

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A KNOT FOR LADIES TO UNTIE.

I tied the laces of her shoe
By bending reverently low,
Then, lest they should again undo,
I knotted hard the double bow.

'Tis this I humbly beg to know,
Why, when another dance was through,
Another man was bending so
To tie the laces of that shoe.

The greatest triumph of mind is when a man knows enough to mind his own business.

That woman is an optimist
Who has a costly bonnet;
But her husband is a pessimist
Whene'er he looks upon it.

Miss Fuss—"Is this the bureau of information?"

Clerk—"Yes'm. What can I do for you?"

Miss Fuss—"Is my bonnet on straight?"

They had been discussing the pronunciation of "oleomargarine," and finally agreed to leave it to the waiter, but he hedged.

"Sure," said he, "I have to pronounce it butter or lose my job."

—Oh those New Year resolutions that we made with holy awe,
How they melted like the snow banks in a January thaw!
How the man who broke his meerschaum and vowed to smoke no more
Now smokes an old 2-cent pipe behind the cellar door.

The Groom (very wealthy)—"Why did you marry an ordinary chap like me?"

The Bride—"I haven't the slightest idea; mamma managed the whole affair."

A CATCHY PRICE.—"What occasions the rush of women to the postoffice to-day?"

"The postmaster has a bargain day in two cent stamps. Sells them at six for thirteen cents."

Watts—"I don't like this re-incarnation idea a bit."

Potts—"No?"

Watts—"No, just fancy yourself occupying the body of a mule and hauling stones for your own monument."

NOT A FAILURE.

"Is marriage a failure? Indeed I don't see,
How people can justly declare it to be;
The minister merrily murmured as he
Put away \$20 just sent as a fee.

A COMPETENT WITNESS.—Judge—"Do you understand the nature of an oath?" "Do you know what will happen if you do not tell the truth in this case?"

Witness—"To be corting, boss. Our side will win."

A CHANCE TO RISE.—Butcher—"I need a boy about your size and will give you \$3.00 a week."

Applicant—"Will I have a chance to rise?"

"Yes. I want you to be here at four o'clock every morning."

THE COQUETTE'S REASON.—She—"Of course it was hard for me to tell him that I could never be his, but I did it."

He—"But why did you do it if you loved him?"

She—"Oh, one can't marry every man one loves."

RING OFF.—Fresh Young Man (to pretty typewriter): "Is this Mr. Jones' office?"

Pretty Typewriter (laconically): "Next door."

F. Y. M. (anxious to continue conversation): "How do I get in?"

P. T.: "Turn the knob and open the door."

A COMMON COMPLAINT.—Mrs. Goodluck—"I don't believe I ever missed anyone as I do Mrs. Hitono."

Mrs. Dasher—"I didn't know that you were acquainted with her."

Mrs. Goodluck—"I wasn't exactly, but we had the same washerwoman, and we have been exchanging handkerchiefs for a long time."

THE FUNNY PROPOSAL.—The jocular proposal has some advantages, particularly that of covering embarrassment in case of a refusal, but there is little doubt that it hurts a man's chance, for women do not like levity in love affairs—except on their own side. Still, as said, with the jocular proposal, the gentleman, if routed, can cover his defeat, as did the Kentucky clergyman who went to the house of his lady, and when she came to the door, said, "I have just come to see if you will marry me."

"Indeed, I won't," was the rejoinder, whereupon he instantly replied, "Well, thank God, that's off my mind."

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