

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

SEASIDE EPISODE.

Hand in hand they walked along  
Beside the sunlit sea,  
They heard the wavelet's summer song—  
A wondrous melody.

"Oh! how I love you love," he said,  
"How dear you are to me!"  
The maiden drooped her pretty head,  
But not a word said she.

"Wilt thou be mine, my love," said he,  
While grasping her soft hand,  
"Oh! don't make love just now," said she,  
"My shoes are full of sand."

First passenger—Are ye sick, Thomas? Second passenger (faintly)—  
D'ye think I'm doing this for fun?

Miss Jagannadham, a Hindoo woman, has been appointed house surgeon  
at the Edinburgh hospital for women and children.

A hen always begins to wipe her feet when she goes into a newly-made  
flower bed. At least she seems by her motions to be wiping her feet.

INFELICITOUS QUOTATIONS.—Jones (after a delightful walk)—"And now  
Miss Brown, let us go and seek some 'refreshment for man and beast!'"

Polite passenger—"Pardon me, sir! Can I sit down in this seat?" Old  
Sourboy—"Well, I presume you can if you try hard enough. I didn't  
have any trouble."

Gus—"If you don't give it to me at once I'll kiss you." Madge—  
"And if I give it to you you will let me alone?" Gus—"Certainly."  
Madge—"Well—you can't have it."

A MANTLE PIECE.—Sparks (describing beauty)—"Jove! Her cheek was  
a piece of the most delicate velvet constantly mantled by a blush!"  
Katrledge—"Oh, I see! Sort of mantelpiece, eh?"

Mr. Younglove—"My dear, I was greatly mortified on awakening this  
morning to find you going through my pockets." Mrs. Y—"You may  
have been mortified at seeing me, but just imagine my feelings."

After the Proposal.—Cholly (unaccustomed to tears)—"Don't cry, dear.  
Er—bah Jove! if I'd known it would make you feel this bad to say 'yea'  
I'd—er—ah—taken the whole thing back." Molly (clingly)—"O,  
Gawg!"

WOOLLY WESTERN OPERA.—The manager, (holding a pair of revolvers  
and with a most ferocious aspect): "I'm naterally a mild man an' hard to  
rouse, but th' nex' son-of-a-gun that chucks a peanut inter th' cantatrice's  
mouth is goin' ter be my pet target!"

The Emperor of Russia's suite at present consists of 173 persons, of whom  
73 are generals and 76 extra aides-de-camp. To the suite belong fifteen  
members of the imperial family, seventeen princes of not imperial birth,  
seventeen counts, nine barons and 111 other noblemen.

The following "notice" is posted on a fence in Tillamook county, says the  
Morning Oregonian: "If any man's or woman's cows or oxen gits in these  
here oats, his or her tail will be cut off, as the case may be. I am a chris-  
tian man and pay my taxes, but d—n a man who lets his critters loose,  
say I."

The Czar and Czarina and their children are enjoying their annual pic-  
nic holiday among the Finnish islands. They land occasionally and lunch  
and take tea, al fresco, the Czar looking after the fire and the Empress  
making tea. They have no guard, as far as is known, and the Czar wears  
civilian's clothes, in which he is said to look even bigger-chested and stouter  
than in uniform.

"THE MASTER KEY."

Every breast a corner holds, pure as on its natal day,  
Though by sin and sorrow's folk, hidden from the world away  
Through the callous crust of years, reaching to the tender part  
Home's sweet name will start the tears, and unlock the secret heart  
—*Ladies Home Journal.*

A hotel in Rome anxious to secure English patronage, has set forth its  
advantages in the following advertisement, which is placarded about Paris:  
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est and most the wholesome temperature on account of its special position,  
breadth, and ventilation. The largest and most monumental table de hote  
there is to be found."

WHY HE BROKE THE ENGAGEMENT.

She wore a sailor hat—  
I should not have minded that,  
Nor her patent leather shoes and gaiterette;  
But I saw her on Broadway  
Only 'nat the other day,  
And I thought it was her brother that I met.

For she had a flannel shirt,  
And, what most my feelings hurt,  
A piccadilly collar and a tie,  
A double-breasted snorke,  
With two buttons on the back,  
And a blooming English eye-glass in her eye.

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