

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

## ASHES.

"Tell me, Age, life's greatest joy,"  
Cried an eager, rosy boy.  
'Is it Childhood's want of care,  
Boyhood's dreams and visions rare.'

Youth's first sip of Passion's wine,  
Manhood's stay at Wisdom's shrine,  
Or the calm at set of sun,  
When the heart repeats, 'Well done?'

"Ah," 'Ago answered, "not in these  
Life its sweetest pleasure sees,  
But in memories of woe  
'That the heart no more can know."

**THIS AND THAT.**—"Well," murmured the compositor wearily, as he completed his work on a Russian story, "this business is no bed of roses; but, then, I might be in St. Petersburg setting up copy for a city directory or something of that kind."

And what is shame?" I asked a hoary sage,  
He grimly smiled, nor seemed to ponder long,  
But gruffly answered, "Shame, my son, is what  
We mortals feel whenever our friends do wrong."

**ALL BROKEN UP.**—The Shah (on the morning after dinner)—What was that, Effendi, that we so much partook of last night?

Attendant—It was labelled "American Cocktails," your Highness.

The Shah—Have a thousand gallons sent to Teheran at once. It shall be used to remove the plotters against my throne.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"  
"I already am gone, kind sir," she said.  
"I also am gone, my pretty maid,"  
"Well, ask my papa, kind sir" she said.

**SHE LEFT THEM.**—Lewiston Journal: A bright newboy on the Maine Central was endeavoring to assure a nervous lady, who wanted to get off the train at Auburn the other day, that she should be informed when the cars reached the city. She would jump at each station and say: "Is this Auburn?" Finally Auburn was reached and the newboy was near at hand. "Do I—do I," she exclaimed, "do I leave the cars here?" "Yes, Madam," was the reply, "you do unless you want to take the cars with you." And the lady looked volumes at the boy and slammed the door when she went out.

"No" said Mrs. Slick, "I don't believe that its not human natur for folks to have spring feelins. Why I've seen over fifty springs and I allus feels kindlier like in this season than any other. I haint had a lover for many a year, but I reckon there's some mortal as is thinkin on me just now, for he's sent me some lines, as he styles a poem, in which he says as he is all broke up, and says, 'Tarry not till the end of the year.' Poor feller, he must have had Yer Gripp, and is a shanker in arter me to nurse him, but there he never put his address to the verses, and he can't anticipate that a poor lone wider can advertise to find him out. If the feller has money and feels as bad as his verses, why don't he come and propose his grief manlike, and I'll soon see whether I can't fix him off inside of twenty four hours. A man is a peculiarity and that's a fact."

**THE WOMAN WHO CARRIES A DOG.**—"Next to the woman who wears a low necked dress, I think I despise the woman who carries a dog," writes "Amber" to the Chicago Herald. "My dear, these women will be the death of me yet! I cannot endure them. If I could, without causing remark, whenever I met a woman carrying a dog I should shake her with all my strength. Carrying a dog! when you haven't ambition or force enough to make your own bed. Carrying a dog when the world is full of orphan babies; when children are being beaten to death by human fiends every day. Carrying a dog! when there is not an hour in the day, but some mother is laying away her beautiful first-born, and mourning to think how lonely her darling must be even in heaven without her. Make and enforce a law that to carry a dog is a finable offence, and I will swing my hat for you."

"Yes gals," said Mrs. Slick, "it's true they chose me as president of the widers' convention, and I had to make a few opening comments just to be usual like you know. I says, says I, 'Follow widers' you have my sympathy and my dollar membership fee. United we stand, divided we fall. It's my opinion that we female widers have rights that parliament ort to respect. We who has property ort to vote on our dear departed's vote and be as liable to be elected alderman and frustrate city extravagancies. It stands to reason that if a wider has been a good woman to one man, what has been done can be done again, and she ort to marry a second time when she can. I observe that your eyes and mouths are wide open at the eloquence of my remarks, and as the doors and winders are all shut, I declare this ore convention for the improvement of widers open for the transacting of business.' Gals, you should have heard them clap and stamp as if they'd go mad. Dobility always fetches the females."

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Till everybody knows it without seeing it—  
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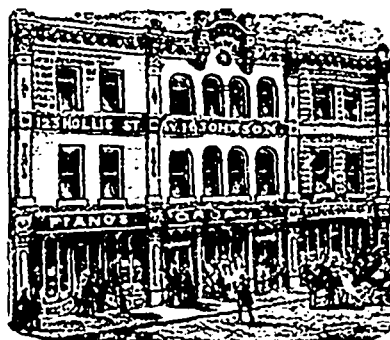
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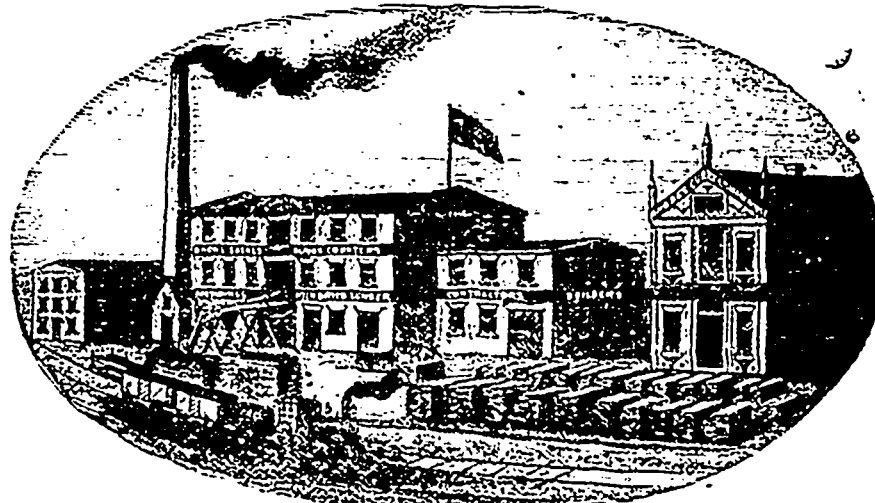
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