

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

HOW SHE SAYS IT.

The Boston girl--when Sol begins to glow,
And days are inconveniently warm--
Who how you stand the weather wants to know,
Puts not the question in its vulgar form.

Adjusting in her fascinating way
The gold rimmed glasses that assist her view,
She asks, "Is there caloric, sir, to day,
Sufficient in the atmosphere for you?"

A beggar held out his hand. "I haven't a cent," said the gentleman. "I didn't specify the coin," responded the mendicant.

"Dear," said a physician's wife as they sat in church, "there is Mrs. Goldberg sitting in a draft?" "Never mind," said her husband, "I will cash that draft later on."

HE WAS ALL RIGHT—Lady (horses running away). "Dear, dear, dear, what will become of me?" New Coachman (grimly): "Madam, it depends on your past life. I'm all right."

"Were you carefully brought up, young man?" said the merchant to an applicant for a position in his establishment. "Yes, sir," he replied, "I came up on the elevator."—*Boston Post.*

Two Scotch worthies were lately criticising the new minister. Said John, the discontented: "Well, ye see, frae Monday till Saturday he's invisable, and on Sabbath he's incomprehensible."

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.—Husband (at the opera)—"See how pale Mrs. Upwell is? I never saw her so affected by tragedy before." Wife' (sagaciously)—"It isn't that; her back hair is coming down."

Mr. N. Peck—"I think if any one is entitled to a pension it's me." Mudge—"You were never in the war, were you?" Mr. N. Peck—"No, but the fellow my wife was engaged to got killed at Shiloh."

Cleveland has a "fresh-air camp" outside its limits, where the sick children of the poor are cared for in summer. The charitable people of the city sustain the camp with gifts of money, bedding and clothing.

"Don't you know how to spell?" asked the exasperated teacher of the extremely phonetic boy. "Oh, yes," said the boy, "I know how to spell well enough, but the men who made the dictionaries don't seem to."

A TRIFLING MISTAKE.—Proof-reader—"See here, you've set up the population of this city 10,000,000 instead of 1,000,000." Tramp Printer (from the west)—"Huh! You eastern folks is almighty particular, seems to me."

"I grasp the situation," said President Harrison, after listening for half an hour to the man who wanted an office. "That's just the trouble," complained the suppliant. "What I want is for you to let go of the situation so that I can grasp it."

A NATIONAL BIRD WANTED.—It has been suggested that when a national flower has been selected we ought to have a new national bird, "because the eagle is not essentially a United States bird." We are not away up in ornithology, but if the mosquito is an American citizen of the essential degree we should like to put him in nomination.—*Washington Post.*

A lady who has been spending some years in India advises her friends who visit that country not to look too closely into culinary matters. Going into her kitchen one day she was shocked to see her cook washing the coffee pot with a sock. "Why—," she exclaimed, addressing him in the language of that country, "how came you to use a sock for such a purpose as this?" "Madam," replied the man, assuming an air of injured innocence, "the sock is an old one."

THE OLD PROVERB.

Elle had a little waist,
She could eat no dinner,
For she was so tightly laced,
Space was not within her.
Minnie had an appetite,
And a waist capacious,
Temper and complexion bright,
Manners free and gracious'

MORAL.

"Waist not, want not."

ANIMALS WHICH SEE BOTH WAYS.—Nature has enabled some animals to see objects behind them as well as in front without turning around. The hare has this power in a marked degree. Its eyes are large, prominent and placed laterally. Its power of seeing things in the rear is very noticeable in greyhound coursing, for though this dog is mute while running, the hare is able to judge to a nicety the exact moment at which it will be best for it to double. Horses are another instance. It is only necessary to watch a horse, driven invariably without blinders, to notice this. Take for instance those on tramways. Let the driver even attempt to take the whip in hand, and if the horse is used to the work he will at once increase his pace. The giraffe, which is a very timid animal, is approached with the utmost difficulty, on account of its eyes being so placed that it can see as well behind as in front. When approached this same faculty enables it to direct with great precision the rapid storms of kicks with which it defends itself.

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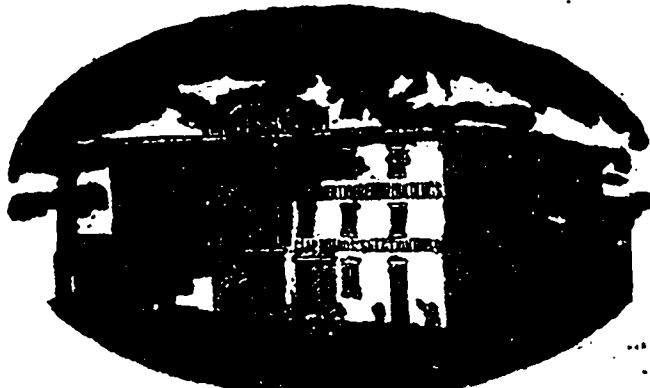
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