

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

HOPE.

Sometimes, amid the changing rout,
A rainbowed figure glides about,
And from her brightness, like a day,
The whimpling shadows sink away.
I know that lyre of seven strings;
The seven colors of her wings;
The seven blossoms of her crown;
There violets twine for amethyst;
Small lilies white as silk-weed down,
There myrtle sprays her locks have kissed;
And pansies that are beryl blue;
And varied roses, rich of hue;
With iridescent loving eyes
Of buds that blossom in paradise.

—Danse Lauriitje.

"Did the fisherman have frog's legs, Bridget?"
"Sure I couldn't see, mum; he had his pants on."

The Season Over.—Chollie (singing)—"How can I leave thee?"
Ethel (coldly)—"The front door is still doing business at the old stand. Try that."

The Dog was Dead—Magistrate (to complainant)—"Your dog was poisoned on the North side, you say?"
Complainant—"Why, your honor, I think he was poisoned all over."

THE DREAM WAS CHANGED.—Algernon Sydney Tenburne: "Yes, Miss Vandaleur, I often sit through the long night, dreaming and dreaming."
Miss Vandaleur: "Wouldn't you find it more comfortable, though, to dream in bed?"

Something in their favor.—"Wasn't it dreadful to listen to the whistling of the bullets in battle?"

"Oh, not so very. You see the bullets never whistled any of the popular airs of the day."

A HINT TO FATHERS.

How pure and good 'twould make the world,
The millenium we soon would see,
If fathers would but be themselves
As good as they think their sons should be.

Offensive partisanship.—Dr. Prayery—"Search the history of the whole world, and you will find nowhere else so inspiring an example of bold, fearless enterprise with gentle godliness as you find in St. Paul."

Minneapolis (picking up his hat)—"That—that's just a little more than I can sit under."

DIFFERENT KINDS.

Some bait their hooks with mites of cheese,
And sit on a kennel and bob for sels;
Others bait their hooks with tigers' tails,
And sit on a rock and bob for whales.

A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW.—"What did papa say?"
"He showed me the door."
"And what did you say?"
"I said it was a handsome door, but not what I had come to talk about. That made him laugh, and a minute later you were mine."

The Broozy West—Mr. Traveler—"And how did you like our beautiful Western country, Miss Query?"

Miss Query—"I was completely carried away with it!"

Mr. T.—"Indeed!"

Miss Q.—"Yes, but fortunately I came down on a haystack and got off without a scratch."

Not So Slow After All—Mr. Murrie-Hille—"You say you don't dance, and that you have scruples against theatre going. What shall we do to amuse you? What do you do at home? I am ready for anything you like."

Pretty Country Cousin—"Oh, at home we have church sociables."

Mr. Murray-Hille—"And what do you do there?"

Pretty Country Cousin (demurely)—"We generally play kissing-games."

A WONDERFUL DOG!—London Truth gives the following wonderful dog story:

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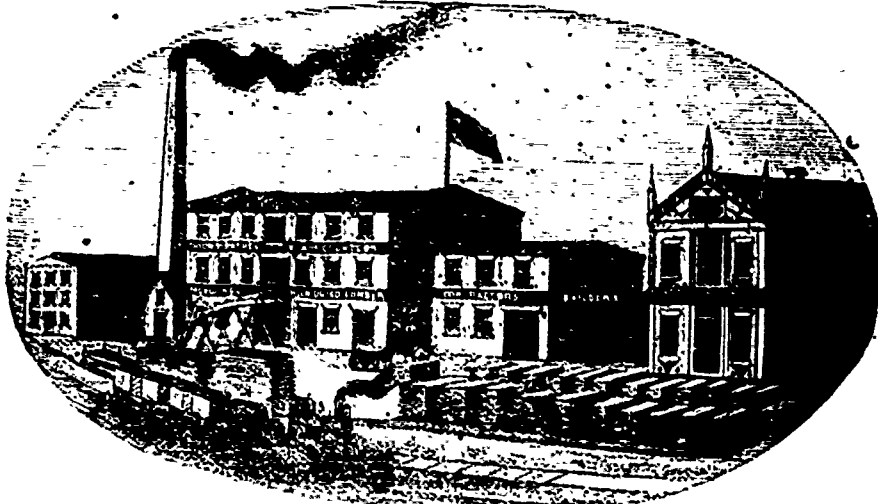
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