

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A young composer has just written for a soprano voice a beautiful song entitled, "Would that I were young again!" It has been so much time wasted. The woman can't be found who will sing it.

CURIOUS.—"There's one curious thing about discovering places," said Johnny, after he had got through with his study. "Take Bermuda, for instance. It was discovered by a man named Bermudez. How he happened to stumble on a place with a name just like his beats me."

Mr. Hammer.—"What I want to know is whether I am barred from membership in your club just because I am an actor?"

"Most certainly not, sir. The club-men have all seen you on the stage and have voted unanimously that you are not an actor."

A PROMISING CHILD.—Mamma—"If you eat any more of that pudding, Tommy, you'll see the bogie-man to-night."

Tommy (after a moment's thought)—"Well, give me some more. I might as well settle my mind about the truth of that story once for all."

She—"Supposing you were going to propose to a girl, what would you say?"

He—"Oh, something simple and direct, like: 'Will you be my wife?' Supposing you were the girl, what would your answer be?"

She—"Yes."

HIS REPORT.—She (at the reception)—Well, Mr. Rott, how is poetry now?

Mr. Rott (rising young Chicago poet)—Very dull indeed. Patent medicine verses bring only \$30 a hundred, no activity at all in porous plaster ads, and in the slump in prices yesterday children's food rhymes went down 80 points in 15 minutes.

A one-legged political orator, named Jones, who was pretty successful in bunting an Irishman, was asked by the latter, "how he had come to lose his leg." "Well," said Jones, "on examining my pedigree and looking up my descent, I found there was some Irish blood in me, and becoming convinced that it all settled in that left leg I had it cut off at once." Be the powers," said Pat, "it 'ud av been a deuced good thing ef it had only settled in yer head."

A LAMENTABLE FAILURE.—"There," said the superintendent of the lunatic asylum, "is a young man who set out to be a great public benefactor. After years of thought he finally completed a gigantic plan of philanthropy, a scheme which he expected to bring joy into the hearts of millions of grief-stricken mortals and peace into thousands of unhappy homes—its failure sent him here."

"How infinitely pitiful," mused the visitor, "and what was his idea?" "It was a device for preventing trousers bagging at the knee," responded the superintendent, with a long drawn sigh.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The moon was low, my hopes were high,
As on the corner balcony
I lingered for a last good-bye.
The darkness helped my eager speech,
I strove her little hand to reach;
I drew her close—when lo! blick-blick!
Zz-witt-tt! chu-chu! clack-clack! click-click!
And, bursting through the tender night,
Glared out that durned electric light.

WILL HOLD HIS PLACE.—Father—"Did you get to the top of the class to-day?"

Little Dick—"No, sir."

Father—"Did you get down?"

Dick—"No, sir."

Father—"Get down yesterday?"

Dick—"No sir."

Father—"Well, that's doing well. Hold on to the place you have until you can get a better one."

Dick—"Yes, sir, I will."

Father—"Here's a quarter, Dick. By the way, where is your place?"

Dick—"At the foot."

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT.

Long, long ago, when my eye was bright
And my head wore raven locks,
I was called to the general sessions court
And placed in the jury box.
When the trial began my infant son
Kissed papa good-bye and cried;
When the prosecution finished its case
My son sat in court with his bride;
And when the defence consented to rest
And the summing up was begun
My six little grandchildren came to court
To see which side had won.

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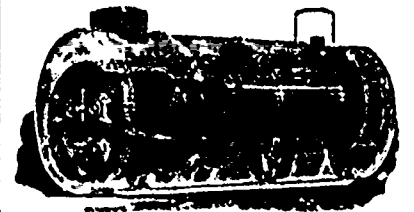
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