

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Only a cat in the moonlight,  
 Only a cat, that's all;  
 Only a song at midnight,  
 Only a wild, weird waul.  
 Only a man impulsive,  
 Only a reason flown;  
 Only a clutch convulsive,  
 Only a bootjack thrown.  
 Only a sudden sally,  
 Only an uttered "cat"  
 Only a corpse in the alley,  
 Only a poor dead cat.

—Chicago Post.

A married couple may be one, but that one cannot travel without two railroad tickets.

"This is my last blow out" sighed a despondent man as he extinguished the gas with his breath.

Caller.—"Is the proprietor in?" Wit clerk—"Yes, sir." Caller—"Are you the gentleman?" Wit clerk—"Yes, sir; but the proprietor is in the ar' room. I'll call him."

A Thoroughbred.—Mike—"Whist, Pat, I've got a new goat." Pat (misunderstanding)—"Phat kind of a coat, Mike—swallow-tail?" Mike—"Oh! he's got no tail at all—but he'll swallow anything."

The photographers of America will unveil their monument to Daguerre, inventor of the early photographic process, at their convention in Washington in August. The site is the grounds of the Smithsonian Institution.

Benevolent Party.—My man, don't you think fishing is cruel sport? Fisherman—Cruel? Well, I should say so. I have sat here six hours and have not had a bite, been nearly eaten up with mosquitoes, and the sun has parboiled the back of my neck,

PEOPLE DIFFER.

Some eat oatmeal to get thin.  
 "don't eat " at all, he said,  
 And they know what the're at.

"Would any shock at this stage of my trouble cause a relapse, doctor?" inquired the patient.

"Yes and a serious one."

"Please then, doctor, to remember that important fact in making out your bill."

Isaacson—"You complain because those pants haf shrunk a leadle?" Howwowy—"A little? De tings are like tights, sure!"

Isaacson—"Vy, dot was de beauty of my clodhings; dey was loose and easy in the summer, but they grow closer und comfortable vhen de cold vedder comes on."

They use a clothes wringer for a letter press in one of the largest telegraph offices in New York. The messages to be copied are treated as usual until the time for putting them into the press, which it takes time and muscle to use, the message and damp tissue paper are simply run through a clothes wringer.

Why It Comes High.—Patient (who has just had his eye operated upon)—Doctor, it seems to me \$50 is a high price to charge for that job. It didn't take you ten seconds. Eminent oculist—My dear friend, in learning to perform this operation in ten seconds I have spoiled more than two bushels of such eyes as yours.

Out in Montana the minister began: "Will you take this woman to be your wedded wife?" when the strapping groom interrupted him as follows; "Say, Mr. Minister, quit yer foolin' and get down to bizness. You know I'm here to take this lady, an' so what's the use of askin' me? Besides, I don't allow nobody to call her a woman. She's a lady, she is."

One of the oddest uses of the Nicene Creed is that which it is applied to by the women of ancient Nicea, where the creed was in great part originally formulated. They recite it after putting eggs in a pot to boil as a measure of the time needed to cook them. It is said that they do this without any idea of irreverence.

"There are three great rocks," says Mr. Carnegie, "ahead of the practical young man who has his feet upon the ladder and is beginning to rise." Wonder how the rocks keep balanced on the rounds. This reminds us of the flight of rhetoric of the Anarchist, who exclaimed, "The chariot of revolution is rolling along, and gnashing its teeth as it rolls!"

THAT MONSTROSITY.

Oh, summer girl. When will you realize  
 How every man of common sense or taste  
 Is dally having his poor feelings bruised and hurt  
 By your parade before his tear dimmed eyes  
 Of that incongruous sight—a maid's slim waist  
 Enveloped in a hideous, shiny, hard-boiled shirt.

BETTER THE VALLEY.

Better the valley with peace and love  
 Than the desolate heights some souls attain.  
 Lonely is life on the hills above  
 The valley lands and sunny plain.  
 What is fame to love? Can it satisfy  
 The longing and lonely hearts of men?  
 On the heights they must hunger and starve and die:  
 Come back to the valley of peace again?

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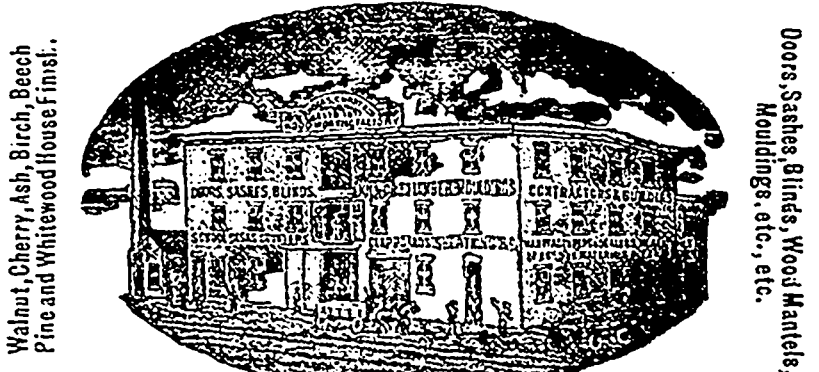
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