

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

## START RIGHT.

Touch not the demon beer this year,  
Nor assimilate the "smile"  
That sends you home befogged and queer  
In

about this style.

Cushington—"You are the light of my life!" Alicia—"Don't blow so much about me or you'll put me out."

The difference between repartee and impudence is the size of the man who says yet.

He—"Darling, this engagement ring is worth \$250." She—"The last one I had cost \$400." He—"You are older now!"

"Is that the water tower over there?" "Eh? Yes—that is—practically, you know; it is the steeple of the Baptist church."

There would seem to be nothing the matter with Mr. Stanley's vertebra, notwithstanding all the derogatory things that have been said about his rear column.

"George calls me his idol and says I shall never have to do anything but let him worship me." "Well, after you're married he'll find plenty for idol hands to do."

A GREAT WORK.—"I see that a Japanese author has written a book in 106 large volumes." "What is the book—a 'Life of Lincoln' or a 'History of the Civil War'?"

AN INTERESTING EVENT—Little Jimmie boy, who had just learned to write, started to keep a diary, this year. His first entry was: "Got up at 7. Had my neck washed."

"Who is that?" asked McCorkle, indicating McCrackle's typewriter and secretary.

"That is my recording angel."

En Rapport—Mrs. Grumps—"If that stranger you were talking to said nothing to you about his wife, how do you know he is married?" Mr. Grumps—"Oh, he looked so sort o' sympathetic when I told him I was."

HOW SHE WAS CURED—Mamie—"Oh, George, I feel so faint! What is good for fainting spells, George?" George (excitedly)—"Now, you've got me!" Mamie—"Oh, I am so glad to hear you say so, dear George! I feel better already!"

Cause of the Muzz.—"Daughter," said Mrs. Bellows indignantly, after John Muzz had taken his departure, "how come your hair so disarranged?" "I shook my head so much while he was trying to get me to say yes," replied the quick-witted girl.

Miss De Pretty—"I don't see how you waists through your fingers that way. I could never do it in the world." Mr. Goodheart (wishing to compliment her delicate little hands)—"No, Miss De Pretty, if you should try it your whole hand would slip into your mouth."

A CASE IN PORT.—She—"I believe that a people are both outwardly and inwardly influenced by their natural surroundings—that scenery influences physiognomy—the Highlanders, you know, have rugged faces." He—"Yes, and that Chicago girl behind me, who lives on Prairie avenue, is plain looking."

Maud—"Oh, girls! Have you heard the news? Ethel Vane is engaged to Mr. Barrel, and she told me he was as rich as a Turk!" Omnes—"How perfectly lovely!" Maud—"And her brother, George, has been accepted by Miss Barrel, who has three hundred thousand dollars in her own right." Omnes—"Oh, the mercenary wretch!"

NAMING A WAIF.—"What is the name of your little girl, Hans?"

"Her name vos Vaccine."

"Vaccine? Isn't that an odd sort of a name?"

"Mebbe it vos, but it vos de best name I dinke of, don't it? She was nod mein own little girl. I finds her on mein doorstep von day in a schmall pox, unt so I calls her Vaccine."

Southwest of Suez a part of French surveyors have discovered the bed of an ancient canal, running for miles in the direction of the Red Sea, which it seems to have connected with the basin of the Mediterranean. Some old Egyptian Lessops appears to have constructed the work in the special interest of his countrymen; but the drift-sands of the desert may have choked its waters centuries before the beginning of our chronological era.

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