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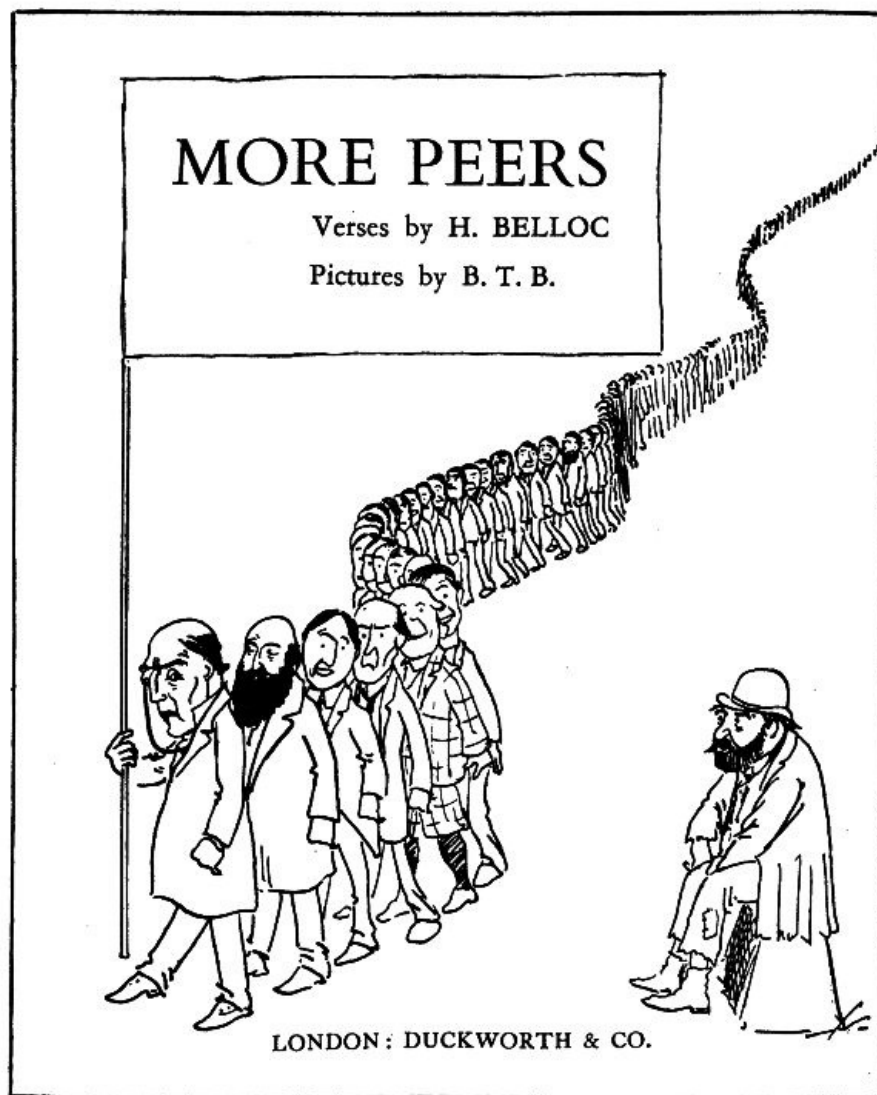
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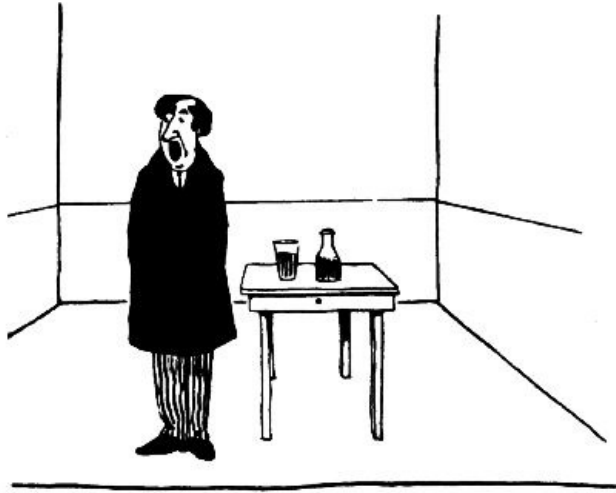


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Lord Roehampton



During a late election Lord
Roehampton strained a vocal
chord
From shouting, very loud and
high,
To lots and lots of people why
The Budget in his own opin-
-ion should not be allowed to win.

