

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

AT EVENING.

The day's work that I meant to do
Is not half done;
The victory over selfish ease
Has not been won.

To-morrow say I to my heart,
To soothe its sorrow;
Ah, yes! but sometime there will come
The last to-morrow.

Wealth cannot purchase any great solace or convenience. Riches are only the means of sociality.

There is nothing more precious to a man than his will; there is nothing he relinquishes with so much reluctance.

She throw him a kiss as he went away down the street, did his fair and blushing bride. 'Twas a woman's throw and, slackaday! It struck the man on the other side.

Young man.—These moonlight nights and the number of pretty girls in the world, are responsible for lots of young men asking girls to marry them when they can't support themselves.

He (who has been boring her all the evening)—It's a good night for some of the belles, Miss Edie.

She.—It ought to be a 'good night' for some of the men, too.

In the infant class there's a falling off,
There's a dearth of reformed young sinners -
'Tis a little too late for picnics now
And too early for Christmas dinners.

UNLUCKY COMPLIMENTS.—Shy, but susceptible youth—Er-could you tell me what that young lady is—sketching.

Affable Stranger—She has the misfortune to be my wife.

Shy, but susceptible one (desperately anxious to please, and losing all presence of mind)—Oh!—the misfortune's entirely yours, I'm sure.

"Well," said Mrs. Bruggins, after a solo by a fashionable church choir tenor, "if that ain't the rudest thing I ever saw!"

"What?" inquired her niece.

"Why, didn't you notice it? Just as soon as that young man began to sing, every other member of the choir stopped, but he went right through with it, and I must say I admire his spunk."

ART NOTE.—"What's that pencil for?" inquired Mrs. Sharpe of her daughter.

"For penciling eyebrows," responded the damsel.

"Well, what do you want to use one for?"

"To draw."

"Draw what?"

"Draw a beau."

UNPREPARED.—"These apple dumplings of yours Lobelia," said Mr. McSwat, with emphasis, as he turned the half-eaten one on his plate over and inspected the other side, "are positively——"

"Go on, sir!" said Mrs. McSwat, with blazing eyes, bracing herself to meet it.

"Are positively the best I ever——"

But she had fainted.

CAUGHT.

She said her pa could never bear
That another'd win her heart.
And that he never would consent
To let her from him part;
So on a dark and stormy night
We were constrained to flee
And the old man wired me next day,
"You have my sympathy."

It has been estimated that an average waltz takes a dancer over about three-fourths of a mile. A square dance makes him cover half a mile. A girl with a well-filled programme travels thus in one evening: Twelve waltzes, nine miles; four other dances, at a half mile apiece, which is hardly a fairly big estimate, two miles more; the intermission stroll and the trips to the dressing room to renovate her gown and complexion, half a mile; grand total, eleven and a half miles.

Drudgery is the gray angel of success. Look at the leaders in the professions, the solid men of business, the master workmen, who begin as poor boys and end by building a town to house their factory hands; they are drudges of the single sim—"One thing I do." Mr. Maydole, the hammer maker of Central New York, was an artist. "Yes," said he, "I have made hammers for twenty-eight years." "Well, then, you ought to be able to make a pretty good hammer by this time." "No, sir," was the answer. "I never made a pretty good hammer—I make the best hammer made in the United States."

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