

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

QUITE TRUE!

"My daughter," and his voice was stern,  
"You must set this matter right:  
What time did that sophomore leave the house,  
Who sent in his card last night?"

"His work was pressing, father, dear,  
And his love for it is great,  
He took his leave and went away  
Before a quarter of eight."

Then a twinkle came in her bright blue eye,  
And her dimple deeper grew,  
"Tis surely no sin to tell him that,  
For a quarter of eight is two."

It is not exactly proper to discuss an addled egg; still it is well to be careful how you drop the subject.

Grandfather Dean, who is very bald indeed, was holding his little granddaughter Helen on his lap, when she suddenly asked very seriously;  
"Grandpa, why don't you wear a switch?"

"I tell you," said Poots, "there is an indescribable sense of luxury in lying in bed and ringing one's bell for his valet." "You've a valet!" exclaimed Poots' friend. "No," replied Poots; "but I've got a bell."

He (wildly): "May I not, then, fall prostrate to the ground and weep at thy feet?"  
She (practically): "Yes, if you wait till I put on my waterproof boots."

NOT THOROUGHLY POSTED.—Customer—I say, uncle, how long have you had these new-laid eggs in stock?  
Rastus—I dunno ezickly, boss. You see I'se only been wu'kin' heah a month.

One of the Drawbacks.—She—Did you enjoy your life at college? He—Not altogether. She—Why not? He—One of my professors use to have a habit of making jokes, and we were all of us afraid of being suspended if we didn't laugh.

In one of Adison's plays the undertaker reproves one of his mourners for laughing at a funeral, and says to him: "You rascal, you! I have been raising your wages for these two years, upon condition that you appear more sorrowful; and the more wages you receive the happier you look."

"Doctor," said the grateful patient, seizing the physician's hand, "I shall never forget that to you I owe my life."  
"You exaggerate," returned the doctor mildly; "you owe me for only fifteen visits. That is the point which I hope you will not fail to remember."

"Prisoner at the bar," said the judge, "is there anything you wish to say before sentence is passed on you?"  
The prisoner looked wistfully towards the door, and remarked that he would like to say "Good evening, if it would be agreeable to the company."

Just as a lover had dropped on his knees and begun popping the question, a pet poodle, who thought the proceedings rather strange, made a dash for him. With remarkable nerve for a woman the girl reached over, seized the dog by the throat, and at the same time calmly uttered:  
"Go on, George, dear; I'm listening to what you are saying."

IN THE HOTEL BUSINESS.—"James, I don't see you waiting at table any more."  
"No, sah, I'se been promoted. I'se entry clerk now."  
"You an entry clerk! I never knew you were a bookkeeper."  
"Oh, I ain't. I jes' keep my eye on de umbrellas, hats, and things de boas' ders leave in the entry."

SEPTEMBER.

The year has foun' its first gray hair an' aut down fer awhile,  
An' on her face a compermize atween a tear an' smile;  
Sut down upon her punkin-stool, among the ripenia' corn,  
The first time she has rested sence the day that she wuz born.

She sets upon her punkin-stool an' plucks her first gray hair,  
Her life has reached its arternoon, an' sleep is in the air.  
A calm win' from the shores of sleep float by 'ith gentle breath—  
An' there's a hint of zephyrs from the nearin' shores of death.

Her cheek is flushed 'ith crimson, but it is the hectic glow  
A bright red July rosebud dropped in Jenerwery snow—  
The year sets on her punkin-stool, her sun-kissed forrerd bare,  
She sets right there an' smiles, an' cries, an' strokes her first gray hair.  
—S. W. Foss, in Yankee Blade.

SHE WAS A GREAT HELP TO HIM.—George Bashful—What do you think is the prettiest, the most appropriate name that can be given to a girl?  
Miss Bessie (patly)—The name of the man she loves.  
George Bashful—But that can only be done when she names the day.  
Miss Bessie—Well make it next Tuesday.  
George Bashful—Miss Bessie, you have been a great help to me, and I will ask you to—  
Miss Bessie—Be your helpmeet. George, I promise.  
And both heaved sighs of relief at least one size too large for them.

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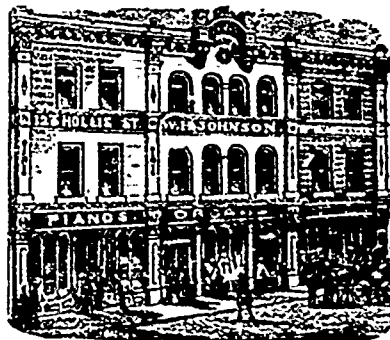
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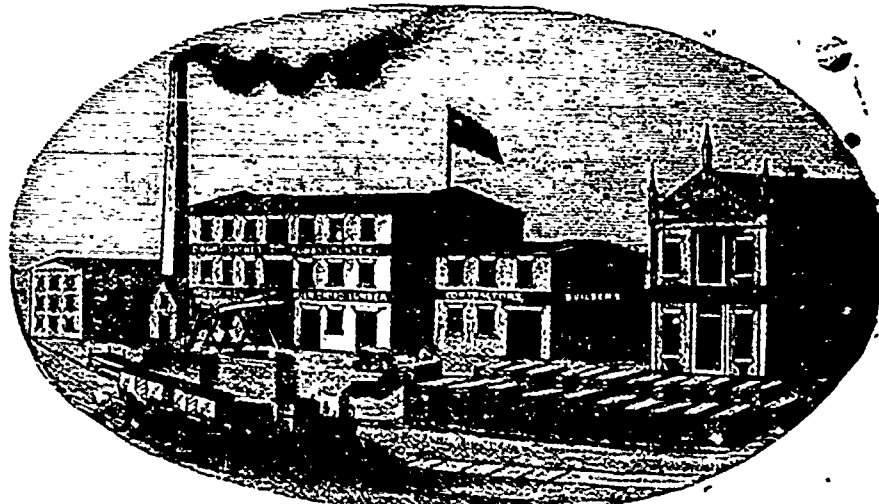
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