

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

BLIND LOVE.

Two lovers 'neath yon poplar tree—
 She sixty-five, he seventy;
 But still he is to her the beau
 Who wooed her fifty years ago;
 For wrinkled brow and trembling knee
 Disturb not her serenity;
 Nor faded cheek nor whitened curl
 Can ever steal from him the girl
 Whom 'neath yon ancient poplar tree
 He wooed and won 'n forty-three.

—Kato Whiting.

To Oliver Wendell Holmes is attributed the remark that the millennium would be near at hand "when lawyers take what they would give, and doctors give what they would take."

Jaysmith (worsted in a discussion) "I won't argue with a fool." Cumso (cheerfully)—"I will. Now that point you disputed last. I—" But Jaysmith had escaped.—*Brooklyn Life*.

She—What did we do at the farm? Oh, the girls hugged the stove and the men smoked.

He—Why didn't the men hug the girls and let the stove smoke?

God made the country,
 And man made the town;
 But who made the suburbs
 Is not yet set down.

There are 250,000 words in the English language, and many of them were used last Sunday by a woman who discovered, after coming out of church, that her new hat was adorned with a tag which read, "Reduced to 6s. 8d."—*Tri-Bits*.

TOO GREAT A BLOW.

He slept in the room where the gas escaped,
 But this he did not dread;
 It was when he saw the first month's bill
 That he fell down limp and dead.

TOO INQUISITIVE.—Customer—I want to look at some fur trimming, please.

Clerk—What fur, please?

Customer (in high dudgeon)—I want it for a dress, but I don't see what difference it can make to you.

"I paid the man for finishing the cistern this morning, Josiah," said Mrs. Chugwater, "and it took the last cent there was in the house."

"Never mind that, Samantha," replied Mr. Chugwater, "we've got something for a rainy day at last."

BUT, OH, WHAT A DIFFERENCE.—"Hello, Stumble, what became of that shy little girl that you tried to coax into saying she loved you last summer?"

Stumble—Oh, she has changed a good deal. She is my wife now, and every day she tells me what she thinks of me without any trouble.

BEWARE OF THE TELEPHONE GIRL.

She was a simple telephone girl,
 In the court she gave him such a whirl,
 She knew her biz.
 It was in a breach of promise case,
 On the stand she showed her tear-stained face
 While she told the jury everything,
 And proved he had given her a ring.

Our sympathies go out to the five-year-old who ten minutes after being "slicked up" for church, came in so black and dirty as to bring down reproof upon himself. "Oh, I know, mamma," he explained, "our Sunday-school teacher tells us the Bible says we're all made of dust, and when I play, it just comed out!"

IN THE ORCHARD.—"This tree seems to be loaded with apples," remarked a stranger.

"Yes, sir," replies the rural miss. "Pop says this is a good apple year."

"I am glad to hear that. Are all your trees as full of apples as this one?"

"Oh, no. Only the apple trees."

VIS-A-VIS.

We chanced to meet
 Upon the busy street—
 A glance
 Perchance
 A sudden color told the tale complete.

Young love not dead
 Tho' all its hopes were fled
 And dreams
 But gleams
 O'er the dark waters of a nameless dread.

The thronged mart
 Then swiftly swept apart.
 One glance!
 Perchance
 A longer look had made a faithless heart.

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