

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

TRUE CULTURE.

The highest culture is to speak no ill ;
The best reformer is the man whose eyes
Are quick to see all beauty and all worth ,
And by his own discreet, well ordered life
Alone reproves the erring.

When thy gaze
Turns it on thine own soul, be most severe.
But when it falls upon a fellow-man
Let kindness control it ; and refrain
From that belittling censure that springs forth
From common lips like weeds from marshy soil.

German foot soldiers are deriving benefit from discarding stockings and keeping the feet well oiled.

"What is the best attitude for self-defence, asked a pupil of a well-known pugilist. "Keep a civil tongue in your head," was the reply.

"Little things tell" is an old aphorism. Big sisters who kiss their beaux in the presence of their little brother understand how much there is in the saying.

It is always one of the really interesting things in this world to hear a young woman express her candid opinion of the other young woman whom her husband might have married.

Froo Kirk Elder : "Figh ! Meenster, a no' like t'wee yo talkin' wi' yon Epeescopalian priest ?" Minister : "Oh—I jceat offered to swap collections wi' 'im, an', he said, 'Na, na ! I ken your flock over weel !'"

Elsie (recovering from a faint)—"Did you kiss me, Mr. Smith, when I lay helpless?" Mr. Smith—"No, Miss Elsie, I swear I did not." Elsie—"Idiot!" (Makes up her mind to accept Brown the next time he calls.)

Mr. B. Conhill (of Boston)—Ah, Miss Chandler, I see you are an admirer of Milton ! Miss Chandler (of Cincinnati)—No ; can't say I am. Why pa's young advertising man makes rhymes with a good deal pleasanter juggle :

Elderly gentleman at a family party, addressing a young lady—"How old are you, my dear?" "That depends." "How depends?" "Yes, for when I go out with papa I am eighteen, but when I go out with mamma I am only twelve."

No PROTECTION FOR HIM.—He was talking to a Kentucky audience on the subject of the tariff. Said he : "Take whiskey, for instance," when every man in the audience arose with the remark : "Thank you, don't care if I do," and the lecturer had to stand treat or die.

"Well, Johnny," said the Sunday school teacher to one of her little pupils. "I understand there's a new baby at your house. What do they call it?" "Why," said Johnny, with childish frankness, "mamma calls it a little angel, but this morning papa called it a darned nuisance."

The smallest circular saw in practical use is the tiny disc about the size of a British shilling, which is employed for cutting the slits in gold pens. These saws are about as thick as ordinary paper, and revolve some 4000 times per minute. The high velocity keeps them rigid, notwithstanding the thickness.

A good joke occurred not long ago in a New Zealand law court. The dispute was between two Maoris, one a young man and the other an old chief. The young man claimed a piece of land, which was in possession of the old fellow. The plaintiff made an impassioned oration to the judge, concluding with a demand that he should have back the land where his father, mother and ancestors were buried, etc., etc. The old chief then got up, and turning a look of supreme contempt on his opponent, exclaimed : "Your ancestors buried, indeed ! You fool, many years ago I killed your grandfather and ate him, afterwards I killed your father and mother and ate them, and"—as he gently tapped his stomach—"here, here they are buried, and if the whitemen were not here I would bury you in the same cemetery." The young fellow never referred to his ancestors afterwards, while the old gentleman now goes by the name of "the graveyard."

THE GIRL WHO HELPS MOTHER.—There is a girl, and I like to think of her and talk of her, who comes in late when they have company, who wears a pretty little air of mingled responsibility and anxiety with her youth, whom the others seem to depend on and look to for many comforts. She is the girl who helps her mother. In her own home she is a blessed little saint and comforter. She takes unfinished tasks from the tired stiff fingers that falter at their work ; her strong, young figure is a staff upon which the grey-haired, white faced mother leans and is rested. She helps mother with the spring sewing, with the week's mending, with a cheerful conversation and congenial companionship that some girls do not think worth while wasting on only mother. And when there comes a day that she must bond, as girls most often bond, over the old, worn out body of mother, lying unheeded in her coffin, rough hands folded, something very sweet will be mingled with her loss, and the girl who helped her mother will find a benediction of peace upon her head and in her heart.

