

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

WHAT COULD SHE DO.

If I kissed you would you be in-  
Dignant with me—make resistance?  
Flush and blush and order me in  
"Tragic tones to "keep my distance!"  
Break your pretty voice in two  
Calling someone to assist you—  
Tell me, sweet, what would you do  
If I kissed you?"

If you kissed me I might scold you  
Under certain circumstances;  
And at more than arm's length hold you  
To discourage your advances.  
But if none were near but you—  
As at this minute—to assist me,  
Tell me, dear, what could I do  
If you kissed me?"

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

Clara (fishing for a compliment)—This is your fourth dance with me. Why don't you dance with some of the other girls?

Charlie—Well, the fact is I dance so badly that I hate to ask them.

SO THOUGHTFUL.—There, dear," said Mrs. McBride, when the curtain went down, as she handed him a couple of cloves. "There dear, you won't need to go out between the acts to-night. Wasn't you little wifey thoughtful."

JOHNNY'S THEORY.—Mamma—"What's the reason you and your sister can't get along without quarreling?"

Little Johnny—"I dunno. Nobby she takes after you, an' I take after papa."

The kindergarten class on physiology was being heard. "What's your heart?" the teacher asked.

"That's the thing that stops you from dropping dead," replied the bright little boy.

TRUE ECONOMY.—Friend—"Why do you wear those fearfully old-fashioned collars?"

Winkers (a man of affairs)—"Because when the washerwoman sends them to anybody else, they send them back."

Mother—Why don't you play with that little Peterkin boy any more?

Small Son—'Cause he swore.

Mother—Horrors! Did he?

Son—Yes'm. He swore I stole his knife, and teacher made me give it back and licked me besides.

Renan was wont to say that he was loved by the four women whose affection he valued above all others—his mother, his sister, his wife and his daughter. "I often fancy," he said, "that the judgments which will be passed upon us in the valley of Jehosaphat will be neither more nor less than those of women, countersigned by the Almighty."

A CASE OF VICARIOUS SUFFERING.—Brown—You don't look well lately, Robinson.

Robinson—No; I can't sleep at night on account of lung trouble.

Brown—Nonsense; your lungs are all right.

Robinson—Yes, mine are; the trouble is with the baby's.

"Have you been reading poetry lately?" said the bank president to the cashier.

"Why, yes, was the reply; "I have been troubled with sentimentality of late."

"Well, I wish you'd give it up. You are getting that 'far-away' look in your eyes, and it worries the directors.

EGOTISM.

I have oft' heard people say,  
"O wad some power the gittie gie us"—  
(Quoting from an old Scottish lay)  
"To see oursel's as others see us."  
But I would far more happy be  
If some fairy, witch or elf,  
Would make the other people see  
Me, just as I see myself.

SURE TO SEE HIM.—Mrs. Bilkins—"Oh, Goodie! Here's a letter from Cousin George."

Mr. Bilkins—"Hub! Who cares for him?"

Mrs. Bilkins—"Eh? Why, he lives up in Chicago, and his house is close to the Fair grounds, and it's the very place for us to go next summer. I wrote to him, telling him that we were all just dying to see him and his lovely family. I wonder what he says. Read it; I'm too nervous."

Mr. Bilkins (reading)—"My Dear Cousin: You will soon have a chance to see us all once more. I have rented my house, and we shall make you a good long visit next summer."

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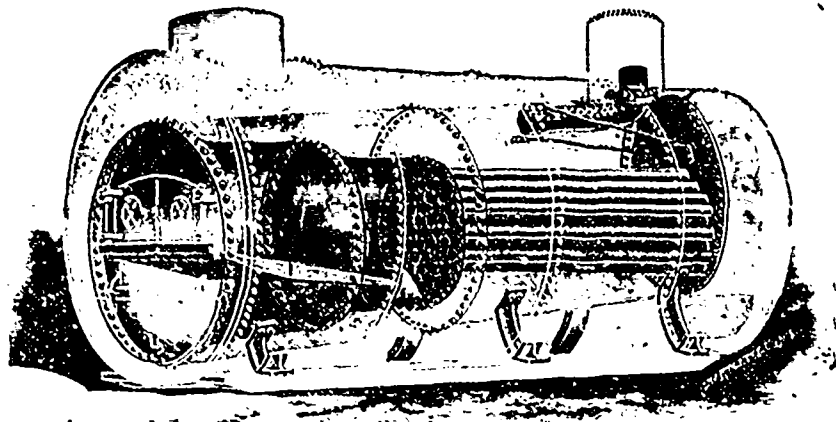
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