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Government By Journalism. For some few days, in fact, since the eclipse of the moon, the gentleman who writes our leading articles, whose name it is Smiff, has been mysteriously absent. He has at last turned up, and explains that he has been pondering, deeply and profoundly upon an idea. The gentleman is subject to ideas and to various depths of pondering In reply to a suggestion that the idea was apparently of an extra potent quality this time he waved his hand, as if fanning the fumes of a cigar, and resting his left hand on the table hoarsely whispered the words "Government by Journalism." That is the idea, he said, and after solemn thought I have put the result into writing, and have sketched the outline of the mode by which I think, the government by journalism may become practical. It is, as I have said, merely a sketch, but it contains the idea. That idea, if communicated to others, may lead to improvements, developments, and modifications, and a system of Government, may thus be devised that will ultimately entirely supersede the present representative

system. Here is the plan:-1. Every newspaper shall, at the top of W the first column on the first page, give the name of its editor.

2. The editor, thus named, shall be held personally responsible for all the political B and social opinions expressed in the newspaper.

3 The editor of every newspaper, having a circulation of more than 2000 copies a week, shall periodically be summoned to Ottawa, and when there assembled they shall form the Parliament, and perform all the duties now attaining to the national Parliament.

4. The votes in that Parliament shall be taken by ballot.

5 The Parliament shall appoint, from year to year an Executive Council, to carry on the business of the country when Parliament is not assembled.

6. Every such editor, in addition to being a member of the national Parliament, shall possess the power of a Police Magistrate and a County Judge. The following advantages are among many

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We hear that the "Family Herald and Weekly Star," of Montreal, will publish during the next few months special articles of extraordinary interest about farming in the North-West. The information which is at the service of the "Family Herald" is said to be of enormous value. The "Family Herald readers are sure to get the latest and the best information about the gold fields, the gold fever, and how to profit most by them. It is no wonder the "Family Herald and Weekly Star" holds its old subscribers and is getting myriads of new subscribers every week.



"It's the devil for any one to tell me a secret, for it is sure to come out in print."-HAZLITT.

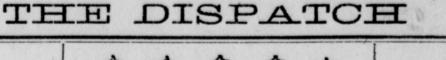
A London daily newspaper recently had this unhyphenated announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Levi, having cast off clothing of every description, invite an early inspection."

And now a member of the South Carolina legislature bobs up with a bill that makes it unlawful for a citizen of the Palmetto State to wear a nip pocket in the rear of his trousers. The bill is intended to make it more difficult for men to carry concealed weapons. Friends of temperance might work a similar bill through our legislature with good results, as the hip pocket is very popular in these regions for other purposes than of carrying a pistol.

They run things upon a pretty strict basis in Germany, it is very plain. For instance a poor but honest editor, who had a talent for caricaturing, printed a cartoon of Emperor William. The Emperor got on to the little racket and Mr. Editor is now spending a two months vacation in a certain fortress. Perhaps the editor was not "jugged" so much for the cartoon as for the fact that his paper is named the "Kladderidatsch." How could a man running a paper with such a name expect to escape imprisonment. Again how could an editor with a sense of the ludicrous fail to take off "Billy." Was there ever such a subject for caricature? I am glad he can't get at me and put me in a fortress, but he can't, as long as his grandmamma is my boss.



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3. The culture and intelligence of the people, not their ignorance and animalism, would guide the national affairs.

4. Partyism would cease, and the interests of the people, not the interest of a party would be studied by their representatives.

5. The disturbance, the expense, the worry and the ill-feelling attending contested elections would end, for there would be no elections.

6. Law would be less resorted to, and litigation would diminish, whilst arbitration and common-sense would take their place.

The forgoing is my conception of government by journalism. It would be easy to show that in several respects it would be greatly superior to the present system by which the people can obtain no other representatives except Grits and Tories, and such representatives have usually no other fitness for their position except being supporters of one of these two parties. It would also be much easier to show that the system I have suggested is absurd and ridiculous according to conventional and accepted notions. Whether those notions are sound, is the point at question. There you are. Think about it. Smoke a cigar over it, and the more you think about it the more you will see into the deep potentialities of the idea of Government by journalism.-Bobcageon Independent.

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Cuba Hawaii, and China furnish the prin cipal topics discussed editorially in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February. There are also a few paragraphs of pointed comment on current domestic politics-the factional differences among Ohio Republicans and the swelling tide of Crokerism in the Democratic party. The editor gives his views on Tammany's attitude toward the New York rapid-transit problem and on the reckless expenditure of canal improvement funds by the Republican bosses of the State.

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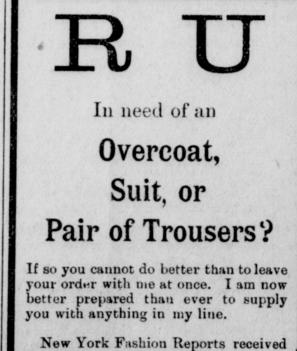
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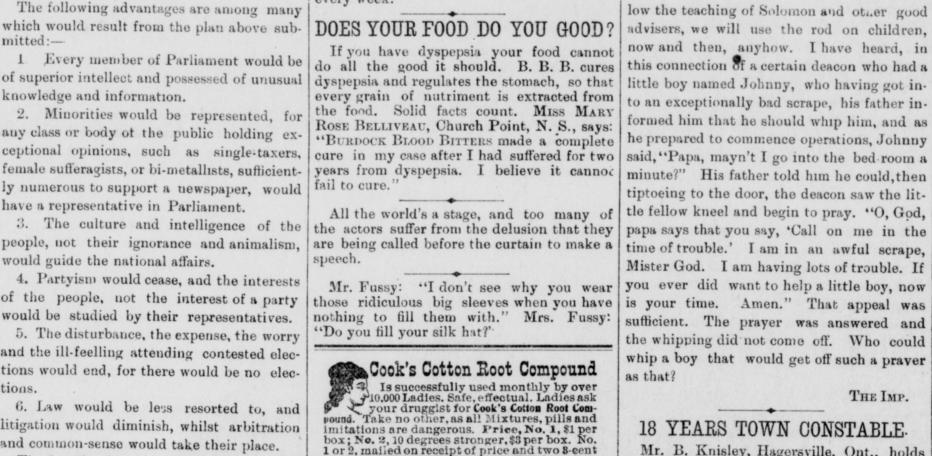


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"There! I've come away and left my watch.'

"Let's go back and get it," suggested the friend

"No; I don't believe we shall have time," said the professor, and he drew the lost watch out of his pocket, looked carefully at the dial, counted the minutes and added, "No, there won't be enough time."

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