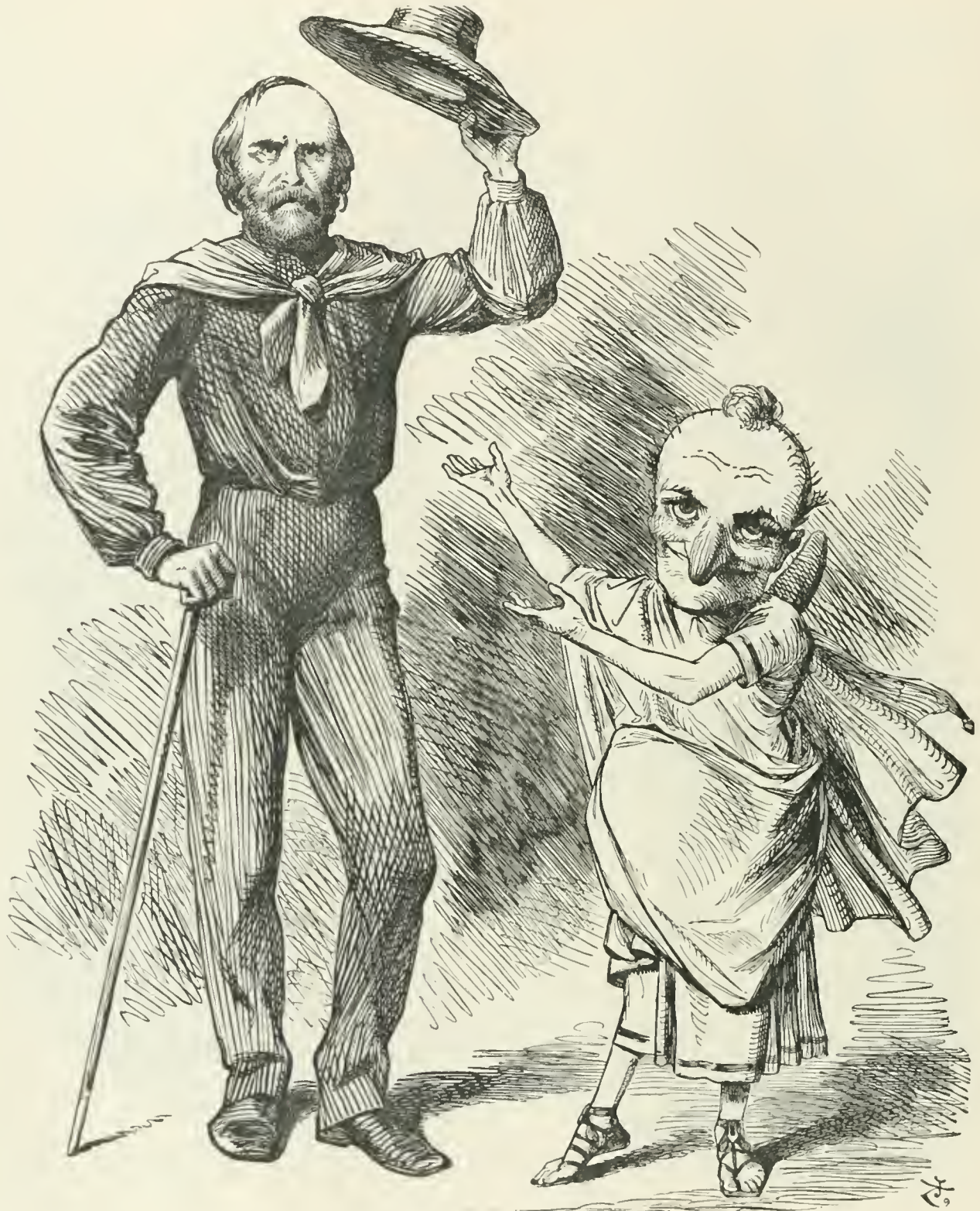
. Earl Russell's position was not easy. He was fiercely assailed by the Opposition, and his restless and resultless activity at the Foreign Office was displeasing to Lord Palmerston.



THE IDLE GOSSIPS.

MRS. GAMP (to Mrs. Harris, sneering at the Age of Dear Old Pam).—"WHAT I SAY IS—HE'S TOO OLD TO BE A CONDUCTOR—WE WANT SMART YOUNG CHAPS LIKE YOUNG DARBY AND YOUNG DIZZY!"

. The *Standard* newspaper had inserted a leader containing some personal remarks upon Lord Palmerston, declaring him to be incapacitated by old age.



“ THIS IS THE NOBLEST ROMAN OF THEM ALL ! ”

. The great Italian patriot, Garibaldi, on his visit to England was received with the most enthusiastic demonstrations of welcome, and his entry into London surpassed any Royal progress.



GOODY GLADSTONE'S GIFTS.

(To the Agricultural Party).—"You've got your 'SUGAR,' AND YOUR 'FIRE MEDAL,' AND THERE'S 'A PENNY' FOR YOU; AND IF YOU'RE A CIVIL BOY, PERHAPS, SOME OF THESE DAYS, WE'LL THINK ABOUT THE 'MALT.'"

* * * Mr. Gladstone's Budget surplus enabled him to make a considerable reduction in the Sugar duties, to take a penny off the Income Tax, and to lower the duty on Fire Insurances from 3s. to 1s. 6d.



MOSES STARTING FOR THE CONFERENCE FAIR.

(LET US HOPE HE WON'T BRING BACK "A GROSS OF GREEN SPECTACLES.")

PRIMROSE . . . PALMERSTON.

MRS. PRIMROSE . . . BRITANNIA.

MOSES . . . EARL RUSSELL.

*. A Conference of the Great Powers to consider the Danish Question was about to be held in London, and it was hoped that good results would ensue from Earl Russell's presence thereat.



SUSPENSE.

(WITH "MR. PUNCH'S" APOLOGIES TO SIR EDWIN LANDSEER.)

* * The result of the Conference on the Schleswig-Holstein Dispute was anxiously awaited. The proceedings, however, were greatly delayed owing to the non-arrival of one of the Plenipotentiaries.



THE AGGRAVATED POLICEMAN.

JOHN BULL, A 1.—“YOU'RE NOT ON MY BEAT, YOU SCAMPS, OR I'D LET YOU SEE!”

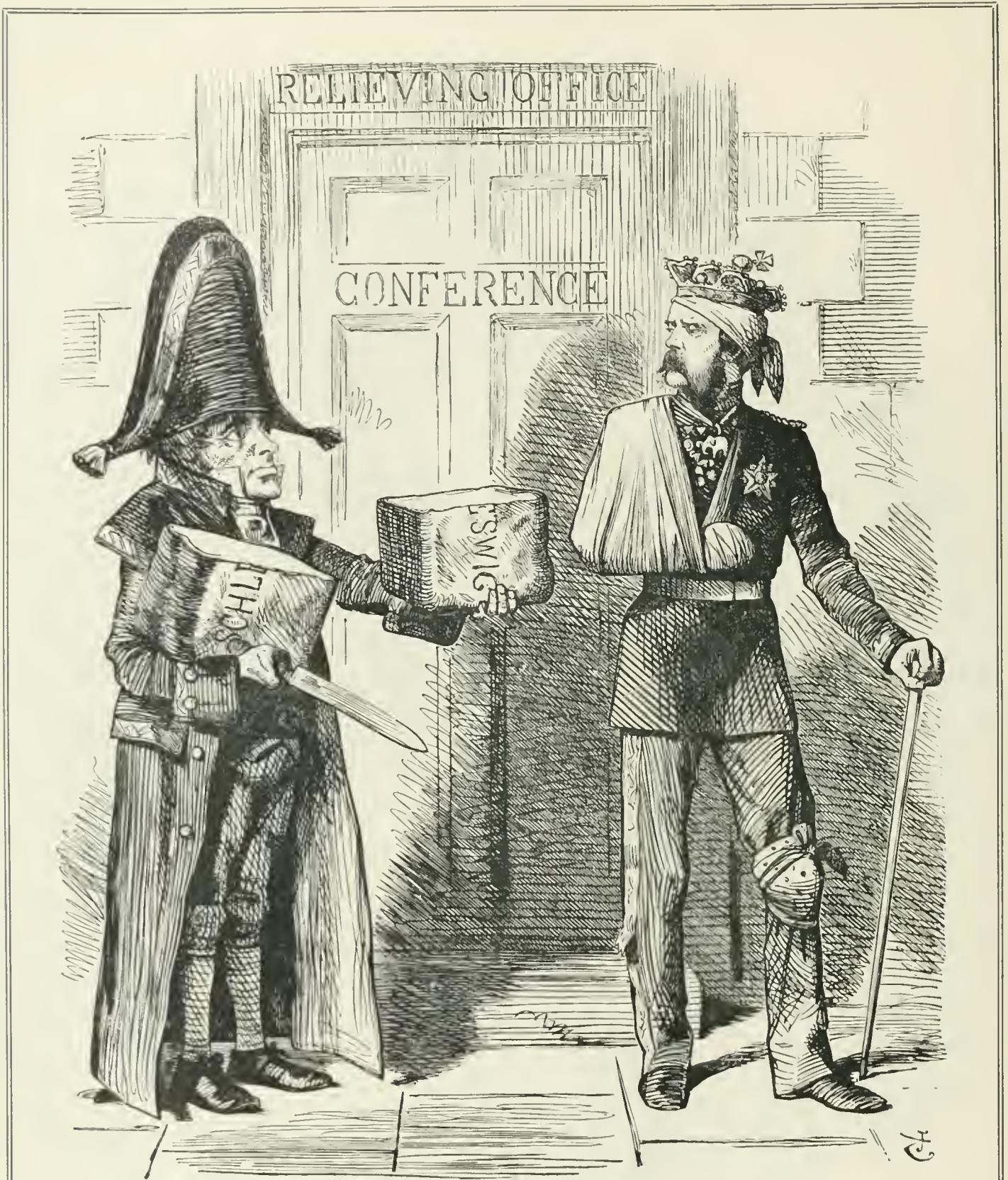
•• At the first sitting of the Conference a suspension of hostilities in the Duchies was agreed to. It was, however, apparent from the first that without material assistance from England the position of Denmark was hopeless.



THE FALSE START.

PAM (*The Starter*).—"HU! GLADSTONE! DEMOCRACY! TOO SOON. TOO SOON. TOO SOON! YOUR MUSN'T GO YET!"
 •• Mr. Gladstone, in a powerful speech in support of Mr. Baines's Bill for lowering the suffrage in Boroughs to £5, startled his colleagues by advocating a very wide extension of the franchise.

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THE BEADLE AND THE DANE.

MR. RUSSELL.—"BETTER TAKE IT! HALF A LOAF'S BETTER THAN NO BREAD, YOU KNOW!"

* * The diplomatic offer of Earl Russell to secure the northern portion of Schleswig from the rapacity of Prussia and Austria was recommended by "Mr. PUNCH" to the acceptance of Christian IX.

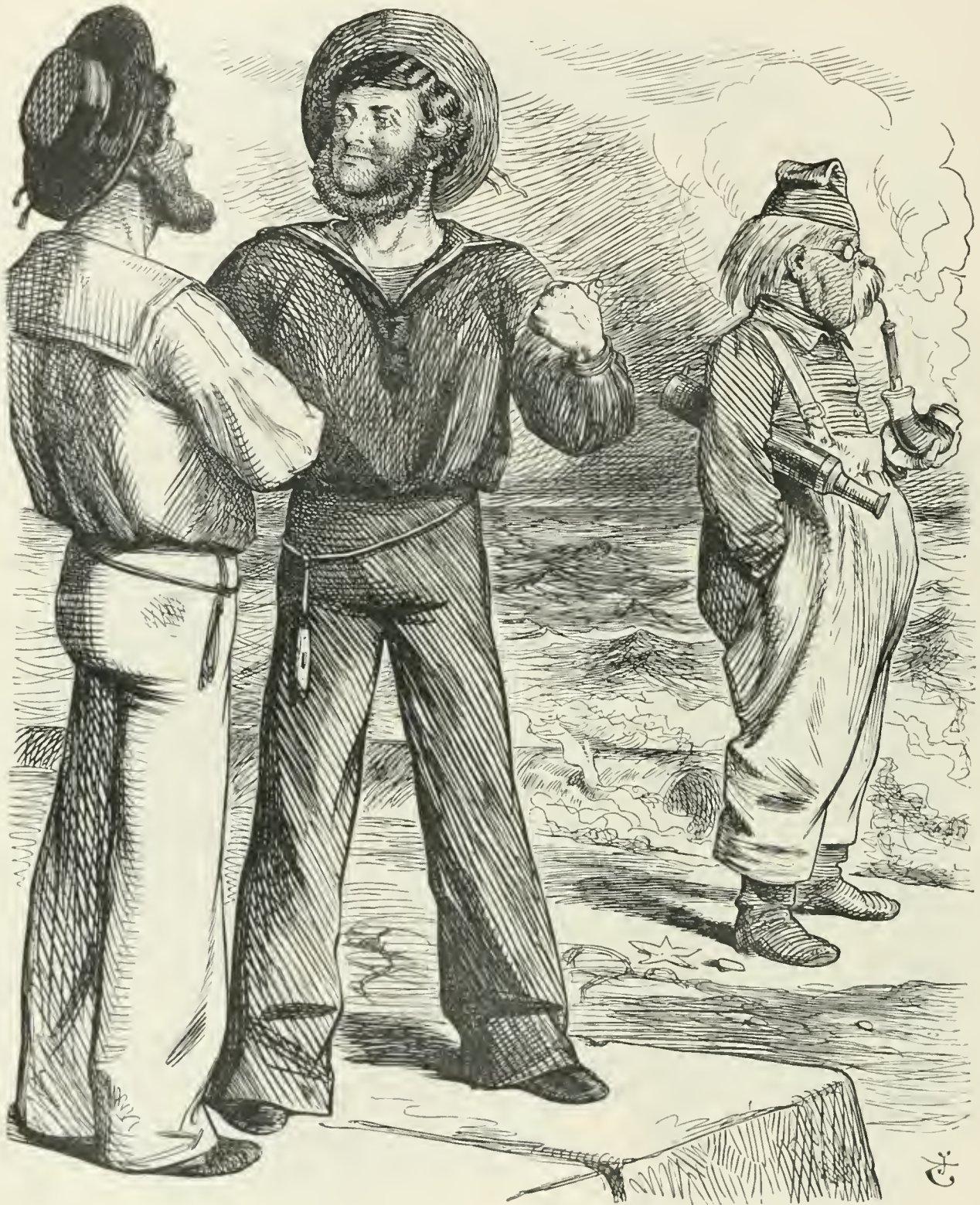
ST. STEPHEN'S ACADEMY



NEXT HALF.

MRS. GAMP.—“WHERE'S YOUR SPEERIT? BAR 'IM OUT! SMASH 'IS WINDERS! DO SUMMIT!”
MASTER DIZZY.—“OF COURSE WE SHALL—NEXT HALF!”

. The Conservatives had declined to press a vote of want of confidence in Ministers, and the *Standard* newspaper proessed to be very angry.



JACK ON THE CRISIS.

"Blow it, Bill! We can't be expected to *FIGHT* a lot o' lubberly swabs like him. We'll kick 'em, if that 'll do."

. The indignation felt in England at the spoliation of Denmark, and the possibility of our fleet being engaged in the struggle, suggested this imaginative comparison of British and German sailors.



THE PROMISSORY NOTE.

Mr. JOHN BULL (*Denmark having Presented the Note for Payment*).—"Now, THEN, MR. KNOUTEM AND MOUNSEER FROGGY, WHAT ARE YOU SKULKING OFF FOR? YOUR NAMES ARE TO THE NOTE AS WELL AS MINE, AND YOU'RE AS MUCH BOUND TO PAY YOUR SHARE AS I AM."

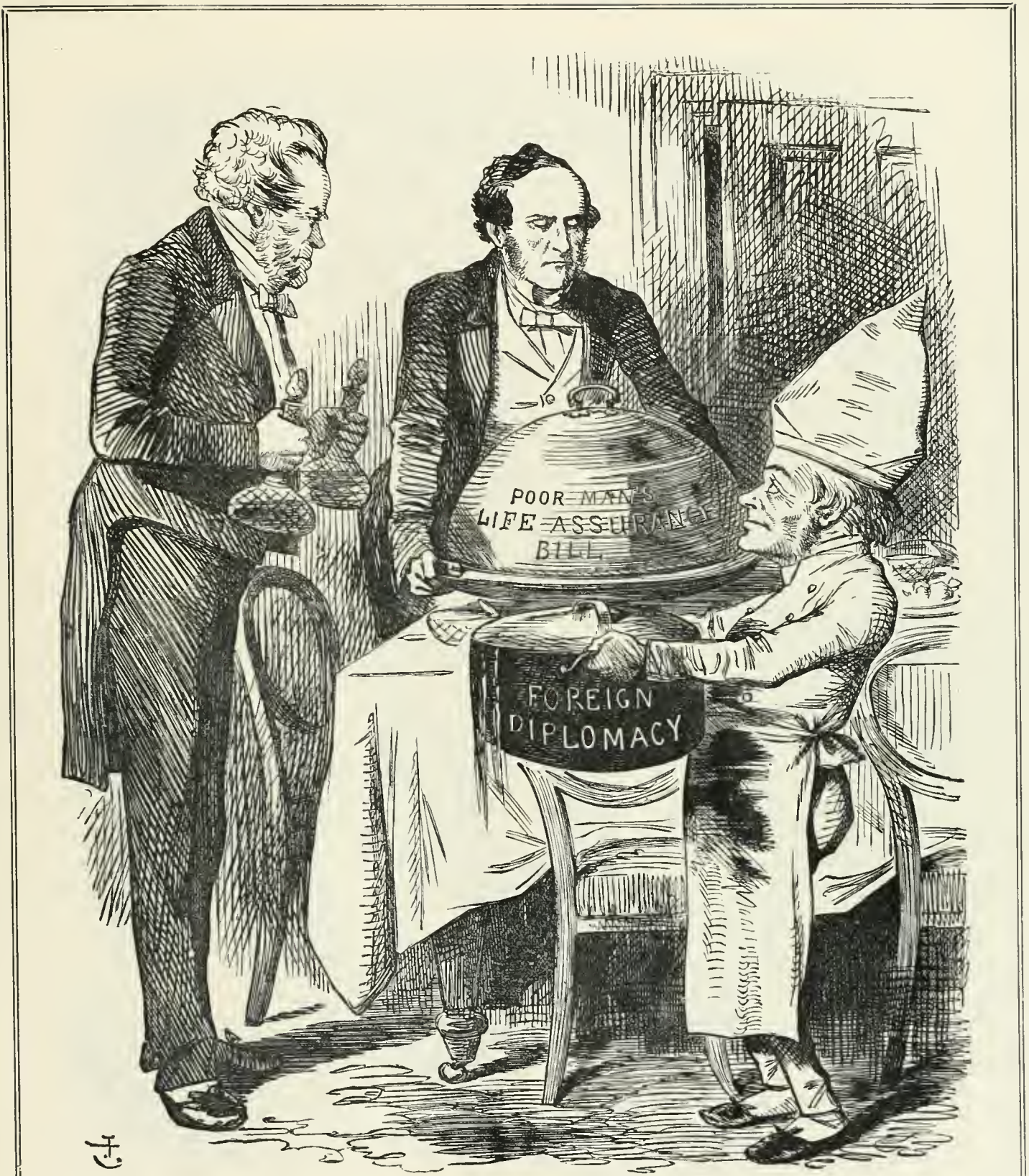
. Denmark claimed the assistance of England, France and Russia, under the Treaty of 1852. Our Government, however, did not feel justified in attacking Germany single-handed.



THE FIGHT AT ST. STEPHEN'S ACADEMY.

MES. GAMP.—“NEVER MIND, MY DEAR! YOU DONE YER WERRY BEST TO WIN; WHICH THAT MASTER GLADSTING IS SUCH A HUNCOMMON STRONG BOY!”

* * Mr. Disraeli having moved a vote of censure on the Government for their failure to uphold the integrity and independence of Denmark, it was negatived by a majority of 18.



SHORT COMMONS, OR THE MINISTERIAL WHITEBAIT DINNER.

PAM (*Head Waiter*).—"IS THAT ALL WE'VE GOT TO PUT ON THE TABLE?"
 JOHNNY RUSSELL (*the Cook*).—"HERE'S MY KETTLE O' FISH!"

*• The Session of 1864 had been productive of small results, Mr. Gladstone's Government Annuities Bill being one of the few successful measures.



SOMETHING FOR PADDY.

O'CONNELL'S STATUE (*log.*).—"IT'S A REPALER YE CALL YOURSELF, YE SPALPEEN, AND YOU'RE GOIN' TO DIE FOR THE UNION."

•• Federal agents were at this time busy in Ireland. Various devices were employed to induce Irishmen to enlist and take part in the war against the South.



RELIEVING GUARD AT THE VATICAN.

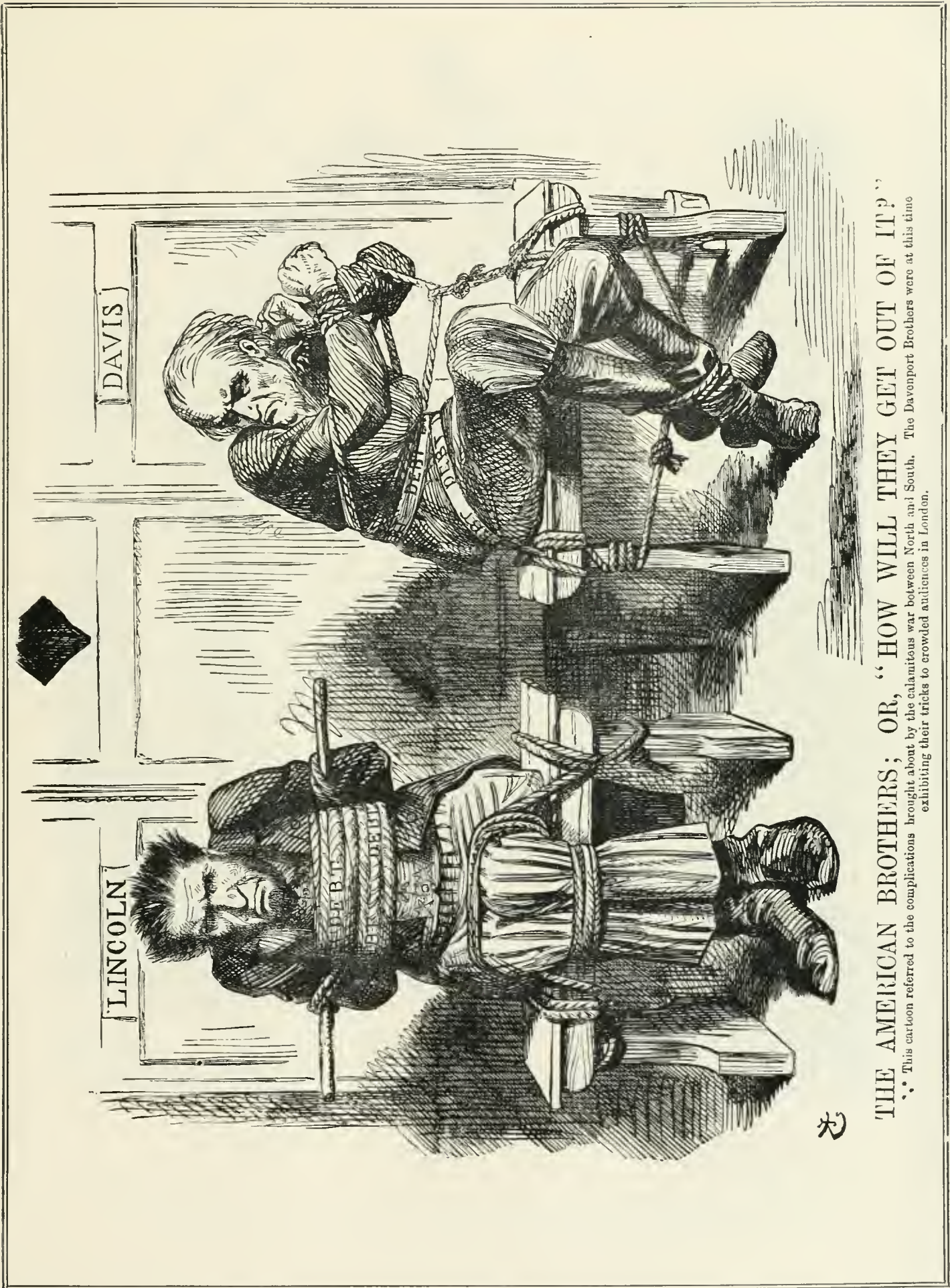
FRANCE TO ITALY.—“YOU MUSTN'T LET NOBODY OUTSIDE ANNOY THE PARTY INSIDE; AND YOU MUSTN'T LET THE PARTY INSIDE ANNOY NOBODY OUTSIDE.”

. By a Convention between France and Italy the former agreed to withdraw her troops gradually from the Pontifical States, whilst Italy guaranteed them from any invasion.



COLONISTS AND CONVICTS.

AUSTRALIAN COLONIST.—“NOW, MR. BULL I DON'T SHOOT ANY MORE OF YOUR RUBBISH HERE, OR YOU AND I SHALL QUARREL.”
... Australia had for some time past protested against the continued introduction of convicts from the mother country. The Colony had the sympathy of the English public.



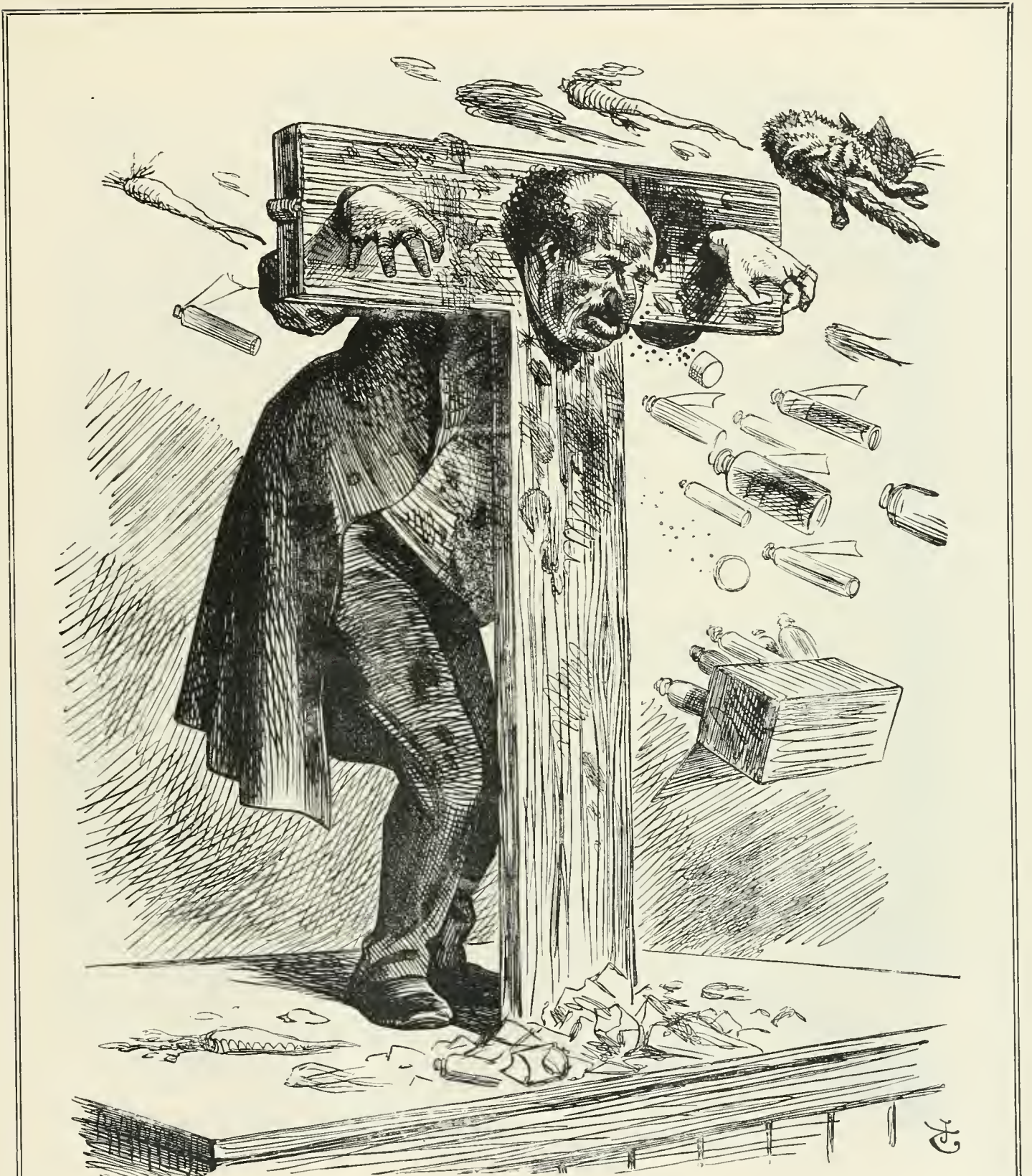
THE AMERICAN BROTHERS; OR, "HOW WILL THEY GET OUT OF IT?"
* * * This cartoon referred to the complications brought about by the calamitous war between North and South. The Davenport Brothers were at this time exhibiting their tricks to crowded audiences in London.



DRESSING FOR AN OXFORD BAL MASQUÉ.

"THE QUESTION IS, IS MAN AN APE OR AN ANGEL?—(A Laugh.) NOW, I AM ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS.—
(Cheers.)"—*Mr. Disraeli's Oxford Speech, Friday, November 25.*

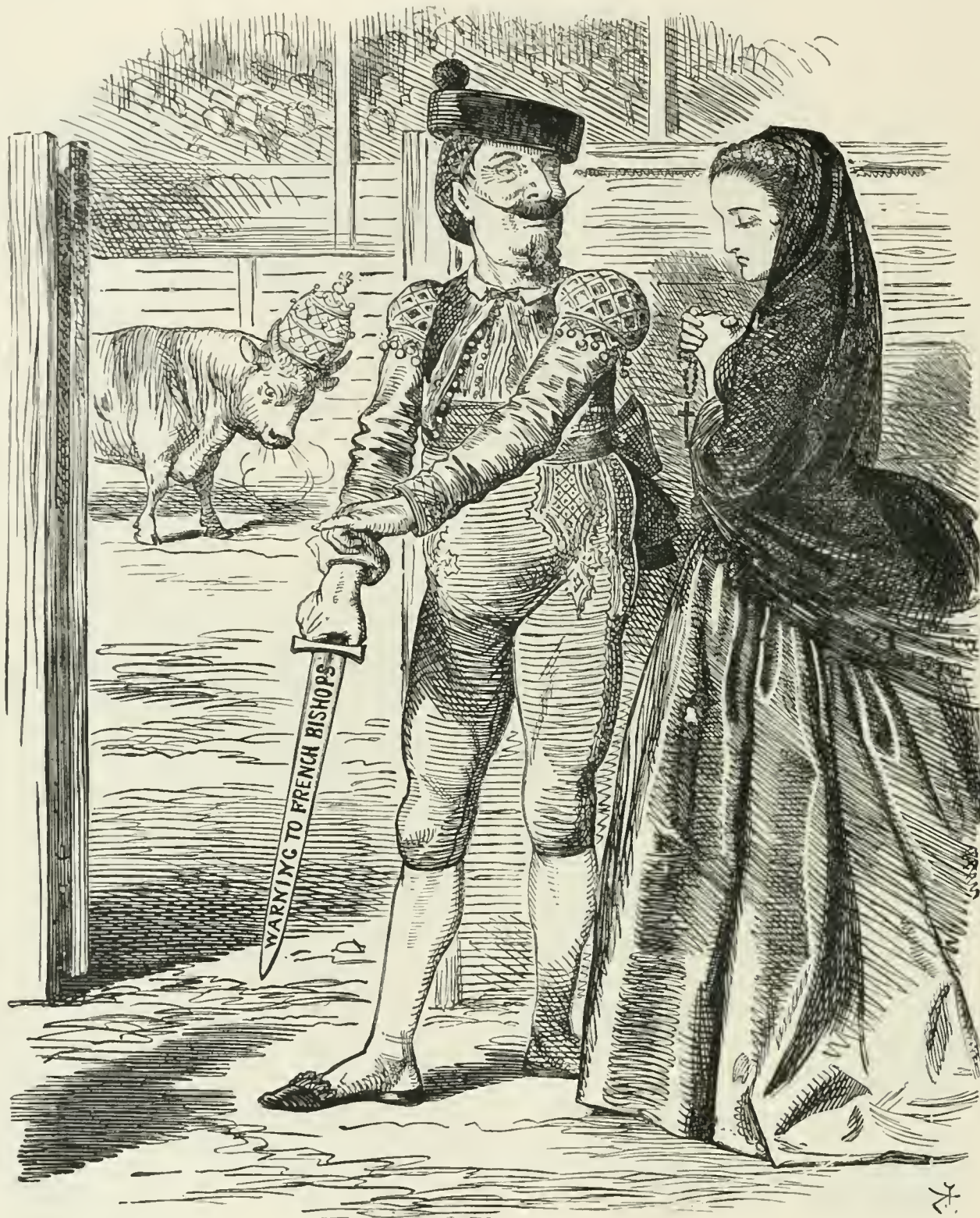
•• At a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Society Mr. Disraeli, speaking on the theme of the Church *versus* Science, announced himself in favour of orthodox Anglicanism against heterodox science.



A QUACK IN THE RIGHT PLACE ;

OR, WHAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO SEE.

. The conviction and punishment for serious offences of an abominable quack, the representative of an infamous class, provoked the above record of contemporary opinion.



THE IMPERIAL BULL-FIGHTER.

L. NAP.—“YOU ARE FOND OF BULL-FIGHTING, MY EUGENIE. YOU SHALL SEE ME GIVE OUR PAPAL FRIEND YONDER THE *COUP DE GRACE*.”

•• The Pope's Encyclical Letter had been prohibited in France as being “contrary to the principles on which the Constitution of the Empire was based.”



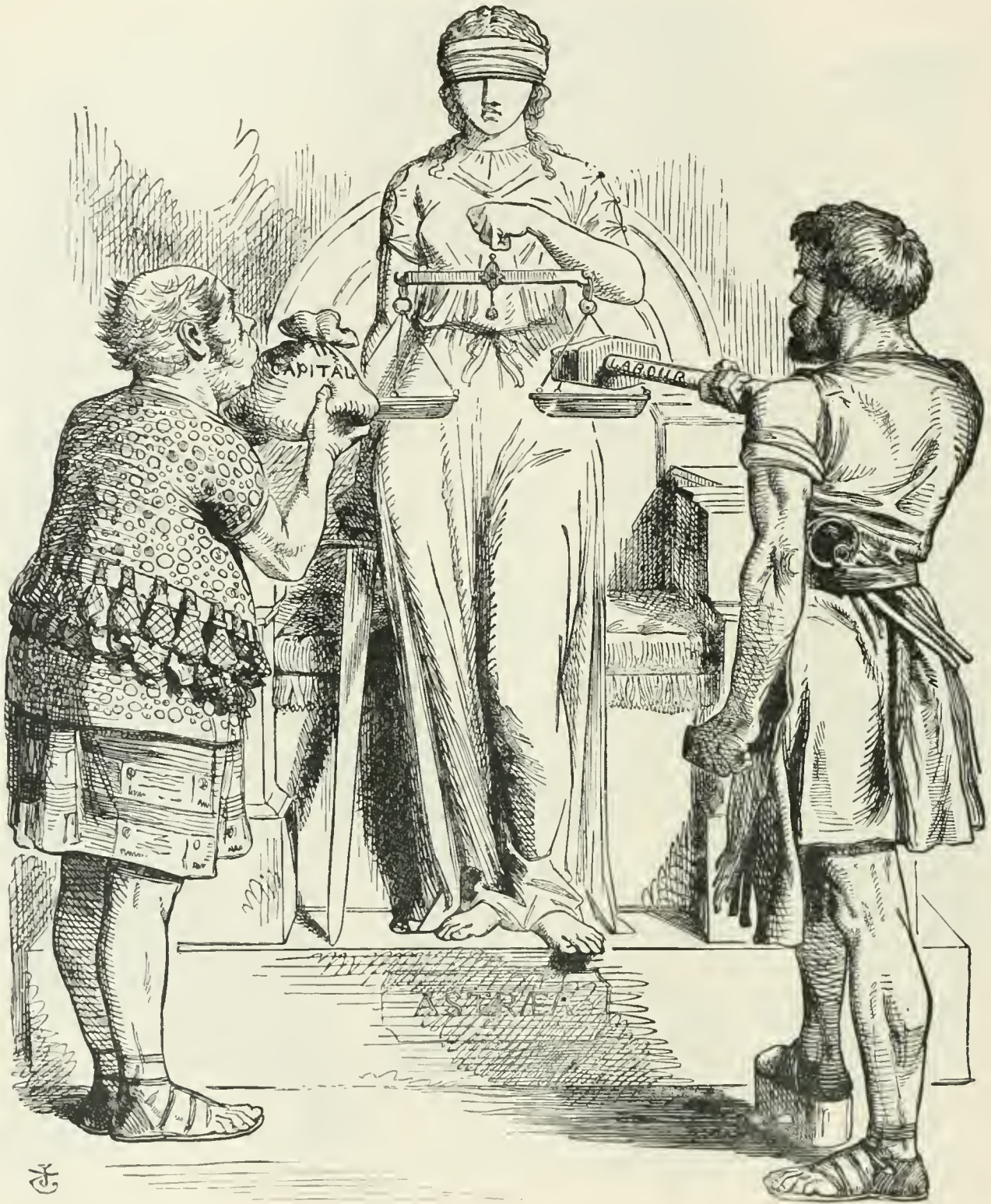
BACK TO SCHOOL.

THE BOY WITH THE CAKE.

CHORUS OF GREEDY BOYS.—“GIVE US A SLICE! GIVE US A SLICE!”

DR. PAM (*Head Master*).—“KEEP BACK, BOYS! KEEP BACK! OR IT SHALL NOT BE CUT TILL EASTER.”

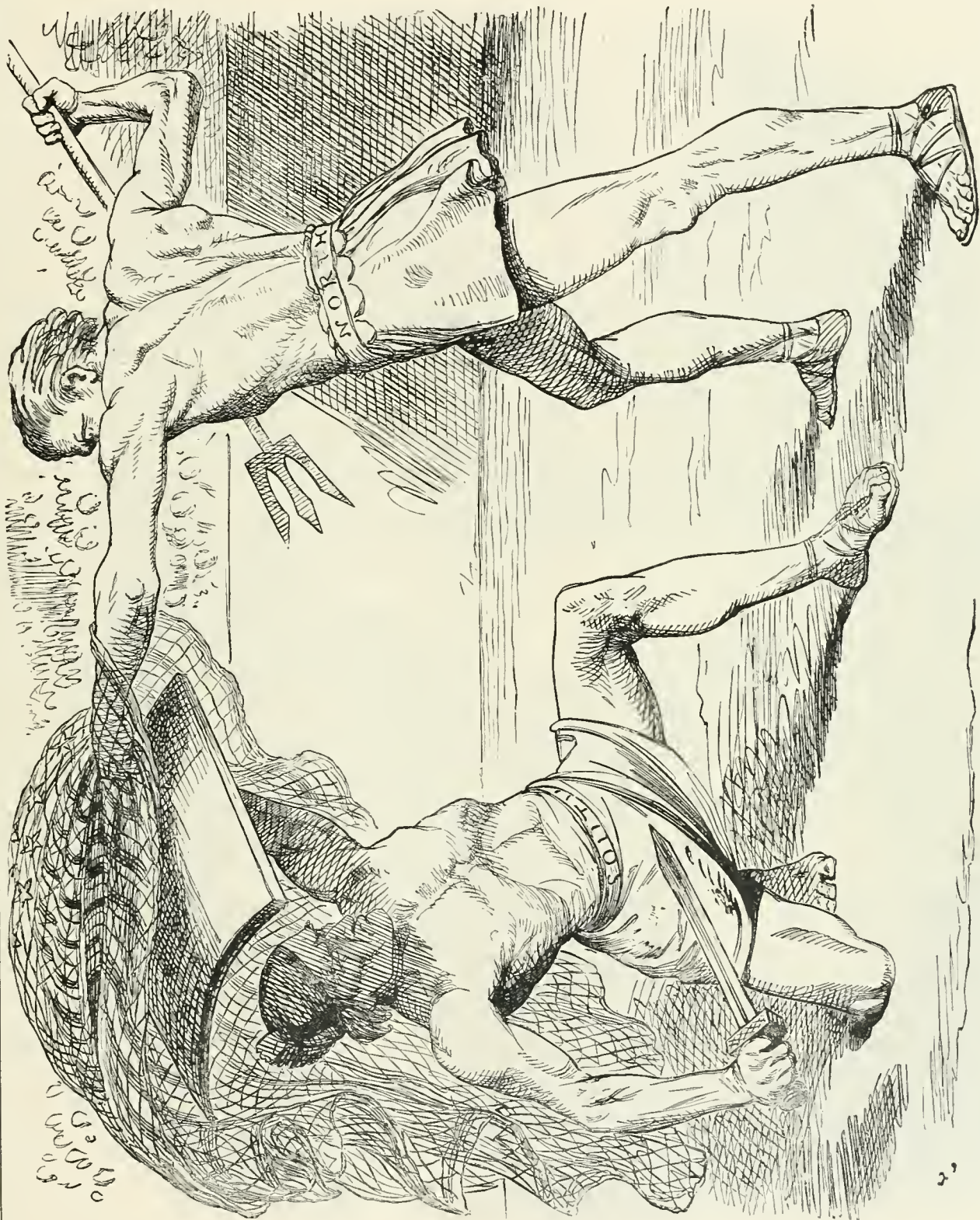
•• Mr. Gladstone was solicited by the representatives of various interests to devote a portion of his anticipated surplus to the reduction of the Malt Tax, Fire Assurance, etc.



ARBITRATION BETTER THAN EMIGRATION.

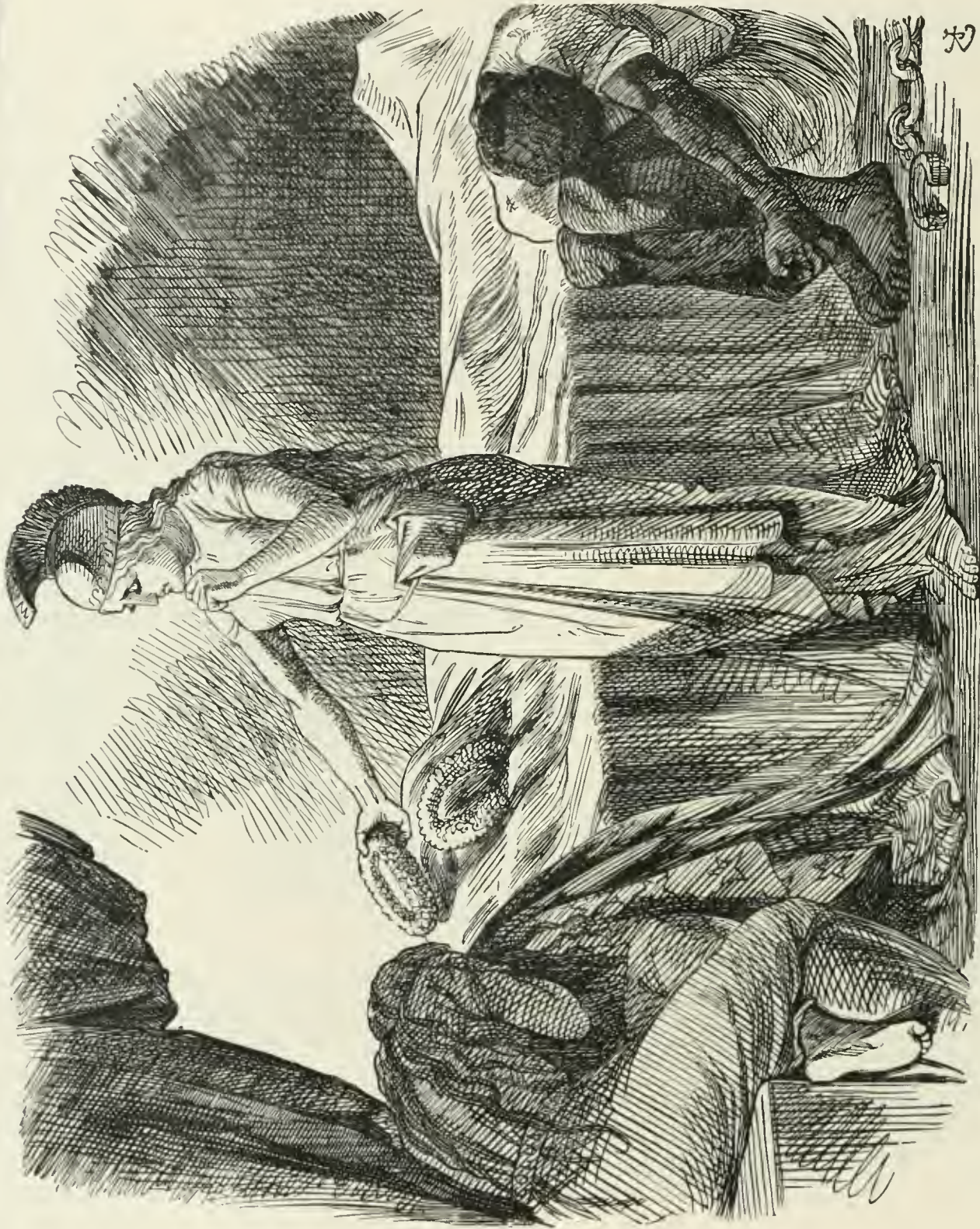
PLUTUS AND VULCAN ACCEPT THE DECISION OF JUSTICE.

•• A prolonged strike and lock-out in the South Staffordshire iron districts, causing great distress, had been at last amicably settled.



THE AMERICAN GLADIATORS—HABET!

•• After a protracted siege Richmond had fallen, practically ending the great American Civil War. It was a mortal stroke from which the South could not have to recover.



BRITANNIA SYMPATHISES WITH COLUMBIA.

•• The assassination of President Lincoln after the conclusion of the Civil War evoked widespread feelings of sympathy from all classes of society.

GENERAL ELECTION PAM FOR PREMIER



THE ELECTION BUDGET.

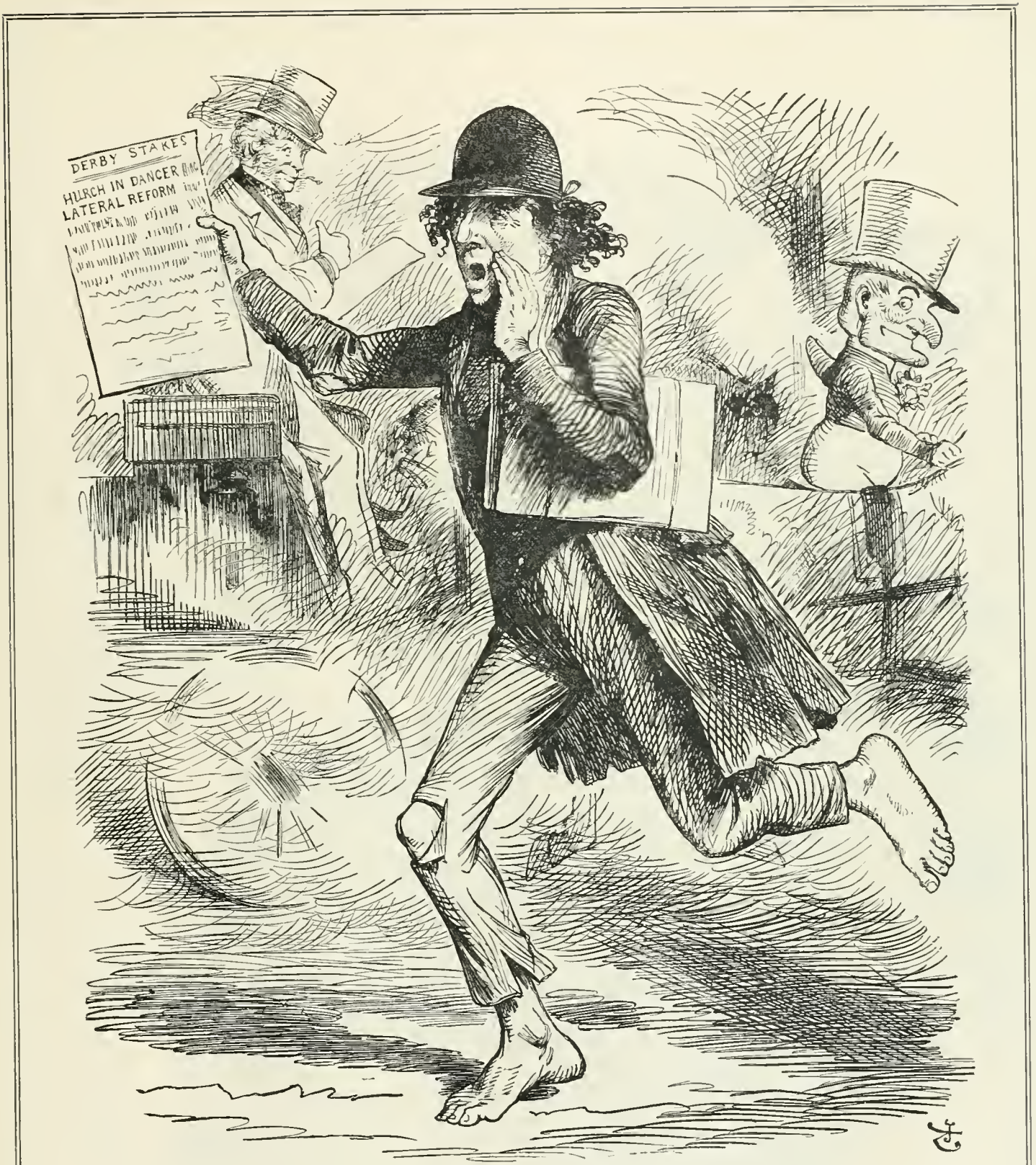
GLADSTONE.—“I THINK, MR. BULL, WE MAY NOW RECKON ON YOUR SUPPORT!”

Mr. Gladstone's proposal to reduce the Tea Duty by 6d. in the pound and to take 2d. of the Income Tax, was warmly welcomed in the constituencies.



“ OUT OF THE PARISH. ”

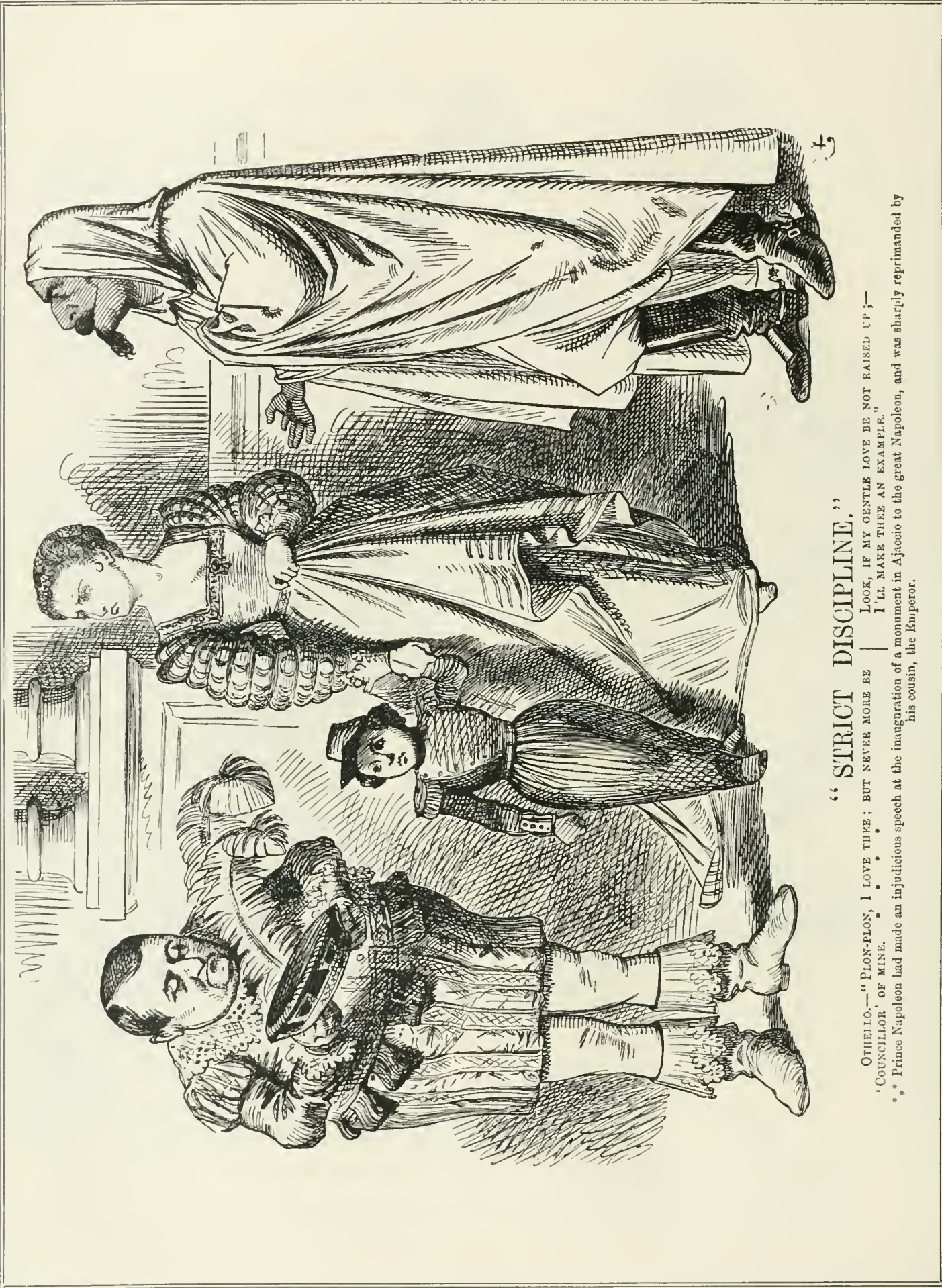
SIR GILES OVERREACH.—“NOW, THEN, MY MAN! YOUR WORK'S DONE, SO BE OFF OUT OF THIS PARISH.”
SIR GILES! IT BE BETTER NOR FOUR MILE TO T' TOWN.” SIR GILES OVERREACH.—“CAN'T HELP THAT! NO 'UNION CHARGEABILITY' FOR ME.”
* * * The Union Chargeability Bill had been carried by a large majority. Landowners, farmers and others would in future be compelled to support their own poor.



