

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A LOVE STORY.

He bought her chocolates and sweets
Of every modern kind.
He made himself her constant slave,
And to her faults was blind.
She teased and flattered him by turns,
And led him to believe
That if he ever left her she
Forevermore would grieve.

Together they were always seen,
She wore his diamond ring,
And seemed most willing to receive
The homage he might bring.
He felt quite sure of her at last
And she was sure of him.
He called her Kitty always, and
Sometimes she called him Jim.

Oh, well, you say, they got engaged
And wed—a common case.
But that, my friends, is where you are
Completely off your base.
They meet occasionally now
In fashion's dizzy whirl,
She has another lover, and
He has another girl.

Some old dinner customs still prevail. The Romans used to recline at their banquets, and the habit of lying at public dinners is common still.

THE PRODUCTS OF IRELAND.—Teacher—What are the principal products of Ireland?
Smart Scholar—Potatoes and agitators.

A SUBTLE SCHEME.—"Miss Wickerstaffe seems to be particularly popular among the young fellows of twenty or thereabouts."
"Yes; she has a way of talking to them about 'you men.'"

SIGNS.

Green peas, spinach, nice young onions,
Brand new hats and pallid suits;
Mackintoshes and goloshes,
Trees a puttin' on new shoots;
Garden seeds and whitewash artists,
Women combing out the grass;
Bock beer signs along the highways,
Farmers peddling saasafra;
Thunder showers and lots of lightning,
All the regular sort of thing,
Shows the almanac is right when
It proclaims that this is—g.

She—I want you to send me at least once every day, a dear, kind, affectionate letter, full of love; won't you, darling?

He (a law student)—Well, yes I will, if you promise on the Bible faithfully to burn them.

He who loves and runs away
May live to love another day;
But as a rule, I am afraid
He also loves another maid.

YOU SEE.—An exchange attributes this statement to a professor of chemistry, who was explaining why an experiment had failed: "As you see, gentlemen, at present you see nothing; why you see nothing, you will see directly."

THE MEANEST MAN.—His wife went away for a birthday visit to her mother, and he gave her exactly the cost of her fare back and forth.

"But I won't have anything to spend while I'm there," objected his wife.

"Yes you will," answered the wretch, "you'll have your birthday to spend."

BABY'S IDEA.

I'd explained to him over and over
What a good little boy should be;
How temper and tumult to soften,
And naughty ways to flee.

He listened, mute and quiet,
With earnest eyes of blue.
Then:—"I don't think I'll try it,
I'd raver be like you!"

A MODEL HUSBAND.—"I defy you to find a man who loves his wife as dearly as I love mine. To render her happy I would undertake to go and live alone at the top of a mountain."

"But you would never come up to Pantolini's uncle, who, when he ascertained that his wife looked best in mourning, went and committed suicide."

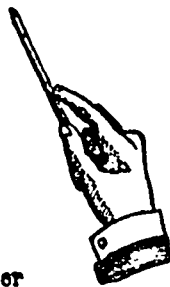
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