

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES

PUSSY WILLOWS.

Pretty pussy willows,
Growing in the hedges,
Smoothing with thy fairy wands
Nature's ragged edges.

Lighting up the bushes
With thy touch of silver
Thou art generous unto all,
Cheerful little giver.

While upon the pastures
Snow-weaths yet are lying,
And beneath their cold, white shroud
Earth's fair things seem dying.

Pretty pussy willows
Smile as if 'twere duty,
Is it marvel that we love
Spring's first gift of beauty?

Happy youthful memories
With thy touch awaken,
Blossoms of the heart unfold,
Like thy buds wind-shaken.

Pat on the Middleton scandal.—“Phwat ilso can yes expict if yes will appint fur-rin officers?”

Work Both Ways.—“You say you are in love with your chum's sister?” “Yes.” “Well, my dear boy, you have something to learn yet. I never knew a girl to marry her brother's friend or her friend's brother. They know too much.”

Young Dublin Physician (inspecting citizen on the floor of the police station)—“This man's condition is not due to drink. He has been drugged.” Officer M'Ginnis “You're right. I drug him all the way from a public-house in South Circular-road.”

In The Hub.—Hub Mother (shouting down stairs)—Minerva, are you coming to bed? Hub Daughter—Let me have another half-hour with Robert, ma. H. M.—Another half-hour with Robert. Good gracious! have you a man in the house? H. D.—The idea! I'm reading Browning.

He Took Her Advice.—“Now, Charley,” said young Mrs. Tocker, “you know your health is delicate and you must be careful about what you eat. As long as you can't get your oatmeal or cracked wheat while you're down town, you might as well try some of the old rye that I see advertised in the store windows.”

An officer in the Austrian army must walk a straight line if he desires to keep out of trouble. A few days ago a lieutenant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Cilly for fighting a duel. His advocate explained that if his client had refused to fight the duel for which he was punished he would be compelled by military law to leave the army.

THE AGE OF WISDOM COMETH.

Phyllis, young and sentimental,
Long before Dame Fashion knew her,
Vowed, in accents soft and gentle,
None saved Cupid e'er should woo her,
But, when love his story told,
Phyllis very gently shook him:
And when another wooed with gold
Phyllis took him.

The greatest known depth of the sea is in the South Atlantic Ocean, midway between the Island of Tristan d'Acunha and the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. The bottom was there reached at a depth of 40,236 feet, or eight and three quarter miles, exceeding by more than 17,000 feet the height of Mount Everest, the loftiest mountain in the world. In the North Atlantic Ocean, south of Newfoundland, soundings have been made to a depth of 4,580 fathoms, or 27,480 feet, while depths equaling 34,000 feet, or six and a half miles, are reported south of the Bermuda Islands. The average depth of the Pacific Ocean between Japan and California is a little over 2,000 fathoms; between Chili and the Sandwich Islands, 2,500 fathoms; and between Chili and New Zealand, 1,500 fathoms. The average depth of all the oceans is from 2,000 to 2,500 fathoms.

The talk in a religious publication about the propriety of altering orthodox hymns reminds a correspondent of a chorister who once requested him to make a little change in a hymn to adapt it to modern instrumental music. He would have the lines

Oh, may my heart in tune be found
Like David's harp of solemn sound,
read
Oh, may my heart be tuned within
Like David's sacred violin.

“Very good,” replied the parson, “but I think your version may be improved thus:

“Oh, let my heart go diddle, diddle,
Like good King David's sacred fiddle.”

CONSUMPTION CURED.—An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 830 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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