DIZZY'S K'RECT CARD FOR THE "DERBY" (?)

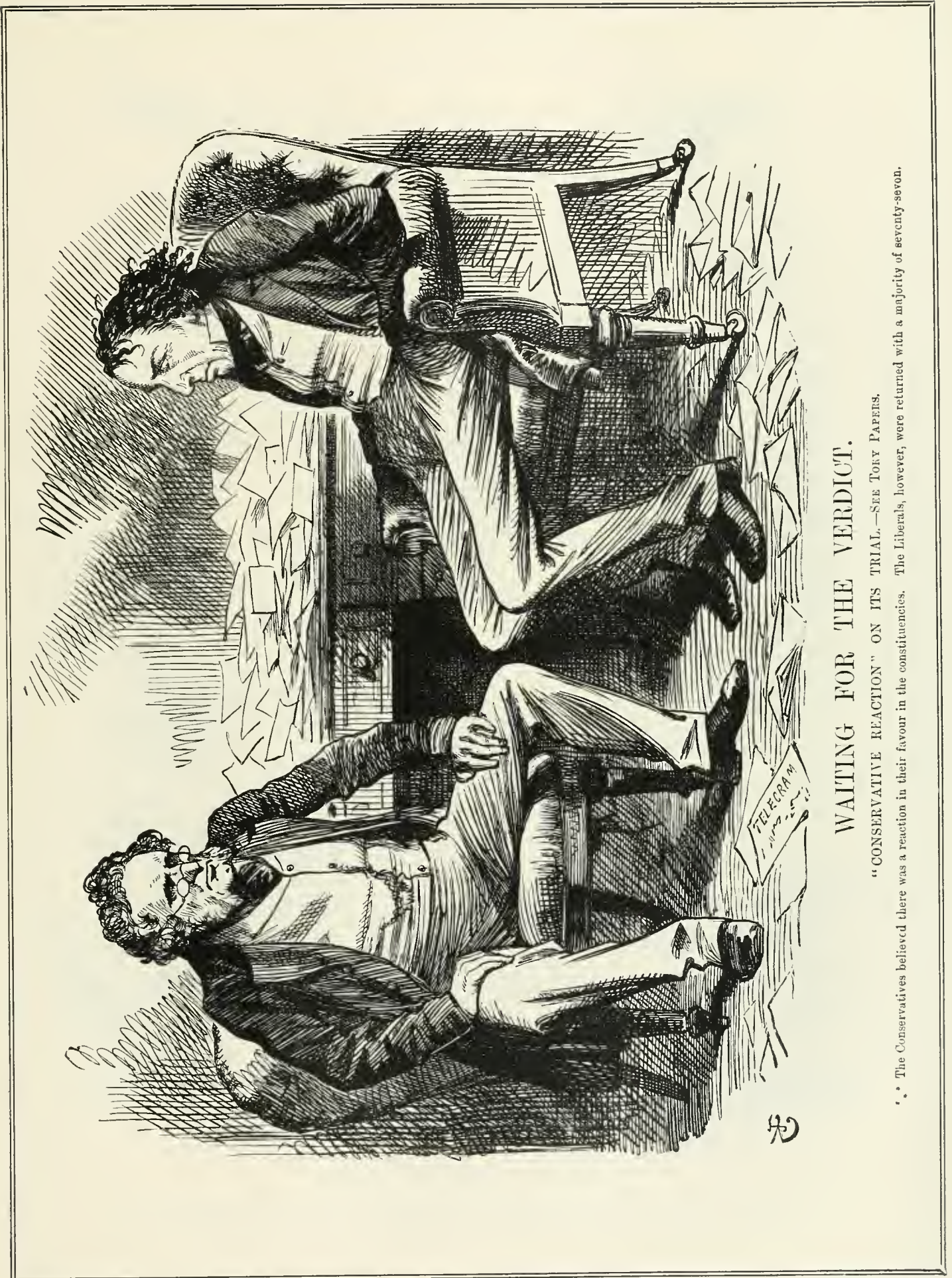
"K'RECT CARD, MY NOBLE SPORTSMEN!"—"K'RECT CARD!"—"CHURCH IN DANGER!"—"LATERAL REFORM!"—"K'RECT CARD!"

*. In his address to the electors of Buckinghamshire, Mr. Disraeli insisted on the maintenance of a National Church, and favoured a "lateral" extension of the suffrage.



“ STRICT DISCIPLINE. ”

OTHELLO.—“ PLOP-PLOP, I LOVE THEE ; BUT NEVER MORE BE
‘ COUNCILLOR ’ OF MINE. * * *
* * * Prince Napoleon had made an injudicious speech at the inauguration of a monument in Ajaccio to the great Napoleon, and was sharply reprimanded by
his cousin, the Emperor.



WAITING FOR THE VERDICT.

"CONSERVATIVE REACTION" ON ITS TRIAL.—SEE TORY PAPERS.

* * The Conservatives believed there was a reaction in their favour in the constituencies. The Liberals, however, were returned with a majority of seventy-seven.

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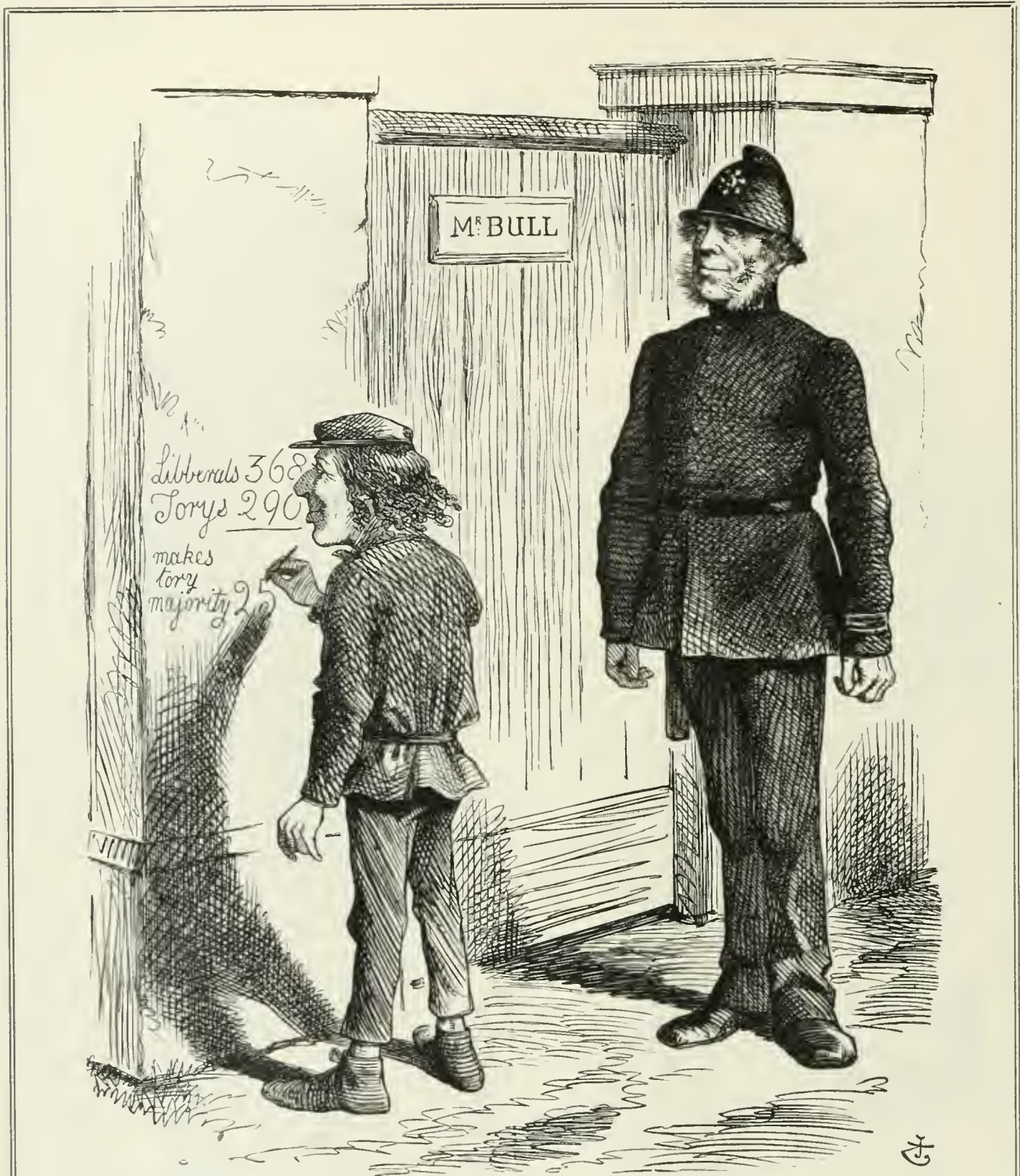
PEGASUS UNHARNESSED.

* * Mr. Gladstone, after his rejection by Oxford University at the General Election of 1865, was said to be "unmuzzled and released from the trammels of Tory clericalism."



A WORD TO THE MERMAIDS.

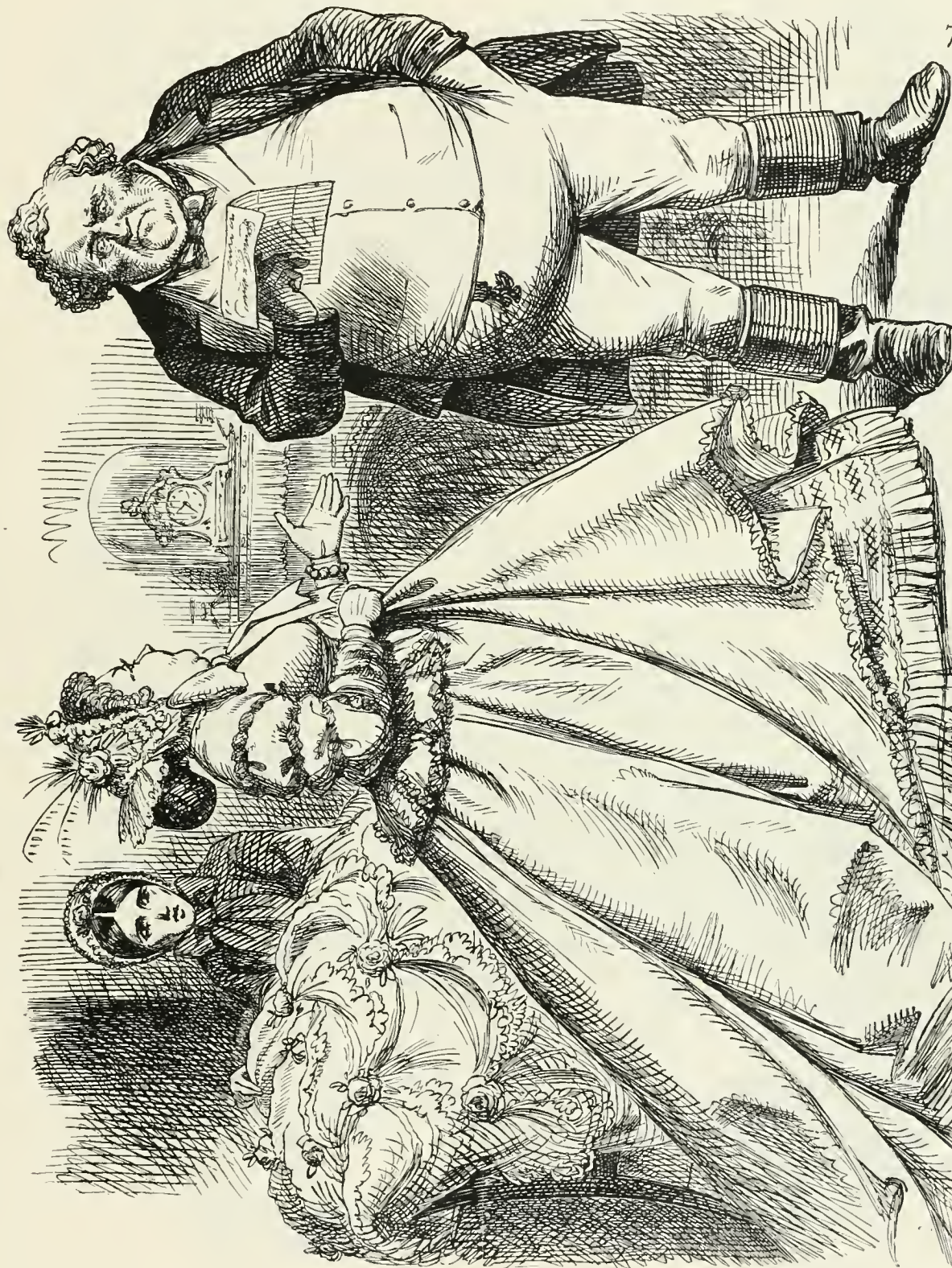
NEPTUNE.—“AHO-O-O-OY, THERE! GET OFF O’ THAT ‘EEE CABLE, CAN’T YER—THAT’S THE WAY T’OTHER ONE WAS WRECKED!!!”
•• The first Atlantic Cable having become useless, efforts were made to lay a new one, but unfortunately it snapped asunder in mid-Atlantic, and the attempt was abandoned till the following year.



DIZZY'S ARITHMETIC.

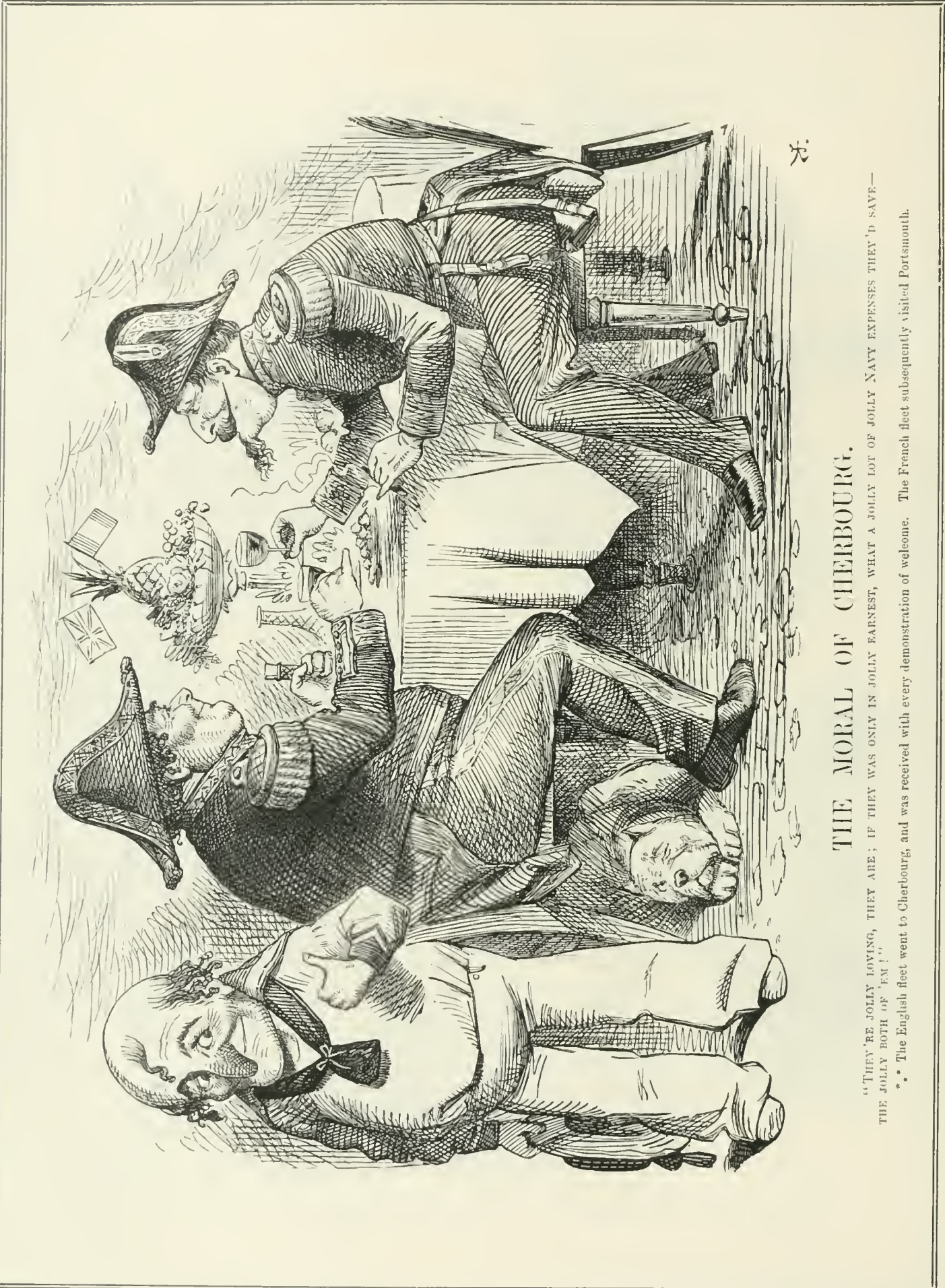
P.M. — "Now, then, youngster, you've no call to be a chalking that wall; and if you *MUST* do a sum, you might as well do it right!"

. The Conservative Press asserted that they had a majority of twenty-five at the General Election, which proved not to be the case.



HOUSEKEEPING À LA MODE, OR FOOD VERSUS FINERY.

Mrs. BULL.—“NOW, MY DEAR B., DON'T BE CROSS. YOU SEE THE COMPLETE DRESS ONLY COMES TO—”
MR. BULL (*reads Milner's Bill*).—“SIX HUNDRED POUNDS OF BUTCHER'S MEAT, MY DEAR, THAT'S ALL!”
* * * “Mr. Poxett” condemns the unbridled luxury displayed in ladies' dresses, and hints that it might lead to curtailment in the larder.



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THE MORAL OF CHERBOURG.

"THEY'RE JOLLY LOVING, THEY ARE; IF THEY WAS ONLY IN JOLLY EARNEST, WHAT A JOLLY LOT OF JOLLY NAVY EXPENSES THEY'D SAVE—
THE JOLLY BOTH OF 'EM!"

•• The English fleet went to Cherbourg, and was received with every demonstration of welcome. The French fleet subsequently visited Portsmouth.



QUEEN HERMIONE.

PAULINA (*Britannia*) UNVEILS THE STATUE.—“’TIS TIME! DESCEND; BE STONE NO MORE!”

Winter's Tale, Act V., Scene 3.

. Since the death of the Prince Consort, Queen Victoria had remained in almost absolute retirement. The cartoon breathes a loyal wish that her Majesty would again resume her public duties.



ERIN'S LITTLE DIFFICULTY.

BRITANNIA.—“YES, MY DEAR! THAT'S THE SORT OF DRILLING TO DO HIM MOST GOOD!”

•• The Fenian outbreak, though at the moment easily suppressed, proved eventually to be more troublesome than was anticipated.



THE RE-UNITED STATES.

COLONEL NORTH (TO COLONEL SOUTH).—"WAL, BROTHER; GUESS WE COULDN'T BOTH WIN: SO LET'S SHAKE HANDS, AND JUST LIQUOR UP."

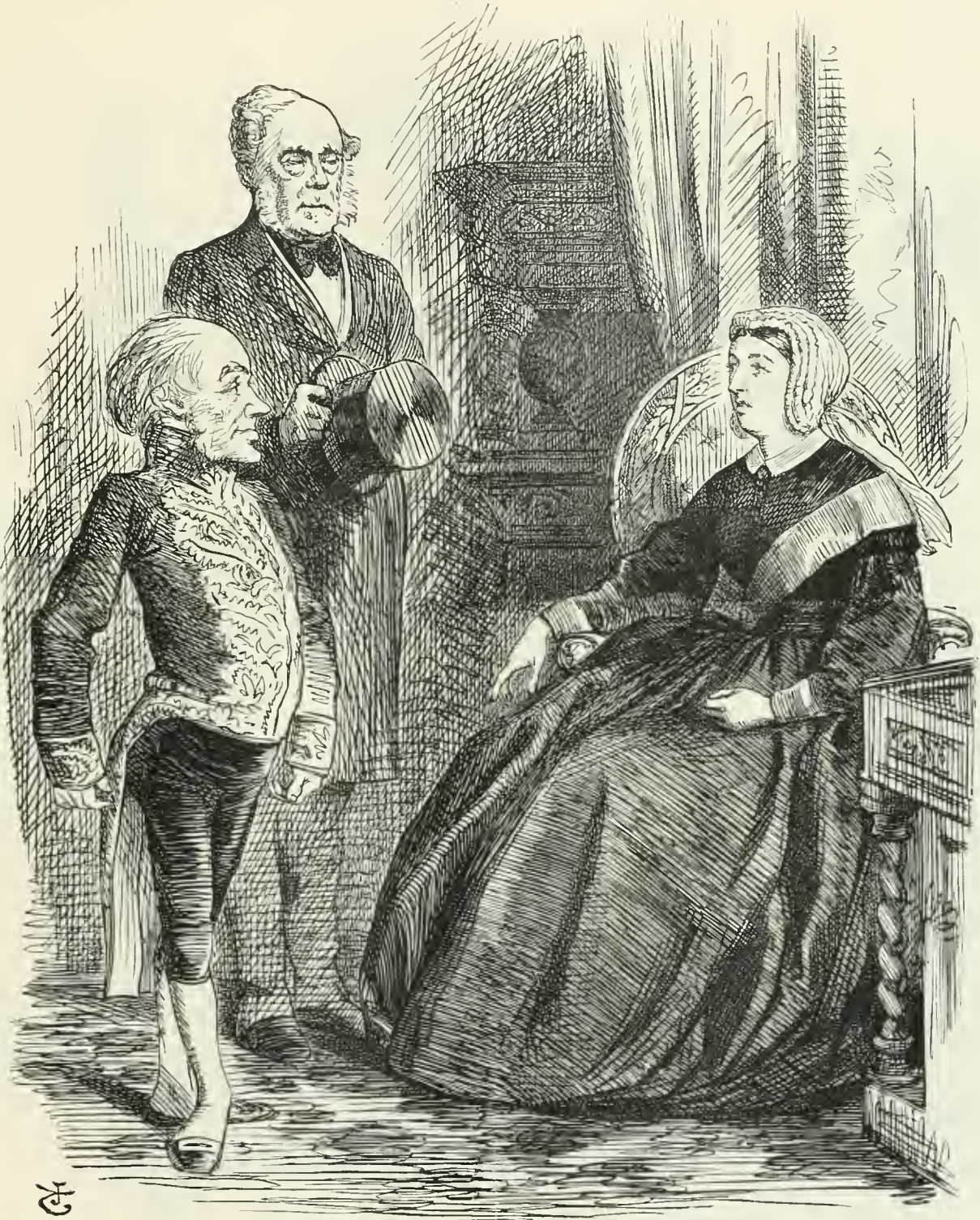
* * * A delegation of Southern gentlemen had waited on President Johnson advocating the co-operation of North and South to promote the welfare of the country.



THE DISPUTED ACCOUNT.

BRITANNIA.—“CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AGAINST ME? NONSENSE, COLUMBIA: DON'T BE MEAN OVER MONEY MATTERS.”

•• There had been an official correspondence between the American Minister and Earl Russell in regard to depredations committed by the *Alabama* and other Confederate cruisers.



THE NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY.

JOHNNY RUSSELL.—“I CAN CONFIDENTLY RECOMMEND THIS YOUNG MAN, CLARENDON, YOUR MAJESTY, AND I TAUGHT HIM WRITING MYSELF !”

THE QUEEN.—“INDEED, JOHN; THEN I HOPE HE’LL MIND HIS P.’S AND Q.’S BETTER THAN YOU DID.”

* * The Earl of Clarendon had succeeded to the Foreign Office on the accession of Earl Russell to the office of First Lord of the Treasury.



LORD MARMION-RUSSELL.

ANGUS . . . LORD DERBY.
 MARMION.—“AND IF THOU SAY’ST I AM NOT PEER
 TO ANY NOBLE SWFELL THAT’S HERE,
 . . . Upon the death of Lord Palmerston, Earl Russell confidently undertook what the Queen called “the arduous duties of Prime Minister.”

MARMION . . . LORD RUSSELL.
 LOWLAND OR HIGHLAND, FAR OR NEAR,
 LORD ANGUS, IT’S NOT TRUE.”—SCOTT, *slightly altered.*



THE DEMON BUTCHER, OR THE REAL RINDERPEST.

* * There was much angry comment in the newspapers at this time on the exorbitant rates demanded by the retail butchers.



THE POLITICAL "WALL-FLOWER."

MISS BRIGHT.—"NOBODY ASKS M.; AND IF THEY DID, I SHOULD CERTAINLY DECLINE."
 * * * It had been suggested that Mr. Bright should be invited to join the new Ministry. Mr. Goschen, however, was selected by Earl Russell.

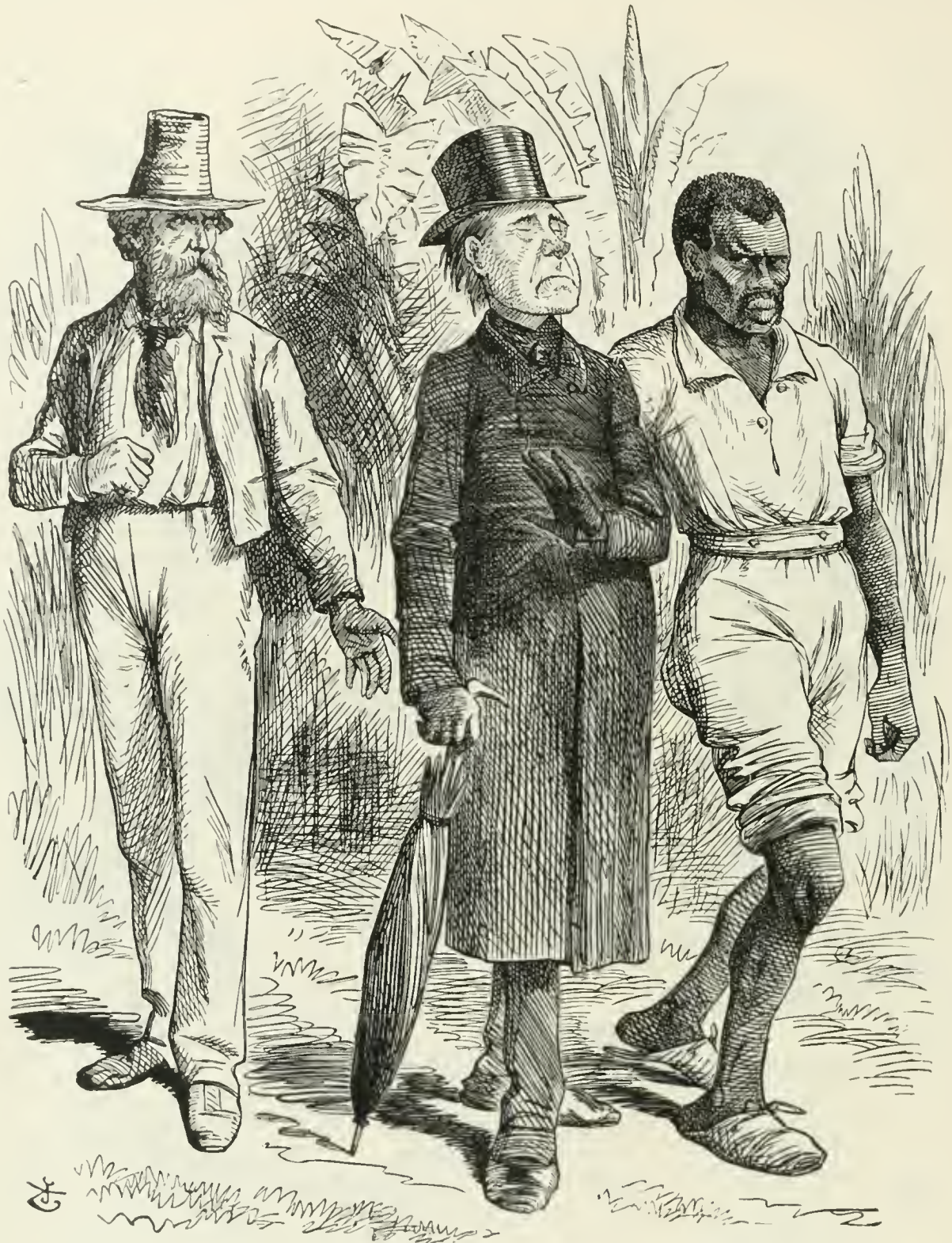


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“REBELLION HAD BAD LUCK.”

JOHN BULL.—“THERE, GET OUT! DON'T LET ME SEE YOUR UGLY FACE AGAIN FOR TWENTY YEARS; AND THANK YOUR STARS YOU WERE STOPPED IN TIME!”

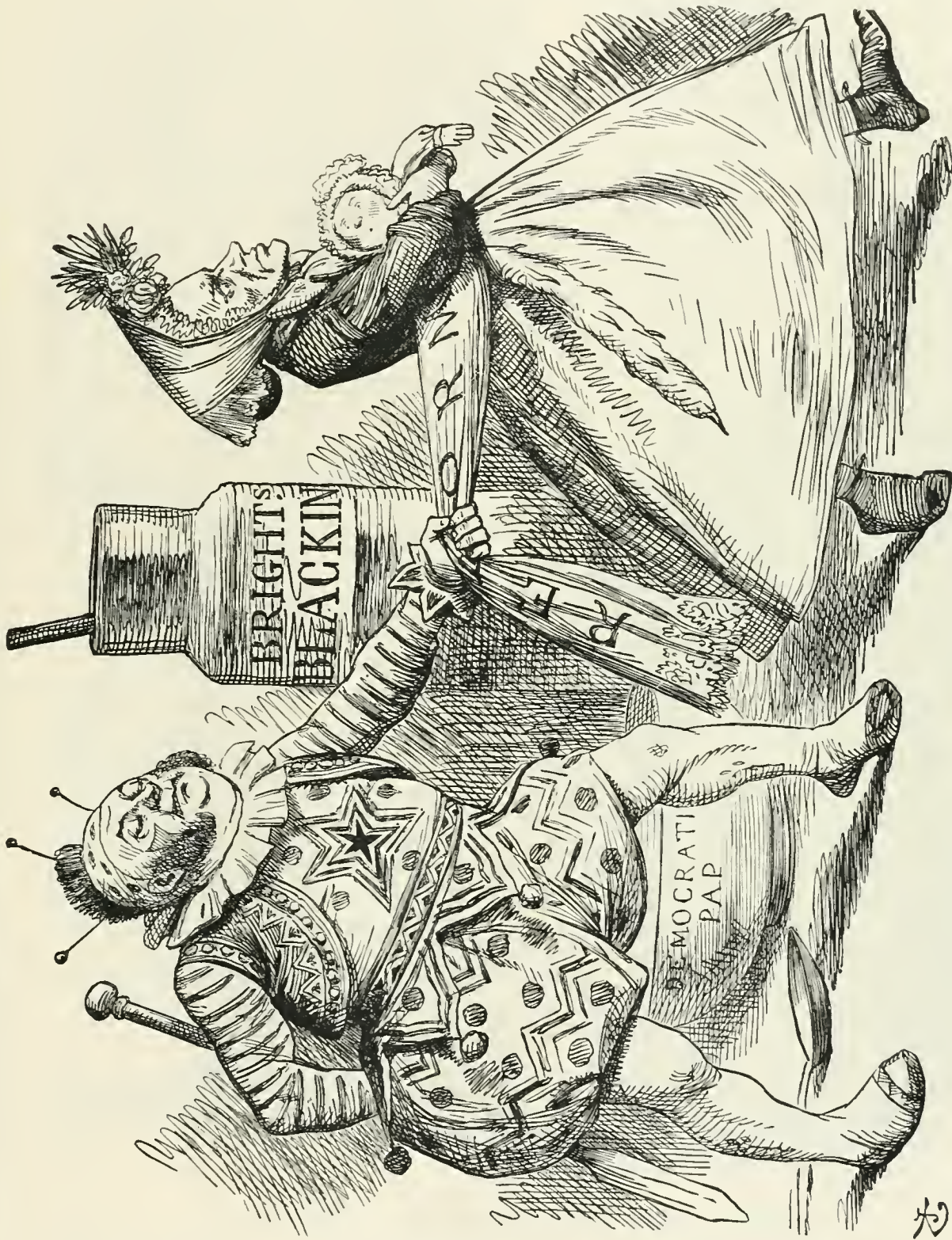
* * The negro revolt in Jamaica and the Fenian outbreak in Ireland, both largely due to political demagogues and agitators, had been for the moment suppressed.



THE JAMAICA QUESTION.

WHITE PLANTER.—“AM NOT I A MAN AND BROTHER, TOO, MR. STIGGINS!”

•• A section of opinion in England seemed to be devoid of sympathy for any sufferers from the negro rebellion save those in black skins.



SCENE FROM ST. STEPHEN'S PANTOMIME.

CLOWN (*Mr. Bright*).—"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHILD! LET ME TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YER, MUM."

•• It was feared that Mr. Bright's lukewarm support of Earl Russell's new Reform Bill would be productive of more harm than good.



“LOOK ON THIS PICTURE, AND—”

BRITANNIA.—“THAT, SIRE, IS THE PORTRAIT OF A GENTLEMAN WHOM I SHOULD HAVE HAD TO GIVE UP TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, HAD I ALWAYS TRANSLATED ‘EXTRADITION’ AS YOUR MAJESTY’S LAWYERS NOW WISH.”

*• The cartoon was designed as a reminder to the Emperor of the French that he also, when Prince Louis Napoleon, had been a refugee in England.

LOWER AWAY THERE
LOWER AWAY



THE OFFICIOUS PASSENGER.

LORD JOHN.—“ EXCUSE ME, FRIEND BRIGHT, BUT DO YOU COMMAND THIS SHIP, OR DO I ? ”

Mr. Bright, though not a member of Earl Russell's Cabinet, had assumed not only a confident, but a dictatorial tone on the Reform Question.



THE NEW WORKHOUSE PORTER.

MASTER PRIO.—“BLEST IF THEY HASN'T PUT ON A BOBBY? PRETTY STATE WE'RE COMIN' TO, WITH THEIR CENTRALISATION! LET'S CUT TO LAMBETH.”

•• When the police were placed on duty at the casual wards there was a very noticeable diminution in the number of frequenters.



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GOING DOWN TO THE HOUSE.

LORD RUSSELL.—“WELL, BRIGHT, WHAT DO YOU WANT?”

JOHNNY BRIGHT.—“ANYTHING YOUR HONOUR IS WILLING TO GIVE ME NOW.”

•• Mr. Bright had been delivering some notable speeches on the Reform movement. His opinions were supposed to have great weight with the Ministry.



THE FENIAN-PEST.

HIBERNIA.—"O MY DEAR SISTER, WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THESE TROUBLESOME PEOPLE?"

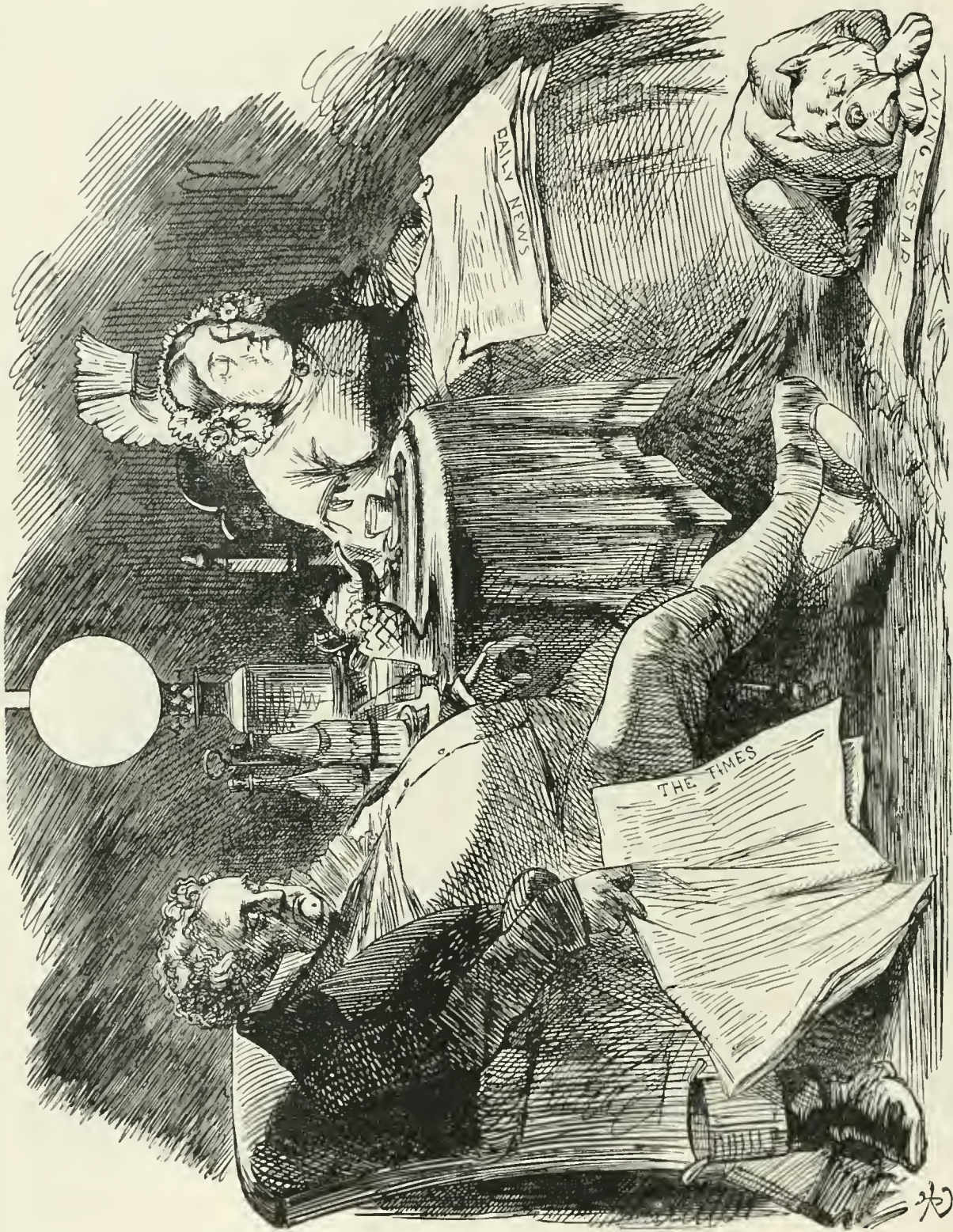
BRITANNIA.—"TRY ISOLATION FIRST, MY DEAR, AND THEN——"

•• The Fenian conspirators had become so dangerous in Ireland that the English Government were warned by the Lord Lieutenant that the time had arrived to suspend the Habeas Corpus Act.



LONDON'S NIGHTMARE.

* * Lord Robert Montagu made a spirited attack in Parliament on the wretched system of Vestry government then prevalent in London.



THE REFORM BILL, 1866. FRANTIC EXCITEMENT!!!

MR. BULL (*reads*).—"MR. GLADSTONE SAID GOVERNMENT HAD DETERMINED _____" (*Shores.*)

MRS. BULL (*reads*).—"MR. LOCKE KING ROSE TO EXPLAIN _____" (*Shores.*)

THE BULLDOG (*reads*).—"MR. LOWE SAID HE QUOTED _____" (*Shores.*)

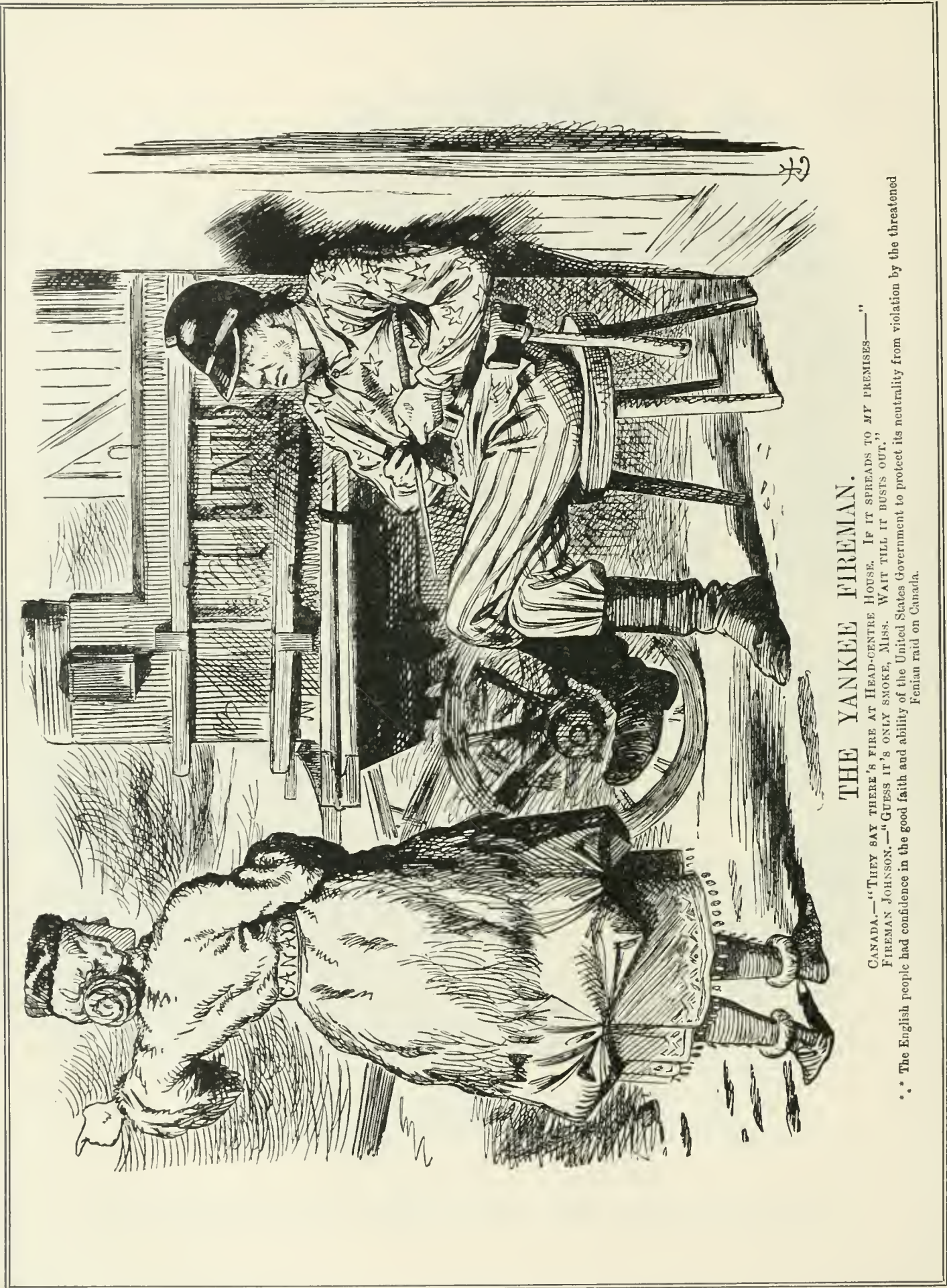
** The introduction of the Reform Bill prepared by Earl Russell's Government was apparently received with apathy by the nation at large.



PUDDING BEFORE MEAT.

EARL GR-Y-N-R.—“WHY, JOHN! BEEF BEFORE PUDDING!”
 DIZZY.—“HA! HA! WHAT AN ABSURD IDEA!”

* * Earl Russell's Reform Bill was mainly confined to alterations in the franchise in England and Wales, and did not touch the question of redistribution of seats.



THE YANKEE FIREMAN.

CANADA.—“THEY SAY THERE'S FIRE AT HEAD-CENTRE HOUSE. IF IT SPREADS TO MY PREMISES—”
FIREMAN JOHNSON.—“GUESS IT'S ONLY SMOKE, MISS. WAIT TILL IT BUSTS OUT.”

.. The English people had confidence in the good faith and ability of the United States Government to protect its neutrality from violation by the threatened Fenian raid on Canada.



BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

MR. PUNCH.—“BUSINESS IS BUSINESS, JOHN. IF YOU HAD BROUGHT THAT BEFORE, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO WORDS BETWEEN US.”

. The Reform Bill did not include the redistribution of seats. This being deemed unsatisfactory by the House, the Government, on the second reading, were left with a bare majority of five.



REST; AND BE VERY THANKFUL.

BRITANNIA.— "YOU'VE BEEN SO GOOD A BOY, JOHNNY, THAT I HOPE YOU WON'T GET INTO SUCH ANOTHER MUDDLE!"

•• Notwithstanding their small majority on the second reading of the Reform Bill, the Government had resolved not to resign, but to proceed with the measure.



CONSULTING THE ORACLE.

ITALY.—“MYSTERIOUS POWER, SHALL I DRAW?”
ORACLE.—“HM—M—M—M!”

. The influence of Napoleon III. in Continental politics at this time was very great. The war of Italy and Prussia against Austria was then impending.



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MR. GLADSTONE.—“THERE, MR. D. ! YOU ’D BETTER TAKE IT AT ONCE ; THE MORE YOU LOOK AT IT, THE WORSE YOU ’LL LIKE IT.”

. Mr. Gladstone announced that, in compliance with what seemed the general wish, he should fuse the Franchise and Redistribution Bills into one Reform Bill. This mixture he advised Mr. Disraeli to swallow.



HONESTY AND POLICY.

BRITANNIA.—“WELL! I’VE DONE MY BEST. IF THEY WILL SMASH EACH OTHER, THEY MUST.”
NAP. (*aside*).—“AND SOME ONE MAY PICK UP THE PIECES!”

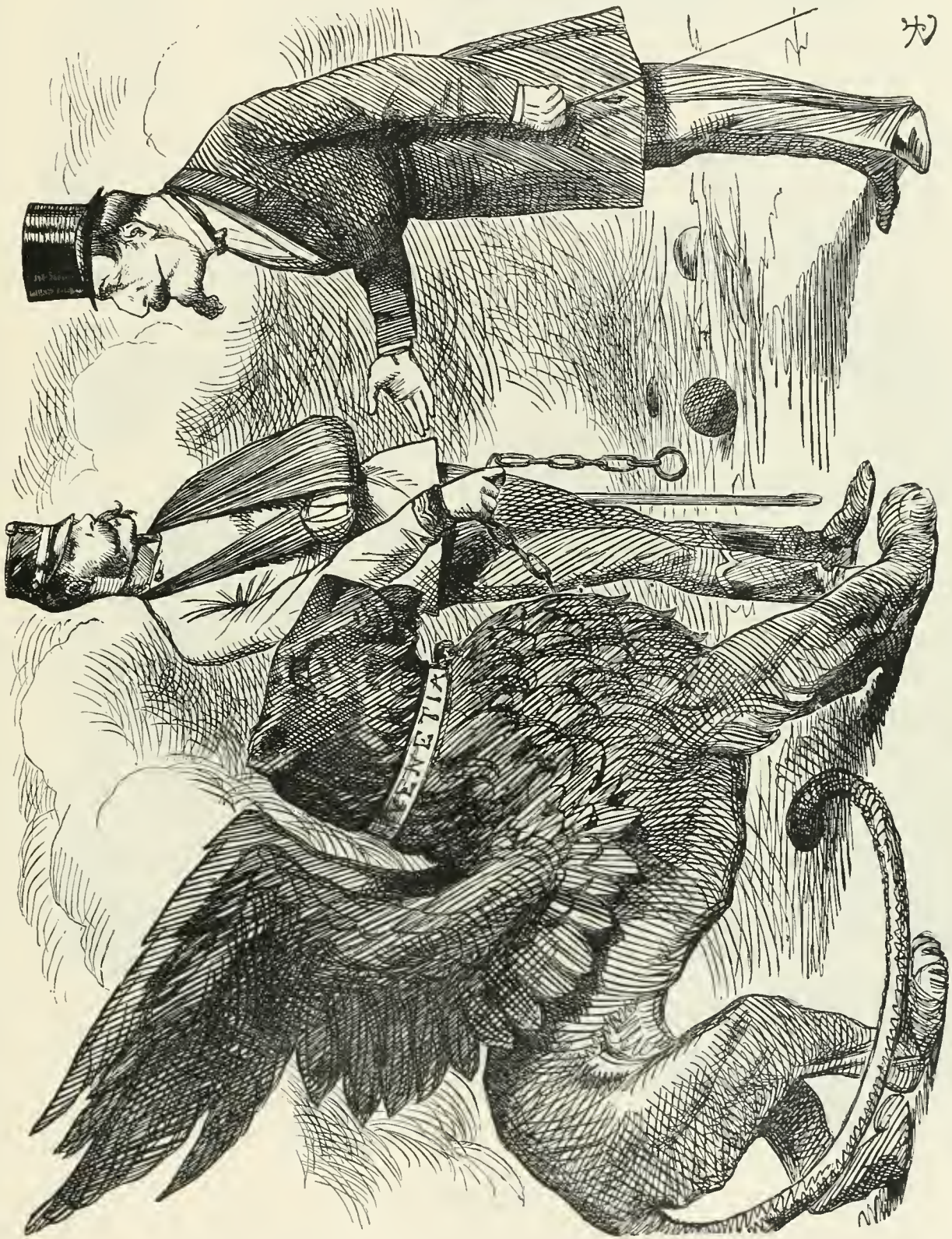
*. * A Conference of the great European Powers was contemplated with a view to avert the war then imminent between Prussia and Austria.



THE YANKEE FIREMAN KEEPS HIS WORD.

YANKEE.—“YOU SEE I'M READY WHEN WANTED, MISS CANADA.”

* * Federal troops were ordered to the Canadian frontier by the Washington Government when the Fenian expedition crossed the frontier into British territory.



THE LION OF ST. MARK.

* * The Austro-Prussian war ended disastrously for Austria. She agreed to cede Venetia, which was handed over to France as a preliminary to its cession to Italy.



RIVAL ARBITERS.

"THE OTHER LION THOUGHT THE FIRST A BORE."

. Bismarck was rapidly becoming a conspicuous figure in European politics, and this was thought to be little welcome to the Emperor of the French.



NO ROUGH-IANISM.

WORKING-MAN.—“LOOK HERE, YOU VAGABOND! RIGHT OR WRONG, WE WON'T HAVE YOUR HELP!”

, A vast number of working-men, led by a Mr. Edmond Beales, marched to Hyde Park to demonstrate in favour of reform. The rough element did much mischief.



PEACE—AND NO PIECES!

BI-MARCK.—“PARDON, MON AMI ; BUT WE REALLY CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO PICK UP ANYTHING HERE.”

NAP (*the Chiffonnier*).—“PRAY, DON'T MENTION IT, M'SIEU ! IT'S NOT OF THE SLIGHTEST CONSEQUENCE.”

. On the conclusion of the war between Austria and Prussia, Napoleon III. demanded a rectification of the French frontier. The claim, however, was promptly refused by Prussia.



THE BRUMMAGEM FRANKENSTEIN.

JOHN BRIGHT.—“ I HAVE NO FE—FE—FEAR OF MA—MANHOOD SUFFRAGE ! ”—*Mr. Bright's Speech at Birmingham.*

. Mr. Bright, although he contended that preponderating political power should be given to the working classes, did not advocate the granting of manhood suffrage.



VULCAN'S BEST CUSTOMER.

PEACE.—"NOT MUCH DOING, I SUPPOSE, MR. VULCAN?"
 VULCAN.—"DOING! THANKS TO YOU, MISS, I'VE A MOST MORE WORK THAN I CAN MANAGE."
 * * An immense impetus was given to the manufacture of new arms and armaments by the overpowering success of the needle-gun in the Austro-Prussian war.



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AN ELECTIONEERING "KNOCK-OUT."

NOBLE LOCAL RESIDENT.—"GREAT TERRITORIAL INFLUENCE, MY DEAR SIR!—CAN'T DO WITHOUT ME!"
 FIRST LOCAL ATTORNEY.—"LET ME BID FOR YOU—INSURE A SEAT FOR £10,000!"
 SECOND LOCAL ATTORNEY.—"ENGAGE US—OR YOU WON'T HAVE IT AT ANY PRICE!"
 LOCAL PUBLISHER.—"NO SORT O' USE BIDDING ON YER OWN ACCOUNT!"
 LOCAL ROUGH.—"BETTER SQUARE IT WITH US 'LAMBS, GUV'NOE!"

... "Knock-outs," at which a gullible public were fleeced by sham bidders, were now very prevalent. "Mr. Pencil" applies this to the equally rascally tricks of electioneering.



VENETIA VICTRIX.

MRS. POPE.—“THERE, GO ALONG WITH YER? I FORBADE THE BANNS. I'M ASHAMED OF YER!”
VENETIA.—“YOUR TURN WILL COME NEXT, DEAR.”

•• In spite of opposition from the Pope, Venico had been incorporated with Italy, and the Italian flag hoisted on the tower of St. Mark's.



DR. DULCAMARA IN DUBLIN.

•• Mr. Bright, at a Liberal banquet, had treated at length of the ills of Ireland, attributing them to the divorce of the people from the Irish soil.



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POLITICAL "ECONOMY."

MANAGER.—"NOW, THEN, BENJAMIN, WHAT HAVE WE GOT FOR THE OPENING SCENE?"

PROPERTY-MAN.—"WELL, SIR, HERE'S THE OLD '59 BANNER! A LITTLE TOUCHING UP 'LL MAKE IT AS GOOD AS NEW."