He



sought a Specialist,
who said:
"You have a swelling in the head:
Your Larynx is a thought relaxed
And you are greatly over-taxed."

"I am indeed! On every side!"
The Earl (for such he was) replied



In hoarse excitement.... "Oh! My Lord,
You jeopardize your vocal chord!"
Broke in the worthy Specialist.
"Come! Here's the treatment! I insist!
To Bed! to Bed! And do not speak
A single word till Wednesday week,
When I will come and set you free
(If you are cured) and take my fee."

On Wednesday week the Doctor hires
A Brand-new Car with Brand-new Tyres
And Brand-new Chauffeur all complete
For visiting South Audley Street.

But what is this? No Union Jack
Floats on the Stables at the back!
No Toffs escorting Ladies fair
Perambulate the Gay Parterre.
A 'Scutcheon hanging lozenge-wise
And draped in crape appals his eyes
Upon the mansion's ample door,
To which he wades through



heaps of

Straw,^[A]
And which a Butler

[A] This is the first and only time
That I have used this sort of
Rhyme.

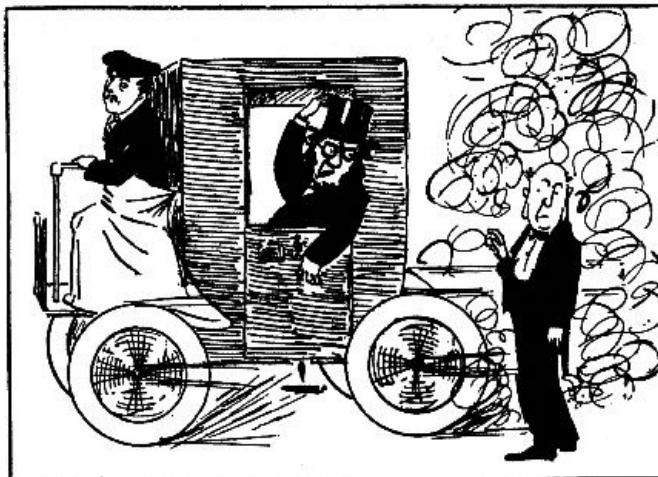


drowned

in tears,
On opening but confirms his
fears:
"Oh! Sir!—Prepare to hear the
worst!...
Last night my kind old master
burst.
And what is more, I doubt if he
Has left enough to pay your fee.
The Budget——"

With a

dreadful oath,
The Specialist,



denouncing

both
The Budget *and* the House of
Lords,
Buzzed angrily Bayswaterwards.

And ever since, as I am told,
Gets it beforehand; and in gold.

Lord Calvin

Lord Calvin thought the Bishops
should not sit
As Peers of Parliament.



And

argued it!
In spite of which, for years, and
years, and years,
They went on sitting with their
fellow-peers.

