

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

"What are the wild waves saying?" was asked of a Chinaman, and he answered, "Washee, washee."

A ring round the moon is said to be a sign of rain. And a ring around a girl's finger is also a sign of reign.

In China they punish the man who adulterates food. In this country if a man buys the food he is killed.

What is the difference between Britannia and a publican who sells drink at illegal hours? One rules the waves, and the other waives the rules.

"I have three witnesses who will swear that at the hour when this man was robbed I was at home in my own chamber taking care of my baby." "Yes, your honor," glibly added the prisoner's counsel, "that is strictly true. We can prove a lullaby, your honor."—*Journal of Education.*

A German man of science has taken four heads of hair of equal weight, and proceeded to count the individual hairs. One was of the red variety, and it was found to contain 90,000 hairs. Next comes the black, with 103,000 hairs to its credit. The brown had 109,000 and the blonde 140,000.

CRUSHING A HUMORIST.—Editor (having glanced at contributor's joke) —"Where's the other?" Contributor—"Other? There isn't any other." Editor—"Um! I thought Noah took two of every kind into the ark."—*Tid-Bite.*

M. Chevreul, the French director at the Gobelins manufactory, and author of a work on colors bearing his name, was recently so indignant because it was proposed to retire him on account of his age that he has not been disturbed. He is 98, and will be 100 years just the beginning of old age. He is a teetotaler and eats two meals a day.

Uncle Jack returns from a long walk, and, being somewhat thirsty, drinks from a tumbler he finds on the table. Enter his little niece Alice, who instantly sets up a yell of despair. Uncle Jack: "What's the matter, Allie?" Alice (weeping): "You've drunk up my aquarium, and swallowed my free pollywogs." [Howls with anguish].—*Harvard Lampoon.*

Suett, the comedian, going a few miles out of London on a fishing excursion, was unable to secure an inside place in the coach. It rained incessantly, and when he arrived at his destination he was in a miserable state from the wet, which had soaked through his great coat and muffings to the skin. A friend who was waiting for him in the dusk of the evening, peering doubtfully in his face, inquired, "Are you Suett?" "No," replied the droll, "don't you see I'm dripping?"

When W. G. Browning, of East Greenwich, R. I., went to feed his cow the other morning, she was not in her accustomed stall. He had found the barn door locked, and was at a loss to know what had become of her. After an unsuccessful search about the premises, he went up to the hay loft for hay for his horse, and there stood the cow quietly filling up at the mow. She had broken loose in the night, and climbed fourteen steps to the loft. It took a carpenter and an inclined plane to get her down.

THE "ELDERLY GENTLEMAN IN THE CORNER."—An Irishman was sent by his employer with a message to a merchant in the city. The office of the merchant was duly reached, but he was not in. The only occupant of the room was a monkey, and to him Patrick promptly handed his master's note. The monkey took it, looked it over with extreme care, and in a perfectly business-like manner, and finally deliberately tore it into bits. Pat, on his return, gave an emphatic account of the treatment which the note had received, and the wrathful master set off at once, accompanied by his servant, to inquire into the meaning of it. The merchant was now in his office, and the sender of the message was beginning an earnest expostulation with him, when Patrick interrupted him, and pointing to the monkey, that still occupied his corner, said, "Oh, sir, it was not this gentleman; it was the elderly gentleman in the corner—*this gentleman's father, I deem.*"—*Editor's Drawer in Harper's Magazine for June.*

RUSSIAN CREDULITY.—Odesa papers report that in the village of Obodny, in the government of Podolia, a peasant, reputed to be very wealthy, and to have money hoarded in his house, received a visit lately from three venerable-looking men, dressed in garments of a somewhat clerical fashion, who informed him that they were Christ and the Apostles Peter and Paul. The sham Christ said to him, "I have given you great wealth, but you have omitted to exercise charity, so I have come to reckon with you. Give me your money." The terrified peasant fell on his knees, begged for mercy, and gave over 500 silver roubles, declaring it was all the money he had in the house. They were not satisfied, and he sent off his servant to collect money from neighbors who were indebted to him. The report of the presence in the village of such holy visitors brought a crowd to the spot. But the impostors mistook their motives, and believed they had come to apprehend them. One of them drew a knife from under his clothes and attacked a peasant; whereupon the crowd seemed to have become at once enlightened as to the true character of the trio, and, taking courage, overpowered them.

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