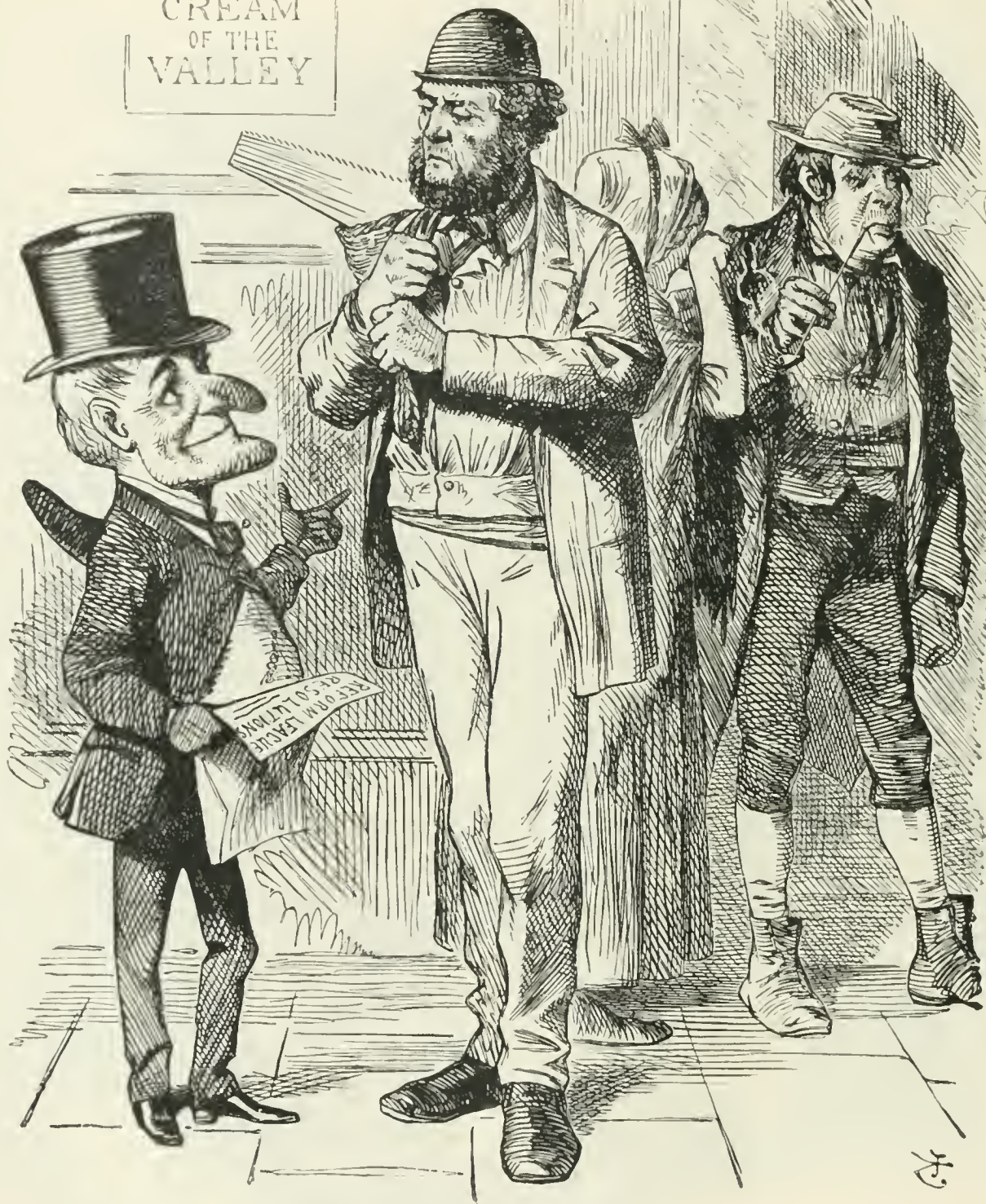
*. * It was suspected that the Tory Government were not prepared with anything more satisfactory in the way of electoral reform than a modification of their old abortive measure.



PHYSIC FOR FENIANS.

ERIN.—“I'M AFRAID, DOCTOR DEAR, HIS SYMPTOMS ARE GETTING DANGEROUS.”
DR. BULL.—“HA! I SEE! I TREATED A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CASE TO THIS VERY SUCCESSFULLY IN INDIA; LEAVE HIM TO ME.”
... The Fenian conspiracy in Ireland at this time developed such troublesome proportions as to provoke threatening indignation in England.

CREAM
OF THE
VALLEY



MANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

MR. PUNCH.—“DO YOU MEAN TO SAY, MY FRIEND, THAT *THAT* IS THE SORT OF MANHOOD YOU WISH TO BE MIXED UP WITH?”

* * The Reform League, claiming to represent the working-man, was violently demanding a measure of electoral reform that should include manhood suffrage.



ROME. 1866.

“WELCOME THE COMING, SPEED THE PARTING GUEST.”
On the day that the last detachment of French troops left Rome, the Pope was assured by General Montebello that the Emperor was withdrawing his troops, but not his support.



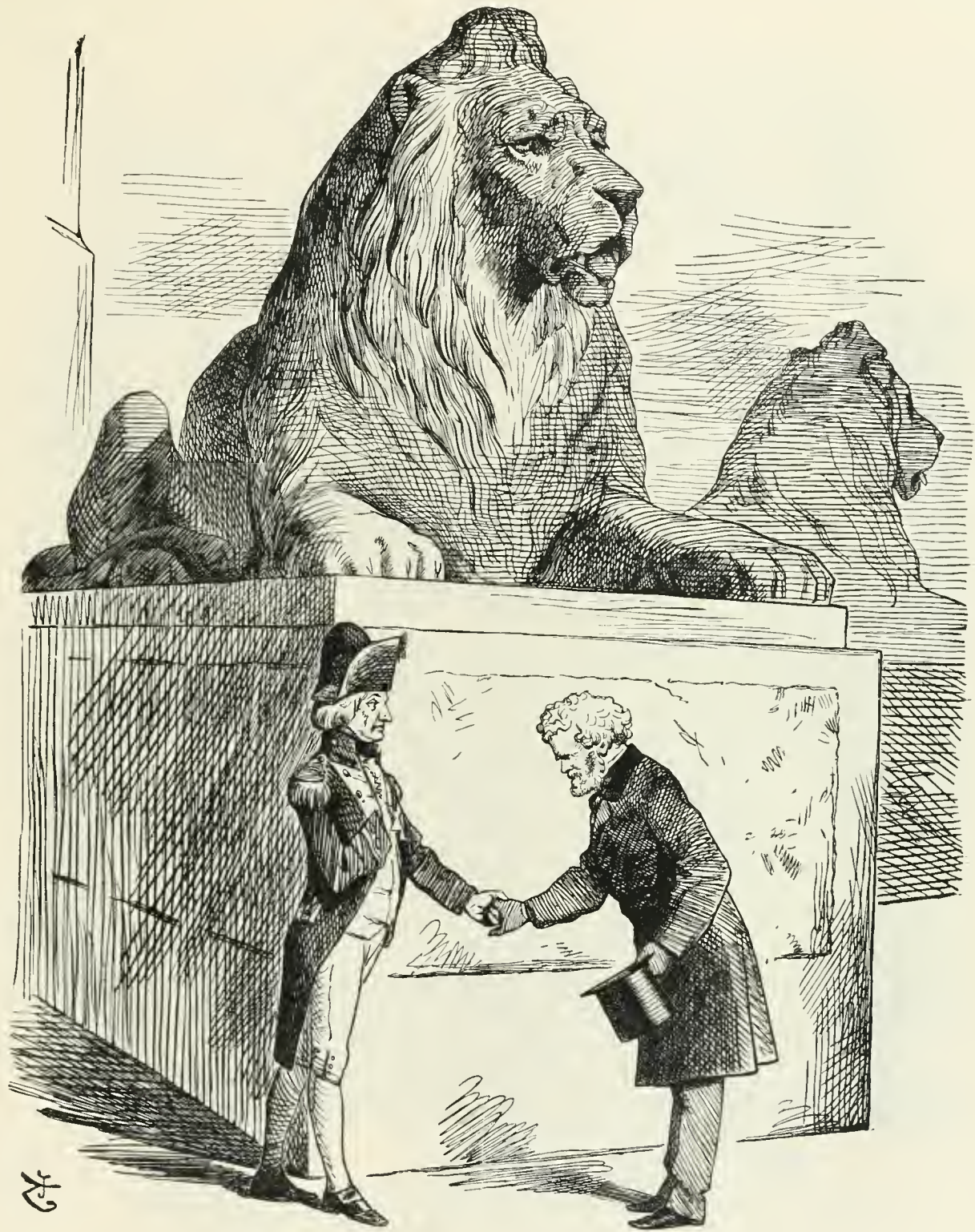
THE WRONG OF SEARCH, OR THE LUGGAGE QUESTION.

EMPEROR.—“MADAME WILL COME, I TRUST?”

BRITANNIA.—“WELL, I SHOULD BE DELIGHTED, I'M SURE; BUT I DON'T LIKE TO HAVE MY LUGGAGE PULLED ABOUT.”

EMPEROR.—“AH! I WILL DO MY BEST TO PREVENT IT, IF THAT GENTLEMAN IS AGREEABLE.”

*. * “Mr. Punch” suggested that the comfort of English visitors to the Paris Exhibition would be greatly enhanced if the Custom Houses abandoned their “right of search.”



THE LIONS AT LAST!

"THANK YOU, SIR EDWIN. ENGLAND AT LAST HAS 'DONE HER DUTY.'"

•• The long-promised bronze lions, modelled by Sir Edwin Landseer, had been recently placed in position at the base of the Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square.



POLITICAL KIDNAPPING.

MRS. RUSSELL—"Hi! HELP! PLE—EE—ECE! SHE'S A TAKIN' AWAY ME CHE-ILD!"

* * Mr. Disraeli introduced the Government's new scheme of Reform. In the previous Session the debate on Earl Russell's Bill had resulted in the defeat and resignation of the Ministry.

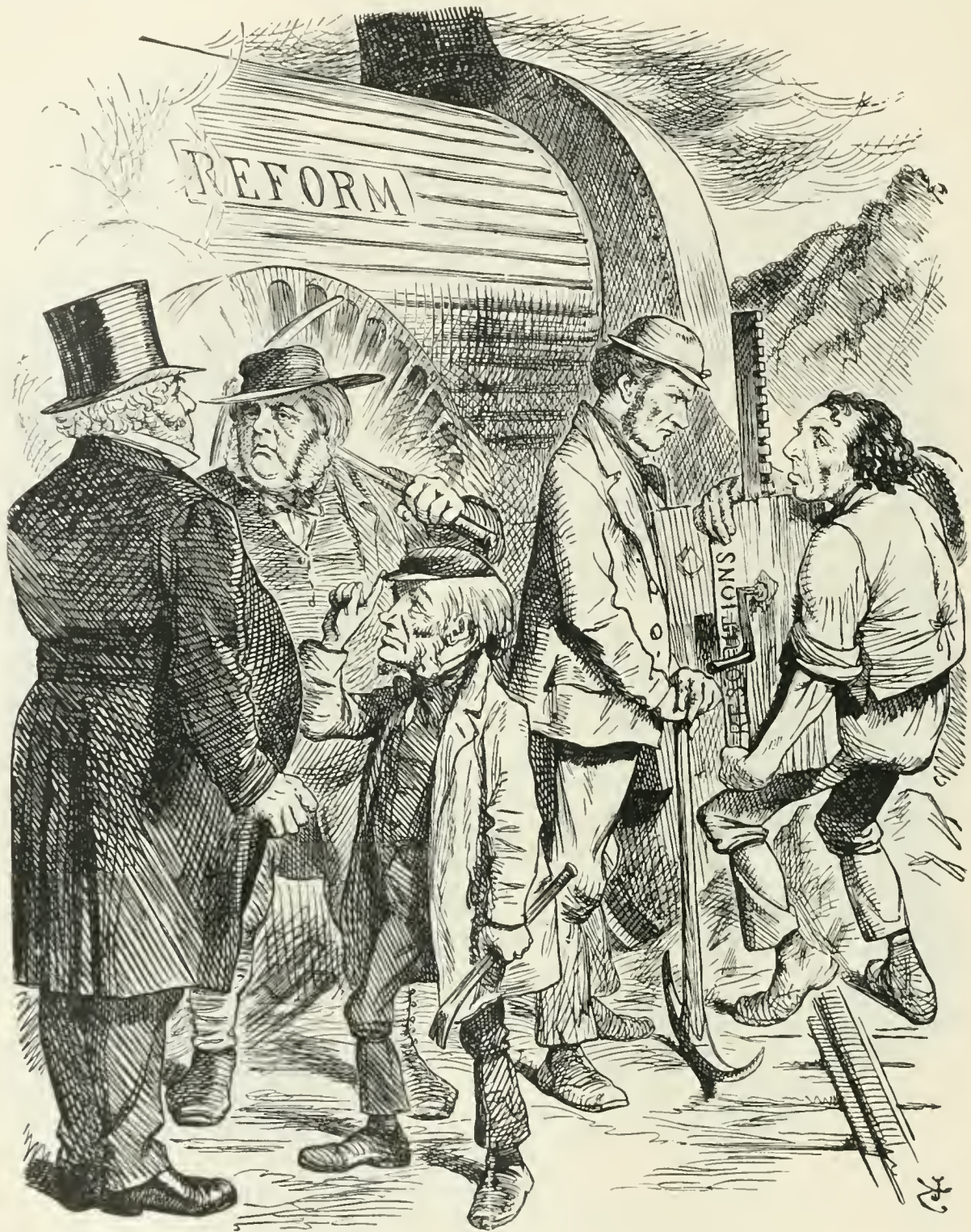


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“HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE.”

“SIR, THE MEANING THAT WE ATTRIBUTE TO THE WORDS I HAVE JUST READ IS, THAT, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE HOUSE FINDS ITSELF, IT IS IN OUR OPINION EXPEDIENT THAT PARLIAMENTARY REFORM SHOULD NO LONGER BE A QUESTION THAT SHOULD DECIDE THE FATE OF MINISTRIES.” (*Loud laughter at this capital joke.*)—*Vide Speech of CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER, Feb. 11, 1867.*

*. Mr. Disraeli asserted that all parties had hitherto failed in dealing with the question of Reform, and in his opinion the House of Commons itself should settle it.



A BLOCK ON THE LINE.

SUPERINTENDENT BULL.—“COME, LOOK ALIVE! I MUST HAVE THE RAIL CLEARED. THERE ARE NO END OF TRAINS DUE.”

JOHNNY RUSSELL.—“IT'S MY JOB, SIR, IF YOU PLEASE.”

JOHN BRIGHT.—“HIS JOB! BEST LEAVE IT TO ME AND MY MATES.”

BEN DIZZY.—“OUR GANG 'LL MANAGE IT, IF YOU 'LL LEND A HAND, BILL GLADSTONE.”

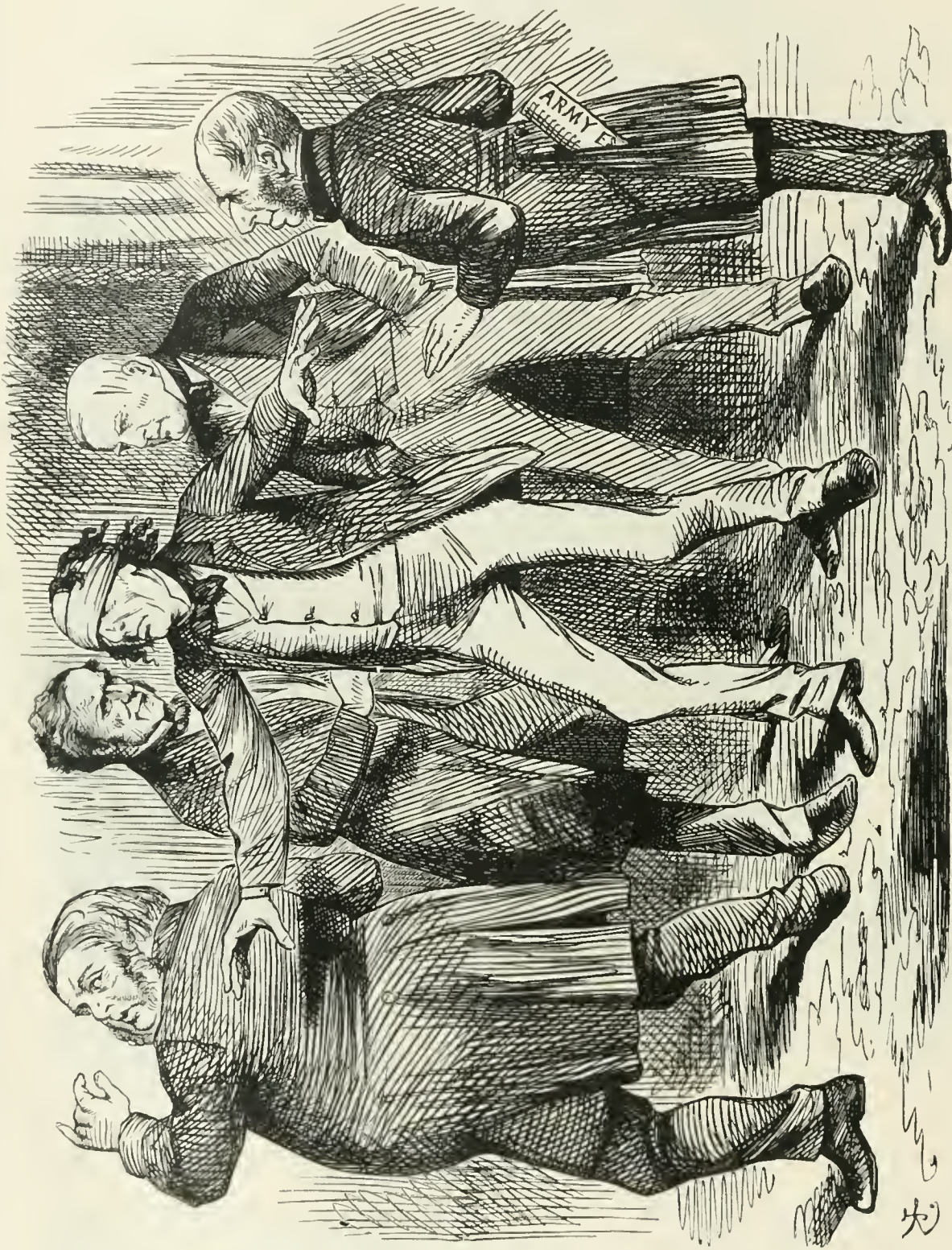
*. * Much valuable time had been wasted in the House in discussing the Reform Bill. In consequence the Government decided to abandon their idea of proceeding by resolutions.



BEFORE THE TRIAL.

MR. GL—DST—NE.—“WE COULD SETTLE IT IN FIVE MINUTES, YOU KNOW, IF—”
MR. D—SR—LI.—“YES, IF THE ‘PARTIES’ WOULD ONLY LISTEN TO REASON.”

“.” Reform was now absorbing the whole time of the House. In “Mr. PUNCH’S” opinion the question could soon be settled by a conference between the leaders.



BLIND MAN'S BUFF.

"TURN ROUND THREE TIMES, AND CATCH WHOM YOU MAY."

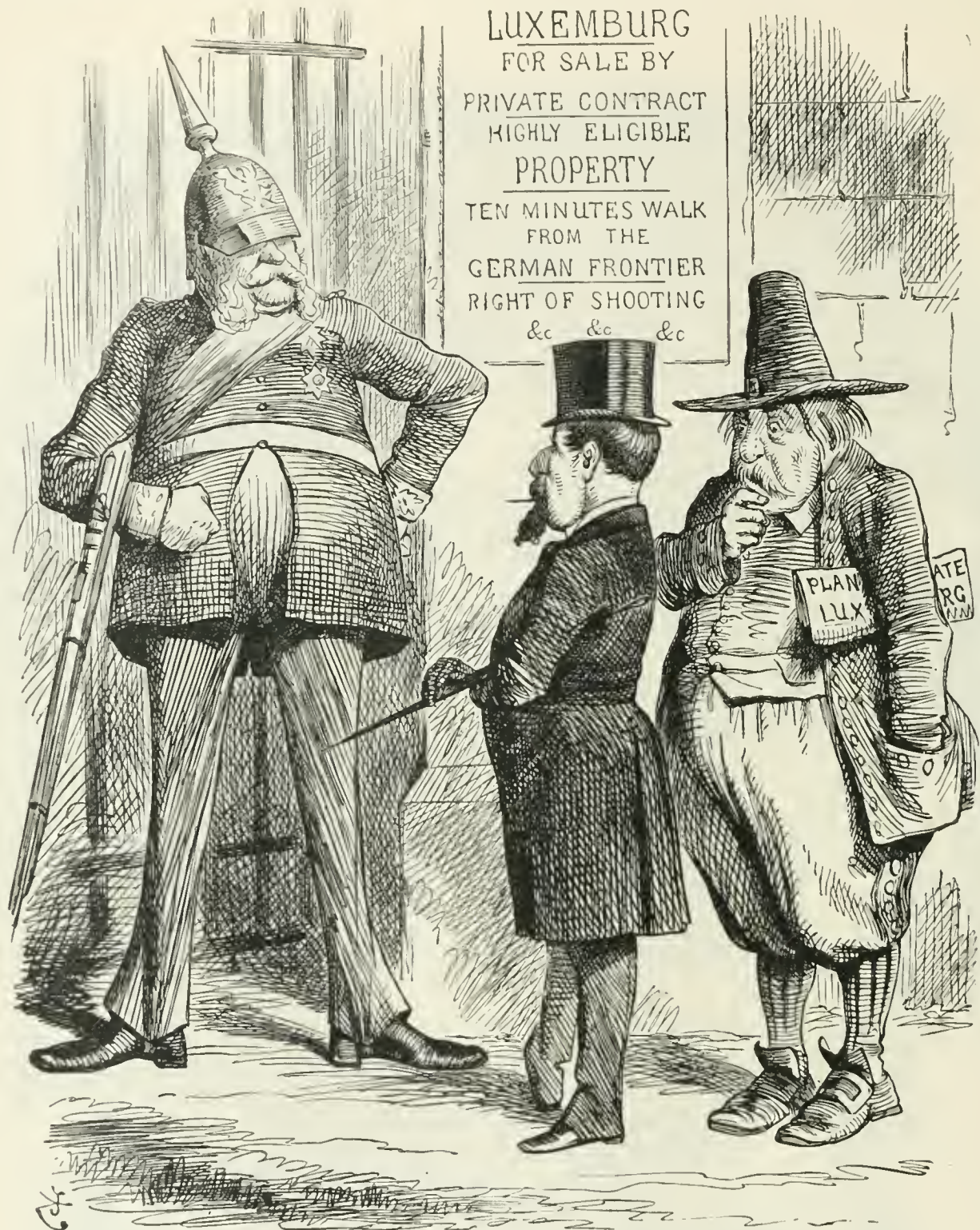
∴ The Cabinet disagreed on the Reform Question, and three Ministers had in consequence resigned. Some difficulty was experienced in filling their places.



MILL'S LOGIC ; OR, FRANCHISE FOR FEMALES.

“PRAY CLEAR THE WAY, THERE, FOR THESE—A—PERSONS.”

.. Mr. Stuart Mill, in advocating Woman Suffrage, had submitted a motion to substitute the word “person” for “man” in the Government Reform Bill.



“ TO BE SOLD.”

EMPEROR NAPOLEON.—“ I—A—HAVE MADE AN OFFER TO MY FRIEND HERE, AND—”

THE MAN IN POSSESSION.—“ NO, HAVE YOU, THOUGH?—I RATHER THINK I WAS THE PARTY TO APPLY TO.”

EMPEROR NAPOLEON.—“ OH, INDEED! AH! THEN IN THAT CASE I’LL— BUT IT’S OF NO CONSEQUENCE.”

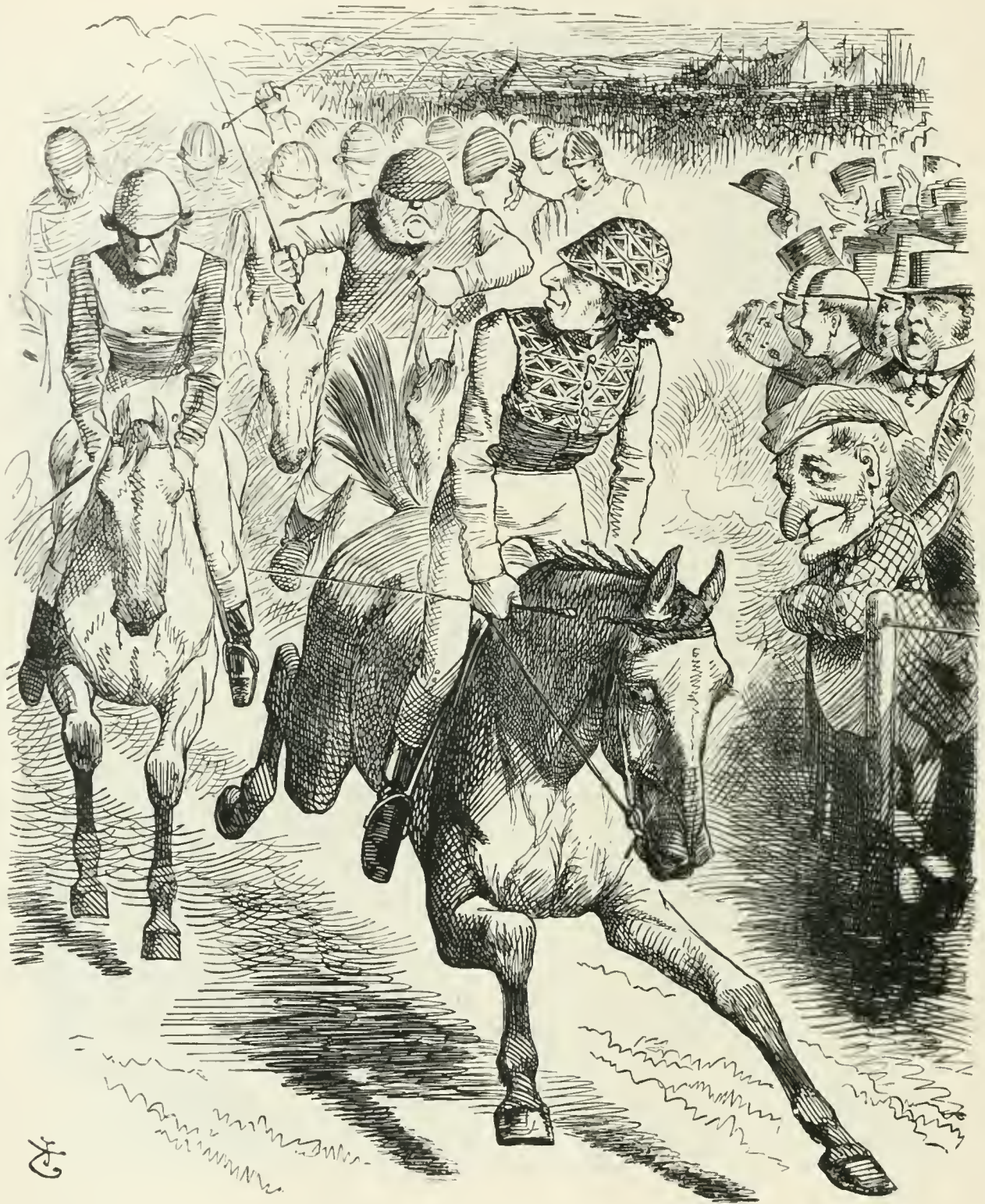
* * The rumoured cession of Luxemburg to France led to a conference of the European Powers. As a result the Duchy was declared neutral, the Prussian garrison being withdrawn.



THE POLITICAL TAILORS.

DIZZY.—“NOW, THEN, GLADSTONE, JUMP UP!—YOU PROMISED TO LEND A HELPING HAND, YOU KNOW.”
GLADSTONE.—“NO, I’M ‘ON STRIKE’; AND YOU MAY FINISH THE JOB AS YOU BEST CAN.”

. Mr. Gladstone, owing to the opposition of certain of his own nominal followers, had for the time virtually withdrawn from the leadership of the Liberal Party.



THE DERBY, 1867. DIZZY WINS WITH "REFORM BILL."

MR. PUNCH.—"DON'T BE TOO SURE; WAIT TILL HE'S WEIGHED."

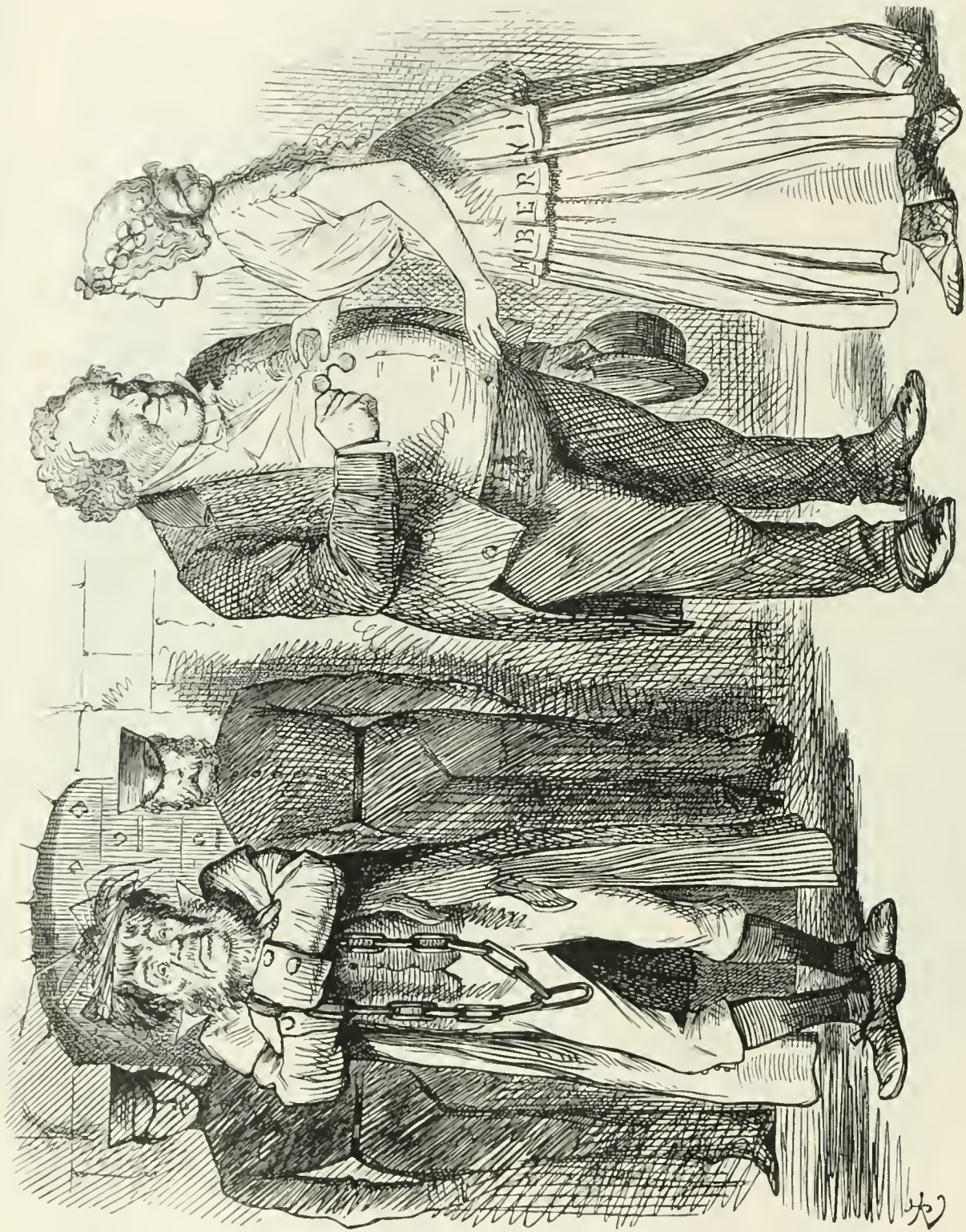
* Judging from the favourable reception accorded to the Scotch Reform Bill there appeared to be a strong probability that the Tory Reform Bill would be carried.



THE LADIES' ADVOCATE.

Mrs. BULL.—“LOB, MR. MILL! WHAT A LOVELY SPEECH YOU DID MAKE. I DO DECLARE I HADN'T THE SLIGHTEST NOTION WE WERE SUCH MISERABLE CREATURES. NO ONE CAN SAY IT WAS YOUR FAULT THAT THE CASE BROKE DOWN.”

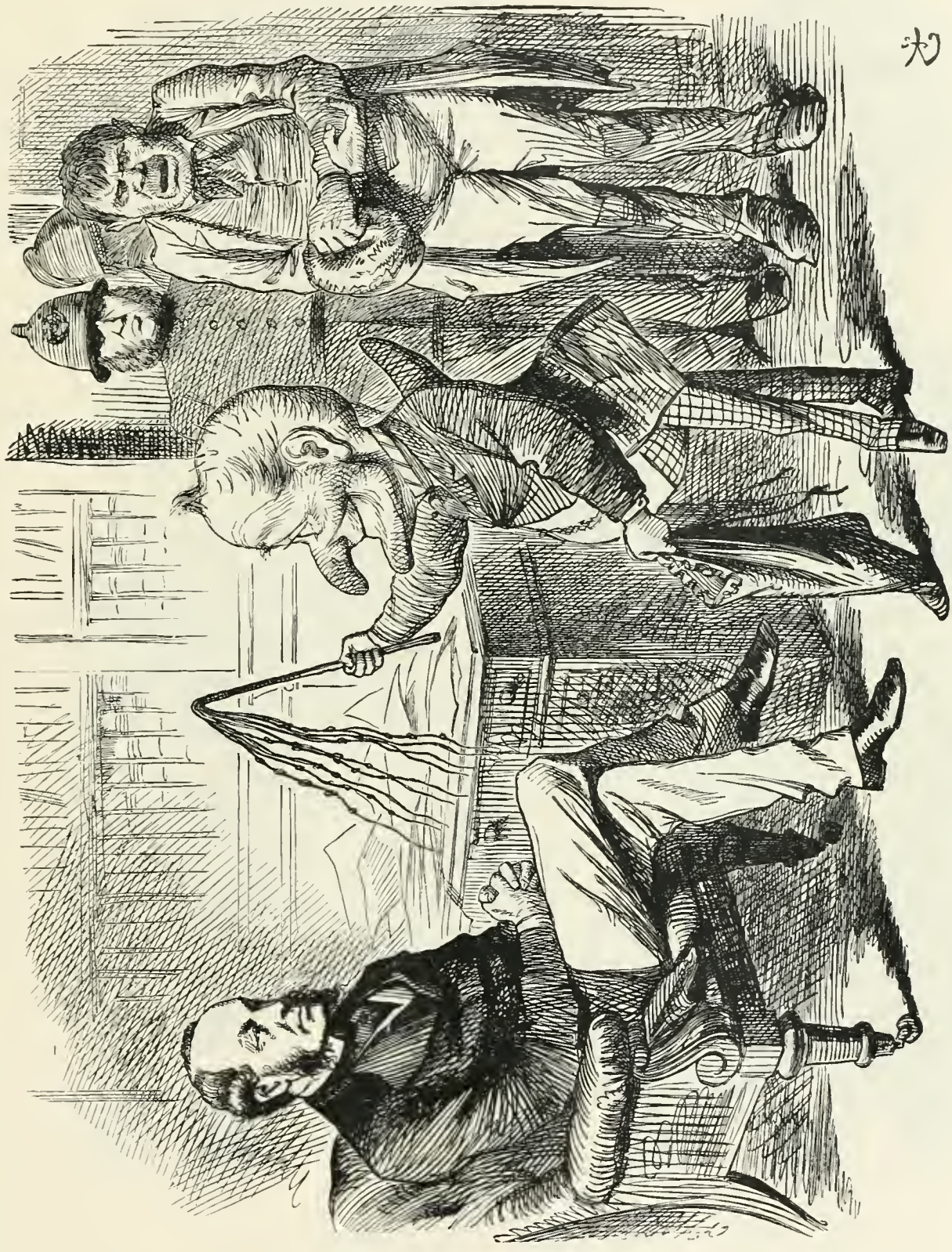
* * Mr. Stuart Mill had made a remarkable speech in the House of Commons advocating the admission of women to the franchise.



THE MAD-DOCTOR.

DR. BULL.—“CUT HIS HEAD OFF? OF COURSE NOT, MY DEAR. WE SHALL JUST CROP HIM, AND SHAVE HIM, AND TAKE GOOD CARE THAT HE DOES NO MORE MISCHIEF.”

•• The cartoon has reference to the Fenian prisoners in Ireland, none of whom were hanged.



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“THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.”

HOME SECRETARY.—“MY DEAR MR. PUNCH, WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH OUR STREET ROBBERS AND RUFFIANS?”
MR. PUNCH.—“MY DEAR MR. HARDY, THERE'S BUT ONE REMEDY—‘THE HARMLESS, NECESSARY CAT.’”
... Gangs of roughs infested the streets of London, robbing and ill-treating passers-by with almost entire impunity. “Mr. Punch” suggests the obvious remedy.



THE POLITICAL EGG-DANCE.

* * Thanks to Mr. Disraeli's adaptability and skill in management, the Government Reform Bill, though greatly modified, was rapidly passing through the House.



THE ROAD TO SHEFFIELD.

PUNCH A 1.—“NOW, THEN, STOP THAT, I SAY! WE'LL HAVE NO INTIMIDATION HERE ”

*. The many serious outrages and acts of intimidation practised by Trades Unionists in Sheffield had necessitated inquiry by a special Commission.



THE ILLUSTRIOUS CONVALESCENT.

MR. BULL.—“YOU A SICK MAN! HA! HA!—I KNEW MY CRIMEAN DOCTORS WOULD SET YOU UP, AND THIS VISIT WILL DO YOU ALL THE GOOD IN THE WORLD.”

* * The Sultan of Turkey (Abdul Aziz) was at this time in London on a visit to the Queen. He was received everywhere with the greatest enthusiasm.



“THE RETURN FROM VICTORY.”

“Mr. Disraeli, whose Reform Bill had passed the House of Commons, is pictured as escorted by the *Standard* and *Morning Star* newspapers, and welcomed with “Mr. PUNCH’S” apologies to Mr. CALDERON, R.A. by Lord Dorby.”



A LEAP IN THE DARK.

•• This phrase became historical from its adoption by Lord Derby in his speech in the Lords on the passing of the Reform Bill.



THE ABYSSINIAN QUESTION.

BRITANNIA.—“NOW, THEN, KING THEODORE! HOW ABOUT THOSE PRISONERS?”

. Mr. Cameron, Mr. Rassam, and other British subjects were detained as prisoners by King Theodore. An ultimatum had been sent demanding their immediate release.



THE WHITEBAIT DINNER; OR, "PARTIES" AT GREENWICH.

DERBY.—"GOING TO 'THE TRAFALGAR,' ARE YOU? WHY NOT DINE HERE? ALL IN THE SAME 'SHIP,' YOU KNOW, HA! HA!"

GLADSTONE.—"HM! WELL! ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE INVITED US."

*• The Liberals had so largely modified the provisions of the Conservative Reform Bill that "Mr. Punch" suggested they should be invited to the Ministerial Whitebait Dinner.

POTTER'S
ORIGINAL REFORM
DINING ROOMS

BEALES'S
ORIGINAL REFORM
DINING ROOMS



DECLINED WITH THANKS ;

OR, THE RIVAL TOUTS.

. Earl Russell had been invited to attend a Reform Banquet which was being organized to celebrate the passing of the Reform Act of 1867.



A PAN-ANGLICAN OVERSIGHT.

ANXIOUS WIFE.—“ANY HELP FOR OUR DIFFICULTIES, DEAR?”

RESIGNED HUSBAND.—“O NO, LOVE. WE POOR CURATES ARE NOT EVEN MENTIONED!”

•• A Pan-Anglican Synod was then sitting to discuss the best way of promoting the re-union of Christendom, etc. “Mr. PENCHU” suggests something more practical.

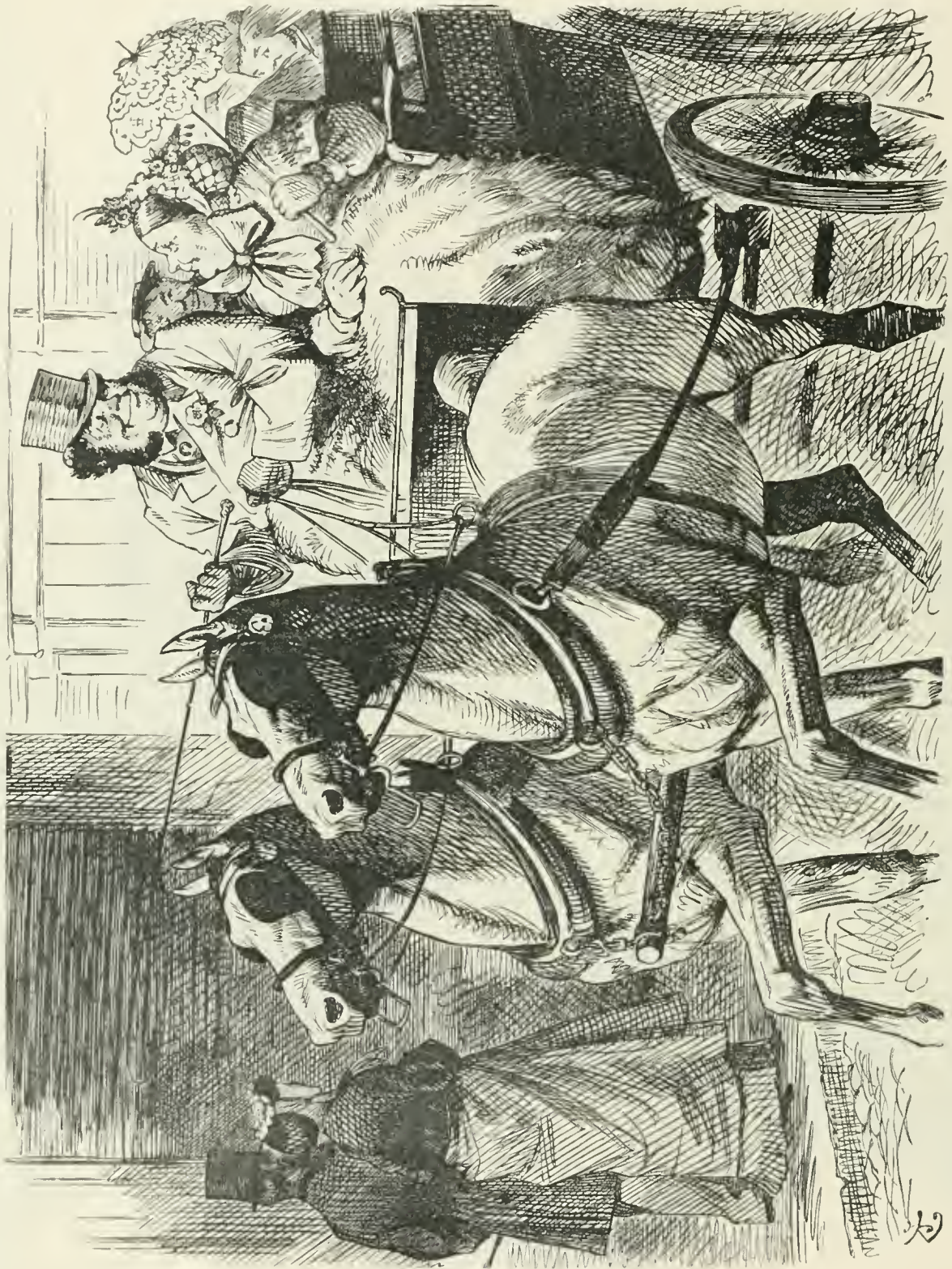


LICENSING DAY.

KING OF ITALY.—“THE BENCH, MRS. POPE, HAS DECIDED THAT YOU RETAIN ‘THE CROSS KEYS,’ BUT THINKS, FOR THE PEACE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, YOU HAD BETTER CONSENT TO GIVE UP ‘THE THREE CROWNS.’”

.. The Roman question was rapidly approaching solution, and the temporal power of the Pope had practically ceased.

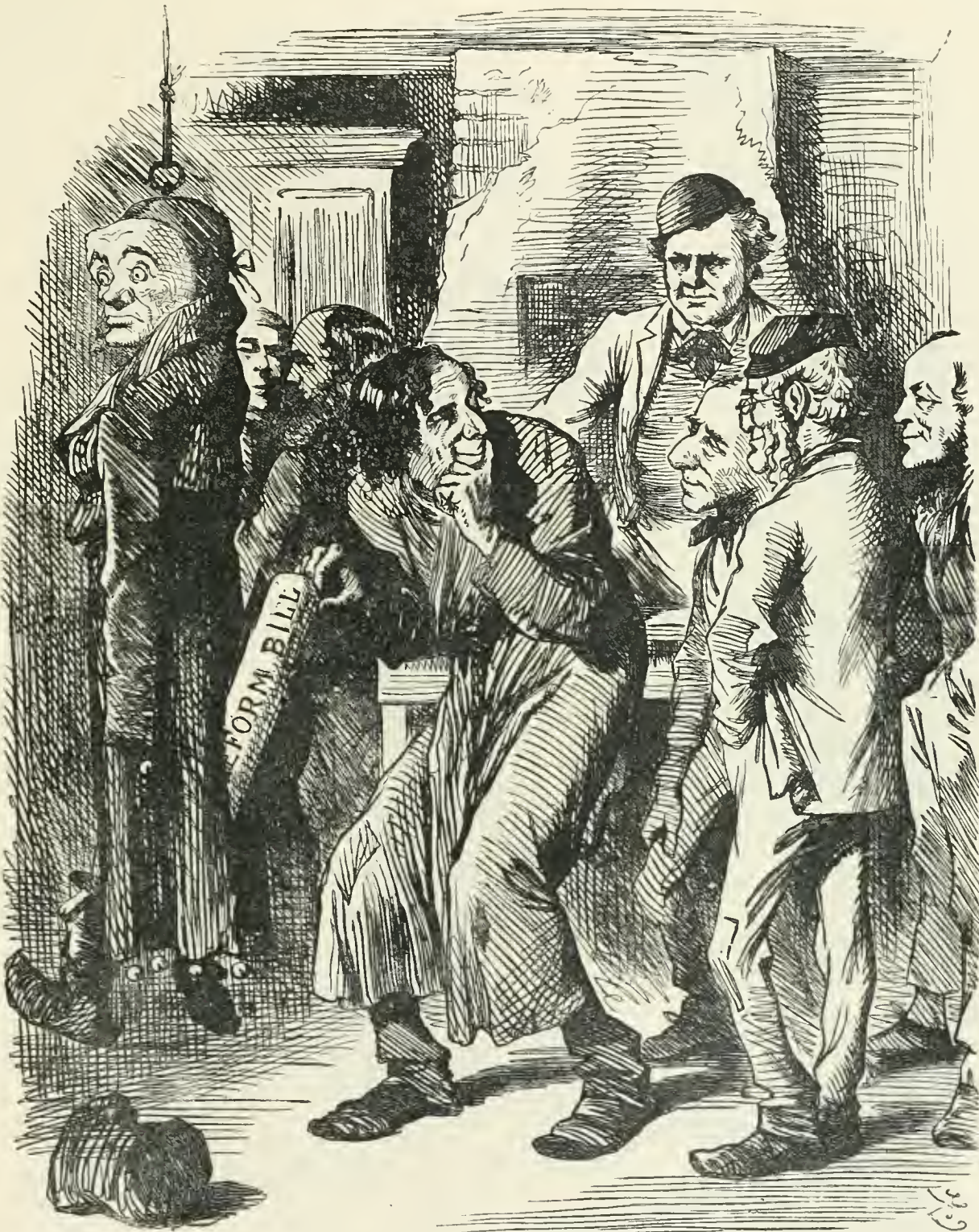
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BEEF À LA MODE.

Mr. BRISKET (*sarcastically*).—"REDOOSE THE PRICE O' MEAT, EH? AND GIVE UP THIS STYLE O' THING, EH? AND WALK TO CHURCH LIKE OUR CUSTOMERS? OH, YES!"

•• Butchers were demanding extravagant prices for beef and mutton, and the general public were powerless in the matter.



FAGIN'S POLITICAL SCHOOL.

"NOW, MARK THIS; BECAUSE THESE ARE THINGS WHICH YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD IN ANY SPEECH WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN THE CITY OF EDINBURGH. (*Laughter and cheers.*) I HAD—IF IT BE NOT ARROGANT TO USE SUCH A PHRASE—*TO EDUCATE OUR PARTY.* IT IS A LARGE PARTY, AND REQUIRES ITS ATTENTION TO BE CALLED TO QUESTIONS OF THIS KIND WITH SOME PRESSURE. I HAD TO PREPARE THE MIND OF PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNTRY ON THIS QUESTION OF REFORM."—*Mr. Disraeli's Speech at Edinburgh.*

•• More tact than party principle had been shown by Mr. Disraeli in educating his followers and colleagues during the passing of his Reform Bill.



ON THE SAFE SIDE.

BISMARCK.—“WHAT! STRIKE A WOMAN?”

LOUIS.—“WHY NOT! SHE CAN'T STRIKE AGAIN,—AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP HER!”

•• A French expedition was sent to Italy to assist the Papal troops, and Garibaldi had been defeated by the united forces. It was thought that Prussia might intervene.



CHECK TO KING MOB.

•• The dangerous extravagances of the London mob of sympathisers with revolutionary plots called for the summary check suggested in the cartoon.



“ TUCK IN YER TWOPENNY ! ”

DIZZY.—“ NOW, THEN, JOHN, I’M COMING OVER YER AGAIN ! TUCK IN YER TWOPENNY ! ”

•• In order to vote supplies for the Abyssinian war, an extraordinary Session of Parliament was held, when an additional Income-tax was imposed.



BRENNUS-BONAPARTE, OR THE GAUL AGAIN IN ROME.

•• The French troops had re-entered Rome in support of the Papal authority. They were received without enthusiasm, but also without overt hostility.

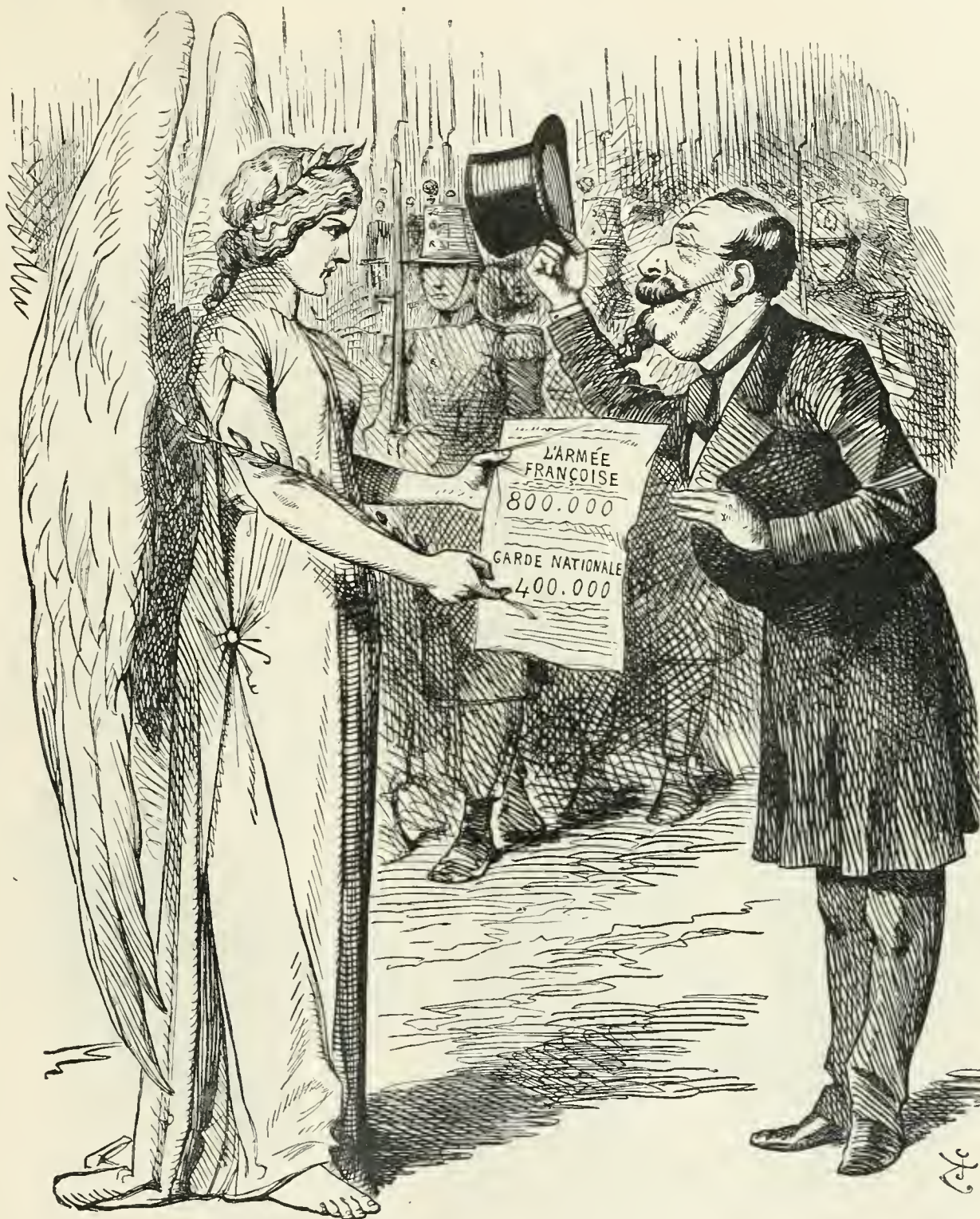
FENIANISM
SPECIAL
CONSTABLES



A HINT TO THE LOYAL IRISH.

"AH, THIN, MISTHER BULL! GIVE US THE OATH AN' SOME O' THIM STICKS. SURE, THERE'S HUNDREDS O' THE BOYS AS IS READY TO HELP YE, SOR."

*. In consequence of alarming rumours in London respecting Fenian risings, large numbers of special constables were sworn in. "Mr. Punch" suggests its adoption in Ireland.



A PEACE MOVEMENT. (?)

PEACE.—“PRAY, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN, YOUR MAJESTY!”
 EMPEROR NAPOLEON.—“ENTIRELY IN YOUR INTEREST, DEAR MADAM. SPECIAL CONSTABLES, MERELY.—
 MY SPECIAL CONSTABLES.”

* * The great increase in the French army created general uneasiness throughout the whole of Europe, and the prospects of peace looked gloomy.



OUR AUSTRALIAN COUSIN.

PRINCE ALFRED.—“WELL, MISS AUSTRALIA, I KNEW YOU WERE A GREAT GIRL, BUT I'D NO IDEA YOU WERE SO BEAUTIFUL.”

