

GIFT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

DOG LOVE.

Talkin' about love an' all
This high-flown affection,
Why, man alive, you can't call
It love at all, in connection
With that of a dog.

No use argyin' one way or t'other.
This question's settled in my estimation:
Feller 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,
Taint nothin' like them turtle doves yer
Read about with their silly pas-ion,
This love of a dog.

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

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 feathered 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 bad boy, have you been fighting with Tommy Simson agin? Dear, dear! I shall have to get you a new suit. Bobby—That's nothing, ma. You ought to see Tommy Slimson. His ma may have to get her a new boy.

Inspector—Are you familiar with the requirements of an elector, sir? Dennis—Phwhat's that? Inspector—Are you entitled to vote, sir? Dennis—Faith an' O' am that. It's tin days O've been in the counthry, and it's four toimes o'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 daughter 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 change 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 swaddling 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 amazement, and then slowly dismounted.

"Stranger," said he, "I ain'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 cease to interest them; they wouldn't care a Chinaman whether their collars were ironed well or not; they would have nobody to nurse them when they had the toothache, 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 fish and blood to hug. There would be nobody to fight against being kissed and then to snuggle up to a coat-sleeve and take it as naturally as a cat does cream.

Most important of all, there would be nobody to write against, to complain 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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