

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE SEQUEL.

She came full chisel to his arms;  
It really made him stiff  
To have her make a bolt for him  
Before he could prepare;  
He tried to screw his courage up,  
And did his level best  
To nall the matter then and there,  
While clasped unto her breast.  
Says she; "It augurs well for me,  
All seems to hinge on this;  
And what is mortise plane to see,  
The porch child wants a kiss."  
He kissed her lip, he kissed her cheek,  
He called her his adored--  
He dons his claw-hammered coat next week,  
And she will share his board.

A ROW OF PINS.

Mr. Cockrel, in the American Senate, when speaking on the "fortification bill," said; "The Canadians are our friends; suppose they are our enemies, what do they amount to?"

Mr. Frye—"Not to a row of pins."

Mr. Cockrel—"That's so.

There's where you are mistaken, friends;  
Invade us and you'll find  
A row of sharp and glittering pins  
With loyal men behind.  
And 'ere you come, repent, I pray,  
Of all your many sins;  
You'll not have time when you have met  
A row of British pins.  
They scratched you once at "Stoney Crook"  
And pricked you once again;  
And tore your clothes and made you sick  
When met at Lundy's Lane.  
You had to run at Queenston Heights,  
And swim to save your shins;  
You thought the river safer than  
This "Row of British pins."  
A single row at Inkerman  
Was stretched across the field,  
The Russians charged it, ten to one,  
But could not make it yield.  
So, though not good at boast and brag,  
For bluster never wins,  
But should it ever come to blows,  
We'll trust the "Row of pins."

Oshawa, Feb. 4, 1891.

E. Carewell, in *The Empire*.

"Doctor, I came to see about my brother."

"What is the matter with him?"

"One of his legs is shorter than the other, and he limps. Now, what would you do in a case of that kind?"

"I am afraid I should limp, too."

Some new discoveries have been made at Pompeii, near the Stabiana Gate, and a description is given of them. *Nature* states that three bodies were found, two being those of men and the third that of a woman. Not far from the resting-place of these bodies was found the trunk of a tree, 3 meters in height and measuring 40 centimeters in diameter. This tree, together with its fruits that were found with it, have been examined by the professor of botany, M. Pasquale, who finds in it a variety of *Laurus nobilis*. By means of the fruits, since they come to maturity in the autumn, he concludes that the eruption did not take place in August, but in November.

The term nightware is supposed to have been derived from *Mara*, the name of a demon which, according to the Scandinavian mythology, pounced upon men in their sleep and held the will in thralldom. The old Saxons call the distemper *Elf-sidene*, or elf-squatting. With the doctors it is called *Ephialtes*, from a mythic giant of that name who undertook to climb to heaven, but, missing his foothold, tumbled into the fathomless depths. Most of us have probably been convulsed in our sleep with the same sort of horror which the tripped-up Titian is fabled to have experienced during his "lofty fall" from the celestial battlements. There can be little doubt that many of the specters of the dark ages were *Maras* begotten of indigestion.

AFFIRMATION AND REPROACH.—She—What is lighter than a feather?

He—The dust that blows in dryest weather.

She—And what is lighter than dust, I pray?

He—The wind that blows that dust away—

She—And what is lighter than the wind?

He—The lightness of a woman's mind.

He—What is broken most on earth?

She—The egg that gives the chicken birth.

He—And what than eggs are broken more?

She—The waves that beat against the shore.

He—Yet what more than waves are broken?

She—The vows which faithless men have spoken.

It's sometimes said patent medicines are for the ignorant. The doctors foster this idea. "The people," we're told, "are mostly ignorant when it comes to medical science." Suppose they are! What a sick man needs is not knowledge, but a cure, and the medicine that cures is the medicine for the sick. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures the "do believes" and the "don't believes." There's no hesitance about it, no "if" nor "possibly." It says "I can cure you, only do as I direct." Perhaps it fails occasionally. The makers hear of it when it does, because they never keep the money when the medicine fails to do good. Suppose the doctors went on that principle. (We beg the doctors' pardon. It wouldn't do!)

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