. The Duke of Edinburgh started in May, 1867, in the *Galatea*, on a visit to the Colonies. He was at this time in Australia, and was warmly welcomed.



“HOITY-TOITY!!!”

MRS. BRITANNIA.—“HOITY-TOITY! WHAT’S ALL THIS FUSS ABOUT?”

JOHNNY BULL.—“IT’S COUSIN COLUMBIA, MA, AND SHE SAYS I BROKE HER SHIPS, AND I DIDN’T—AND I WANT TO BE FRIENDS—AND SHE’S A CROSS THING—AND WANTS TO HAVE IT ALL HER OWN WAY!”

* * The United States demanded compensation for damages inflicted on American commerce by the Confederate cruiser *Alabama*. The claims were ultimately settled by arbitration.



DR. BULL'S WAITING-ROOM.

BENJAMIN (to *Hibernia*).—"PLEASE 'M, THE DOCTOR 'LL TAKE YOUR CASE FUST 'M."
 .. Ireland was now the question of the hour. Dr. Bull's preliminary and precautionary prescription was to suspend for another year the Habeas Corpus Act in Ireland.



THE REAL TRADE UNION.

COOK.—“No, Mr. PICKLES, there ain't no horders, and things is come to a pretty pass! What with them co-robber-ative stores—and no presents—what's to become of hus pore servants—let alone the tradespeople—goodness gracious only knows!”

*• The establishment of Civil Service Supply Associations put an end to the credit system, commissions to servants, etc., and the exorbitant profits charged by the retail dealers.



A LEGAL DIFFICULTY.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.—“NONSENSE! YOU MUSTN'T BRING THAT BRIBING FELLOW BEFORE US;—WE SHOULD HAVE TO BE IN EARNEST.”

* * Lord Chief Justice Cockburn vehemently protested against the judges being called upon to try election petitions as being wholly beyond the sphere of their constitutional duties.



THE NEW HEAD MASTER.

* * * Lord Derby having, on account of ill-health, tendered his resignation to her Majesty, Mr. Disraeli was appointed First Lord of the Treasury.



RIVAL STARS.

MR. BENDIZZY (*Hamlet*).—"TO BE, OR NOT TO BE, THAT IS THE QUESTION: '—AHM!"

MR. GLADSTONE (*out of an engagement*). [*Aside.*] "'LEADING BUSINESS,' FORSOOTH! HIS LINE IS 'GENERAL UTILITY!' IS THE MANAGER MAD! BUT NO MATTER-RR—A TIME WILL COME—"

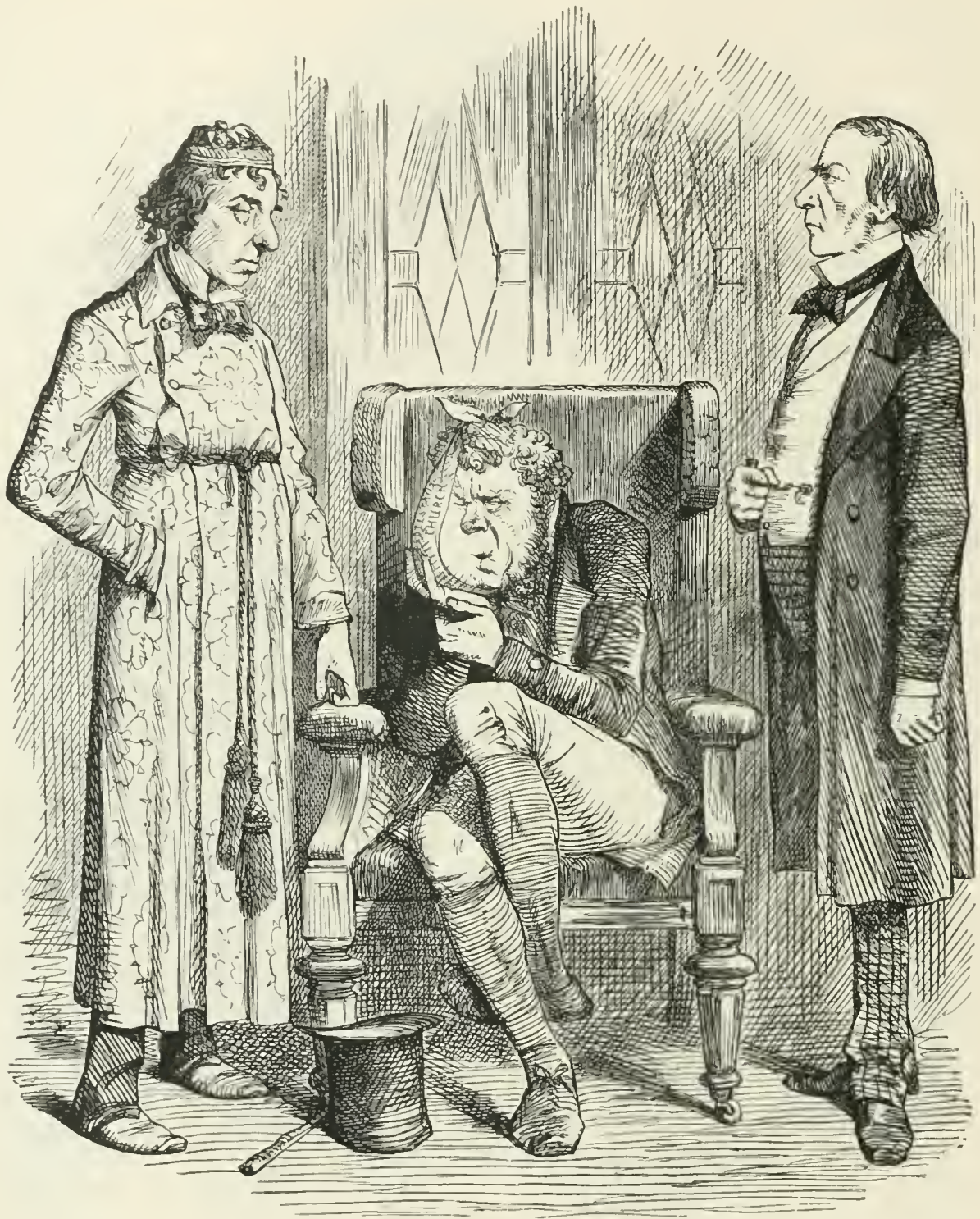
* * Mr. Disraeli was well aware that his tenure of office was a precarious one, as the Liberals were in a majority in the House of Commons.



DIZZY'S DIFFICULTY, OR MRS. ERIN'S PIGS.

DIZZY.—"I'D LOIKE TO ZEE ANY O' FOW DROIVE UN!"

. There had been a great debate on the condition of Ireland. Fenianism was rife, the Irish Church was menaced, and many important matters demanded consideration.



PADDY'S BAD TOOTH, OR DOCTORS DIFFER.

DR. GLADSTONE.—“I SAY THAT IT OUGHT TO COME OUT AT ONCE!”

DR. BENJAMIN.—“I'M DECIDEDLY IN FAVOUR OF STOPPING!”

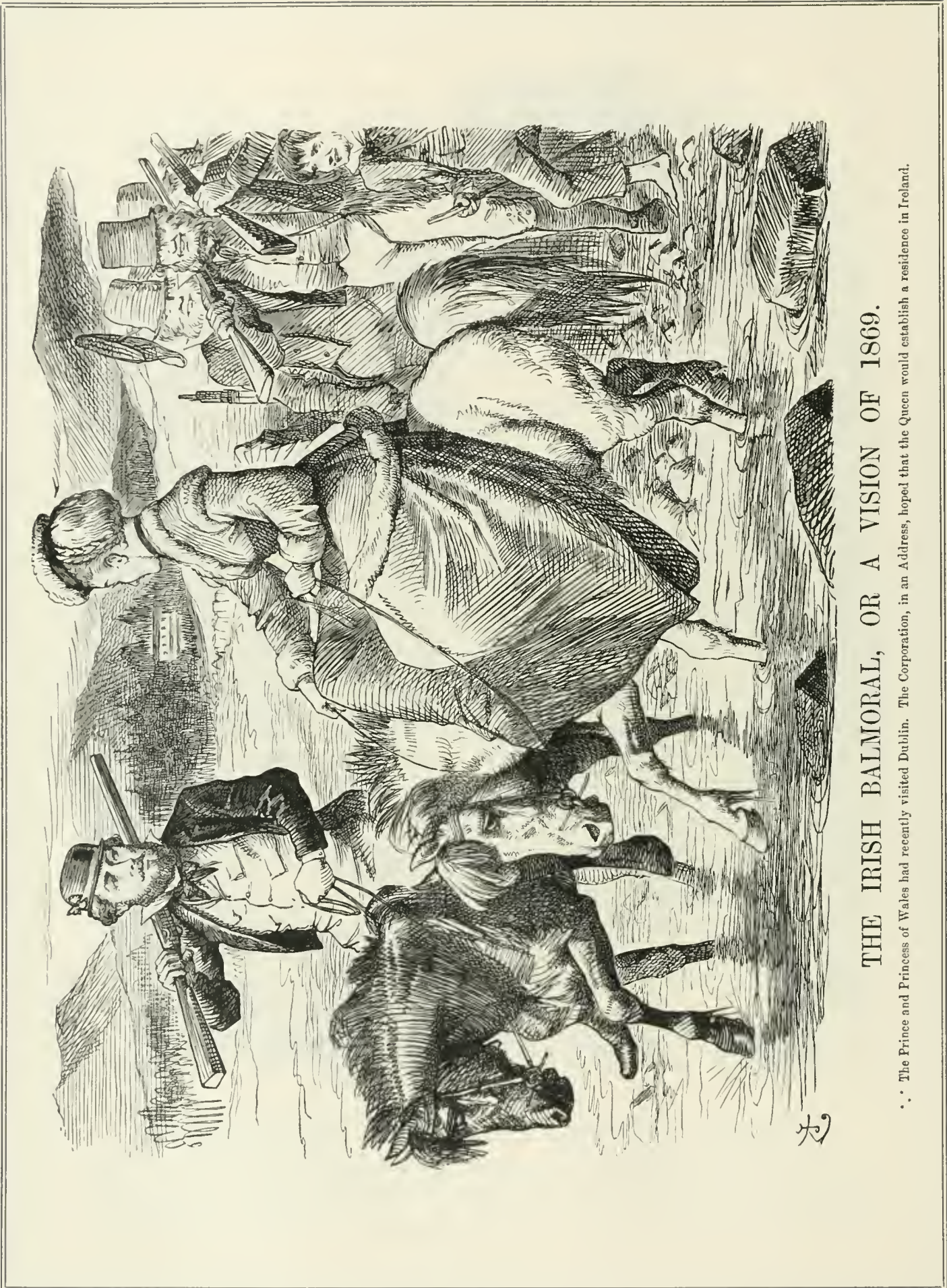
•• Mr. Gladstone gave notice of his intention to move a Resolution that the Irish Church should cease to exist as an establishment.



NEW GUY FAWKES, OR DIZZY'S CHEF-D'ŒUVRE.

"UNDER THE GUISE OF LIBERALISM—UNDER THE PRETENCE OF LEGISLATING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE—THEY ARE, AS THEY THINK, ABOUT TO SEIZE UPON THE SUPREME ESTATE OF THE REALM."—*See Mr. Disraeli's Speech, April 3rd, 1868.*

* * * Mr. Disraeli pictured his great antagonist as a sort of ecclesiastical Guy Fawkes. Mr. Gladstone, he suggested, represented Ritualism and Popery.



THE IRISH BALMORAL, OR A VISION OF 1869.

∴ The Prince and Princess of Wales had recently visited Dublin. The Corporation, in an Address, hoped that the Queen would establish a residence in Ireland.

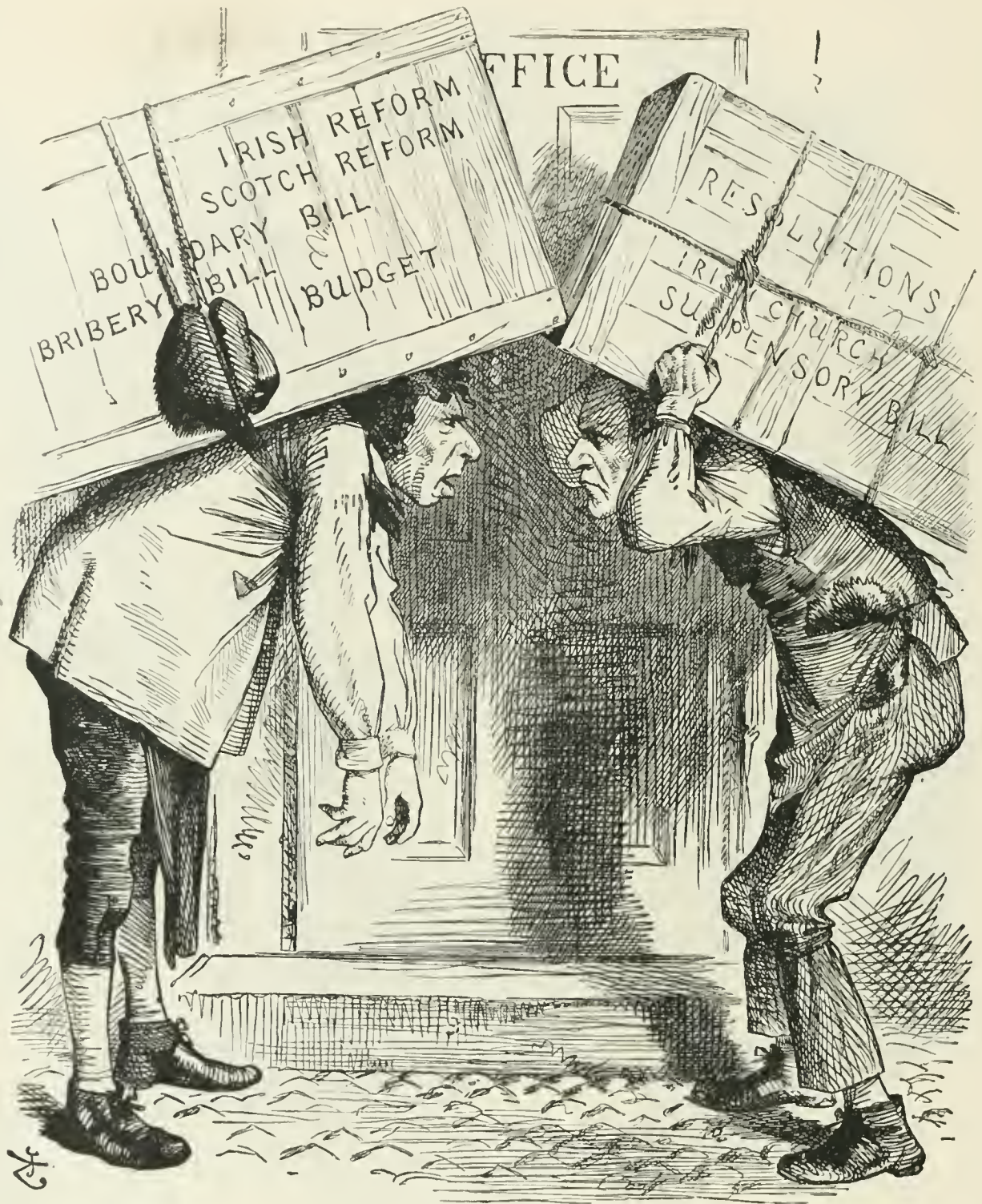


ANOTHER NAPIER!!

GENERAL PUNCH.—“SIR ROBERT NAPIER, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS—WHO HAS FREED THE CAPTIVES! SETTLED THEODORE! AND CONQUERED ABYSSINIA!”

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.—“NAPIER?—ROBERT NAPIER? NOTHING TO DO WITH US. KNEW CHARLES AND WILLIAM, THOUGH—TROUBLESOME FELLOWS! AND ABYSSINIA! POOH! BOUNCE, SIR—BOUNCE! DON'T BELIEVE IN VICTORIES WE'VE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH; BUT IF YOU SAY IT'S ALL RIGHT——”

* * Sir Robert Napier had brought the Abyssinian war to a successful termination, but it was generally believed that his brilliant services were slighted by the Horse Guards.



A CRISIS!

FIRST PORTER.—“NOW, THEN, BILL GLADSTONE, WHERE ARE YOU A-SHOVIN’ TO?”

SECOND PORTER.—“WELL, THEN, STAND O’ ONE-SIDE, CAN’T YER!”

FIRST PORTER.—“OH, AH, MR. STAND-O’-ONE-SIDE! AND MAKE WAY FOR YOU, I SUPPOSE? THANKEE—NOT IF I KNOW IT!”

[And there they are at this moment.]

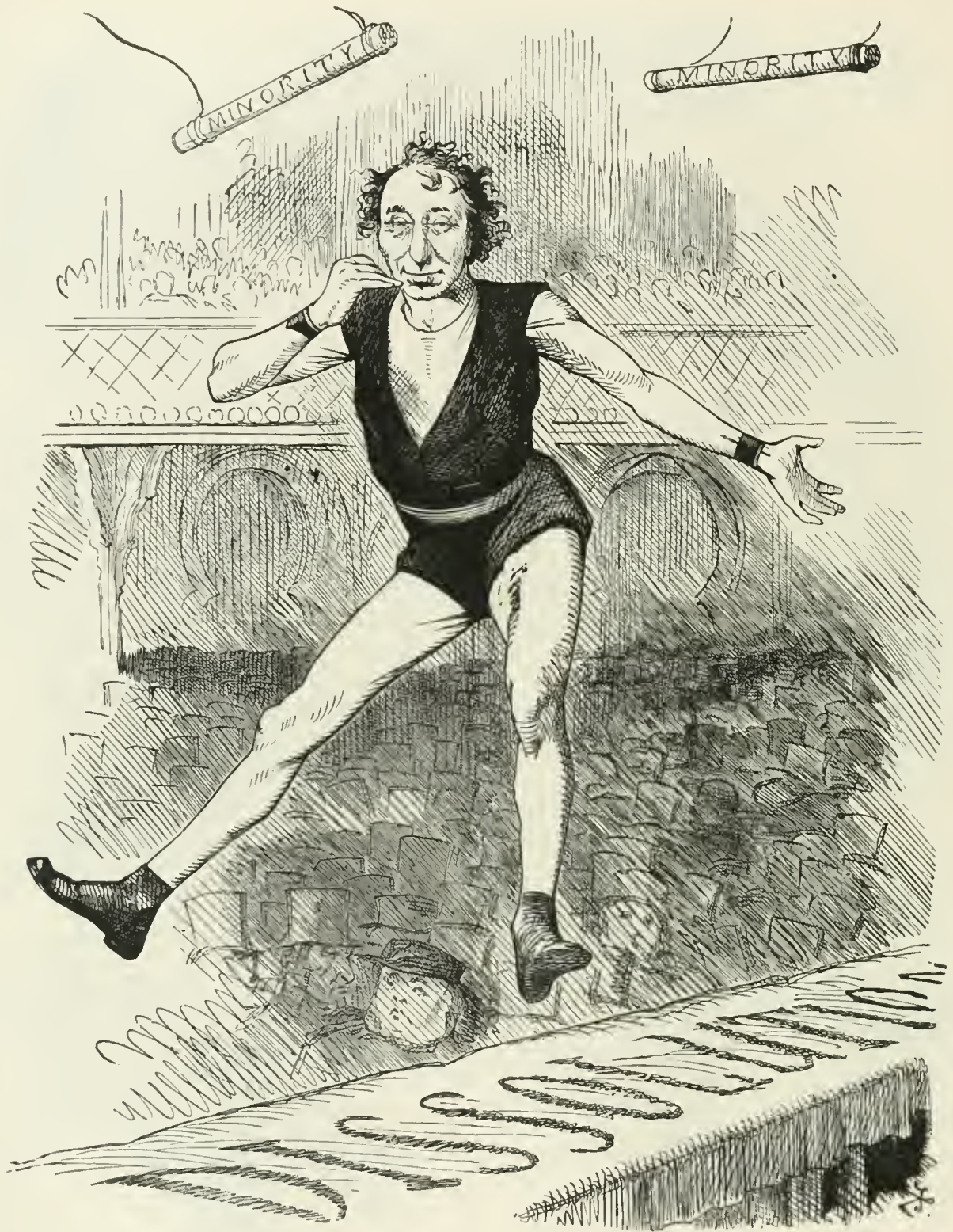
*. * Despite strong opposition from the Government, Mr. Gladstone’s Resolution to disestablish the Irish Church was carried by a majority of sixty-five.



STEERING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

SHIP'S CAPTAIN.—“GIVE UP THE HELM?—RESIGN THE COMMAND?—NEVER! COME ONE, COME ALL, I STICK TO MY CRAFT. BACK, I SAY!—ONE STEP IN-BOARD, AND I BLOW UP THE SHIP. HA, HA!!”

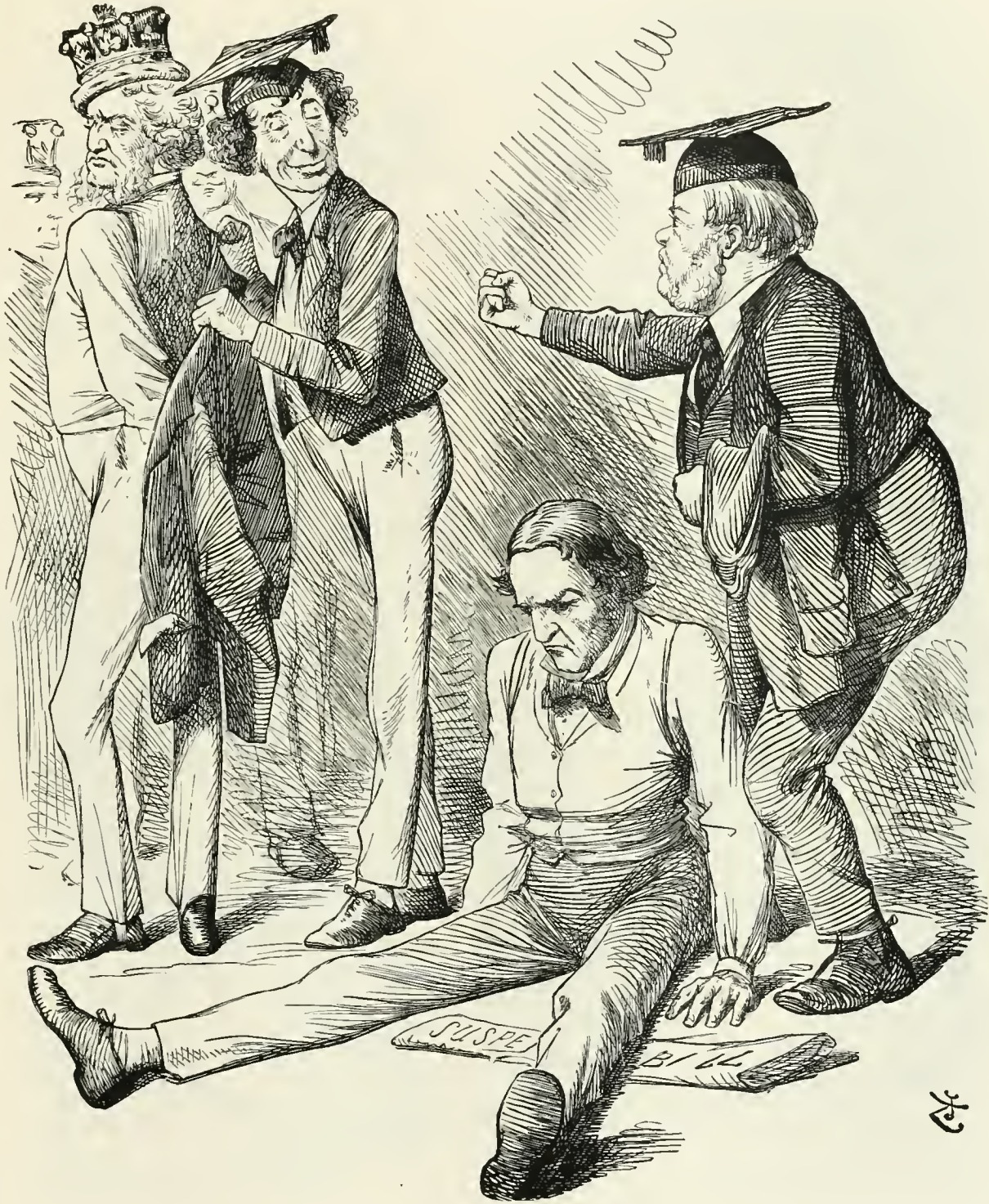
* * Mr. Disraeli did not resign in consequence of his defeat on the Irish Church question, but announced his intention to dissolve Parliament and appeal to the country.



THE POLITICAL LEOTARD.

"IT IS A VERY OLD TRICK OF MINE," WRITES M. LEOTARD, "TO MAKE THE BELIEF TO FALL, AND THEN TO ARRIVE ON MY FEET."—*Morning Paper*.

* * Leotard was a popular acrobat of the day, and had gained notoriety by his daring performances on the flying trapeze.



ATHLETICS AT WESTMINSTER.

JOHN BRIGHT.—“HA! WON'T YOU KETCH IT NEXT HALF, WHEN OUR BIG BROTHER COMES!!!”

* * The Lords had thrown out by a large majority Mr. Gladstone's Bill for suspending appointments in the Irish Church.



GOING TO THE COUNTRY.

LANDLADY.—“GOOD-BYE, SIR! OH, SIR, WAS YOU A WISHIN' AS THE LODGIN'S SHOULD BE KEP' FOR YOU, SIR?”

DIZZY.—“OH! H'M! WELL! YES! I SHALL WANT 'EM FOR A WEEK OR TWO AT CHRISTMAS, AND THEN WE 'LL TALK ABOUT A PERMANENCY.”

. The last Parliament elected under the Reform Bill of 1832 had held its final sitting. Dissolution and an appeal to the country followed shortly afterwards.



THE RISING TIDE.

MRS. GAMP.—“O YOU BAD, WICKED BOY! I S'POSE YOU'LL BE FOR A WASHIN' AWAY THAT CHURCH NEXT!”

* * The rising tide now threatening the Irish Church would, it was feared, if directed by the same hands, overwhelm the English Establishment.



REJECTED ADDRESSES.

DOCTOR PUSEY.—“AND, MY DEAR YOUNG LADY, IF I COULD INDUCE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO LOOK KINDLY UPON MY PROPOSAL—”

MISS METHODIST.—“BUT YOU CAN'T, SIR. I DON'T WANT TO GO TO CHURCH AT ALL; AND IF I DID, I'M SURE I WOULDN'T GO WITH YOU.”

“Dr. Pusey appeals for sympathy to the Wesleyan Conference. His sincerity and earnestness encountered a harsh rebuff.”—*Times*.

* * Dr. Pusey appealed for assistance in opposing Dr. Coleridge's Bill for throwing open the honours and emoluments of the Universities to all creeds and denominations.



A DRESS REHEARSAL.

FRIEND BRIGHT.—“H'M! HA! VERILY THESE MINISTERIAL GARMENTS WON'T BE SO UNBECOMING, AFTER ALL!”—
[Said, in other words, in his last address.]

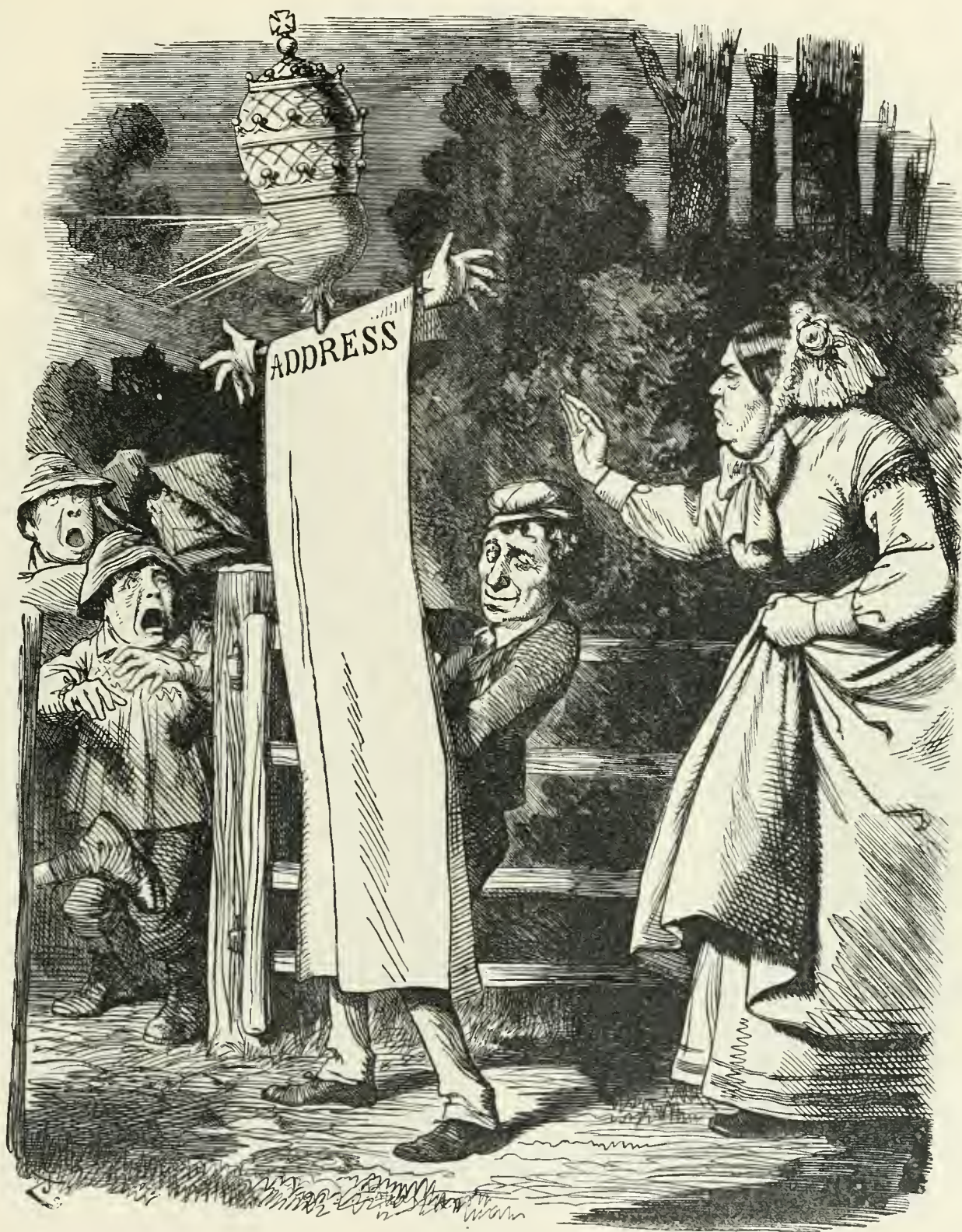
••• When the Liberals came into office, Mr. Bright was appointed a Cabinet Minister and Privy Councillor, and was presented to the Queen on taking the oaths of office.



REVISED—AND CORRECTED.

REVISING BARRISTER (*Hamlet*).—"GET THEE TO A—NURSERY, GO! FAREWELL!"—[*Shakspeare (slightly altered)*].

•• The revising barrister at Manchester had recently decided against the claims of lady ratepayers to vote for members of Parliament.



BEN AND HIS BOGEY.

MRS. BULL.—“I’LL TEACH YOU TO FRIGHTEN PEOPLE, MASTER BENJAMIN.”

•• In his address to the Buckinghamshire electors, Mr. Disraeli hinted that the Pope would be the real gainer by the disestablishment of the Irish Church.



RIVAL ACTORS.

(MR. GLADSTONE, AS *WILLIAM TELL*, HAS BEEN CALLED BEFORE THE CURTAIN "AMID THE DEAFENING PLAUDITS OF A HOUSE CRAMMED TO THE CEILING.")

MR. BENDIZZY (*Jeremy Diddler*).—"HE'S GOT THE HOUSE WITH HIM, THAT'S CERTAIN. AHEN! I MUST GIVE 'EM A TOUCH OF MY ART."

*. Mr. Gladstone's disestablishment of the Irish Church had greatly increased his popularity, and it was apparent that the struggle between the two great antagonists at the coming General Election would be a severe one.



‘‘ POUNDED! ’’

THE RESULT OF THE ‘‘ LEAP IN THE DARK. ’’

•• The first General Election that had been held under the New Reform Act, resulted in favour of the Liberal party, and of Mr. Gladstone’s policy.



TURKEY AND GREASE.

(SCENE FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAND NEW ORIENTAL PANTOMME OF HARLEQUIN POLUPHILOSBOIO THALASSES AND THE BEWILDERED BULBUL OF THE BOUNDLESS BOSPHORUS.)

.. A rupture of diplomatic relations had occurred between Turkey and Greece on account of disputes which threatened the re-opening of the Eastern question.



THE CHAMBERMAID OF THE VATICAN.

"I'VE WARMED THEIR BEDS FOR 'EM; WHY DON'T THEY LIGHT THEIR CANDLES, AND FOLLOW ME?"

* * A significant hint from "Mr. Punch" to the extreme Ritualists in the English Church that they might as well go *all* the way to Rome.



OUR SIAMESE TWINS.

MR. BULL.—“YOU DON'T THINK THE OPERATION WILL BE FATAL TO EITHER?”

DR. GLADSTONE.—“OH, NO!”

DR. BRIGHT.—“NOT A BIT!—DO 'EM BOTH ALL THE GOOD IN THE WORLD.”

* * * Refers to the impending severance of the connection between the Established Churches in England and Ireland. The Siamese twins were at this time exhibiting in London.



EXTRAORDINARY MILDNESS OF THE POLITICAL SEASON.

MR. DISRAELI.—“DELIGHTFUL ‘SPEECH FROM THE THRONE’—QUITE CHARMING!” &c., &c.

MR. GLADSTONE.—“SO GLAD YOU LIKED IT—THE REPLIES TO THE ADDRESS WERE ADMIRABLE!” &c., &c.

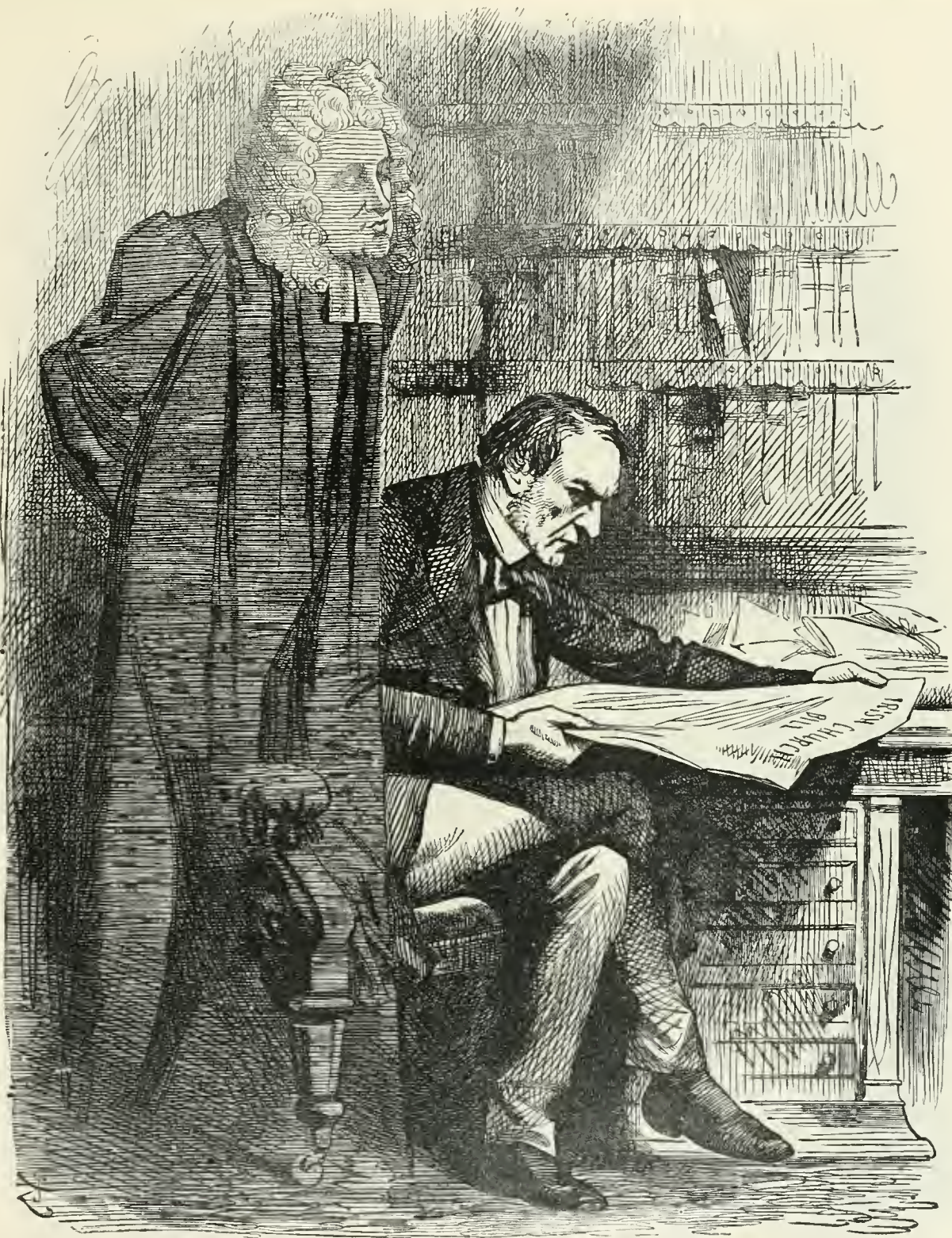
* * Mr. Gladstone was now Prime Minister. The proceedings at the opening of the new Parliament were characterised by friendly speeches on both sides of the House.



THE END OF THE "TEMPEST."

PROSPERO.—"BE FREE, AND FARE THOU WELL!"—*Shakespeare.*

•• In introducing his scheme for the disestablishment of the Irish Church, Mr. Gladstone said that the passing of the Bill would mean emancipation for Protestantism in Ireland.

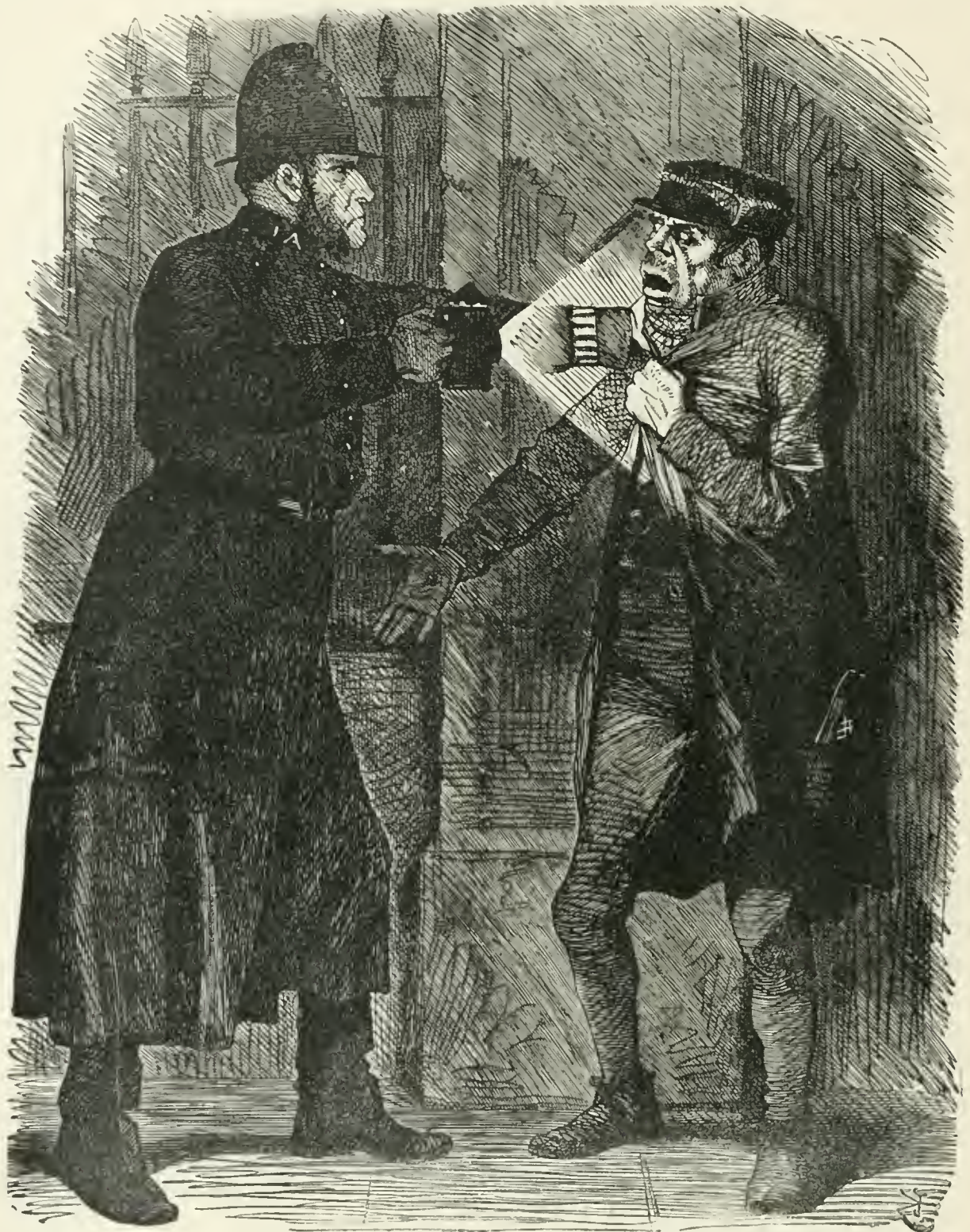


SWIFT ON A LARGE SCALE.

GHOST OF DEAN SWIFT.—“WELL, MR. GLADSTONE, YOU QUOTED MY WILL, BUT, BY GUMDRAGON, YOU MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ME CREDIT FOR BEING THE AUTHOR OF YOUR PLAN. I LEFT MY CHURCH SURPLUS TO A LUNATIC ASYLUM.”

“TO SHOW, BY ONE SATIRIC TOUCH,
NO NATION WANTED IT SO MUCH.”

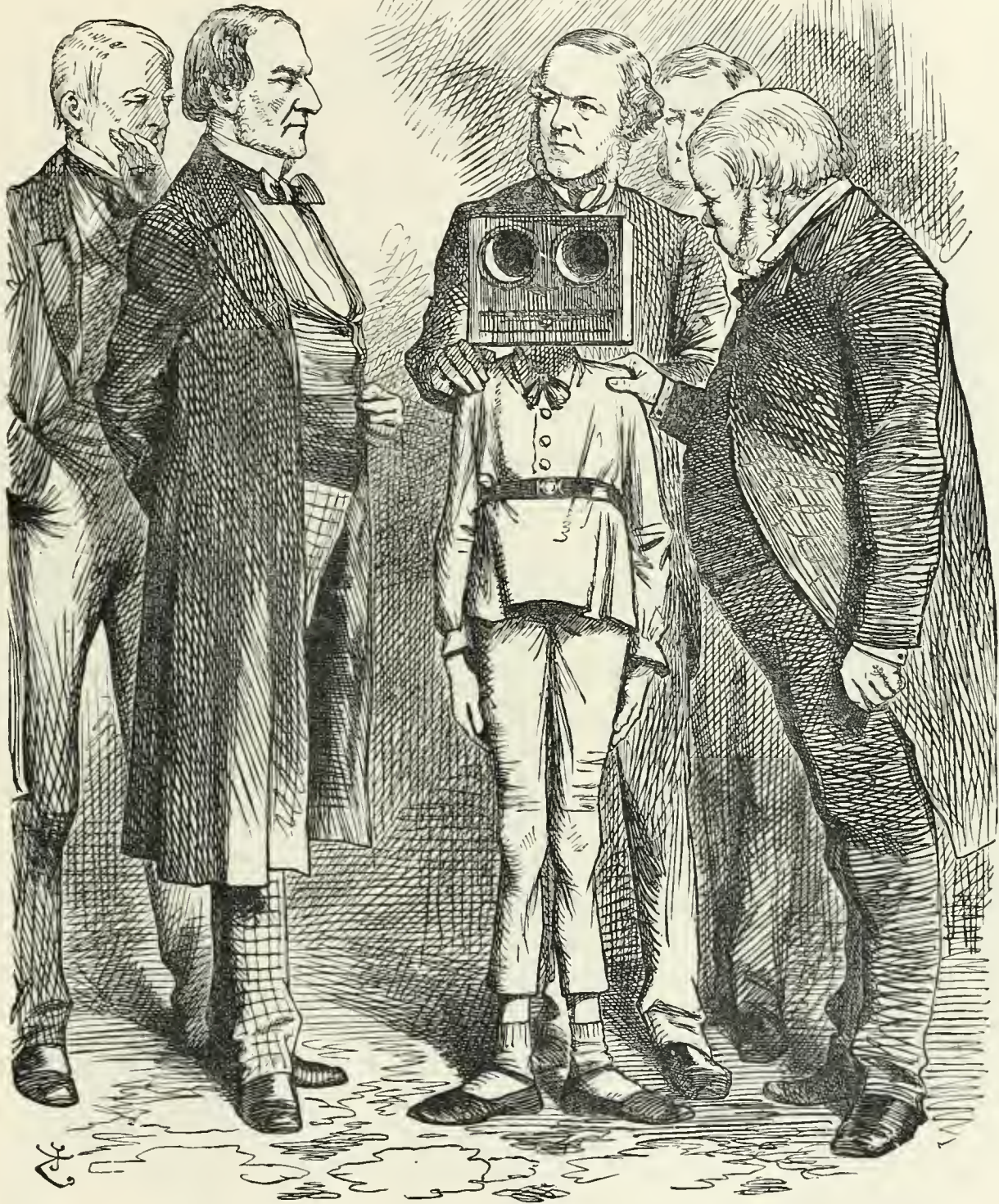
*. Mr. Gladstone proposed to devote a large portion of the surplus resulting from the disendowment of the Irish Church to provide lunatic asylums in Ireland.



THE "HABITUAL CRIMINAL" CURE.

BILL SIKES.—"LOR, BLESS YER, I AIN'T UP TO NOthin'! WHY I WAS JEST A-GOIN' 'OME TO MY TEA!!!"
(I A SAYS NOTHING, BUT WALKS HIM OFF.)

•• By the Habitual Criminals Bill, constables were authorised to summarily apprehend, without warrant, ticket-of-leave men, if they suspected they were getting their living dishonestly.



LITTLE BOY BALLOT.

THE HON. R. LOWE.—“HE’S PRECIOUS UGLY, BUT HE GROWS TREMENDOUSLY!”

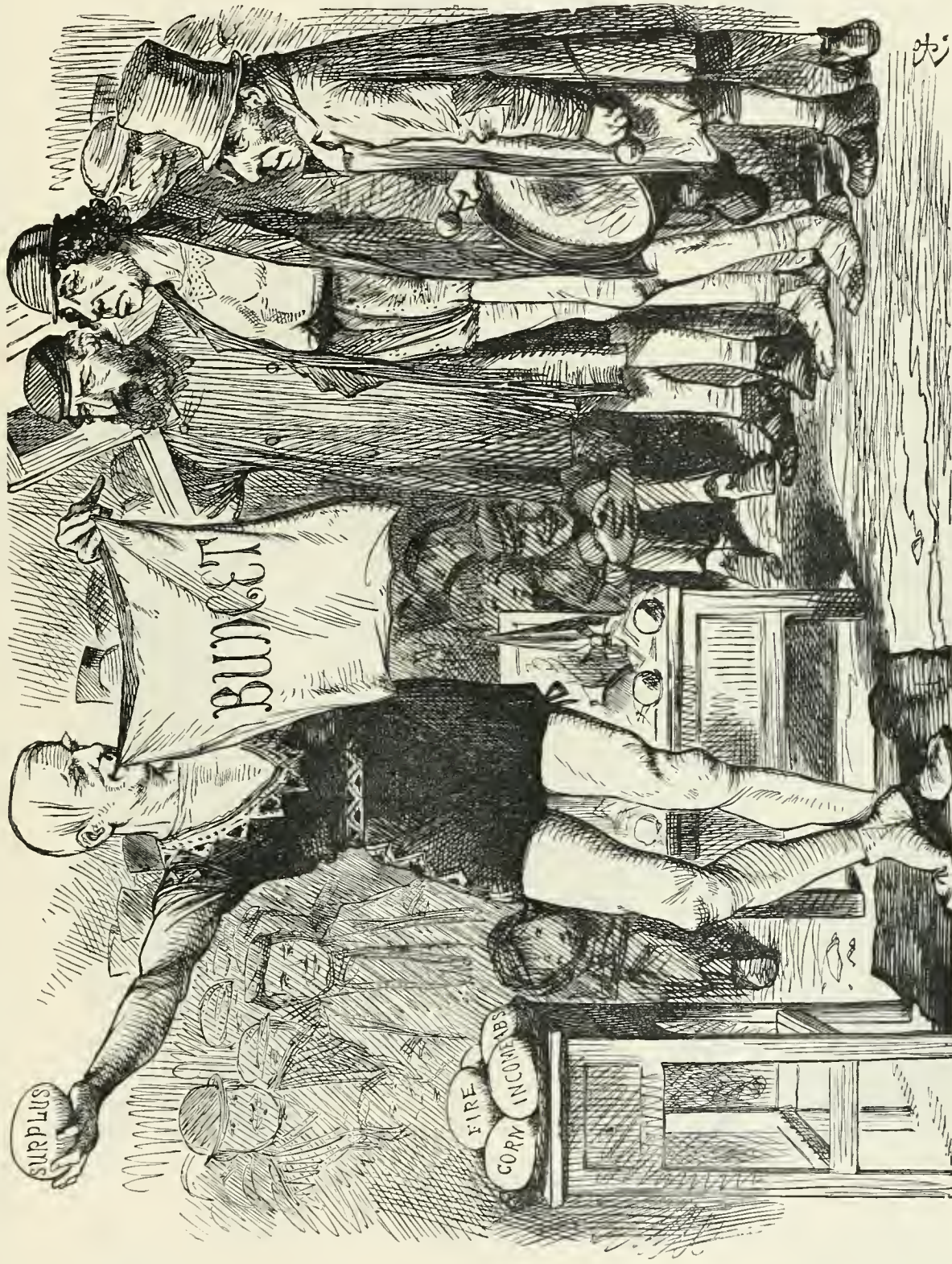
•• The report of a committee, appointed to inquire into proceedings at elections, was considered on the whole to strengthen the case in favour of voting by ballot.



DISENDOWMENT AND DISARMAMENT.

FENIAN.—“BE JABERS, Y'RE RIV'RENCE, IT'S SPILIN' OUR THRADA THEY ARE, INTOIRELY.”
 HIS RIV'RENCE.—“THREE FOR YOU, ME BOY.”

••• “Mr. Pusey” pictures the dismay of both clerical bigot and Fenian sedition-monger at the passing of the bill. They feared it might spoil their mischievous trade.

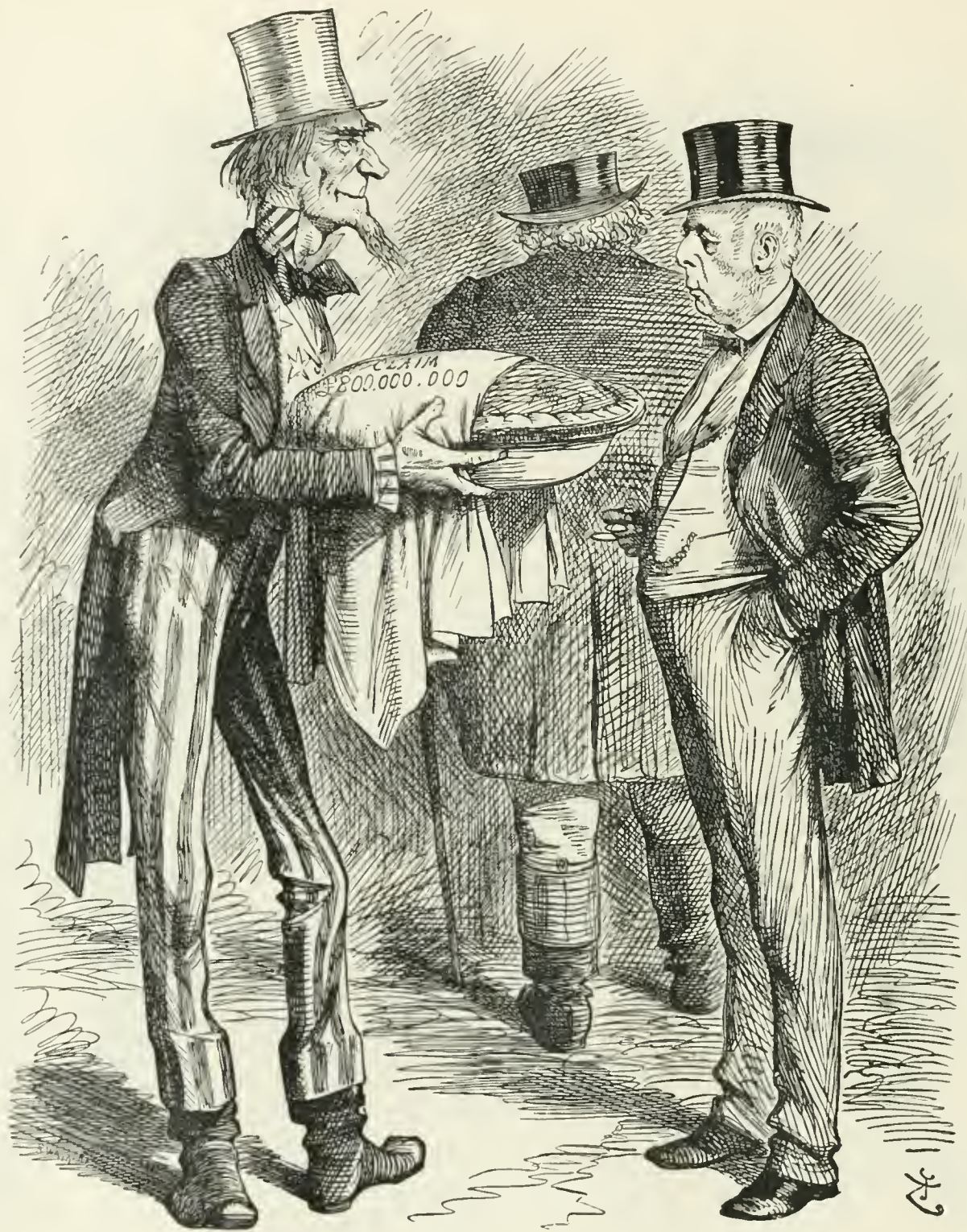


THE RIVAL CONJURORS.

