

CHAT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Sixty millions of matches are said to be made daily in Akron, Ohio.

A young Irishman, who had just announced his engagement, was asked, "And whom did you propose?" "Faith," said he, "by starlight, and I got her answer in a twinkling."

Advice of an old cab-driver to his successor:—"Always know the exact hour of the train your passenger wishes to take. Reach the station at the very last moment, so that he cannot dispute with you, whatever price you ask."

A pretty young Americaness, whose Christian name is Anna, on receiving a cigar from a young gentleman who had not pluck enough to say he wished to marry her, twirled it playfully beneath her nose, and looking archly at him, proposed the question to him thus, "Havo-Anna?"

Teacher: "Miss Sinnico, please parse the sentence, 'Adolphus married Caroline.'" Miss S.: "Well, 'Adolphus' is a noun, because it is the name of a thing; 'married' is a conjunction, because it joins Adolphus and Caroline, and 'Caroline' is a verb, 'cause it governs the noun."—*Exchange*.

It was a plucky act, that of the English dentist, who, at the Medical Congress at Washington, allowed a California dentist to take two good teeth out of his mouth that they might be planted again in another man's jaw. The California dentist said the thing could be done, and the Englishman said it could not. A scientist who is willing to suffer himself for the advancement of science is deserving of high praise, whether the experiment is successful or not.

Dr. John Vansant, of the United States Marine Hospital at St. Louis, reports that he has succeeded in obtaining photographs by the light of fire-flies, and claims to be the pioneer of this curious, if not highly useful, development of the photographic art. He placed twelve fireflies in a three-ounce bottle, covering its mouth with fine white bobinet. The average duration of the flash of each insect was half a second, and the luminous area on the abdomen was about one-eighth of an inch square. The time of exposure was fifty flashes.

Considerable success has been achieved by a German firm at Cologne with a new antiseptic to which has been given the name of "*Carbolineum Avenarius*." Like creosote, it may be advantageously applied under pressure to force it into the pores of the wood, and it has also been found very effective as a varnish when applied, like paint, with a brush. Used in this manner it gives a rich brown color to the wood, and consequently is recommended as a substitute for paint to be used for railway carriages, ships, workshops of all sorts, agricultural implements, and especially for exterior house painting. The compound has satisfactorily stood the test of ten years' experience, during which time it has been subjected to trials under all conditions occurring in practice.—*Industries*.

HER GREAT GRANDFATHER.—"I wonder what my great-grandfather would say to me if he could come back to earth," said a young lady lawyer to a newspaper reporter recently. "He was so angry with my grandmother when he discovered that she had gone beyond the four fundamental rules in arithmetic that he kept her shut up for a week on a diet of bread and water, and commanded her to let all books alone forever—except the bible. He thought it a disgrace, poor man, that a daughter of his should be willing to pursue such masculine studies, and when she confessed that she liked to do sums in the Rule of Three, he felt justified in resorting to severe measures to check such unnatural propensities. If he could see two of his great-granddaughters practicing medicine and one aspiring to law, he would think that grandmother's love of study had broken out in a worse form in this generation. What ghostly flagellations he would bestow!" and she laughed, shrugging her shoulders.

HE FOOLED THE TELEGRAPH.—Countryman—That fellow in the telegraph office up there thought he was mighty smart, but I fooled him.

Policeman—You did? How?

Countryman—Oh, easy enough. You see I went in there yesterday to send a message to St. Louis, and told him what I wanted. "All right, sez he, "seventy-five cents." So I paid him the seventy-five cents, and I'll be darned if he did a thing but rap that old brass clicker of his fifteen or twenty times, and then hang the message on a hook.

Policeman—Well, do you call that fooling him?

Countryman—You just hold on, and I'll tell you. To-day I wanted to send another message to St. Louis, but I'll be gosh-darned if I wanted to pay seventy-five cents. So I went up to the office, kinder polite like, and sez I, "Mister, there's a young lady outside as sez she wants to speak to you. I'll tend office for you while you're gone." Well, sir, he hit right away. Off he went in a hurry, and before he got back I had plenty of time to clink his old brass machine all I wanted, and hang my message on the hook just as he did the day before. I know they got it, too, at the other end, for the minute I got through, the old machine went to clicking like blue bl—s, 's much's to say, "All right, old man, we hear you." Oh, I fooled him good, I did. Your Uncle Peter lives in Wayback, but he ain't no fool, he ain't; not by a long chalk, no sir ee'—*Somerville Journal*.

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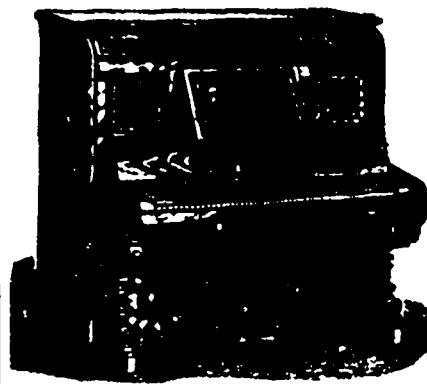
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