

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE SONG OF THE MOSQUITO.

Hum! hum! I'm coming, coming,
Don't you hear me humming, humming,
Like some distant drummer drumming.
His tired troops to sleep?
Rat-tat-tat, and hum-hum-hum,
Near, more near, I come, I come,
With some to dine, to sup with some
With all a feast to keep.

Hum! hum! You cannot say
I sup and dine and do not pay,
Behind me, when I go away,
Just here, and here, and here,
I'll leave a tiny round bright spot
A brand-n. w coin, laid down red hot,
In full return for all I got,
I pay most dear, most dear.

Hum! hum! I've supped, and rarely;
And you still are sleeping fairly.
Hum-hum-hum! We twain part squarely,
All my dues I pay for.
One more taste, and one more sip,
From your eyelid, from your lip,
Then away I'll skip-skip-skip -
There's nothing more to stay for.

Once Denis Litchfield, in St. Nicholas.

Said Captious, pointing to a sign which read: "Umbrellas repaired and recovered!" "There is a palpable lie." "Why? How do you make that out?" asked Senox. "Well, umbrellas may be repaired, perhaps, but they are never recovered."—*Texas Sittings.*

"WHOLESALE."—Scot (to fellow-traveller on Northern Railway): "May ah reckon what line ye're on?" Our Artist (who had undergone a wide cross-examination with complaisance): "Well—I'm—I'm a painter. Scot: "Man, that's lucky! Ah deal i' pents—an' ah can sell ye white lead fair cheaper than ye can buy't at any o' the sheeps." Artist: "Oh, but I use very little. A pound or so serves me over a year." Scot: "E—h, man! Ye maun be in a very sma' way o' beezeness!"—*Punch.*

GENERAL LEE'S DEMIJOHN.—A short time after the battle of Fredericksburg the soldiers observed a servant carrying a big demijohn into General Lee's tent. Visions of toddy flitted before the eyes of the General's staff.

At 12 o'clock General Lee walked out, and with a twinkle in his eyes remarked:

"Perhaps you gentlemen would like a glass o' something?"

The verdict was unanimous.

Everything was arranged, the gentlemen drew near, the cork was drawn, and the steward poured out—buttermilk!—*Atlanta Constitution.*

At a recent meeting of the Louisiana Sugar Farmers' association, Mrs. Amanda Delmas, of St. Mary's parish, was duly elected a member, with all rights and privileges which attach to the association, but to be permanently exempt from the payment of the customary fees and dues required from members. Mrs. Delmas is reported to be a most enlightened and efficient planter, superintending all the operations of working her own extensive plantation, in which she has been very successful. She is a Louisiana Creole lady, possessing all the best qualities of her race, and is a distinguished example of what a Southern woman can do when left to her own resources.—*Baltimore Sun.*

The latest craze among the New York ladies is a "hair-album"—gentlemen's hair. Young men are besought for a lock of hair, and the request is such a flattering one that they are only too happy to comply when the right damsels apply. The contribution is tied with a blue-ribbon and goes into the "hair album" along with the hair of a crowd of other fellows. Over it will be written the name, age, color of eyes, date of receiving the memento, and general remarks as to personal appearance, etc., which may or may not be complimentary, as the album is never to be seen by any other than feminine eyes. The young ladies are as proud of their trophies as an Indian warrior is of the scalps he takes.

LUMINOUS MILITARY MAPS.—Some interesting experiments have just been made at Aldershot, with a view to testing luminous paint as a medium for reading documents and studying maps at night. A few nights ago several noncommissioned officers of the Scots Greys, under Maj. W. E. James, started at midnight on a hazardous expedition, the object being to hold the canal and prevent the scouts of an opposing force, represented by another party under Liout. C. S. Harris, from discovering the strength of the Aldershot division. The detachments had severally to make for and hold three positions—Deep Cut bridge, Curzon bridge, and Pirbright and Cowshot bridges—finding their way thither by means of maps traced on transparent paper mounted on sheets of calico or linen cloth, which had been previously prepared with luminous paint. Although the night was very dark, these maps enabled the detachments to occupy their positions without mishap and just in time to prevent Liout. Harris' scouts from crossing the canal. As the parties proceeded by proscribed routes, this result could hardly have been achieved without the assistance of the luminous maps; so the experiment is regarded as entirely successful.—*Boston Transcript.*

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