

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE STORY TOLD ANEW.

In the dust and down the lane
Two walked, hand in hand, together;
Blew the wind and fell the rain;
Little heeded they the weather.
Cold fall winds might storm about;
Warm within mocked cold without.
Had the road been paved with gold
They had never seen a shimmer;
Had the stars left heaven's high fold
Night to them had grown no dimmer;
Earth, unto its widest hem,
Consisted of four feet to them.
What said he to make her start,
Flush and glow with sudden pleasure?
What could cause the woman's heart
Then to beat a faster measure?
Why did eyelids, prone to rise,
Hide the light of glowing eyes?
'Twas the story told anew,
Old, yet never antiquated;
Just the same words—just a few,
Just the case so often stated
Just the same in every wise
As once was told in paradise.

-Selected.

The wise man does not tell all he knows, and he does not listen while others tell all they know, either.

"Born from caprice and killed by a shrug of the shoulders," is M. de Blowitz's epitaph upon Boulangism.

A new explosive, said to possess greater lifting power than dynamite, is called extralite. The man who is accidentally raised by it will feel extralite for a while.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF LITERATURE.—Author: "You return everything I offer. What can I send you that will be acceptable?" Editor: "A year's subscription."

"Won at last!" he exclaimed, triumphantly. "Yes, Charlie, said she shyly, "but only on the strict condition, you know, that I am to be the one." —Somerville Journal.

CHILL OCTOBER.—Fair Lady: "What beautiful chrysanthemums you've got, Sir Gorgius!" Sir Gorgius (who is no botanist): "A—yes. I flatter myself they're not bad—considering the time of year!" —Punch.

Borrowit (in Chinese laundry)—"Why do you say Fli-day, John, when you mean Friday?" Chinaman—"I slay Fli-day 'cause I mean Fli day; not like Melican man, who slay Fli-day and come to pay me week after next!"

Shakespearean authorities will rejoice to hear that still another way of spelling the master's name has been discovered, this time by the Japanese, who have just announced the publication in the Japanese language of "Julius Cæsar" by 'Sekisupuju.

Teacher—Parse the word "man" in that sentence, Tommy.

Tommy—Man is a common noun, masculine gender, and subject of—

Teacher—Subject of what, Tommy?

Tommy—Subject of woman, and the teacher smiled to herself and didn't correct him.

NOT A COMPLETE SEPARATION.—Mother—Johnny, I don't want you to play with that little Brownjones boy any longer; do you hear?

Johnny—Yes'm.

"Now, don't let me hear of your disobeying me."

"No'm, but I may fight him, mayn't I, if I want to?"

A very simple method of inducing sleep in cases of persistent insomnia, and one that has succeeded where many drugs have failed, is simply to administer a moderate amount of warm liquid food before the patient goes to bed. This diverts the blood from the brain to the abdominal organs, and takes away the cerebral excitement that precludes sleep.—Hospital.

"Come in here wid yez this minnit befor' yez spile yer fauntillery clothes," shouted the fond mother to her freckle faced boy. "Yis, dearest." "Ave yez been havin' a good toime widout yer mother?" "Yis, dearest." "And phwat av yez been doin'?" "Shtonin' Miss McGulley's pig, dearest, and callin' rats to the po-leece. But I wor always t'inkin' ov yez, and lovin' yez with all me heart."

SOME CONSOLATION.—Jacob Oopstein, Jr.—"Fader, von of de vorkmen fell into von of de vats, and vati'dn't get nothing put his ponies."

Jacob Oopstein, Sr., (soap manufacturer)—"Vich von was it?"

Jacob Oopstein, Jr.—"Villiam Chonseon."

Jacob Oopstein, Sr.—"Vell, vell, dot was too bad. Still it might haf been vorse. Chonseon vas the fattest man in the works."

The Brahmins of India, says the *Missionary Herald*, are familiar with the Scriptures if for no other reason than that they may oppose their teachings. In the course of a conversation on Christianity, a missionary asked a well-known Brahmin in Calcutta whether he had ever read our Bible. The man looked at him, and calmly and slowly answered, "I have read the New Testament eighty-three times and the Old Testament twenty-seven."

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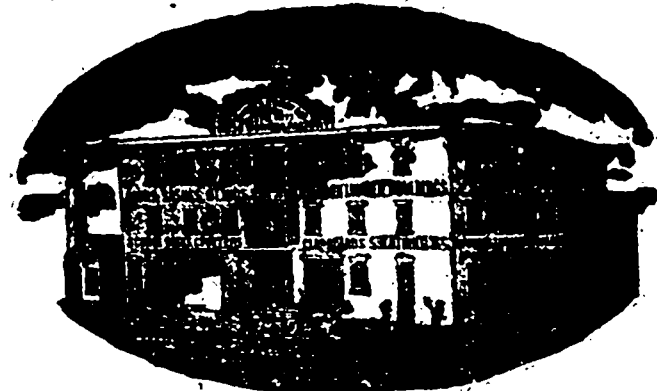
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