

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

How to friz a bang—First catch your hair.

Dog days would be more acceptable if they were cur-tailed.

A woman may not make her husband tell her where he has been, but she can make him feel badly for having been there.

VERY PROSY.—She—All poets seem to be fond of the sunset.

He—Yes. It tells them that they have no more meals to buy for that day.

This poetical presentation impressed the court so favorably that the case was dismissed; and it is believed that the rhymster has established somewhat of a precedent.

Intercession is the very safety valve of love. When we feel that we can really do nothing at all in return for some remarkable kindness and affection, how exceedingly glad we are that we may and can pray.

BELLOWS.—“Do you suppose our ancestors were such inveterate gossips as we are?”

FELLOWS.—“Yes: if Darwin’s theory is correct, they were all tale-bearers.”

TOOK THE WIPER FROM HIS BOSOM.—Mr. Bingo—My dear, where did you get all those pretty pan-wipers?

Mrs. Bingo—Don’t you recognize them. They are your last summer’s flannel shirts.

“A POET LOVED A STAR.”—Miss Sweetness—Are you the “Poet that loved a star?”

Poet—Not exactly, but (taking her in his arms) I’m the one that loves a little heavenly body!

“Thank heaven!” said Shakespeare’s ghost, “and blessed be the cyclone!” “Why so grateful, William?” said the spook of Queen Elizabeth. “Because, your Royal Highness, the papers say that the cyclone has destroyed several Hamlets.”

Butler (at a fancy dress ball, who has been told to announce people by the characters they represent, to new arrivals)—What character? Ladies—Oh, no particular character. Butler (at the top of his voice)—Two ladies of no character in particular.

Feminine Nature.—Adult Son—“Mother, does a girl mean to encourage a man when she—” Mother—“My son, there is no need of going into details. When a girl starts out to either encourage or discourage a man the man never has any doubt about what she means.”

Life is very difficult. It seems right to us sometimes that we should follow our strongest feelings, but then such feelings continually come across the ties that our former life has made for us—the ties which have made others dependent on us—and would cut them in two.—George Eliot.

“Papa,” asked Johnny Withers of his father, who was a graduate of Boomtown University in ’58, “what is the meaning of ‘Semper fidelis?’” “Always fiddling, my son. It was a term applied to the Emperor Nero, who swam the Hellespont while Rome was burning,” replied the old man.

HAPPINESS

Like him who once sought for the fountain of youth,
We spend our lives seeking the waters of bliss;
But we find by the aid of the touchstone of truth
That they lie at the bottom of Duty’s abyss.

A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER GETTING ANXIOUS.—A quizzical correspondent asks this poser:—“Notwithstanding the seriousness of hydrophobia could any of your readers explain if a cow that was bitten by a mad dog and a young woman who drinks the milk and allows her lips to come in contact with a commercial traveller’s, would he (the gentleman) be likely to become affected with rapid symptoms?”

A man was arrested in New York for drunkenness. He denied the charge in court, and put in this original verse in defence:—

He is not drunk who from the floor
Can rise and drink and ask for more;
But he is drunk who prostrate lies
Without the strength to drink or rise!

One of the most pregnant sentences that Beecher ever uttered was, “Do the best you can where you are, and when that is accomplished God will open a door to a higher sphere.” In actual life this truth is proved to be one of the natural laws in the spiritual world, and one of the natural laws in the business world, and one of the natural laws in the world of scholarship as well. These opening doors are always above us, and the ladder by which we climb to them is always the same. The rungs are individual duties well performed, and they must be mounted one by one.

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