PROFESSOR BOB.—“THERE IS NO DECEPTION—THE BAG IS EMPTY. HEY, PRESTO, PASS! (Produces the egg.) SURPLUS!!!”

PROFESSOR BEN.—“WHY, WE COU'D HA' DONE THAT— (Pauses.) IF WE'D ON 'Y THOUGHT' ON IT.”

** Mr. Lowe, by a readjustment in payment of assessed taxes and effecting savings in the Army and Navy, contrived to convert an estimated deficiency into a considerable surplus.



HUMBLE PIE (?)

JONATHAN (as Interpreted by Mr. Sumner).—"WAAL, REVERDY! GUESS THIS LOT'LL ABOUT DU FOR YOUR FRIEND JOHN BULL THAR."

REVERDY JOHNSON.—"HA! I'VE DINED WITH HIM A GOOD DEAL LATELY, AND HE WON'T EAT THAT, I PROMISE YOU."

. The United States Senate rejected the *Alabama Claims Treaty*. Mr. Sumner in a violent speech insisted that England should be held responsible for the whole cost of the war.

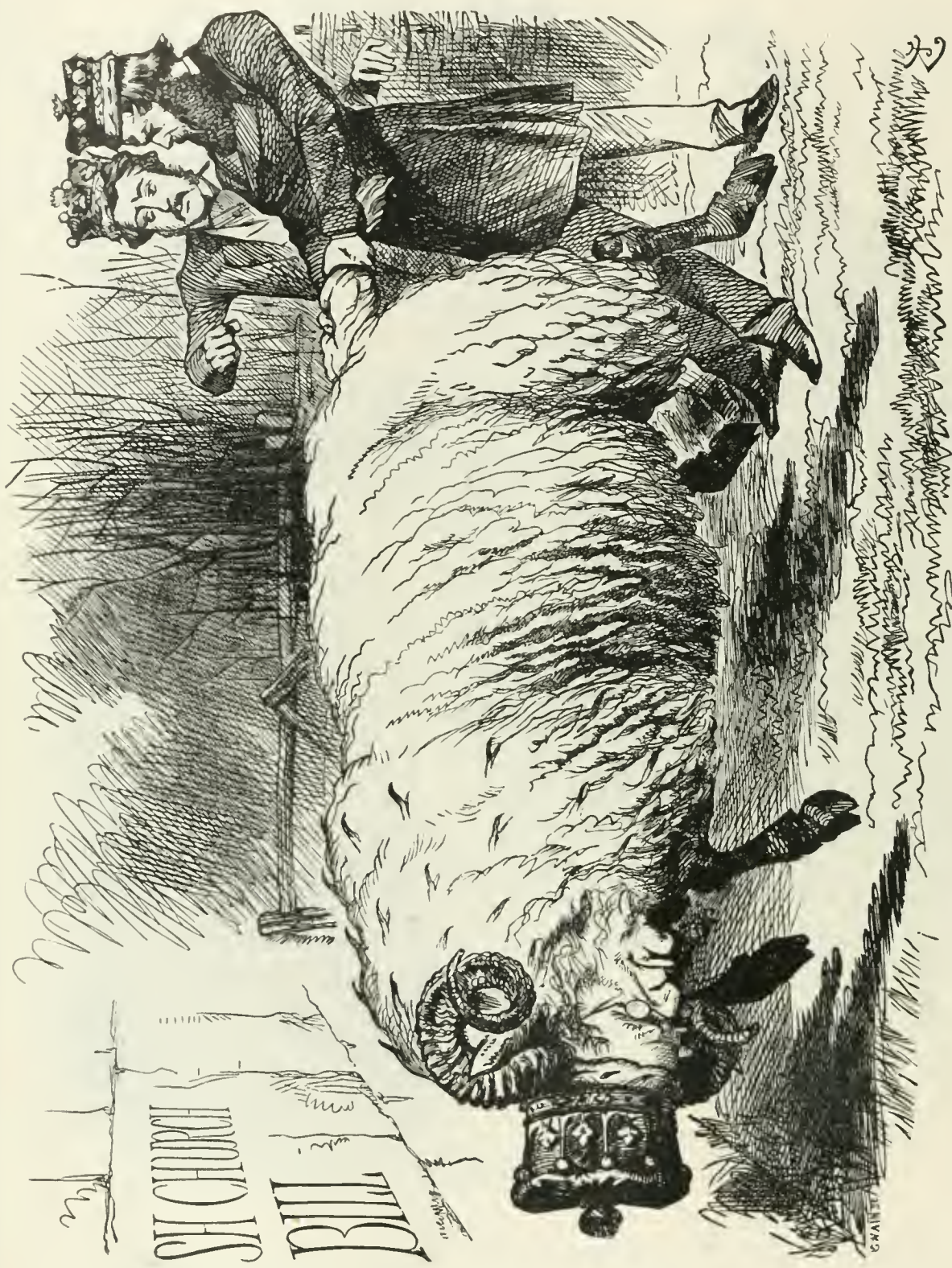


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SWAINSON

“ L'HOMME QUI RIT ! ”

. The elections in France showed a dangerous increase in the opponents to Imperial rule. The sinister title of Victor Hugo's novel appeared to find a new application.



THE "RAM OF DERBY;" OR, LONGHEAD V. WRONGHEAD.

LORD CARNARVON.—"HOLD ON, SALISBURY! HE'LL DO HIMSELF A MISCHIEF, AS SURE AS FATE."

.. At a meeting of Conservative Peers, Lord Derby vehemently denounced the Irish Church Bill. Lords Carnarvon and Salisbury advocated a temporising policy.



FORGETTING HIS PLACE.

JOHN BRIGHT.—“IRISH CHURCH COMING DOWN!—PULL OUT O’ THE WAY THERE WITH THAT ‘INFATUATED’ OLD MACHINE OF YOURS—CAN’T YER?”

GROOM OF THE CHAMBERS.—“JOHN, JOHN, YOU’RE FORGETTING YOUR PLACE—YOU MUSTN’T USE THAT SORT OF LANGUAGE NOW.”

* * In a letter to a meeting held at Birmingham, Mr. Bright had strongly denounced the Lords. It was considered that a Cabinet Minister should have exercised more discretion.



DARBY AND JOHN.

(IN THE TEA-ROOM, AFTER THE DIVISION.)

LORD DERBY.—“ I NEVER THOUGHT WE SHOULD LIVE TO SEE THIS DAY ! ”

LORD JOHN.—“ HA ! I DID ! ”

*• The second reading of the Irish Church Bill was carried in the Lords by a majority of thirty-three. Lord Derby's speech was the last the veteran statesman was destined to deliver.



(THE IRISH CHURCH) VENUS ATTIRED BY THE
(CHRISTIAN) GRACES.

•• The cartoon refers to the amendments to the Irish Church Bill proposed by the Lords. Most of them were rejected by the House of Commons.

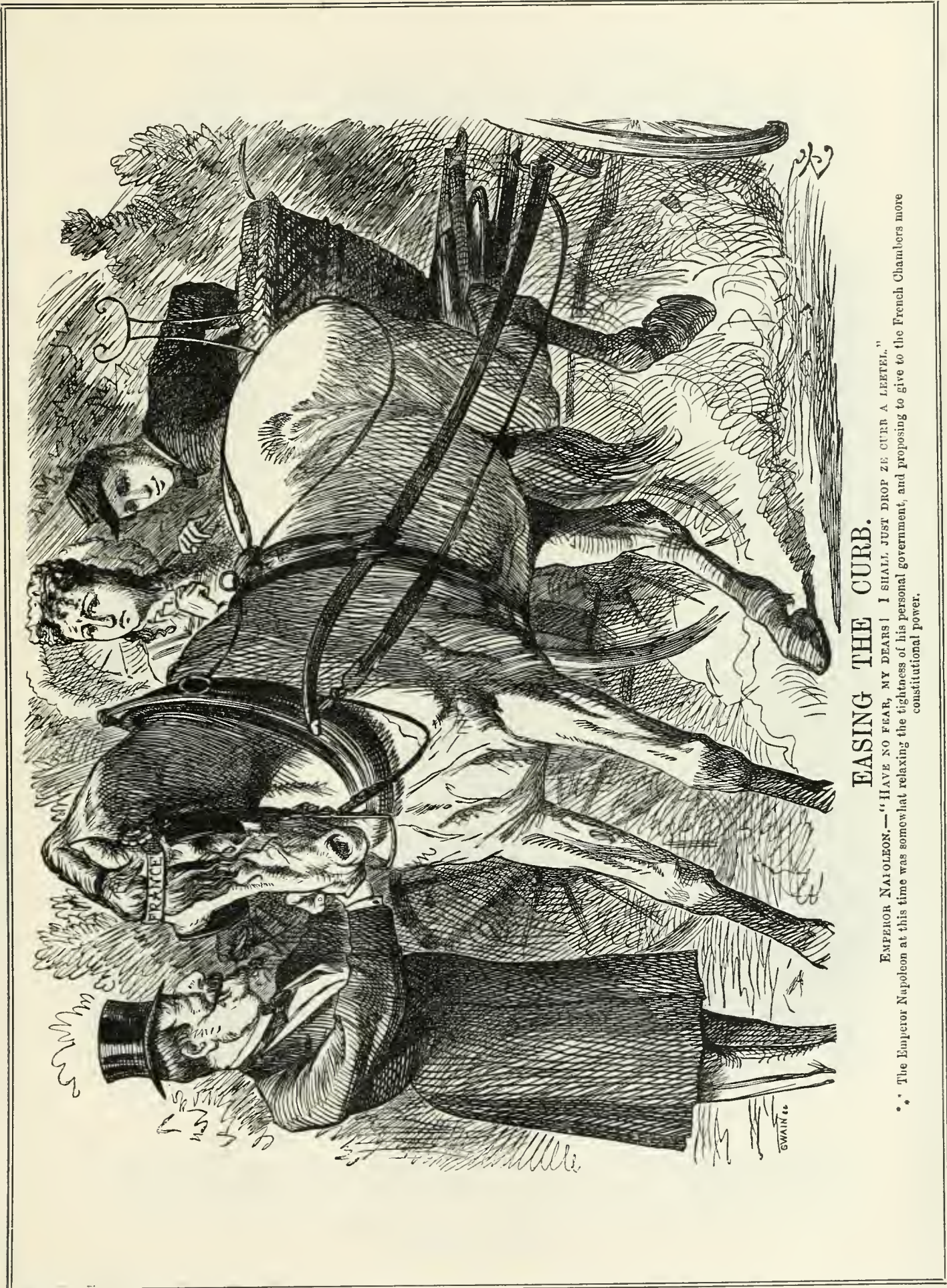


THE CHANGELING.

NURSE CANTERBURY.—“WHICH WE'VE TOOK THE GREATEST CARE OF 'IM, MEM, AND 'OPE YOU 'LL THINK 'IM GROW 'D.”

MRS. PRIME MINISTER.—“THAT IS NOT MY CHE-ILD!—NOT IN THE LEAST LIKE IT.”

•• When the Bill was returned to the Commons by the House of Lords, it was found that the amendments introduced had greatly altered its character and bearing.



EASING THE CURB.

EMPEROR NAPOLEON. — "HAVE NO FEAR, MY DEARS! I SHALL JUST DROP ZE CURB A LITTLEL."
* * The Emperor Napoleon at this time was somewhat relaxing the tightness of his personal government, and proposing to give to the French Chambers more constitutional power.



A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

GHOST OF QUEEN ELIZABETH.—"AGREED, HAVE THEY? ODS BODDIKINS! GADS MY LIFE, AND MARRY COME UP, SWEETHEART! IN MY TIME I'D HAVE KNOCKED ALL THEIR ADDLEPATES TOGETHER TILL THEY HAD AGREED!"

* The Lords "amendments" not being favourably received in the Commons, the Bill was returned for further consideration. A compromise was eventually agreed to.



“THE HARP THAT ONCE,” &C.

BRITANNIA.—“THERE, MY DEAR. I’VE TUNED THE STRING FOR YOU THAT MADE ALL THE DISCORD, AND NOW I HOPE WE MAY HAVE SOMETHING LIKE HARMONY.”

HIBERNIA.—“AH THIN, SISTHER DARLIN’, SURE THERE’S ANOTHER STRING AS’LL HAVE TO BE TUNED BY AN’ BY.”

*• The Irish Church Bill received the Royal Assent, and became law. The Irish land question was the next great problem demanding settlement.



“HER MAJESTY’S SERVANTS.”—LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON.

THE MANAGER.—“FER-RIENDS, WE HAVE HAD A MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON; OO, TAKE YOUR HOLIDAY, AND FARE-YE-WELL; BUT MIND—
NO STAR-R-ING IN THE A-PROVINGES!”

•• The first Session of the Reform Parliament was chiefly memorable for the passing of the Irish Church Bill, but many useful though minor measures became law.



DESTINY AND "FÊTE," OR TIME WORKS WONDERS.

GHOST OF NAPOLEON THE FIRST.—"HIGHLY FLATTERED, I'M SURE, MON CHER!—DARE SAY YOU'RE DOING WHAT'S RIGHT!—THERE WAS A TIME—BUT NO MATTER!—AT ANY RATE, YOU'RE MAKING IT SAFE FOR YOUNG NUMBER FOUR."

•• The Emperor, to celebrate the centenary of the birth of the great Napoleon, proclaimed a complete amnesty to all political offenders.



“WELL ROWED ALL!”

UMPIRE.—“HA, DEAR BOYS! YOU’VE ONLY TO PULL TOGETHER, TO LICK ALL THE WORLD!”

•• In an international boat race on the Thames between picked representatives from the Universities of Oxford and Harvard, Oxford had won. The race excited much interest.



"BIG BOGEY" IN IRELAND.

CARDINAL C-LL-N.—"HUBBABOO, ME DARLINTS! GO BACK, GO BACK! YE MUSTN'T BE 'IN THE LIONS' DEN' WID THE LIKES O' THIM WICKED 'SWADDLERS,' ANYHOW! AN' YOU DO, I'LL ANATHEMATISE YE," &C., &C.

. Cardinal Cullen, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, had forbidden Papist children to attend the Irish National Schools.



“A STAGE-WAIT.”

LA LIBERTÉ.—“ALLONS DONC, M’SIEU! THE STAGE IS WAITING, AND THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING IMPATIENT!”

. The concessions to popular government which had been promised in an Imperial message read in the French Legislative Chamber, had not been carried out.



BOB AND THE BOBBY, OR ONLY HIS FUN.

BULL A 1.—“HULLO, YOUNG FELLER! IF YOU'RE A GOIN' IN FOR 'SWEATIN' THE GOLD, YOU'LL BE GETTIN' YERSELF INTO DIFFICULTIES.”

EXCHEQUER BOB.—“LOR' BLESS YER, MISTER BULL, WHY I'M ONLY A MAKIN' THE HINCOME-TAX LIGHTER!”

. Mr. Lowe believed the reduction of the sovereign in weight by one grain would keep the bullion in the country, and prevent it being melted for exportation.



DON LAYARDOS IN MADRID.

•• Mr. Layard, First Commissioner of Public Works, had recently been appointed British Minister at Madrid.



CONGÉ D'ÉLIRE-IUM. A CASE FOR THE DOCTORS.

* * The election of Dr. Temple to the Bishopric of Exeter, in pursuance of Her Majesty's *congé d'élire*, was bitterly opposed by Dr. Pusey and Lord Shaftesbury.



NEIGHBOURS IN COUNCIL.

FRANCE.—“WHAT AM I TO DO WITH MY ‘IRRECONCILABLES?’”

BRITANNIA.—“I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL, MY DEAR, WHAT I’M GOING TO DO WITH MINE!”

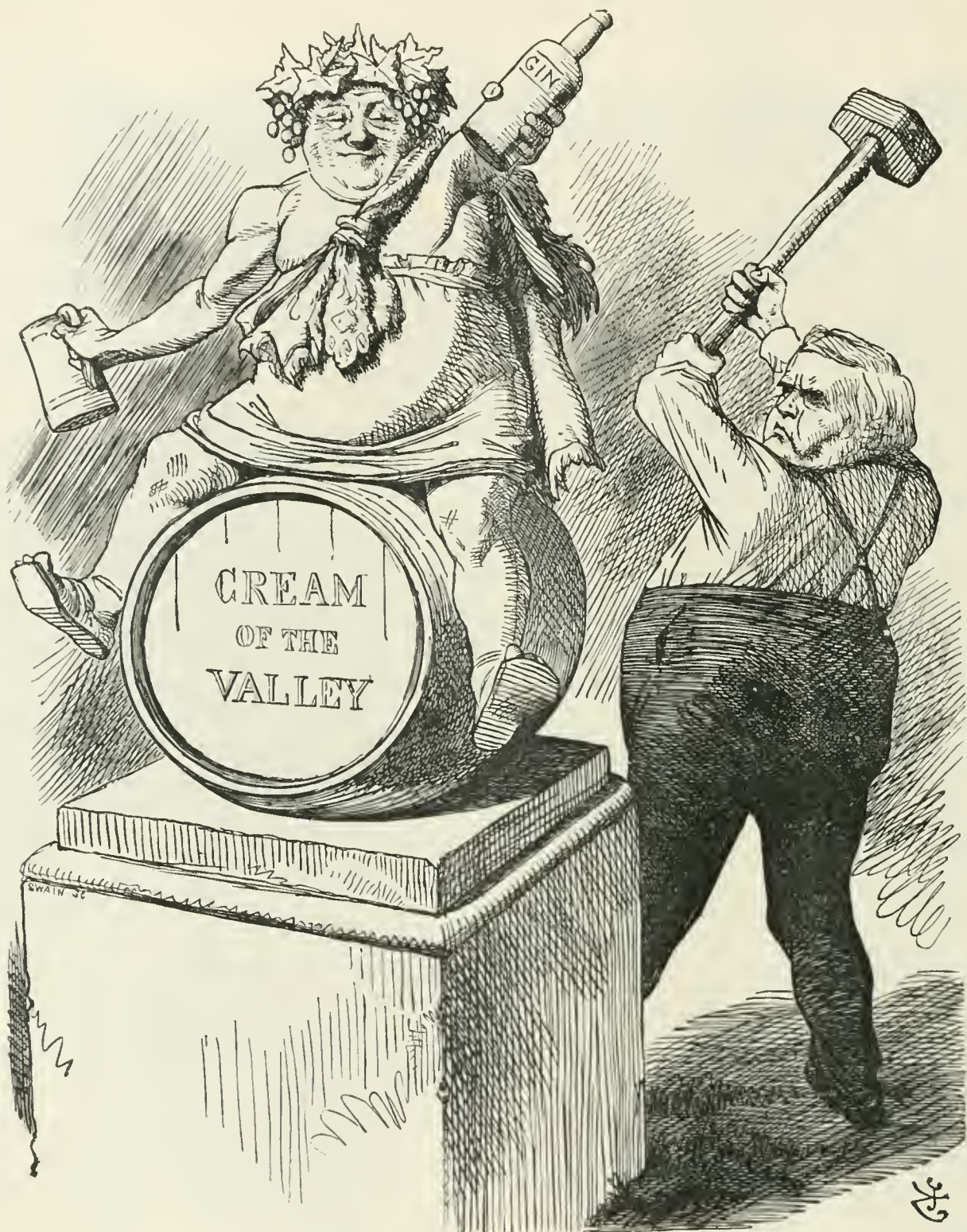
•• O’Donovan Ressa, a Fenian convict undergoing imprisonment, had been elected M.P. for Tipperary County. The Government declined to release him.



MAGNA CHARTA FOR FRANCE.

(A SECOND EDITION OF A GOOD OLD STORY.)

**. * The Emperor had put an end to personal government by authorising M. Emile Ollivier to form a constitutional ministry, responsible only to the legislative body.



JOHN BRIGHT'S NEW REFORM BILL.—“REFORM YOURSELVES!”

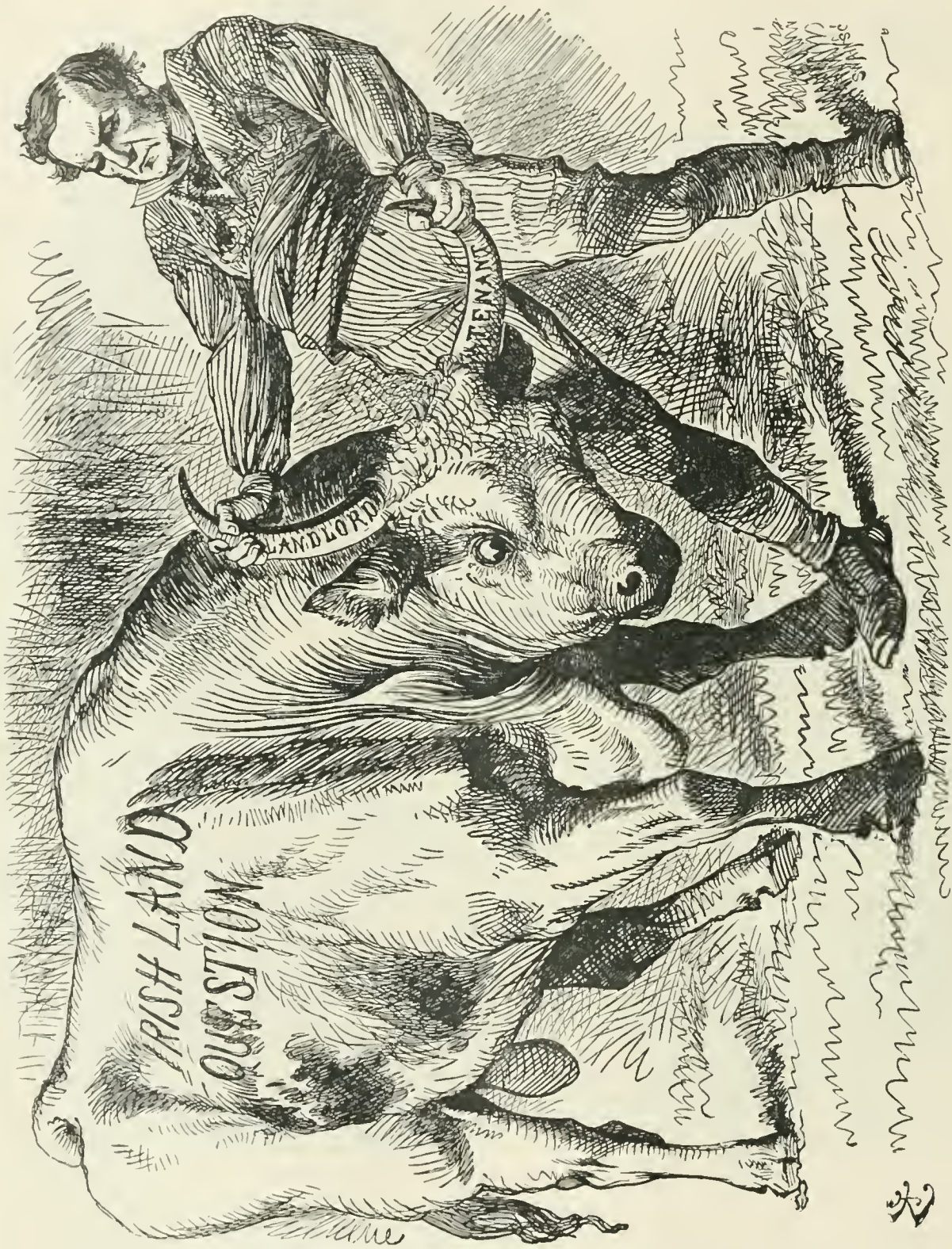
“IF WE COULD SUBTRACT FROM THE IGNORANCE, THE POVERTY, THE SUFFERING, THE SICKNESS, AND THE CRIME, WHICH ARE NOW WITNESSED AMONG US, THE IGNORANCE, THE POVERTY, THE SUFFERING, THE SICKNESS AND THE CRIME WHICH ARE CAUSED BY ONE SINGLE, BUT MOST PREVALENT, BAD HABIT OR VICE—THE DRINKING NEEDLESSLY OF THAT WHICH DESTROYS BODY AND MIND AND HOME AND FAMILY;—DO WE NOT ALL FEEL THAT THIS COUNTRY WOULD BE SO CHANGED, AND SO CHANGED FOR THE BETTER, THAT IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO KNOW IT AGAIN.”—*The Right Honourable John Bright's Speech at Birmingham.*

∴ In a speech to his Birmingham constituents, Mr. Bright deplored the prevalence of drinking habits among the labouring classes. He also strongly advocated self-help.



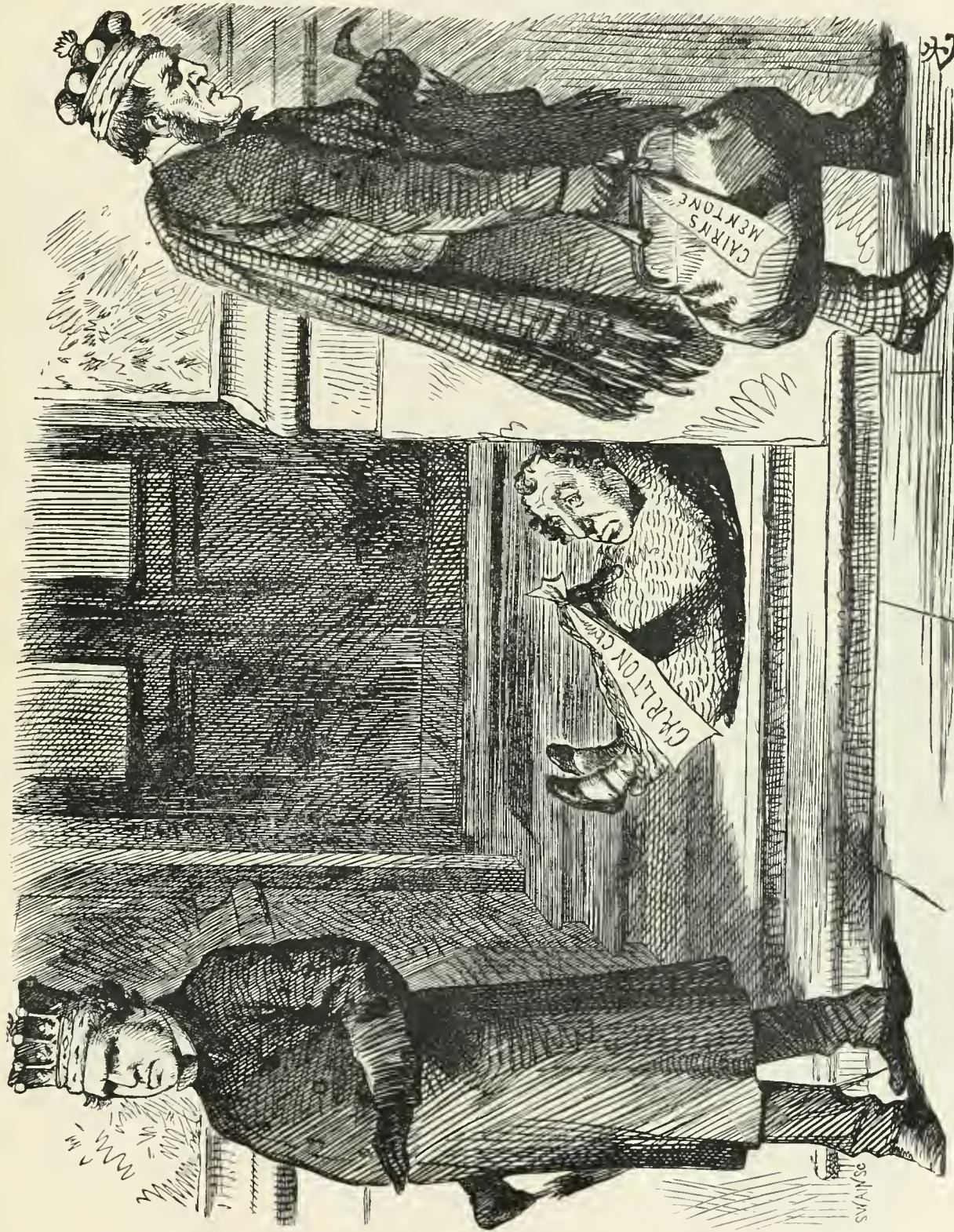
“ONWARD!”

* * The lower orders in France were at this time greatly excited by seditious writings in the Press. Revolution was openly advocated, and order with difficulty maintained.



TAKING THE IRISH BULL BY THE HORNS.

•• Mr. Gladstone introduced his Bill for Reforming the Irish Land Laws. Its main object was to restrain landlords from evicting tenants without granting compensation.



DESERTED!

•• Earl Cairns, on account of ill-health, had resigned the leadership of the Conservative party in the House of Lords, and Lord Derby declined to accept it.



THE IRISH "TEMPEST."

CALIBAN (RORY OF THE HILLS).—"THIS ISLAND'S MINE, BY SYCORAX MY MOTHER, WHICH THOU TAK'ST FROM ME."—Shakspeare.

* * Letters signed "Rory of the Hills," threatening murder and outrage to landlords and others, greatly agitated the peaceful inhabitants of Ireland at this time.



THE THREE R'S; OR, BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

RIGHT HON. W. E. FORSTER (CHAIRMAN OF BOARD).—"WELL, MY LITTLE PEOPLE, WE HAVE BEEN GRAVELY AND EARNESTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER YOU MAY LEARN TO READ, I AM HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT, SUBJECT TO A VARIETY OF RESTRICTIONS, CONSCIENCE CLAUSES, AND THE CONSENT OF YOUR VESTRIES—YOU MAY!"

... Mr. Forster brought in his Elementary Education Bill, which met with much opposition, especially from Nonconformists, who insisted on purely secular education

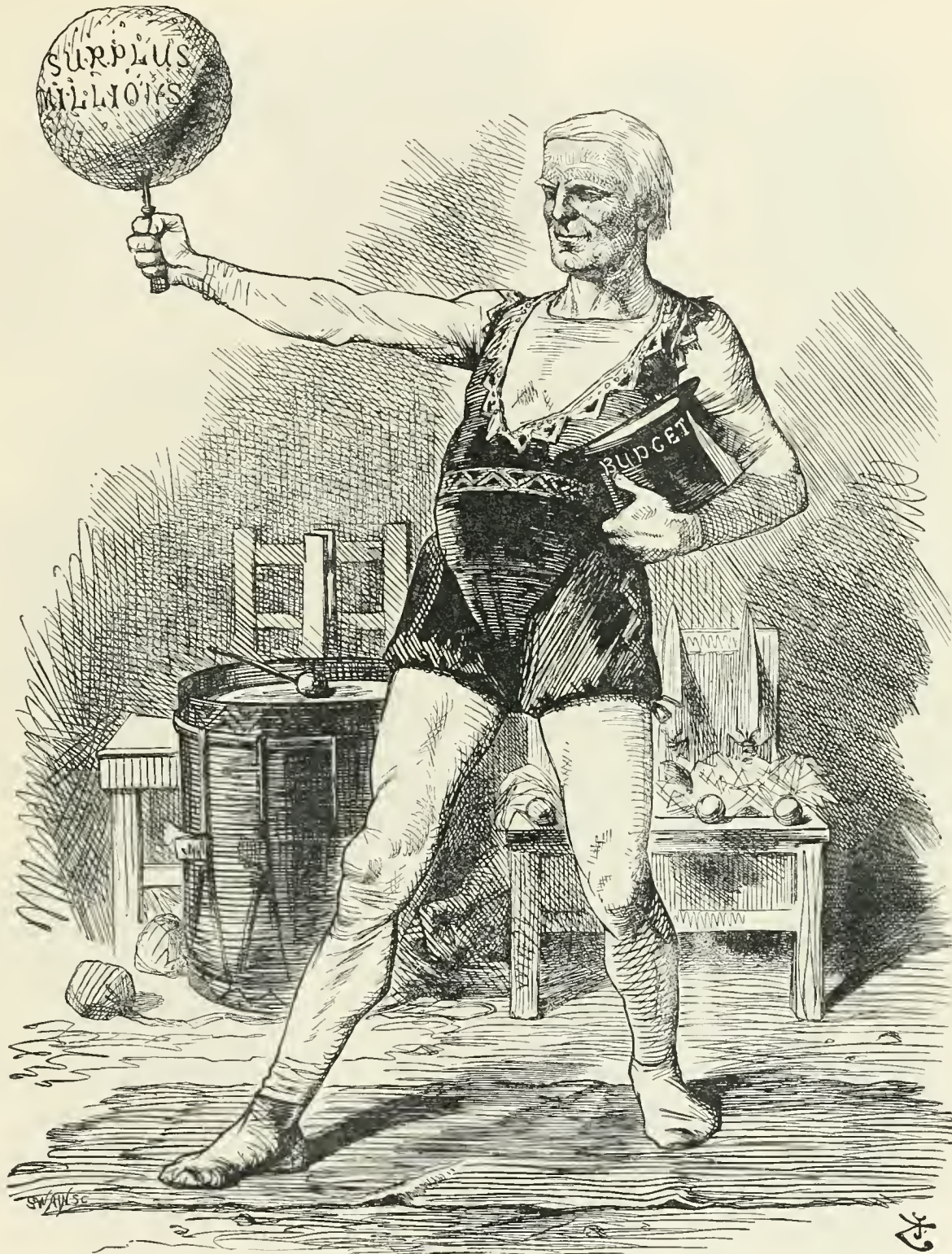


SILENCING THE TRUMPET. (AFTER ÆSOP.)

FENIAN TRUMPETER.—"SPARE ME, GOOD SIR, I BESEECH YOU. I HAVE NO ARMS BUT THIS TRUMPET ONLY!"
 CONSTABLE.—"NO, YOU VAGABONE! WITHOUT THE SPIRIT TO FIGHT YOURSELF, YOU STIR UP OTHERS TO WAR AND BLOODSHED."

MORAL.—HE WHO INCITES TO STRIFE IS WORSE THAN HE WHO TAKES PART IN IT.

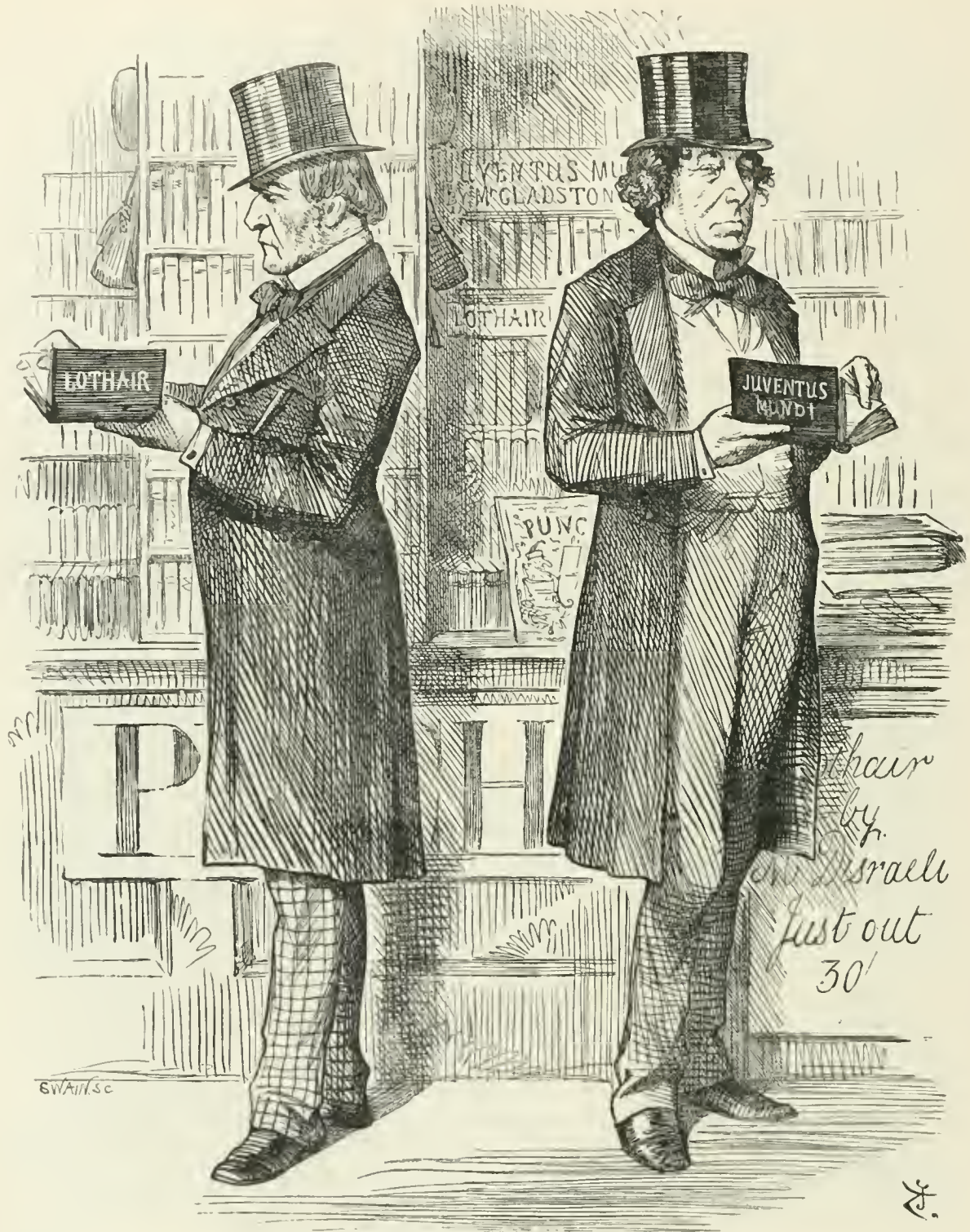
•• The Peace Preservation (Ireland) Bill, containing coercive provisions against the seditious journals, was read a third time and passed by the Lords.



“ NO DECEPTION THIS TIME ! ”

PROFESSOR BOE.—“ LAST YEAR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRODUCED AN EGG FROM NOTHING ! THIS YEAR—
BEHOLD !—A LARGE SOLID PUDDING ! ! ”

•• Mr. Lowe's Budget for 1870 showed a large surplus. He was enabled to take off nearly £4,000,000 of taxes, and still had about £300,000 in hand.



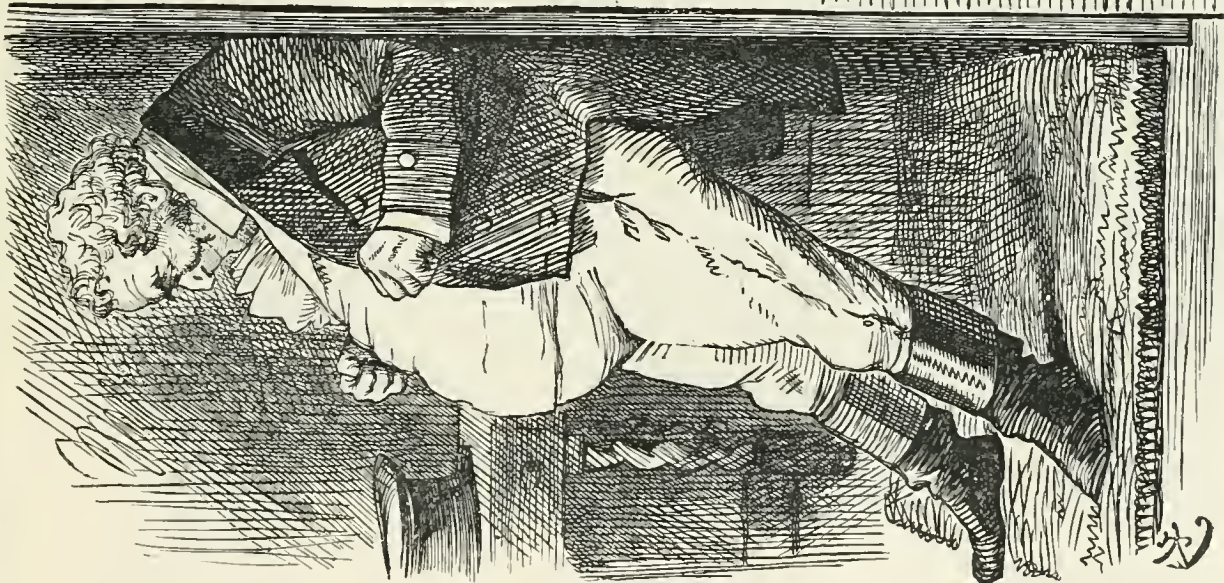
“CRITICS.”

(WHO HAVE NOT EXACTLY “FAILED IN LITERATURE AND ART.”)

MR. G-D-S-T-N-E.—“HM!—FLIPPANT!”

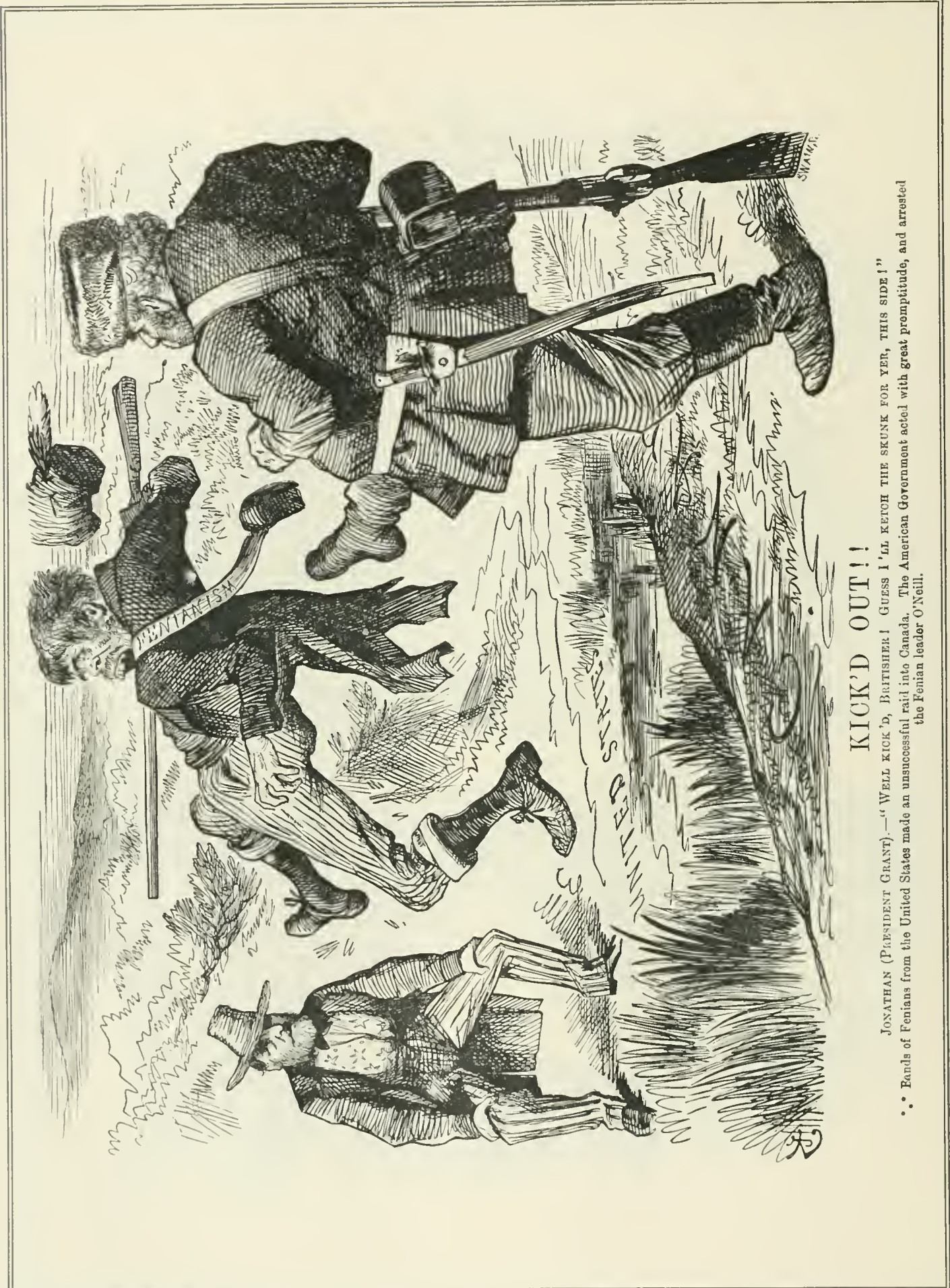
MR. D-S-R-L-L.—“HA!—PROSY!”

•• “Lothair,” a sprightly novel of Society, had recently been produced by Mr. Disraeli. Mr. Gladstone’s “Juventus Mundi” dealt gravely and eloquently with classical themes.



AN "UGLY RUSH!"

Mr. Bull.—"Nor if I know it!"
 ... Mr. Jacob Bright's Bill for giving the Parliamentary franchise to women was rejected by a large majority. Mr. Gladstone voted against the Bill.



KICK'D OUT!!

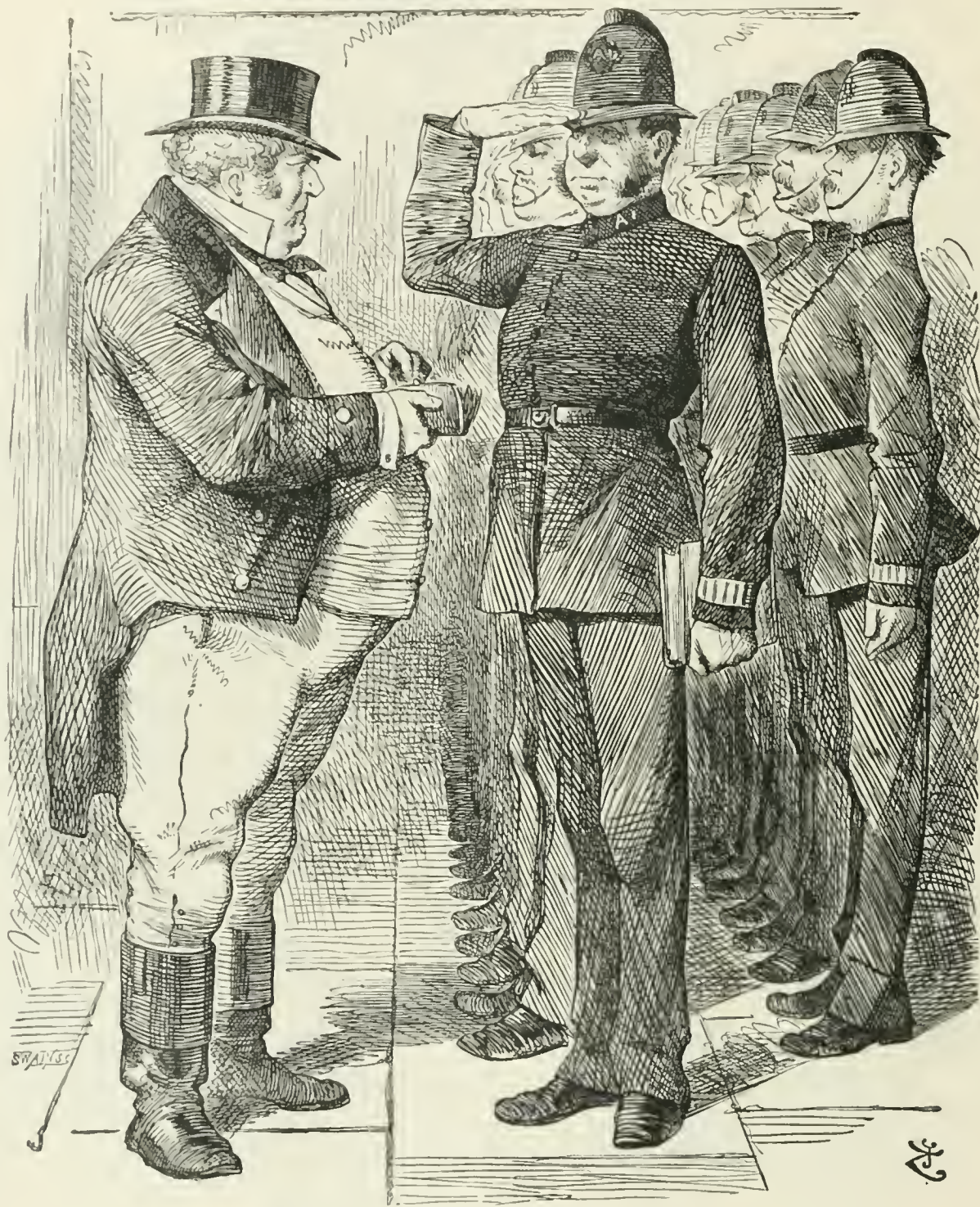
JONATHAN (PRESIDENT GRANT).—"WELL KICK'D, BRITISHER! GUESS I'LL KETCH THE SKUNK FOR YER, THIS SIDE!"
•• Bands of Fenians from the United States made an unsuccessful raid into Canada. The American Government acted with great promptitude, and arrested the Fenian leader O'Neill.



A "SAVAGE" WIGGING.

CAPTAIN OF MINISTERIAL TEAM.—“LOOK HERE, A-RT-N? WE WERE BEAT THE OTHER DAY AT KENSINGTON ENTIRELY THROUGH YOUR WILD AND RECKLESS HITTING. YOU REALLY *MUST* ALTER YOUR FORM, OR— YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!!”

•• Mr. Ayrton had proposed the removal of some fine trees, and the sale of valuable Government land in the Kensington Road, which the House declined to sanction.

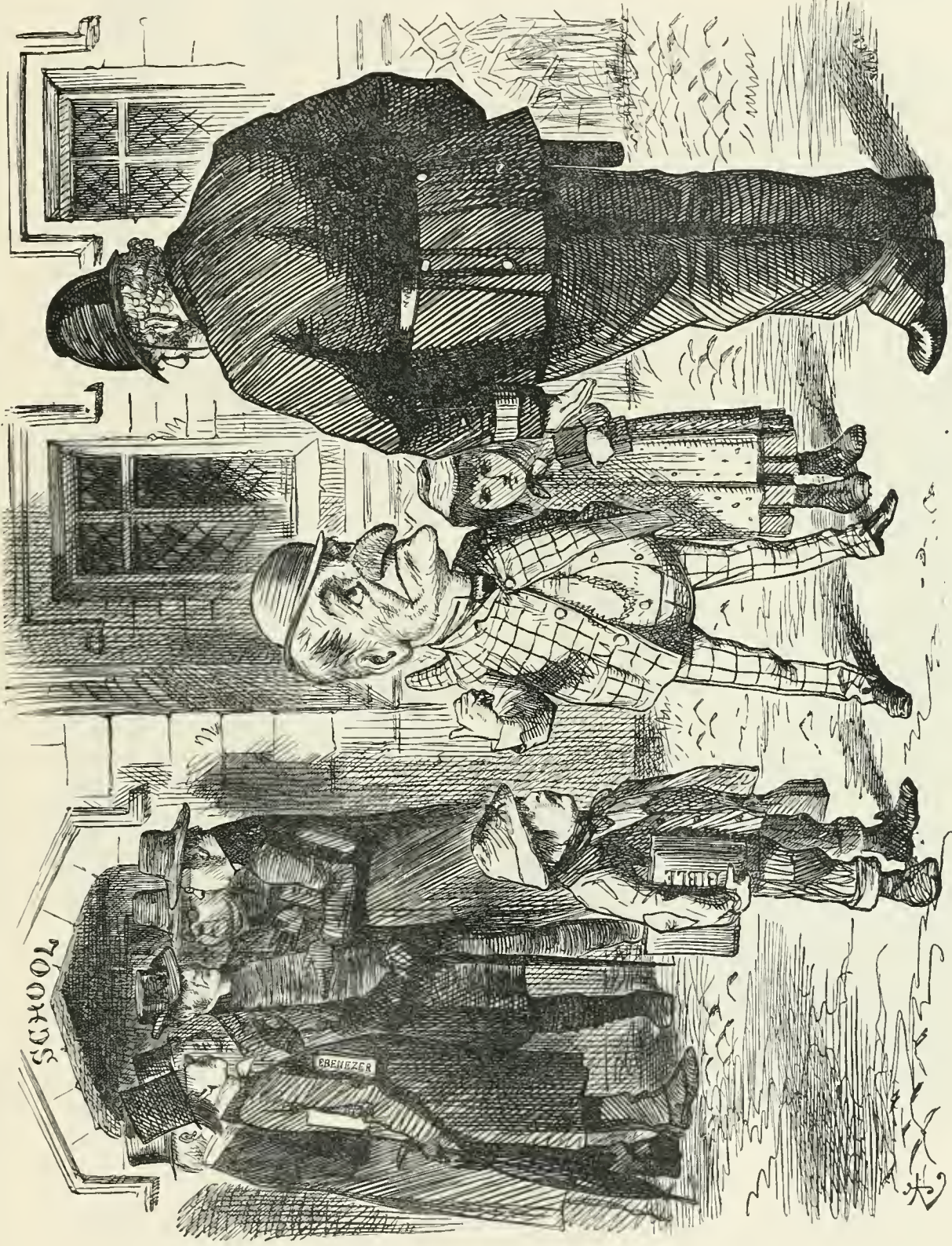


GREAT BOON TO OUR HOUSEHOLD GUARDS.

MR. BULL.—“I NEVER DOUBTED YOUR BRAVERY, MY STRONG FRIEND: WHAT I WANT IS MORE BRAINS; SO, TO ENCOURAGE THEM, I'LL GIVE YOU A WHOLE SHILLING A WEEK MORE!!!”

[N.B. — This is the English of “Important Concessions in point of pay to the Metropolitan Police.”

. There had been much discussion as to the intellectual quality of the classes from which the police were recruited, and the desirability of attracting a higher class of men.



“OBSTRUCTIVES.”

MR. PUNCH (TO BULL A I).—“YES, IT'S ALL VERY WELL TO SAY, 'GO TO SCHOOL!' HOW ARE THEY TO GO TO SCHOOL WITH THOSE PEOPLE QUARRELLING IN THE DO-RWAY? WHY DON'T YOU MAKE 'EM 'MOVE ON'?”