If THE SUFFERERS FROM CONSUMPTION, Scrofula and General Debility, will try Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with hypophosphites, they will find immediate relief and a permanent benefit. Dr. H. V. Mott, Brentwood, Cal., writes : "I have used Scott's Emulsion with great advantage in cases of Phthisis, Scrofula and Wasting Diseases. It is very palatable." Put up in 50c. and \$1 size.

BEST VALUE FOR MONEY.

All sizes in Children's, Boys' and Youths' Fine Suits.
All sizes in Children's, Boys' and Youths' Medium Suits.
All sizes in Children's, Boys' and Youths' Cheap Suits.
GOOD MATERIALS, GOOD STYLES, GOOD FITS.

In our Custom Department our stock of FINE IMPORTED GOODS is the Largest and Best we ever carried. Have recently opened some beautiful Goods, in WORSTED TROUSERINGS and SUITINGS.

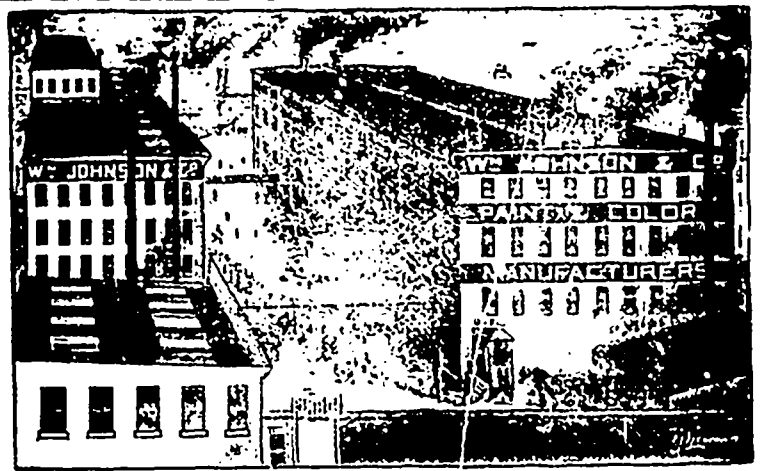
CLAYTON & SONS.

W. & C. SILVER.

CARPET DEPARTMENT.

New Wiltons, New Brussels, New Tapestry, New Wools and Stairs, Kensington Squares, Reversible Rugs, Curtains and Curtain Poles, Floor Oil Cloths and Linoleum.

CORNER GEORGE AND HOLLIS STREETS, HALIFAX, N. S.



WILLIAM JOHNSON & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF SPECIALTIES IN

PAINTS AND COLORS !

SPECIALTIES.

Johnson's Superline Coach and Car Colors, Johnson's Pure Colors in Oil, Johnson's Ever Green Johnson's French Enamelled Green, Johnson's Chrome Snow, Johnson's Liquid Paints, Johnson's Kalsoline, Johnson's Magnetic Iron Paint, Johnson's Decorators' Pure White Lead.

Office and Warehouse. 12 & 14 St. John St. Factories. 572 William St., 37 Mill St. MONTREAL.

ESSON & CO.,

Commission Merchants,

Importers and Wholesale Dealers in

American and West India Produce,

TEAS, ETC.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

ARMY & NAVY DEPOT.

James Scott & Co.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

Grocers & Wine Merchants,

117 and 118 GRANVILLE STREET,

Offer for Sale in Bond or Duty Paid :

- 350 cases Old Brandy
- 75 " Scotch and Irish Whiskey
- 170 " Holland Gin
- 75 " Plymouth and Old Tom Gin
- 400 doz. Port and Sherry
- 300 cases Claret
- 60 " Hock and Moselle
- 400 doz. Ale and Porter, pils & c.
- 160 cases Champagne

—ALSO—
Angostura, Orange, and John Bull Bitters

A Full Line of GROCERIES always on hand.

JAMES C. MACKINTOSH

Banker & Broker,

166 HOLLIS ST., HALIFAX, N.S.

DEALER IN

STOCKS, BONDS, DEBENTURES, &c

A FULL LINE OF

SECURITIES,

Suitable for Trusts and Estates, always on hand. Correspondence solicited. Information as to Investments furnished on application.

J. C. MACKINTOSH.

Halifax Steam Coffee and Spice Mills.

Established A. D. 1841.

W. H. SCHWARTZ & SONS,

Wholesale Dealers in

Finest Coffees & Spices.

204 UPPER WATER ST. HALIFAX.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

FRED. SCHWARTZ.