

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A maiden speech—"I will."

We regret to learn that the Chicago Anarchists have disbanded. We have always thought they would hang together.

Professor Lockyer says that only 6,500 stars are visible to the naked eye. Professor Lockyer never sat down suddenly on a pavement.

"Bridget, did you get the flowers that I am to wear to-night in my hair?" "Yes, mum, but—" "But what?" "I've mislaid the hair, mum."

Customer (to baker's boy): "Is your bread nice and light, sonny?" Baker's boy (confidentially): "Yes, ma'am; it only weighs ten ounces to the pound."—Puck.

Puddler is disturbed in mind. "I see the paper says," he remarked, "that some of the men at Wimbledon are shooting off their ties: Foolish fellows! They will be shooting off their heads if they are not careful!"

Miss Winnarotta Singer, the daughter of the sewing machine millionaire, is worth more than \$1,000,000 in her own right. But notwithstanding this, and the fact that she is about to marry the Prince de Seey Mouthellard, she cultivates her talent for painting as assiduously as though her bread and butter depended upon it.

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A prominent Kentucky lawyer is noted for the size of his feet. He is not at all sensitive about them, however. He has himself named his shoes after two Ohio River steamboats, and when he gets up in the morning calls over to the boy who does his boot-blacking: "Jim, bring me 'The Indianola,' and then go back and bring me 'The Pride of the West.'"

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Teacher: "The class in ancient history will please stand up. Miss White, what was Ceres goddess of?" Miss White: "Goddess of matrimony." Teacher, sarcastically: "I am surprised at your ignorance, Miss White. Where did you learn that?" Miss White: "From the book. It is printed here as plainly as can be." Teacher: "What does it say?" Miss White: "Ceres, goddess of husbandry."

A gentleman hunting for land in Dakota came across a boarded-up claim-shanty with half-a-dozen boards across the door, upon which were the following touching inscriptions:—"Four miles from a nayber. Sixty miles from a postoffice. Twenty-five miles from a raioroad. A hundred and atey from timber. 250 feet from water. God bless our home. We have gone east to spend the winter with my wife's folks."

A well which, according to the accounts given of it, must be a wonder of the first magnitude, has been discovered near Harlom, Columbia County, Ga., about thirty miles from Augusta. A noise can be distinctly heard down in the well resembling the sound of a swarm of bees, and a glance down plainly shows that it is boiling furiously. A lighted torch was let down in the well to see if it contained gas, but without result. This well was dug about one year ago, and has been acting like other wells until about three weeks ago, when it began to boil, and has continued to boil incessantly ever since.

Miss Fay, who has received several flattering notices in leading London papers, was giving a "Spiritualistic" seance at Blackburn on Tuesday; but the performance came to a sudden termination, for some people in the audience struck lights. Miss Fay was supposed to be floating across the room in semi-darkness, but as the figure passed over the heads of the audience was caught, and lo! the Spiritualistic object was found to be nothing but a dummy of worsted and gauze, manipulated by wires, while Miss Fay herself was seen to have climbed to the roof. There was a disturbance after this, the platform was stormed, and the police had to be called in.

Jay Gould—"Want a yacht, oh? Well, you've got to make the money to buy it. I'll take a walk down the street."

Son George—"Yes, father."
"I'll slip on the pavement."
"Yes, father."
"And I've myself brought home in an ambulance."
"Yes, father."
"Then stocks will drop, and you buy."
"Yes, father."
"Then I'll go out on the front pavement and dance a jig."
"Yes, father."
"Then stocks will go up, and you sell."

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