

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THANKSGIVING.

I praise Thee while my days go on;  
I love Thee while my days go on;  
Through dark and dearth, through fire and frost  
With emptied arms and treasure lost,  
I thank Thee while my days go on.

'Waiter, it is almost half an hour since I ordered that turtle soup.'  
Waiter—Sorry, Sir, but you know how slow turtles are.

MISNOMERS BOTH.—'Curious name,' said Hicks. 'The idea of calling a worm that is all curves an angle-worm. 'But as bad as calling a cake that raises the deuce with you an angel-cake.'

Though Chicago a fine place to visit,  
And the fair a sublime spot to roam,  
Yet for living and comfort exquisite,  
There is certainly no place like home.

The Sage—In choosing a wife, young man, you must not look for beauty alone.

The Youth—Of course not. It is the other kind of girl that one may expect to find alone.

UNANSWERABLE LOGIC.—Smith—Say, Jones, which of us two is the smartest?

Jones—I am, because I know already, while you have to ask for information on the subject.

AN UNLUCKY BLOCK.—E.—Don't let us turn down this street.

F.—Why not?

E.—Because it's unlucky for me to pass the next block. There are precisely thirteen people to whom I owe money living on it.

FICTION IN LOVE

Maud was twenty and Leila nineteen.  
When the latter became a fiancee;  
Though Leila was married at twenty-five,  
Yet—Maud is twenty—no to-day!

SEASIDE NOTE.—'Did you pick up any weight by going to the seashore, Smihy?'

'I did, indeed, Brown—gained one hundred and twenty-five pounds.'

'Pshaw! Impossible!'

'Fact, my dear fellow. Come up to the house and I will introduce you to her. We were married last week.'

Mr. Bennet is a bright and well preserved old gentleman, but to his little granddaughter Mabel he seems very old indeed. She had been sitting on his knee, and looking at him seriously for some moments one day, when she said, 'Grandpa, were you in the Ark?' 'Why, no, my dear,' gasped her astonished grandparent, 'Mabel's eyes grew large and round with astonishment. 'Then why weren't you drowned?' she asked.

A GOOD STORY.—Some one tells of a dude in a horsecar who, seeing a young lady whom he thought to be impressed with his personal charms, crossed over and took a seat beside her and said:

'Haven't I met you somewhere before?'

To which she replied, in a voice heard by other passengers:

'I am not quite sure, but I think you are the man that stole our spoons.'

The passengers laughed and the dude left the car.

WANTED IT ABSOLUTELY SAFE.—When the panic was at its height an excited porter in a South Side hotel) asked for half an hour's leave of absence one day in order that he might take his money out of a bank and put it in a safer place. It was granted, and at the end of the stipulated time he returned, looking immensely relieved.

'Well, Jacobs,' said his employer, 'did you draw your money out?'

'I did, sir,' replied Jacobs.

'What bank was it in?'

'It was in a safety deposit vault.'

'The mischief it was! And where have you deposited it now?'

'I gave it to the old woman, sir.'

THE POETS AND THANKSGIVING.—England's greatest poet, Shakespeare, says:

How sharper than a serpent's tooth  
It is to have a thankless child.

Fielding gruffly remarks:

When I'm not thanked, I'm thanked enough;  
content, apparently, with goodly fare the year around; while Wordsworth give evidence of having suffered the after effects of the feast, groaning,

Alas! the gratitude of men  
Hath often left me mourning.

Charles Lamb voiced the sentiments of the majority of Thanksgiving diners, in his well-known response to the coachman's inquiry:

'Full inside.' 'Yes, thank you: that last piece of pie did the business for me.' How often it does!

Tennyson declares that he 'will not eat his heart alone,'—leaving it doubtful whether he means to bid guests to this unwonted banquet, or to add the more customary viands.

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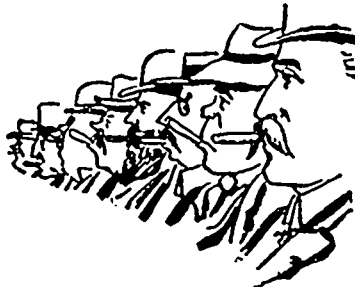


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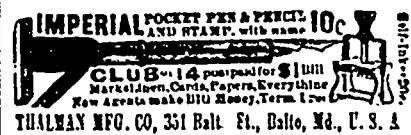
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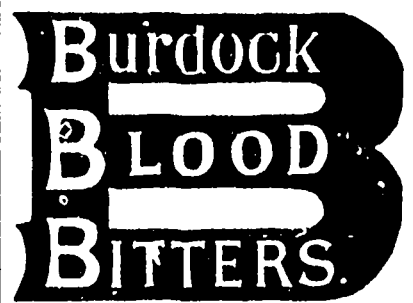


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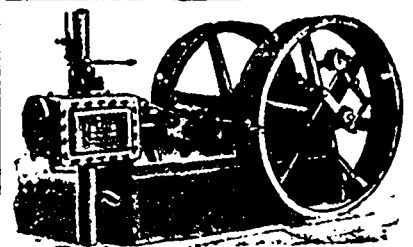
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