Lord Henry Chase

What happened to Lord Henry

Chase?
He got into a



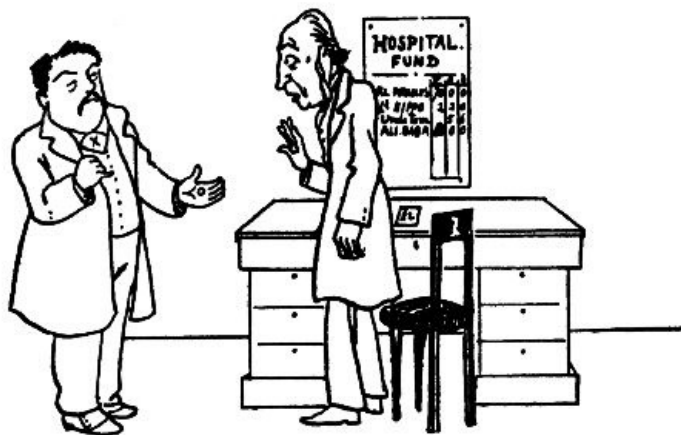
Libel

Case!
The Daily Howl had said that he—
But could not prove it perfectly
To Judge or Jury's satisfaction:
His Lordship, therefore,



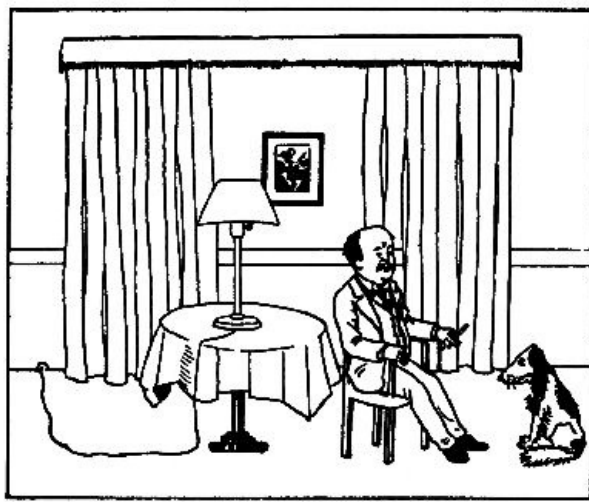
won the

action.
But, as the damages were small,



He gave them to a Hospital.

Lord Heygate



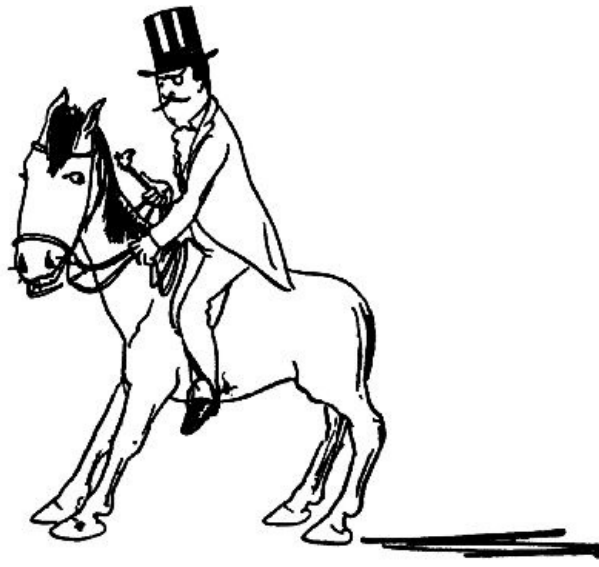
LORD HEYGATE had a troubled face,
His furniture was commonplace—
The sort of Peer who well might pass
pass
For someone of the middle class.
I do not think you want to hear
About this unimportant Peer,
So let us leave him to discourse
About LORD EPSOM and his horse.

Lord Epsom



A Horse, Lord Epsom did bestride
With mastery and quiet pride.
He dug his spurs into its hide.

The Horse,



discerning it
was pricked,
Incontinently

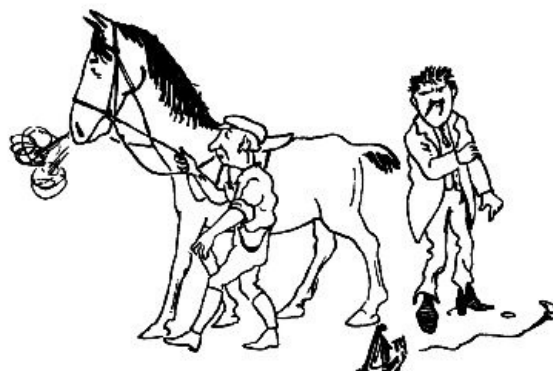


bucked and
kicked,
A thing that no one could predict!

