

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

## ONLY TWO WORDS.

They stood beside the cottage door,  
Their old time trysting place;  
A woe-laden look his visage wore,  
And gloom was on his face.

For he had visited a fair  
Held in a church near by,  
And met another maiden there  
And treated her to pie.

And she had said their dream was o'er  
(Condemn the maid who can)  
And never, never, never more  
Would she believe a man.

And he had tried the best he knew  
To lead her to relent,  
Or speak, at least, a word or two  
To him before he went.

"Say but two words, love, I implore,  
My homeward path to light."  
She did, for, as she shut the door,  
She coolly said, "Good night."

Work is the inevitable condition of human life, the true source of human welfare.

"Johnny, are you teaching that parrot to use naughty words?"  
"No'm. I'm just telling it what it mustn't say."

There's no possibility of being witty without a little ill-nature; the malice of a good thing is the barb that makes it stick.

WHAT IS LIFE?—It is a word of four letters. Three quarters of it is a "lie," and half of it is an "if," while the whole is as rough as a "file."

Kind words are benedictions. They are not only instruments of power, but of benevolence and courtesy; blessings both to the speaker and hearer of them.

A woman's best qualities do not reside in her intellect, but in her affections. She gives refreshment by her sympathies, rather than by her knowledge.

TRUTHFUL COUNT.—Van Arndt—She told me it was her first year out.

Maid Marian—Why—she's been out four seasons.

Van A.—Ah, well; she counts four seasons in the year, I suppose.

"I'm going to write a book on 'How to Live on Nothing a Year.'"

"It can't be done."

"It can; I have a receipt."

"What is it?"

"Marry a rich girl."

"Oh, my friends, there are some spectacles that a person never forgets!" said a lecturer, after giving a graphic description of a terrible accident that he had witnessed.

"I'd like to know where they gets 'em," remarked an old lady in the audience, who is always losing her glasses.

## THE PROPER GURGLE.

"Who is that man," I asked, "whose voice  
Has such a ghastly tone;  
Is he some wretch whose lot has been  
To live his life alone?"  
"No," was the answer, "he is one  
Who works a telephone."

AN IMPORTANT POINT.—In a law case, in which a question of identity was being discussed, the cross examining advocate said to the witness, "And you would not be able to tell him from Adam?"

"You have not yet asked the witness, Mr. X.," interrupted the judge, speaking in a studiously deliberate manner, "whether he is acquainted with the personal appearance of the personage whose name you have just mentioned. There must be order in your questions."

## UNSYMPATHETIC.

He complained of a terrible, ghastly pain  
In his stately dome of thought,  
And he knew that her sympathy he would gain,  
If she loved him as she ought.

But, alas, for the throbbing in his head,  
Its horrors were not allowed,  
When this unsympathetic maiden said,  
"Tis naught but an aching void."

Mr. Muirhead, who has recently been relating his American experiences, tells the following smart story. An Englishman met a small boy, six or seven years old, in the streets of New York. The child was alone and sobbing bitterly. When the gentleman inquired what was the trouble, the child replied: "I'm lost; ma's lost me, I told the darned thing she'd lose me if she would not take care." What a mixture of childishness and precocity. No wonder Mr. Muirhead calls his paper "The Land of Contrasts."

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