

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A little child, eating her breakfast, asked her mother to remove the "bark" from her sausage. She hinted at a great canine truth very closely.

ON THE WEDDING JOURNEY.—He (sentimentally): "Darling, do you love me better than your first husband?" She: "Certainly. He's dead!"

Guest (suspiciously eyeing the flattened pillows and the crumpled sheets)—Look here landlord, this bed has been slept in.
Landlord (triumphantly)—That's what's it's for.

A provident landlady had the word "Head" stamped in large letters at the ends of the beds of her boarders, at which their heads are intended to rest. There can be no excuse for mistakes now.

Policeman—Come along now quietly, or it will be worse for you. O'Tool—O'll not! The magistrate told me last time never to be brought before him agin' an' begorra I'm goin' to obey his instructions.

"Handling Bees" is a headline in an exchange. That's the stuff. They ought to have had handles put on them long ago; then a fellow could pick them up without getting their stinger into him every time.

Wife—I am so worried about that cough of yours, John dear!
Husband—Don't be foolish, little one. It is a mere nothing.
Wife—It may be a mere nothing, John, but I do wish you would see the insurance man to-day.

A West-side three-year old showed an appreciation of things the other day. "Won't you give me a kiss, dear?" coaxed a lady. "I don't want to," said the little one. "Oh, give the lady a kiss, Florence," said her father. "Oo, kiss her, papa, oo like to."

"Was the deceased a man of family?" inquired the tombstone agent, as he made a memorandum of the design selected and wrote the inscription in his order book. "He had been married three times" was the reply. "The motto 'At rest' would just fit this blank space below the inscription," suggested the agent, deferentially.

MORE THAN IT WAS WORTH.—Robinson—What was the amount of your doctor's bill, Dunley?
Dunley—I paid him two hundred dollars.
Robinson—Two hundred dollars! That's too much.
Dunley—He saved my life, you know.
Robinson—Yes. I know he saved your life. But two hundred dollars, Dunley! That's too much.

Pope Leo. XIII. derives his revenue from three sources. One is the interest of the vast sum left by Pius IX. in the Pontifical treasury, invested chiefly in English consols. This interest amounts to about \$625,000 a year. Another source is the Peter's pence contribution, which, in spite of very great reduction in late years, averages about \$415,000 annually. The third source is the Apostolic Chancery, the receipts of which include sums received for titles and decorations, privileges of the altar, private chapels, etc., and aggregate about \$520,000 a year. The entire annual income of Leo. XIII. therefore is about \$1,560,000.

RULES OF COURTSHIP.—Agree with the girl's father in politics and the mother in religion.

If you have a rival, keep your eye on him; if he is a widower, keep two eyes on him.

Don't put much sweet stuff on paper. If you do you will hear it read in after years, when your wife has some especial purpose in inflicting upon you the severest punishment known to a married man.

If, on the occasion of your first call, the girl upon whom you have placed your young affections looks like an iceberg and acts like a cold wave, take your leave early, and stay away. Woman in her hours of freeze is uncertain, coy and hard to please.

In cold weather finish saying good-night in the house. Don't stretch it all the way to the front gate, and thus lay the foundation for future asthma, bronchitis, neuralgia, and chronic catarrh, to help you worry the girl to death after she has married you.

Don't be too soft. Don't say: "These little hands shall never do a stroke of work while they are mine" and "you shall have nothing to do in our home but to sit all day long and chirp to the canaries," as if any sensible woman could be happy fooling away time in that sort of style.

A girl has a fine retentive memory of the soft things and silly promises of courtship, and occasionally in after years, when she is washing the dinner-dishes, or patching the west end of your trousers, she will remind you of them in a cold, sarcastic tone of voice.

Go home at a reasonable hour in the evening. Don't wait until she has to throw her whole soul into a yawn which she can't cover with both hands. A little thing like that may cause a coolness at the very beginning of the game.

Don't lie about your financial condition.

It is very annoying to a bride who has pictured herself a life of luxury in her ancestral halls to learn too late that you expect her to ask a bald-headed parent, who has been uniformly kind to her to take you in out of the cold.

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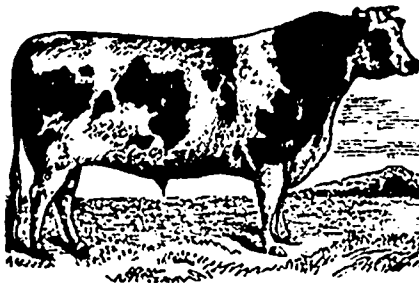
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