

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

The crowning glory of a woman is—her bonnet!

Chicago *Mail*:—"Anarchist Parsons said he must have either liberty or death. And the public quite agreed with him.

One danger of female suffrage is that the women may want the men to bet them fifty dollar bonnets against six dollar hats on the result.—*Baltimore American*.

Tommy: "Pa, when I grow up to be a man. I am going to get married."
Mr. Henpeck: "Perhaps you will die, Tommy, before you come of age. Let's try and look on the bright side of things."

A girl in Starke County, Fla., barks constantly like a dog. Well, the power of imitation is not confined to the human race. We have heard plain, homo-bred cats that sang just like some girls. And yet it didn't add to the popularity of the cat.

Milking time on the farm:

Country Husband: "Alice, where's the cow?"

City Bride: "I locked her up in the ice-house, dear, so as she'd make some ice cream. It's so hot!"

"The Prohibitionists," says the sagacious Boston *Globe*, "have some mighty good traits: they know what they want and are not afraid to ask for it." This is somewhat sweeping. They generally wink for "it" in Prohibition States, and always take "sugar in their'n."

"Singular, isn't it, what queer superstitions some people have! Now, there's Johnson; he says he never can bear to pass an open door." "Yes, I know it. I saw him dive into five saloons while going a quarter of a mile yesterday morning. That's a very common superstition."

An alligator's throat is an animated sewer. Everything which lodges in it goes down. He is a lazy dog, and instead of hunting for something to eat he lets his victuals hunt for him. That is, he lies with his great mouth open, apparently dead, like the 'possum. Soon a beetle crawls into it, then a fly, then several gnats, and a colony of mosquitos. But he doesn't close his mouth yet. He is waiting for a whole drove of things. He does his eating by wholesale. A little later a lizard will cool himself under the shade of the upper jaw. Then a few frogs will hop up to catch the mosquitos. Then more mosquitos and gnats will alight on the frogs. Finally a whole village of insects and reptiles settle down for an afternoon picnic. Then all at once there is an earthquake. The big jaw falls; the alligator blinks one eye, gulps down the entire monagerie, and opens his great front door again for visitors.—*California Patron*.

Father O'Halloran had a telephone put into the parsonage in connection with the church, parochial school, etc. Patrick McFee, his reverence's handy man, was instructed in the use of the instrument, and it was only the next day when Pat, dusting out the church, heard the clatter of the telephone bell. Taking down the receiver, he was pleased to hear Father O'Halloran's familiar voice asking him something or other about his work. Pat, in essaying to answer, remembered that his reverence was a long way off, and Pat consequently hollowed into the transmitter at the top of his voice. "I don't understand you, Patrick," said the telephone. Pat tried again, with no better success. On his third trial he came near splitting the telephone; but again came near Father O'Halloran's voice. "I can't hear what you are saying, Patrick." Pat had by this time lost something of his patience, and as he stood gathering breath for a fourth blast he couldn't refrain from soliloquizing in a low tone, "Ah! may the Devil fly away wid the ould fool." But Pat dropped the telephone like a hot potato and fell on his knees in dismay when he heard Father O'Halloran's voice once again, "Now I hear you perfectly, Patrick."

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE BLONDE.—An interesting question is being agitated in Europe. It is asserted that there is a gradual decrease of blondes in Germany. Almost 11,000,000 school children were examined in Germany, Austria and Belgium, and the result showed that Switzerland has only 11.10, Austria 19.79 and Germany 31.80 per cent. of pure blondes. Thus the country which, since the days of ancient Rome, has been proverbially known as the home of yellow hair, has to-day only thirty-two pure blondes in 100, while the average of pure brunettes is 14 per cent. and in some regions rises as high as 25 per cent. The 53 per cent. of the mixed type are said to be undergoing a transformation into brunettes. Dr. Beddoe, in England, has collected statistics which seem to point in the same direction. Among 726 women he examined he found 369 brunettes and 357 blondes. Of the brunettes he found that 78 per cent. were married, while of the blondes only 68 per cent. were married. Thus it would seem that in England the brunette has ten chances of getting married to a blonde's nine. In France a similar view has been put forth by Adolph de Candolle, who found that when both parents have eyes of the same color 88 per cent. inherit this color. But it is a curious fact that more females than males have black or brown eyes to the proportion of forty-five to forty-three. It seems that with different colored eyes in the two parents 53 per cent followed the father in being dark-eyed and 55 per cent. follow the mother in being dark-eyed. An increase of 5 per cent. of dark eyes in each generation must tell in the course of time.—*New York Graphic*.

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