

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

COASTING.

Single sleds and double rippers
Vanish down the hill;
Merry laughter, horns a-blowing
Loudly cannot still.
Little shrieks of girlish terror,
Soft arms closely cling,
While the songs of flying coasters
Make the night air ring.

Who would ask for warmer climates
Seeking fun like this?
Bless you! a Nova Scotia winter
Means a lot of bliss.
Even we sedate prim people
Feel our senses thrill,
As we hear the merry coasters
Dashing down the hill.

Some people are a good deal like angels' wings. That is, they are no earthly use to anybody.

A man has to love children very, very much, to be able to think faster than he speaks, when he steps on a little tin cart as he is groping barefooted across his chamber in the dark.

The revival of old fashions has been predicted for some time, but the first model of the old fashioned winters is pronounced by the general public decidedly inferior to the new styles in weather.

Some love the stately proud brunette,
And some the blonde alone;
But I adore the girl who is
Without a chaperon.

"Of course it hurts, Josiah," said Mrs. Chugwater, as she applied the liniment and rubbed it vigorously. "Rheumatism always hurts. You must grin and bear it."

"I'm willing to bear it, Samantha," groaned Mr. Chugwater, "but I'm jiggered if I'm going to grin."

CAREFULLY TRAINED.—Little Dick—"Mamma, may I stay with Billy Beeswax all night?"

"Mamma—" I'm afraid you'll forget to say your prayers."

"Little Dick—" No, I couldn't, 'cause he has to say 'em hisself. His mamma is just as cross an' ugly 'bout that as you are."

Mother (to Johnny, just back from a visit to his aunt's):—"What was your auntie doing?"

Johnny:—"Minding the baby."

Mother:—"You should say tending, not minding."

Johnny:—"Hub! You don't know that baby."

Modest. "You inherited quite a nice little fortune," said the lawyer.

"Yes," replied the fortunate youth.

"I suppose you will pay a lot of your debts now?"

"I had thought of it, but I concluded to make no change in my manner of living. I don't want to be accused of vulgar display."

WHY HE LEFT.—Big Sister—I don't see why Mr. Nicafollo should have left so early this evening.

Little Brother—I guess he went home to count his money.

"Count his money?"

"Of course. I told him you was wondering how much he had."

THE GOLDEN EXCEPTION.

She lifts back the window curtain;
He closes the gate below;
She smiles—a coquette I am certain;
His eyes take a tender glow.
Will it be this way after marriage?
Will they play at sweethearts through life?
Listen, you who true love disparage:
They have flirted for years—that's his wife.

A SEVERE TEST.—Stranger—"Call your paper a great advertising medium, do you? It isn't worth shucks. I put in an advertisement last week, and didn't get an answer, not one."

Editor—"My! my! How was your advertisement worded?"

Stranger—"A poor young man wants a pretty wife who can do her own housework."

EDUCATIONAL ITEM.—"No gentlemen," exclaimed a middle-aged man, who was talking to a crowd in a New York hotel.

"Nothing in the world could induce me to allow one of my children to enter a school room for the reason that—"

"You hire a teacher to come to the house," interrupted one of the crowd.

"No, it's not that. It's because—"

"They are too sickly to go to school," exclaimed another, excitedly.

"No, that's not the reason either. No child of mine will ever attend school, because—"

"Because you don't want them to be smarter than their daddy."

"No, gentlemen; the reason is because I've not got any children."

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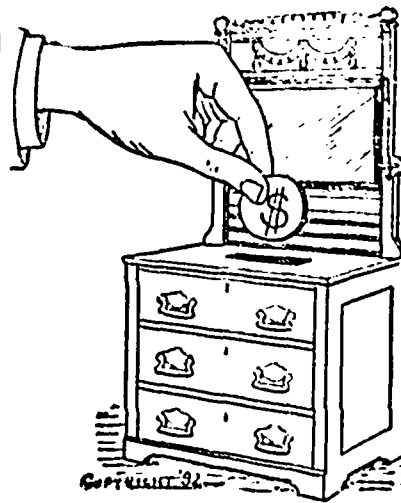
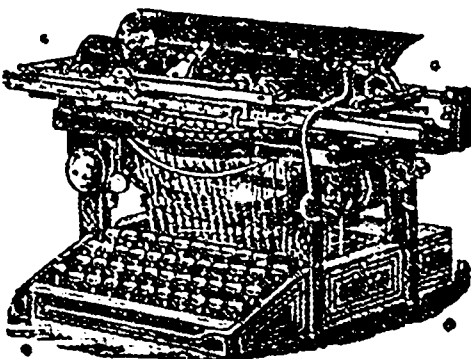
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