CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

DOG LOVE.

Talkin' about love an' all
This high-flown affection,
Why, man alive, you can teell
It love at all, in connection
With that of a dog.

No use argyin' one way or t'other.

"his question's settled in my estimation; leiler for gal, and child for mother,
May be called love, but it ain't in relation
With that of a dog.

Just read the papers—that's all to it—
Breaches of promise an' sich like actions:
Man sez he'll do, and then won't do it—
Life is chuck full of such transactions;
"Taint so with a dog.

When a dog loves yer, he loves yer
Through thick and thin in the same queer fashion,
"Tain't nothin' like them turtle doves yer
Read about with their silly passion,
This love of a dog.

Take old Rove over there sleepin' Side o' the cook stove, the dinged old sinner,
I'd bet a bill that purp's a keepin'
One eye on me, and be a sure winner;
I know that dog.

I know

I've tried women, also hosses,
And ain't got nothin' to say agin either:
But for downright lovin when hard luck crosses
Yer pathway, I tell yer neither
Is shucks to a dog.
—F. W. Shibley, in Boston Globe.

Barring the festhered world, it is true that many swallows make a lark, and very often a goose.

Ought to See the Other Boy .- Mrs. Smitem-Bobby, you bid boy, have you been fighing with Tommy Simson again? Dear, dear! I shall have to get you a new suit. Bobby...That's nothing, ma. You ought to see Tommy get you a new suit. Donoy—zame a domain, Slimson. His ma may have to get her a new boy.

Inspector-Are you fimiliar with the requirements of an elector, sir? Dennis—Phwhat's that? Inspector—Are you entitled to vote, sir? Dennis—Faith an' Or'sm that. It's tin days Oi've been in the country, and it's foor toimes of've registered to-day already.

An American who recently saw the King and Queen of Portugal says: -"The King is a fine looking young man, about thirty years of age, decidedly blonde, of medium height, well built and with a graceful carriage The Queen, who is a laughter of the Comte de Paris, is considered beautiful, but if she were not a Queen would be called simply a very pretty woman."

All our life long the praises of the nineteenth century have been sung at us, its achievements dinned into us, and the changes rung on "this great nineteenth century" until we have got tired of it. We therefore take comfort in the thought that this sort of thing can last but a few years more. We take it that they will wait till the new century has outgrown its swaldling clothes before they will make life a burden to us by crowing over "the great and glorious twentieth century," and by that time we will be in our grave and out of hearing of the din.

In the old haggling way of trade it was customary to demand a great deal more than the asker hoped to get. One time, on the Texas frontier, a man came into camp riding on a mule.

"How much for the mule?" asked a bystander.

"Jist a hundred dollars," answered the rider.

"I'll give you five dollars," said the other.

The rider stopped short, as if in amezement, and then slowly dismounted. "Stranger," said he, "I am't agoin' to let a little matter of ninety-five dollars stand between me and a mule trade. The mule's yourn.

Man's Lot Deprived of Woman -If there were no women, men would have no object in life; their mustaches would coase to interest them; they wouldn't cire a Chinamin whether their collars were ironed well or not: they would have nobody to nurse them when they had the tooth che, or to keep them from believing they were going to die when an old-fashioned stomach ache had its grip upon them. There would be no one to make ice-cream, and no small edition of fi-sh and blood to hug. There would be nobody to fight against being kissed and then to snuggle up to a coatsleeve and take it as naturally as a cat does cream.

Most important of all, there would be nobody to write against, to com-plain of and to love with all your heart and soul. Without women men would never get to heaven, and without them they would never have a taste of the other place on earth. So, when the bells are ringing in 1890, if Tom has any sense whatever, he'll put his arms around the woman he is fondest of, thank the good God for her- and wonder, as she does, what in the world he'd do without her.—' Bab.'

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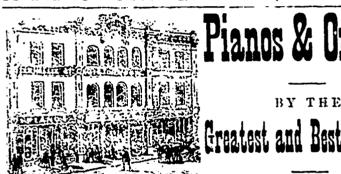
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