CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

WHY HE REMAINED A BACHELOR PHY HE REMAINED A BACHELO
Brown says, because, of won-a-kind,
He "never has loved any !"
And Robinson, because he's loved
"Not wisely, but too many."
And Jones, because another man
Has got the girl he wanted;
What that poor man had to bear
Has Thompson's courage daunted;
And Jenkins wouldn't mind a wife
If she had lots of money;
While Smith knows women far too well
To think of matrimony;
And Blank Hes withered on the shelf,
Because he's only loved—himself.

A Dutchman was once saked "if he got that letter." "What letter !" Letter go Gallagher." This tickled the Dutchman and he tried it on a friend:—"Mine vrent, vass you got dose post card?" Then there was a missing word competition.

Tommy -" There's a girl at our school, mamma, they call Postscript. Do you know why i"
Mamma—" No dear."

Tommy-" Because her name is Adaline Moore."

Chicago's quaking now with fear 'bout crimiline, the neaty stuff, She knows the building of the fair Will not by half be large enough.

A SAFE PLAN .- Friend-Why do you write "dictated" at the top of

each of your letters? You have no amanueness typewriter.

Business Man—No, but I'm a mighty poor speller, and if there are any mistakes the recipient will blame it on the stenographer.

MODERN LOVE.

Of "love in a cottage," there's many a lay
As blithe as the song of a linnet
But the song of to-day
Will more reason display
If the cottage had plenty of coal stowed away
And plenty of weather strips in it.

UP IN EXPLOSIVES .- Tommy-Aunt Jane, I should think that you would be afraid to bang your hair.

Aunt Jane (an antique)—Why, dear?
Tommy—Why, you might ignite the powder on your face.
(And then Tommy wonders why Aunt Jane doesn't send him a birthday

Not so Ignorant After All.-Explorer-Do you know, Ethel, the African savages were so ignorant that they couldn't understand what made Stanley's iron boat float.

Ethel--What was it, Uncle Jack?

Explorer—Why-er-the-er-shape, you know, and-er-atmospheric pressure, you know, and-er-all that sort of thing.

NAUTICAL ITEM .- An English lady who recently visited America, states that on the voyage she was one day shocked by seeing a ship's officer knock down one of the crew who was inclined to mutiny.

So much did the sight affect her that she retreated to her stateroom and did not again appear on deck until land was sighted. Then she perceived at the wheel the man who had received the blow.

"How is your head now?"

"West and by nor ma'am," was the recponse.

LINES FROM THE GERMAN OF LEANDER. I said to the lark, "Have you room in your breast For all the songs you shower? And how can you carry, brown spple branch, All the bloom of flower?

"And how do you hide in your modest cup, My violet, all that's sweet?"
"How can you hold," they answer made,
"All love in a wee heart-beat?"

INTO THE TRAP.-Most of the people at the table were men, and they were making merry over the subject of feminine vanity.

At last one of the few women present felt moved to say a word.

"Of course women are vain," she remarked "and equally, of course, men not vain. Why," she added, with a glance around the table, "at this very moment the necktie of the handsomest man in the room is up the back

Then she smiled, for every man present had put his hand behind his

TOLD HIM THE REASON .- Deacon Scrimp-Humph ! Think you've got to have a vacation, eh?

Struggling Pastor-Yes, the doctor says I must go off until this cough is

Deacon Shrimp.—Well, I'd like to know why preschers are always getting bad coughs.

Struggling Pastor—Well, you see, we have to visit around a good deal, and we are always asked to hold a little service before leaving, and I think our throa's become affected from the dust that flies from the family Bibles.

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Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form s pp'ed and s good with the actual signatures of tenderers.

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E. F. E. ROY, Department of Public Works, Corretary, Ottawa, 21st March, 1993.

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