CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Don't give your minister a pair of slippers. Give him a rost.

It's pretty hard to think of the girl you last year remembered to the full limit of your salary as this year bestowing her smiles upon some other fellow.

-Cocaine has a rival in an alkaloid obtained in Australia from the juice of Euphorbia Drummondii, which Dr. John Reid, its discoverer, cells Drumine. The new local ance-thetic acts almost entirely by paralyzing, and does not excite. - English Mechanic.

The history of the Kohinoor diamond dates back to 56 B. C., but nothing of certainty was known of it until the fourteenth century. into the possession of Queen Victoria on the annexation of the Punjaub. It was then of an egg like shape and valued at \$700,000. It has since been made into a regular cut brilliant.

THE CAT-FISH .- In a lecture recently delivered by Dr. F. Day, C.I.F., a warning was given to those who think of introducing the Indian cat fish to British waters, for the doctor placed a specimen in an aquarium, when it maked at one of the carp, seized it by the middle of the back and shook it as a dog does a rat until it was dead. The cat-fish, it seems, dustroys simply for the sake of killing, not to supply itself with food.

Censure, says an ingenious author, is the tax a man pays to the public fer being eminent. It is folly for an eminent man to think of escaping it, and a weakness to be affected with it. All the illustrious persons of antiquity, and indeed of every age in the world, have pussed through this fiery persecution. There is no defense against reproach but obscurity, it is a kind of comitant to greatness, as satires and invectives were an essential part of a Roman triumph .- Addison.

A BOAR'S HEAD .- Young Sypher called on Miss De Smith the other evening, and he stayed and stayed out of all reason, talking about Christmas festivities.

"I think you would have been a capital hand at one part of the old

English customs," Miss de Smith finally said, yawning widely.

"No; do you though, really?" young Sypher delightedly returned.

"What part, now, what part, pray?"

"Lugging in the bore's head," Miss De Smith sleepily exclaimed.— Rockland Courier-Gazette.

A Boston man tells how few in England understand American English. "I had not been in Liverpool an hour," he says, "when I became convinced that I had much to learn about the English language. When I outered my hotel I asked the young woman who received me, 'What are your terms?' and had I spoken Choctaw she could not have understood me less. 'What do you charge a day?' I next ventured. 'Charge?' she replied, vaguely, and I gave it up. Another woman was summoned, and I tried again 'Ah' you want the tariff?' she said at last, and sure enough I did. Now, if I had med the word 'tariff' in that sense in Boston it would have been considered along. I tried in vain to get a pair of suspenders, as they would show me none but those for stockings, but I succeeded finally in buying some braces. I might prolong my list ad infinitum, but enough is shown to watrant the publication of an American-English dictionary of synonyms for the use of travelers."

A MARQUIS AND A MONKEY.—The following story of a monkey hero is vouched for by good authority. It runs in this wise: A large ourang-outang, which is the largest species of monkey except the gorilla, was very much attached to his master and to the baby boy who was the pet of the whole family. One day a fire suddenly broke out in the house, and everybody was running here and there to put it out, while the little boy in his nursery was almost forgotten, and when they thought of him the staircase was all in flames. What could be done? As they were looking up and wondering a large, hairy hand and arm opened the window, and presently the monkey appeared with the haby in his arms, and carefully climbed down over the porch and brought the child safely to his nurse. Nobody else could have done it, for a man cannot climb like a monkey, and is not nearly so strong. You may imagine how the faithful creature was praised and petted after that. This is a true story, and the child who was saved was the young Marquis of Kildare.

An innovation.—He climbed two pairs of stairs, at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, and entered an office, to find a young woman at the desk.
"What is it, sir?" she asked, as he hesitated.

"This is Mr. Doe's office, of course?" he queried, as he looked around.

"Certainly."

"And he is not here?"

" No, sir."

"In other words, he has made a new deal, and you are to be in charge?"

"Yes, sir."

"Humph! So that's the kind of man he is!"

"Anything wrong, sir ?" she asked.

"Rather! I've been in the habit of dropping up here about every foreagon in the year at this hour, to borrow a unew of tobacco, and this arrangement has been made without consulting me in the slightest! Humph! If that's the kind of a man he is I'm glad to have found him out, even a this late day !"-Detroit Free Press.

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