

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

The night has a thousand eyes
And the day but one,
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes
And the heart but one,
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

It was before Washington went into politics that "he could not tell a lie." The record is silent after that.

"No man," said the red-headed woman sternly, "shall kiss me. 'captin' he's the stronger of the two, and dear knows I'm weaker 'n a cat."

According to the Philadelphia Record, Queen Victoria, Empress Victoria and Princess Victoria, have a new motto, to wit:—"To the Victorias belong the spoils."

Miss Homersham, who is lecturing in England on nursing, recommends that the sick room should contain only two chairs. "One, a very comfortable one, for the nurse, and a very uncomfortable one for visitors who stay too long."

A VIOLENT INFERENCE.—"Little boy," said an old lady, "is your father a Christian? Does he fear the Lord?"

"I guess he does," replied the little boy. "I know when he started for church las' Sunday he took his gun with him."

English archery of the days of old was a far more terrible thing than is generally supposed. The range of the long-bow was from 320 to 400 yards, and by a statute of Henry VIII. a fine of six shillings and eight pence was inflicted for practising at a mark under 220 yards.

A Scotchman went to a lawyer for advice and detailed the circumstances of the case. "Have you told the facts precisely as they occurred?" asked the lawyer.

"Oh, aye, sir," replied he; "I tho't it best to tell ye plain truth; ye can put the lees into it yourself."

The New York Sun's fashionable fad discoverer reports that all the dudish trousers this spring are to be striped, and nearly all have dark brown stripes, either wide or narrow, on light brown back-grounds. The newest wrinkle with those who have money to indulge in fads, is for very young ladies to wear skirts of precisely the same pattern as the trousers of the man they fancy most. It is already a common sight on the uptown avenue to see young couples uniformly dressed, the girls very often having jackets that match the overcoats of their companions. A queer circumstance grew out of this idea in a fashionable school close by Central Park. A young man who knows half the girls in the school, and is very popular, appeared in very striking trousers a week ago, and this week, it is said, the skirts of five of the girls are of the same material.

SOUTH AMERICAN MOSQUITOES.—Some ludicrous stories are told about adventures with the mosquitoes. I have been solemnly assured that very often when they have attacked a boat and driven its captain and crew below, they have broken the windows of the cabin by plunging in swarms against them, and have attempted to burst in the doors. Although this may be something of an exaggeration, it is nevertheless true that frequently horses and cattle, after the most frightful sufferings, have died from mosquito-bites on board the vessels. Not long ago, a herd of valuable cattle were being taken from the United States to a ranch upon the Magdalena River, and became so desperate under the attacks of the mosquitoes that they broke from their stalls, jumped into the water, and all were drowned. Passengers intending to make the voyage usually provide themselves with protection in the shape of mosquito-bars, head-nets, and thick gloves, and when on deck are compelled to tie their sleeves around their wrists and their pantaloons around their ankles.—W. E. Curtis, in The American Magazine for May.

Most assuredly no one in the Maritime Provinces will recognize April this year by the following dainty description. Let us hope it may stand for May, though that outlook scarcely seems promising at the moment we pen this prologue:—

MISTRESS APRIL.

Aisles of tender, diaphanous green,
Sweet with the vireo's phrases,
Fields opalescent and rich in the sheen
Of the tinted bloom of the daisies!
Lo! she has come, Mistress April, to teach
Canzonets blithe to the swallows,
Love—precious love—to the violets frail,
And charms to the whispering mallows.

Skies of misty and tremulous blue,
Thrilled by the lark's heav'nly matin;
Covets where daffodils fashion snow
Their gay little garments of satin.
Lo! she has come, Mistress April, to teach
Songs of delight to the grieving,
Ballads of hope to the doubters, and faith
To the blind and unbelieving.

—Helen Chase, in the American Magazine for April.

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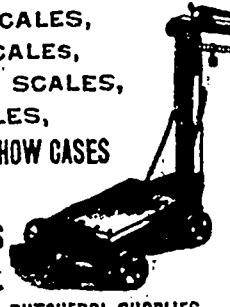
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