

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

ODE TO OCTOBER.

October! Emblem of that stage of life
Where love and genius look for calm repose.
An aged summer thou:—veng'd on the strife
By winter wag'd o'er many a fallen rose.
More and more callous thou, as time flies past,
The woodland song no longer charms thine ear;
The season reads, youth's pleasures will not last—
That life at best is but a passing year.

Thou'st sold the robes that deck'd fair summer's plume
For grosser fruits to swell thine ample store;
Ah, mo! Why hast thou shed their life for gain
And left us here their absence to deplore?
Thou'st made earth's bloom to avarice a prey,
Torn wreaths the choicest from each glad some bower.
The warblers warn'd by kindly instinct stray
To other climes where sunshine gilds the hour.

But, as "the swan sings sweetest ere she dies;"
As hectic blushes paint with fading bloom:
As choicest colors deck the sunset skies,
So dying leaves hang loveliest o'er their tomb.

But stay! Kind nature knows no final death:
Man and his flowers shall change but never die.
Autumn and winter do but test our faith
In life renew'd beneath a calmer sky.
See yonder sombre cloud that shades the sun,
Of all its countless atoms none are lost;
They stoop to bless each flower; their mission done,
Send back to heav'n a bright and fleecy host.

A. McK. in Emp'

It has been discovered that the cash boys were very lazy in the day of Job, for he says:—"All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change comes."

Magistrate: "So you admit having been engaged in making counterfeit money?" Prisoner: "Yes, your worship. You see the supply of the genuine article is so very short."

"I don't calculate that doctors can always tell what ails you," an old woman once explained, "but I hold to taking all the things I can get, and it stands to reason that some of 'em's going to hit the trouble."

"May I have the pleasure of accompanying you to the straw ride, Miss Greene?" said the young man hopefully; "your mother is going to chaperone the party?" She hesitated a minute before answering. "Don't you think," she replied at length, "that if mamma is going as chaperone it would be much nicer to sit on the front piazza while mamma is away?"—*Boston Beacon.*

A German baron invited an English guest to shoot with him on his reserve. "I have shot tiger in India," said the Englishman, by way of excuse, "and your German hunting is not exciting enough, don't you know?" "Ah!" returned the baron, "you love danche, do you? Den you should shoot mit me. Only an fordnicht ago I shooted mine bruder in law right through the stomach."

THE SAILOR LIED.—"Steward," he said feebly, in the small hours of the stormy night, trying to turn over in his berth, "Steward, what's that?" "The sailor on deck, sir." "Yes, but what did he say just now?" "'All well,' sir." "My, what a liar!" And then he turned over and moaned a *mal de mer* moan.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* is wroth with Mr. Gladstone because he recently proclaimed "the right of America to be the great organ of the powerful English-tongue." "This surrender to the Americans," says the critic, "of a tongue which few of them can speak correctly, which fewer still of them can pronounce, and in which not half a dozen of them at most have written any great work, struck me at the time as a curious proceeding from a literary standpoint."

Talking of typographical errors, says an exchange, no more horrible specimen of this class of blunders ever appeared than one in a Massachusetts paper not long ago. At the close of an obituary notice of a prominent lawyer, the reporter desired to say that "the body was taken to Hull for interment, where repose the remains of other members of the family." By mistake a letter "o" was substituted for the "u" in Hull, changing the sense of the sentence to such a degree that no extra copies of that issue were ordered by the family of the dead lawyer.

"Now, Sall," said Mrs. Slick, "I'm agoin' to shut down on your fashernable acquaintances and teach you a little common sense. There's that young officer that comes round here of nights and appears so sociable-like, why he's not in earnest, and that's a fact. I have been keepin' an eye on the chap and lookin' arter him on the quiet, and I notice as he is very distant when any of the aristocracy is about. Soldiers is soldiers, and when they find I'm not in the fashernable swim they give us the go-by in public, all the same in private they pretend to laugh at the society sets, and say that its all the same whether we entertain or not. Sall, dear, society is not birth nor yet brains, its simply a game of give and take, and boin' as you're one of the old blue bloods I am particular, and want you to draw the line with folks as reckon sociability on the dollar stamp. Brains and worth are arter all the trump-cards."

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