

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

MEMORIES.

A tiny glove of tan chevreton,
A little rent where some one tore it;
And I will never quite forget
The girl who wore it.

Her face was fair, of classic mold;
Her eyes now laughed and now gazed sadly;
Her hair resembled burnished gold,
I loved her madly.

We met. She smiled upon me when,
Enchanted, at her side I tarried.
I asked her to be mine; but then
She said, "I'm married."

So ended all my dreams of love;
But I will never quite forget
The girl who wore that tiny glove
Of tan chevreton.

Kind of Tommy.—"Tommy Figg," said the teacher, "you wrote this excuse, yourself."

"Yop," admitted Tommy. "You see paw writes such a poor hand 'at I felt 'shamed for you to see it."

Here is some solid food for thought,
I heard it at a recent ball—
'Tis better to be kissed and caught,
Than never to be kissed at all.

Another Anglomaniac.—He—I am rather in favor of the English mode of spelling.

She—Ye-es?

He—Yes, indeed. Take "parlor" for instance. Having "u" in it makes all the difference in the world.

SATISFACTORY.—Mrs. Goiteasy—Is this young man whom your daughter is about to marry thoroughly respectable?

Mrs. Newrich—Oh, yes, he's perfectly illegible.

Mrs. Goiteasy—H'm! Out of sight so to speak.

NOW SHE IS HAPPY AGAIN.—Young Mrs. Codling (to her papa)—Oh, papa, what does the word "contract" mean?

Papa—It means to make smaller, my dear. For instance, heat expands and cold contracts.

Mrs. Codling—Then it's all right. Harry told me he was contracting some heavy debts, and I was so nervous till you explained it.

AT THE FAIR.—Proprietor of Menagerie—Walk up, ladies and gentlemen, and see our famous lion, Mustapha. He is as sensible as any human being. A French sergeant once pulled out of his foot a thorn on which he had stepped. What do you think the noble creature did? It devoured, one by one, in order of rank, all the superior officers of our sergeant until the latter found himself promoted to the grade of colonel. Walk in, gentlemen; only a penny.

MATERNAL WISDOM.—English Sparrow (of last summer's hatch)—"What is this narrow, cooped up place, mother?"

Old Bird—"This is the inside of a church steeple, my child."

"Then this is the building where the people come to worship. Surely we are safe here!"

"Yes. We are just about 50 feet higher than the dear, good, sweet little boys can throw, my dear."

TWICE SPURNED.—"I spurn you with contempt," exclaimed the proud, imperious girl in haughty tones.

The spurree was a base-born clerk in her father's ninety-nine cent store. His head fell upon his breast at her cruel words.

But for an instant only.

Then he hoisted it aloft once more, defiantly.

"All right," he said, coldly, "That's better than being spurned with your father's boot."

He had tried both.

CUPID.

From your breast you may pluck
His dart, if you will;
But the place where it stuck
Is sensitive still.

DOMESTIC RECIPE (CT).—She (at her desk)—Dear, please tell me how to spell costume. I'm writing to mother about my lovely new gown.

He—Well, are you ready?

She—Yes.

He—C-o-s-t, cost.

She—Yes.

He—T-o, to.

She—Well?

He—M-e, me—\$200, as yet unpaid.

She—You're a wretch.

Oh, this ringing in the ears!
Oh, this humming in the head!
Hawking, blowing, snuffing, gasping,
Watering eyes and throat a-rasping,
Health impaired and comfort fled,
Till I would that I were dead!

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