

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

The Governor of a Western State is noted for his bland method of public speaking during an electioneering tour.

He assumes the ingratiating familiarity of knowing every one, and usually the result is most successful.

On one occasion he visited a town at some distance from his home for the purpose of making a speech. When he arose to address the audience his face was wreathed in smiles, and he began: "Ladies and gentlemen, it affords me great pleasure to meet the old friends here whom I have known so long."

At this point a shrill voice from the audience shouted: "Name 'em! name 'em, Governor!"

The Governor was so disconcerted by the pertinent request that he did not recover his composure during the entire evening.—*Kansas City Star*.

Senor Peral, a Spanish naval officer, has designed a new submarine torpedo boat, which as yet exists merely upon paper, but of which something more will be heard shortly, as the government has granted the inventor a credit of £10,000 on the recommendation of a select committee of admirals and naval engineers, who inquired into the inventor's theories.

The boat, which will be ready in about four months, is to carry a crew of four, and is to be able to remain for four days beneath the surface if required.

When the address to the Queen at the opening of the English royal courts was under consideration by the judges, one very eminent judge of appeal objected to the phrase "conscious as we are of our shortcomings," "I am not conscious of shortcomings," he said, "and if I were I should not be so foolish as to say so;" whereupon a learned lord justice blandly observed, "Suppose we say 'conscious as we are of each other's shortcomings.'"

A man will carry twenty sovereigns in his waistcoat pocket, but a woman needs a morocco purse as large as one's fist, and too heavy to be carried in the pocket, to escort five shillings, a couple of postage stamps, a receipt for making curry-powder, and two patterns of dress goods.

The question has been propounded, can a gentleman escorting a lady on a street car or railroad car give up his seat to another lady who is standing without rudeness to the one he is escorting?

It seems impossible that any lady should object under any circumstances to such an attention to one of her own sex. No man is bound to give up his seat to a lady in any public conveyance. It is simply a courtesy. But should he do so it should not be construed as a want of respect to a lady he may be escorting. A woman who would feel slighted at such action does not deserve a similar attention when she is herself in need of a seat.

A PRINCIPLE IN BINDING.—It is not generally known that the books in the British Museum are bound on a principle, historical works being in red, theological in blue, poetical in yellow, natural history in green. Besides this, each part of a volume is stamped with a mark by which it can be distinguished as their property and of different colors; thus, red indicates that a book was purchased, blue that it came by copyright, and yellow that it was presented. This principle of binding might be followed out in private libraries.

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The manguy plant of Mexico has many uses. It is eaten cut up and preserved like melon rinds. Its long tough fibre is extensively used in making ropes and cordage. The end of each leaf terminates in a hard, sharp black thorn. Break off this thorn and strip down the fibres attached to it and you have a capital needle and thread for coarse sewing. This the mulattoes use to mend their saddles and broken harness straps. The juice of the plant fermented is the famous pulque. The pulque is best in these high regions. It is a visous, milk-white fluid, very wholesome and sustaining, and would be a most agreeable drink if it "tasted good." In fact, it tastes, when it has been a few days fermented, like a mixture of buttermilk and sour cider. Many strangers become very fond of it. The older it grows the more intoxicating it is.

An Irishman being convicted for an offence, was asked if he had anything to say for himself. "Never a single word," was Pat's reply; "and it's my real opinion, yer honor, there's a great deal too much said as it is."

A WONDERFUL EASTER WATCH.—During the reign of Catherine II of Russia an ingenious Russian peasant, named Kulbuin, constructed a musical repeating watch to perform a single chant. The machine was about the size of an egg, within which was a representation of the tomb of Christ, with the Roman Sentinels on watch. On pressing a spring the stone would be rolled away from the tomb, the sentinels fall down, the angels appear, the holy women enter the sepulchre, and the same chant which is sung in the Greek Church on Easter eve be accurately performed. This watch is now in the Academy of Science at St. Petersburg.

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