Lord Epsom clearly understood
The High-bred creature's nervous
mood,



As only such a horseman could.
Dismounting,



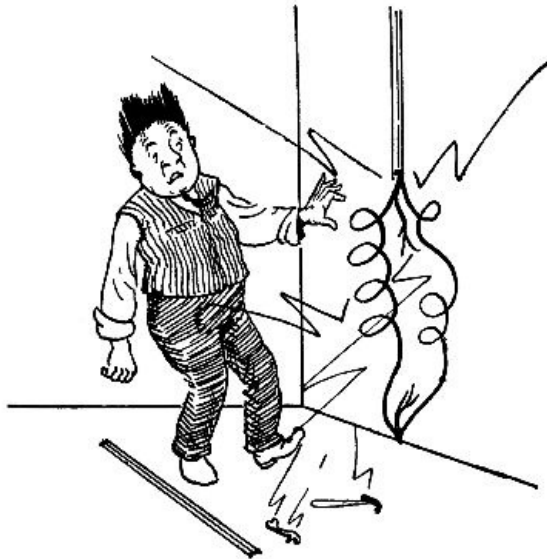
he was heard to
say
That it was kinder to delay
His pleasure to a future day

He had the Hunter led away.

Lord Finchley



Lord Finchley tried to mend the
Electric Light
Himself.



It struck him dead: And serve
him right!
It is the business of the wealthy
man
To give employment to the
artisan.

Lord Ali-Baba

Lord Ali-Baba was a Turk
Who hated every kind of work,
And would repose for hours at
ease
With



Houris seated on his
knees.
A happy life!—Until, one day



Mossoo Alphonse Effendi Bey
(A Younger Turk: the very cream
And essence of the New Regime)
Dispelled this Oriental dream
By granting him a place at Court,
High Coffee-grinder to the Porte,
Unpaid:—



In which exalted Post
His Lordship yielded up the
ghost.

Lord Hippo

Lord Hippo suffered fearful loss



By putting money on a horse
Which he believed, if it were
pressed,
Would run far faster than the
rest:
For
 someone who was in the know



Had confidently told him so.

