

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Wait, oh, wait till coal is cheap;
 Wait till love is true;
 Till promises are made to keep
 And notes are paid when due;
 Wait till the sun grows leaden cold;
 Wait till your ship comes in;
 Wait till unwed maid grows old
 And virtue conquers sin;
 Wait till life is a happy dream
 And men are deceivers never;
 Wait till things are what they seem—
 Wait—and you'll wait forever.

Women are not cruel to dumb animals. No woman will witfully step on a mouse.

"Let's see, Henpeck: what is it we call a man who marries two wives—a bigamist?"

"Some call him that. I call him an idiot."

The janitor of one of the Portland schools, coming into the class-room one day recently, saw on the blackboard this sentence. "Find the greatest common divisor." "Hullo," said he, "is that durned thing lost again?"

"Why do you always make such a noise when you shut the front door?" asked mamma.

"So that you will know that I haven't left it open," explained Freddy.

ACCOUNTED FOR.—"Why do you sign your name J. John B. B. B. Bronson?" asked Hawkins.

"Because it is my name," said Bronson. "I was christened by a minister who stuttered."

A MARTYR TO PRINCIPLE.—Mrs. Strongmind—"Why don't you go to work?"

Tramp—"Please, mum, I made a solemn vow twenty years ago that I'd never do another stroke of work until women was paid the same wages as men."

TIME TO STOP.—"You are working too hard," said a policeman to a man who was drilling a hole in a safe at two o'clock in the morning.

"What's that?" asked the burglar in a discontented tone as he looked into the muzzle of the policeman's revolver.

"I say you need arrest."

CAREFUL FOR THE PASSENGER.—Artemus Ward remarked while a railway conductor was punching his ticket, "does this railway company allow passengers to give it advice, if they do so in a respectful manner?" The conductor replied in gruff tones that he guessed so. "Well," Artemus went on, "it occurred to me it would be well to detach the cow-catcher from in front of the engine, and hitch it in the rear of the train. For, you see, we are not liable to overtake a cow, but what's to prevent a cow from strolling into this car and biting a passenger?"

INTRODUCTION.

O'er the ice reverberating
 We were indolently skating.
 Past each other oft we glided;
 She felt shy, and I think I did.
 And I fondly wished I knew her,
 When I got a knock down to her.
 Suddenly—no words were spoken
 But I'm sure the ice was broken.

MAY BE A LADY AS WELL AS A PRINCESS.—The Princess of Wales and her three daughters, when the latter were quite children, were staying at a quiet watering place.

On returning from a short sail, the princess having just stepped on shore, the little princesses were preparing to follow. One of the little girls was on the plank, and an old sailor instinctively said to her, "Take care, little lady."

The child drew herself up haughtily and said, "I'm not a little lady; I'm a princess."

The Princess of Wales, overhearing the kindly injunction and the answer, said with sweetness:

"Tell the good old sailor you are not a little lady yet, but you hope to be one day."

THE JOKE THAT FAILED.—I—Bagley—Peavick, what's the matter with your fire, it don't seem to burn?

Peavick—I rather think the wood is too green to burn well.

Bagley—Well, now, I think building a fire with green wood is a damp foolish proceeding, oh?

Dadely—Haw, haw! Doooid good that, 'pon my soul, don't you know! By Jove, I must tell that at the club. Best joke I've heard in a long time.

II.—Dadely (at the club)—Talking about jokes, don't you know, I heard an awful good one yesterday. Was at Peavick's rooms along with Bagley. Fish wasn't burning well, don't you know, and Bagley asked what was the matter. Peavick said the wood was green. Then Bagley said, "what a doocid stupid think to build a fire with green wood." Haw, haw! Best joke I ever heard in me life, don't ye know. (Solemn silence.)

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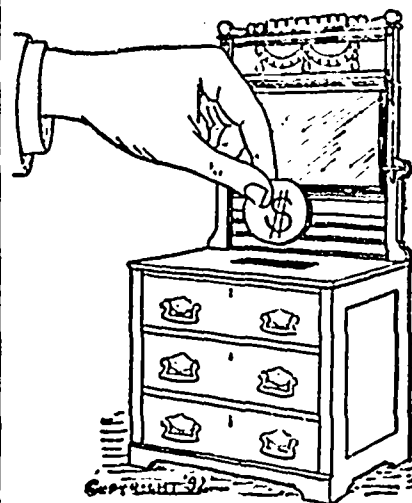
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