.. A multiplicity of sectarian and obstructive amendments prolonged the debate on Mr. Forster's Education Bill, and its supporters became indignant.



VERY HIGH FARMING.

FARMER GILES (*electrified into sudden brilliance*).—"INJY AN' BACK IN VIVE MINUTS!! LOR' A MASSY!!!—EH, LASS, MAYBE THEE'LL TELEGRA-A-APH TO S'S SWITHUN, WULL'EE!—TELL UN TO TURN ON A GOODISH DRA-AP O' REEN FOR MY POOR TURMUTS!"

•• By the successful laying of the cable between Bombay and Suez, India had been brought into direct telegraphic communication with England.



THE EDUCATION PROBLEM.

MASTER FORSTER.—“PLEASE, M'M, I'VE DONE IT, M'M!”

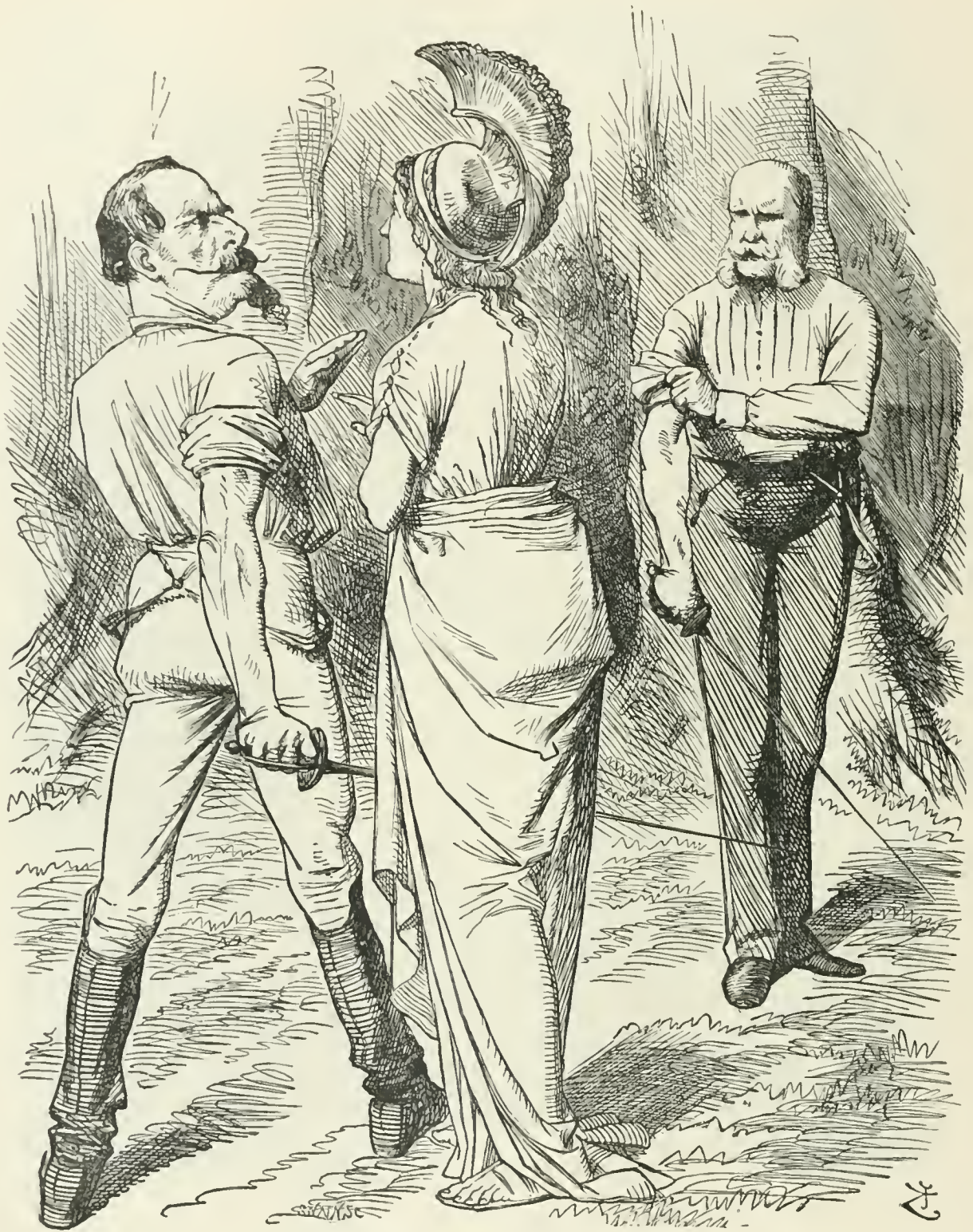
SCHOOLMISTRESS (BRITANNIA).—“AND HOW HAVE YOU DONE IT, WILLIAM?”

MASTER FORSTER.—“PLEASE, M'M, I'VE REDUCED ALL THE FRACTIONS TO THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATION.”

SCHOOLMISTRESS.—“GOOD BOY! GO UP!”

[The Good Boy enters the Cabinet.]

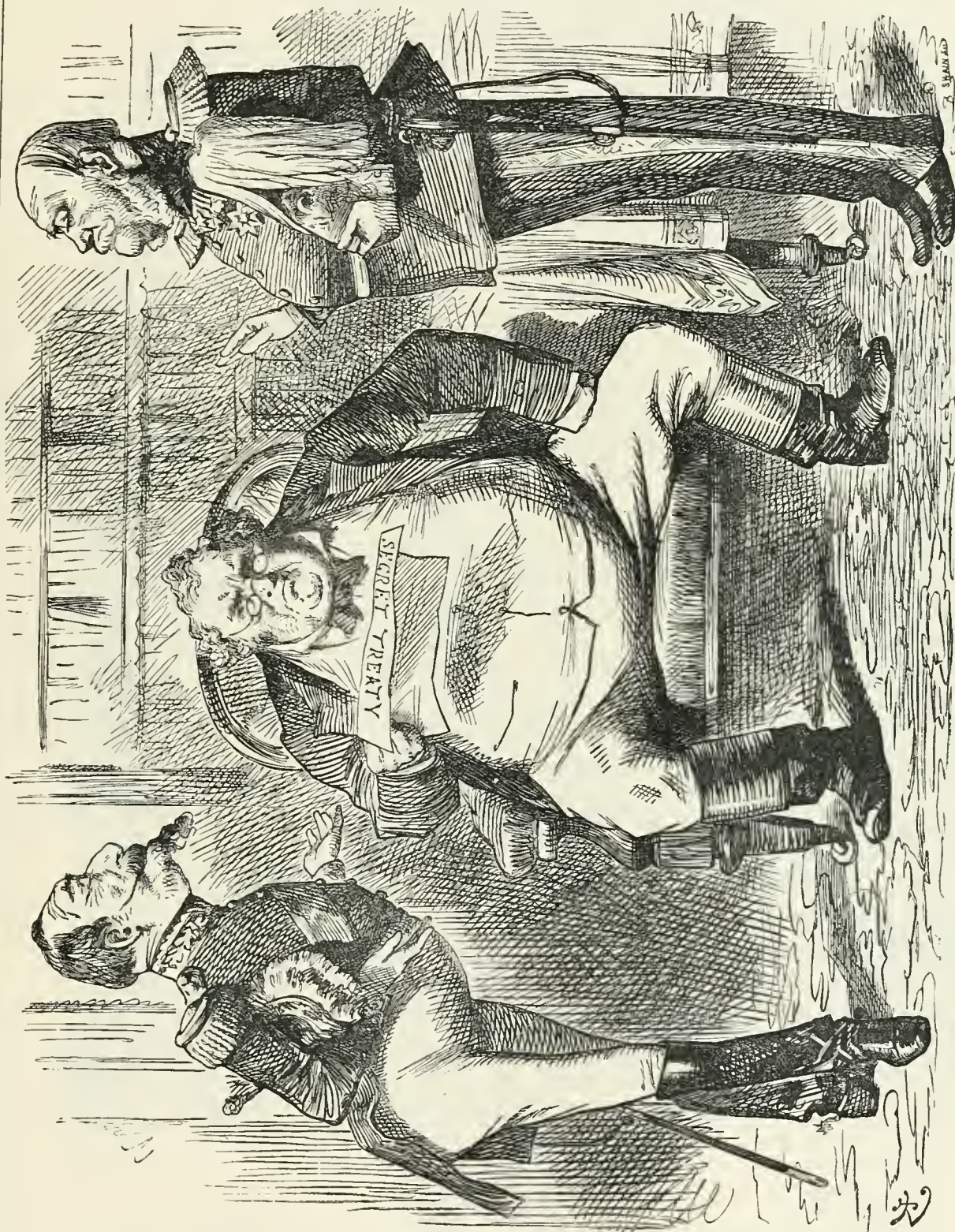
* * Mr. W. E. Forster, in consequence of changes necessitated by the death of Earl Clarendon, had become a Cabinet Minister.



A DUEL TO THE DEATH.

FRANCE.—"PRAY STAND BACK, MADAM. YOU MEAN WELL; BUT THIS IS AN OLD FAMILY QUARREL, AND WE MUST FIGHT IT OUT!"

•• The British Government made earnest and untiring efforts to prevent war between France and Prussia, but the interposition was ineffectual.



“SIX OF ONE AND HALF-A-DOZEN OF THE OTHER!”

JOHN BULL.—“‘PON MY WORD, YOU’RE A NICE COUPLE!”
 FRANCE.—“BLAGUE! MON CHER! IT IS NOTHING! IF I’D WANTED BELGIUM, WHY HAVE I NOT TAKEN IT ANY TIME THESE FOUR YEARS?”
 PRUSSIA.—“MEIN LIEBER JOHANN! YOU CANNOT BELIEVE THAT I—A SO RESPECTABLE, SO RELIGIOUS FRIEND—CONNECTED BY MARRIAGE
 ALSO? YOU CANNOT BELIEVE IT!”

*** The *Times* had published the text of a draft treaty between France and Germany, which was thought to menace the integrity of Belgium.



“TRUST ME!”

ENGLAND.—“LET US HOPE THAT THEY WON'T TROUBLE YOU, DEAR FRIEND. *BUT IF THEY DO—*”

•• Lord Grauville announced that France and Prussia had agreed that if either Power violated the neutrality of Belgium, Great Britain should co-operate with the other in its defence.



TWO MOTHERS.

FRANCE (to the Empress).—"AH, MADAME, A SURE HAPPINESS FOR YOU, SOONER OR LATER; BUT THERE WERE DEAR SONS OF MINE WHOM I SHALL NEVER SEE AGAIN."

"We address the EMPEROR himself, and patriotically ask him to send back the PRINCE IMPERIAL to Paris. The presence of the young Prince in the camp is useless. He has been initiated. It is time for him to return to his mother."—*La Liberté*, Aug. 7.

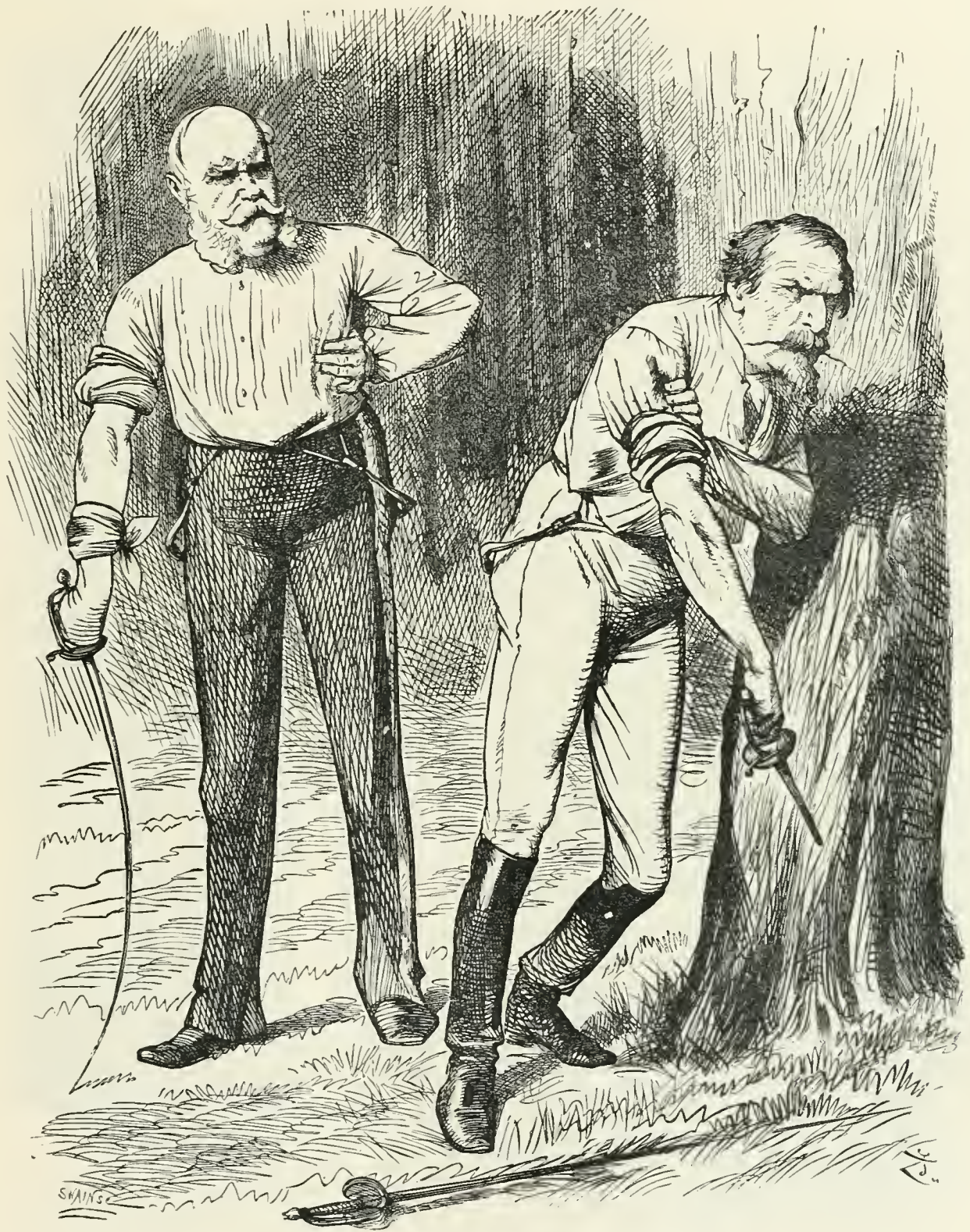
•• France was now mourning the loss of thousands of brave soldiers. The Emperor announced that his son was proud to bear his share of their dangers.



PARIS, 1870.

"THE CRY IS STILL, *THEY COME!*"

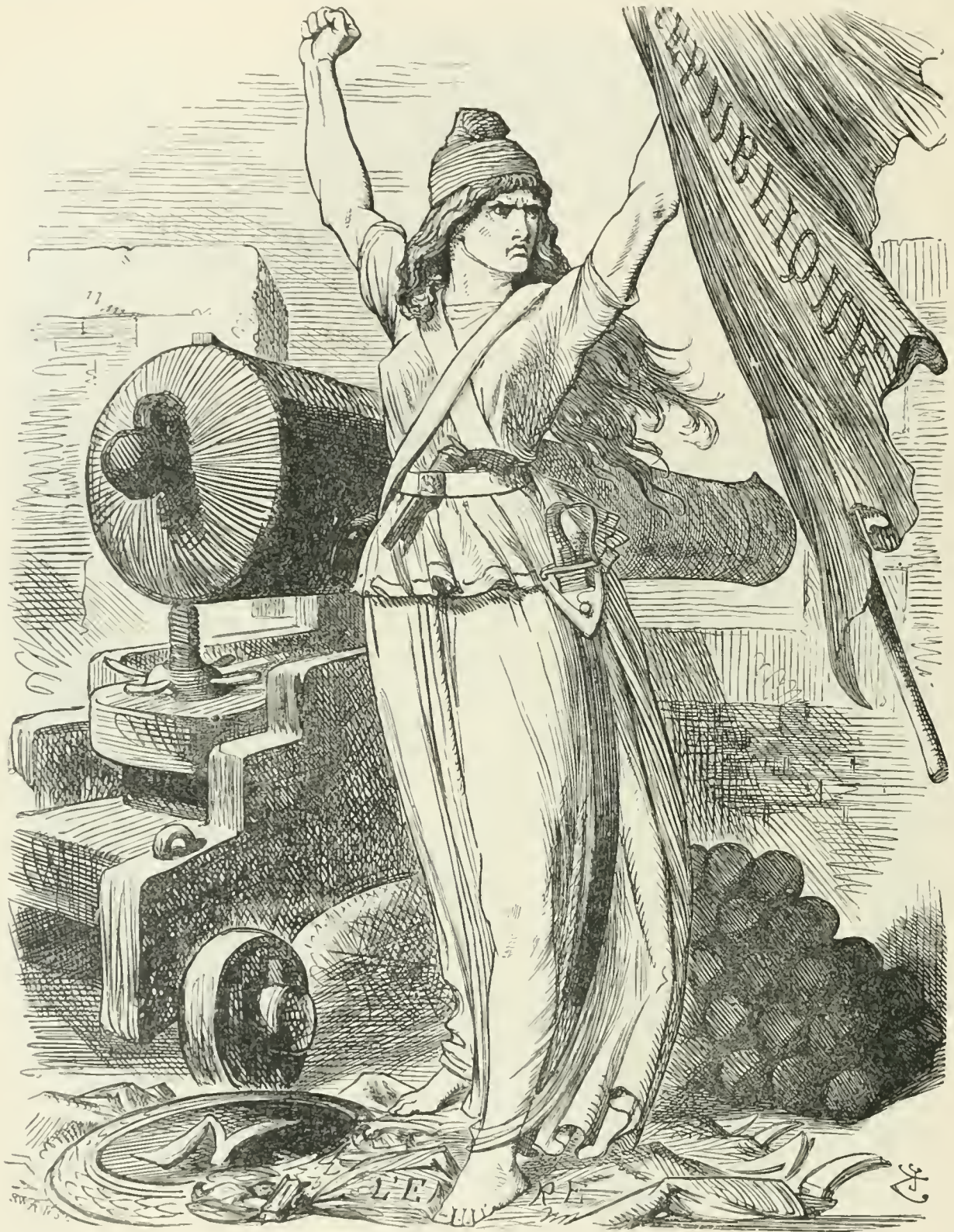
•• In view of the continued reverses to the French armies the city of Paris began, with heroic vigour, to arm and prepare for a siege.



THE DUEL DECIDED.

THE KING.—“YOU HAVE FOUGHT GALLANTLY, SIR. MAY I NOT HEAR YOU SAY YOU HAVE ENOUGH?”
THE EMPEROR.—“I HAVE BEEN DECEIVED ABOUT MY STRENGTH. I HAVE NO CHOICE.”

•• The second army of France, under Marshal MacMahon, with whom was the Emperor, capitulated to the King of Prussia at Sedan.



FRANCE, SEPT. 4, 1870.

"AUX ARMES, CITOYENS;
FORMEZ VOS BATAILLONS!"—The "*Marseillaise*."

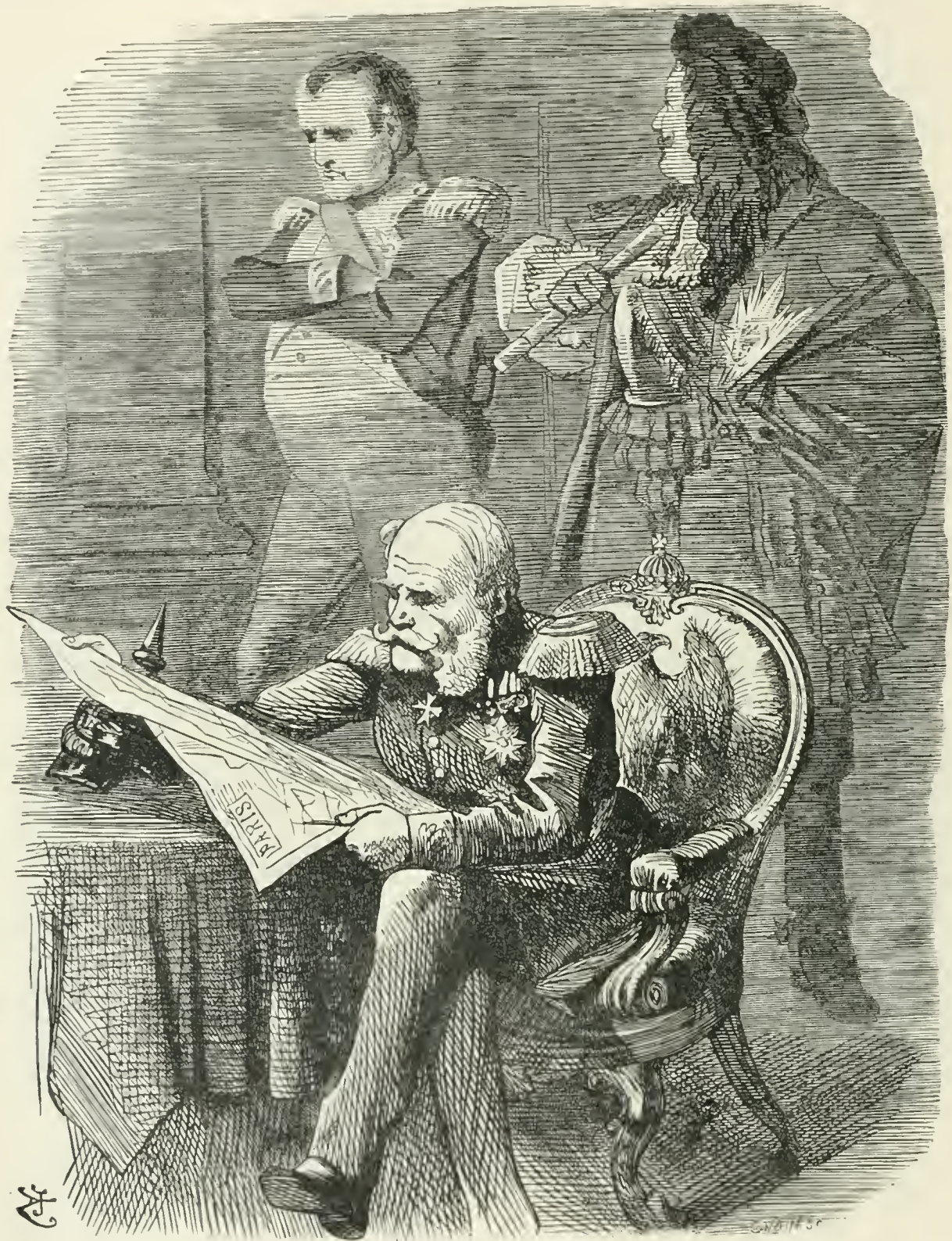
•• Immediately the capitulation of Sedan and the captivity of Napoleon III. became known in Paris, a Republic was proclaimed and a Government of National Defence constituted.



ITALY IN ROME.

PAPA PIUS (to King of Italy).—“I MUST NEEDS SURRENDER THE SWORD, MY SON; BUT I KEEP THE KEYS!!!”

•• After a slight skirmish with the Papal troops the Italian forces entered Rome on the 20th September, 1870. The Pope's temporal power ceased to exist, and Rome became the capital of Italy.



VERSAILLES, OCT. 5, 1870.

"THE ROYAL HEAD-QUARTERS WERE TRANSFERRED HERE TO-DAY."—*Telegram.*

GHOST OF LOUIS THE FOURTEENTH (*to Ghost of Napoleon the First*).—"IS THIS THE END OF 'ALL THE GLORIES?'"

•• Along the front of one wing of the Palace of Versailles, built by Louis XIV., is the proud inscription, "A Toutes les Gloirés de la France."



A QUARTER OF A MILLION.

GERMANIA.—“NEUTRALITY, INDEED! YOU OUGHT TO HAVE HELPED ME!”

FRANCE.—“NON, NON!—IT IS ME YOU SHOULD HAVE HELPED!”

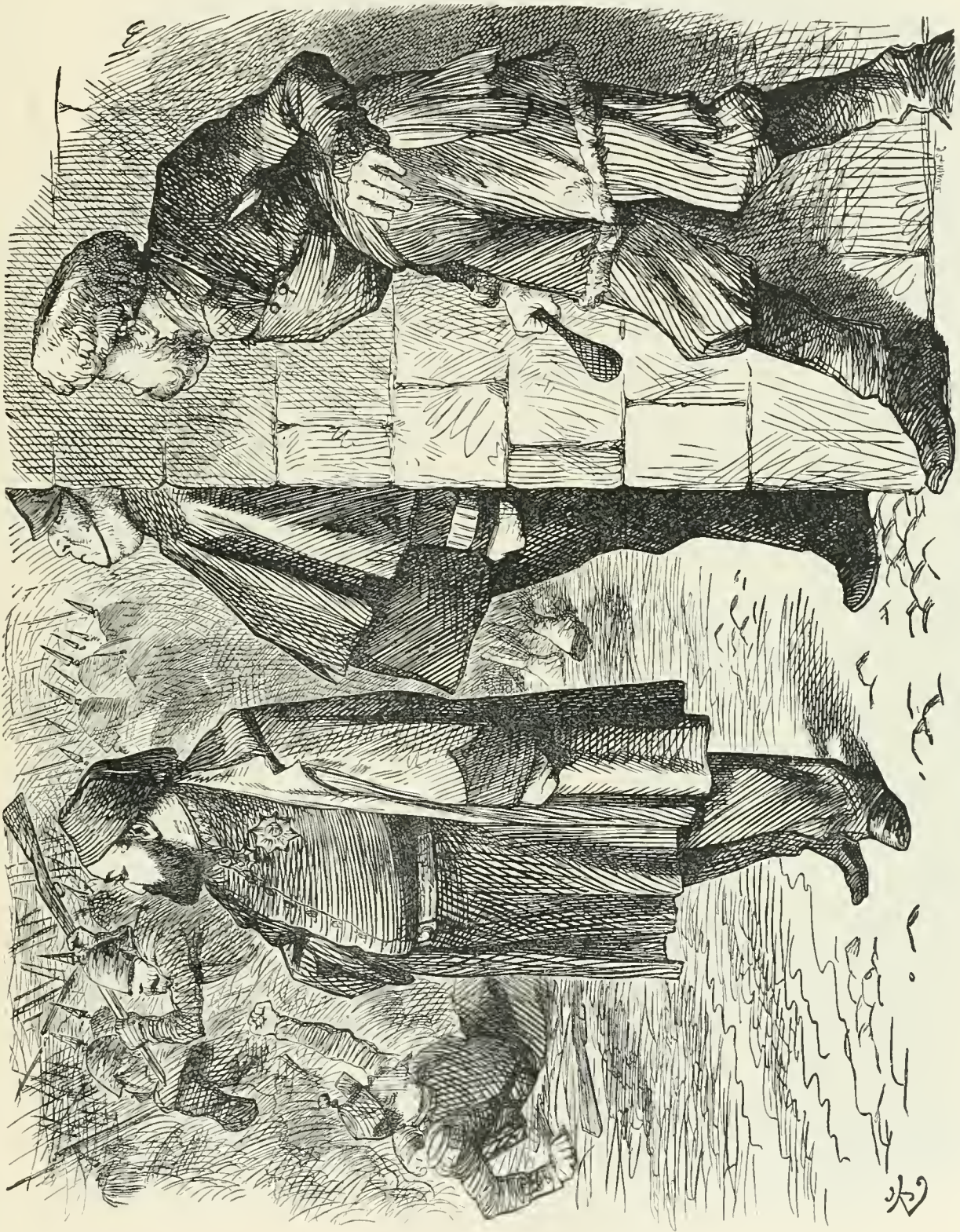
BRITANNIA.—“I AM DOING MY BEST TO HELP YOU BOTH.”

•• The National Society for Aiding the Sick and Wounded sent large sums of money to Paris, which were equally divided between the Germans and French.



THE "NIOBE OF NATIONS."

•• The situation of France was indeed deplorable. The fortified towns of Laon, Strasburg and Metz had all been surrendered, and Paris itself was being besieged.



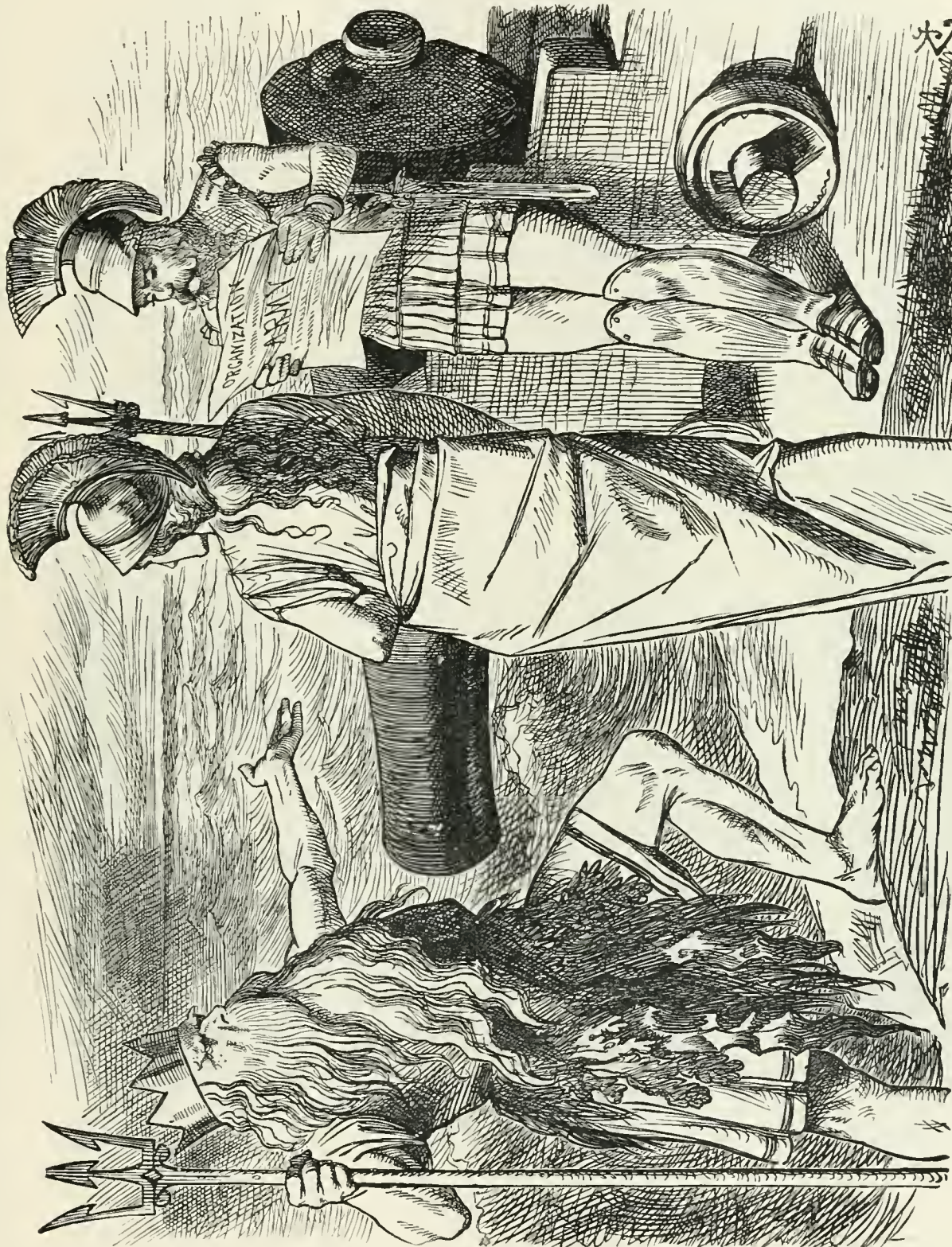
THE RUSSIAN GAROTTER.

RUSSIA.—“NO ONE LOOKING! NOW'S THE TIME TO HIT HIM!”
[But BULL A I is “all there” round the corner.]
•• Russia attempted to re-open the Eastern question by saying she no longer recognised the obligations of the Treaty of 1856 respecting the neutrality of the Black Sea.



GERMANY'S ALLY.

•• The year ended with great distress and scarcity of food in Paris, horse-flesh, cats, dogs, and even rats being utilised as articles of food by the starving population.



AFLOAT AND ASHORE.

NETUNE.—"I'VE MADE ALL SAFE OUTSIDE, MA'AM! MAAS, THERE, MUST MAKE ALL SAFE INSIDE!"
 .. The question of Army Reform and Reorganisation was much debated in the country at the commencement of 1871. Mr. Cardwell was preparing his Army Regulation Bill.



“ATTENTION!”

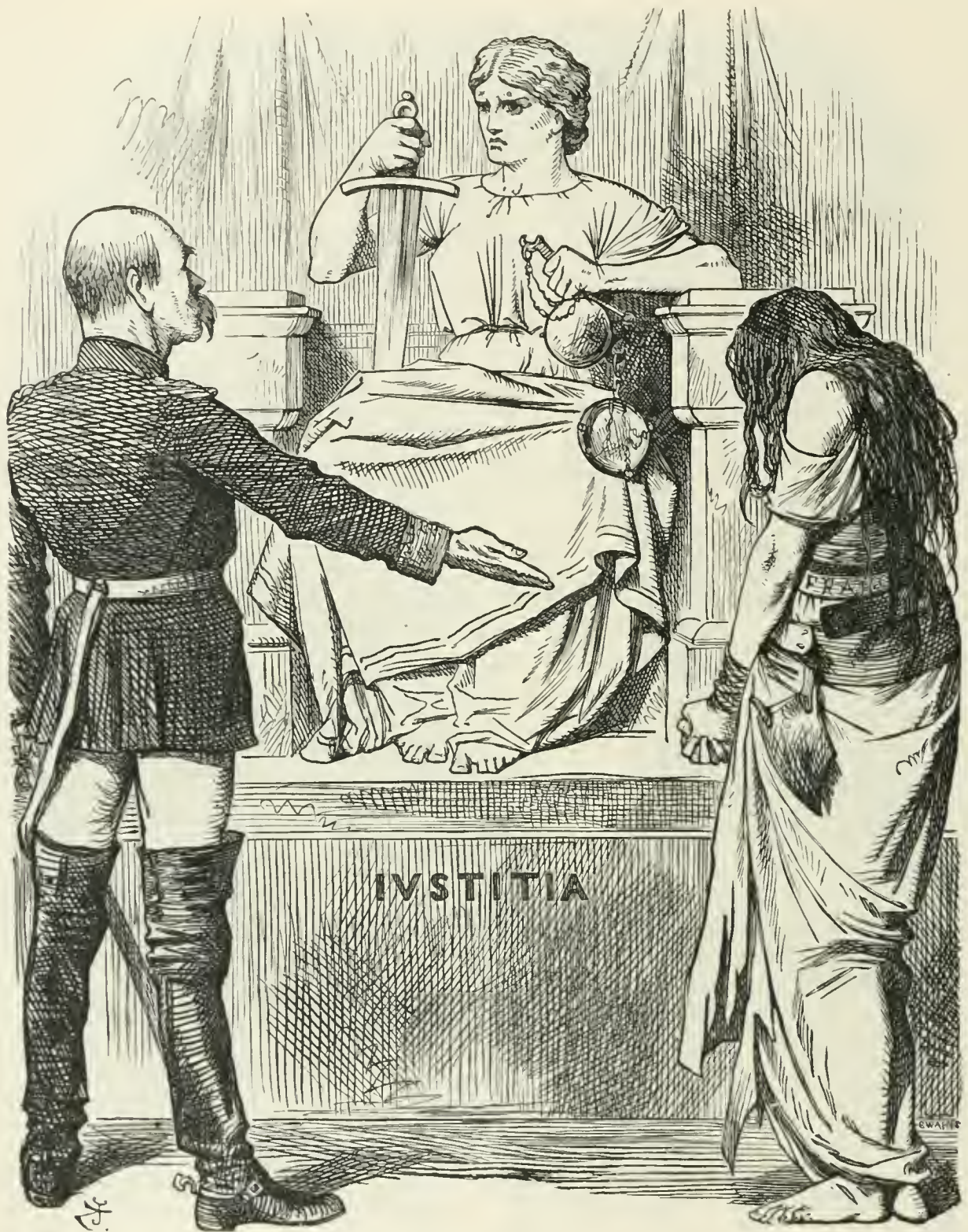
MARS.—“LOOK HERE, CARDWELL. YOU SAY YOU CAN KEEP GEORGE UP TO HIS WORK! MIND YOU DO; OR, BY JINGO! I SHALL ADVISE HER MAJESTY TO SACK YOU BOTH.”

. The dual government of the Army by Mr. Cardwell, the Secretary for War, and the Commander-in-Chief, the Duke of Cambridge, had been sharply attacked.



HER "BAPTISM OF FIRE."

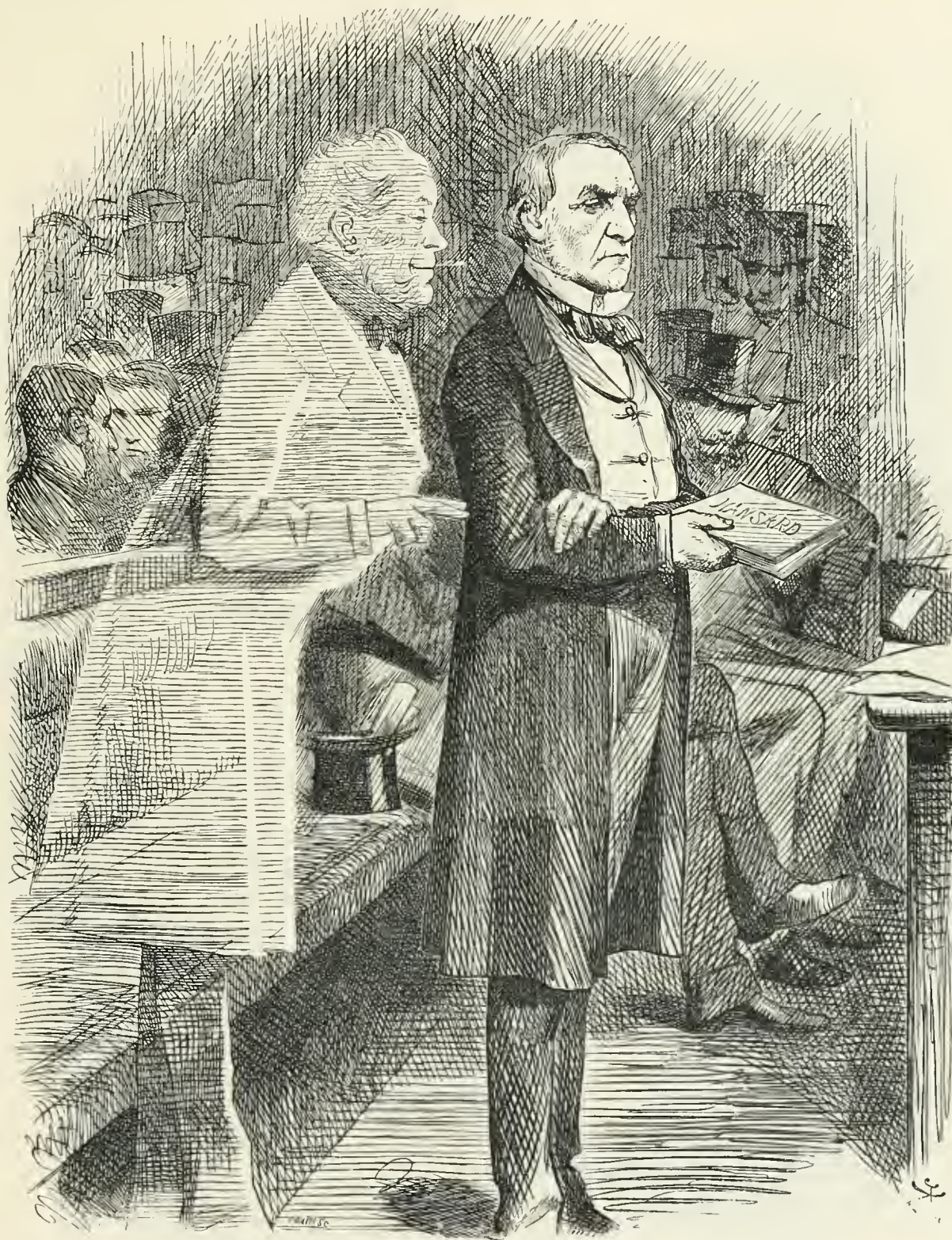
•• The French Emperor, in his telegram from Saarbruck, said the Prince Imperial had just received his "baptism of fire."
The much-quoted phrase is here applied to the growing misfortunes of France herself.



EXCESSIVE BAIL.

JUSTICE (to BISMARCK).—"YOUR CLIENT WAS ASSAULTED, AND YOU ASK THAT THE DEFENDANT 'SHALL BE BOUND OVER TO KEEP THE PEACE FOR MANY YEARS.' BUT I CANNOT SANCTION A DEMAND FOR EXORBITANT SECURITIES."

* * The Germans had demanded the cession of Alsace and Lorraine (including Metz), and the payment of an indemnity of £200,000,000 as their conditions of peace.



THE IN-"JUDICIOUS BOTTLE-HOLDER."

GHOST OF PAM.—"AHA, DEAR BOY! WE MANAGED THINGS RATHER DIFFERENTLY WHEN I WAS BOTTLE-HOLDER!"

"I have been told that LORD PALMERSTON always looked on the Neutralisation of the Black Sea as an arrangement that might be maintained for a limited number of years, but which it was impossible to maintain permanently. I have been told LORD CLARENDON never attached value to that neutralisation."—MR. GLADSTONE (*at the time of the Black Sea Conference*).

* * Mr. Gladstone afterwards admitted that he was mistaken as to the views entertained by Lord Palmerston and the Earl of Clarendon on the Black Sea question.



THE "BŒUF GRAS" FOR PARIS, 1871.

•• The inhabitants of Paris were reduced by the siege to desperate straits. When the City capitulated, the sympathy of England was shown by sending a bountiful supply of provisions for the relief of the starving population.



OVER THE RING-FENCE.

•• The Princess Louise, daughter of the Queen, was married on the 21st March, 1871, to the Marquis of Lorne, son of the Duke of Argyll.

LIBERTÉ
ÉGALITÉ
FRATERNITÉ



NATIONAL (BLACK) GUARDS.

PARIS.—“MURDER! THIEVES! HELP!!!”

*. Paris was at this time in the hands of the Red Republic. Discontented with the policy of the Government and the National Assembly, the extreme party had broken into open rebellion.

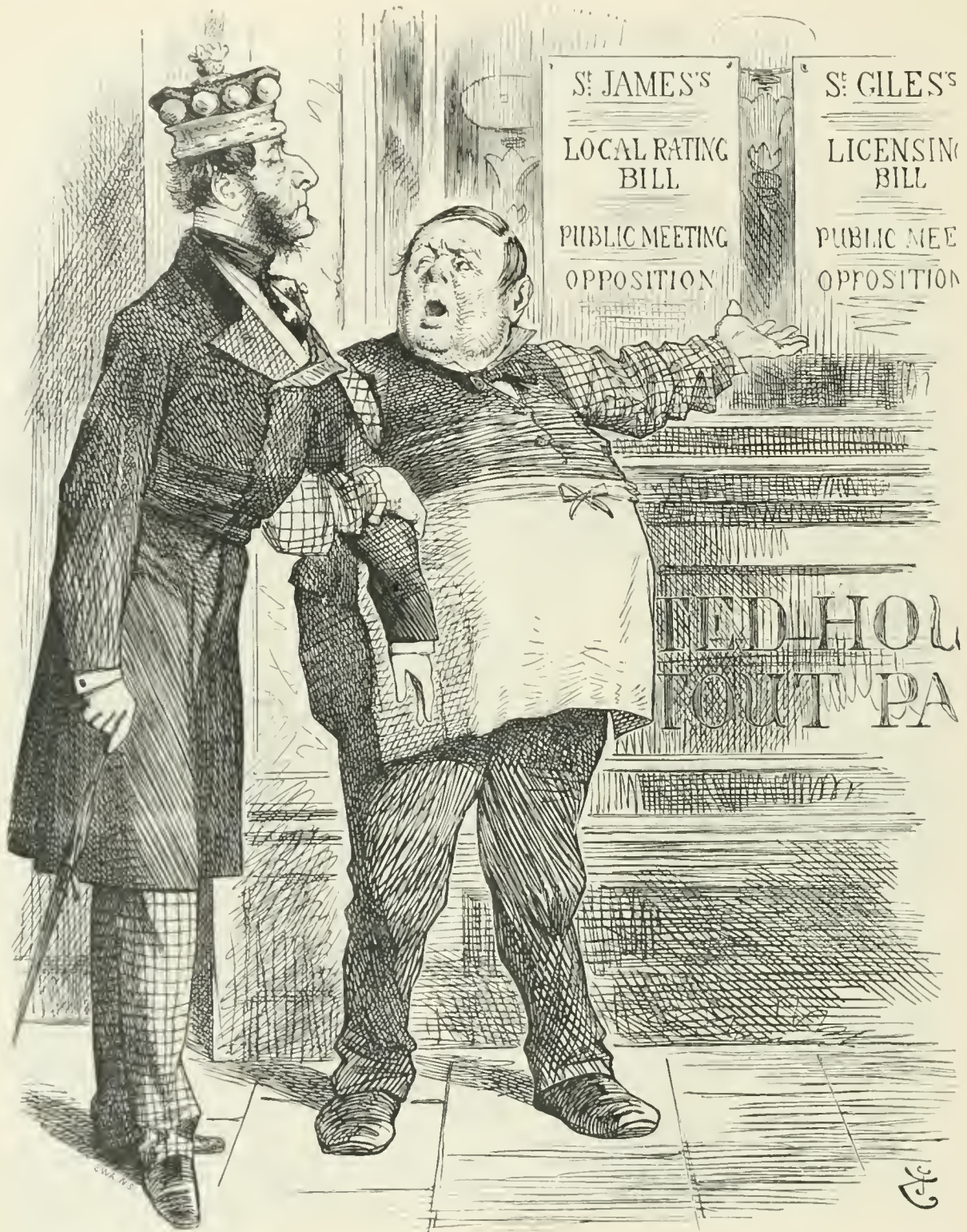


TWO DROPS OF COMFORT.

PUBLICAN.—“P-O-O-N MY WORD! THINGS IS COMING TO A PRETTY PASS!”

CABBY.—“LOR’ BLESS YER, GUV’NOR, YOU AIN’T NO CALL TO BE AFRAID. WHY, MR. BRUCE HE TRIED TO REFORM THE CABS! WELL! ’ERE WE ARE!—HAS WE WOS!—NO BETTER, AN’ NO WUS!”

* * The Licensing Bill, introduced by the Home Secretary (Mr. Bruce), met with determined opposition both in and out of the House, and was eventually withdrawn.



BUNG AND THE BARON.

BUNG.—“LOOK HERE, MY LORD, IF YOU AN’ ME, AN’ OUR ‘VESTED RIGHTS’ IS TO BE WALKED ATOP OF THIS HERE WAY, THE SOONER WE COMES TO A RED REPUBLIC THE BETTER!”

BARON.—“HM! HA! YA-as! Jus’ so!”

[Thinks there’s “something in it,” nevertheless.]

*• The “vested interests” of owners of property, and of public-houses respectively, were held to be threatened by Mr. Bruce’s Licensing Bill, and the Local Rating Bill introduced by Mr. Goschen.



A (VERY) "STRAIGHT TIP!"

WILLIAM (*The Jockey*).—"WELL, IF YOU MUST KNOW, I'M GOING TO WIN WITH THIS—AND BALLOT SECOND!"
 BEN (*A Tout*).—"OH AH! I DESSAY! A COUPLE O' PRECIOUS SCREWS! HOW ABOUT BUDGET? YAH!!"

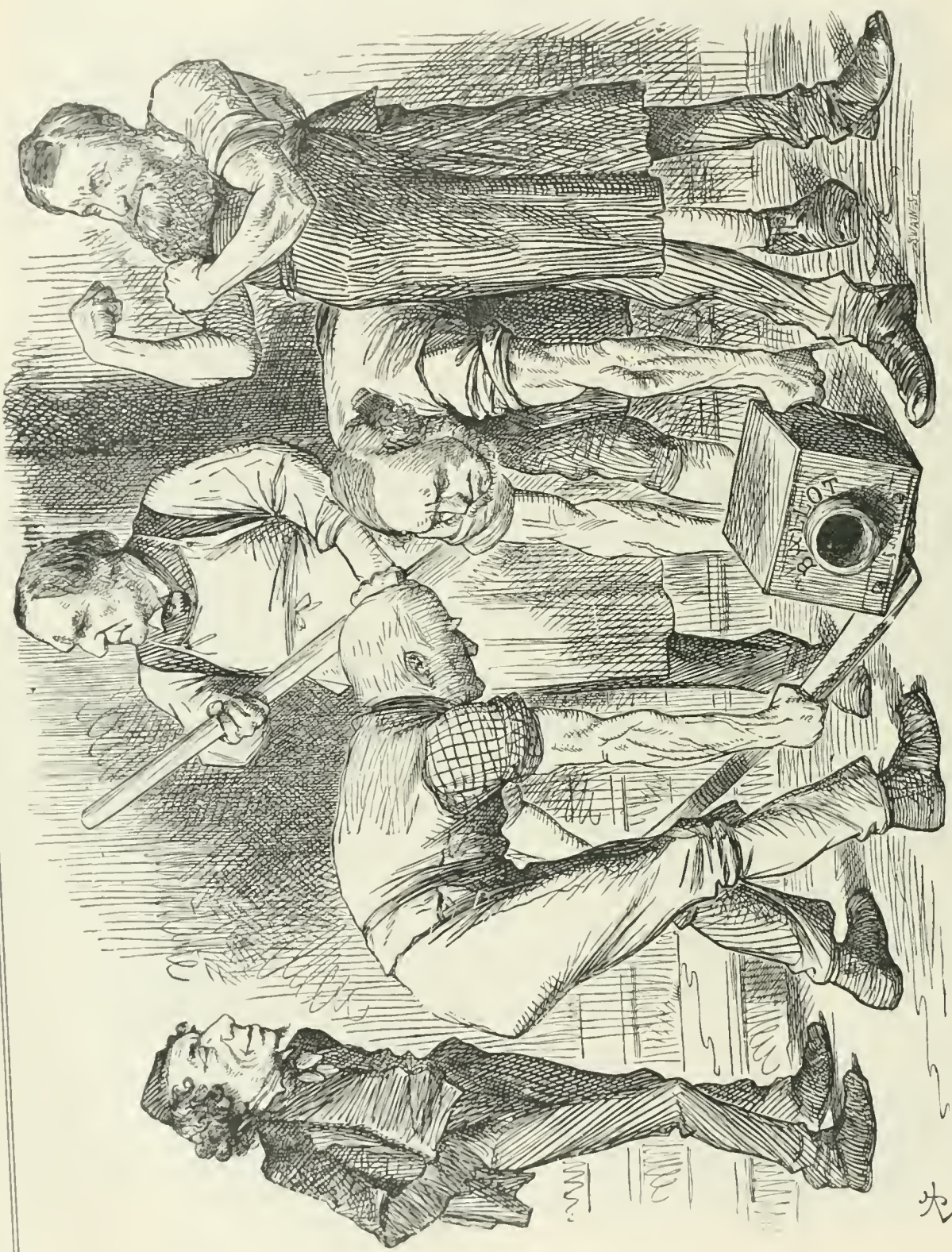
•• The Government tenaciously adhered to the clause in their Army Regulation Bill abolishing the purchase of commissions. Neither the Ballot Bill nor the Budget was very popular.



THE RED "MOKANNA."

"HERE—JUDGE IF HELL, WITH ALL ITS POWER TO DAMN,
CAN ADD ONE CURSE TO THE FOUL THING I AM!"—*Lalla Rookh.*

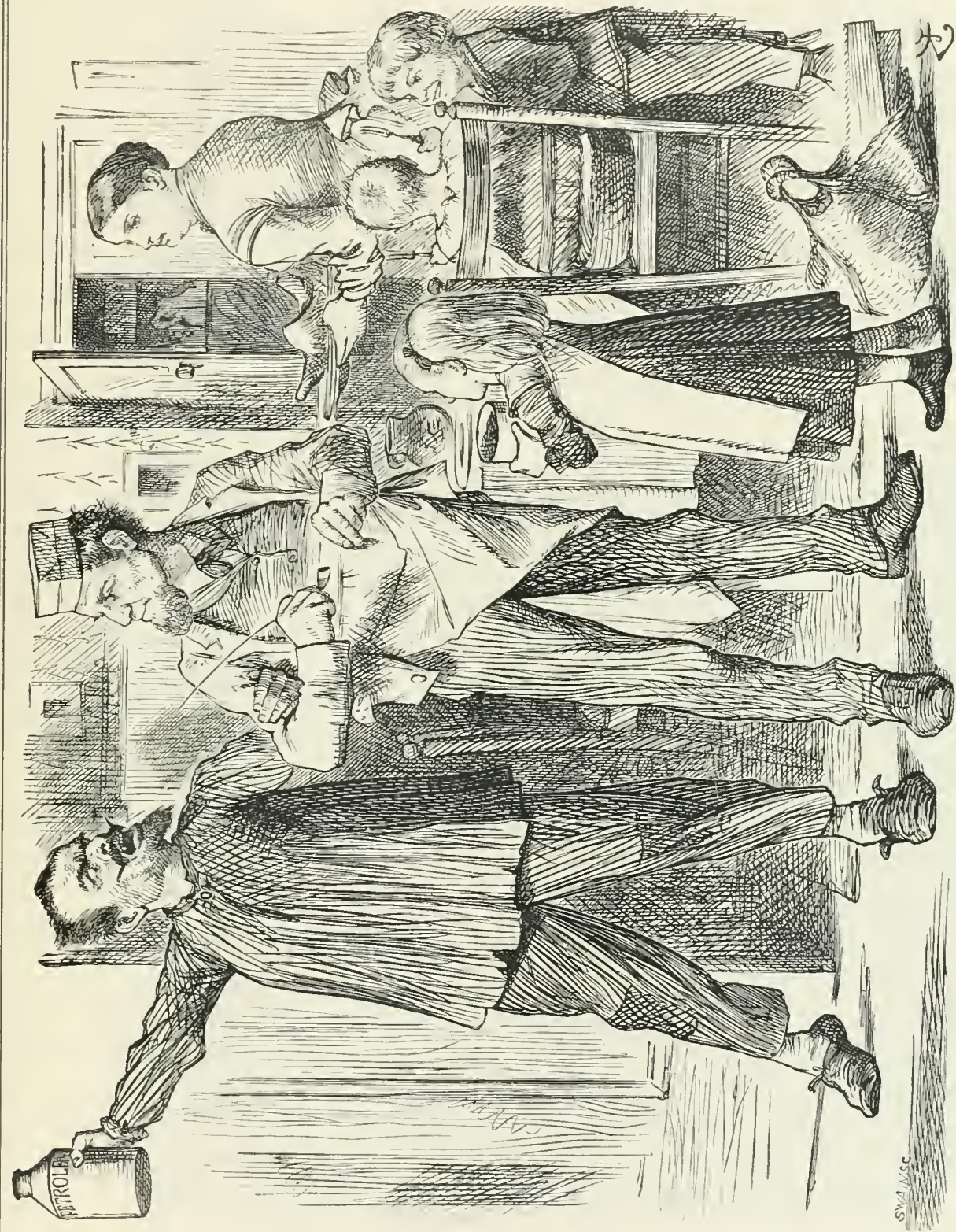
•• The Communists, who were in full possession of Paris, were daily committing fresh acts of violence. The Vendome Column had been destroyed, and the Tuileries and Louvre set on fire.



