

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Russian men are very tall. They very frequently walked over poles.

Legal.—Can a blind man be held liable for a bill which he accepted payable at sight?—*Boston Post*.

Capitalists in Buenos Ayers are establishing a horse railroad 200 miles long. Mules will be employed as the motive power.

"Whatever you do, my boy, begin at the bottom, and work up."
"But, father, suppose I was going to dig a well?"

"It's a fine day, your honor," said the Disorderly Drunk in a whoodling tone. "It is indeed," replied his honor, sternly. "Ten dollars fine."—*Philadelphia Call*.

"That bonnet would scare the devil himself," said a Bookman street man to a Salvation Army lieutenant.

"That is the reason I wear it, sir," she said.

Between two and three tons of postal cards are manufactured every day at Castleton, N. Y. The largest order ever filled for one city, New York, was 4,000,000 cards, or about twelve tons of paper.

Some remarkable stories have been told under the head of "Antipathies," but the most remarkable we ever heard was that of the man who could not sleep in church because the nap was worn off his overcoat collar.

It takes three weeks to perform a marriage ceremony among the upper classes in Japan, and we don't see how the editor of a daily paper in that country finds time to get "united in the holy bonds of wedlock."—*Norristown Herald*.

Boston Hostess. "Did you think the allegro movement of that concerto by Beethoven most inspiring?" Friend from the West: "Stunning! And wasn't Mr. Beethoven himself perfectly elegant? Such lovely whiskers. I do wish he'd play again!"

A rustic visiting London was accosted, upon his arrival at Euston Square by one of the cabbies with "Hansom, sir? Hansom?" Hodge, thinking he referred to his good looks, "Hey, tha fogey, awm a deal hansomer than thee, or aw cuddant shame to show my face on Lunnon."

Old lawyer (to young partner): "Did you draw up old Moneybag's will?" Young partner: "Yes, sir; and so tight that all the relatives in the world cannot break it." Old Lawyer (with some disgust): "The next time there is a will to be drawn up I'll do it myself."

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.—Little Dot—Mamma, Dick is kissing me.

Mamma—I am glad he likes you so well, dear.

"But it isn't w'ight."

"Oh, it don't matter, pet. What makes you think it isn't right?"

"'Cause nurse told papa so."—*Omaha World*.

A Philadelphia girl says "Really!" a Boston girl, "Ah!" a Chicago girl, "Which!" a Baltimore girl, "Indeed!" a Providence girl, "Ho-ow!" a London girl, "Fawney!" a Leadville girl, "What are you givin' us?"—*New York Journal*.

Correct for the most part, but the *N. Y. Journal* gentleman has evidently never been in London.

An improved pocket or portable apparatus for taking photographic pictures has been recently patented by Mr. W. J. Lancaster, of Birmingham, which may be made either in the form of a watch or chronometer case, tobacco-box, match box, cigarette-case, purse, locket, charm, or other like article, by which means a person is able to carry a complete photographic apparatus in a very small compass.

Mrs. Isabella Mitchell, M. D., of Detroit, has invented a process for preserving meat and vegetables at a merely nominal expense. Mrs. Mitchell was graduated as a physician from the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery about eleven years ago, and in the course of her studies and practice became interested in developing the uses of ozone and finally discovering that it was not only a tonic and health giver, but also a great preservative agent. She has, she claims, succeeded in perfecting her methods, and her mechanical appliances are already protected by patents, while she has filed a caveat for the fluid used, the composition of which is yet a secret.

Writing on "hearing," a correspondent in *Nature* says:—"The hearing in some birds seems as wonderful and discriminating as that of smell in dogs. I have watched with astonishment a thrush listening for worms—as their manner is—and evidently hearing them too, within two yards of a noisy lawn-mower on the other side of a small hedge of roses. Probably the worms came nearer to the surface in consequence of the vibration caused by the machine—they are said to do so—but that the thrush heard and did not see them was evident. Robins appear to be able to distinguish the voices of their own offspring and parents from a number of others, and at a great distance.

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