

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

An honest man is the noblest work of God, and a balky horse is about the meanest.

A clothing merchant put out a sign, "Don't go elsewhere to be robbed. Just walk in here."

According to an eminent English authority a goose lives 50 years. It then becomes a boarding house delicacy.

In Garfield County, Colorado, there are 1,100 unmarried men and only twenty-eight unmarried women. Go West, young woman, go West.

Marrying is done at Camden, New Jersey, at very low rates—with a reduction for clubs. One minister sends out a map with plans of the shortest way to reach his house.

A London news agent says that the sales of the five American magazines re-issued in England exceed the sales of the twenty-five leading magazines of the United Kingdom.

Four hundred thousand dollars have thus far been subscribed for the new Episcopal cathedral at New York. Willis James, John Jacob Astor and Cornelius Vanderbilt have each given \$100,000.

IN THE AWKWARD SQUAD.—*Tidbits*.—Instructor—"That's hardly the position of a soldier. Do you know anything about drilling?" Recruit (confidently)—Oh, yes; it's marked down to nine cents a yard, double width.

When "Paradise Lost" was first published, in 1667, Edmund Waller, himself a poet and critic, said: "The old blind schoolmaster, John Milton, has published a tedious poem on the fall of man; if its length be not considered a merit, it has no other."

It is said to be a fact that after a couple of dogs had fought savagely for a little time in Belfast, Me., the other day, a cat that had been watching the combat suddenly jumped between the dogs, and by scratching and yowling vigorously separated them, and drove them away in a hurry.

AN EYE TO BUSINESS.—"There's a couple of nice cucumbers, doctor," said the green grocer, "all I've got left. I was going to send them over to the Smiths, but if you want 'em you can have 'em." "No," replied the doctor hastily, "let the Smiths have them. They are patients of mine."—*New York Sun*.

HIS IDEA.—A little boy was reading in Scottish history an account of the battle of Bannockburn. He read as follows: "And, when the English saw the new army on the hill behind, their spirits became damped." The teacher asked the boy what was meant by "damping their spirits." The boy, not comprehending the meaning, simply answered, "Pittin' water in the whuskey."

ON GIRLS.—Girls are very stuck up and dignified in their manner and behave your. They think more of dress than anything and like to play with daws and rags. They cry if they see a cow in a far distance and are afraid of guns. They stay at home all the time and go to church on Sunday. They are al-ways sick. They are al-ways funny and making fun of boy's hands and they say how dirty. They can't play marbels, I pity them poor things. They make fun of boys and then turn round and love. I don't beleave they ever killed a cat or anything. They look out every nite and say oh, at the moon lovely. There is one thing I have not told and that is they always know their lessons bettern boys.

When Louis Phillpe was staying at Richmond, near London, he walked one day by himself to Twickenham, for the purpose, he said, of seeing some of the old tradesmen who had served him when he resided there. As he passed along the road a man met him, pulled off his hat, and hoped His Royal Highness was well.

"What's your name?" inquired the King. "What wore you when I lived here?"

"Please your Royal Highness," replied the man, "I kept the Crown," the name of an ale house close to the entrance of Orleans House.

"Did you, indeed?" said Louis. "Why, my good fellow, you did what I was unable to do."

A BADLY SCARED DARKEY.—An elderly lady, Mrs. Samuelson, was rescued from a dreadful fate at the Austin depot of the International Iron Mountain and Great Northern Railroad. She was standing on the track, and did not perceive the approach of the 3.30 south bound train. At the risk of his life, Sam Johnson, a colored boy, dashed forward and rescued Mrs. Samuelson from being crushed to death by the ponderous locomotive. As soon as Mrs. Samuelson regained her composure, she said to her rescuer: "I'll tell my son-in-law to see that you are properly rewarded." The heroic negro turned as pale as ashes, and falling on his knees, said: "For de Lawd's sake, don't say nuffin' to de Kunnel about my savin' de life ob his murder-in-law—or he will war me out wid a stick."

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