

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

GENTILITY.

Long, long ago, when English tongue was young,
And "gentle" meant brave, modest, courteous, true,
Gentility lent native worth a grace,
And o'er its form the charm of manner threw.

Gentility—the word has grown threadbare,
Its beauty and its strength have passed away,
And like a lordly garment cast aside
'Tis worn by beggars on a holiday.

Fred (to Clara at piano)—"Kreutzer's Sonata?" Do you play it?" Clara—"That's Tolstoi's; and I have none of his music."

Unconscious Truth.—Professor—"The old Cyclops were men who here,"—touching his forehead—"where most people have nothing, had one large eye."

Judge—"And you say the prisoner came up and assaulted you with malice aforethought?" Witness—"No, sah; he didn't use no seech implement as dat. He jes' hit me wid er club, sah."

It has been observed that the present generation reads little of Walter Scott, that Dickens simply just about holds his own, while Thackeray increases in favor year after year. And yet Thackeray spoke of Scott as "our great master."

Lady—"I would like to see some queensware." New Clerk—"Eh?" "Did you never see queensware?" "No, mum, I never did. The fact is, I have never been out of this town. To tell the truth, I didn't know they swore until you mentioned it."

"I assure you, Judge, that my physician is responsible for my being a thief." "Do you mean to say he hypnotized you and compelled you to commit a crime?" "I won't say that, but I do know that he ordered me to take something before going to bed."

Some Frenchman has discovered that the human mouth is gradually working around to the left ear. Now, if this thing can be fixed so that the young man's mouth shall be on the left side and the young woman's on the right, it will be mighty handy in the sleigh-riding season.

A body servant, newly engaged, presented to his master a pair of boots, the leg of one of which was much longer than the other. "How comes it, Patrick, that these boots are not of the same length?" "I raly don't know, sir; but what bothers me most is that the pair downstairs are in the same fix."

The wisest, most learned, and most intelligent of the medical fraternity do not place the same reliance on drugs that their predecessors did. They are very much more apt to make a patient cure himself by the observance of ordinary and well-settled rules of hygiene than to make his stomach a clearing-house for an apothecary's shop.

A "Railroad in the Holy Land" has rather a jarring sound. "Five minutes for refreshments at the Brook of Kodson," "Dinner in the Valley of Jehoshaphat," "Breakfast at Nazareth." "Tickets good for either Mount Zion or Mount Moriah." These will soon be added to the cries now familiar to pilgrims over the sea.

A REVENUE FRAUD.—"I'm a free-trader myself, Algernon, but I think you should have been compelled to pay an import duty on those detestable English airs you've brought over this trip."

"Haw! Impawt duty—vawy good! But they were in actual personal use when I landed, donchersee?"

Prof. Mahaffy was once examining a man who had put himself down as an "agonistic" on entering college. He was having a hard time at Mahaffy's hands over some "crux" passages in a Greek book. "I believe, thir," said Mahaffy, "that you are—aw—are an agnothic in reliouth matterth." The man feebly acquiesced. "Well, then, thir," said the professor, "I can quite athure you that you are an agnothic in Greek ath well."

A SAFE SKIPPER.—Old lady (at Tampa bay)—"My daughters want to go sailing. Can you swim?"

Yacht skipper—"No, mum."
Old lady—"My goodness! What could you do if anything should happen?"

Yacht skipper—"Please, mum, won the man wot does the sailin' can't swim, he's mighty kereful not to let anything happen."

The Shah became a father of the age of sixteen years, and all his children are well advanced in life. He has eight daughters, all married. His eldest daughter is called the Glory of the Kings, the second the Light of the Empire, No. 3 is the Pride of the Empire, and No. 4 the Purity of the Empire. All these daughters have married rich husbands, and the Shah has promptly seized the possessions of his son-in-law, with one exception. This son-in-law is chief priest of the Teheran, and he holds the avaricious father-in-law in check through religious influences.

A HARD CORNER.—The age of 30 is a hard corner for a woman to turn, and 35 is still harder. She feels that she is fast leaving her youth behind her. But there is no reason why a woman should be faded and *passé* at 35 or even at 45. The chief cause of the early fading of American women is found in the fact that many of them suffer from some form of female weakness or disease which robs the face of its bloom, draws dark circles about the eyes, brings early wrinkles and sallowness, and stamps the face and figure with signs of ill-health. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will cure all these troubles, will bring back the lost bloom, and remove the pains and ailments which make women grow old before their time. Guaranteed to give satisfaction in every case, or price (\$1.00) refunded.

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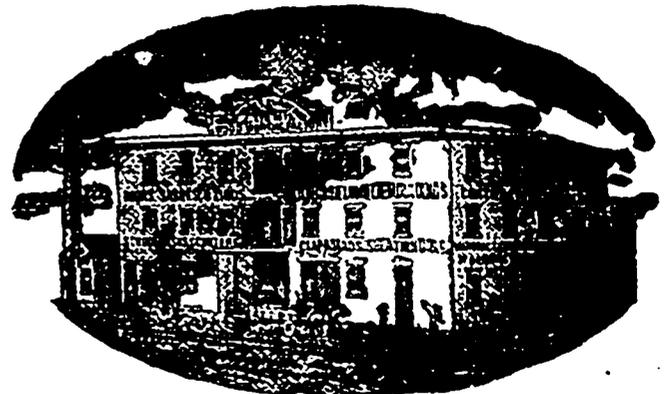
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