

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A new paper is called the *Ocean*. It is to be hoped it will not make people sick.

A record of 441 divorce cases in one day entitles Boston to a smile of recognition from Chicago.

A SCOTCH MONOPOLIST.—Scotch Table d'hote at fashionable hotel on Deeside; big market day. Farmer of the old school has dined. Waiter—"Finished, sir?"

Farmer—"Fat's the charge?"

Waiter—"Five shillings, please."

Farmer (startled)—"Five shillin's! Weel, I'm na doon yet." Resumed operations.

A LITTLE MIXED.—"I was sorry to see you drunk yesterday, Pat, after having taken the pledge!"

"It was all along of me absent-mindedness, sor, an' a habit I have av talking wid meself. I was passin' the shtore, and I sez to meself, sez I, "Come in an' take a dhrink Pat." "No, sor," I sez, "I've sworn off." "Thin I'll go in by meself," sez I. "An' I'll wait for yer outside" I sez. An' whin meself come out, faith, he was dhrunk.

TREATED AS A FLOWER.—It was in the ancestral hall. She had been dancing with the heir of acres and much personality. He was tall and shy. She was a bouncing blonde, and turning on her great blue eyes full of power she said—"You are very rude." "How—why?" stammered the youth. "You squeezed me dreadfully in the last waltz." "Oh—but—" "Yes, you crushed me as you would a flower." "But I like flowers and pin them to my breast." "Well, my name is Rose, you know; suppose you treat me as a flower."

AN IDEA FOR SEPARATIONISTS.—A number of Colts were sent to investigate a gas leak on North Main Street. Upon locating the trouble one of the party was lowered into the manhole, and when he was a few feet down one of his comrades called to him. "Jerry, can yoz shtand the gas?" "Yis, lower away," was the reply. Again the question was asked, and the same answer returned. A third time "Jerry" was hailed, and back came the shout: "Pull me out! If yez don't pull me out I'll cut the rope!" He was "pulled."

A WISH.

She never gets a scolding,
She's never sent to bed,
She hasn't got a napkin
Put on her when she's fed;
She plays with me, yet no one
Tells her, "Don't make a noise;"
I sometimes wish my dolly
Was me and I was toys.

Wolfe invited a Scottish officer to dine with him who, later on the same day, was also invited by some brother officers.

"You must excuse me," said he, "I am already engaged to Wolfe."

An over-smart youngster observed that he might as well have said "General Wolfe."

"Sir," said the Scotsman, "we do not say General Alexander or General Caesar."

Wolfe, who had come within hearing, could not help acknowledging the force of the sincere as well as adroit compliment and the natural pleasure it gave him, by a low bow.

"How long the ignoble sloth, how long,
The trust in greatness not thine own?
Surely the lion's brood is strong
To front the world alone!

How long the indolence, ere thou dare
Achieve thy destiny, seize thy fame,
Ere our proud eyes behold thee bear
A nation's franchise, nation's name?

But thou my country, dream not thou
Wake and behold how night is done,—
How on thy breast, and o'er thy brow,
Bursts the uprising sun!"

Thus sings Roberts in "In Divers Tones." It is apropos of Independence he sings, but the patriotism should hold good under any form of national development. "But"—says the *Dalhousie Gazette* in an otherwise appreciative notice—"though poets may awaken, they cannot create a love for country or a national pride, especially in our day when sentiment is so little regarded. Hence it is that" some poems named of Prof. Roberts—"will be read by the vast majority of us simply as pleasing poetry; but they will not stir our blood and send it throbbing through our veins. The defect is not in Prof. Roberts' poetry, but in our hearts." Yes, if it be so, no doubt the defect is in our hearts, and it is so miserable and sordid a defect that every Canadian who is conscious of it ought to be overwhelmed with shame at his sordid disregard of the noble inheritance he has been born into, and of which he shows himself so little deserving.

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