

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Cards announcing divorce are now en vogue.

**PAINT FOR SHEET IRON.**—Good varnish,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon; boiled linseed oil,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon; add red lead sufficient to bring to the consistency of common paint. Apply with a brush. Applicable to any kind of iron work exposed to the weather.

Hotel proprietor: "We don't allow any games of chance here."  
Gambler: "This isn't a game of chance. My friend here has no chance."  
—*Chicago Rambler*.

They thought they heard burglars in the house last week, and, on going downstairs to investigate, Bibbs said to his wife, "You go first; it's a mean man that would shoot a woman."

Bilkins: "Send me up two tons of coal and I will settle the first of the month." Coal-dealer (derisively)—"Chestnut! Bilkins (anxious to mis-understand)—"Yes, chestnut will do, I guess."

A lady coming from the Continent assured the Custom house officer that she had nothing but wearing apparel in her trunk, but he went to the bottom of the article and found a dozen bottles of brandy stowed away. "Madam," demanded he, sternly, "do you call those wearing apparel?" "Yes," the lady demurely replied: "they are my husband's night-caps."

Mr. John Clerk (afterward Lord Eldon) in pleading before the House of Lords one day, happened to say, in his broadest Scotch accent: "In plain English, ma lords." Upon which a noble lord jocosely remarked: "In plain Scotch, you mean, Mr. Clerk." The prompt advocate instantly rejoined: "Nae matter, in plain common sense, ma lords, and that's the same in a' languages, ye'll ken."

An Englishman was accosted thus: "What will you take to stand all night in the dome of St. Paul's?" "A beefsteak and a pint of beer," was the frank reply. The next one thus accosted was a Scotchman. Says Sandy: "What will ye gie?" Lastly, came along Patrick, and when he was asked what he would take to stand all night in the dome of St. Paul's, he willingly answered: "Sure an' I'd be af to take a bad cowld."

**A FACT IN FRENCH COUNTRY PRACTICE.**—A French doctor being asked by a man one day to go to a distance to see his sick child, replied that it was too far to walk, and that he had no carriage. "Oh," said the man, "that doesn't matter; I am a livery stable keeper, and will drive you." Some time afterwards the doctor's bill was asked for. It was five francs. The livery stable keeper then presented his bill for the hire of the carriage. It was six francs.—*Lancet*.

**SWEET EXPECTATION.**—A good story is told of an old lady from the country, who took a seat in the elevator of one of our leading dry goods stores the other day, and placidly kept her sitting while the elevator plied from street floor to top story indefinitely. At length the elevator boy inquired if she intended to get out anywhere in particular. "Yes," replied the dear old soul, "I guess you may let me out at Temple Place."—*Boston Commonwealth*.

The re-organized church of Jesus Christ, of the Latter Day Saints, or non-polygamous Mormons, have been holding a conference at the Old Mormon temple, which was erected at Kirtland, O., 50 years ago by Joseph Smith and his followers. About 70 delegates were present. Joseph Smith, of Iowa, son of the original Joseph Smith, is president of the church, and he opened the conference with a speech. There are at present 19,236 Latter Day Saints, the net gain during the past year being 1306. Iowa has the largest number, 4227, and Virginia the smallest, six. There are 196 in Utah.

**THE QUEEN AND THE REPORTER.**—Even the divinity that doth hedge a king yields to the power of the press. The reporters who were puzzling over the toilets at a recent court ball at Rome were taken in tow by King Humbert, to whom they frankly stated their fix, and introduced to Queen Marguerita, with the suggestion that she should coach them. She did this with a readiness and winning grace that completely captivated the quill-drivers, dictating to them a description of the handsomest dresses. She wound up with an injunction not to forget her necklace of pearls. "For these are the things that especially interest your lady readers."—*Boston Transcript*.

**NEGRO BALLS IN PARIS.**—This month a reigning social sensation is a series of negro balls. They are under the patronage of several ladies of noble blood from Zanzibar and Ethiopia. The dark hued contingent of Parisian society is a numerous one, and contains many families of rank and wealth. So you must believe that these balls are truly aristocratic gatherings. The supposition is that only persons of negro blood are invited. As a matter of fact, however, nearly half of these are white. But all such have to stain their faces black for the time being. These disguised revelers are persons of the best standing in French society. Indeed, no less personages than Prince Waldemar and his bride, Amelia d'Orleans, attended the first of the series. Their faces were stained a rich brown, so that they looked like rather dark quadroons. Several cavaliers of the Duc de Morny's set attend all these gatherings, with their hands and faces dyed, and with wool wigs over their natural hair.—*Paris Letter*.

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