

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE TIRED JESTER.

I have sung my songs. I have danced my measure.  
I have played my part. Let me rest awhile,  
For my soul is sick of this thing called pleasure,  
And my lips are tired of their painted smile.  
I have lived for their laughter. Striving to please,  
I have wrung mirth dry. You have drawn the lees—  
Take my cap and bells. I have earned my leisure.  
I am out of tune, like an ill-strung viol.

**MAKING PROGRESS.**—"Young Cheque seems to be making great progress with Miss Bilycus." "What makes you think so?" "He said to me just now that he was talking meteorology with her this morning." "So he was. He met her and said 'beautiful weather to-day,' and she said 'yes,' and passed on."

**STILL GOING.**—One day a Lie broke out of its enclosure and started to travel.

And the man who owned the Premises saw it after it had started and was sorry he had not made the enclosure Lie-tight.

So he called his swiftest truth and said:

"A Lie has got loose and will do much mischief if it is not stopped. I want you to go after it and bring it back or kill it!"

So the swift Truth started out after the Lie. But the Lie had an hour the start. At the end of the first day the Lie was going Lickety-split. The Truth was a long way behind it and was getting tired. It has not yet caught up. And never will.—*Chicago Tribune.*

YES, I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE.

My vineyard that is mine I have to keep  
Pruning for fruit the pleasant twigs and leaves.  
Tend thou thy cornfield; one day thou shalt reap  
In joy thy ripened sheaves.

Or if thine be an orchard, graft and prop  
Food-bearing trees, each watered in its place;  
Or if a garden let it yield for crop  
Sweet herbs and herb of grace.

But if my lot be sand, where nothing grows?  
Nay, who hath said it? Tune a thankful psalm;  
For though thy desert bloom not as the rose,  
It yet can rear thy palm.

When the Countess of Aberdeen was in Ottawa last she was greatly pleased with the beauty and variety of the collection of gems and precious stones cut from Canadian material in the lapidary establishment of C. P. Willimott & Co., and before she left she ordered a handsome necklace of Quartz-Asteria and a smaller one of Amazon-stones. Those of our readers who are ignorant of the resources of the Dominion in gem material should read Mr. C. W. Willimott's excellent review of the subject in a paper just printed by the Ottawa Field Naturalist Club. Mr. Willimott points out that the idea that our crude material may be sold by the ton or hundred-weight instead of by the carat, as Oriental or European gems are, is entirely erroneous; for while some of our semi-gems, such as Agate, Jasper, Amazon-stones, etc., might be so obtained owing to the abundance of material, many of our stones possess a high value and are sold by the carat on account of their scarcity.

**THE MODUS OPERANDI.**—Wife—"My dear, I left my thimble in the pocket of my new dress, and I wish you'd run up-stairs and—"

Husband—"Now, see here, I'm not going off on any such job as that."

"How foolish you are! Nothing is easier than finding the pocket in a dress. All you have to do is to slip it on."

"Slip what on?"

"The dress, of course. But you needn't try to button it, you know."

"Oh, I needn't!"

"No; slipping it on is enough."

"Well, then what?"

"Use common sense, of course. All you have to do after the dress is on is to dive down and crossways and a little slanting, and up and around just as you see ladies do in the street-car when the conductor comes along, and your hand will go straight into the pocket."

**REWARD OF ENTERPRISE.**—His history is briefly told.

After several days of thought he discovered a sure way to make money, and, like other men, he was in a hurry to try it. He made haste to insert an advertisement something like the following in several country weeklies:

"Sure way to kill potato bugs; send 20 two-cent postage stamps to X. Y. Z.,—, for a receipt that cannot fail." Then he hired a dray to bring his mail from the post-office, and had 10,000 of his receipts printed. Inside of two weeks something like 6,000 or 7,000 farmers had contributed 20 two-cent stamps each for the printed receipts.

Then several hundred of them bought clubs and railroad tickets, and started out to interview the adviser. At his office they were informed that he had left to attend to some business in Europe, and he was not expected back. All he had left was a package of 3,000 or 4,000 slips of paper, on which were printed the following:

"Put your bug on a shingle. Then hit it with another shingle."

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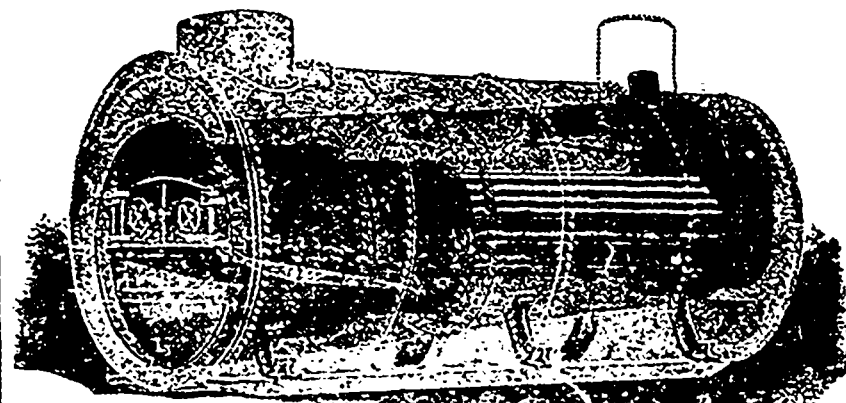
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