

**CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.**

**IS THIS DIPLOMACY?**

The nicest girl I ever knew  
Just let me think!  
The batteries of Beauty,  
O, they make me blink!

Nice girls, a many I have known:  
In fact, they all  
Are nice—or so it seems—until  
One gets "the call."

You love them all, till one fair face  
It flashes out,  
When at the rest, tho' radiant,  
You're fain to flout.

Then pearls that erstwhile nought approached,  
Appear but poor  
Aside the queen who's conquered you,  
Earth's Kohinoor!

And when I think of all I've known,  
In all my life,  
I must confess the nicest girl  
Is my own wife!

We hear that an American has "discovered in musical sounds a potential energy that is destined to overthrow steam, electricity, and other motive powers." After all, then, there is some use for the "ivory-smashers," though it has not been suspected till now.

In Paris.—Mmo. Prudhom—What is this Tariff Bill in America we read so much about now in Franco? Mr. Prudhom (with superiority)—Madame, I am surprised! It is, of course, the kinsman of Buffalo Bill, whom we lately saw among us with so much pleasure.

Here is an excuse brought out day by a tall, red-haired boy of 17 to his teacher: "Dero Cir—Pleze to eggeuco Henry for shawnte yisterday. We made sourkrout and he had to tromp it down. Also he had to Help butcher 2 pigs. pigs. Respeckful yuers, His Pap."

Pleasant.—"Well, Susie, how do you get along with your study of cooking?" "Oh, beautifully, dear Henry! By the time we are married I shall be a perfect cook, and shall be so happy, especially when you are sick, for I am learning all sorts of nice recipes for sick people."

P. T. Barnum, a man who, with all his humbug, has cast his influence on the side of sobriety, is reported as having once said, in a temperance meeting, that as a great showman, he would give more for a drunkard who has been prosperous in business than for any other curiosity.

The following is the best recent addition to piano forte jokes: "Thump—rattloly—bing went the piano forte" Mother: "What are you trying to play, Jane?" Daughter: "It's an exercise—'First Steps in Music.'" Mother: "Well, is there nothing you can play with your hands?"

**A PREHISTORIC FACT.**

When Adam delved and Eve span,  
Who was then the gentleman?  
If rules of gender we believe  
We're pretty sure it wasn't Eve.

"I would marry you," said a lady to an importunate lover, "were it not for three reasons." "O tell me," he said, imploringly, "what are they, that I may remove them!" "The first reason is," said she, "I don't love you; the second is, I don't want to love you; and the third is, I couldn't love you if I wanted to!"

Tourist (out west)—"I presume this neighborhood is full of exciting history." Guide—"You bet. D'ye see that point o' rocks? When the sheriff's posse got after Buffalo Jim they chased him to the top of that there peak, 300 feet high, and the only way he could escape them was by jumping." Tourist—"Goodness me! The fall killed him, of course?" Guide—"No; he didn't jump."

Teacher (to new pupil)—What is your last name, my little man?  
New Pupil—Tommy.  
Teacher—What is your full name?  
New Pupil—Tommy Jones.  
Teacher—Then Jones is your last name?  
Tommy—No, it isn't. When I was born my name was Jones, and they didn't give me the other one for a month afterward.

It was Charles Lamb who said that his idea of educating a girl was to turn her loose into a well chosen library. Of course he was thinking of a girl as a companion, not as a clerk or a lawyer. In our own case, some of the brightest and most intelligent of the many delightful women we meet have never had a college education, know nothing of mathematics, and not much of science; but instead, have dipped deeply into good literature, and can take an intelligent interest in, and give a sound opinion upon the great questions of the day.

Our dear little daughter was terribly sick,  
Her bowels were bloated as hard as a brick,  
We feared she would die  
Till we happened to try

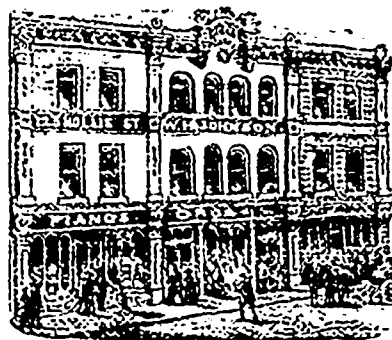
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