

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A SEPTEMBER DISAPPOINTMENT.
They sat in a hammock out in the dark,
No moon;
And both were bent on having a lark,
And spoon;
But a voice was heard from the stair within,
Hoodon?
And her mother cried, "Too damp, come in."
Boo, hoo!

HER PREFERENCE.—He (toying nervously with the chandelier)—So you don't care to have me tell you whether I love you or not?
She—No; I prefer to be kept in the dark.

A DISTINCTION AND A DIFFERENCE.—Lcquacious Wife—Do you still love me?
Busy Husband—(reading)—I love you a ill.

He blushed a fiery red; her heart went pit-a-pat; she gently hung her head, and looked down on the mat. He trombled in his speech; he rose from where he sat, and shouted with a screech: "You're sitting on my hat!"

FAR BETTER.—Willis—Did you have a seat on the street car?
Wallace—No; I had to stand on my feet.
"Did you? Well, that's better than sitting down and letting somebody else stand on them."

ON THE HOME STRETCH.

"If you're walking call me early—call me early, porter dear,
To-morrow'll be the busiest day of all the great World's Fair—
Of all the great World's Fair, porter, the saddest, busiest day,
For I'll have a board bill to pay, porter, I'll have a board bill to pay!"

KEPT THE FAITH.—His my boy been a Little Defender and been kind to dumb animals to-day?
"Yes, grandm. I let your canary out of the cage, and when my cat caught it I set Towser on her.

A GOOD SMILE.—"Why do you use such peculiar terms?" asked a lawyer's wife of her husband, who had returned worn out by his day's labors. "I don't see how you can have been working all day like a horse." "Well, my dear," he replied, "I've been drawing a conveyance all day, and if that isn't working like a horse what is it?"

She (wearily)—Yes, I'm engaged to three men, and they have each of them given me a ring.
He—What if all three should happen to call on you at the same time?
She—Why, then, I'm afraid there would be a circus with three rings in it.

Young Housekeeper—I told Bridget that we'd have some eggs for breakfast, and what do you think! I went out in the kitchen and found her cooking them with chestnut coal.
Husband—Well, there was nothing wrong about that, was there?
Young Housewife—Why, you silly fellow! I'd like to know what we've got egg coal in the cellar for!

HAIR RESTORERS.—A man from the provinces, who was paying a long visit to London, found his hair was leaving him at the top of his head and took his barber to task about it.
"You sold me two bottles of stuff to make the hair grow."
"It is very strange it won't grow again," said the artist in hair, "I can't understand it."
"Look here," said the countryman, "I don't mind drinking another bottle, but this must be the last."

A MODEL JUROR.—Counsel (to talesman)—Have you any knowledge of anything in this world or in the world to come?
Talesman—I have not.
Counsel—Do you know enough to come in out of the rain?
Talesman—I do not.
Counsel—If you were standing on a railroad track and an express train approached at a speed of ninety miles an hour, would you step out of the way?
Talesman—I would not.
Chorus of Lawyers—Step right into the jury box.

A CONUNDRUM—"John," said his wife, "I have a conundrum for you."
"All right. But you know conundrums are out of style."
"That fact won't hurt this one anyway," she answered.
"Let us have it."
"Why am I like a popular story?"
"Because everybody admires you."
"That isn't the answer."
"What is it then?"
"Because." and she glanced at the calico dress, "I am never out of print."
And the next day he gave her carte blanche at the dry goods store.

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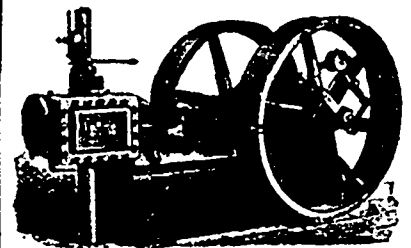
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