

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE MINOR CHORDS.

The minor chords. Ah, none so sweet!
Divinely eloquent they beat.
Faint pulses of the heart of Pan
From reedy shores Italian,
The shaggy satyr's lone retreat.

Somewhat of sounds that dulcet greet,
Like siren voices whose entreat
Laid old Ulysses 'neath their ban,
The minor chords.

Wind whispers in the bending wheat
Or liquid chant where waters meet;
All these and more, since time began,
Hold no such melody for man
As those dim tones with soul replete,
The minor chords!

—Ernest McGaffey, in the Chicago Herald

"Mamma," says Freddy Faggle, "I know why the sun sets every evening." "Why, Freddy?" "So it can hatch out a new day."

Watts—Wonder why they always call a locomotive "she?" Potts—May be it is on account of the horrible noise it makes when it tries to whistle.

INFESTED.—"How do you like the place?" asked the proprietor of a summer resort of a departing boarder. "It would be very desirable for some people," was the cautious answer. "For instance?" "Oh, well, say an entomologist."

A COMMON WEAKNESS.—There is no greater weakness than that of letting our happiness depend too much upon the opinions of others.

There are a good many real miseries in life that we cannot help smiling at; but they are the smiles that make wrinkles not dimples.

GOSPEL TRUTH.—Churchwarden: "Well, Mrs. Hodge, I am sorry to hear that your son has left you unprovided for, and gone away to America." Widow: "Lor' bless ye, sir: it's only what we might expect, after parson reading it out so often o' Sundays: 'Train up a child an' away he shall go!'"

Mrs. De Sour (angrily)—"I want you to keep your dog out of my house, Mrs. De Smart. It's full of fleas."

Mrs. De Smart—"Mercy on me! Fido! Come here, sir! Don't you go into that house again. It's full of fleas."

Professor Huxley says there was a time when men walked on all fours. We believe you, Huxley, for we have seen them do it when they were little. There was also a time when man walked on the palms of his hands, and held up his legs in the air. The time we refer to was after the boy had been to the circus, and had seen the clown do it.

"Horace," she murmured, her head nestling on his bosom, "Horace, darling, you—you say you love me?" "Yes, pet," he replied, for although he was an editor he occasionally gushed a little, "Yes, tootsey, I do!" "And I believe it, for I can feel your heart throbbing as I lean against it, and I know it is with love for me." "Probably it is, my dear," said he, but that is not my heart—it is one of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poems of passion which I cut out of a paper to-day to read to you!"

A COMPOSITION.—The house cat is a four-legged quadruped, the legs as usual being at the corners. It is what is sometimes called a tame animal, though it feeds on mice and birds of prey. Its colors are striped, tortoise-shell, black, also black and white, and others. When it is happy it does not bark, but breathes through its nose instead of its mouth, but I can't remember the name they call the noise. It is a little word, but I can't think of it, and it is wrong to copy. Cats also mow, which you have all heard. When you stroke this tame quadruped by drawing your hand along its back, it cocks up its tail like a ruler, so as you can't go no farther. Never stroke the hairs across, as it makes all cats scrat like mad. Its tail is about two foot long, and its legs about one each. Never stroke a cat under the belly, as it is very unhealthy. Don't tease cats, for firstly it is wrong so to do, and, 2d, cats have claws which is larger than people think. Cats have 9 liveses, but which is seldom required in this country cause of Christianity. Men cats are allus called Tom, and girl cats Puss or Tiss; but, queer as you may think, all little cats are called kittens, which is a wrong name which oughter be changed. This tame quadruped can see in the dark, so rats stand no chance, much less mice. Girls fear rats, even mice. Last Tewsday I drew our cat on some white tea paper, and I sold it to a boy who has a father for 20 pins and som coff drops. Cats are very useful. I can't remember one of the noises they make, though I've just been trying again. Cats eat meat and most anything, spheshully where you can't afford. This is all about cats.

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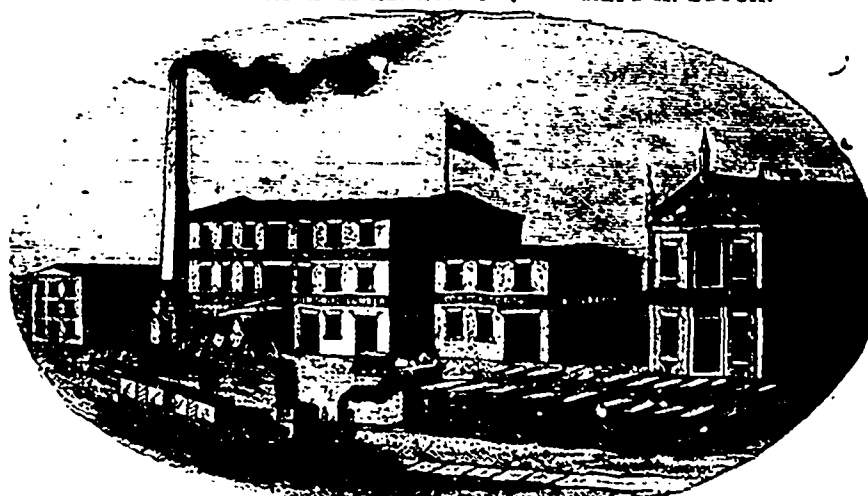
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