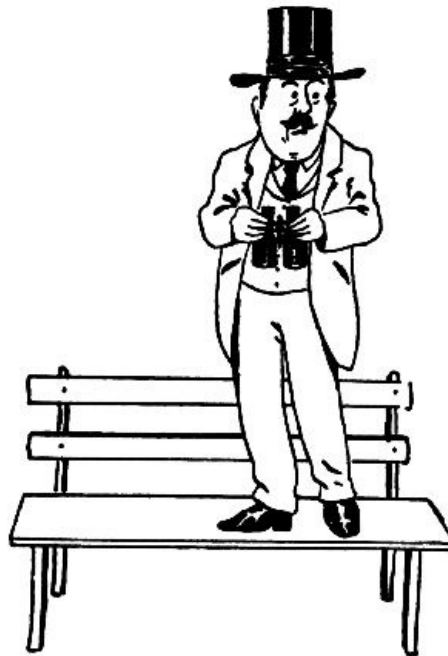
But



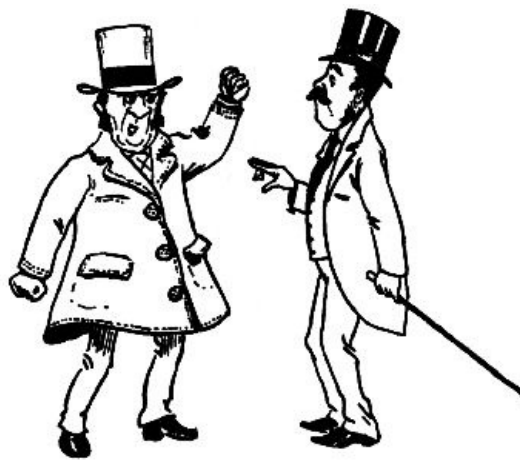
on the morning of the race
It only took



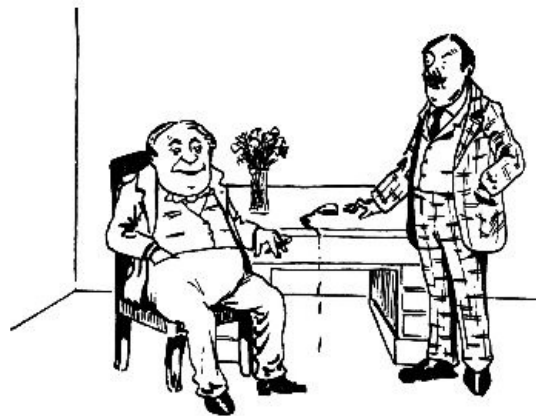
the *seventh* place!



Picture the Viscount's great
surprise!
He scarcely could believe his
eyes!
He sought the Individual who
Had laid him odds at 9 to 2,
Suggesting as a useful tip
That they should enter
Partnership
And put to joint account the debt
Arising from his foolish bet.

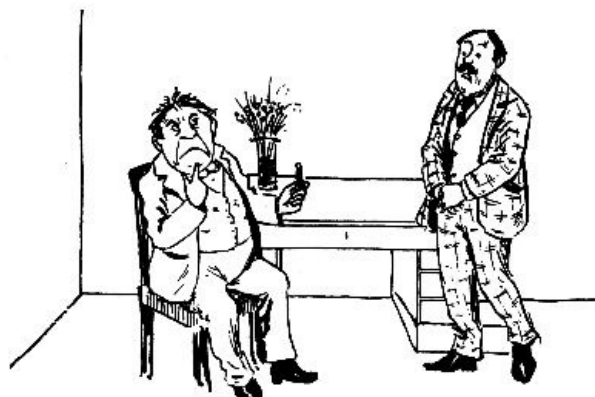


But when the Bookie—oh! my
word,
I only wish you could have heard
The way he roared he did not
think,
And hoped that they might strike
him pink!
Lord Hippo simply turned and ran
From this infuriated man.
Despairing, maddened and
distraught
He utterly collapsed and sought
His sire,



the Earl of Potamus,
And brokenly addressed him thus:
"Dread Sire—to-day—at Ascot—I
..."
His genial parent made reply:
Come! Come! Come! Come! Don't
look so glum!
Trust your Papa and name the
sum....

WHAT?



... *Fifteen hundred*
thousand?... Hum!
However ... stiffen up, you wreck;
Boys will be boys—so here's the
cheque!
Lord Hippo, feeling deeply—well,
More grateful than he cared to
tell—
Punted the lot on Little Nell:—
And got a telegram at dinner
To say



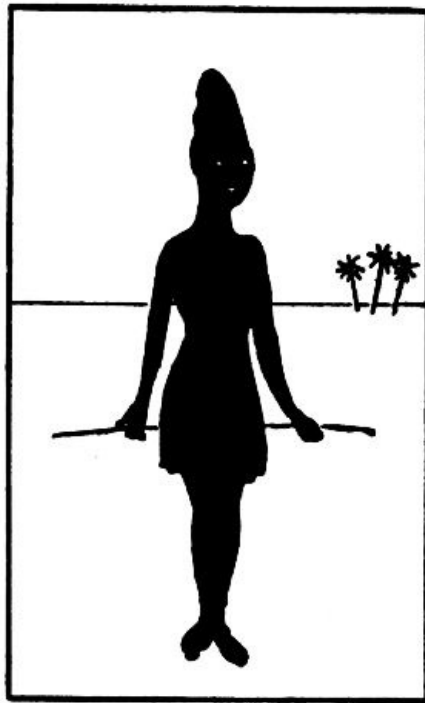
that he had backed the Winner!

