

GIBBCHAT AND CHUCKLES.

SPRING STYLES ABROAD.

He was a Kaffir bold,
She was a Zulu maid;
All his deep love he told
As o'er the sand they strayed.
Pleasant their lives must be;
Theirs was simplicity,
There was no guile.
Plain in their happiness,
Simple their style of dress;
Shown in no fashion book;
All he wore was a look
Brinful of tenderness—
She wore a smile.

--Merchant Traveller.

Suspicious people torture themselves while those they are afraid of are calmly sleeping.

When you have said of a man that he is always on the safe side, you have usually said all that can be said of him.

A prophet says that teaching every girl to thump a piano and every boy to be a book-keeper, will make potatoes five dollars a bushel in twenty years.

Prominent jewellers now affirm that the diamond solitaire earring is going out. This will be cheering news to ears that have never been able to get them in.

"One kiss you earnestly implore,
And I for this, dear youth, must fly thee:
That boon obtained, you'd ask for more,
And I, alas, could not deny thee."

"Maria, dear," said the fond mother, "the postman asked me to-day whether you wouldn't use some other perfume on your letters. Violet doesn't agree with him."

Man wants but little here below,
And that is all he gets.
He seldom has too many things,
Except too many debts.

The most graceful of the domestic animals is the cat, while the most awkward bird is the duck, but it won't do to use these facts for a basis if you want to call a woman pet names.

Ethel (aged five, who is being put to bed, when her mother, in evening toilet, enters the room)—"Are you going to bed, too, mamma?" Mother—"No, dear, I'm going to the opera." Ethel—"Are you going to dress after you get there?"

It is really discouraging, when you come to think of it, that there should be so much wickedness in the world. If we were not compelled to spend so much time in contemplation of the sins and shortcomings of others, we might possibly have time to look after our own transgressions.

Taking the census of a nation of 65,000,000 people is a very big job. The United States Government Printing Company has just completed the printing of the 20,000,000 enumeration blanks, which weigh in the aggregate 229 tons, and, if spread out, would cover an area of 25,208,333 square feet.

A Bible has just been re-discovered in the Vatican library which is in Hebrew. It is supposed to be the oldest in the world, and is valued at \$100,000. It is so weighty that it requires two men to lift it, the binding being in heavy metal. In the year 1512 the Jews of Venice offered Pope Julius II. its weight in gold for it, but though he was financially hard up just then he refused the offer.

A lady reporter has been for some time hovering like an angel over the palace at Westminster, but she has not yet been allowed to have even a glimpse of the speaker. Mr. Bradlaugh inquired on her behalf if she would be admitted to the reporter's gallery in the event of a vacancy occurring. The speaker said that he did not think it right to intervene in any way, unless he had the direct sanction of the House, in a matter which is a novelty, and which might lead to consequences difficult at this moment to foresee; a remark that caused loud and general laughter, in which Mr. Speaker found himself compelled to join.

The sand bag is invaluable in the sick room. Get some clean, fine sand, dry it thoroughly in a kettle on the stove. Make a bag about eight inches square of flannel, fill it with dry sand sew the opening carefully together and cover the bag with cotton or linen. This will prevent the sand from sifting out, and will also enable you to heat the bag quickly by placing in the oven or even on top of the stove. After once using this you will never again attempt to warm the feet or hands of a sick person with a bottle of hot water or bricks. The sand holds the heat a long time, and the bag can be tucked up to the back without hurting the invalid. It is a good plan to make two or three of the bags and keep them on hand, ready for use at any time when needed.

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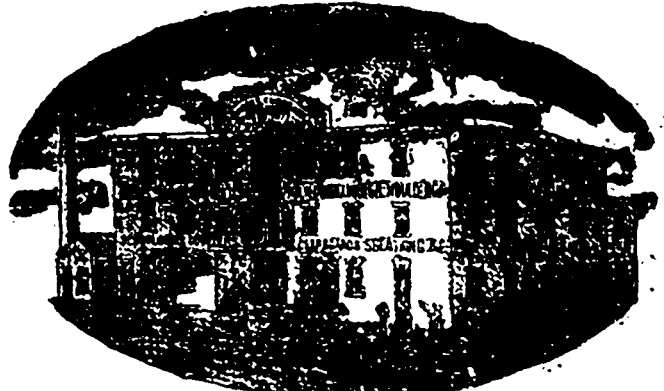
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