

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS SPOKE.

Mr. A. Gay Youngman of Columbus Sundayed here with friends.—*Lancaster Gazette.*

He Sundayed there, we must presume,
Because he wanted quiet,
And dinner-ed there because he liked
The Lancasterian diet.

He may have paper-ed there a while
Or yellow cover book-ed it,
Or marvelled, after he had meal-ed
How well the people cooked it.

Perhaps he hammock-ed in the shade
And just cigar-ed a little,
And puffed the smoke into the air,
And cuspidor-ed the spittle.

Or, maybe he'd a sweetheart there
And afternoon-ed about her,
And vowed that no'er till he was gravel
Could he get on without her.

Perhaps her mother at that point
Came in and mother-in-law-ed him;
Perhaps her father carried up,
In style and overawed him.

Perhaps, however, they were not
Disturbed in either fashion:
They may have parlor-ed it alone
And rocking-chair-ed their passion.

Perhaps he supper-ed with his dear,
Then hurried to the station,
And train-ed and street-car ed to his home
In great exhilaration. — *Columbus Dispatch.*

It cannot be said that a man gets off his base when he keeps on the even tenor of his way.

A Kentucky man trains his hen to come into the kitchen and lay in the cradle. We should suppose the shells would get broken among the rocks.

"What, Helens, you ask for twenty more marks? Do you know where such extravagance will lead you?" "Oh, perfectly, dear Fritz, straight to the dressmaker's."

SHE.—Oh, yes, we have a national hymn, too. He—Ah, yes, it ees a peautiful thing. I haf heard it so often. My bonnet lies of er z.e ocean, or where did you get zat hat?

"I'm told that Brassleigh, the novelist, charges \$100 for reading one of his own sketches before lycaums." "Yes, it's cheap, too. I wouldn't read one of Brassleigh's sketches for \$200."

A high personage, on visiting a smut country place, asked the Sindaco, "How is it that all the children go barefoot in this neighborhood?" "Beg your pardon, eccellenzi, they are born so."

HAD TO ADOPT SOME.—Dubbs—See that dude! He looks like a London cockney. What do you suppose made the fellow adopt those European ideas? Tubbs—Because he had none of his own, of course.

THE DEATH OF THE RICHEST MAN.

He owned to-day a large and gleaming share
Of this earth's narrow rim,
A sigh—a groan—a gesture of despair—
The earth owned him.

The richest man of any clime or land
The old time lesson taught,
A human mine of gold! God raised his hand,
And he had naught. — *Will Carleton.*

"Was your elopement a success?"

"Hardly."

"What went wrong?"

"Her father telegraphed us not to return and all would be forgiven."

A NICE HUSBAND.—"How is your husband?" "I suppose he is quite well, but I cannot say positively that he is. We have not spoken for several weeks." "Good gracious! Have you quarreled?" "Oh, no; we are the best of friends, I believe, but you see he is engaged in playing a game of chess by cable."

The following mark of esteem is as terse as it is ambiguous. It is found on a tombstone in Grafton, Vt. :—

GONE HOME.

A CORRECT QUOTATION.—A candidate was being examined by four professors; Feeling extremely nervous his memory failed him several times. At last one of the professors, growing impatient, thundered out, "Why, you cannot quote a single passage of Scripture correctly!"

"Yes, I can!" exclaimed the candidate. "I just happen to remember a passage in the Revolution, 'An' I lifted up my eyes and beheld four great beasts!'"

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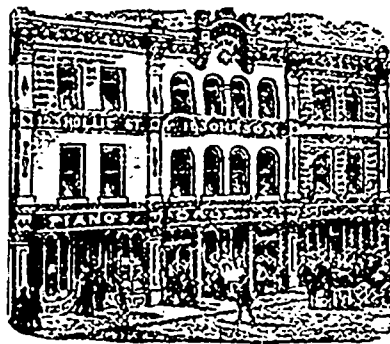
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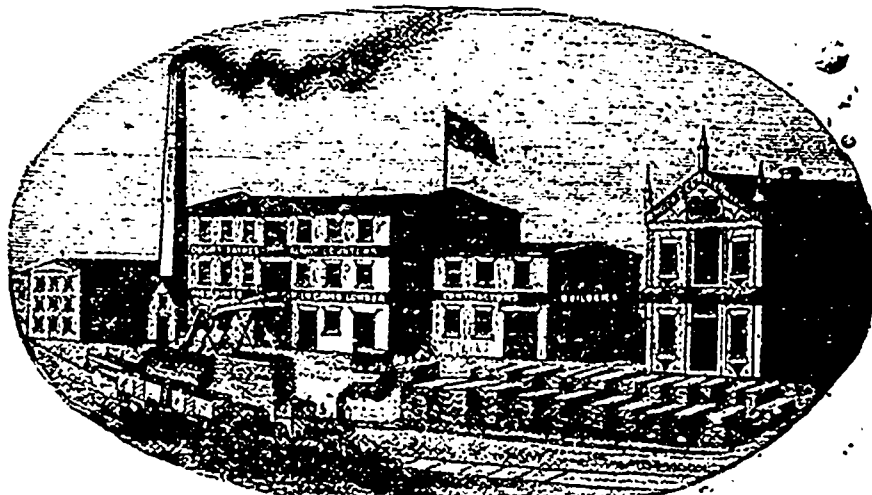
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