

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

In a Hebrew school: "What crime did Joseph's brothers commit in selling him?" All the pupils in chorus: "They sold him too cheap."

Lightning struck a flock of flying geese in California recently and killed six of them. What will be thought of this by the people who believe that the place of safety in a thunderstorm is the middle of a feather bed?

Nervous old lady, on the fifth floor of hotel: "Do you know what precautions the proprietor of the hotel has taken against fire?" Porter: "Yes, mum; he has the house inshoored for twice wot it's worth."

"Does hanging prevent murder?" is a question which agitates the Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment. Yes, it does. Cases are very rare where a man commits murder after he has been hanged once or twice.

Good luck and misfortune go hand in hand. Lon Baker presented the editor with a gallon of currant wine Tuesday afternoon, and that evening our horse ran into the fence on the square and broke our buggy and threw us out.—*Austin (Iowa) Sun.*

General Sheridan, it is said, carries his wife's pocket handkerchief when he goes out shopping with her. If Mrs. Sheridan, in exchange for this piece of gallantry, carries her husband's pocket-book when she goes out shopping with him she has rather the best of the bargain.

"Sugar," said the schoolmaster to his class, "is either made from the beet, as in France, or from the sugar cane, as in the West Indies. Now, do you think you can remember that?" "Yes, sir," replied a sharp boy, "I think we can remember the connection between the cane and the beet."

The wife of Mr. Hey, of Americus, Ga., wears a handsome broostpin which was made out of a petrified strawberry which grew on her husband's farm. The berry is beautifully colored, resembling a bright ruby, and is very hard. It weighs about two ounces and glistens in the light like a ball of fire.

Ponsonby—"Sir, I will be frank with you. I want your daughter." Bagley—"I will be equally frank. You can't have her." "What is your objection to me?" "You are a young man without any prospects." "You are mistaken. I understand that your daughter will inherit the bulk of your fortune."

The Queen of Holland presented a remarkable gift to the king on his seventieth birthday. The ladies in waiting carried in an immense bouquet, which they placed before his majesty. The king was greatly surprised when suddenly the top of the bouquet opened and the head of his infant daughter peeped out of the flowers.

Canada may be a slow going country, but she owns more miles of railway in proportion to her population than any other country in the world. And, in proportion to population, her people have spent more money in improving internal communication than any other people in the world. It really begins to look as if Canada is not such a very poor country after all.

ANIMALS IN SHOW WINDOWS.—The latest show window attraction is animals. The electric dummies that thump on the window glass to attract one's attention are being supplemented in places by parrots that call to customers, squirrels that keep a cage buzzing, and one hat store keeps a Brazilian lizard that wriggles his tail and blinks.—*New York Letter.*

We believe in the man or woman who has "enemies." This does not seem sound, but it is. Your milk-and-water people, who content themselves with simply doing no harm, at the same time do no good. They are mere negatives. Your man of force, who does not wait for a stone to get out of his way, but manfully rolls it over, may, unintentionally, hurt somebody's toes in the act, but thousands who have to go that way will thank him for clearing it. The man who has no enemies is generally a sickly, creeping, or cowardly creature, caring for no one but himself—smirking and creeping his unchallenged way to the obscurity he merits. He adds nothing to the common stock, does no good in the world, and is lowered into six feet of earth without one sincere regret from anybody. He has had no enemies. But, has he had a friend? A place is vacant, but not in any warm, grateful heart.—*Milwaukee Labor Review.*

AN APT ILLUSTRATION.—A millionaire is seated in a luxurious easy chair; before him stands a poor man in an attitude of supplication.

Dives remarks: "Ahem! Very sorry my young friend, that I can do nothing for you. But I can give you a word of good advice—economize!" Lazarus replies: "But when a man has nothing to do —"

"Nonsense!" says Dives, "under the circumstances a man must know how to save."

This ends the first scene. The second scene reveals the rich man floundering in a pond, while the poor man is calmly regarding him from the shore.

Says Lazarus: "Sorry, my friend, that I can do nothing for you, but I can give you a word of good advice—swim!"

Dives (choking): "Bub-bub-but wh-when a man can't swim."

To which Lazarus replies as he walks away: "Nonsense! Under these circumstances a man must know how to swim."

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