

CHUCKLES.

Men who must draw the line somewhere.—Surveyors.

A paper says of a contemporary that "it has doubled its circulation; another man takes a copy now."

A resident in Epsom says he only backed one horse in his life, and that was into a shop window.

Eufant Terrible (patting his uncle Jack's bald head): "Say, uncle Jack, is that where you got spanked when you're naughty?"

Charles Dudley Warner says that there are a great many men who can't pay for a paper, but he never saw a man who could not edit one.

"Is that a friend of yours?" asked a gentleman, pointing to a party who was sailing rapidly down the street. "Can't tell you till next Saturday," returned the individual addressed. "I've just lent him a sovereign."

"Insurance Agent: "To what amount do you want your building insured?" Dutch Granger: "Vhat vash dot, eh?" "How high am I to insure them?" "Oh! vell, so high dot de lightning' don't donner him down, und broad enough to take in der barn, pig-pen, and de whole betzness."

The son of a butcher had great difficulty in fractions, although his teacher did his very best. "Now, let us suppose," said the teacher, "that a customer came to your father to buy five pounds of meat, and your father had only four to sell—what would he do?" "Keep his hand on the meat while he was weighing it," was the candid answer.

Coach (to college athlete): "Your muscles seem soft, and your whole system needs toning up. Are you drinking anything?" College Athlete: "Not a drop." Coach: "Smoking to excess?" College Athlete: "No." Coach: "Studying?" College Athlete: "Er—yes, a little." Coach (indignantly): "Great heavens, man, do you want to lose the race?"

Conductor: "Just my luck. Jack pulled out ahead of me with four pairs of spectacles aboard, and I haven't got one." Passenger: "What do you want spectacled passengers for? Are they lucky?" Conductor: "Don't know anything about that, but I've got three bad shillings to work off this trip, and it's only near-sighted people that is taking 'em nowadays."

He (trying to get out of it pleasantly): "I'm awfully sorry that I must go to-night, Miss Bessie. What an agreeable two weeks we've had of it. I will go and ask your father—" (he was going to say "to harness the horse.") She: "Oh, William, I knew it would come, and I asked pa yesterday so as to save you the trouble. He's more than willing."—*Tid-Bits.*

We were at a dance, and several of us were in the smoking-room, indulging in a quiet cigarette, when the band struck up a quadrille. We hastily threw down our cigarettes, and were leaving the room, when we found one was staying behind. He was asked why, and in answer replied that he did not know the figures. His questioner said, "Oh! never mind, come and be my *vice versa*, it will be all right." Of course he meant "vis-a-vis."

An English traveller in Ireland, greedy for information and always fingering the note-book in his breast pocket, got into the same railway carriage with a certain Roman Catholic archbishop. Ignorant of his rank, and only perceiving that he was a divine, he questioned him pretty closely about the state of the country, whiskey drinking, etc. At last he said, "You are a parish priest, yourself, of course." His grace drew himself up. "I was once, sir," he answered, with icy gravity. "Dear, dear, was the sympathizing rejoinder, "that accursed drink, I suppose."

PROGRESSIVE COURTSHIP.—She—What is progressive euchre, John?
He—I'm sure I don't know. The thing I'm most interested in just now is progressive courtship.

She—Oh! what is that?
He—Well, for a little while after he begins to pay his addresses to her he simply shakes hands with her when they are parting at night, as I have been doing for the last two months. Then he becomes a little bolder, and some night, as he is leaving her, he puts his arm around her waist, like this, and kisses her, as I do now. There.

She (blushing)—And the next thing, I suppose, he proposes.

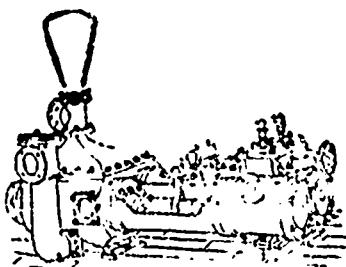
PLEASING PROFANITY.—A clergyman was so unfortunate as to be caught in a severe gale in the voyage out. The water was exceedingly rough, and the ship persistently buried her nose in the sea. The rolling was constant, and at last the good man got thoroughly frightened. He believed they were destined for a watery grave. He asked the captain if he could not have prayers. The captain took him by the arm and led him down to the fore-castle, where the tars were singing and sweating. "There," said he, "whon you hear them swearing you may know there is no danger." He went back feeling better; but the storm increased his alarm. Disconsolate and unassisted he managed to stagger to the fore-castle again. The ancient mariners were swearing as ever. "Mary," he said, to his sympathetic wife, as he crawled into his berth, after tacking across a wet deck—"Mary, thank God they're swearing yet!"—*Harper's Magazine.*

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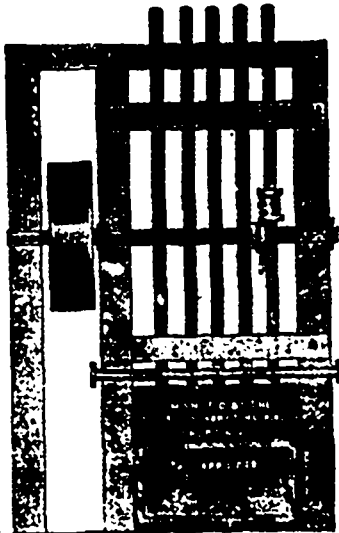
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