

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A five-year old boy returned from his first day at school disgusted with the ignorance of his teacher. "Why," he said, with tremendous indignation, "she kept asking me questions all the time. She even asked how much two and two were!"

"It's been given out that my daughter was married," said a gentleman near Griffin recently, "but I want to state there ain't no truth in it. Such talk as that will keep the young men away. She ain't married at all, but it's just as willin' as ever." - *Columbia (Ga.) Enquirer.*

J. W. Walker has discovered on the south side of Pine Mountain, Georgia, nearly two hundred feet above the famous corundum mine, a site where the ancient inhabitants of that region manufactured their tale vessels for cooking. Evidence of the use of stone implements in the work are indelible.

The mysteries of the Arabic language will not be greatly elucidated by the evidence of a witness who appeared at the Worship street police court last week. This gentleman said he was an Arab and that his name was Mussa Mustapha bin Yusop Abu Nattar Wa Heona, of which the English equivalent was—Henry Crano.—*London Truth.*

A stormy discussion ensues, during which a gentleman rises to settle the matter in dispute. Waving his hands majestically over the excited disputants, he begins: "Gentlemen, all I want is common sense—" "Exactly," Douglas Jerrold interrupts; "that is precisely what you do want." The discussion is lost in a burst of laughter.

Sohnoko states that the electricity which is discharged during a thunder storm is produced by the friction of water and ice, that is, that the ice is electrified by friction of water. Just before a thunderstorm water-clouds (*cumuli*) and ice clouds, (*cirri, cirrus calj*) appear simultaneously in the sky. The friction of these particles of ice and water is a sufficient cause of the electricity which is generated.

A Chinese joss-maker in San Francisco came down on the price of a life-sized deity, to a reporter, from "twenty-five dolla to six dolla." He explained that a joss was no better than that much wood and paper until a priest had consecrated it and placed a speck of red paint on each of its eyes. This is supposed to give it the power of seeing, not only all the past but through the future to the end of time.

George W. Monisty was a slave, and was sold from his parents in 1853 being taken to Mississippi. He subsequently served as a Union soldier all through the war, and finally settled at Lafayette, Ind. While at the Wabash station recently George fancied he recognized two colored women who were passing en route to Iowa. The recognition was mutual, and with tears, cries of joy and embraces, the mother, brother and sister came together after a separation of thirty-three years.—*American Missionary.*

It has been noticed that deaf mutes are rarely affected with seasickness. The semi-circular canals of the internal ear are probably absent or negative in function in these people. These canals are not organs of hearing, but of equilibration, and when disturbed give rise to vertigo and nausea. Dr. William Jones of Cambridge, Mass., claims that a counter-irritant applied to the skin behind the ear will relieve seasickness. The counter-irritant may be a blister, or simply rubbing the part until the skin is slightly excoriated.

The walls of a sick-room should be finished in plain, subdued color, instead of papered in fancy patterns, as patients are liable to be rendered irritable and sleepless by prolonged mental perturbation induced by vain efforts to trace problems or in counting combinations. A case of temporary insanity is reported as occasioned by a morbid disposition to solve the possible combinations into squares of certain figures on the wall-paper of a patient's room, as his mutterings implied, which ceased at once when he was removed to a room with plain walls.

Mistress: "Bridget, I can't get into the parlor." Bridget: "Sure, it's meilf knows that; an' ye won't, fur I have the key in me pocket!" Mistress: "Open the door immediately." Bridget: "Will ye go in if I do?" Mistress: "Certainly I will." Bridget: "Then ye don't got the key." Mistress: "Open the door immediately. What do you mean?" Bridget: "Sure, it's by your orders!" Mistress: "My orders?" Bridget: "Yis! Ye said yesterday, 'Don't let me come down stairs in the mornin', an' see any dust on the parlor furniture.' So I just puts the key in me pocket, an' says I, 'Then she won't!'"

A THOUGHTFUL FATHER-IN-LAW.—Youthful scion of a noble house: "I have come to ask for the hand of your daughter, doctor." Fashionable physician: "You have?" Youth: "Yes, doctor. I have enough of this world's goods to support her in comfort, even in luxury." Physician: "Yes, I am aware of that; but will you treat her kindly? Can I depend upon your making her a good husband? Youth: "Doctor, I swear—" Physician: "Oh, neve mind swearing, my young friend! Your intentions are all right; but I must be sure that you won't worry her life out after you get her. Take off your coat, and let me sound you to see what condition your liver is in."

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