

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

The moonlight shone on the drifted snow,
And the night was calm and still.
The old horse walked but they let him go
At his own sweet will.

Time was no object to them just then:
They were willing the horse should walk:
For her lover to her was a king among men,
And she wanted to talk.

So they dragged along at a snail-like pace,
While she deftly spread her net,
Till at last they came to a dangerous place,
And the sleigh upset.

She landed head first in a ten-foot drift,
And the old horse ran away:
But first he gave his hind feet a lift
And demolished the sleigh.

She got some snow down the back of her neck,
But she didn't get enraged:
For before he had got her out of the wreck
She had got engaged.

—W. H. Hills in *Somerville Journal*.

"Don't say 'He ain't no good,' Dinnis, that's not good English."
"Nayther am Oi, thank hivin, begobs."

May I take one kiss before I go, dearest Angeline!" "Yes, dear Edwin,
you may take one, but you must return it, as ma has frequently warned me
against giving kisses to anyone."

She (extending her arms dramatically): "Take back the heart that thou
gavest!" He (loftily): "You may keep the heart, but just hand over that
gold bracelet and diamond ring that I gavest. There is no nonsense about
me."

This sign, seen over a Brooklyn store, can be construed as you please:
"Angel Feathers dyed and cleaned at the shortest possible notice." The
ordinary citizen recognizes the fact that the sign painter didn't divide Mr.
Angel from his occupation.

Professor.—Mr. Fresh, why do we always speak of the earth as the
feminine gender? Mr. Fresh—Because it's self-evident, I suppose. If the
earth had been masculine it would not have taken two young women more
than a week to get around it.

Strange,—Newly Accepted Suitor.—"Well, Bobby, you will have a
new uncle soon; I am your Aunt Mary's choice for a husband." Bobby
(surprised)—"Well that's strange. I heard her tell mamma only yesterday
that you were Hobson's choice."

In the Shoe Store.—Shoe Dealer (for the sake of adding the strength of
another favorable opinion)—Ah, madam, that shoe is simply perfection upon
your foot. James, how do you think Mrs. DeHoof's foot looks in this shoe?
New Clerk (anxious not to fall short in his enthusiasms)—Immense!

A Sunday-school teacher was giving a lesson in Ruth. She wanted to
bring out the kindness of Boaz in commanding the reapers to drop large
handfuls of wheat. "Now, children," she said, "Boaz did another nice
thing for Ruth, can you tell me what it was?" "Married her," said one of
the boys.

Here is a curious bit of information that will be new to many readers.
In Africa the prefix serves for the purpose that the suffix serves for in Euro-
pean languages. For example, Spain, Spaniard, Spanish—so in our mother
tongue: but in Africa Uganda is the name of a State, Waganda are the
inhabitants thereof, and Maganda the language.

An Italian who runs a peanut stand was turning his peanut roaster
with slow and measured hand, when an old woman came to a halt and care-
fully observed the operation. After scrutinizing the roaster from every side,
she finally gave it up and remarks: "No, sir; you don't get a cent out of
me for no such music as that. Why, I can't catch half of any of the tunes,
and it smells as if something was burning inside."

If the example set by the Canadian Parliament should generally be fol-
lowed, need may arise to examine in vocal skill all candidates for legislative
honours. It is gravely stated that during the discussion of a certain bill,
and just before the division, the House burst into song, premier and mem-
bers of the ministry joining heartily in the chorus. We are disposed to
think that the wag who once called upon Mr. Speaker for a song was only
in advance of his time.—*Musical Times*.

Lady Dufferin, in her very clever book relating her experience of
"Viceregal Life in India," says that the English are rapidly spoiling the
exquisite taste of the East Indians by sending out dolls dressed in the
height of fashion and English-made clothing to distribute among the
children in the schools. She gives an amusing picture of the small Oriental
beauties wearing patent leather shoes, over which seven or eight silver
anklets fell in the most incongruous manner.

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