

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

PRIVERSITY.

A new umbrella he procured,
He carried it with pride,
And not a single cloud appeared
The smiling sky to hide.
One day—'tis man's unhappy lot
In this way to be pained—
This same umbrella he forgot,
And, gracious, how it rained!

To borrow money is to borrow trouble, and some men find it a good deal of trouble to borrow money.

When a burglar asks the conundrum 'Where's your money?' it is generally the wisest plan to give it up.

You may wear a big obryanthemum that's worth its weight in gold, but you're out of fashion all the same unless you've got a cold.

'Didn't Miss Harkins look blooming last night?' said Chappie. 'Yes. A little too blooming for a bud—don't you think?' insinuated Ethel.

Blister—Do you mean to say that I am a liar? Blister—I hope that I could not do so ungentlemanly a thing. But I see you catch my idea.

Fond father—I want to tell you a funny thing my little girl said the other day. Grumpy old bachelor—Don't; bury it in a magazine.

Mary had a little lamb,
And of pumpkin pie a slice,
When she came to pay her bill,
Half dollar was the price.

'So the young widow is going to marry Mr. Jingles? Is he a good catch?' 'I sincerely hope so. They say she used to throw rolling pins at her first husband.'

'And you really consider it good luck to find a horseshoe, then?' 'Certainly. They're worth two cents a piece at any junk dealer's, and every little helps these hard times.'

'Twill soon be time for Willie Dear,
As wily as can be,
To seek once more the Sunday school
That has the Christmas tree.

'Squibbs is perfect'y foolish about his baby, isn't he?' 'Why do you think so?' 'Well, every time the nurse takes the baby out for an airing there's a policeman with her.'

CONTINUAL REVOLUTION.—Northern Visitor—Do you really have a revolution on your hands all the time down here?—South American—Oh, yes; this is a regular Ferris-wheel Government.

The things we want we haven't got!
The things we need we've mighty few:
The things we got are seldom what
They first appeared when brought to view.

PRACTICE.—His fiancée (piqued)—Why did you pay so much attention to those married women?

He—For experience. I've got to get used to a married woman some time you know.

THEN HE CHANGED HIS MIND.—'Your tickets were complimentary, were they not?'

'Well,' replied the man who had seen a painful amateur entertainment, 'I thought they were until I saw the show.'

THEY DON'T GO WELL TOGETHER.

The weather grows colder now, day after day,
And the heart of the maiden is down.
She can't wear a coat trimmed with fur and display
The spinaker sleeves of her gown.

POWER OF THE PRESS.—Famous Scientist (excitedly)—'Something must be done to stop the spread of the opium habit among women.'

Great Editor (calmly)—'Very well, sir; I'll put in a paragraph saying that a hankering for opium is a sign of old age.'

HE ENVIES THE CZAR.—Grocer—Mr. Slowpay, do you know why the Czar of Russia would make a success in the grocery business?

Mr. Slowpay—I don't think I do.

Grocer—Well, it's because he doesn't trust anybody.

POWER OF MONEY.—Mme. Newriche—I want a first-class passage to Havre.

The Agent of the Standard Line—Yes, ma'am.

Mme. Newriche—And I insist upon having a smooth passage, no matter what it costs.

COLD IN CALIFORNIA.—Eastern Man—'What kind of weather did you have last winter in California?'

California Man—'Well it was pretty cold sometimes, remarkably cold for California.'

'Shouldn't wonder, considering the blizzards we had here.'

'Yes, sir, most severe winter we've had in California for years. Why, sir, there were some mornings when the winter boarders actually called for hot coffee and waffles instead of iced tea and frozen oranges.'

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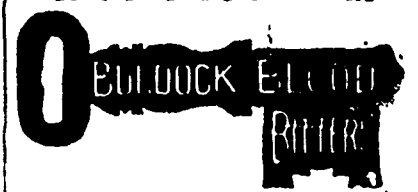
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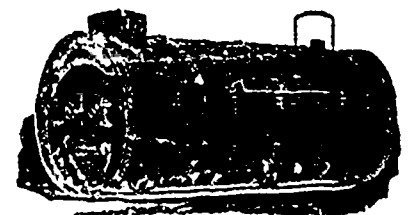
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