

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A gentleman went to the assistance of an Irishman who was getting very much the worst of it in a fight. Bad cess to yez, said the battered son of Erin as he struggled to his feet, wot d yez want to interfare for? In a friendly fight loike this, begorra, wot matters it which wips. Come at me wanst more, Donniss.

Jack—"Ethel, I am ashamed of you, I saw that Frenchman in the conservatory kissing you repeatedly. Why didn't you tell him to stop?"

Ethel—"I couldn't Jack!"

Jack—"You couldn't? Why not?"

Ethel—"I can't speak French."

There are more males than females in New Brunswick. This is phenomenal. But what is more remarkable still is the circumstance that very few women in the province are, according to the census returns, more than thirty years of age. It is thought that the New Brunswick ladies have found the waters of eternal youth for which an eccentric Spaniard was searching on this continent two hundred years ago.

A man has spent fourteen years in solving the problem of boring a square hole, and he has succeeded. A company is organized to put his invention on the market. It is simply an oscillating head with chisel edges and projecting lips which cut out the corners in advance of the chisel. The balance of the machine is an almost exact counterpart of the old style boring machine. It will cut a two by four mortice in from four to five minutes—and do it with perfect accuracy—that a carpenter cannot possibly complete in less than half an hour.

If it is true that no one ever heard of a snoring savage, it is also true that many of us have had our slumbers disturbed by the savage snoring of our neighbor in the adjoining room. Savages know better than to snore, they have their scalps to preserve, and they realize that a snore might betray their whereabouts to an enemy; hence they are trained as papooses to keep their mouths shut when sleeping, which ensures quietness. Civilization is condescending in its dealings with barbarians, but it seldom takes to heart the lessons which nature has taught her children to observe.

"Mrs. Moorphy, ye certainly are no lady. The way yez jumped into my b'y Dinney an' all for just hollerin' 'rats' shows to me moind that yez are a dangerous character."

"Bo aisy wid yer tongue, Mrs. Roirdan. Oi'm nathrally as peaceful as a goat, but don't you say another wurrud av an uncomplimentary nature. It's bad enough to have to own yez for a neighbor, so it is without havin' to stand an' be talked to by yez."

"Niver you moind that. It's an honor ye don't deserve. An' Oi'm thinkin' very seriously of puttin' the police onto your thrack."

"Well as for that Mrs. Roirdan, I niver had any dalins wid the police; but av I wanted an introduction to 'em I don't know av any wan that would be better qualified by long acquaintance to give it than your own self, Mrs. Roirdan. Good day till yez."

A scientist, while out in a boat one night on a river in Florida, was caught in a fog so dense that he could not see 20 feet ahead. The boatmen stopped rowing, and said they would have to wait for daylight or until the fog cleared away, as they did not know in what direction to steer. The scientist showed them what science can do for a man in an emergency. He says: "I at once stood up in the boat and halloed. Soon the echo came back. Pointing in the direction from which the echo came, I said, 'There is the nearest land.' Rowing half a mile in the direction of the echo we soon reached the land and 'coasted' home. The boatmen expressed great surprise that they had been on the river all their lives and had never thought of so simple and easy a plan to find the shore when lost in the fog. During a fog the air is so saturated with moisture that it is a much better conductor of sound than when dry. Two results follow—first, sound travels faster, and hence the echo returns more speedily; and, the sound is heard more distinctly. Remembering these two facts, a person with a little practice can soon determine the approximate distance of the nearest land or woods."

Which shall you marry? The young man with the lig. hair? or the one with dark eyes? The bachelor? or the widower? The rich man? or the poor man? Which? Well, my dear, if you really have not decided and actually do not know, I should say, none of them. The woman who marries without love is the maddest creature living, and when one loves there is no indecision; there is no possibility, while the feeling lasts, of marrying any one else. The person you love may not seem better in other eyes than the general run of mankind, but he is quite superior to everybody else in yours. At least, his coming stop makes your heart beat, his absence saddens you: a walk or "chat" with him is a joy; you feel that if he were gone the world would be empty. Surely, two, or three, or four young men cannot make you feel so. No one finds it possible to be actually in love with two at a time. Even the most inconstant man gives each now love a week or two of u-divided affection.

Which shall you marry? It is the gravest question you could ask. Your whole life hangs upon it. Which? Wait until there is no possibility of asking that question before you marry any one. M. K. D.

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