

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

In Japan they call a blustering, but harmless fellow a "paper tiger."

Queen Victoria's Jubilee is also that of telegraphy, the first patent for an electric telegraph having been issued June 20, 1837.

The meanest man so far on record lives in Boston. His wife asked him to give her a pet, some animal that would stick to her, and the next evening he brought her home a leech.

A bow-legged man was standing before the stove warming himself. A small boy watched him intently for a while and then broke out: "Say, mister, you're standing too near the fire, I guess; you're a-warping."—*Yonth's Companion*.

A POLITICAL DIFFICULTY.—"Let us elect to our halls of Legislature," shouted an eloquent candidate, "men who are endowed with common sense." A momentary pause here for the sentiment to be applauded, when a voice came from the gallery: "But you can't get such men to run!"—*Life*.

Philadelphia man—"What is the difference between a Boston woman of culture and a New York ditto?"

Friend—"Don't know. Give it up."

Philadelphia man—"Well, the Boston woman admires nothing she understands, and the New York woman understands nothing she admires!"

An old farmer in making his will was asked by the lawyer the name of his wife, when he gravely replied: "Well, in-deed, I really don't recollect what it is; we've been married for upwards of forty years, and I've always called her my old woman." The lawyer left a blank, to be filled up when the woman's name was ascertained.—*Exchange*.

IMPLICATION.—Young lady to stolid English gardener: "Why, James, you're spoiling that hedge!"

Gardener: "Ah! Tummas Lapham 'e come along this mornin', an' 'e says to I, says 'e, 'Whoy, James, thee beist a spilin' thik 'edge'! Thee beist a big loiar, says I, Tummas. The more thee do trackle an' cut thim 'edges, the better they be!"

Janey, attaining to the delightful promotion of an evening's "hair-brushing" with her grown-up young aunts and their visitor, grew expansive in the relaxing spirit of the hour, and in a benevolent burst of confidence imparted the intelligence that "my mamma puts chalk on her face, too!" then, grown prudent, added, "well, just to keep her face warm, you know, when it's cold."—*Harper's Bazar*.

The following is a proclamation made at the Market Cross of Inverary, Scotland, less than a hundred years ago:

"Ta hoy! Te tither a-hoy! Ta hoy three times!!! an' ta hoy—Whist! By command of his Majesty, King George, and her Grace, to Duke of Argyll: If anybody is found fishing about te loch, or below te loch, afore te loch, or ahint te loch, in te loch, or on te loch, aroun' te loch, or about te loch, she's to be persecuted wi' three persecutions. first, she's to be burnt, syne she's to be drown an' then to be hangt—an' if ever she comes back she's to be persecutit wi' a far waur death. God save te King an' her Grace te Duke o' Argyll."

A VERY NICE PAIR.

Two Magpies sat on the garden wall,
As it might be Wednesday week,
And one little Magpie wagged his tail
In the other little Magpie's beak.

And doubling like a fist his little claw-hand,
Said this other, "Up my word,
This is more than flesh and blood can stand,
Of Magpie or any other bird."

So they picked and scratched each other's little eyes
Till all that was left on the rail
Was the beak of one of the little Magpies,
And the other little Magpie's tail.

—*Nursery Nonsense*.

SOMETHING NEW.—A drummer fresh from a southern trip sat in Solari's the other day, says Towle of the Boston Traveller, and between the puffs of his cigar cut loose as follows: "Boys, I've struck a new game since I saw you last, and it is going to be popular sure enough. Cards are all right in a smoking car with the boys, but what a fellow wants is something that will keep his mind off from the fatigue of traveling and at the same time give him some amusement. Well, when we left Atlanta I ran up against another drummer who knew all about this new game, and we hadn't been at it more than an hour before the whole train of men, women and children were playing it. Now the *modus operandi* was something like this: The game is to count a thousand points. My friend sat on one side of the car and I on the other. A boy, dog, cow, sheep or horse counted 10, a man 15, a woman 20, a girl 25, and a cat 30. A red-headed girl counted 100. We watched out of the car window until we reached Alexandria, Virginia. His score was 875, and I saw that in ten minutes he was likely to make the 1,000. I had 750 and I felt prettily certain that I would have to pay for that box of cigars. Well, the train drew into Alexandria, and there were three red-headed girls standing on the platform, and I ran the game out on him right there."

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