THE STRONG GOVERNMENT.

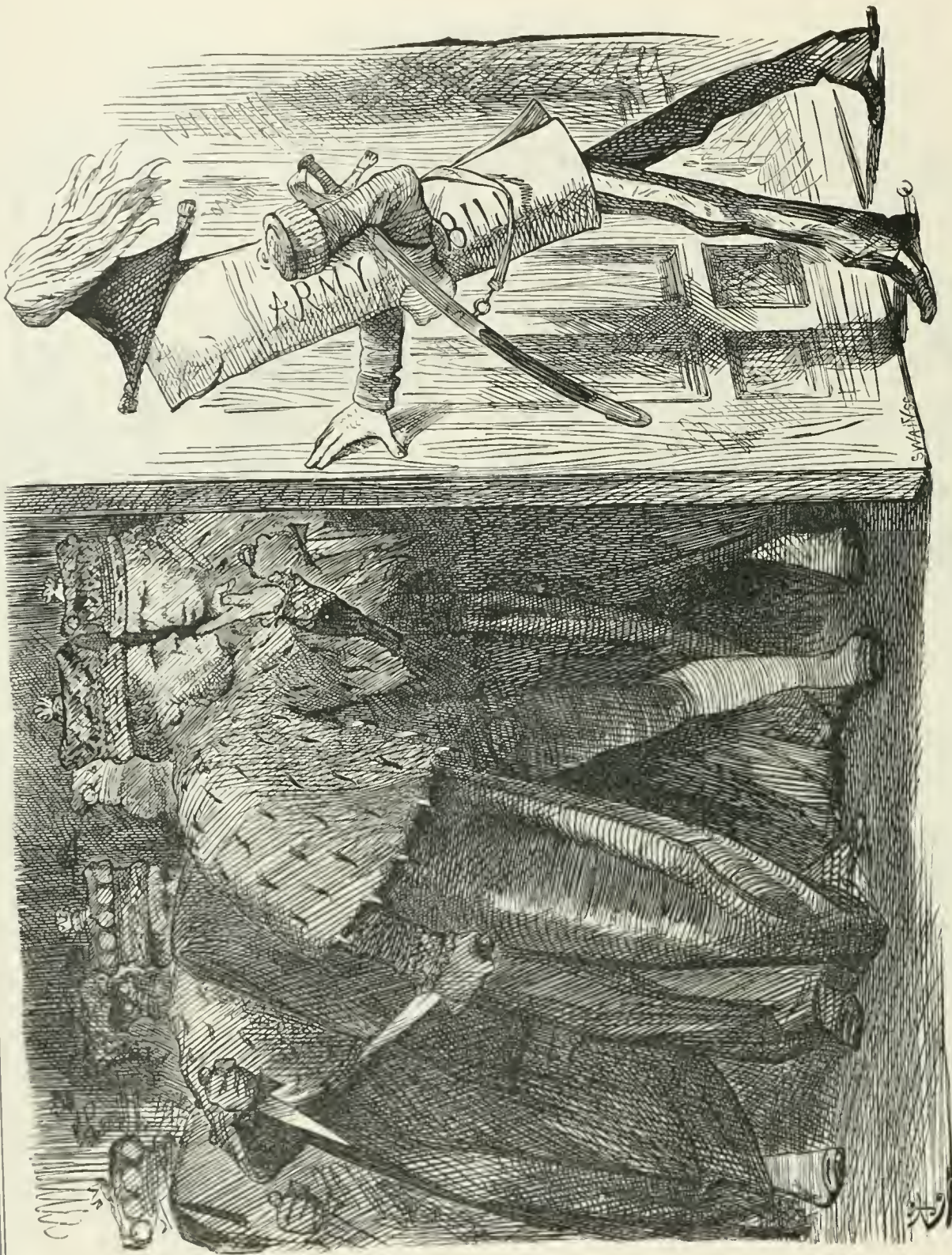
BEN (a rude boy).—"NOW, THEN, ALL TOGETHER!—AND BE VERY CAREFUL AS YOU DON'T OVERDO YOURSELVES!"

∴ The Ballot Bill was one of the minor measures of the Government. The Ministers here represented as concentrating their strength upon it are Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Forster, Mr. Lowe, and Mr. Bruce.



FIRE AND SMOKE.

FRENCH COMMUNIST.—“ALLOUS, MON AMI, LET US GO BURN OUR INCENSE ON THE ALTAR OF EQUALITY.”
BRITISH WORKMAN.—“THANKS, MOSSOO, BUT I’D RATHER SMOKE MY BACCY ON THE HEARTH OF LIBERTY.”
** The Paris Internationalists had issued a Manifesto to working-men everywhere, declaring that their Society alone could lead them to emancipation. They boldly “accepted the responsibility of the conflagration of Paris.”



“DOOM'D!”

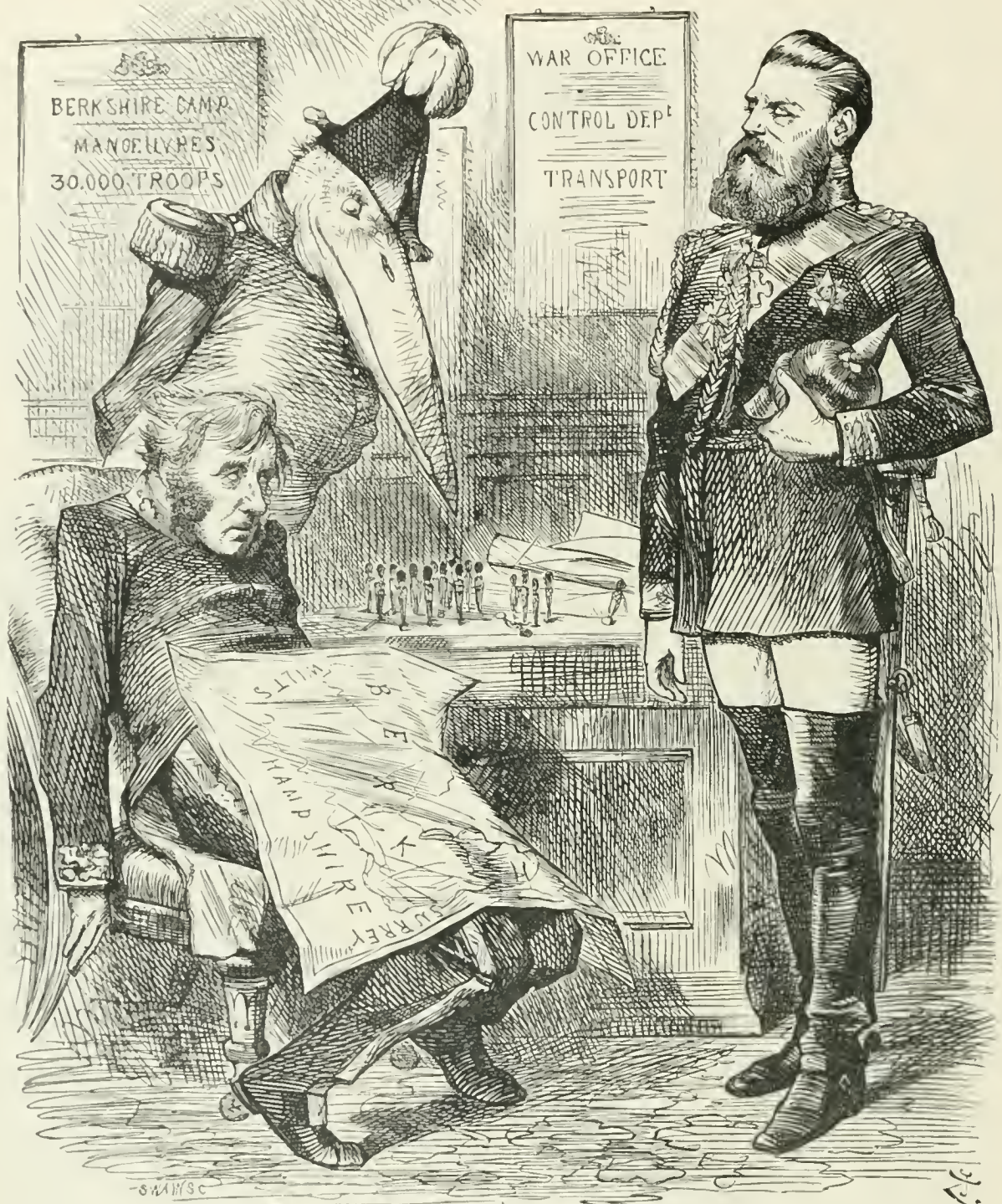
SCENE FROM THE GRAND NEW BURLESQUE MILITARY MELODRAMA,
Conspirators from the Carlton.—“SOFT—HE COMES!” (*Slow Music.*)

* * The Army Regulation Bill had been read a third time in the Commons. It was hotly opposed by the military party in the House, and its prospects in the Lords were regarded as exceedingly precarious.



AJAX DEFYING THE LIGHTNING.

•• Mr. Gladstone, having been defeated in the House of Lords on the question of the Abolition of Purchase in the Army, advised her Majesty to put an end by Royal Warrant to the purchase system.



CARDWELL'S COLLAPSE.

OUR WAR MINISTER (to H.I.H. "FRITZ").—"NOW THAT YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS IS HERE, P'RAPS YOU'LL KINDLY TELL US HOW TO MOVE 30,000 MEN THIRTY MILES."

*. A project to encamp and manoeuvre 30,000 men in Berkshire, on the German system, was abandoned. Sir Henry Storks was the Controller in Chief at the War Office. The German Crown Prince was on a visit to this country.



“ ALL IN THE DOWNS.”

MR. BULL.—“THAT MY ARMY SHOULD BREAK DOWN WAS, NO DOUBT, TO BE EXPECTED; BUT—FOR MY NAVY!!!—
 'ZOUNDS! (*plaintively*) I DID FONDLY THINK I WAS ALL RIGHT WITH MY NAVY!”

. Recent naval disasters—the stranding of the *Agincourt* and the wreck of the *Megara* troopship—had occasioned grave doubts in the public mind as to the satisfactory condition of our Navy.



A "DRESS REHEARSAL."

MR. C-DW-LL (*Stage Manager*).—"Now, THEN—(vaguely)—FORM SIXES AND SEVENS, AND—"
 LEADING HEAVY (*Commander-in-Chief*).—"LOOK HERE, SIR! WE KNOW OUR 'BUSINESS' A PRECIOUS DEAL BETTER THAN YOU CAN TELL IT US; AND IF YOU'LL ONLY LET US ALONE, THE PIECE'LL BE A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS, I PROMISE YOU!"

* * Mr. Cardwell's administration at the War Office had given rise to considerable dissatisfaction in military circles.



COUNTING THE COST.

MR. BULL (*Paymaster-General*).—“HA!—IT’S A PRECIOUS EXPENSIVE EXPERIMENT; BUT I DO BELIEVE IT ‘LL BE WELL WORTH THE MONEY!”

•• A mimic campaign had taken place in the open country in Hampshire, 36,000 troops having taken part in the operations. The results obtained were considered generally satisfactory.



“ SAUCE FOR THE GANDER.”

“ I SAY, JOE, DEAR, IF YOU CAN'T ENJOY YOUR SUPPER NOW YOU HAVE LOST YOUR GRUMBLE ABOUT NINE HOURS—GRUMBLE FOR ME, AS I'VE DONE FOURTEEN, AND AIN'T FINISHED YET.”

“ A strike among the engineers of Newcastle for a nine hours working day, after lasting nineteen weeks, had ended in a concession of the workmen's demands”



“OUT OF THE BAG!”

DIZZY.—“OFF! OF COURSE HE IS! AH, MY DEAR LORD BUTTERFINGERS, YOU SHOULD LEAVE THIS KIND OF DELICATE BUSINESS TO YOUR ACCOMPLISHED LEADER. AHEN!!”

* * Rumours were current of a scheme for a new social alliance between a body described as a council of skinned workmen and certain Conservative Peers.



“ RIGHT ABOUT-FACE ! ” (AND NO MISTAKE !!!)

SUR-LIEUTENANT.—“ GET OUT, I SAY,—BOTH OF YOU ! CON-FOUND IT ! D YOU THINK I ’ VE GOT NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT BUY BRACELETS, AND SEE RATS KILLED NOW ? ”

••• The purchase of commissions in the Army having been abolished, a system of competitive examinations had been introduced.



“THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA.”

SINDBAD (as representing the British Public).—“I CAN’T BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND TO ANY OF YOU, WITH THIS ‘INTERESTING TOPIC’ ON MY SHOULDERS!”

*. The great Tichborne Case, in which “Sir Roger” claimed the baronetcy and estates, commenced in May, 1871, and lasted for 103 days. It ended in his conviction for perjury.



THE NEXT "DISESTABLISHMENT."

HIBERNIA.—"YOU'RE NOT GOIN' TO LAVE US?"

JUSTITIA.—"NEVER FEAR! I'M ONLY TAKING THIS BACK TO ENGLAND."

HIBERNIA.—"AH THIN—SURE IT'S A BASE SAXON INVINTION, AND DON'T SHUIT OULD IRELAND!"

*. * An Irish jury had, in the face of law and evidence, acquitted a man indicted for murder. "Mr. Puncu" suggested the abolition of trial by jury in Ireland, or the transfer of such cases to England.



ROME, 1871.

•• The Session of the Italian Parliament had been opened in Rome on the 26th November by King Victor Emmanuel in person.



SUSPENSE.

•• The country at this moment was in great anxiety on account of the critical condition of the Prince of Wales, who was lying dangerously ill at Sandringham.



“OFF GREENWICH.”

JOHN BRIGHT.—“COME ABOARD, SIR!”

CAPTAIN GLADSTONE.—“GLAD TO SEE YOU, JOHN. GLAD YOU’RE A.B. AGAIN. IF IT COMES ON TO BLOW, WE MAY WANT YOUR ASSISTANCE.”

. Mr. John Bright, who had resigned his seat in the Cabinet on account of ill-health, was now better, and beginning to take an active part in political life.



A STILL BIGGER "CLAIMANT."

•• Outrageous claims had been put forward for electioneering purposes by a party in the United States demanding compensation for alleged indirect damages caused by the *Alabama* and other Confederate cruisers.



TOO MUCH PRESSURE.

BOB THE STOKER.—“LOR’ BLESS YOU, M’NSEER! THAT’S THE WAY WE ‘RAISE THE WIND;’—SIMPLEST THING IN THE WORLD!”

M. THIERS.—“HÉ, MON AMI! PRENEZ GARDE! HE SHALL ‘BLOW UP’ ONE DAY!”

* M. Thiers, the President of the French Republic, threatened to resign in consequence of a proposal brought forward in the French National Assembly in favour of direct taxation.



THE OLD "WHIP."

HON. HENRY BRAND (*the new Speaker*).—"MY DEAR LORD OSSINGTON, YOUR ADVICE IS EXCELLENT. BUT I RATHER LIKE 'LATE HOURS;' AND AS TO THE 'BORES,' I FLATTER MYSELF AN OLD 'WHIP' KNOWS WHAT TO DO WHEN THE 'BABBLERS GIVE TONGUE'!"

*. Mr. Brand, the new speaker in the room of Mr. Denison (who on his resignation was created Viscount Ossington), was formerly one of the Government Whips.



SMOKING THE "CALUMET."

JO-NA-THAN (*The Downy Bird*).—"COME, MY COUSIN! LET US SMOKE THE PEACE-PIPE!"
 WIL-YUM-EW-ART (*The Cheerful Rock*).—"THAT IS NO PEACE-PIPE! THY COUSIN CANNOT SMOKE THAT!"
 ROO-TI-TOOIT (*The Wise Buffalo*).—"HATH NOT OUR COUSIN 'THE DOWNY BIRD' BEEN AT THE FIRE-WATER OF THE PALE FACES?"
 .. The British Government had sent a "friendly communication" to the United States concerning the "Indirect Claims," which they considered not to be within the province of the Arbitrators.



"THE MONSTER SLAIN."

"AND HAST THOU SLAIN THE WAGGA-WOOK?
COME TO MY ARMS, MY BEAMISH BOY!"

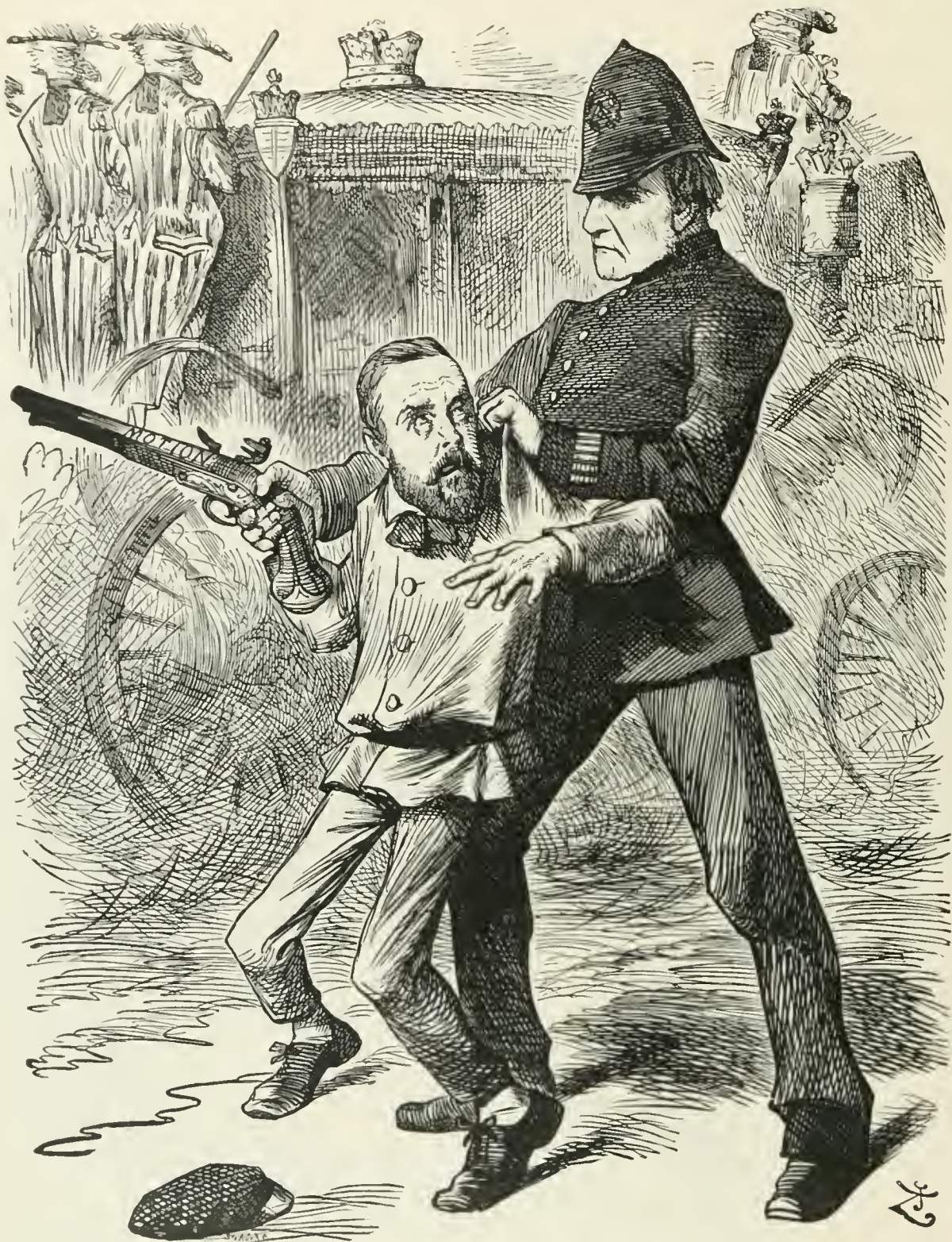
* * The Tichborne case ended in the Claimant being committed on a charge of wilful and corrupt perjury. "Mr. Puaog," parodying Lewis Carroll, congratulates Lord Chief Justice Coleridge on the result. "Sir Roger" at one time lived at Wagga Wagga in Australia.



“YANKEE DOODLE.”

“YANKEE DOODLE CAME TO TOWN ON A LITTLE PONY!”

•• The United States Government had declined to withdraw their “Indirect Claims” from the case they had submitted for arbitration at Geneva.



ANOTHER EMPTY WEAPON.

LITTLE CHARLEY DILKE.—“PLEASE, SIR, THERE'S NOTHIN' IN IT!”

GLADSTONE, AI.—“NOTHING IN IT, INDEED! I'LL TEACH YOU—!”

•• Sir Charles Dilke moved for an inquiry into the Civil List, more especially as to the cost of the Queen's household. The motion was negatived by 276 to 4.



“ JEREMY DIDDLEWE.”

MR. BULL.—“ YES, JEREMY, YOU CERTAINLY OWED ME THE TWOPENCE; BUT I HARDLY LIKE TAKING IT—IT LOOKS SO UNCOMMONLY LIKE YOUR BORROWING FOURPENCE NEXT TIME!”

* * Mr. Lowe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who in 1871 had increased the Income tax by twopence in the pound, was enabled this year to reduce it by a similar amount.



THE LANCASHIRE LIONS.

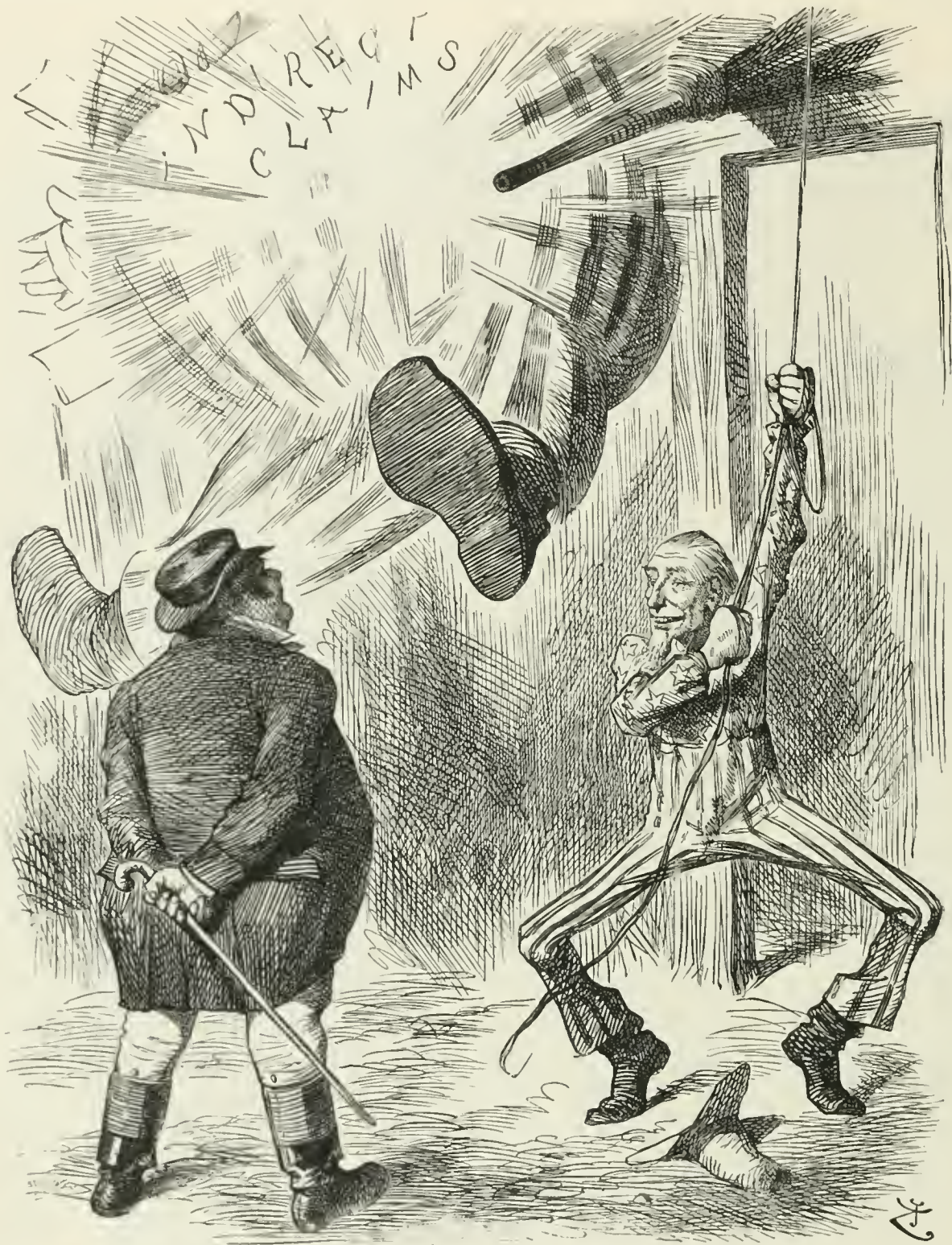
"SO HAVE I HEARD ON INKY IRWELL'S SHORE,
 ANOTHER LION GIVE A LOUDER ROAR,
 AND THE FIRST LION THOUGHT THE LAST A BORE."—*Bombastes Furioso.*

* * Mr. Disraeli having paid a visit to Lancashire, where in 1868 Mr. Gladstone had conducted his great electoral campaign, "Mr. PUNCH" applied to the rival political lions the above well-known lines.



ODD-HANDED JUSTICE.

FIRST RUFFIAN.—“WOT WAS I HUP FOR, AND WOT 'AVE I GOT? WELL, I FLOOR'D A WOMAN AND TOOK 'ER WATCH, AND I'VE OOT TWO YEARS AND A FLOGGIN'.”
 SECOND RUFFIAN.—“HA!—I FLUNG A WOMAN OUT O' THE TOP FLOOR WINDER; AN' I'VE ON'Y OOT THREE MONTHS!”
 FIRST RUFFIAN.—“AH, BUT THEN SHE WAS YER WIFE!”
 ** Public attention had been called to the inequitable punishments awarded for crimes of violence, and especially to the comparative immunity of ruffianly wife-beaters.



“BUSTED UP!”

MR. BULL.—“HA! I THOUGHT YOU'D BURST HIM AT LAST!”

JONATHAN.—“WA-AL, OLD HOSS! GUESS, IT'S JUST WHAT WE MEANT TO DEW—STRAIGHT THRE-EW! LET'S LIQUOR UP.”

•• The belief was general that an arrangement satisfactory to both parties on the *Alabama* question would soon be arrived at. “Mr. PUNCH” foreshadowed the ultimate abandonment of the Indirect Claims.

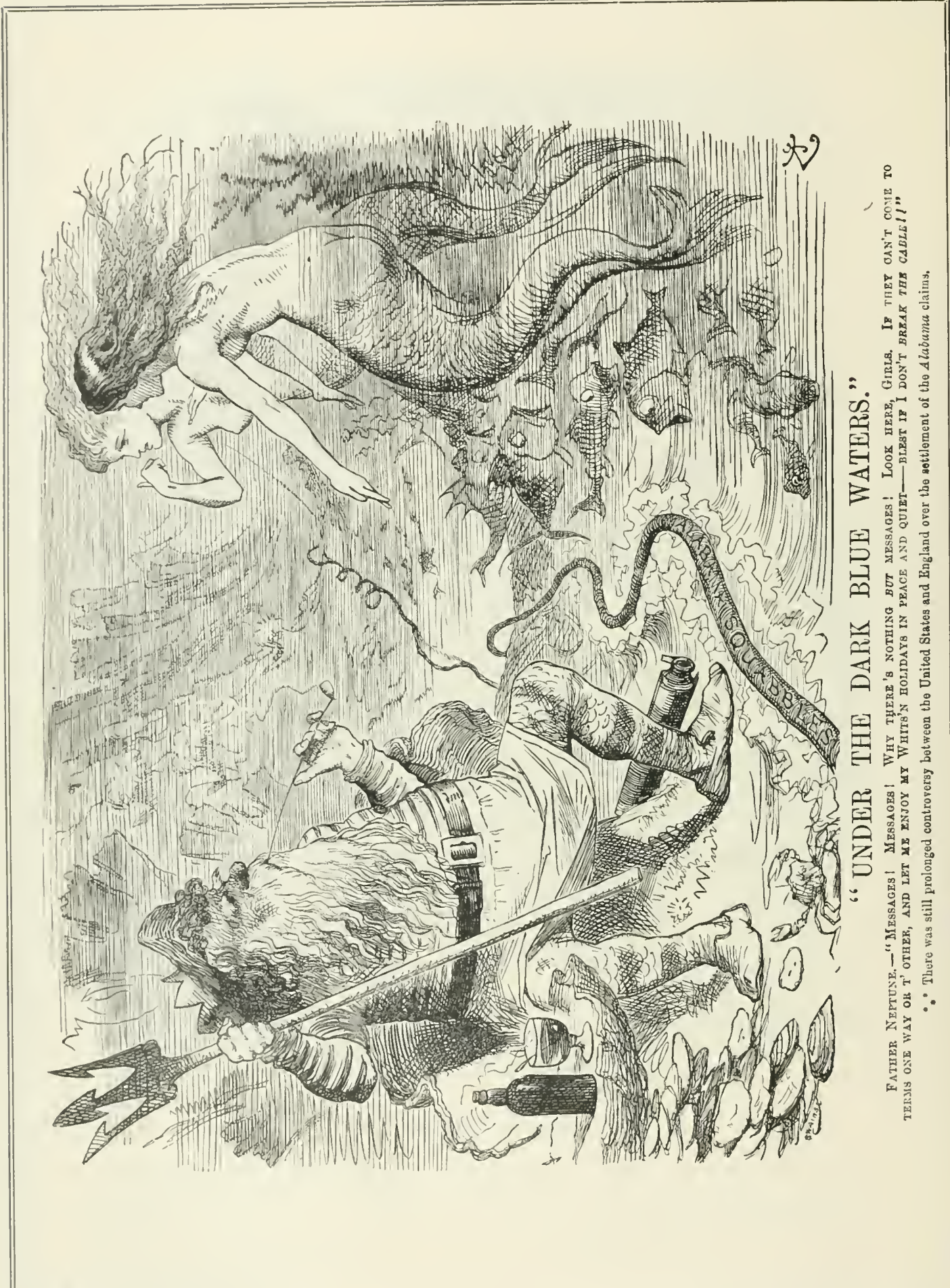


“NON DOLET.”

MR. PUNCH.—“WILLIAM, WILLIAM, THIS IS VERY, VERY SAD! WHY THESE REPEATED FLOGGINGS, DEAR BOY? NOT A WEEK PASSES BUT—”

HEAD BOY.—“ALL RIGHT, SIR! WHAT’S THE ODDS? *IT DONT HURT!!*”

•• The Government during the Session had met with many reverses on the Ballot Bill and other matters brought forward by them.



“ UNDER THE DARK BLUE WATERS.”

FATHER NEPTUNE.—“MESSAGES! MESSAGES! WHY THERE'S NOTHING BUT MESSAGES! LOOK HERE, GIRLS, IF THEY CAN'T COME TO TERMS ONE WAY OR T' OTHER, AND LET ME ENJOY MY WHITS'N HOLIDAYS IN PEACE AND QUIET—BEST IF I DON'T BREAK THE CABLE!!”

•• There was still prolonged controversy between the United States and England over the settlement of the *Alabama* claims.



BIG JOHN AND LITTLE JOHN.

LITTLE JOHN.—“BE FIRM, BIG JOHN, BE FIRM! AM I NOT BESIDE YOU!!!”

. Earl Russell moved in the House of Lords that all proceedings before the Geneva arbitrators on behalf of England should be suspended until the Indirect Claims were withdrawn.



“COME TO GRIEF.”

“BOO-HOO! THEY’VE BEEN AN’ TORE MY NEW DRESS ALL TO RIBBINS, AND I’LL JUST GO AND TELL MY BIG FO(R)STER-BROTHER!”

*• Mr. Forster’s Ballot Bill had been so “amended” in the Lords by Lord Salisbury and the Duke of Richmond as to destroy its chief object—secrecy.



EXTINGUISHED!

"IT IS NOT YOUR BUSINESS, MR. MEDDLESOME, TO BE PULLING DOWN CHURCHES. YOU LEAVE THAT WORK TO YOUR BETTERS."

. Mr. Miall having moved for a Royal Commission to inquire into the property and revenue of the Church of England, it was strongly opposed by Mr. Gladstone, and negatived.



“ADOLPHE THE ALCHEMIST.”

(A TALE OF WONDER AND ENCHANTMENT.)

•• Under the wise and firm control of M. Adolphe Thiers, the President of the French Republic, France was rapidly recovering from the disastrous effects of the Franco-German War.



INJURED INNOCENCE.

"VON TAUSEND SIX ONDRED MILLION BOUNDS!! MEIN GOTT, MEIN GOTT! AND DEY SAY VE PLONDERED DEM!!!"

*. The new French loan necessitated by the German indemnity met with an unprecedented success. Much more than the £120,000,000 asked for was subscribed.

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BALLOT

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A GOOD BEGINNING ;

OR, LITTLE BOY BALLOT'S FIRST STEP IN LIFE.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE.—“HE MAY NOT BE PRETTY TO LOOK AT, DEAR MADAM, AND HE MAY BE ‘SLOW;’ BUT HE’*B* A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS, I ASSURE YOU!”

•• In the first Parliamentary electoral contest under the Ballot Act, at Pontefract, Mr. Childers, who had joined the Ministry as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, defeated his opponent.



THE IMPERIAL WITCHES.

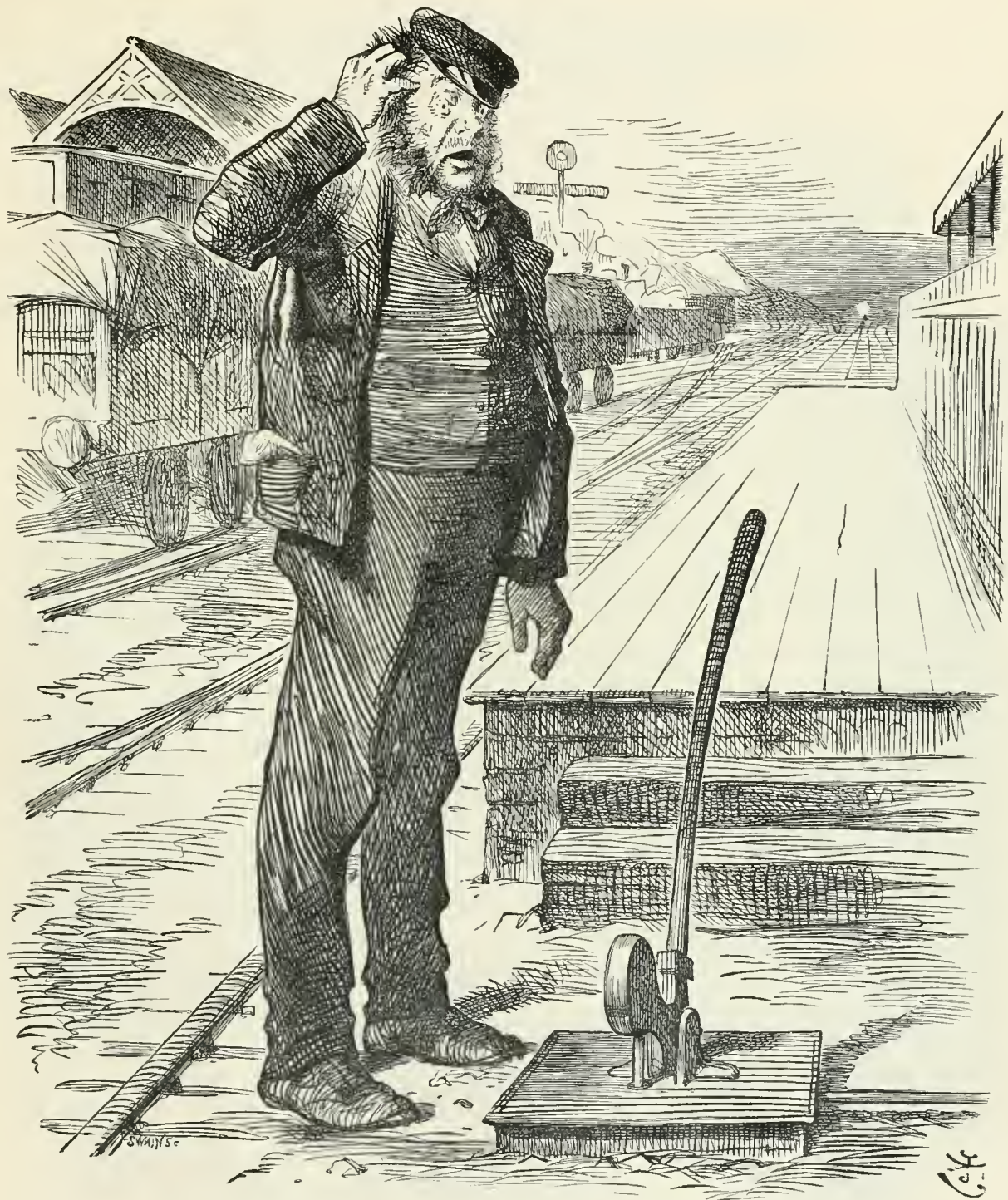
MACBETH (MR. PUNOH).—"NOW THEN, YOU SECRET, BLACK, AND MIDNIGHT WAGS! WHAT'S YOUR LITTLE GAME?"
[Slightly altered from Shakspeare.]
 ... A Conference which had taken place at Berlin between the Emperors of Germany, Austria and Russia gave rise to much speculation.



THE LOVING CUP.

"IN THIS WE BURY ALL UNKINDNESS!"—*Shakespeare.*

•• The Geneva Court of Arbitration on the *Alabama* Claims delivered their award, and the vexed question was finally settled by the payment by Great Britain of a sum of £3,100,000.



MUDDLEBY JUNCTION.

OVERWORKED POINTSMAN (*puzzled*).—"LET'S SEE!—THERE'S THE 'SCURSION' WERE DUE AT 4'45, AND IT AIN'T IN; THEN, AFORE THAT, WERE THE 'MINERAL,'—NO! THAT MUST HA' BEEN THE 'GOODS,'—OR THE 'CATTLE.' NO! THAT WERE AFORE,—CATTLE'S SHUNTING NOW. LET'S SEE!—FAST TRAIN CAME THROUGH AT—CON-FOUND!—AND HERE COMES 'THE EXPRESS' AFORE ITS TIME, AND BLEST IF I KNOW WHICH LINE SHE'S ON!!"

. An official report upon a fatal collision at Kirtlebridge pointed to overwork and defective signal arrangements as contributory causes to the railway accidents very numerous at this time.

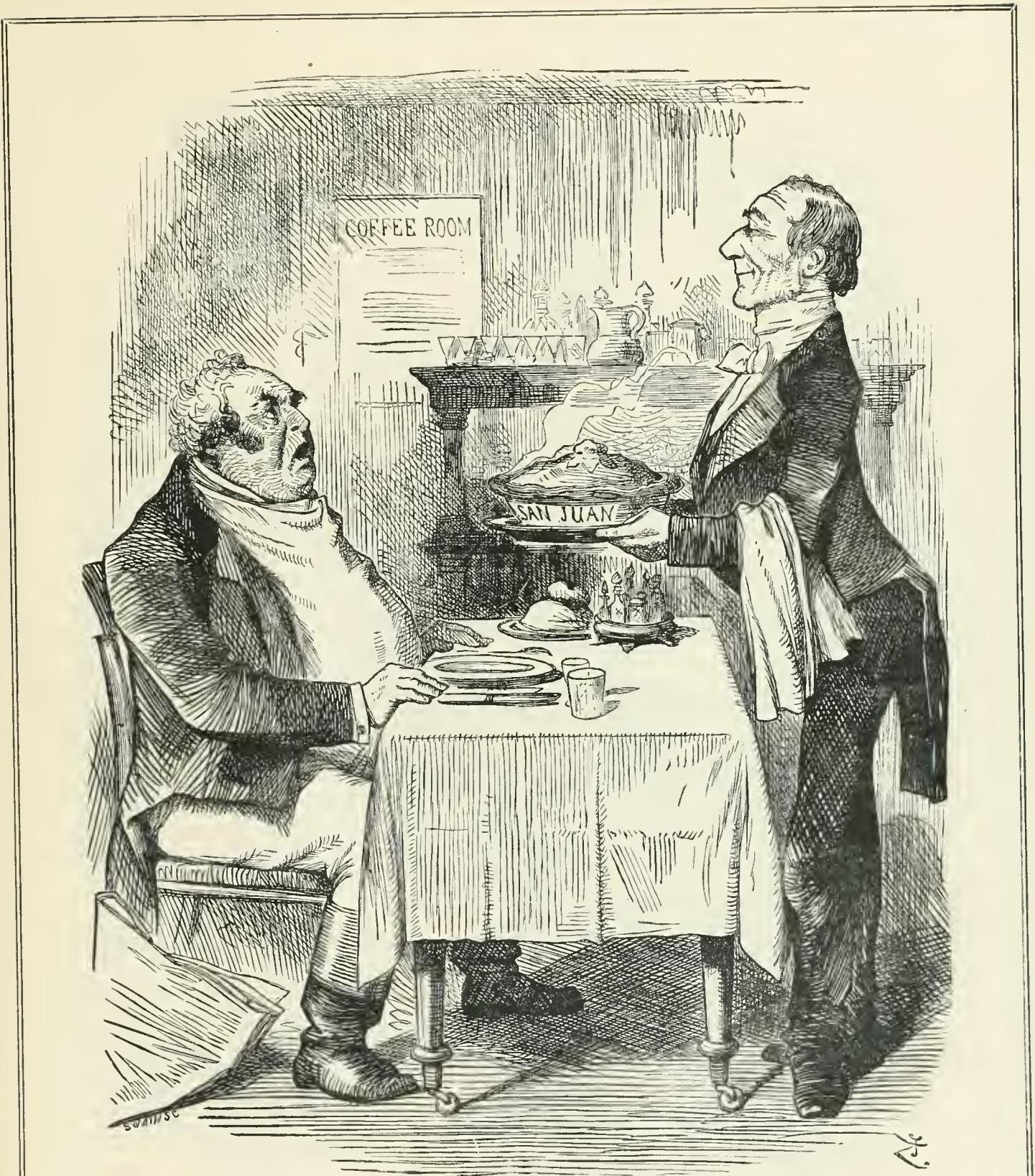


ASTRÆA REDUX !!

SIR OLIVER SURFACE (MR. BULL).—"HERE COMES THE INCARNATION OF ALL THE VIRTUES. OF COURSE, SIR PETER, YOU'LL PRAISE THE NEW LORD CHANCELLOR?"

SIR PETER TEAZLE (MR. PUNCH).—"WAIT A BIT, SIR OLIVER. THIS IS A D—D WICKED WORLD, AND THE FEWER PEOPLE WE PRAISE THE BETTER."
School for Scandal (slightly altered).

* * Lord Hatherley having resigned the Lord Chancellorship, was succeeded by Sir Roundell Palmer, who assumed the title of Lord Selborne.



“HUMBLE PIE.”

MR. BULL.—“HUMBLE PIE AGAIN, WILLIAM!—YOU GAVE ME THAT YESTERDAY?”

HEAD WAITER.—“YES, SIR—NO, SIR—THAT WERE GENEVA HUMBLE PIE, SIR. THIS IS BERLIN HUMBLE PIE, SIR!!”

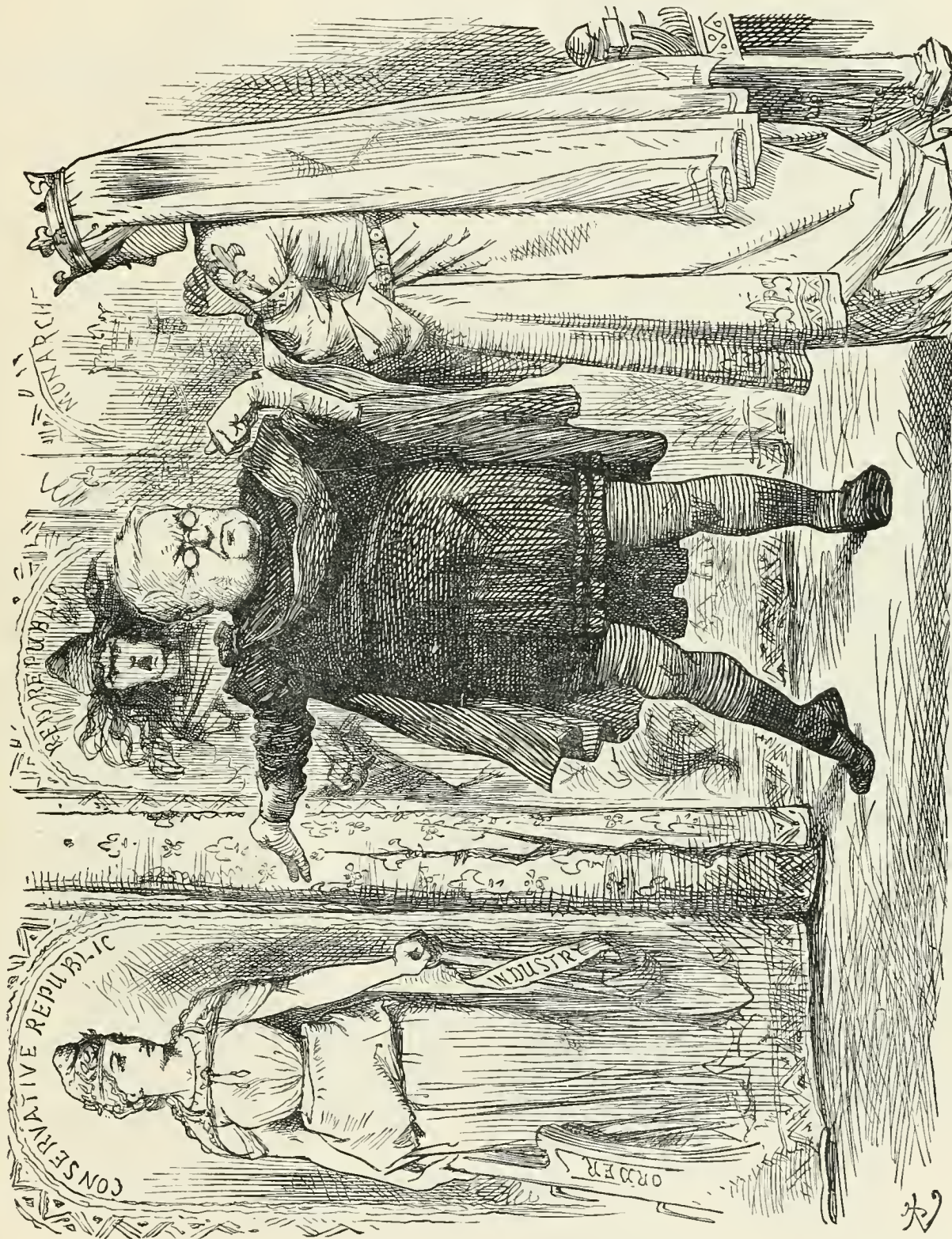
* * The German Emperor, as arbitrator in the San Juan boundary dispute between England and the United States, decided against England. This caused some irritation in the public mind.



THE RETURN OF ULYSSES.

BRITANNIA.—“AH, MY DEAR! I WAS CERTAIN YOU WOULDN'T TURN AWAY THE GENERAL. HE MAY SMOKE TOO MUCH, AND BE TOO FOND OF HIS RELATIONS; BUT, AT ANY RATE, HE'S BEEN A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT TO YOU!”

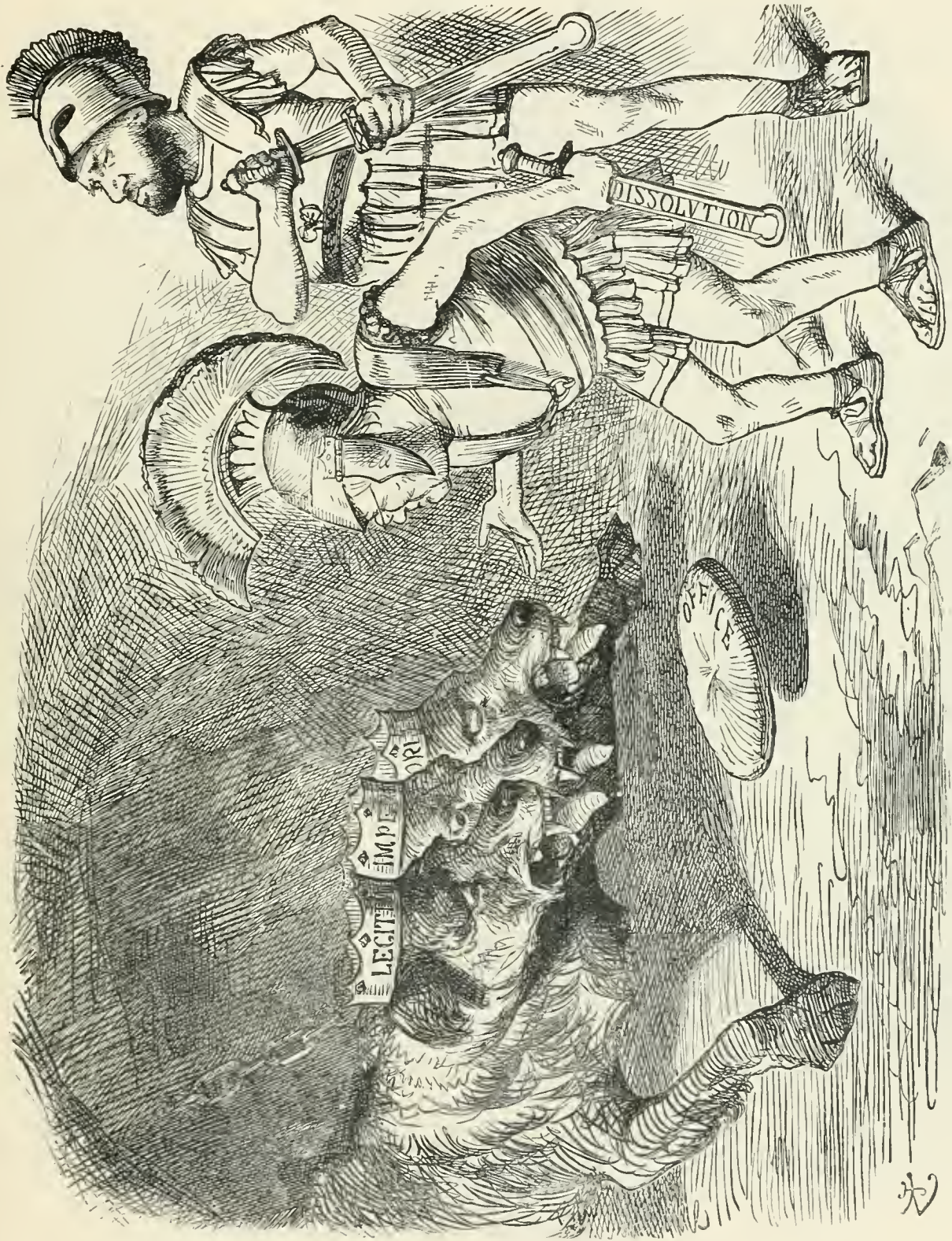
* * * General Ulysses Grant had been re-elected President of the United States by a large majority of electoral votes.



MONSIEUR HAMLET.

