

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

SUSPICION—SCANDAL.

"They say"—Ah! well, suppose they do:
But can they prove the story true?
Suspicion may arise from naught
But malice, envy, want of thought;
Why count yourself among the "they"
Who whisper what they dare not say?

"They say"—But why the tale rehearse,
And help to make the matter worse?
No good can possibly accrue
From telling what may be untrue.
And is it not a nobler plan
To speak of all the best you can?

"They say"—Well, if it should be so,
Why need you tell the tale of woe?
Will it the bitter wrong redress,
Or make one pang of sorrow less?
Will it the erring ones restore,
Henceforth to go and sin no more?

"They say"—Oh pause and look within,
See how your heart inclines to sin;
Watch lest in dark temptation's hour
You, too, should sink beneath its power.
Pity the frail!—weep o'er their fall,
But speak of good, or not at all.

AN ENGLISHMAN OF LETTERS.—The Prince of Wales, who is H. R. H., K. G., K. T., G. C. B., K. P., G. C. S. I., G. C. M. G., P. C., &c. &c.

With every exertion the best of men can do but a moderate amount of good, but it seems in the power of the most contemptible individual to do incalculable mischief.

Long life comes to him who boils his drinking water and keeps his mouth shut while asleep. If he lives in Texas his days may also be prolonged by keeping that same mouth shut while he's awake.

"What influence has the moon upon the tide?" asked the professor. The class was replied that he didn't know exactly what influence it had upon the tide, but that it had a tendency to make the untied awfully spoony.

Keep the pages of the soul like an open book, and each day scan the record there, and keep it pure, that, should the gaze of men have power to penetrate the heart, no blush of shame should stain thy brow, because they paused to read.

The thimble was originally called "thumb-bell," because it was worn in the thumb, as sailors still wear their thimbles. Though first made in England in 1695, thimbles appear to have been known to the Romans, as some were found at Herculaneum.

ONE WORD.—"Sir, one word," said a soldier one day to Frederick the Great, when presenting to him a request for the brevet of lieutenant.—"If you say two," answered the king, "I will have you hanged."—"Sign," replied the soldier. The king stared, whistled, and signed.

The French ambassador to the English Court paid a neat compliment a little while back to a peeress who had been talking to him for an hour. The lady said: "You must think I am very fond of the sound of my own voice."—The Frenchman replied: "I know you liked music."

Brindeau, the famous sporting fop, had a costume for every kind of game that he had shot at. One day, invited to the Duke of Orleans' shooting-party, the duke drew his attention to a hare, suggesting that he should fire. "I cannot, monseigneur," said Brindeau, "I am in my partridge toilet."

"Miss Q." said the professor at the normal college, "you will have an oration next Friday, and you may take as the subject, 'The King of Spain.'"—"Oh, professor, I cannot. That would be impossible."—"Impossible! Why?"—"Because it is impossible for a king to be a subject!" Intense excitement in the class.

On Sterne's entering a coffee-room at York, a Mr. A., staring him full in the face, said he hated a parson; upon which Sterne said "And so, sir, does my dog, for as soon as I put on my gown and cassock he falls a-barking."—"Indeed," replies A., "how long has he done so?"—"Ever since he was a puppy, sir," answered Sterne.

Dr. le Plongeon, the Central American explorer, declares that he has indisputable evidence that the history of our country, North America, began 110 centuries ago. In the Mayas of Yucatan he finds from what remains of the early inhabitants, evidence, including manuscripts, that the language is the oldest living tongue in the world. The history of the creation, the deluge and other great epochs are before the reader of this ancient tongue. In many respects it is identical with the ancient Persian, and the Sanskrit roots frequently appear. The story of Atlantis is also found. The doctor's collection embraces seventy-seven stereoscopic plates and twenty terra cotta models, illustrating houses, ruins, palaces, observatories and other archaeological remains of great interest. Although the keystone arch is not found in these ruins, the buildings are several of them domed over. The frescoes show art superior to that of ancient Egypt. There are 300 casts of the inscriptions also in the collection, and plans of the royal buildings at Chichen-Itza. One of the royal residences was found to contain 120 rooms. These collections, it is hoped, will find a permanent place in some of our museums.

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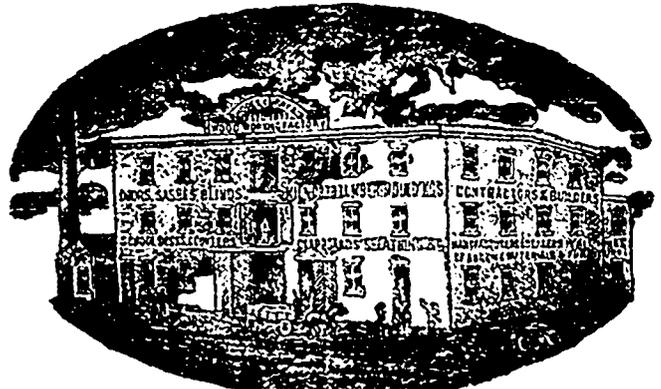
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