

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A SHOCK.

In envelope of snowy white
To me it came;
And my expectant heart grew light,
My cheek aflame.
I felt that in that tender scroll
My fate I'd read;
And long I had not been heart who's—
I'd not indeed.

I thought with mingled fear and hope
Both quite intense,
No longer need I darkly grope
In sad suspense;
No longer need I mope and yearn
Through nights and days,
For in this missive I shall learn
What Alice says.

Her delicate chirography
To me was new,
"Now," said I, "let me open and see
What she will do;
Reject me straight, or all my days
With rapture fill."
Oh, horror, anguish and amazement!
It was a bill.

There seems to be more in heaven and earth and in our drinking water than is dreamt of in our philosophy.

If the spring poets will only swear off versifying they may yet get their reward. Look at Ruskin! See what he has got for not writing poetry.

IT ATTENDS TO BUSINESS—Regardless of the fact that the cyclone always travels in a great hurry it manages to pick up many valuable things on the way.

There is some truth in palmistry as a science. Thus if a young fellow can get a pretty girl to give him her hand, he can tell the name of her future husband.

He read the letter twice and then said.—"This is one of the most moving pieces of literature I ever saw." "Is it an appeal for aid?" asked his wife. "No. It's a note from the landlord saying he has raised the rent."

GREAT DISTRESS IN CHICAGO.

We are in an awful pickle
And we'll give a nizable nickel
For a possible solution of the muss.
The Infanta's on her way here,
And the Duke is bound to stay here;
So there, you have the reason of the fuss.

A Grand Duke in most positions
Is a whale, but the conditions
Now are changed, till as a fish he's very small.
Since the Princess cannot meet him,
How in heaven shall we treat him?
The blue book has no rule to fit at all.

Schoolmistress (just beginning a nice improving lesson upon minerals to the juniors)—Now, what are the principal things we get out of the earth? Youthful Angler aged four (confidently)—Worms.

Patient (looking at the prescription)—Doctor, couldn't you just as well step in the drug store yourself, have this filled, and send it to me by your office boy?

Doctor (taking back the prescription and writing another)—I see I have made a mistake. You don't need any nerve medicine.

ON THE BEACH.

I am feeling rather nettled,
For I thought it all was settled,
And that happiness was quite within my reach,
As I sat with Arabella,
O, such a happy feller!
Under her umbrella
On the beach.

As I said, I'm feeling nettled,
For I fear it isn't settled,
And I'm longing now to tear my hair and screech,
For there sits my Arabella
And she's got s'm' other feller
Under her umbrella
Out of reach.

THE APPEAL TO STATISTICS.—"I am told, dear, that Jack Rattlepatto spent most of his Easter vacation in your back parlor. Aren't you giving him a dangerous amount of encouragement?"

"Why, no, dearest; he is merely a boy. To be sure he is a year older than I, but I shall be out next winter, while Jack has two years more in college, and it will be six years after that before he can earn much of anything. So, practically, he is six years younger than I, and that makes him 12. It is absurd to talk of encouraging a boy so young as that."

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