## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

In the grocery business, "the weigh of the transgressor" is about fourteen ounces to the pound.

A tariff bill in the nature of things," says the Hon. Tim Campbell, of New York, "is a thing of duty and a jaw forever."

Buenos Ayres has a railroad extending 211 miles without a curve; it has no bridge, and no cut or fill extending three feet in depth or height.

Smokeless gunpowder is the latest addition to the science of war. Now, let somebody invent a smokeless cigarette, and peace will have her victories no less renowned than war.

"The Darwinian Theory, my dear," said Mr. Knowitall, " is that we are all of Simian ancestry. Darwin believed that Siam was the great leader in the evolution of the world." Whereupon Mrs. Knowitall and the little Knowitalls wondered whence papa derived his vast erudition.—Harper's Razur.

"For HER DEAR SAKE."-Wife-" John, your hair is coming out at a terrible rate."

Husband—"I know it is, my dear. I must do something for it at once." Wife—"I wish you would, John, for my sake. You know how people Husbandwill talk.

WHY HE COULD Nor. - An inspector who had been explaining to a class that the land of the world was not continuous, said to the boy who happened to be standing nearest to him—"Now, could your father walk round the world?" "No, sir," was promptly answered. "Why not?" "Because he's dead," was the unlooked for response.

Gowns.—Striped gown, spotted gown, yellow gown and grav, lace gown and satin gown, sober gown and gay; sleeves with pulls, slashed sleeves, tuckered sleeves and plain; now, you're in the fashion, now you're out again. "Duchesse," "point," and "honiton;" ruffle, flounce and kilt; some have velvet gaiters, some go shod in silk Short gown, trained gown, checkered gown and plaid; bless me, if I don't believe the world is running mad!

THE YOUNG IDEA IN QUEBEO .- Teacher -- "Of what Empire is Canada a portion 1"

Pupil-" British Empire."

Teacher—" Correct. Now, can you tell me who is the supreme authority of the Government of Canada !"

Pupil, promptly—" The Pope."
M-rc-r, a visitor—" Correct!"--Grip.

STILL WE ALL ADMIRE HER .- Woman with satchel enters car, sits down; enter conductor, asks for fare; woman opens satchel, takes out purse, shuts satchel, opens purse, takes out dime, shuts purse, opens satchel, puts in purse, shuts satchel, offers dime, receives nickel, opens satchel, takes out purse, shuts satchel, opens purse, puts in nickel, closes purse, opens satchel, puts in purse, closes satchel; "Stop the cur, please!"

The Santa Cruz Progress, speaking of what California can produce, says: -"Taxes yield but a light crop with us, as a general thing, and as compared with other sections, there is a continual famine in mortgages. But boys flourish here as nowhere else; but to make amouds for that infliction, the sweetest girls are grown, and the crop is immense. Cur dog: do well, but hydrophobia is a failure. The kind of whiskey we make is a satisfactory substitute, however, and so we man get to get along."

The mixed population of New York includes even Sandwich Islanders. and a sad life some of these ex-cannibals lead in the Bowery and its abominable purlious. One of them, however, lately came under the religious influence of a city missionary who had once been a preacher at Honolulu. The youth was sincerely penitent. He signed the pledge, and assured his spiritual teacher that he had been a kammypooley, but would be a kammypooley no more. This was a new word to the preacher, and he runsicked glossaries in vain for its origin. But the meaning came like a flash. According to phonetic law, these islanders have no letter d or f, but use k and p instead.

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