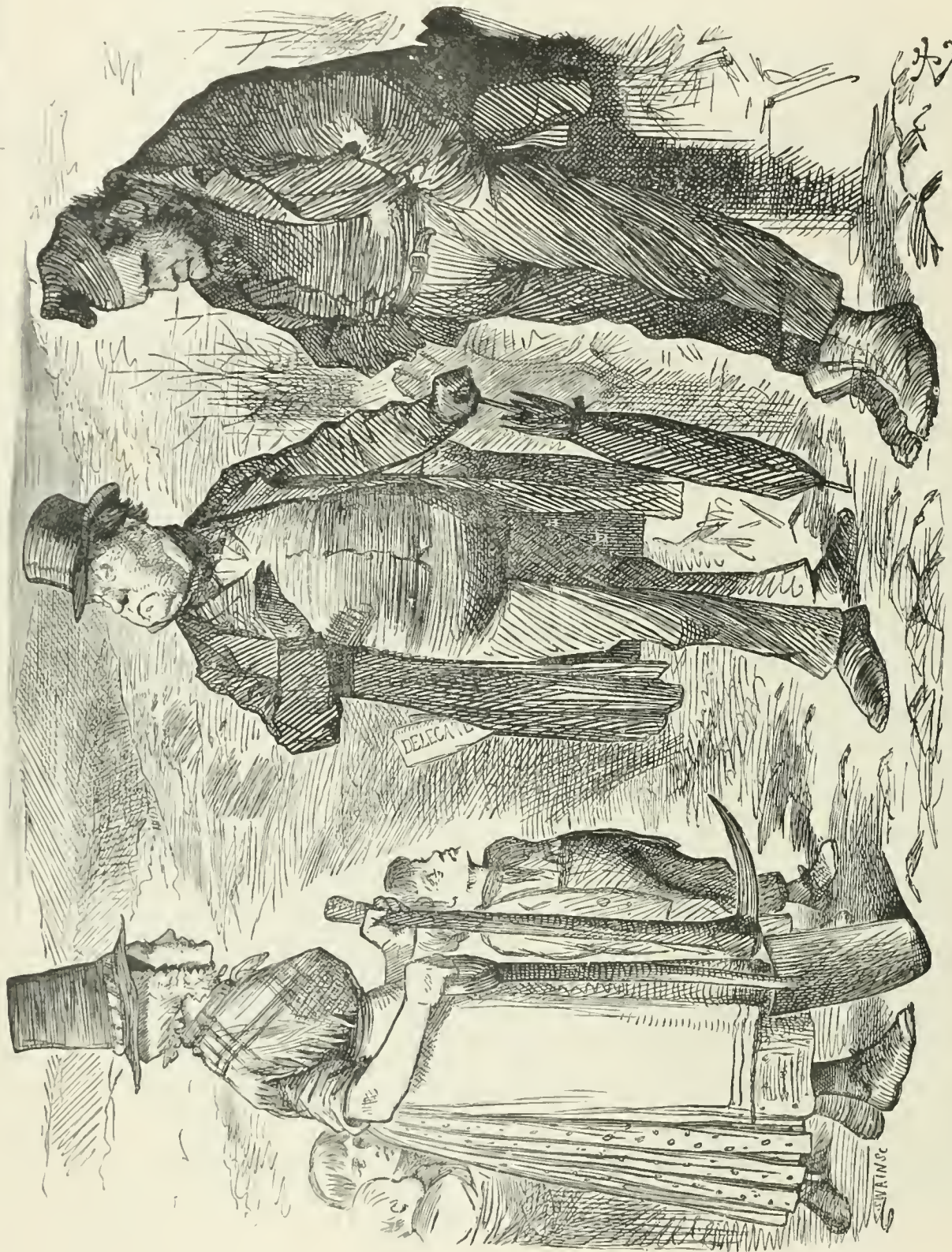
(ADAPTED TO THE FRENCH.)

"LOOK HERE, UPON THAT PICTURE, AND ON THIS!"
 * * M. Thiers, the President of the French Republic, is shown, contrasting the satisfactory state of France under a Conservative Republic with its former condition under the rule of the Red Republicans.



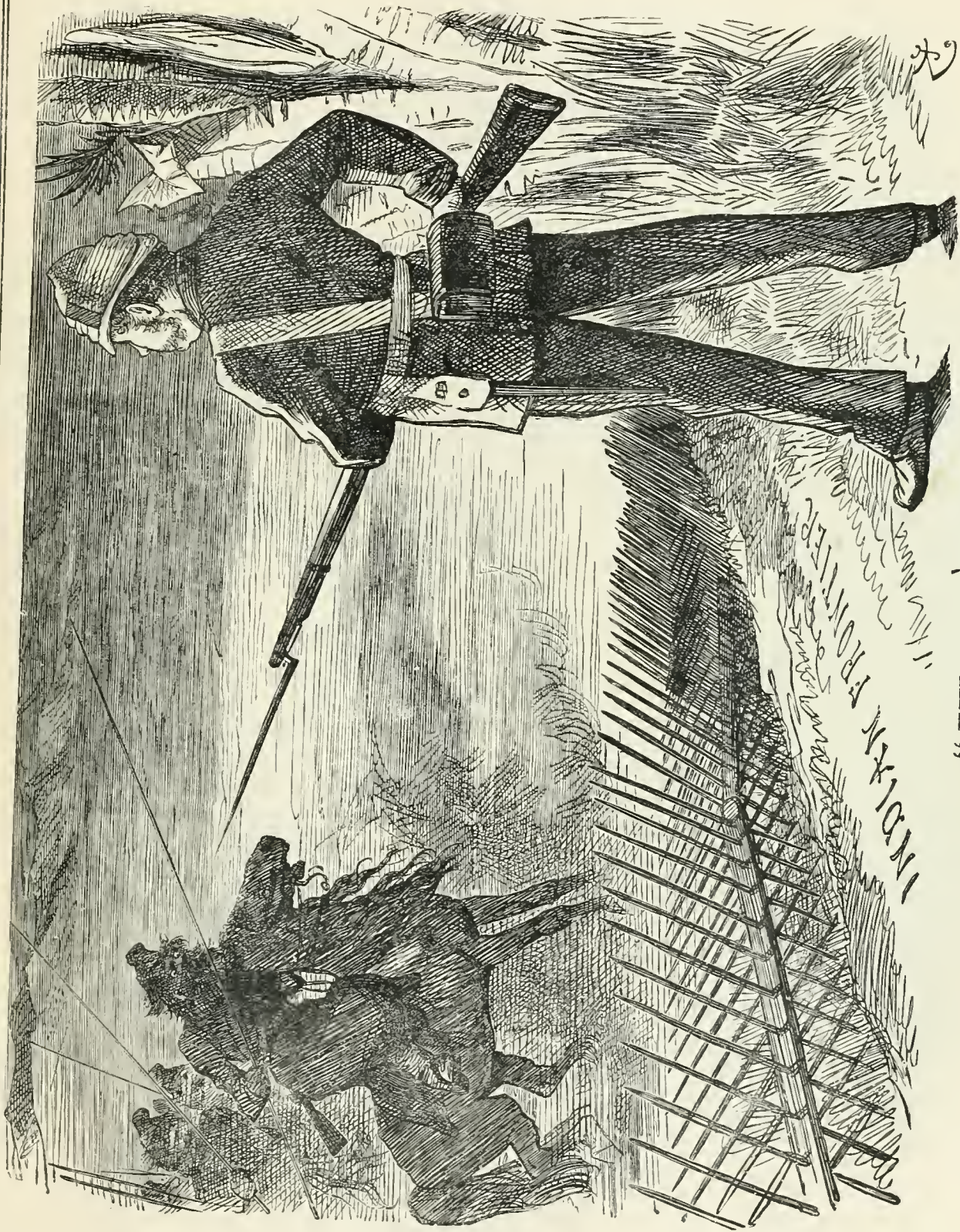
A SOP TO CERBERUS.

[Respectfully dedicated to MM. THIERS, GAMBETTA, and the "Right,"
∴ The rival factions, Legitimist, Imperialist, and Orleanist, in France, were giving much trouble and anxiety to the President of the French Republic. His
relations with M. Gambetta were also questioned.



MRS. TAFFY'S ELIXIR.

"EH, MISTER! YOU CAN BAWL LUSTILY FOR THE BALLOT FOR YOUR POLITICS, BUT IF THERE WAS A BALLOT FOR 'STRIKES' YOU KNOW WELL THAT MY MAN THERE WOULD BE AT WORK, EARNING A DINNER FOR THE CHILDREN AND ME, LOOK YOU."
 "Ten thousand ironmasters' colliers were on strike in South Wales, causing the compulsory idleness of 60,000 ironworkers. The strike lasted for three months."

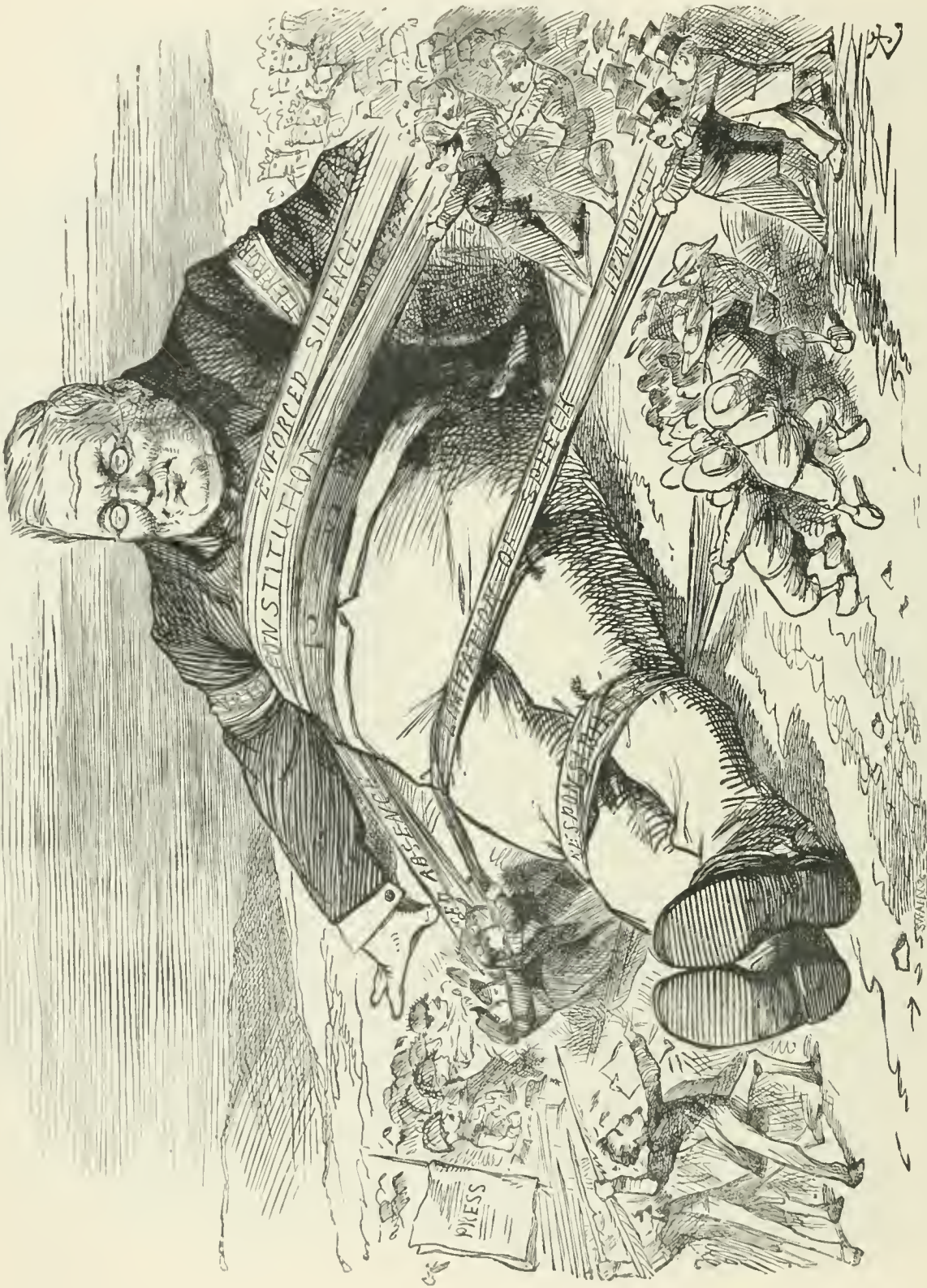


“ KHI-VA LÀ P ”

“ * The despatch of an expedition by Russia to Khiva (in Independent Turkestan) was regarded as dangerous to British interests, and Russia was questioned by Lord Granville on the subject. ”

SENTY GRANVILLE (to advancing Russian). — “ WHO GOES THERE ? ”

Lord Granville on the subject.



LITTLE GULLIVER.

"MAKE YOUR GAME, MY LITTLE MEN! IT AMUSES YOU, AND IT WON'T HINDER ME."
 . . . The President of the French Republic (M. Thiers) was vehemently opposed by the various contending factions, and experienced great difficulty in carrying on the Government.



THE TWO AUGURS.

DISRAELIUS.—"I ALWAYS WONDER, BROTHER, HOW WE CHIEF AUGURS CAN MEET ON THE OPENING DAY WITHOUT LAUGHING!"

GLADSTONIUS.—"I HAVE NEVER FELT ANY TEMPTATION TO THE HILARITY YOU SUGGEST, BROTHER; AND THE REMARK SAVOURS OF FLIPPANCY."

. The cartoon, based on the old classic story, humorously contrasts the characters and demeanours of the two great rival leaders—the grave Gladstone and the mocking Disraeli.



THE TRUE HIDALGO.

KING AMADEUS.—“A GENTLEMAN, AND A SON OF SAVOY, WILL NOT REIGN ON SUFFERANCE!”

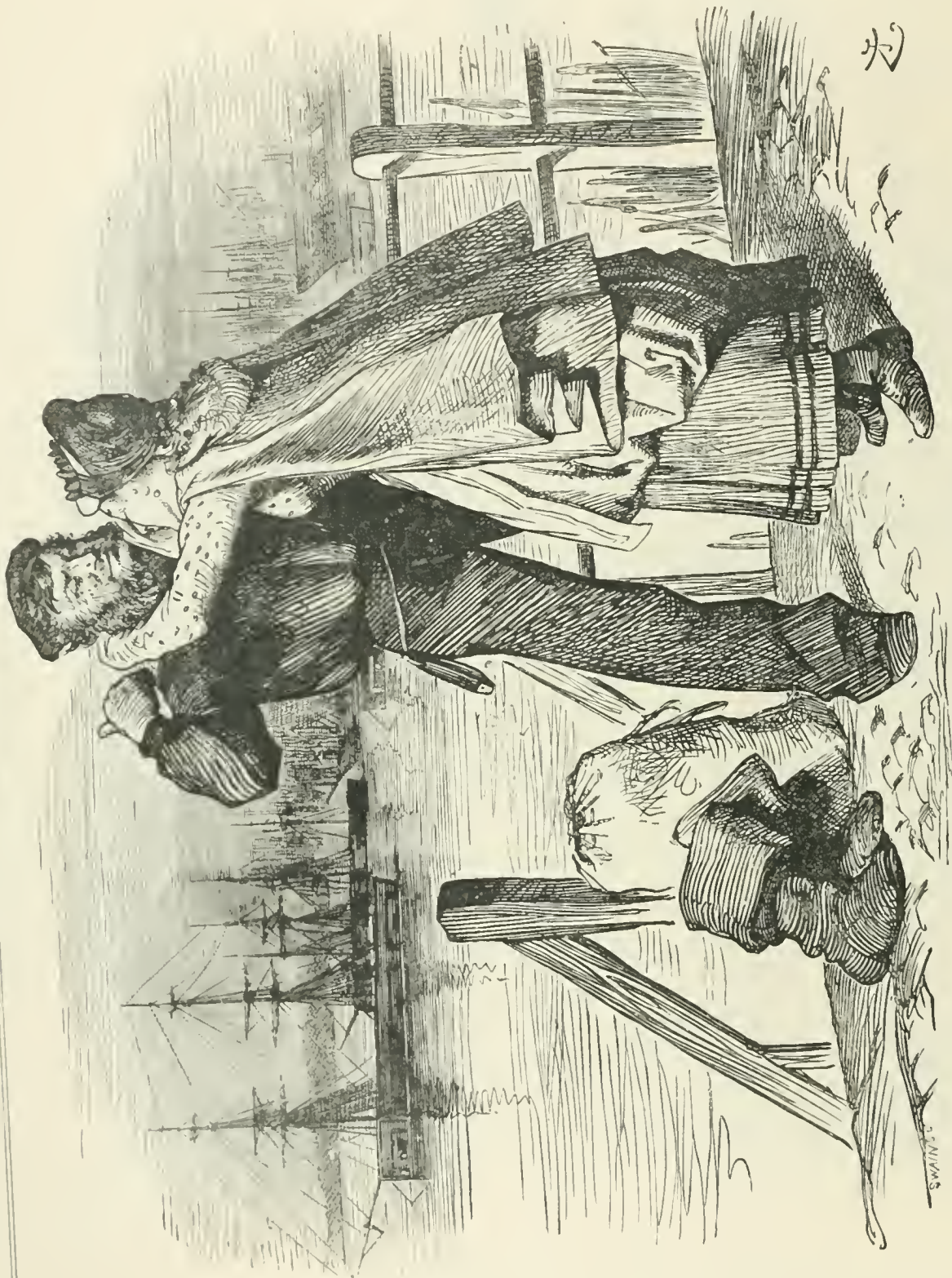
King Amadeus sent a message to the Spanish Cortes abdicating the throne to which he had been elected two years previously. On his departure from Madrid a Republic was proclaimed.



STEALING THE "PALLADIUM,"

OR, ULYSSES AND DIOMED IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

* * * The jury system, regarded as the Palladium of British Liberty, was imperilled by a Bill introduced by Sir John Coleridge, the Attorney-General, and supported by Lord Selborne.



THE COFFIN-SHIPS.

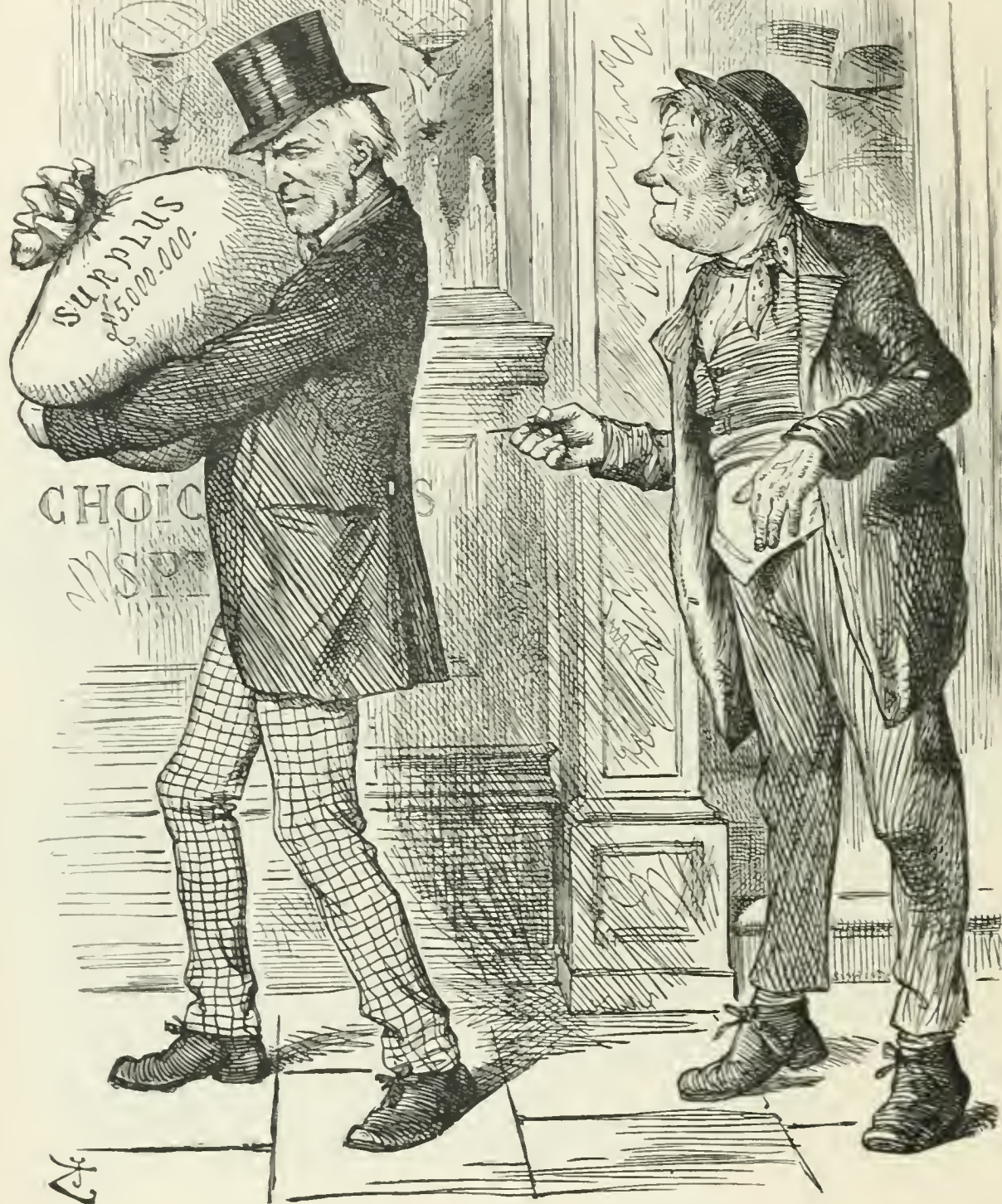
POLLY.—“O, DEAR JACK! I CAN’T HELP CRYING, BUT I’M SO HAPPY TO THINK YOU’RE NOT GOING IN ONE OF THOSE DREADFUL SHIPS!”
 JACK.—“WHAT, DAVY JONES’S DECOY DUCKS! NO, NO, LASS—NEVER MORE!—THANKS TO OUR FRIEND MASTER PLIMSOLL, GOD BLESS HIM!”
 * * Mr. Plimsoll had obtained a Royal Commission to inquire into the alleged practice of despatching unseaworthy or over-loaded ships in order to secure the insurance money.



“WHAT THE DOCTOR SAYS.”

DOCTOR PUNCH.—“WELL, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE! NO BONES ARE BROKEN, BUT YOU'VE HAD A SHAKE; AND YOU MUST BE VERY CAUTIOUS FOR SOME TIME TO COME.”

•• The Government, having been defeated on the Irish Universities Education Bill, at once resigned. They, however, continued in power, the Opposition declining to accept office.



“ THE GREAT SELF-TAXED.”

WORKING-MAN.—“ HI!—GOV’NOR!—LOOK HERE! WE’RE TH’ PEOPLE S’MAKES TH’ SHURELSE—NOW WHAR A’ YOU AN’ OUR WILLIAM GOIN’ T DO FOR TH’ PEOPLE, I SH’LIKE T’KNOW!”

•• The Budget this year showed a large surplus, owing in great measure to the increase in revenue from the duties on spirits and malt, attributable to the prosperous condition of the working classes.



THE GREAT "IRREPRESSIBLE."

"*Macbeth*.—THEN COMES MY FIT AGAIN: . . .
HENCE, HORRIBLE SHADOW!
UNREAL MOCKERY, HENCE!"—*Shakspeare*.

•• The great Tichborne case had now entered upon its final stage, "Sir Roger" having been brought to trial at the Queen's Bench on a charge of perjury.



THE "UGLY DUCKLING."

NEPTUNE.—"WELL, OF ALL THE HIDEOUS—!"
BRITANNIA.—"AH, SHE ISN'T PRETTY, CERTAINLY; BUT REMEMBER, FATHER NEP, HANDSOME IS THAT HANDSOME DOES!"

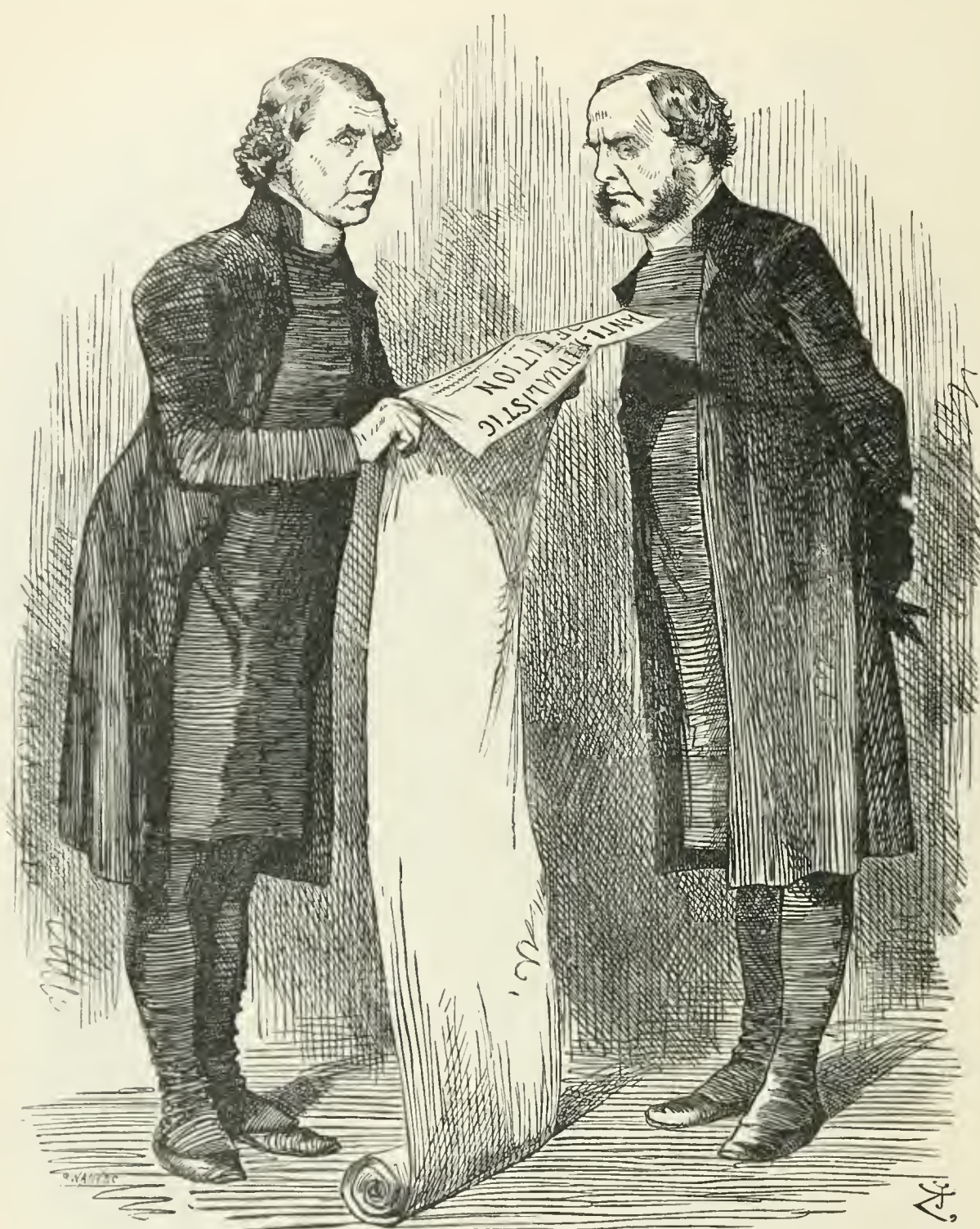
•• The *Devastation*, an armour-plated turret vessel of the *Monitor* type, had recently made a successful trial trip.



THE NEW MEDEA.

JASON (MR. BULL).—"GOODNESS GRACIOUS;—(aside)—I HOPE IT'S ALL RIGHT—BUT THERE'LL BE AN AWFUL ROW!"

* * "MR. PUNCH" depicts Lord Selborne, who had introduced his Judicature Bill, as taking the two ugly little children—Law and Equity—and tossing them into a cauldron wherein he proposes to fuse them.



THE PRELATES PUZZLED;

OR, "WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH IT?"

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.—"IF I KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION, MAY I BE—AHEM!—DISESTABLISHED!"

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.—"IF I KNOW WHAT TO SAY IN THE MATTER, MAY I BE—AHEM!—DISENDOWED!"

* * A memorial signed by 62,000 members of the Church of England had been presented to the Archbishops, complaining that Romish doctrines were systematically preached in Anglican churches.



ONE IN THE "CORPORATION."

"TAKE THAT IN YOUR CHARITY-BASKET, YOU 'FATTED, GORGED, NOT TO SAY BLOATED,' OLD GRABBER!"

•• Mr. Gladstone had made a vigorous onslaught on the City authorities, charging them with mismanagement of funds left by a Lady Dacre in 1594, to benefit the poor of Westminster.



“CORIOLANUS.”

(AS ADAPTED TO THE MODERN FRENCH STAGE.)

Coriolane.—“O MOST UNWISE PATRICIANS!
I BANISH YOU!
LET EVERY FEEBLE RUMOUR SHAKE YOUR HEARTS!”

YOUR ENEMIES, WITH NODDING OF THEIR PLUMES,
FAN YOU INTO DESPAIR! HAVE THE POWER STILL
TO BANISH YOUR DEFENDER.”

••• Through a coalition of the Monarchical parties in the French Assembly, M. Thiers, the President of the Republic, was overthrown by an adverse vote. He at once resigned.



“ PERSIA WON ! ”

NASSR-ED-DIN.—“ ENJOYED MY VISIT, DEAR MADAM?—ENCHANTED!—CHARMED! AND—BY THE BEARD OF THE PROPHET—YOU MAY REST ASSURED I WILL ALLOW NO TRESPASSERS TO CROSS MY GROUNDS INTO YOUR CHILD INDIANA’S GARDEN! BISMILLAH ! ” [Exit.]

. The visit of the Shah to England was understood to have been satisfactory to him, as well as favourable to the interests of Great Britain and its Indian possessions.



“THE OLD, OLD TUNE.”

“PRINCE ALFRED WOULD A WOING GO!”

“THERE CAME A FIDDLER HERE TO PLAY,
 AND O BUT HE WAS JIMP AND GAY,
 HE STOLE THE LASSIE'S HEART AWAY,
 AND MADE IT ALL HIS AIN, O.”—*Song.*

•• The Duke of Edinburgh was betrothed in July, 1873, to the Grand Duchess Marie, daughter of the Emperor of Russia. He was then captain of H.M.S. *Galatea*.

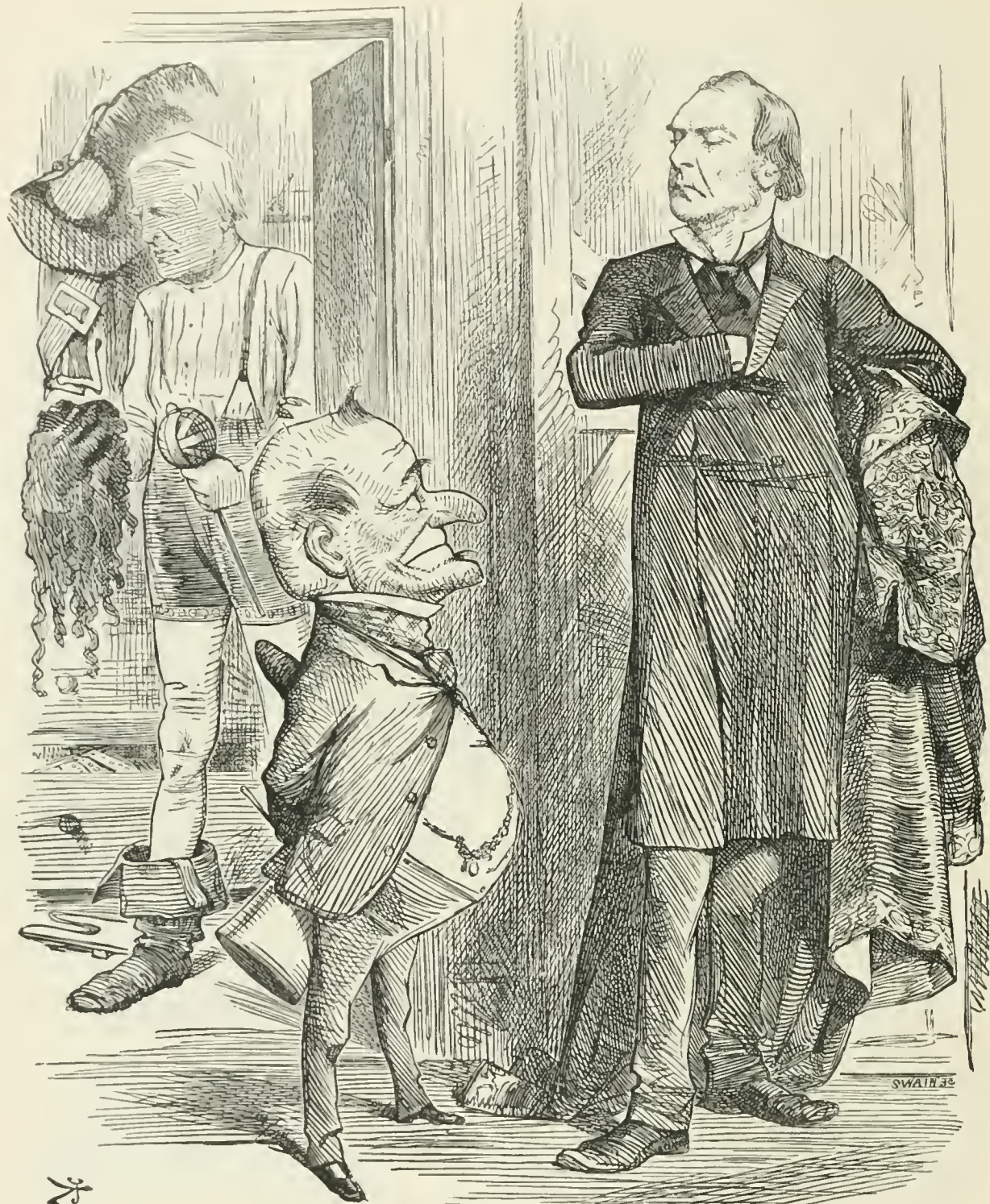


GREAT AUTUMN MANŒUVRE.

HODGE.—“LOR-A-MASSY, ME-ASTER! BE OI TO BE A ‘POWER IN T’ STE-ATE’? WHAT BE OI TO GET BY THA-AT?”

MR. G.—“THAT, MY GOOD FRIEND, IS A MERE DETAIL. THE QUESTION IS, WHAT AM I TO GET BY IT!!”

•• In the Debate as to giving a vote to the Agricultural Labourer, a letter was read from the Premier, declaring that such extension of franchise was just and politic, and *could not long be avoided*. The question was thus taken up by Government, which much needed a “good cry.”



“HER MAJESTY’S SERVANTS.”

(BEHIND THE SCENES.)

CONFIDENTIAL FRIEND.—“I TELL YOU, WILLIAM, YOU MUST STRENGTHEN YOUR COMPANY FOR NEXT SEASON.”

COUNTRY MANAGER.—“I’VE DONE IT, DEAR BOY! I’VE TAKEN BOB OUT OF ‘FIRST ROBBER’; I MEAN TO CHANGE THE CAST ALL ROUND; I’M ‘DOUBLING’ A PART MYSELF; AND WE’LL REVIVE ‘THE QUAKER’ FOR AN AFTERPIECE.”

*. Mr. Gladstone was not unconscious of the falling prestige of his Ministry. There were dissensions within the Cabinet, and a rearrangement of offices was announced.

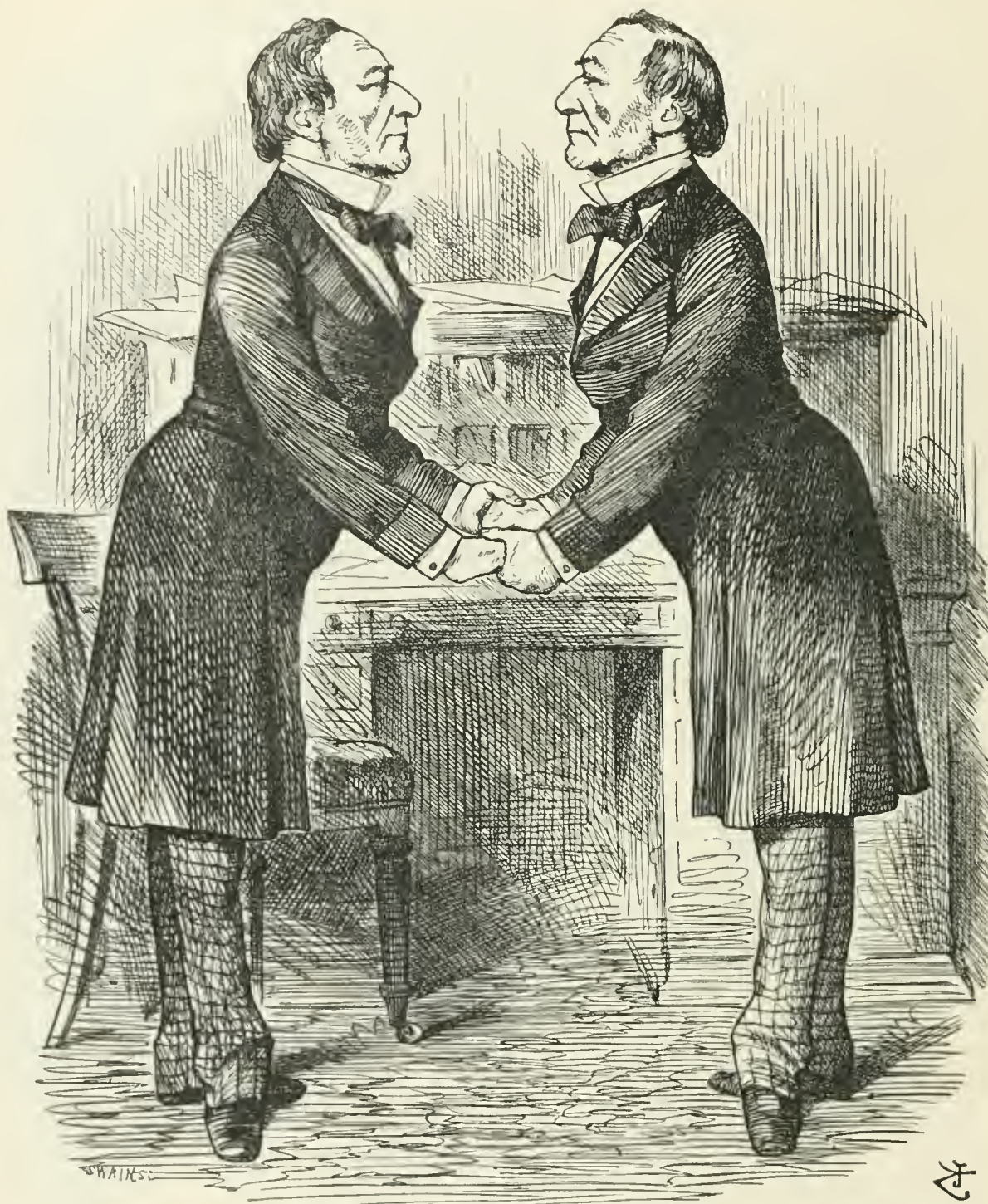


HOMER IN WALES.

“NUNQUAM BONUS DORMITAT HOMERUS!”

MR. GLADSTONE, at the great Eisteddfod, said, “Yours is an ancient language, and the language is connected with an ancient history, and it is connected with an ancient music and with an ancient literature. It is a venerable relic of the past, and there is no greater folly circulating upon the earth than the disposition to undervalue the past.” [But he strongly urged every Welsh person to learn English.]

. Mr. Gladstone, a devoted student of Homer, had been presiding at the Annual National Meeting or Eisteddfod held at Mold in Flintshire.

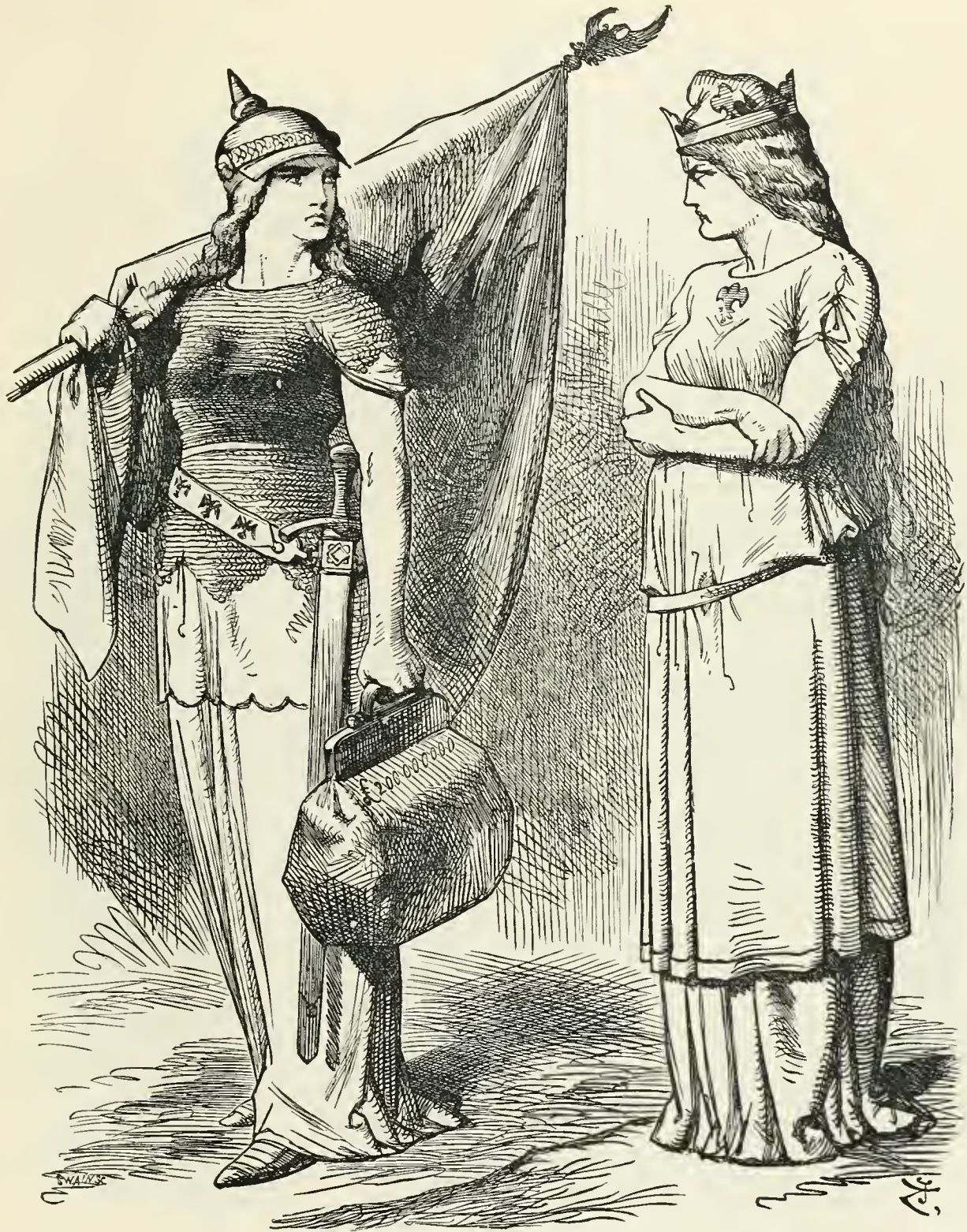


“SELF AND PARTNER.”

MR. GLADSTONE.—“MY DEAR FIRST LORD, I HAVE THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE IN YOU.”

MR. GLADSTONE.—“AND I IN YOU, MY DEAR CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER; AND IF OUR COLLEAGUES WERE ONLY LIKE US, WE SHOULD ALL BE AS ONE MAN!”

•• Important changes had recently been announced in the Government. Mr. Gladstone had assumed the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer as well as that of First Lord of the Treasury.



“ AU REVOIR ! ”

GERMANY.—“ FAREWELL, MADAME, AND IF——”

FRANCE.—“ HA ! WE SHALL MEET AGAIN ! ”

* * The last of the German troops left in occupation of France till the War indemnity should be paid, quitted that country on the 16th September, 1873.



“ THE NEWEST GRIEF ! ”

MR. GLADSTONE.—“ ANOTHER DEFEAT, CARDWELL ! ”

MR. CARDWELL.—“ AH, YES !—YOU MEAN ON THE GOLD COAST, AT CHAMAH ? ”

MR. GLADSTONE.—“ NO, SIR, I MEAN ON THE SOUTH COAST, AT DOVER ! ”

* * The War Minister supposes that Mr. Gladstone refers to a check recently sustained by our troops in Africa, whereas in reality he is alluding to the defeat of the Ministerial candidate at Dover.



A FRIEND IN NEED.
 MR. GLADSTONE.—“MY DEAR JOHN, I CONGRATULATE YOU! JUST IN TIME TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH OUR BLACK FRIEND YONDER!”
 JOHN BRIGHT.—“H'M! FIGHTING IS NOT QUITE IN MY LINE, AS THREE KNOWEST, FRIEND WILLIAM; NEVERTHELESS—!”
 ... Mr. Bright rejoined the Ministry, as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, just at the time that the Ashantee war broke out. There was some curiosity as to how he would reconcile support of the war with his well-known Peace principles.



BETWEEN TWO TERRORS.

(“WHITE” AND “RED.”)

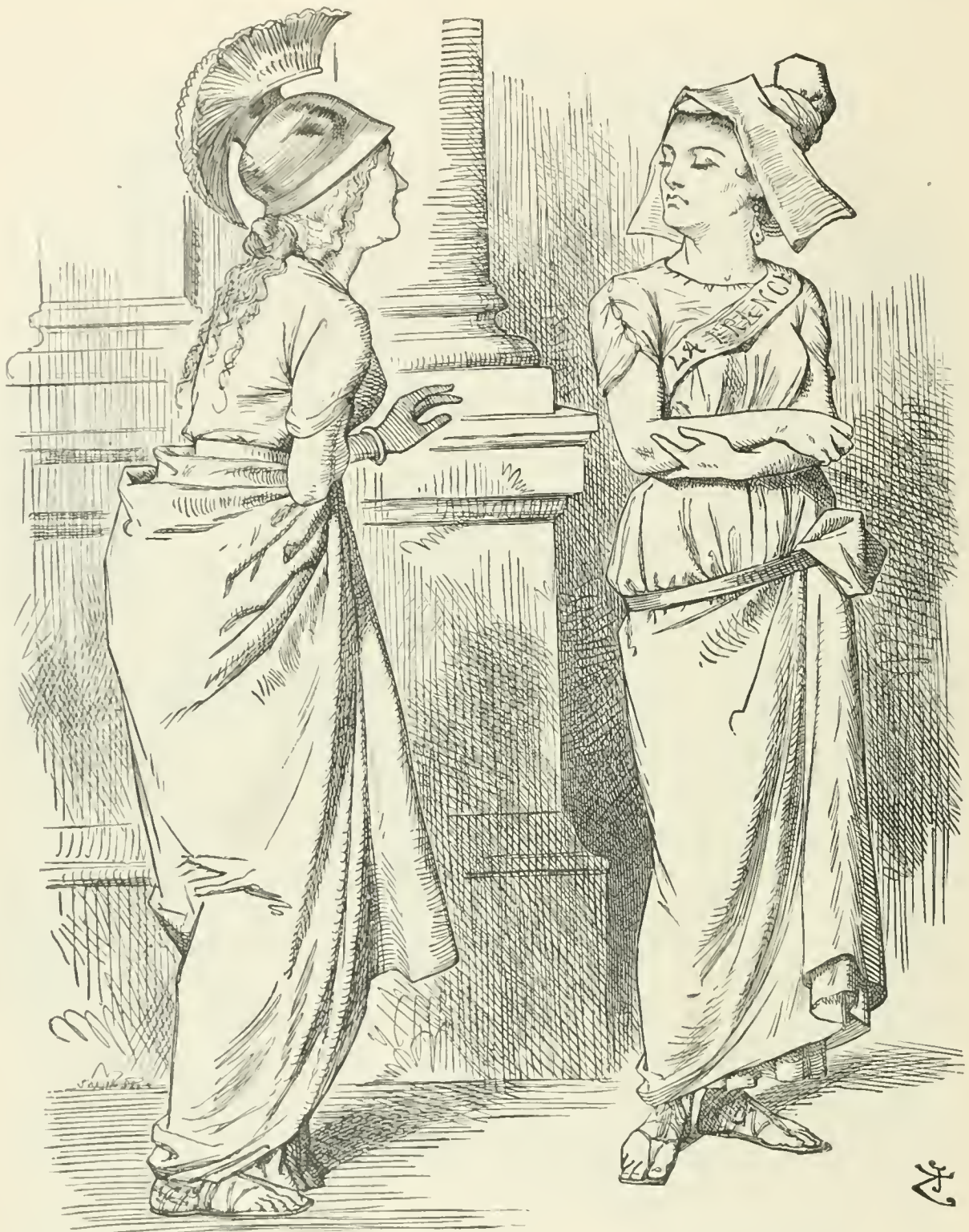
•• M. Thiers was universally believed to be the only man able to save France from the re-establishment of Monarchy or the revival of the horrors of Communism.



KAISER CHRISTIAN AND GIANT POPE.

"So I saw that Christian went on his way; and set a good face on it, and caught no hurt."—
Pilgrim's Progress.

•• A tribunal of ecclesiastical affairs, in opposition to the authority of the Pope, having been established in Prussia, the Pope remonstrated, professing to claim allegiance even from Protestant sovereigns.



THE COLLAPSE.

BRITANNIA — "THEN THERE'S TO BE NO WEDDING AFTER ALL, MY DEAR!"

FRANCE. — "AH, NO, MADAME! OF COURSE I SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED HENRI, HAD HE ASKED ME EVER SO MUCH; BUT, IN FACT, I WAS NEVER ASKED AT ALL!"

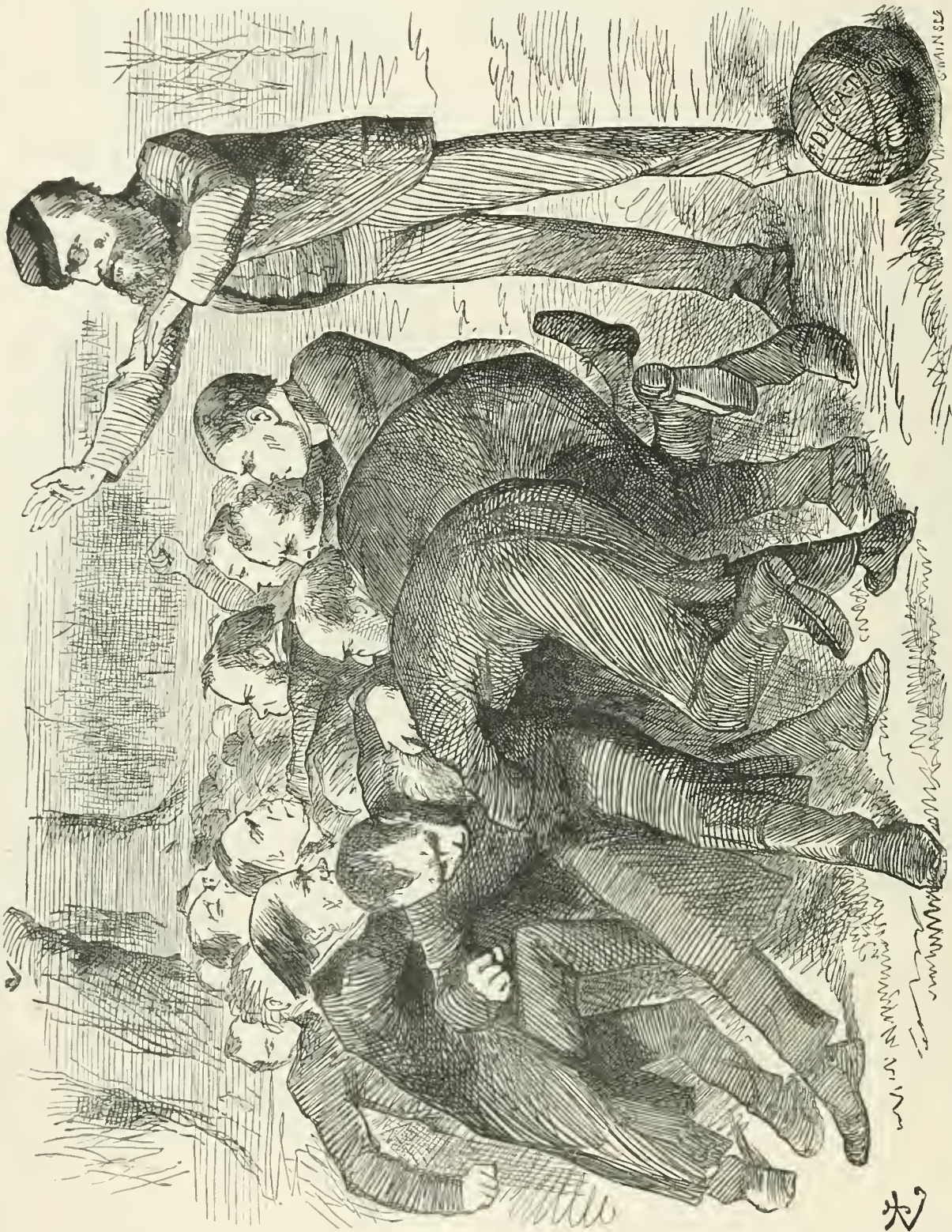
•• The Monarchists having withdrawn their support from the candidature of the Legitimist Pretender, Comte Henri de Chambord, Marshal MacMahon's Presidency was extended for seven years.



THE LATIN SISTERS.

ITALIA.—“MY DEAR GALLIA, AND MY BELOVED HISPANIA, LOOK AT ME—HAPPILY ‘UNITED’ AND COMFORTABLY SETTLED! WHEN WILL YOU FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF YOUR YOUNGER SISTER?”

•• A monument to Count Cavour, the champion of Italian unity, had been unveiled at Turin. In France and Spain, however, Monarchical and Carlist intrigues were antagonistic to the attainment of National unity.



THE SCHOOL (BOARD) MATCH.

MR. F-ST-R (Umpire).—"BOYS, BOYS, THIS IS FIGHTING, AND NOT FAIR PLAY! YOU 'VE LOST SIGHT OF THE BALL!"
•• The London School Board was about to be elected for a second time. Religious party spirit, however, was too much in evidence in the various contests.



CARDWELL THE DAUNTLESS. (AT HOME.)

"WHAT'S HE THAT WISHES FOR MORE MEN FROM ENGLAND?
 MY GARNET WOLSELEY? NO, MY FAIR GARNET!
 IF THEY ARE MARK'D TO DIE, THEY ARE ENOW
 TO DO OUR COUNTRY LOSS; AND IF TO LIVE,
 THE FEWER MEN THE GREATER SHARE OF HONOUR."—Shakspeare (slightly altered).

•• Sir Garnet Wolseley, as commander of the Ashantee expedition, in his despatches from the Gold Coast, had urged the necessity for additional English troops. Mr. Cardwell was at this time the War Secretary.



“ MENDING THE LESSON.”

POLITICAL ECONOMY.—“TAKE CARE, MY DEAR JOHN, DON'T INTERFERE WITH THE LAWS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.”
 JOHN BULL.—“I DON'T, MISS PRUDENCE, SHE DEMANDS AND I SUPPLY.”

* * A serious famine prevailed in Bengal and Behar. Supplies of rice were being rapidly forwarded to the districts affected, and a large relief fund was raised in England for the sufferers.



FRONTISPIECE . . . THEY'RE SAVED! THEY'RE SAVED! (April 20, 1867.)

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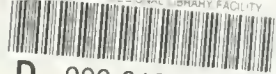
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