

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE BRIDE'S SORROW.

Silent she stands apart,
Her cheek like a lily's leaf,
Her hand pressed over her heart,
Alone with a strange, new grief.
Oh, pity her! Do not smile.
She is little more than a child,
This bride of a short, sweet while,
This woman, whose brain is wild.
Changed is her life's fair grace;
Changed, the fair earth and sky,
She longs for some lonely place
Where she may hide—and die!
Oh, better far she were dead
Than calmly stand and hear
The words he had firmly said,
"I cannot afford it, dear."

The examinations at the College of Mining are always oral

Every boy would rather run the lawn mower next door than the one at home.

'Well, I've been making a goose of myself,' said a hen, when the eggs on which she had been sitting hatched into goslings.

UNKIND.—Wandering Williyum (at the side door of the country villa)—I know, mum, you won't refuse to give a little something to a pore man. I have faith in your good-heartedness, mum.

The lady of the house (slamming the door with unction)—Yes, but its faith without works.

PLENTY AND TO SPARE.—The question was once raised as to which was the more content of the two, the owner of half a million of money, or the man with seven daughters. "The latter of course," was the reply; "for the man with half a million is always wanting more, while the one with seven daughters has plenty."

SHOO FLY!

The time of year will soon be here
When we shall rise from slumber deep,
And breathe the early morning air,
And view the landscape fresh and fair,
Because the flies won't let us sleep.

HAD HIS REASONS.—Young Mr. Fitts—"What are you smiling at, dear?"

Mrs. Fitts—"I was thinking how you used to sit and hold my hand for an hour at a time before we were married. How silly you were!"

Mr. Fitts—"I wasn't silly at all. I hold your hand to keep you away from the piano."

NOT SO GLORIOUS.—Artist—"Did any of the committee say anything about the winter scene I sent?"

Boy—"Yes, sir. One of 'em scolded me 'cause he caught cold while he was lookin' at it."

Artist—"That's glorious! But why did he scold you?"

Boy—" 'Cause I left the door open."

The matinee woman is nervy, its true,
The shopping girl more so by far,
But their nerve is naught by 'that placed in view.

By the travelling woman who buys an upper berth, sits on the best side, borrows your books and throws them on the floor, has the porter send your baggage to the smoking room, and puts 14 bundles in your seat in a Pullman car.

A TIP TO THE WAITER.—"If I might venture," said the guest, in a low tone, as the dignified waiter assisted in the matter of putting on his overcoat, "to give you a tip—"

"Yes, sir," said the waiter, relaxing considerably.
"I should advise you to try earnestly to break yourself of the habit of fingering your mustache in a severe, abstracted manner while you are taking a dinner order. My hat, please. Thanks."

ON A PLANE.—As a magnificent steamer, the property of the Peninsular and Oriental company, was steaming into Southampton harbour a grimy coal lighter floated immediately in front of it. An officer on board the vessel, observing this, shouted:

"Clear out of the way with that barge."
The lighterman, a native of the Emerald Isle, shouted in reply, "Are you the captain of that vessel?"

"No," answered the officer.
"Then spake to yer aquals," said Pat. "I'm the captain of this."

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A SHORTENING.

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A lady passed on marketing day.
Who, pausing at a grocery store,
Stepped quickly in at the open door.
With bated breath and anxious mien
She queried: "have you COTTOLENE?"

The grocer, leaving off his work,
Interrogated every clerk;
But none up to that time had seen
An article called "COTTOLENE."

"What is it?" said he to the dame,
"That answers to this curious name.
What is it made of? What's its use?
My ignorance you'll please excuse."

"You're not the merchant for my dimes,
I see you're quite behind the times.
For COTTOLENE, I'd have you know,
Is now the thing that's all the go,
An article of high regard;
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