

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

WHEN THE INNOCENT SUFFER.

I stood on my head at midnight,
With my foot through a mirror thrown;
My neck was bent like the letter S
And I hadn't the strength to groan.

Six inches of skin had parted
From each of my bruised shins;
Then I knew that retribution
Awaiteth human sins.

But seldom, oh, how seldom,
It falls upon the one
Who's guilty of the sinning—
By whom the hurt is done.

For well I knew my youngest,
Though, mayhap, unaware,
Had left that broken broomstick
Upon the hallway stair.

"Are these the sleeping cars?"
Uncle Clover—"I don't know, but the folks are snorin' loud enough
to wake 'em up, if they are."

WHAT PROVOKED HER.

He came home in his evening dress,
Which was not such a sin.
What made his wife so mad was this—
The milkman let him in.

Taclo—I see there is a man in Boston who claims to have invented
a field glass with which you can see through fog.

Backrow—If he could succeed in inventing an opera glass with which
you could see through millinery he'd make his fortune.

SHE WAS TIRED.—He—How many bridesmaids are you going to have.

She—None.

He—Why, I thought you had set your heart on it.

She—I had, but from present indications the girls I want will all be
married first.

A BAD BREAK.—Gus Snoberly—I hear Miss Daisy Dimple is engaged
again. Is it a fact?

Billy Goldbug—Yes, I know it is so.

Snoberly—Well, they say practice makes perfect. She has been engaged
at one time or another to almost every blank fool in Harlem. Who is her
last victim?

"I am."

LABOR NOTE.—In a New York business office there was a young man
who did not do much except loaf. He has, moreover, of late acquired the
habit of coming into the office very late. His employer remarked to him:

"You are late again this morning."

"Yes, but it can't make much difference, as you say I don't do any-
thing," replied the clerk.

"That's true. You do absolutely nothing, but I want you to do it in
the office."

A HINT TO RISE.—The grave young man in ordinary black leather shoes
was reading his Bible when the summer girl in white Eton jacket entered
the car.

The young man's lips moved, but he did not.

He pretended not to see.

Presently a look of pain flitted across his face.

"Excuse me," he growled, "you are standing on my feet."

She smiled sweetly.

"I beg your pardon," she murmured, "but you did not seem to be
using them yourself."

Glowering ferociously at the dainty slippers beneath the snowy skirt, he
made his way to the front platform.

WASTED AMMUNITION.

I paid two dollars for a tie—
Oh, it was just immense—
And then I started for the shore
With gaiety intense.

Said I: "I'll paralyze the girls
With this most gorgeous tie.
With them 'twill be love at first sight
As I walk smiling by."

But when I stood upon the beach
At last I had a fit—
By Jove! the first girl that I saw
Had on one just like it.

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A SHORTENING.

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A lady passed on marketing day.
Who, pausing at a grocery store,
Stepped quickly in at the open door.
With bated breath and anxious mien
She queried: "have you COTTOLENE?"

The grocer, leaving off his work,
Interrogated every clerk;
But none up to that time had seen
An article called "COTTOLENE."

"What is it?" said he to the dame,
"That answers to this curious name.
What is it made of? What's its use?
My ignorance you'll please excuse."

"You're not the merchant for my dimes,
I see you're quite behind the times.
For COTTOLENE, I'd have you know,
Is now the thing that's all the go,
An article of high regard;
A healthful substitute for lard.
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The grocer gently scratched his head—
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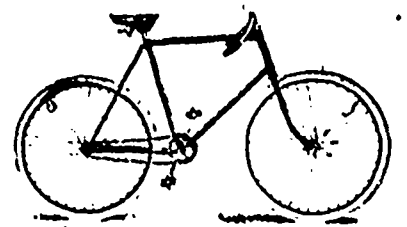
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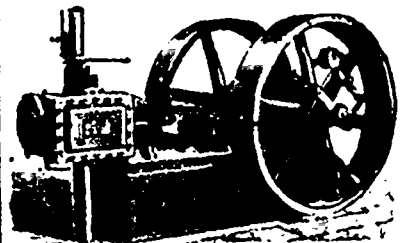
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