

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

You should never judge a man by the umbrella he carries. Nine times out of ten it belongs to somebody else.

They do not say "stomach ache" in Boston. "Gastric neuralgia" is the proper word, but it gets there all the same.

Contributor: "Here is a manuscript I wish to submit." Editor (waving his hand): "I'm sorry. We are full just now." Contributor (blandly): "Very well; I'll call again when some of you are sober."

Spriggs: "How much older is your sister than you, Johnny?" Johnny: "I dunno. Maud was twenty-five years, than she was twenty, and now she ain't only eighteen. I guess we'll soon be twins."

A sceptic asked a clergyman: "If after death we are to enter another world, why do we not have here some knowledge of it?" "Why did you not have some knowledge of this world before you came into it?" was the crushing reply.

Dr. Johnson once dined with a Scotch lady who had hotch-potch for dinner. After the doctor had tasted it, she asked him if it was good. "It is good for hogs, ma'am," said the doctor. "Then, pray," said the lady, "let me help you to some more."

"How do you getting on in your new place?" asked a lady of a girl whom she had recommended for a situation. "Very well, thanks," answered the girl. "I am glad to hear of it," said the lady. "Your employer is a nice person, and you cannot do too much for her!" "I don't mean to, ma'am," was the innocent reply.

We all know that a woman cannot throw a snow-ball or a stone with any certainty of hitting a mark as big as the side of a house, but she can thread a gross of needles while a man is finding the eye of one, and she can detect beauty in a squalling baby where no one can see anything more than a pudgy mass of unattractive humanity.

In one of the Historical papers sent in by a small boy at the recent Yarmouth Academy entrance examination occurred the following passage. "Oliver Cromwell was a bold, bad man. He was also a very brave man. His last words were: 'I wish I had served my God as I served my king.'" It will be remembered that Oliver cut his king's head off.

"Well, I am getting about tired of this 'ere life," said an ultra specimen of the gulfus tramp. "Going half-starved one day, and drenched to the skin another; sleeping one night in a barn, the next night under a hedge, and the third in a lockup; this life isn't what it used to be. Tell yer what 'tis, chums, if 'twasn't for the look of the thing, I'd go to work."

AN IRISH BUTL.—A Boston servant, like many of her class, does not know her age. She has lived with one family eleven years, and has always been twenty-eight. But not long ago she read in a newspaper of an old woman who had died at the age of a hundred and six. "Maybe I'm as auld as that meself," said she. "Indade, I can't remember the time when I wasn't alive."—*Editor's Drawer, in Harper's Magazine for July.*

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Omaha Medium: "Was it you who played the accordion?" Spirit: "Yes; did you like the selection? The beautiful air is called on earth. 'Tommy, Make Room for Your Uncle.'" "Oh, it was delightful. Did you have any assistance?" "No." "Did you make all that screeching on the trumpet yourself?" "Every note of it." "And was it you who played 'Yankee Doodle' on the flute?" "Yes, and it was I who gave 'Fisher's Hornpipe' on the fiddle." "Wonderful! I suppose you were fond of music when on earth?" "Very." "By the way, what was your name when in the body?" "Beethoven."

Not many of our readers probably are aware that the famous "stars and stripes" of the United States are of English origin. The East and West Junction Railway Company have published a novel guide, illustrated by photographs, under the title of "Shakespeare's Country and the Ancestral Home of the Washingtons," which speaks of Sulgrave as "the ancestral home of the Washington family, from whom sprang the renowned 'Father of his Country,' George Washington, first president of the United States, and from whose coat of arms, still to be seen in the village, the American banner—the famous 'Stars and Stripes,' took its origin. . . . lies about three miles to the south-west of Morton Pinkney, in a secluded valley on the left-hand side of the road leading to Banbury. . . . Just outside the village, standing about two fields back from the road, is the ancient manor house erected by Laurence Washington about the year 1560, still bearing on the spandrils of the outer porch his coat of arms, the 'Stars and Stripes,' inscribed on a shield, with his crest, a raven, above."

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