

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

## A DOUBT DISPELLED.

For six months he argued the thing pro and con,  
Till his mind was most mazy that subject upon;  
To wed her or not—was she worthy his love?  
Would she prove a shrew wife or a meek turtle dove?

At last after wearying body and mind,  
He decided to marry her, going it blind;  
So he promptly proposed. But she wasn't so slow,  
For she just took six seconds to answer him No!

Love is blind; but the neighbors are not.

A judge in Charleston, S. C., has decided that the sale of soap by a druggist on Sunday is lawful, because cleanliness is next to godliness.

His Forte: Cousin Sue—"Mr. Bungley told me he was somewhat of an athlete. What does he do?" Jack—"Oh, he's very skillful in tossing glasses over a horizontal bar."

Diddereau—"Did you attend the lecture of Prof. Hardhead on 'Grip, a malady of the imagination'?" Biddereau—"He did not lecture." "Why not?" "Down with the grip."

"I can take a hundred words a minute," said the stenographer. "I often take more than that," remarked the other in sorrowful accents; "but then I have to. I'm married."

THE HIDDEN DOUBT.—She—You have been calling on Miss Plankington quite often of late, haven't you? Has she always been at home? He—That's just what I have been wondering.

Sweetness in being sweet, that's for the flowers;  
Sweetness in finding sweet, that's for the bee;  
Sweetness in making sweet sorrowful hours;  
That is the sweetness for you and for me.

Mrs. Swe!!—"Our house is fitted up with all the improvements and we have a picture molding in the parlor." Mrs. Homespun—"Sakes alive! But your house must be awful damp! To think of a picture moulding! It must be the paste, I s'pose."

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a child, good example; to your father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

"He is a most scrupulous and refined gentleman." "Yes. Mary was skating with him and she fell and sprained her ankle, and he wouldn't pick her up in his arms and carry her off until he had gone through the form of proposing and become engaged to her."

Where the Discord Comes In.—"You have got two sopranos in your choir, I believe?" "Yes, and both fine vocalists." "You should have some good music with two such singers?" "Yes; plenty of harmony when they are singing, but lots of discord when they ain't."

It is stated in the papers that an Englishman advertises that he "will sell to ministers notes of deceased sermons at five shillings each." If such sermons have been bought and preached pretty generally, it will account for some of the deadness that is complained of in the churches.

## A PARAPHRASE.

At present of summer weddings we read  
On which much money is spent,  
And 'tis fondly hoped that they don't precede  
A winter of discontent.

It is very significant that no country to-day is free from the terrors of anarchism and dynamite fiends except this Dominion, which hitherto has escaped the attention of these foes of law and order. Russia, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain, France, and even the United States are more or less troubled.

A FRIGID REMINDER—"The weather this morning reminds me of a certain South American republic," said the Snake Editor, as he came in, rubbing his hands.

"Ah!" replied the Horse Editor, with a fine lack of interest.  
"Yes; little Chili."

"There is one thing I like about your husband; he never hurries you when getting ready for a walk." "Precious little credit due to him for that, my dear. Whenever I see that I am not likely to be ready in time, I simply hide his hat or his gloves out of his way and let him hunt for them up and down till I have finished dressing."

A FORTUNATE ESCAPE.—It was a dainty, fair-haired maid of Milwaukee, of some five summers, who sat beside a little friend relating the advent of a new baby in the family.

"She was borned while your mamma was 'way down South, wasn't she?" asked the friend.

"Yes," replied the proud older sister.

"Well, I tell you, you were very fortunate to have her born white down there, because most of the little babies that are born in the South are born black," was the congratulatory response of the wide-eyed friend.

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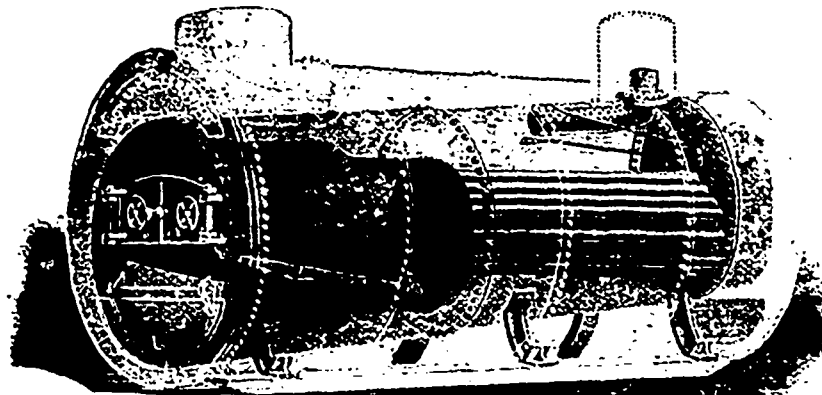
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