

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

LENT.

A MEDITATION IN CHURCH.

Th' sweet to put one's cares away
On better things intent—
I wonder why some people say
They're not quite fond of Lent?
I'm sure it rests no just to know
There's naught to do amusing,
And when to church I dally go
How little I am losing!

That lovely anthem! how it stirs
One's heart to new devotion—
Jack says I look so sweet in furs
He's here! he makes a motion
To me—how wrong I Nell hands her book—
That girl's attention boros him—
He smiles—in vain—I will not look—
He must be taught decorum!

A little Newark boy, when asked what the text was, answered, "many are cold, but few are frozen."

Mrs. McShantee (triumphantly)—"I see you are takin' in washin' again, Mrs. McProudee."

Mrs. McProudee (whose husband has lost a paying job)—"Sure its only to amuse the childers. They wants the windies covered with steam so they can make pictures on them."

A CLEVELAND REMINISCENCE.

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This education forms the common mind
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

HE STARTED.—Mr. Light (during an evening call)—"What's the meaning of this clock striking two at half-past ten? It seems to want regulat-ing."

Miss Statem—"Oh, no! That's pa's idea. He says that most any fellow when he hears one, two, three, will know enough to 'go!'"

THE ESSENCE OF EASTER.—Nelly—"Do you know what day Easter comes on this year?"

Ph-lo—"It d esn't look as if it would come at all."

Nellie—"What do you mean?"

Phoe—"Why, pa told me this morning he wouldn't be able to afford me a new bonnet."

SOME THINGS THEY MIS-ED.—"Way is it that the good are not always happy?" was the question which a Sunday-school teacher put to her class of boys last Sunday.

There was a dead silence for a moment, and then a little fellow piped out:—

"B'cau o they're thinking of the fun they ain't havin'."

One of the best compliments Tennyson ever received was when walking one day in Covent Garden. He was suddenly stopped by a rough-looking man, who held out his hand and said:—

"You're Mr. Tennyson. Look here, sir, here am I. I've been drunk for six days out of the seven, but if you will shake me by the hand, I'm hauged if I ever get drunk again!"

ODE TO SPRING.

Is this spring—this melting air,
This dulling of the chilly breeze,
This sense of perfume everywhere,
This thawing where it used to freeze?

Oh, is it spring—this sudden change
From all that wintry weather rough—
Or is it something far less strange—
The weather bureau's yearly bluff?

A LITTLE TOO SMART.—A correspondent of the *Youth's Companion* vouches for a new story of shrewdness:

A gentleman was sitting in the waiting-room of a station on the New York & New England Railway, when an Irishman turned away from the ticket-office and came up to him.

"I have got the best of this ould corporation for once in me life," said he.

"How is that, Pat?"

"I have bought a round trip ticket to New York and back, and—in a whisper—I ain't comin' back."

THE COW.—The cow is very useful; if it were not for the cow we could not have no milk to put in our coffee or tea.

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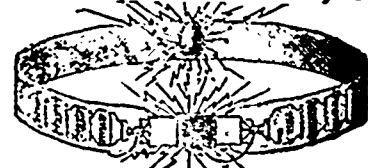
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