

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

OUR HOUSE CAT.

By the hearth all day he's dreaming,
Such a tender kitten seeming;
You're almost sure a soul like his would never rudely spat,
But at night when he goes prowling,
With his most unearthly howling,
He's a terror to the natives, is our roaring Thomas cat.

Can it be that these dumb creatures
Are possessed of dual natures,
One of which they show in kindness and the other when they fuss?
If they're one thing in their gladness,
And another in their sadness,
They really are no better than you'll find a few of us.

In Siam the cats have their tails banded, but in all civilized countries they are banded all over.

Studies in Repartee.—She: "How silent you are! What are you thinking of?" He: "Nothing!" She: "Egotist!"

There is one thing that the invincible western cyclone has never yet succeeded in lifting, and that is a mortgage.

Some fashionable young men wear two pins in the necktie. It is to be hoped the pretty girls will not adopt the fashion of wearing two pins in the belt. One often causes trouble enough.

Fresh to the Country.—Young Lady: "Can you tell me where the meet is?" Butcher's Boy (a recent importation from London): "Yes, mum. I just took it hup to the 'all this mornin'!"—Punch.

A French Gentleman, after a grouse drive in Scotland, being asked by his host what he has killed, replied—"Of zo grouse none—zey are too diffi cult; but of zo vild sheep I have seven over z: hill!"

An examination in the public schools: Professor to pupil—"In which of his battles was Gustavus Adolphus killed?"

Pupil, after reflection—"I think it was in his last battle."

A Man of His Word.—"Promise me, John, that you will not get into any terrible railroad accidents, or be burnt to death at a hotel. Promise me that, John, or my heart will break!" [John promised faithfully that he would not.]

What is the use of discussion about the finding of a supposed autograph of Shakespeare in a volume in the Boston Public Library? Has not the Hon. Ignatius Donnelly demonstrated that the gentleman from Warwickshire couldn't write?

Had Enough to Last.—Woman (to tired tramp, who is resting at the gate): "If you'll come round to the back door I'll give ye a piece o' pie." Tired Tramp: "Thanks, ma'am, not any, you gave me a piece of pie when I passed through this section last summer."

A Chance in Luck.—Magistrate: "You are charged with stealing chickens, Uncle Rastus." Uncle Rastus: "Yes, sah: so I understand." Magistrate: "Have you ever been arrested before?" Uncle Rastus: "Only wouce befo', you honah. It's always bon bery lucky."

Too Much for the Hub.—Customer (to Boston barber): "What has become of that New York man you had last week? He was the best barber I ever saw." Boston Barber: "Yes, he was an artist; but he persisted in saying 'nex' gent' for 'next gentleman,' and I had to let him go."

In a Perthshire parish a young woman went to join the church. She had never been to school, and could not say the shorter Catechism. The first question the minister asked her was, "Can you tell me who brought you out of the land of Egypt and out of the house of bondage?" Her reply was, "Weel, sir that's just the way lees spread; for I never was over the Brig of Cally in my life."

There is no courtship in the antarctic regions at present. The sun shines there all the time.

A popular man is usually what he is called, but a popular subscription is usually very unpopular.

It may be that love makes the world go round, but an overdose of whisky will do it more successfully.

Noah was just like all other sailors. The moment he got ashore after his voyage he went and got drunk.

The man who is most satisfied with himself generally gives the least satisfaction to those by whom he is surrounded.

The Turks and the Crescent.—The crescent was not originally an emblem of the Turk. It was first used by the primitive Christians of Constantinople and the eastern provinces of the old Roman Empire as an emblem of the growing influence of Christianity. It was not until about the year 1453, after the Turks had overrun Asia Minor and parts of south-eastern Europe, and had captured Constantinople, that the Turks adopted the crescent as their national emblem. The Koran prohibits the use of images and symbols in the religious ceremonies of the strict Turk, or the internal decorations of their temples and mosques, the rule being so strict as not to allow the martial or civic decoration of their greatest generals or pashas, successful commanders or other distinguished persons. The adoption of the crescent by the Turk as a national emblem is an oddity which has, so far, remained unexplained.

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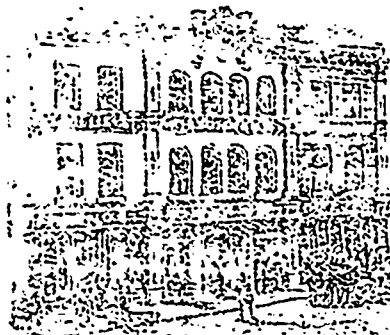
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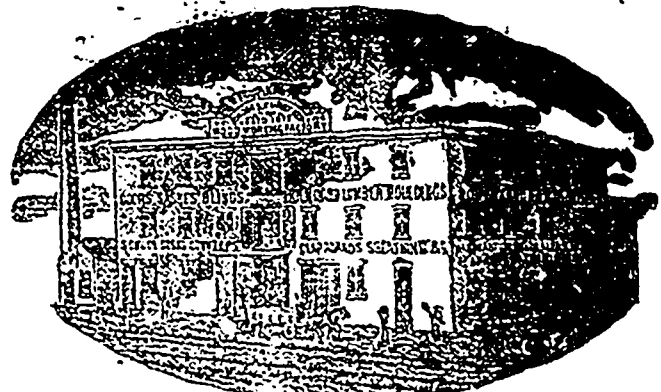
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