

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Born to blush unseen—the young lady of African parentage.

A snake stopped a clock in a New Jersey factory the other day. The snake has caused trouble from the beginning of time.

While we like to see our neighbor get along und prosper, it was pretty hard to forgive her aunt who dies and leaves him a legacy. —Carl Dmuler.

Floridians prefer the russet oranges, because they are almost invariably sweeter than the bright fruit. The color is due to a diseased condition of the trees, and also to a small insect which feeds upon the rind.

"Maud, dear, you know that I am getting a very small salary at present, but would you be content to live for a little while on 'bread and cheese and butter?'" "Yes, darling; but you know that I don't like bread and cheese."

"Oh, my friends, there are some spectacles that a person never forgets." said a lecturer after giving a graphic description of a terrible accident that he had witnessed. "I'd like to know where they sell 'em," remarked an old lady in the audience who is always mislaying her glasses.

The following excellent defence was made to an action by a lawyer:— "There are three points in the case, may it please your honor. In the first place, we contend that the kettle was cracked when we borrowed it; secondly, that it was whole when we returned it; and thirdly, that we never had it."

Nothing in a recently published compilation of like definitions excels the following, said by the Norwich Bulletin to have been written by a boy in school in that city, in a language-lesson in which the word "organic" was to be used in governing the sense of the sentence: "The ho Italian is the most organic man on t. o face of the earth."

IT ISN'T CATCHING.—A Philadelphia school teacher saw a doctor call at the home of a pupil and, obeying a school rule requiring scholars to bring physicians' certificates in case there is sickness in the family, sent the child home for the certificate. She returned and said, "Please, ma'am, but its a little boy baby—and the doctor says it isn't catching!"

Bobby was at a neighbor's, and in response to a piece of bread and butter had politely said "Thank you." "That's right, Bobby," said the lady. "I like to hear little boys say 'Thank you.'" "Yes, u a told me I must say that if you gave me anything to eat, even if it wasn't nothing but bread and butter; but if you want to hear me say it again, you've either got to put jam on it or give me some cake."—Harper's Bazar.

Miss Doolittle (who is deaf, but won't acknowledge it to Mr. Browne): "How is your family, Mr. Browne?" Mr. Browne: "All quite well, thank you, with the exception of my wife. She was out in the rain the other day, and got quite wet; the result was a very severe cold on her lungs, which we feared would end in congestion, but she is convalescent now." Miss Doolittle: "Indeed! So glad. And how is Mrs. Browne?"

CURIOUS LAW REFORM.—Under King Cambyses of Persia, there was a Supreme Judge named Sikamnes, who was guilty of receiving bribes and of other malpractices. When the King heard of this he commended Sikamnes to be put to death by strangling, and afterwards flayed, and his skin to be tanned and made to serve as a cover for the Judge's seat. When this had been done, Cambyses appointed Otanes, the son of Sikamnes, to the post of Supreme Judge, and thus the latter was compelled to administer justice while sitting on the skin of his father. A terrible warning to all Judges who might be tempted to a dereliction of duty.—Historische Merkwurdigkeiten.

A FACTIOUS HORSE.—He was always delighted, too, when he could tease or frighten any other horse. Many a time I have seen him after dancing and pawing and going sideways, or tail first, as he always did at starting out, suddenly sober down, sidle up to Mr. Romayne's big horse Zampa, and walk along as quiet and demure as a cat, until Mr. Romayne would say, "Why, Jo, you're really getting that pony quiet." Quick as a flash Toddie would seize Zampa's curb rein between his teeth, give it a fearful jerk, then jump off to the other side of the road and stand there, shaking all over like a person that is splitting his sides with laughter. You never could tell what that pony mightn't do next.—From "The Last Ride," an equestrian story of Central Park, by Mary Drieler, in the American Magazine.

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