

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

SONG.

A young man loves a maiden,
She somebody else prefers;
That somebody else loves another
Who makes him by wedlock hers.

The maiden in mere vexation,
Because of the loss she has had,
Weds the first young soul that offers,
And this drives the young man mad.

'Tis an old, a very old story,
But, still, it's always new,
And when and wherever it happens
A man's heart is broken in two.

"Begorra," said Bridget, as she opened a bottle of champagne for the first time, "the blame fool that filled this quart bottle must have put in two quarts instead of wan!"

A WISE SON—Mr. Suburb (who wants his boy to help build a chicken coop)—"Let's play we are carpenters and have a house to build."
Small son—"That'll be real nice. I'll be th' walkin' delegate."

A barrister tormented a witness so much with questions, that the old man declared he was so exhausted that he must have a drink of water before he could say another word. Upon this the judge remarked "I think, sir, you must have done with the witness now, for you have pumped him dry."

A DISCOVERY.—"Say, you know that play of 'Faust,' that was here some time ago?"
"Yes."

"Well, there's a book been written about it by a fellow named Goethe."

ONE GOOD THING ABOUT IT.—Jinks—"There's one good thing about this cholera."

Winks—"What's that?"

Jinks—"When anyone begins 'When I was in Europe,' you can run without giving offence."

A WISE YOUTH:—"Don't you think you waste time and money with your yacht, Mr. De Loaf?" asked the minister.

"No, sir, I do not. There is no telling, Mr. Fourthly, when this world is to be deluged again, and I'm not going to be caught on dry land with the example of Noah before me."

Some deaths and their causes:
Small boy—apple green.
Servant girl—kerosene
Business man—worry, fret.
Brainless youth—cigarette.
Jolly fellow—dissipation.
Wild-eyed poet—slow starvation.

One of the main points in education ought to be to form the habit of treating everything as the possible subject of a great number of questions, some of which at least must be asked and answered before the thing can be, in any true sense, understood. Habit is everything; and, if the habit of asking questions arranged under certain categories could once be formed, the victory of intelligence over mental inertia would be secured.

CONSOLATION.

He sent her back her letters
And the gifts he'd had galore;
They'd broken the engagement,
And he was hers no more.

Her tears fell over the packet;
But she dried them right away,
When she found those cute suspenders
She had sent him Christmas Day.

SHE GAVE HIM A WRONG IMPRESSION.—An old maiden French lady who had much difficulty with her English, employed a gardener to do some work in her grounds. When the work was finished and the man presented himself for his pay, he charged more than the amount agreed upon when the lady engaged him. She looked at him quite seriously and remarked:—"Well, do you know, sir, you are dearer to me now than when we first were engaged."

A TRAGEDY.

Atto Primo.
Powdered were her cheeks of tan,
As forth she wandered with a man.
Atto Secondo.
His other girl cried when he came back:
"Who powdered your face? Alack! Alack!"
Atto Terzo.
"The barber," he said—there are many slips—
"But the barbers," she screamed, "don't powder the lips!"

"My young friend," said the kind old man with the tracts, "will you oblige me by reading this some day when you have the leisure?" The young man looked at the little pamphlet. It was entitled: "Shun the Place of Everlasting Burning!" "Why, uncle," he said, "I should think that would be a healthy place. They boil the water, don't they?" "Yes, my dear young friend," rejoined the kind old man, "and they also burn the garbage, you'd better keep away!"

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