

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

REWARD FOR A DREAM.

Lost, in the month of December,
An exquisite Dream and Belief;
It either was dropped on Life's highway,
Or stolen by Time, the wily thief.
If found, please return to the owner -
Its value is small save to her;
As reward, all her earthly possessions
She offers without a demur.
'Tis so small that the owner could hold it
In one human heart's little space -
So great, all earth shone with its brightness
And look'd like a glorified place.
If found and returned in good order
'The offered reward will be paid;
But the finder is cautioned against delay -
Dreams exposed to the air sometimes fade!

Kate Field's Washington.

Sorry He Asked.—He—"Can you tell me what is eaten at a love-feast?"
She—"Why, ice cream, of course."

Minister.—"Have you ever cast your bread upon the waters?" Mrs. S.
(proudly)—"Never, since my first batch."

The man who wrote to his wife in the country that he didn't know how
to endure the heat was told to keep the gas turned down and not to play
poker all night.

Her Sacrifice.—He—"Darling, if I give you such an expensive engage-
ment ring we can't get married so soon."

She—"Never mind, dear. For your sake I can wait."

INGENUITY.—Maud—What a beautiful new gown Jane is wearing. Did
she bring it from abroad?

Clara—No; it's her last season's dress; the dressmaker turned it inside
out, and now she says it's from the other side.

ONE QUESTION OR THE OTHER.

The summer's the season when idiots bore you;
Whenever you meet them they want information.
If their question is not 'Is this hot enough for you?'
'Tis, "Where are you going to spend your vacation?"

A Great Success.—He—Did you have a good time on your camping
party last summer?

She—I should say so. We had seven girls and seven men, and when
we came home there were forty-nine engagements in the party.

A good anecdote is told of an English missionary in Cairo during his
efforts to teach some little donkey boys the way to heaven, "Is heaven a
good place?" asked one, "A very good place," replied the missionary.
"Then why don't England take it?" shrewdly asked the little Arab.

A QUESTION OF ECONOMY.—"How is it, my dear, you used never to give
me cigars that cost less than sixteen or twenty dollars for my birthday?
But these—hub—well, the least said of them the better."

"Why, don't you remember saying that we must economize when you
gave me the diamond necklace, you dear, inconsistent old boy?"

Unavailing.—Bachelor—You married a rich woman and yet you never
have a cent.

Benedick—She supplies all my needs, but she won't give me any spend-
ing money.

Bachelor—Why don't you get up in the night and go through her pocket?
Benedick—I did that once but I could not find her pocket.

THE WISE MAN.

There was a man in our town
Who dressed himself in plaids and checks;
He jumped into an apple-tree,
And smashed his Sunday specs.

And when he saw his glasses break,
He climbed upon a shelf,
And ate cream-cakes till he became
A spectacle himself.

On Western Railway.—Commercial Traveler—"Hello, my friend! How
is politics out in Dakota?"

Dakotan—"Rather quiet now."

"C. T.—"By the way, last time I was in your town you were running
for justice of the peace. Did you carry the town?"

Dakotan—"Scarcely."

C. T.—"How was that?"

Dakotan—"Why, a cyclone lit day before votin' time an' carried the
own clean ut o' the 'lection deestrick."

HE AND SHE.

He called her his dear little cloud,
And when she asked him why,
He said because she carried airs
And held herself so high.

"You couldn't be a cloud," she said,
With angry little twist,
"Because, no matter where you were,
You never would be mist."

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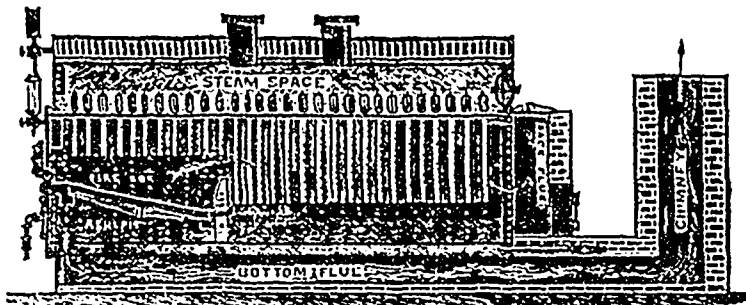
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