

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A man who would sit in parliament must stand first and lie afterwards.—*Grip*.

It was the lady who thought she was going to swoon who had a faint suspicion.

"They never call Mr. Cody "Buffalo Bill" in Boston. They speak of him as "Bison Americanus Gulielmus."

A returned missionary from India said that during ten years he never saw a Hindoo child receive a caress from its mother.

The "Star-spangled Scotchman" is what Black, the novelist, is said to have dubbed Andrew Carnegie, the iron master.

"What is the worst thing about riches?" asked the Sunday school superintendent. And the boy said, "Not having any."

Every one admires bravery, but many a big, burly man is afraid of the woman who trembles at the sight of a mouse.—*Philadelphia Herald*.

It is a mournful commentary on human vanity to see the mourners looking back, on turning a corner, to see if the procession is worthy of the corpse.

A colored clergyman in a Southern town prayed the other day that the indelicate might be made delicate, the intemperate temperate, and the industrious dustrious.

Dialogue at the sea on a hotel piazza: "I do not see how you ladies can remain here two months looking on the changeless ocean." "But the men change," was the reply of the lady.

It is a singular fact, but nevertheless true, that when two young men meet they address each other: "How are you, old man?" and that when two old fellows meet they say, "My Boy."

Little Jimmy, when told by his teacher that he was made of dust, stoutly refused to believe it, saying quickly, "Then why don't I turn to mud when nurse puts me in the bath?"

"What is the chief peculiarity of the Canadian climate?" asked a school examiner. "It is beneficial to bank cashiers," said the bright boy of the class, "but very deadly to reformers"—*Judge*.

"I feel so miserable again this morning," said a complaining wife. "Yes," replied her exasperated husband, "you wouldn't be happy if you weren't miserable all the time."—*Harper's Bazaar*.

Wife (returning from church)—How beautifully the choir sang "One More River to Cross!" Husband—Yes, and that reminds me that I have an engagement in Hoboken this afternoon.—*New York Sun*.

"Pa, have you got the hydrophobia?" "No, Bertie; what makes you ask that question?" "Well, I heard ma say to-day that you got awfully bitten when you thought she had a fortune in her own name."

"Suppose I shall see you at your father's funeral to-day?" said a friend to a young man of the period. "Naw; should like to be there, but I'll be busy in court, opening succession and heading off mother in a will contest. See you later if I succeed."—*New Orleans Picayune*.

A bewildered looking man accosts a passer-by "Beg pardon, sir; but I want to go to the depot." "And they won't let you? Poor fellow, I pity you from the bottom of my heart," replied the other promptly, and he passed on, leaving the bewildered man more bewildered than before.

The Chinese boast of a series of eclipses, recorded in the annals of the nation, extending over a period of nearly 3900 years, all of which, they affirm, were not only observed but were calculated and figured in advance. The golden age of Chinese astronomy was from about 2857 to 380 B. C.

India has strict rules for enforcing good conduct in the civil service. The postmaster at Cabul defrauded the Government, and was sentenced by the Ameer to a flogging and then had all his hair pulled out. What a bald-headed lot of politicians we would have if this rule were in vogue here! It would cause a revival of the old wig party.

"Seen the new boy who has moved in round the corner?" "Yaas." "Found out anything?" "Lots. His father used to work in a saw mill, and his mother was a dressmaker." "Humph! Who wants to know anything of the father and mother? What we want to find out is whether we kin lick the boy or have got to run from him."

Antiquity of Ropes.—Before the beginning of the historical period, considerable skill in rope-making had been acquired, so that it must be classed among the oldest of the arts. The existing relics of the ancient Egyptians include sculptures showing the process of manufacture practiced more than 4,000 years ago, while the oldest records of that people represent well-made ropes of great strength. Flax and the fibres of the date tree were employed for these ropes, but grasses and the hides of animals were probably among the first materials used.

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