

CHAT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

CHIROMANCY.

And what do I see in your hand, pretty maid,  
That doth of the future foretell?  
It's a wonderful volume of faith, pretty maid,  
To the eye that pursueth it well.

Thus spake; though I didn't in honesty know  
The meaning of one little line;  
But this much I know—it was whiter than snow,  
That hand that lay nestled in mine.

It was whiter than snow; and perhaps I might say  
It was some degrees warmer, as well  
And I gazed at its lines in a studious way,  
As I made up a story to tell.

"There's a wonderful deal in this fair little hand,"  
Quoth I, "but there's principally this"—  
(For such a temptation, how could I withstand?)  
And I filled it all up with a kiss.

There was much in that hand, I've good reason to know,  
Having learned to my lasting regret,  
For this circumstance happened some three days ago,  
And my ear's a bright crimson yet.

—John P. Lyons in *Once a Week*.

One great trouble with those who go to the bad is that they seldom think of providing themselves with a return ticket.

A scientist says a wasp may be picked up if it is done quietly. Yes; it is when the wasp is laid down again that the noise begins.

A Sunday-school boy, upon being asked what made the tower of Pisa lean, replied: "Because of the famine in the land."

A man never seems to value his hat so highly as he does when a frisky March wind keeps it rolling along the sidewalk just about three feet in front of him.

Ethel (entering parlor)—O, Aggie, so glad to see you. (They kiss.)  
Why, you are engaged to be married! Aggie—How do you know? Ethel—  
I can tell by the way you kiss.

Elderly Masher (who can't see that his attentions are unwelcome)—I'm sure you're fond of music! Persecuted Fair One (pettishly)—Oh—yes—very—when it puts a stop to conversation.

Leap Year is gone, too. Miss Ketchon—"Did you knock at the door when you came to-night, George?" Mr. Tumblety—"Yes, Amy; why do you ask?" Miss Ketchon, shyly—"I thought perhaps you had come with a ring."

A poor relative has been unfolding to the rich banker a harrowing story of his misery; the rich banker rings for his servant, and with tears in his voice, says: "Yacoub, dot miserable wretch break mine heart mit his droubles; if I listen unto him some more, he will get some money from me, sure! Put him out, Yacoub, put him out quick, before I make such a fool of me."

The electric storage system is evidently a success as far as experience shows in relation to street-railway lines. Among other instances one comes to us of the Omnibus Company of Paris. Carriages are run by this company from the Arc de Triompho to Curbevoie, a distance of two miles. Each of the forewheels of a car is moved by a separate dynamo, controlled by the driver. The speed attained is somewhat greater than that of horse propulsion, and the general operation is satisfactory.

Crowly was a chimpanzee. He was an interesting feature at a zoological museum, and his human traits offered much amusement to visitors. He died a few months ago, and his brain has been examined by Dr. Spitzka, who finds that it weighs less than one-third that of a human brain, but in the course of the examination he made an important discovery. At the floor of the fourth ventricle in intelligent persons there are what are called auditory streaks, which are supposed to have something to do with hearing and the power to distinguish the different words of a language, and in the brain of this chimpanzee were found faint white streaks in this area—a fact more remarkable when it is borne in mind that in deaf mutes these auditory streaks are not to be found.

PROFESSOR FLOWER ON PYGMIES.—Pygmies exist, but they are not very small. That seems to be the first deduction from the lecture on the subject given by Professor Flower on the 10th ult. at the London Institution. The smallest known race, he says, are some Negroes living among the other Negroes of Central Africa, one tribe of whom, called Akkas, dwell on the west of Lake Nyanza. The men and women of this tribe, who have been seen by many travellers, are only four feet high. They live by themselves, in separate communities, and may very well be the Pygmies of the Greeks, who got their information from Phœnician sailors, given, like all Asiatics, to exaggeration. The professor advises explorers to study carefully the habits, language, &c., of this race; and he might have added that they should look out for the bones of fossil birds. The tradition about the cranes must have had a basis of some kind; and the gigantic bird, the roc of Arabian legend, which certainly existed in Madagascar within the historic period, may have retreated there from the Continent; or the Pygmies may have lived in the desert and hunted the ostrich, which fights furiously in dying.

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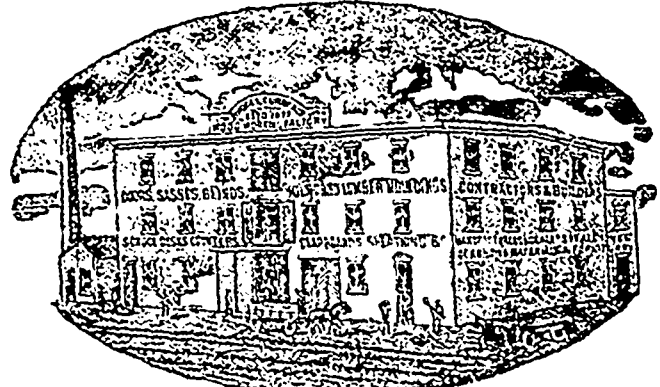
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