

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

HIS CAKE.

I do not ask thee, Fate to bake
For me so very large a cake;
Choose thou the size, but I entreat
That though but small it shall be sweet.
Let those who like it have it; I
Feel no desire for sawdust pie.

I have no wail for all the years
I've lived on crusts washed down with tears
If I must drain the bitter cup
As heretofore, why—fill it up.
But when my cake, if ever, comes,
Vouchsafe it to me full of plums.

- New York Sun.

It is having the wind blow them up that makes the waves so wild.

Whatever may happen to P. T. Barnum in the next world, he can't complain that he has had no show in this.

An Echo.—“When do you do your best work, Mr. Cynicus?”
“Never! There is no market for it!”

Certainly.—“My wife is the queen of the tea table.”
“And she never reigns but she pours.”

The baker bakes much more bread than he uses, but not more than he kneads. This is one of the things that make his life interesting.

CONSOLATION.—Do not fret if you can't get into society. The oyster is often present at a supper when he would perhaps prefer to be at home in bed.

“What a number of these Boston girls wear glasses; have you noticed?”
“Yes, very few Boston women think it proper to look at anything with the naked eye.”

MUTUAL CONFUSION.—“I suppose I ought to tell you that I am a somnambulist,” said the fair young girl, after saying “Yes.” “Well,” replied the happy young man, “so far as that is concerned I'm something of a free thinker myself.”

Hattie.—“Why will you wear that starched shirt and that stiff collar such weather as this? Why don't you wear a cheviot?” Harry.—“Well, the fact is, I don't look nearly as well in a cheviot as I do in these things.” Hattie.—“I think you are quite justified in not wearing a cheviot.”

Mrs. Dorothy Stauley, it is said, cares little or nothing for dress, which will make her quite a social favorite in Congo.

It would seem that the proper place to cook mountain game would be on a mountain range.

An Effective Gown.—“Oh, Marianne, I do think that gown of yours is just too lively for anything, and it is so appropriate to wear up here!” The other smiled self approvingly. “Yes,” she said, smoothing down the folds of the frock, “I do think this gown sets off the mountains better than any other I ever had on.”

ERUDITE.—“Jones prides himself upon learning.”

“So I believe.”
“Self-educated?”
“Wholly so.”

“Does he know Latin?”

“Know Latin! I should say so. Why, man, when he writes to the papers he signs himself Pro Bono Publico.”

HE NEARLY GOT IT.—Teacher (to pupil in juvenile history class)—Now, Willie, you remember what I have told you about the battle of Waterloo, do you?

Willie—Yes'm.

“Who won the battle?”

“The Duke of Wellington.”

“Who came to his assistance and helped him to win it?”

“A fellow named Upgarson Atom.”

A strange and pathetic romance ended happily at the Old Bailey on Tuesday. One William Stork, a most respectable labourer, was indicted for trying to murder his sweetheart. He and she had loved each other for seven years. Poverty, however, kept them from marrying. Out of his earnings of £1 a week Stork had kept the girl, her aged and infirm father and brother, and his own mother from the workhouse. She, fearful of being a further burden, left to stay with a brother. The lovers, however, met one day—the man pressing the woman to marry, she, still dreading their poverty, refusing. Wild with despair, Stork tried to cut the girl's throat and his own. The judge and the jury both agreed in sentencing him to a mere formal punishment, and the devoted couple met the reward of their long self-denial by getting a gift of £10 from the sheriffs' fund, to enable them to marry and set up house together.

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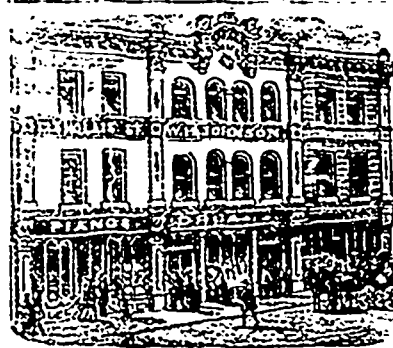
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