

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A BRIDE'S LETTER.

Dear Helen you will be surprised
To get a note so soon—the first
Bridal edition, unrevised—
And scribbled at my very worst.

I've but a pencil, as you see,
A leaf from Harry's diary torn,
And then I'm writing on my knee,
And feel a little bit forlorn.

We're on the train still. I'm alone;
Harry is in the smoking car
These last two hours. My time's my own;
But, Helen dear, how strange men are!

Three days ago—time quickly flies—
And yet it somehow seems like years
Since all the kisses and good-byes,
And all the trembling hopes and fears.

Of course he likes to smoke; but then
You always used to say, you know,
Women were different from men,
Ah yes, indeed! I find it so.

Most of my dreams seem disarranged;
Of course, I'm happy; only life
Looks, altered now the world is changed—
I can't believe I'm Harry's wife.

And yet I know I am, for here
(What tiny thorns one's wreath may mar!)
I'm sitting quite alone my dear,
And he—is in the smoking car.

All men are not homeless, but some men are home less than others.

An Irish sailor once visited a city where, he said, "they copper-bottomed the tops of their houses with sheet-lead."

Every man is the architect of his own fortune. And it is lucky for most of us that there is no building inspector around.

Fame is nothing more than the enjoyment of being abused to your face now, and being praised behind your back some hundred years hence.

A teacher asked a class to write an essay on "The Result of Laziness," and one of the bright but lazy boys in the class handed in as his composition a blank sheet of paper.

Father O'Flynn: "Tut, tut! Dhruunk again, Patsy? O'im ashamed of ye! Why don't ye soign the pledge? O'v'e done it meself!" Patsy: "Arrah, thin, p'r'aps in yer riv'rince's case it was necessary."

The Kind of Attitude.—"Mary," said her mother severely, "if I am not mistaken, I saw your head on George's shoulder. What sort of an attitude is that for a young lady?" Mary (ecstatically)—"Beatitude."

A little girl who had mastered her catechism confessed herself disappointed "because," she said "though I obey the fifth commandment and honor my papa and mamma, yet my days are not a bit longer in the land, because I am put to bed at seven o'clock."

He Knew.—Teacher (to class in Arithmetic)—John goes marketing. He buys two and a quarter pounds of sugar at 11 cents a pound, two dozen eggs at 16 cents a dozen, and a gallon of milk at 20 cents a gallon. What does it all make? Smallest boy (hugging himself ecstatically)—Custard.

Pupil—"Teacher, kin me an' Bill go an' get a pail o' water." Arkansas Schoolmaster—"There you go again. How many times have I got to tell you that it ain't good grammar to say me an' Bill?" Pupil—"What ort I to say?" Teacher—"Bill an' me. Can't I never learn you nothing?"

There is a rich family of the name of Lofting in England, the fortune of whose house was founded by such an apparently insignificant thing as the thimble. The first ever seen in England was made in London less than two hundred years ago by a metal-worker named John Lofting. The usefulness of the article commended it at once to all who used the needle, and Lofting acquired a large fortune. The implement was then called the thumbell, it being worn on the thumb when in use, and its shape suggesting the rest of the name. This clumsy mode of utilizing it soon changed, however, but the name, softened into "thimble," remains.

ANSWERS EXTRAORDINARY.—The London "Times" gives the following as some of the answers given at examinations held in some of the English schools,

"Who was Moses?" "He was an Egyptian. He lived in a bark made of bull-rushes, and he kept a golden carf and worshiapt braizen snakes, and he hot northin' but qwahles and manner for forty years. He was kort by the air of his 'ed while ridin' under a bow of a tree, and he was killed by his son Abslon as he was hanging from the bow. His end was peace."

"What do you know of the patriarch Abraham?" "He was the father of Lot and had ten wives. One was called Hismale and tother Haygur. He keptone at home and he hurried the tother into the desert, where she became a pillow of salt in the daytime and a pillow of fire at nite."

"Write an account of the Good Samaritan." "A certain man went down from Jersem to Jeriker and he fell among thaws, and the thaws sprang up and chocked him. Whereupon he gave tuppins to the hoast and said take care on him and put him on his hone hass. And he passed by on the hother side."

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