

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

HAIL COLUMBIA.

She is signified and stately,
In Parisian style attired.
We must needs admire her greatly;
She expects to be admired.
The attractions she possesses
Our poetic fancies rouse,
Though she "calculates" and "guesses,"
Though she "reckons" and "allows."

Men of culture does she deem us?
With the air of One Who Knows,
Shakespeare, Kant, and Uncle Remus
She discusses with her beaux.
Suits woo her, Duke and Dandy,
And the cry is "Still they come!"
Though she's mostly nibbling candy,
When she isn't chewing gum.

Unafflicted by the blushes
That beset our English girls,
She can hold her own at crushes,
She is affable with Earls.
Past description! Overtaking
Power of metaphor or trope!
Though a husband's all she's asking
From the land she calls Eu-rope.

St. James' Gazette

An old maid said she wished she was an auctioneer, for then it would be perfectly proper to say, "Make me an offer."

This and that.—She—"Miss Rodney always looks well for one who has so little to dress on." He—"Yes, she is rather thin."

"Now, Katy, how many kinds of poetry are there?" "The lyric, the dramatic and the e—epi—" Elsie (breaking in)—"O, I know! The epidemic."

Bloodgood—"Your Uncle Robert is a very conservative man, isn't he?" Miss Travis—"I should say he was! You ought to see the stocks of cut flowers he raises every season."

A French paper thus refers to a recent murder: 'The miscreant was evidently in search of money, but M. Durond had prudently deposited all his cash in the bank, and consequently lost only his life.'

Young medical student to his sweetheart—Do you know, Julia, that the human heart is equal to the lifting of 120 pounds every 24 hours? Julia (demurely)—Well, that's just my weight. Then he lifted her,

Willie (coming home from church)—"Papa, they hadn't learned how to pray very well in Bible times, had they?" Papa—"I suppose, my son, people could pray then as well as they do now." Willie (positively)—"No, they couldn't. The Lord's Prayer is only a minute long, and our minister can pray for a quarter of an hour."

Raising Other Progeny.—We often read remarkable stories of motherless squirrels and rats being raised by sympathetic female cats, but in Tarrant country, Texas, an eagle raised a young pig that weighed over 40 pounds. A short time previous the same eagle raised a small lamb. The eagle's wings measured nearly eight feet from tip to tip.

Applicant—"Can't yer help an old soldier, mum?" Benevolent Lady—"Poor fellow, here's a dollar for you. Were you wounded?" Applicant (pocketing the bill)—"No mum; but I wuz 'mong the missen twice." Benevolent Lady—"How terrible. What was it?" Applicant—"Jest afore th' battles of Antietam an' th' Wilderness, mum."

Teacher—"Benjamin, how many times must I tell you not to snap your fingers. Now put down your hand and keep still. I shall hear what you have to say presently." [five minutes later] "Now, then, Benjamin, what is it that you wanted to say?" Benjamin—"There was a tramp in the hall a while ago, and I saw him go off with your gold-headed parasol."

A health journal gives two rules for sleeping which everybody should adopt, viz; "First, never let yourself be awakened by anybody else, but wait until you have slept out your sleep; and second, get up as soon as you are awake." When a man is asleep he can easily prevent anyone from awaking him, and if he gets awake at one a.m., after going to bed at midnight, there is nothing to prevent him from getting up. If it were not for the health journal some of us would die before our time comes.

A kindly faced man at a Kansas City street crossing tapped a passing gentleman and asked him if he had lost a \$20 gold piece. The gentleman looked at the coin and said he had. The old man drew out a note book and took the name and address of the loser, and turned away. "Well," said the other, "do you want it all as a reward?" "Oh I did not find one," said the benevolent old man, "but it struck me that in a large city like this there must be a great deal of money lost, and upon inquiry I find that you are the thirty-first man who has lost a \$20 gold piece this morning."

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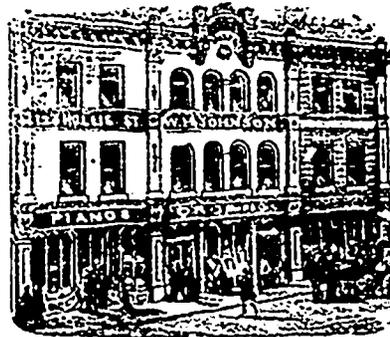
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