

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

The man who "cannot tell one note from another" never need apply for a position as cashier of a bank.

Prince Ferdinand, whom the Bulgarians chose for their King, is a great dandy, and besides much other jewelry, wears a bracelet on each arm.

A correspondent asks:—"Is it wrong to cheat a lawyer?" First cheat the lawyer, and then we will answer the conundrum.—*Providence Telegraph*.

The *Railroad Gazette* states that it is a well-known fact among railroad men that on railroads running north and south the west rails wear out the faster; that five rails will wear out on the west side of the track while three are doing service on the east side.

A few days ago Freiherr von Faber, the founder of the lead pencil firm of A. W. Faber, at Stein, in Germany, celebrated his 70th birthday. He has changed the village of Stein (near Nuremberg) into one of the finest in Germany, founded the famous Germanic museum in Nuremberg, and will be remembered for many other charitable bequests.

The New York police has broken out with a smallpox of zeal in good works, for which it may have to be vaccinated. A member of the force saw two little children in a hallway and carried them off as lost babies, to get the reward of the parents' gratitude. He was disappointed, next day, when the father and mother appeared with the information that the cherubs had been taken from the hallway of their own home.

WAS READY TO FIGHT.—First Gentleman, entering the apartment of second gentleman: About a year ago you challenged me to fight a duel!

Second Gentleman, sternly: I did, sir.

First G.: And I told you that I had just been married, and I did not care to risk my life at any such hazard.

Second G., haughtily: I remember, sir.

First G., bitterly: Well, my feelings have undergone a change; any time you want to fight let me know. *Bon jour.*

COMPRESSED FUEL MACHINE.—There has recently been patented a specially designed machine for making compressed fuel, stated to be twenty-five per cent. superior to ordinary coal. It differs from the patent fuel hitherto manufactured in this, that the blocks are only two inches square, and thus require no breaking even for household purposes. One ton consists of 4,800 blocks, and it can be sold at somewhat less than the household coals. Mr J. Laidler, of the Haswell Coal Landsale, Hendon, is the sole maker and patentee of the fuel, and also of the machine, which can make 120 blocks in a minute.—*Industries.*

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IN OMNIBUSES.—The London Road Car Company is trying the experiment of lighting its omnibuses with the electric light. An "Eclipse" battery has been placed underneath the driver's seat of an omnibus running from Liverpool Street to Victoria Station, and supplies a current sufficiently strong to keep alight a small glow lamp of the Swan and Edison type. This gives a light far superior to anything usually seen in public conveyances, and it is said to cost only about one penny per working night, but of how many hours is not stated. When the light is burnt continuously, the cells have to be refilled with the chemicals once every 16 hours.—*Electrical Review.*

THE SAME AS THE MISTLETOE.—A new trick learned from the actresses is to tint the ears for evening occasions. The feminine mind has taken the notion that so long as men speak admiringly of pink ears, an auricular deep blush may be put on to stay while desired. Therefore when adorning themselves for ball, opera, or other places of personal display, they rouge their ears inside and out. As the adjacent portions of their heads and necks are white, either naturally or from powdering, the contrast is rather startling. Well, some of the girls at Jerome Park had painted ears on their frivolous heads. Leonard Jerome, boss committeeman, gazed for a moment at one of them, and then caught her in his arms, held her tight and kissed her. She was a distant relative and he a veteran, but she got angry just the same and asked him how he dared. "An old custom from the husking bees," he said. "When you see a red ear you can kiss the girl that shows it."

A QUESTION OF MORALS.—The French are discussing a question in morals. A Frenchman in London, from the frequent pawning of his watch, learned that pawnbrokers test the watch by touching an acid to the knob. He inherited 15,000 francs, and immediately went to Geneva, where he ordered 200 watches, the cases of copper (heavily gilt) and the knobs of pure gold. They cost him 40 francs each. He went to London, and in a few days pawned the 200 watches. The pawnbrokers tested the knobs, and advanced him 70 francs on each, a gain of 30 francs over the cost. Then he walked about the streets and dropped the pawn tickets here and there, and the persons who found them, all being dishonest, went next day and redeemed the watches. Thus the pawnbrokers lost nothing, and the dishonest finders of the tickets paid 70 francs for 40-franc watches. As only the dishonest persons who found the tickets were victimized, the French moralists are uncertain whether to condemn the shrewd operator as a swindler.—*Milwaukee Sentinel.*

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