

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A MODERN VALENTINE.

I've written it, love, with a stiff steel pen;
For the goose, I understand,
Are so learned, now, that their quills, I trow,
Must supply their own demand.

I've secured it, love, by the aid of glue,
Instead of a strand of hair,
Which I cannot obtain, for I see, with pain,
I have really none to spare.

I send it to you by the postman, love;
For Cupid, I grieve to hear,
Is afraid of the cold, and has grown so old
That he doesn't go out this year.

But the message is ever the same, my love,
While the stars their course fulfill,
Though to me and to you it may seem quite new,
'Tis the old, old story still.

It is curious how much faster a street car bumps along when you are running after it than when you are riding on it.

Without being alangy it is perfectly correct to say that when a young man takes his best girl out on the ice and she cannot skate, he will have to let her slide.

Old Lady—"I hope, my boy, that you do not sell papers on Sunday."
Small Newsboy (sadly)—"No, mum; I ain't big enough to carry a Sunday edition yet."

The man who complains that he has "married the wrong woman" doesn't deserve your sympathy. It should all be given to the woman. She has married the wrong man—by a large majority.

A bad tempered old bachelor declares that an ox-team is singularly symbolic of courtship and marriage, for it begins with a bow, continues with a ring and a yoke, progresses with a tongue, and ends by presenting to the world the picture of a goaded pair.

A NEW CRUSADE.—"I understand that there is a movement on foot to start a crusade against the practice of keeping houses too warm. Who's at the bottom of it?"

"A fellow who owns a lot of steam-heated flats."

A PANIC.—Little Dick—There was a panic in the theater I went to last night.

Little Johnny—Wot's a panic?

Little Dick.—W'y everybody gets scared 'cept you.

A LAD who had borrowed a dictionary to read, returned it after he got through, with the remark that "it was very nice reading, but it somehow changed the subject very often." It was his sister who thought the first ice-cream she tasted was "a 'leetle' touched with the frost."

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Mr. F., "where in the world did I put that reel of silk?" I was very careful when I put it away to have it fixed in my mind where I placed it." "Had it fixed in your mind, did you?" replied Fogg; "but nevertheless you now seem to be mixed in your mind."

THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL—"It is true that the children of great men rarely amount to anything."

"True; but just think of the cinch they have writing articles for the syndicates as 'The Unknown Children of Great Men.'"

ECONOMY.—Daisy—When I get big like you, mamma, I'm going to marry a doctor or a minister.

Mamma—Why, my dear?

Daisy—'Cause if I marry a doctor I can get well for nothing; if I marry a minister I can be good for nothing.

A tender-hearted husband. Husband—"I think I'll go out for a little walk, my dear."

Wife (wrathfully)—"I don't see how you can stand there and see your wife struggling with a fire that simply won't burn."

Husband—"I can't, my dear; that is the reason I am going out."

"If only the pity and love untold,
Were scattered abroad in coins of gold,
There would not be in the whole round earth,
One hungry heart or one desolate hearth.
And oh! if all the kind words unsaid
Would blossom and flower and spread and shed
Their sweetness around on the common air
The breath of heaven would be everywhere.

They tell a good story of a lawyer "out West." A client charged with stealing a hog admitted his guilt to his counsel. The latter was noted for honesty in private life. After thinking the matter over, he said: "John, cut that hog exactly in half, and bring one-half to me." John obeyed. The evidence for the prosecution was weak, and, when the counsel for the defence arose, he won the case by saying to the jury; "Gentlemen, I can hold up my hand to heaven and say that the defendant has no more of the hog than I have!"

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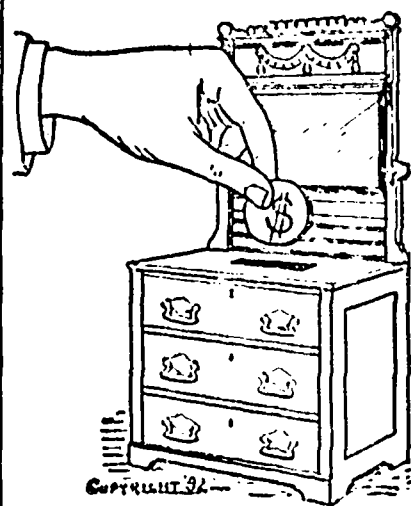
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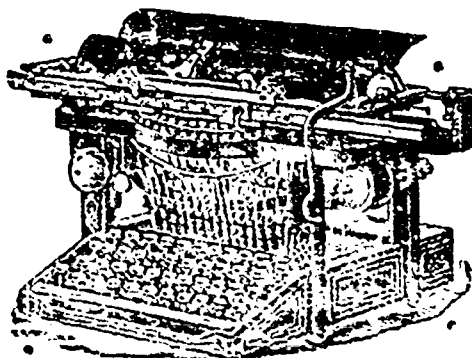
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