

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

TOO FAR.

Down by the bank of the beautiful Nile
 Sat Pung Goo Bing and girl,
 Pung Goo was clothed in his usual smile,
 And she wore an ebony curl.
 Said Pung Goo Bing:—"My dear, will you go
 To the Crocodilo ball this eve?"
 Then spake up the beautiful maid, Jo Jo,
 And said she: "Yes, dear, by your leave,
 But the fact of the matter is this, that—well,
 I have nothing to wear at all,
 Excepting the dress of a New York belle
 That she wore at a charity ball."
 Then the ebony face of Pung grew glum,
 And he doubtfully spoke: "I fear
 That we'd better not dance at the lummy-tum-tum
 No wonder you're blushing, my dear!"

A woman at Hagarstown, Md, has a goose which came into her possession when she was married, 21 years ago. The fowl is in good health.

Dyspepsia and disappointment in love seem to produce the same outward effect. The difference between them is that dyspepsia is very hard to cure.

"Why did you yell 'Hay' at the horse car?" "In the hope that the horses would hear me and stop. The driver wouldn't pay any attention to me."

NERVOUS GENTLEMAN.—"Now, be careful how you drive, cabby, and go slowly over the stones, for I hate to be shaken. And mind you pull up at the right house, and look out for those dreadful steam cars." Cabby—"Never fear, sir, I'll do my best. And which 'orsepital would you wish to be taken to, sir, in case of an accident?"

Moritz Saphir, the witty Austrian journalist, was once standing in a crowded theatre. Someone leaned on his back, thrusting his head over his shoulder. Saphir drew out his handkerchief and wrung the man's nose violently. The latter started back. "Oh, I beg your pardon," said Saphir; "I thought it was mine."

In an Episcopal church near Boston the other Sunday a lady in passing up the aisle caught her dress on a corner of a pew and tore it. As the process of tearing was very audible to the congregation, the feelings of the lady may be imagined when at that moment the clergyman began the service by reading the sentence, "Read your heart and not your garments."

The electrical instrument recently invented for avoiding the pain incident to the extraction of teeth has attracted considerable attention. Briefly, it consists of adjustable prongs, carrying buttons and connected with an electrical battery. The buttons are placed on the face over the nerves leading from the teeth to the brain, and a circuit is established the moment the extracting instrument touches the tooth.

WHAT SHE WAS AFRAID OF.—A little girl remarked to her mamma on going to bed: "I'm not afraid of the dark."

"No, of course you are not," replied her mamma.

"I was a little afraid once, though, when I went into the pantry to get a tart."

"What were you afraid of?" asked the mamma.

"I was afraid I shouldn't be able to find the tarts."

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LOVE'S YOUNG NIGHTMARE.—Charles—Mr. Levelhead, I have come to ask you for the hand of your daughter.

Mr. Levelhead (very dyspeptic this morning)—Which hand, right or left?

Charles—Why, both, I suppose.

Mr. Levelhead—Then why don't you say both? What's the sense of saying "hand" when you mean "hands?"

Charles (with deep contrition)—Very well, Mr. Levelhead, I have come to ask for the hands of your daughter.

Mr. Levelhead—And what would you do with them if you had them? Let them make biscuit for you, and say it waen't as good as your mother's? Let them make cake, and call it paving stones? Let them open the door for you at 12 o'clock in the morning, and expect them to refrain from knocking you down? Let them work themselves to the bone to supply deficiencies caused by your extravagance? No, young man, let me see some signs of toil on your hands, and then it will be time enough to talk about those of my daughter!

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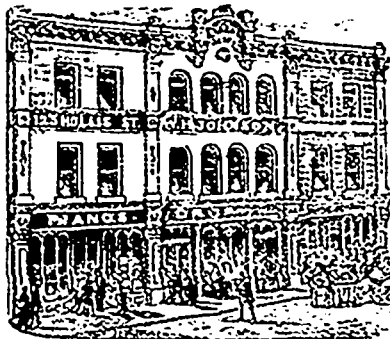
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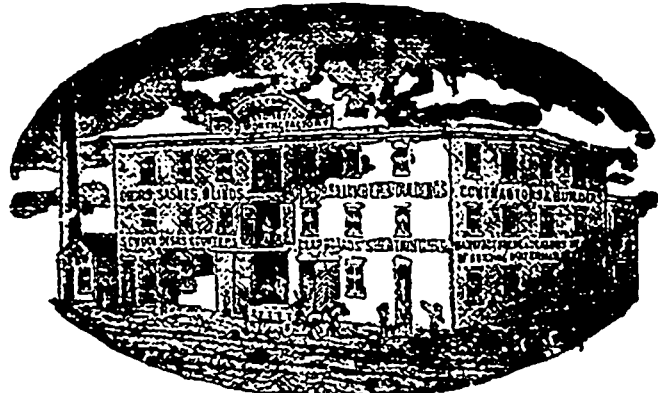
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