

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A Spaniard has turned the whole Bible into poetry, 200,000 stanzas.
The Czar of Russia receives the largest salary of any ruler, \$10,000,000 annually.

Pointed finger nails are now held to be inconsistent with real refinement and gentility.—*Sat. Evening Gazette.*

The flea, grasshopper and locust jump two hundred times their own length, equal to a quarter of a mile for a man.

A lady was asked.—“At what age were you married?” She was equal to the emergency, and quietly responded, “At the parsonage.”

“PUBLICANS AND SINNERS.”—The recent adulterators of beer were real specimens of “publicans and sinners,” without a single pint in their favor.—*Punch.*

Employer: “James, here is a letter for you from the dead letter office” James (in agony): “Then it's from my son. He's bin sick for weeks, and I've bin expectin' this every day.”

Theatrical Manager: “The only thing in Rome that reminded me of home was the Catacombs.”

Friend: “In what respect?”
Manager: “They were just full of dead heads.”

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have both been gaining the hearts of the natives by conversing with them in Hindustani. The Duke, it seems, is fluent, and the Duchess studies two hours a day with a “Mooushee,” and is able to converse with native ladies at receptions.

It is told of a good-humored celebrity that when a man once stood before him and his friend in the theatre, completely shutting out all of the stage, instead of asking him to sit down, or in any way giving offence, he simply said, “I beg your pardon, sir, but when you see or hear anything particularly interesting on the stage, will you let us know, as we are entirely dependent on your kindness.” That was sufficient.

There are at present about one hundred and eight female medical students attending the lectures of the Paris Faculty. Some of these are English and some American, but the majority are Russian. Very few Frenchwomen are among the number. Many of the Russian female students are a curious and rather unkempt lot. They live in a primitive kind of place at the back of the observatory, using one large room as their study and dormitory. Some of them are married and have children.

THE BLUE GLASS CRAZE.—The blue glass craze of several years ago numbered among its victims Mrs. Ruth Smith, a wealthy lady of Bridgport, Conn. She caused to be built on the southeast corner of her house a room composed entirely of blue glass, into which the sun streams the entire day. Mrs. Smith wears blue glass spectacles, dresses in blue silk and has her meals brought to this novel room on dishes of blue glass, where she eats, sleeps and lives. It is stated that she has not been out of her glass home more than ten minutes at a time in eight years, during which period she has never felt a pain or an ache of the slightest description.—*Chicago Times.*

SALT.—A morning hand bath in cold salt water is delightfully invigorating.

Warm salt water inhaled through the nostrils will cure cold and catarrh. A pinch of salt taken frequently will stop a cough or throat irritation.

A glass of salt water, warm or cold, taken on rising in the morning will cure constipation.

Bathing the eyes when tired or weak in warm salt water will soothe and strengthen them.

Salt, plentifully sprinkled on the icy door-step, will have a better and cleaner effect than ashes.—*Prudence Prim, in Good Housekeeping.*

Singular to relate even great and wealthy men are prone to err as well as common mortals. John Jacob Astor, on one occasion, being asked what had been the largest sum of money he had ever made, replied: “The largest sum I ever misused making was in reference to the purchase of Louisiana, in connection with De Witt Clinton, Gouverneur Morris and others. We intended to purchase all that province of the Emperor Napoleon and then sell it to President Jefferson at the same price, charging two and one-half per cent. commission on the purchase. The scheme fell through, however, for some trifling cause or other. Had I succeeded I should have made about thirty million dollars.”

A large clock just completed in Germany by Christian Martin is said to surpass in wonderful construction all previous achievements. It is designed to show the seconds, minutes, quarter hours, hours, days, weeks, months, the four seasons, the years, and leap years until the close of 93,999 A. D. It gives indications for every latitude, and records the successive phases of the moon. It not only strikes the quarters and hours, but the minutes as well, sixty different symbolic figures performing the work. A night watchman blows the hours of the night on his horn, a cock crows at sunrise, and a cuckoo appears in spring. There are moving pictures, a bell-ringing secretan who kneels and folds his hands, and auto-toned musical works, besides other interesting features.

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