

GILT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

Ma. J Muller on a winter day,
Hastored to the wafinee.

She little dreamed that there she'd
The Judge in just a seat behind.

She and the Judge, so it was said,
Were very shortly to be wed.

He greeted her with kindly smile,
And gaily chatted they awhile.

But soon the play in front was on
When lo! the Judge's smile was gone.

In patience for a while he sat,
Hid from the stage behind her hat.

Then muttered he a fearful word,
Which Maud in fear and trembling heard.

He hastened from the place away;
They have not spoken since that day.

And Maud, now of his love bereft,
Regrets that she is badly left.

And often sighs, "it might have been!
I'll never wear that hat again."

The slow thinker can at least claim that there is plenty of wait to his mind.

The pessimist is the man who will insist on turning his coat inside out if the lining happens to be shabby.

No man should boast that he does not care for public opinion until he can fall on the streets and pick himself up without looking round to see if any one saw him fall.

First Burglar.—"Cracker, I think we ought to have a motto. A feller can work so much better with a motto to chirk him up." Second Burglar— "Yes, I think so, too. How would this do, 'Fake things as you find 'em'."

When the editor proposed and was accepted he said: "I should be glad if you would give me a kiss." She hesitated, and he added; "Not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith." She could not resist that.

A New York dealer gives away a novel with every bar of soap he sells. If the novel was written by one of the new school of female authors, and the soap possesses strong disinfectant properties, the combination is all right, and the dealer's scheme deserves commendation.

"Salem! Salem!" called out the conductor, as a train rolled into the station the other day. "What!" said an old lady, turning to the judge, "is this the place where they hung witches?" "Yes, yes," replied the judge, with a twinkle in his eye, "but be calm, madam, they don't do it now."

Going down the Chesapeake Bay on an excursion when the wind was fresh and the white caps tumultuous, Judge Hall, of North Carolina, became terribly seasick. "My dear Hall," said Chief Justice Waite, who was one of the party, and who was as comfortable as an old sea dog, "can I do anything for you? Just suggest what you wish." "I wish," groaned the seasick jurist, "that your Honor would overrule this motion."

Miss Boston (visiting in the East End)—"Ethel, dear, when did you get that lovely Saliva dog?"

Ethel—"Oh, it was a present. It is a pure-blooded Spitz. But what an odd name you called it."

Miss Boston—"Why, we always call them that in Boston. Spitz is such a horrid name, you know."

Henry VIII. differed from other men as a suitor. He married his wives and axed them afterwards.

We parted in silence, we parted by night,
On the bank of a beautiful river;
No sound but a gurgle, as out of my sight
Swift she sank with scarcely a shiver.
The nightingale warbled, the stars sweetly shone,
And, though she will rise again never,
No sorrow was shown for the life that had flown,
For the cat is silent forever.

FIGHT BETWEEN A SNAKE AND A DOG—A terrier owned by a native gentleman in India while running about the compound, was darted at by a large cobra snake, which however, missed its aim, when the dog succeeded in getting hold of it by the hood, at once running off home with it, putting the occupants of the house into a terrible fright. The dog then commenced shaking the snake, and released its hold to get a second grip at it; but this time it unfortunately caught it below the hood; thus giving the snake a chance to give it a bite on the lower lip. This so infuriated the dog that it tightened its grip and severed the snake in two. The snake's bite, however, did its work; for the brave little dog frothed from the mouth and died in a few minutes.

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