

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

"The earth is the Lord's, but the prohibitionists affirm that the fulness thereof is attributed to the other party."

Don't tarnish the name of a fellow mortal by circulating ill sounding reports, which may be the result of an enemy's malice, and vastly exaggerated, or totally false.

Canon Willerforce in a recent meeting in London said: "In Maine when they caught a brewer they put him in prison, but in England they elevated him to the House of Lords."

Little Rosalind (five years old): "Mamma, where has Uncle Jack gone?" Mamma: "On a ranch, pet; he is gone to be a cow boy." Rosalind (after a pause, tearfully): "Oh, mamma! will he have horns?"

A Michigan woodman, while chopping a hollow tree, was surprised to find blood on his axe, and still more surprised the next minute when a bear put his head out of the hole. He killed the animal with his axe.

Peoria Transcript.—"The Canadian papers are eulging Mr. Chamberlain a 'Jonah'. Well, Jonah perhaps made a more extensive investigation of the inside of the fish question than any other man that ever lived."

It is stated that when Jay Gould was on his way across the Atlantic a large number of sharks followed the ship and swam around it. The sharks no doubt intended to pay homage to Jay as the greatest shark of them all.

It is said that the husbands of red-headed women ultimately become color-blind. It must be so, for we have noticed that when a woman of that description sues for divorce there is generally a black or brown haired female mixed up in the case.

"Why, Miss Howjames," said the Chicago girl, "you don't mean that it is all over between you and Mr. Grimshaw?"

"What I have told you," replied the Boston young lady haughtily, "is the undraped actuality."

She (reading inscription on base of pedestal)—"Beer fecit—what does 'fecit' mean?" He—"Fecit!" Aw! Latin word—means 'to do.'"

She—"I see; 'Beer did it!' My! My! I didn't know he was a drinking man."—Puck.

"And now, Mrs. Sullivan," said the counsel, "will you be kind enough to tell the jury whether your husband was in the habit of striking you with impunity?" "Wid what sir?" "With impunity." "He was, sir, now and then, but he struck me oftener wid his fist!"

The following extremely logical defence was made to an action by a lawyer:—"There are three points in the case, may it please your honor. In the first place, we contend that the kettle was cracked when we borrowed it; secondly, that it was whole when we returned it; and thirdly, that we never had it."

As a disturbing element in the transcontinental business, the Canadian Pacific is not to be excelled. It just pursues the even tenor of its way and gobbles up American business in a manner that the other roads despise. And this is the road that a few years ago ran from "nowhere to nowhere."—*Canadian American*.

A Philadelphia school teacher saw a doctor call at the home of a pupil and, obeying a school rule requiring scholars to bring physicians' certificate, in case there is sickness in the family, sent the child home for the certificate. She returned and said, "Please, ma'am, but it's a little boy baby—and the doctor says it isn't catching!"

Wiggins (who has nerveed himself to ask her papa's consent)—Sir, I have just returned from the concert—with Miss De Jones—and finding you alone—

De Jones (of Chicago)—That's all right, my boy—broke, eh? Here's a twenty. Her mother used to clean me out the same way!

There are friends who are simply beings to love and admire—people who fill your heart with tenderness, for whom you feel the most entire admiration, whose very faults are so harmonious to their general characters that you are fain to love them too, and would be unwilling to see them other than what they are. These friends have the divine use of calling forth your love. In their presence you have never an angry feeling, never a bitter thought. They are morally like some cool green flower-scented arbour where you rest on a burning summer day and get refreshment for the onward climb in the fiery open. You cannot analyse your sensations—you only know that you feel. When you go to them, you go into peace. You hear no bitter judgment, no harsh words, no uncharitable surmises. Ridicule is an art unknown to them and anger follows the fate of ridicule. They think that men are better than bad, and that people as a rule try to do their best. When things are patently evil, and even charity finds her cloak too short and small for the covering, they prefer not to speak. To others belongs the task of condemnation; to them only that of excuse when they can, of charitable silence when they cannot. Such sweet and gentle-hearted people are priceless.

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