

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

JOHNNY'S RECKONING.

I've thought of such a jolly plan! The calendar, you know,
Seems quite unfinished, for most months keep spilling over so.
Now should they all have just four weeks, the pages would look neat,
And surplus days together form another month complete,
An extra month with one odd day - oh, wouldn't it be prime
If this were done, and added on to our vacation time!

CAROLINE EVANS.

Character is what a man is when he thinks nobody is watching him.

American factories are turning out a cart load of watches a day, and yet people come in late to church the same as of yore.

"Will you love me when I am old?" simpered gay Miss Oldgirl to her youthful intended. "Why, my darling, I do," responded he in mild surprise.

"Mamma, may we play at keeping a store in here?" Yes, but you must be very, very quiet." "Well," said wise Tommy, "we'll pretend we don't advertise."

MEAN REVENGE.

It's nice to take the girl you love out rowing,
There's nothing nicer on a moonlight night;
That is unless your rival sees you going,
And then rows up and beats you out of sight.

The brutality of English electors is shocking. They often beat a candidate so that he is laid up for days. In civilized America we merely blast his reputation for life and let him go.

A Steady Workman.—Housekeeper—"I don't believe you ever did a stroke of work in your life." Tramp—"I was six years in one place, mum." "Indeed! How did you happen to leave?" "I was pardoned out mum."

NIGHTMARES.

The lobster salad said to the cream:
"I was us that Shakespeare said of;
You are such stuff without a doubt
As dreams are often made of."

An Emperor of China is allowed thirteen wives, and the present Emperor is unhappy because not one of the thirteen wives was his own choice. All were selected by his female relatives, and are no doubt homely as root fences, but just splendid help at church fairs and perfectly lovely housekeepers.

Killed by Great Joy.—Briggs—"Did you know that Robinson died suddenly coming off the train from Boston the other day?" Griggs—"Great Heaven's, no! What was the cause of it?" Briggs—"He succeeded in opening the car window and the shock killed him."

A Shantytown Sincere.—Mr. O'Hare—"Faith, it's an ilegant job me man has, now, Mrs. McClune. 'Tis a night watchman he is." Mrs. McClune—"And how in the wurld do you call that an ilegant job, Mrs. O'Hare?" Mrs. O'Hare—"Why, sure he sleeps all day, and that saves his board, and he works all night—an' that saves his lodgin'!"

AT SUNSET.

The sunset falls on castle walls
And breezes waft, with summer laden:
Down on the sands the sea bird calls,
Where stand a comely youth and maiden.
They watch the sun in splendor sink
To ocean, and before it drops he
Just takes her little hand in his
And softly murmurs, "Popsy wopsy."

Struck on His Soul.—He had struck a match on his boot heel, and his wife remarked:
"You are as spy as a cat, aren't you?"
"Do you think so?" he returned in a pleased tone.
"Yes. You light on your feet, you know."

UPON THE RIVER.

We rowed upon the river
When the sun was blazing hot,
And the maidens with me pined
The farmers in the lot.
They spoke with ardent feeling
Of their toil and life obscure,
While I wondered if my blisters
Would yield to any cure.
But when they took excepti'm
As I paused to wield a fan,
I shouted, "When you go again
Just get a hired man!"

It Doesn't Follow.—Penelope—"You were engaged to Jack Dashing at last accounts."
Perdita—"Yes."
Penelope—"And are you going to marry him?"
Perdita—"Why, no. What in the world gave you that impression?"

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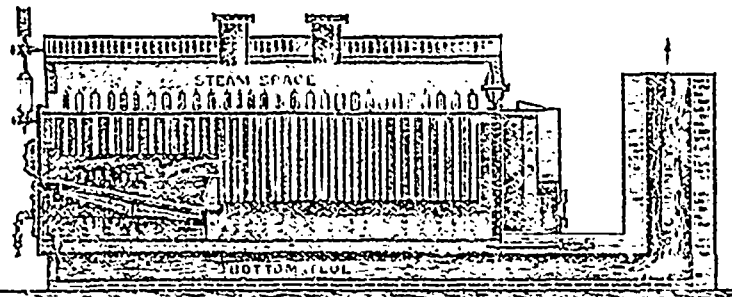


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