

## CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Said Connaught to his consort,  
As they travelled from the coast,  
'This is, then, the mighty railroad  
Of which all Canadians boast.  
Wife, when we reach home remind me,  
When I tell of where we've been,  
'To be sure and prove the merit  
Of this railway to the Queen.  
For I've travelled oft and widely,  
Round the world and near and far,  
But I never found real comfort  
'Till I struck the C. P. R.!'  
And the Duchess made a memo  
On a dainty little card  
Of the matter, as commanded  
By her stately royal pard.

The National Library is to be greatly enlarged. It now contains nearly a million volumes.

A Logical Inference.—Jack Happy—"Have a cigar, Billy?" Billy Golucky—"No; I've given up smoking." Jack Happy—"Well, tell us about her."

A New York editor is trying to decide which is proper, "I saw an opera" or "I heard an opera." If he sat behind the regulation size bonnet the latter term is correct.

A Bad Shot.—He—"I have never yet met the woman I thought I could marry."

She—"No, they are very hard to please as a rule."

It All Depends.—Mudge—I wonder why a girl always shut her eyes when a fellow kisses her? Yabsley—I never noticed anything of the sort. But I suppose it depends on the kind of face the fellow has.

An Old Slander.—Rev. Mr. Grimes (to Judge Tort)—Yes; and when you have a particularly bad boy come before you what is the first question you ask him. Judge Tort—I ask him, "Where does your father preach?"

Charles W. Hamilton, a naval surgeon, claims to have found in the seed of the kelp a remedy for seasickness. He says that half to one drachm of the seed chewed slowly was followed in about 40 minutes by complete cessation of the various symptoms of mal de mer.

THE VALUE OF ETIQUETTE.—To laugh at etiquette, and to refuse to be bound by its rules, is to prove one's self not to possess the virtue of consideration for others, for these laws are the best and kindest in the world, arranged to make life run smoothly and make each person more comfortable.

No More Pictures.—It cost the cigarette men \$500,000 last year to supply the packages with pictures, and all have now combined to do away with them. They have probably concluded to kill the boys without corrupting their morals with chromos, and for this much the country should be thankful.

The Argument by Analogy.—Mariar Ann—"What a beautiful 'ouse, Miss! What a lot o' rent you must 'ave to pay! I suppose ladies' and gentleman do pay rent?" Daughter of the house—"Of course they do." Mariar Ann—"What a deal o' trouble your father must 'ave to get it togeth'r every week!"

Life is an inn where travellers stay—  
Some only breakfast and away,  
Others for dinner wait and are full fed,  
The oldest only sup and go to bed.  
Long is his bill who lingers out the day—  
Who goes the soonest has the least to pay.

JUNE-LOVE-ICE CREAM.  
This is the sunny month of June,  
When youths and maidens like to spoon;  
They walk along the moonlit sands  
Softly holding each other's hands,  
They look up at the moon's bright beam,  
And he thinks of love—and she ice cream.

The "alternating mosquito bar" is said to be the name of the latest device for foiling the attempts of the mosquito to disturb one's sleep. It is simply a fine flexible wire cloth or netting which drapes the bed like a canopy. A small electric lamp, fed with power from a not too strong battery beneath the bed, vitalizes the wires sufficiently to devitalize the unwary bird of Jersey foolish enough to connect with the netting in search for gore.

A Friend in N'ed.—"Can you direct me to the dressing-room, madam?" asked the society belle, who had just arrived at the full dress ball in Washington, of the good wife of Deacon Pogram, the new member from the Thirty-second New Hampshire district.

"Sakes alive!" replied Aunt Jerusha, "I don't wonder you ask. Here, put my shawl over you, child, and come this way just as fast as you possibly can!"

No, my son, it is not absolutely necessary to success in life to have graduated at some college. If you have brains, you can get along very well without a collegiate education; and if you have no brains, a collegiate course will do you no good.

Some of our English words have very curious derivations. Take "saunterers" for instance. It is a relic of the old crusading days. At that time idle vagabonds wandered about Europe, demanding money under the pretence of wishing to go to the Holy Land. La-Sainte-Terre. They were therefore called Saint Terrers—Saunterers.

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