

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A SAD-HEARTED LAY.

FOR THANKSGIVING DAY  
 O turkey with cranberry jelly!  
 O doughnuts and pudding and pie!  
 Ye come at the merry Thanksgiving  
 To such a dyspeptic as I,  
 With bittersweet mixed with your savors,  
 Your too tempting odors and flavors,  
 O turkey with cranberry jelly!  
 O doughnuts and pudding and pie!

As with popain, alone, in my corner  
 I munch my most frugal repast,  
 (All joys gustatory renouncing),  
 I pensively muse on the past;  
 And the golden-brown pumpkin-pie passes,  
 With other good things heap'd in masses,  
 As with popain, alone in my corner  
 I munch my most frugal repast.

We know the value of a fortune when we have gained it and that of a friend when we have lost it.

Of all the earthly music, that which reaches farthest into heaven is the beating of a loving heart.

"Ain't you 'frail to ride that safety?  
 I'm sure I'd never have dared."  
 "Oh, no," said the maid with natveto  
 "It's the folks I meet who're scared,"

HIS GREAT MISTAKE—Riggle—What did Miss Dawson say when you broke off your engagement with her?

Twaggle—She didn't say anything. She was speechless.  
 Riggle—Good gracious! What a wife you've missed!

Her feet sped lightly in the dance  
 For three hours by the clock;  
 She danced for miles; but homeward bound  
 She wouldn't walk a block.

AN UNFINISHED ARGUMENT—"But surely," urged Binks. "Seeing is believing."

"Not necessarily," responded Jinks. "For instance, I see you every day, but as to believing you—" He never finished that sentence.

He dreamed he'd found the lost north pole,  
 And round it tried to hover.  
 He woke to find the blankets gone,  
 His wife's house plants to cover.

Creditor (roughly)—Say, when are you going to pay me that bill?  
 Debtor (genially)—My friend, you put me in mind of a little child.

Creditor—I do, do I? Why?

Debtor—Because a little child can ask questions that the wisest men can not answer.

THE SOCIAL USELESSNESS OF FOUR MEN.—May—Two men at a hotel in summer are much more entertaining than four men.

Ethel—But suppose there are twenty girls?

May—That makes no difference. When there are four men they always play poker, while only two can't.

HEARTFELT.

And now with gas bills coming in  
 That fill up many pages,  
 We wish within our inmost heart  
 We'd lived in the dark ages.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.—May—Don't you think that Miss Golightly is perfectly charming?

Mamma,—It struck me she was a little bit giddy.

May—Why, mamma, she moves in the best circles.

Mamma—That accounts for it. Moving in circles will make any one giddy.

TIMELY WARNING.—"I'm going to turn over a new leaf," remarked a very selfish man to an acquaintance.

"How?"

"I've joined the church and I'm going to love my neighbor as myself, as the good book commands us to do."

The acquaintance put his hand on his shoulder.

"Well, go at it gradually," he said. "If you go at it suddenly, you'll smother him with affection in the first five minutes."

THE SHORTEST PLAY IN THE WORLD.—A tragedy in one act. (The curtain rises on amorous couple billing and cooing in a stylishly furnished drawing room. To them enter first lover, in traveling costume, returning from distant journey. They hear him not. He throws his bag and umbrella, produces a revolver, and fires. Bang! The young lady sinks dead to the ground. Boom! The young gent falls. First lover steps nearer, adjusts eye glass, and looks more closely).

First Lover: Merciful heavens! I've got to the wrong house!  
 (Rapid fall of curtain).

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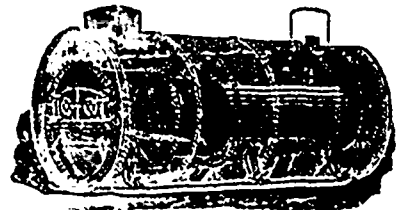


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