

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

SUCCESS AT LAST.

A gray-haired, broken-down old man,
With sunken eye and cheek,
Climbed up the steps one winter's day,
With humble mein and meek.

He rang the bell, and a woman came
And stood in the open door,
And a smile spread over his wrinkled face
As he saw his wife once more.

And the old glad light shone in his eyes,
And his husky voice grew clear,
As he said, "It almost knocked me out,
But I matched that ribbon, dear."

IN A VASSAR HISTORY CLASS.—Professor—"What people have done most towards perpetuating the fame of Columbus?"
Miss Bright—"The maker of souvenir spoons."

SWEET REVENGE.—"I'm putting up a prescription for your wife's milliner," said the drug clerk to his employer. "What shall I charge her?"
"What is the usual price for what she is getting?"
"Fifty cents."
"Charge her \$2.75."

REAL MEAN.—An old old man was called by a woman up to the top of a tenement. After he had climbed the stairs and was puffing away, she turned to a whimpering infant and said: "Now, if you don't keep quiet, the ragman will take you. I haven't anything to sell to-day; I merely wanted to frighten the child."

A country minister, who in addition to his clerical duties followed the profession of a photographer, was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony. "Now, then, young man," he said to the groom, who was nervous and excited, as all grooms ought to be, "just keep your eye on that crack in the wall and try and look pleasant."

A HARD WINTER.—Wife—I don't see what we are going to do.
Husband—What's wrong?
"The ice man won't stop leaving ice until his bill is paid, and the coal man won't bring any coal unless he has the money in advance."
"Um—well, I still have credit at the drug store: Get some phosphorous and put it on the ice."

A SAD AFFAIR.—Teacher—What makes you look so sad?
Boy—A teamster called a man a bad nar...
"Mercy! I don't wonder you were shocked."
"Yes'm; an' the man was a good deal bigger than the teamster, an' cud a-knocked him sky-high; but the man was deaf an' didn't hear, an' there wasn't any fun after all."

An intelligent foreigner is said to have expressed himself after the following fashion on the absurdities of the English language: "When I discovered that if I was quick I was fast, if I stood firm I was fast, if I spent too freely I was fast, and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged; but when I came across the sentence 'The first one won one one-dollar prize,' I was tempted to give up English and learn some other language."

POINTS OF THE FOOTBALL PLAYER.—Boggs—"Don't you think I ought to make a great football player?"
Simmons—"No; you haven't the physique."
Boggs—"That's very true; but I have a great stock of hair to hang over my eyes as I emerge from the melee in front of the grand stand. And think how it would show up in the photograph of the team!"

FRUGALITY.—The Lady in the Restaurant—"How much is the charge for roast beef with potatoes?"
Waiter—"Twenty five cents."
The Lady—"And for bread and butter and pickles?"
Waiter—"They're thrown in."
The Lady—"Well, let me have some bread and butter and pickles."

A WISE GIRL.—She was a girl of wisdom. He said to her:
"Do you not love to wander in the moonlight?"
"Yes," she answered.
"Why?"
"Because it saves gas."
Then he did some mental arithmetic, thought it over and said:
"Will you be mine?"

NOT AN UNCOMMON CASE.—Gawker—I know a resident seventy-five years old who never voted.
Dimling—An alien who was never naturalized?
"No; born in this country."
"Conscientious scruples about voting?"
"No; anxious to vote."
"Then what's the difficulty with him?"
"It isn't a him. It's a her."

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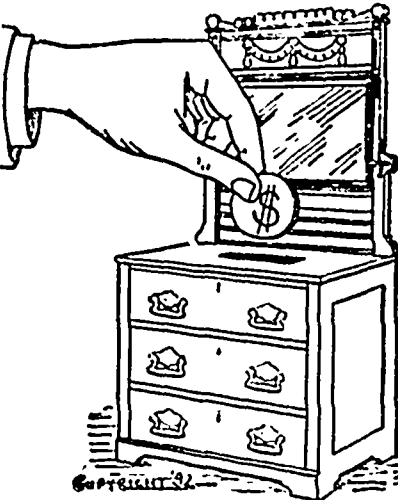
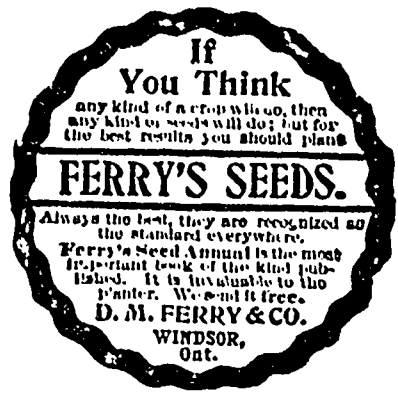
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