

the left of Mr. Crawfish on the other extreme edge of the bench sat a stout lady whose name I was unable to divulge. I also observed that beneath Mr. Crawfish was the point X, that behind him was a tree, and that above him was the point A-prime. I quoted briefly from the satyric news item Mr. Crawfish was inwardly digesting, and I then directed general attention toward the Re Umberto Band. I remarked upon the skilful baton of Signor Furioso, and I observed that the band had reached that point in its spirited rendition when Signor Strombellini was to waft forth the "soft and plaintive tremolo of his trombone." I then moved a short distance from the band-stand toward Officer Sullivan who stood, for motives of a private character which I briefly outlined, with his back to the music. Thereafter I follow the outwardly smooth, but inwardly tempestuous course of the two clergymen toward the Church of the Reconciliation, observed the Rev. Fundament remove his hat, and saw them step behind Officer Sullivan. I then briefly described the young Mr. S. Trundle-Dick on the front steps of the church and I rapidly sketched a bird's eye view of the throng gathered within for the debate.

And now, having thus wet our mental whistles, we can with a clear conscience turn to Part III wherein I hope with the addition of an Efficient Cause and a few Natural Laws, to establish the truth of that ancient precept which I took pleasure in quoting at the very beginning of my work: i. e.,

No sparrowe droppes
But God wots.

PART III

Inasmuch as all things are in a process of flux, it was perhaps incorrect of me to have used the expression "Efficient Cause." For if, as philosophers tell me, all acts and all things have no real existence outside of that endless and indivisible flood of Time, then every act and every thing is not only a cause but an effect as well. The division into the dual categories is merely arbitrary, and therefore should I, raising this mallet which I have before me, thump a gong with it and roundly assert that the sound subsequently issuing forth from the gong was produced by the Efficient Cause of mallet, I would not only open myself up to charges of loose thinking and speak-