

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

DEGREES IN CRIME.

If you should steal a million golden dollars in a lump,
The people would regard you as a genius and a trump.
If you secure but half the pile, a "shortage" that would be,
Whereas a somewhat less amount would be "insolvency."
To steal a tiny, paltry sum would give them the belief
That you were a dishonest man, a robber and a thief.
But if you steal a loaf of bread, whereby your life is saved,
They'll put you into prison with the totally depraved.

Chicago Herald.

In order to be a successful sculptor one must be correct at figures.

When a woman shows enough interest in a man to pick a piece of lint off his overcoat he can marry her if he only says so.

Non-Committal.—He (cautiously)—What would you say, darling, if I should ask you to be my wife? Darling (even more cautiously)—Ask me, and find out.

In a library in Paris, the largest in the world, is a Chinese chart of the heavens made about six hundred years before Christ. In this chart 1,400 stars are found to be correctly inserted.

Quite Tasteful.—"Oh, Sophy! I hear you kissed Mr. Rondo, the poet in the conservatory last night?" "Um-m m!" "Tell me. What was it like?" "Well, he has a very pronounced literary taste."—Punch.

"Come sit beneath this old oak tree,
And I of love will speak to thee."
"Thou'lt speak of love? we'll sit," she said,
"Beneath this chestnut tree instead."

Sympathetic Friend (to widow): "Your husband's death was a terrible one, Mrs Bently." Widow (sadly): "Ah, yes! Poor John was a kind husband, but I could have wished he had known a little more about circular saws!"

A.: "Do you see yonder gentleman in the fur coat?" B.: "Yes." A.: "That man has helped to dry up many a tear." B.: "Ah, then he is a benefactor of his species, a philanthropist?" A.: "No, he is a large manufacturer of pocket-handkerchiefs."

By a printer's error a Queensland paper was made to say: "There need be demand no longer for Jules Verne's and other blackguards' works of imagination." In another issue it said: "For 'other blackguards please read 'Rider Haggard's'."

As an instance of the growth of the Australian colonies, it may be noted that during the last seven years the land under tillage in Victoria has increased by 1,000,000 acres, and the rateable value of country lands has increased from £55,000,000 to £95,000,000.

Poe's "Raven" has been done into choice Volapuk. "The Raven" is "Bab"; the refrain "Nevermore" is "Lenovelo," while the first line reads, "Vuno du zenelt glumik febik'e finik asuenob." We always feared that Raven would get into trouble, and now we know it.

ALMOST A HINT.—He—Give me a kiss?
She—You should be ashamed of yourself.
Ashamed of what?
Of asking for a kiss when you have such a chance to take one.

"I suppose you can give me a napkin?" the stranger hazarded as he sat down at the supper table of the Skowhosh hotel. "Why, certain!" said the host, heartily. "It kinder slipped my mind that you wuz from Bostown. Abbie, bring the napkin, an' don't forget to put the toothbrush on the washstand in No 6."

He (about to ask for a kiss): "I have an important question to ask." She (playfully): "I know what it is, George. You want me to be your wife. Well, take me." He (rather taken aback): "This is somewhat sudden; isn't it?" She (tenderly): "I don't know, George, whether it is sudden for you or not, but I have waited for it three years."

Vicomte le Vieux (to Miss Wise from Colorado)—"Ah! mademoiselle, you think Paris is gay now. You should have seen it under the old regime. Par example, before the death of Louis Quinze—" Miss Wise (breathlessly)—"Oh, do not tell me he is dead, vicomte! Papa has promised me that he should make the furniture for the new drawing-room."

CHLORIS.

I saw faire Chloris walk alone
Whyle boldo wynde blew ye streete adowne,
And to ye lyttle mayde unknown
It fluttered free her tailor-gowne,
I stood all on ye corner gave
Whyle wanton wyndes did this contryve
To shewe—alas! alack-a-days?
That Chloris wore ye number fyve?

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