

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

It was cold in there when the waltz was done—
All green, with the moonshine through it.
Somehow, I was tempted to steal just one,
Don't know how I came to do it.

She took it nicely—indeed, her glance
Had a certain expectancy to it;
Could it possibly mean "make the most of your chance,"
Now, now is the time to do it."

Her cheek had the faintest tinge of rose;
She'd have answered "yes," and I knew it,
But she seemed so ready to hear the proposal,
That, somehow—

Time.

There are some things a dwarf can't do, but he can catch just as big a cold as a giant.

The luckiest thing about the horse-shoe over the door is that it doesn't drop on your head.

It is not likely that whiskey would make a woman see snakes. Her fancy would run to mice.

Why is Mrs. Potter, as *Cleopatra*, like a London cockney?—Because she is too free with the aspirate.

Jenkins and his wife are out. He said he "felt like a fool," and she said she didn't see any reason why he shouldn't.

Philanthropist, to small boy—"And so you've got a little sister at home have you, sonny? What do you do when you get together?" Small boy, laconically—"Fight."

Pierre Lafitte (to waiter)—"Say, garcon, bring me a glass of ze same!" Waiter—"Of the what?" Pierre Lafitte—"Of ze same. I have heard it called for so many times by your guests."

Liberal—"John, see, your little sister is crying because you did not share your peach with her." "That isn't so, mamma. I gave her the stone, and if she plants it she can have a whole tree."

Fitz-George Parvonn (studying wine list)—"I say, steward, get me a bottle of—er,—ah,—what do you call this?" Steward—"Haut Sauterne, sir." Fitz-G. P.—"Ah! Just so. But I'll have it cold."

"What is that?" asked the pretty visitor at the camp, as the bugles sounded the cheery dinner call. "That," said the Corporal, smelling the battle from afar, "is the horn that cheers but not inebriates."

"How far is it to Manyunk?" asked a weary Irishman, who was going there afoot. "Seven miles," was the reply. "Whom do you wish to see there?" "Faith, it's m self I'd loik to see there," was the retort.

A lady who has read about the recent invention of smokeless powder, thinks that some one ought to invent a smokeless tobacco. But such a tobacco has been invented long ago, it is known as chewing tobacco.

Little Lettie: "Will I ever grow to be as large as you are?"

Mamma: "I expect so."

Little Lettie: "And will I talk, talk, talk, all the time, too, the same as you do?"

Indignant physician: "Man, what have you done? You sent my patient the wrong prescription, and it killed him." Druggist: "Well, what was der matter mit you? Last week I send your odder patient der right berscription, and dot killed him. How can somebody bleaso sooch a man?"

The water lily is largely used in some parts of India as food stuff. The fruit of one species that grows plentifully in the lakes of Cashmere is rich in starch and has much the flavour of a chestnut. If the nuts are dried they will keep for a long time, and when ground may be made into cakes or porridge, or they may be soaked for some hours and then boiled.

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"Sacrit votin' ye call this Australian system, do ye, Mr. Mulcahy? But be jabbers, small bit of sacrecy, Oi 'm thinkin' where wan has to sign his name for every candidate he votes for!" "What are yez talkin' about, Mr. O'Toole? Ye don't have to sign your name at all, at all. All yez have to do is just make a cross." "Throe for yez, Mr. Mulcahy; but isn't that how Oi always sign me name, Oi don't know?"

Young Lady (to the cigar dealer)—"Have you the 'Fragrant' brand of cigars?"

Dealer—"Yes, miss."

Young Lady—"How much are they a box?"

Dealer—"One dollar and a half, miss; 100 in a box."

Young Lady—"You may give me a box, please. They are a present for my—my cousin. I have often heard him say how fond he is of a fragrant Havana."

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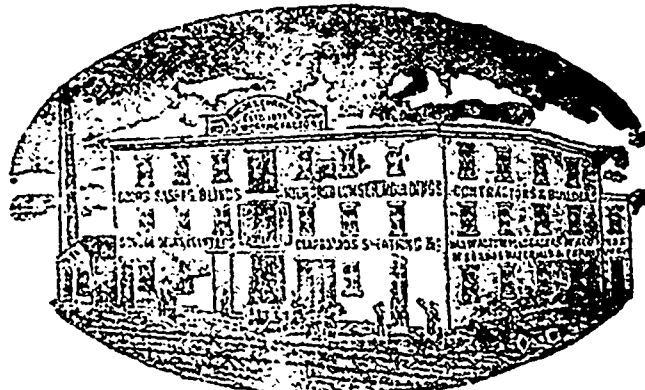
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