

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

FROM THE SUBLIME TO THE RIDICULOUS.

Before Niagara Falls they stood,  
He raised aloft his head,  
For he was in poetic mood,  
And this is what he said:

"Oh work sublime! Oh, wondrous law  
That rules thy presence here!  
How filled I am with boundless awe  
To view thy waters clear!"

"What myriad rainbow colors float  
About thee like a veil,  
And in what countless streams remote,  
Thy life has left its trail!"

"Yes, George," the maiden cried in haste  
"Such shades I've never seen,  
I'm going to have my next now wait,  
The color of that green."

Contentment is better than riches, but it takes about the same amount of money for one as the other.

Some day we'll be so honest  
That it will come to pass  
That men will peddle berries  
In boxes made of glass.

HARDLY.—"My lines are not cast in pleasant places," sighed the poet, as he stood helplessly by and saw his wife throw his latest effusion into the kitchen stove.

Farmer A.—How much did you get for yer taters?

Farmer B.—Wahl, I didn't get as much as I expected, and I didn't expect I would.

Young Lady—Oh, I don't see your argument at all. But then, you know (with intention), I am next door to a fool. The Poet—Oh, no! You must be beside yourself to say so! (Young lady wishes she hadn't attempted the ancient witticism.)

EXCEPTIONS TO ALL RULES.—The Enamored One—Ah, Dorothy, my darling! All the world loves a lover.

Savage Voice (from top of stairs)—Dorothy! If that young idiot ain't out of this house in ten seconds I'll come down and throw him out.

TOO MUCH EDUCATION.—Teacher (Wife's Night School)—"Now remember. A diamond is pure carbon. Shoe blacking, by the way, boys, is made of carbon, and the shine or glisten is due to millions of tiny diamonds."

Gentleman (the next day)—"I want my boots blacked. How much, boy?"

Boy—"I don't know, boss. I hain't had a chance to inquire the price of dizmonds this mornin'."

EASY ON THE HORSES.—She told a friend about it afterward.

"The poor horses seemed all worn out," she said. "I hated to get on the car, but I couldn't help it. Anyway I was as considerate as possible, for I sat down just as easy as ever I could, and I don't think half my weight rested on the seat."

This reminds one of the farmer in his wagon on the way to market who carried his pig on his lap, not out of affection for the pig, but that Dobbin between the shafts might have less of a load to pull.

SIMPLE WAYS.

Oh, for a carload of ice cream  
And a lake of lemonade,  
A million fans all run by steam,  
A country or two of shade;  
Clothes as thin as gauzy tales  
Of husbands who have strayed.  
Oh, for a blast from the polar vales  
Or the glance of a London maid.

"That's what I call a good dinner," remarked Bobby, as he leaned back in his chair with an air of repletion.

"Bobby," said his mother, "I'm ashamed of you saying such a thing."

The minister, who was dining with the family laughed heartily. "Bobby appreciates the good things of life," he said, "like all the rest of us."

"Don't you think it was a good dinner?" Bobby asked the minister.

"Yes, indeed. I enjoyed it very much."

"Ma said she thought you would, because she didn't suppose you got very much at home."

ONCE WAS ENOUGH.—City Editor—I guess we'll have to discharge Mr. Rider, the bicyclist you got to do cycling for us.

Managing Editor—What for? He is well up in the sport, is a rider himself, and knows all the points about the pastime.

"Oh he wrote up a lantern parade and didn't call it a pageant."

"But it may have been an oversight. He may learn—"

"But he spoke of bicycles and called them wheels, instead of glittering steeds of steel."

"Fire him! Fire him! He'll make us a laughing stock."

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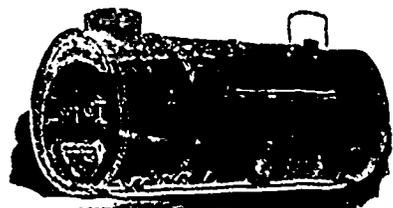
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