

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

"AS YOU LIKE IT."

You ask us, "Does a business life
Unfit a woman for a wife?"
And, thinking it all over, I
Feel justified to thus reply.
If she in commerce seek for gold
Her husband often will be sold;
If in the law she seeks renown
She'll to her husband lay it down.
If medicine her lode star is
She'll try to cure his faults I wiz.
Should she a captain chance to be
Affairs will often be at sea;
If she to edit doth elect
A husband she'll no doubt reject.
Thus all the things that she may do
We may "invectively pierce through."

O woman, 'tis thy proper sphere
To guide, uplift, ennoble, cheer:
To woo the world from strife and care
And harbor-houms of rest prepare:
To shed the light of heaven on life,
Not perish in its loveless strife;
For thou than man art nobler far,
Then why descend to wage this war!
O woman, still my angel be!
They speak of heaven, I think of thee!

—JACQUES.

It is related of a very nervous man that while staying in a country house he was asked by a sprightly damsel if he were musical. Paralyzed by the attention, he gasped out, "Oh, I only know two tunes, God save the Weasel and Pop goes the Queen!"

A YOUTHFUL SYBARITE.—Gipsy Parent (more in sorrow than in anger): "Look 'ere, mother, that there boy'll bring us to downright destitution with 'is luxurious 'abits. On'y last Monday fortnit I caught 'im washing 'iself!—an' now 'e takes an' wears his trouseys and overcoat at the same time!"

SILENCING HIM.—Young Father (in the future): "Great goodness! Can't you do something to quiet that baby? Its eternal squalling quite drives me wild." Young Mother (calmly to servant): "Mary, run to my room, where you'll find my husband's mother's phonograph, and put in the cylinder marked 'At Ten Months'. I want to hear how his voice sounded when he was young."

NO CASE.—"Prisoner," said Judge Cowing, "you are charged with gambling."

"Gambling! What is gambling?"

"Playing cards for money."

"But I did not play cards for money; I played cards for chips."

"Well, you got money for your chips at the end of the game, didn't you?"

"No; I didn't have any chips at the end of the game."

"You are discharged."

IRISH WIT.—Mike McFlangarthy is a true-hearted son of Ireland and a genius in his way, and many stories are told of his ready wit.

The other day an old gentleman of philanthropic temperament, but slightly intolerant of any religious body but his own, passing where Mike was at work making mortar, stopped and asked what sort of a building was going up. Mike replied: "A Church."

"A church, eh? Of what denomination?"

"No denomination at all, yer honor, but a Holy Roman Catholic church."

"I am sorry to hear it," exclaimed the old gentleman.

"That's what the devil said when he passed here," retorted Mike, as he resumed his work.

A UNIQUE RAFFLE.—A card that came to our notice read as follows: "This raffle is for the benefit of a young orphan girl from a neighboring village, who has been wronged and deserted by an infernal scoundrel. Her virtuous friends, in a paroxysm of Christian charity and benevolence, fired her and her pretty little infant out into the cold to hustle. The mother is anxious and willing to earn the bread for both, but the baby doesn't know any more about work than a walking delegate, and it is necessary to secure a place for it while the mother is employed. For this purpose the young woman has appealed to a so-called charitable institution, but was coldly advised to go back to the place from whence she came, in other words to get out; and, but for the kindness of a stranger, would have had to choose between a vacant lot and the police station for accommodations. Do not mistake this for an appeal for sympathy, the orphan can have several car-loads of that delivered f. o. b. from any of the charitable organizations in the country. The present demand is for trade shovels, plasters and other pieces of silver. Selah."

A BEAU OF 1829.

When grandpa went a-wooing,
He wore a satin vest,
A trail of running roses
Embroidered on the breast.
The pattern of his trousers,
His linen, white and fine,
Were all the latest fashion
Of eighteen twenty-nine.

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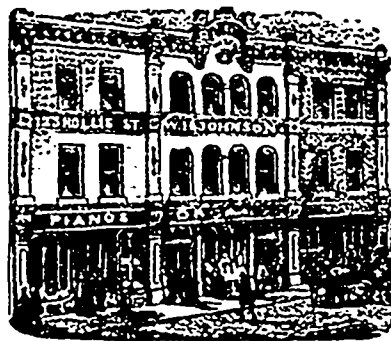
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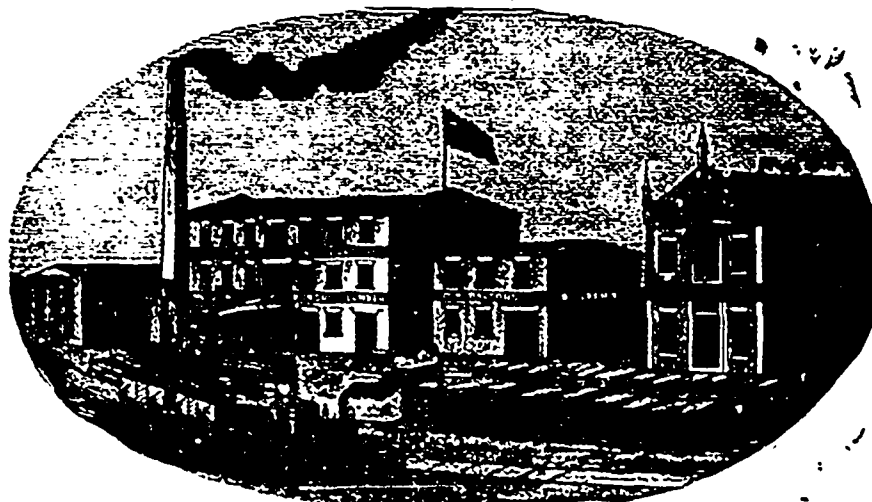
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