

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

You cannot expect a girl of the period to stand fire because she is accustomed to face powder.

It will have to be station before long. Deepo and doppo are going to take the elevator and leave for the far West, where things are not so English, you know.

From Panama Bernhardt went to Havana. She says, "I do not like the audiences in Havana." Her latest pet is a half-wild tiger cat given to her in Mexico, and she holds the snarling beast up by the tail for the edification of visitors.

A negro being asked what he was in jail for, said it was for borrowing money. "But," said the questioner, "they don't put people in jail for borrowing money!" "Yes," said the darkey, "but I had to knock do man down free or so' times before he would lend it to me."

"Well, John," said the judge to a pig tailed Celestial, "what can I do for you?" "Want to gettee name changed." "What's your name now?" "Sing Sing. No gooddee. Too muchee alderman. Gettee changed to Walble Twicee." "To Warble Twice?" "Yep. Allee samee Sing Sing."

Oil Broker (to former customer): "How d'ye do, Mr. Lamb? I am glad to see you looking so well and prosperous." Mr. Lamb: "Yes, I've been on the right side of the market now for some months." Oil Broker: "What side have you been playing?" Mr. Lamb: "The outside."—Puck.

A CASE OF KLEPTOMANIA.—Once when Mr. Justice Byles was trying a prisoner for stealing, a medical witness was called, who said that in his opinion the accused was suffering from kleptomania, "and your lordship of course knows what that is." "Yes," said Byles quietly, "it is what I am sent here to cure."

"Servant: "If you please, mum, I'd like you to come and look at the bread. I don't know whether it's done or not." Housekeeper: "Mercy, Mary, I wish you wouldn't bother me with such things. I know nothing about cooking, and, besides, I'm busy just now writing my weekly letter on household receipts for the Bugle."

The Chicago Mail boasts of a citizen of fine discrimination and delicacy, who, riding in the suburbs with his best girl, passed a stable, in the door of which stood a couple of calves. "See," said the young lady, "those two cute cowlets." "Those are not cowlets, Araminta; they are bullets." And the procession moved rapidly on.

A SENSE OF DUTY.—A teacher in a San Francisco public school was informed by a lawyer at 2 o'clock p.m. that she was heir to \$20,000. He expected to hear a whoop, and to see her grab her bonnet and run, but instead she calmly replied: "I will hear the class in geography, lick three boys, and be at your office in an hour."—Detroit Free Press.

A correspondent in Mexico explains why the Mexicans call the American a "Gringo." She says that when the American army invaded Mexico a favorite song in the camps was Burns' "Green Grow the Rashers, O." The Mexicans heard it repeated over and over, and finally began to call the Americans by the first two words, which they pronounced "grin go." Hence "Gringo."

Professor F. S. Dennis, of New York, made some experiments on a recent trip across the Atlantic to test the purity of the air about 1,000 miles from land. He found that in a stateroom on the main deck the air was quite impure. In a cabin on the promenade deck, where the circulation was freer, it was much purer, while at the bow of the steamer it was found to be entirely uncontaminated.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS.—It is now known that the aurora borealis has the same origin as lightning, that it is one of the visible manifestations of atmospheric electricity, and that it is due to slow movements of that fluid, while lightning is the result of violent motions. The effects of the aurora and of the thunderbolt are absolutely different; but between them there is an intermediary that connects them, and this is heat lightning.—Scientific American.

It is a remarkable fact, says the London World, that the cheapest way to send a certain class of goods from Liverpool to London is via New York. This arises from the keen competition between outward bound Atlantic steamers for profitable dead weight. The other day about 1000 tons of rough freight was offered for carriage to London, no time being specified. The London lines tendered at 10s. a ton, but one of the Atlantic firms undertook to deliver it for 6s. a ton, and the offer was accepted.

She was a real sweet-looking lady, with a sealskin sacque and a big plush hat, and she stood on the steps of an up-town residence, just having pulled the bell. "I called to see," said she to the lady of the house, who was very red in the face from frying doughnuts over the fire, "if you wish to give anything to the heathen to-day." "No, I don't want to give anything to the heathen to-day. I just gave the woman next door a piece of my mind about her scalding of a boy that broke down my plants. That's all I can afford for the heathen just now."

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