

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

THE HEARTY MAIDEN.

Let others laud the cultured miss
Who quotes from Spencer by the hour,
And deems it most substantial bliss
If Bacon (Lord) she may devour;
Her owl-like presence makes me cower,
And oft her temper isn't sweet.
Heaven save me from the ba-ble's power,
Give me the maid who loves to eat!

Your "airy fairy" dameel is
No prize to win, though great her dower.
A word of winds and tempests this,
That often crush the fragile flower.
Such thrive, perhaps, in sheltered bower,
But fortune is elusive, fleet;
When thunders growl and storm clouds lower,
Give me the maid who loves to eat!

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I'm going to sneeze—at-choo," she said.

How we admire the man who happens to catch us when we are doing a good deed on the sly.

You occasionally find a man who knows so much that he spoils every pleasure you would have in learning.

Ros: Bonheur, the artist, rises at 6 o'clock every morning. This may be said to be getting up a la bonne heure.

He—"Miss W-yting, you are a puzzle to me. I never knew how to take you." She (shyly)—"You never tried."

No need to.—Charles—"I have just come back from a sail." Robert—"Did you hug the shore?" Charles—"No; I had Miss Mildred along."

A Lady tells us that she heard a colored preacher say: "De fo' part of de house will please sit down, fo' de hind part cannot see de fo' part if de f' part persist in standing befo' de hind part, to de uttah obscclusion ob de hind part by de fo' part."

Unlucky to the Last.—Mrs. Flynn—"An' did ye get the insurance on yer husband's life, Mrs. McGinty?" Mrs. McGinty—"Yis, Mrs. Flynn, but just to think poor Dan had to die just whin we would have enjoyed spending it so."—*Munsey's Weekly*.

Mrs. Salstonstall (of Boston)—Tommy, will you have a piece of mince pie?

Tommy Beaconstreet (who is taking dinner out)—Yes'm, and I trust that your apportionment will be commensurate with my esteem for yourself.

After the lamentable experience of this country, it is interesting to know that there is a part of the world where the buffalo is not dying out, but increasing in numbers. Vast herds of these animals are now running wild over certain districts of Northern Australia. The animals are said to be massive and well-grown, with splendid horns. The first buffaloes were landed at Port Essington, in Northern Australia, about the year 1829.

An absent-minded German professor was one day observed walking down the street with one foot continually in the gutter, the other on the pavement. A pupil meeting him, saluted him with "good evening, Herr Professor. How are you?" "I was very well, I thought," answered the professor, "but now I don't know what's the matter with me. For the last quarter of an hour I've been limping."

Village Parson (entering country editor's office)—"You promised to publish that sermon I sent you on Monday, but I do not find it in the latest issue of your paper." Editor—"I sent it up. It surely went in. What was the name of it?" Parson—"Feed my Lambs." Editor (after searching through the paper)—"Ah—yes—um—here it is. You see, we've got a new foreman, and he put it under the head of 'Agricultural Notes,' as 'Hints on the care of Sheep.'"

In some manner a cat found its way into a cyclorama building a few days ago. The man in charge attempted to chase the trespassing feline through the door, but the cat evidently thought there was a better way of escaping the rising temper of the irate man. It looked cautiously about as if to avoid stepping on the prostrate forms of heroes slain in the battle. Finally its eyes caught sight of a tree. A projecting limb hung pretty low, and here the cat thought to find a place of safety. It gave one leap, and no doubt was the most disgusted cat in Portland when it learned, by sad experience, that the tree was on the canvas. It picked itself up and slowly slunk through the door, down the stairs and out of the building.

At a sale in Birmingham, Eng, a dealer paid \$285 for a pack of cards. The pack is stated to be the only one of its kind in the world. Every card is specially engraved, and the pack comprises an exhaustive pictorial history of the principal events in the reign of Queen Anne down to 1706. They include the victories of Marlborough, the sea fights of Admiral Bonbow, all the various changes connected with the parliamentary proceedings of the day, and the conclusion of the treaties between England and France and Spain. The queen of hearts is a very well drawn picture of Queen Anne herself, and the king of hearts represents King George of Denmark, her husband. The queen of diamonds is Anne Sophie, Queen of Denmark; the queen of clubs is the Princess Royal of Prussia, and the queen of spades is the Princess Anne of Russia. The knaves were represented by leading politicians of the day.

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