

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES:

AFTER THE BALL.

A cloud of lace,
And a pale, sweet face
She is tired, she has danced too much:
'Tis dawn light lies
On her dreamy eyes,
With a pitiful, tender touch.
In the chill, soft air
Of the morning fair,
We wait for our equipage—
Yet why should the smile
On her face, the while,
Seem mingled with grief and rage?
Perhaps Love's pain
Maketh pleasure vain
Ah! no—her poor heart is torn
With a deeper woe,
For her little toe
Is aching beneath its corn.

Pittsburg Dispatch

The worst thing about the woman who says "I told you so" is that she generally tells the truth.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.—Tangle—Do you know how it feels to be kicked by a mule?

Bronson—No—and I hope you don't want to show me.

It is an interesting fact that in Columbia, where potatoes form the chief food of the people, the greater the altitude at which the vegetable is grown the less it is liable to disease, and 9,000 feet above the sea it grows in a perfectly healthy state.

NATURE IS RESTING.—Not an island has been heaved up or sunk from sight in the Pacific Ocean for the last 34 years, and geologists predict that within 50 years a convulsion of nature will sink the whole of New Zealand 50 feet below the surface of the sea.

Quill tooth picks come from Franco. The largest factory in the world is near Paris, where there is an annual product of 20,000,000 quills. The factory was started to make quill pens, but when these went out of general use it was converted into a tooth pick mill.

Banby—But why have you thrown Charlie overboard?

Maude—I couldn't marry a man with a broken nose, you know.

Banby—Ah! I wonder how he got his nose broken, poor fellow?

Maude—Oh, I struck him playing tennis!

The biggest edible oysters in the world are found at Port Lincoln, in South Australia. They are sometimes more than a foot across the shell, and the oyster fits the shell so well he does not leave much margin. It is also said that their flavor and delicacy are proverbial.

It is said that the German Emperor has presented four ear-trumpets used by Beethoven to the Beethoven House at Bonn. They were made by Maelzel, of metronome fame, in 1814, and still have attached to them the ribbons with which the great composer tied them on.

An act of kindness, a word of sympathy, may render the whole line of life different from what it would otherwise have been. There are crises in many a life when the course it shall take for weal or woe depends on a slight influence—almost a single word. How careful then should we be that our influence may at all times be in the right direction!

Miss Dorothy Dean, a favorite London actress, has started a new fashion that is very laudable. After her performance at the theatre she drives to the Charing Cross Hospital with the quantities of flowers she has received during the evening, and leaves them to be distributed among the different sufferers the following morning. This is an idea worthy of adoption.

Novada has what are termed "travelling stones." They are described as being perfectly round, about as large as a walnut and of an ivory nature. When distributed about on the floor, table or other level surface within two or three feet of each other, they at once begin to move toward each other until they meet in a common centre and there lie huddled in a bunch. They are largely composed of magnetic iron ore.

THE PHONOGRAPH IN MEXICO.—The Mexican Post Office authorities have taken up the phonograph and placed it at the disposal of the public at a charge of six to twelve centimes the 1,000 words. The intending user, having paid the fee, speaks into the machine, after which the cylinder is packed in a case and forwarded to the person addressed, who receives, besides, from the post office, a phonograph which repeats the message, and is then returned to the office. As a large proportion of Mexicans have not yet solved the mystery of reading and writing this method of corresponding is found very serviceable.

HOME WITHOUT A MOTHER.

The room's in disorder
The cats on the table,
The flower-stand upset, and the mischief to pay:
And Johnny is screaming
As loud as he's able.

For nothing goes right when mamma's away.

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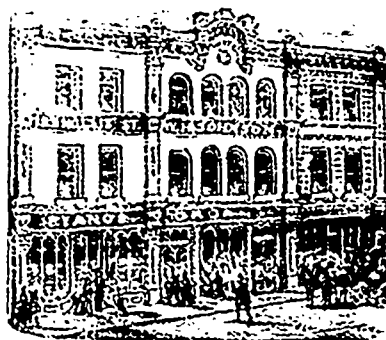
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