Lord Uncle Tom

Lord Uncle Tom was different
from
What other nobles are.
For they are yellow or pink, I
think,
But he was black as tar.



He had his Father's debonair
And rather easy pride:
But his complexion and his hair



Were from the mother's side.

He often mingled in debate
And latterly displayed

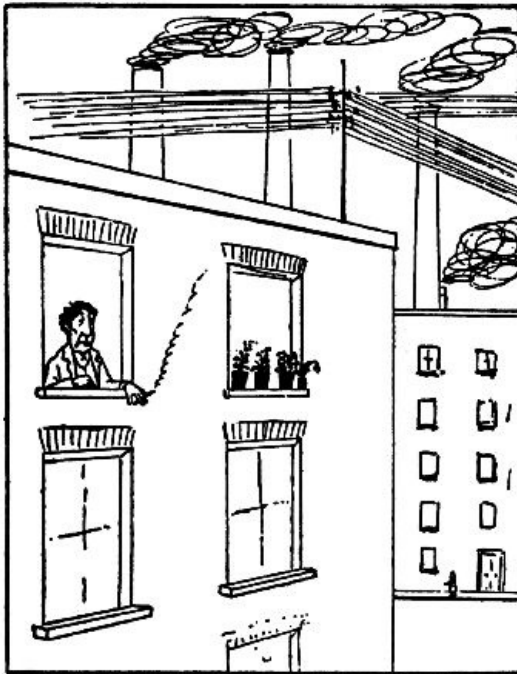


Experience of peculiar weight
Upon the Cocoa-trade.

But now He speaks no more. The
BILL
Which he could not abide,
It preyed upon his mind until
He sickened, paled, and died.

Lord Lucky

Lord Lucky, by a curious fluke,
Became a most important duke.
From living in a vile Hotel



A long way east of Camberwell

He rose, in less than half an hour,
To riches, dignity and power.
It happened in the following way:

—
The Real Duke went out one day
To shoot with several people, one



Of whom had never used a gun.
This gentleman (a Mr. Meyer
Of Rabley Abbey, Rutlandshire),
As he was scrambling through the
brake,



Discharged his weapon by
mistake,
And plugged about an ounce of

lead
Piff-bang into his Grace's Head

Who naturally fell down dead.

His heir, Lord Ugly, roared, "You
Brute!



Take that to teach you how to
shoot!"

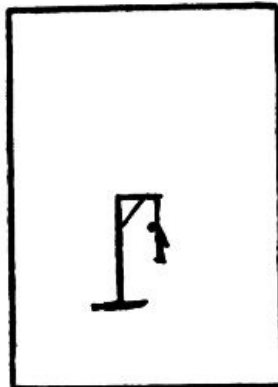
Whereat he volleyed, left and
right;

But being somewhat short of
sight,

His right-hand Barrel only got
The second heir, Lord Poddleplot;
The while the left-hand charge (or
choke)

Accounted for another bloke,
Who stood with an astounded air
Bewildered by the whole affair
—And was the third remaining
heir.

After the



Execution (which
Is something rare among the
Rich)
Lord Lucky, while of course he
needed
Some



help to prove their claim,
succeeded.
—But after his succession, though
All this was over years ago,
He only once indulged the whim
Of asking Meyer to lunch with
him.

Lord Canton

The reason that



the Present Lord
Canton
Succeeded lately to his Brother
John
Was that his Brother John, the
elder son,
Died rather suddenly at forty-one.

The insolence of an Italian guide



Appears to be the reason that he died.

Lord Abbott

Lord Abbott's coronet was far too small,
So small, that as he sauntered
down White Hall
Even the youthful Proletariat
(Who probably mistook it for a
Hat)
Remarked on its exiguous extent.



Here is a picture of the incident.

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