

CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

CONFESSION.

I grant we wandered off alone,  
And stayed until the falling dew  
But, dear, I only went because  
I fancied that she looked like you.

I grant my arm around her waist  
Unwisely strayed. What could I do?  
I had to draw her close to see  
If, in the dusk, she looked like you.

I grant upon her cheek I pressed  
A single kiss—no more? well—two.  
You never were content with one,  
And she—she looked so much like you!

Puck.

We read a great deal about the solid vote of the country, but no reference is ever made to the liquid vote of the country.

An English baroness has established a home for cats, where disabled and decrepit felines are cared for by her kind permission.

A dry goods house advertising seal sacsques the other day added to its advertisement, 'circulars free.' A lady, after reading the advertisement sent a note to the house asking for a circular—a furlined one.

Grocer—"I've a lot of Limburger cheese that I'm going to sell at cost. I want to stick up some taking notice of the sale. Can't you give me something?" Reddewit—"How would 'unapproachable bargain,' suit you?"

"You are now one," said the minister to the happy pair he had just tied together with a knot that they never could undo. "Which one?" asked the bride. "You will have to settle that for yourselves," said the clergyman.

Brave to Recklessness.—Englishman—"Some of our English girls are quite expert with the gun, don't you know. Lady Eva Wyndham Linn shot six men eating tigers in India." American Girl—"If they were eating nice men, she did just right."

Jones propounded the following conundrum at his club: "If I stand on my head the blood rushes to my head; why, then, when I stand on my feet does the blood not rush to my feet?" Some one answered, "Because your feet are not so empty."

An editor has invented an infernal machine which he places in an envelope and sends to those who refuse the paper, after taking it for some time without paying for it. The machine explodes and kills the whole family, and the fragments that fall in the yard kill the dog.

There are no prisons nor policemen in Iceland and the doors are all left unlocked. There have been but two thefts recorded in over 1000 years. But the climate no doubt has a good deal to do with it. No one could loiter around long in the intense cold to get a chance at a hen-coop, that is if they had hen-coops.

The result of English researches in Assyria the past year are said to be exceedingly valuable. Almost the whole of Sennacherib's palace at Konyunjik has now been cleared out, including the library and chambers, and the result is that some 1,700 new tablets, etc., have been secured for the British Museum.

Two neighbors had a long and envenomed litigation about a small spring which they both claimed. The judge, wearied out with the case, at last said: "What is the use of making so much fuss about a little water?" "Your honor will see the use of it," replied one of the lawyers, "when I inform you that both the parties are milkmen."

An Englishman, who insulated his bedstead by placing underneath each post a broken-off bottle, says he had not been free from rheumatism or gout for fifteen years, and that he began to improve immediately after the application of the insulators. A paper, quoting this, adds:—"There's many a fellow who could cure his gout if he would break off the bottom of his glass bottles in time."

A Female Doctor in a Hurry.—Excited Messenger—"Mrs. Sawbones, come quick! A man has fallen from the roof of his house and is bleeding to death." "All right. I'll be there as soon as I've got on my new dress and have done up my hair. Let me see; hadn't I better wear my dark blue dress, or that light violet colored one? The blue dress is more becoming to my complexion; but the other is so stylish."

A BIT OF ASTRONOMY.—The following remarkable passage, in accord with modern observations, is from a work written by Hecolius in 1652: "Comets are made up of various nuclei and bodies, and hence these phenomena do not by any means consist of one solid spherical body or nucleus, but are made up of many different opaque nuclei and bodies, connected together, some rarer and more tenuous matter existing between, and allowing a free passage for the sun's rays."

Mr. Barnum once told of an old lady who was so deaf that, when some playful chaps fired a small cannon near the old lady's door, she merely said "come in." "That was a pretty fair story when I heard it some time ago," continued the veteran; "but I heard one a day or two since that beats it. Two gentlemen were walking along a highway near a railroad. One of the pedestrians was somewhat hard of hearing. Along came a train, and the engine emitted a frightful shriek. 'H'm,' said the deaf one, 'that's the first robin I've heard this spring.'"

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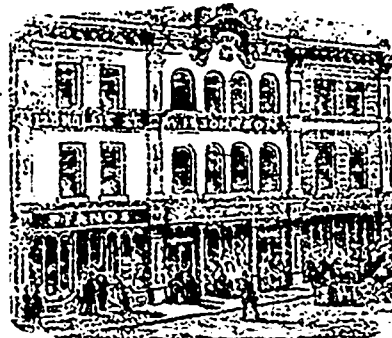
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