

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

## FOR THE HERETIC HUNTER.

Rescue the perishing,  
That is your labor,  
All the while cherishing  
Love for your neighbor.  
This is salvation's plan  
Unto us given.  
Creeds are the work of man,  
Love is from heaven.

According to the news despatches, says the New York *Sun*, it will soon be possible for a citizen of Yuba Dam, to go to Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Edam on the "Didam" and return on the "Dabledam."

Enterprising Sister—"See how pretty she looks against that olive curtain! Now's your chance, Frank; go in and speak to her, she is alone."  
Timid Brother—"Y-e-s; but if I go in there she won't be alone."

BOTH MUCH WORN.—"These trousers are very much worn this season," said the tailor, displaying his goods.  
"So are the ones I have on," replied the poet, sadly.

NAVAL ACTIVITY.—First citizen (looking over the paper)—I see there is considerable activity in naval circles.

Second citizen—Ah, indeed! What have they done?

First citizen—Eight more vessels have been condemned.

Sidney's aunt found him in the pantry eating cake and lump sugar. "O, Sidney," she said reprovingly, "you know you have no right to come here and help yourself." "Auntie," he answered gravely, "a man who gave a dress in our schoolroom the other day said: 'The Lord helps those who help themselves,' and I'm just helpin' myself."

It was said, after Sarah Bernhardt had whipped somebody or other, that during the *fracas* there was difficulty in making out which was the whip and which the lady. That story has been beaten in America, as thus: Head Waiter to favored guest: "If you'd like it, Sir, I can fix it so as you can eat dinner with Sarah Bernhardt." Guest. "Thanks, but I'd rather have an ordinary fork."

THE LAW WOULDN'T ALLOW IT.—"You remember asking me to be your wife?"

"I do."

"And I said I couldn't be your wife, but I would be a sister to you?"

"Yes."

"I have reconsidered the matter and am now willing to be your wife."

"Excuse me, but it's too late. The law wouldn't allow it. A man can't marry his sister in this country."

At a big shooting party in England, Gerard Start, now Lord Allington, was one of the guests. One of the party who had not succeeded in making himself very popular said to him on the morning of their departure: "Would you mind telling me, Start, what you generally give these fellows in the way of tips?" Certainly; I'll tell you with pleasure. I give the gamekeeper so much, and the butler so much, etc., but," he added, "if you will allow me to give you a piece of advice, if I were in your place I wouldn't give them anything at all. You'll never be asked here again! What's the use?"

FIRE AND FLOOD.—At the Little Guinea Debating Club not long since the following question was up for discussion—"Ob de two great c'lamities, fire and flood, which am de mos' c'lamitous?" The club debated the question at great length, and it was finally referred to Uncle Rastus for settlement. "I tell yo what am de fac'," said Uncle Rastus, frankly. "Yo' speakers done discombobberated me so dat I cayn' tell which am de bes' at argufyin' but I can tell which am de mos' c'lamitous c'lamity, an' de reason ain't bein' techod on by de oraytors ob de ebenin'. De fac' am dis—de flood am de mos' c'lamitous, 'cause ye can put de fire out by pumpin' de flood enter it, but ye cayn't put de flood out by pumpin' de fire enter it!"

MATRIMONIAL RED TAP.—"Florry, dear," faltered the Washington youth, "I—I couldn't summon courage to tell you what was in my heart and I wrote it. You got my letter, didn't you?"

"Yes, George, I got it."

"And you read it, didn't you?"

"Yes, I read it. In fact, I—I read it over twice."

"And now, Florry," he said, growing bolder, "I have come to learn my fate."

"The best I can promise you, George," said the blushing daughter of the distinguished congressman, withdrawing her hand from the ardent clasp of the infatuated young man, "is that I will advance your letter to a third reading to-morrow."

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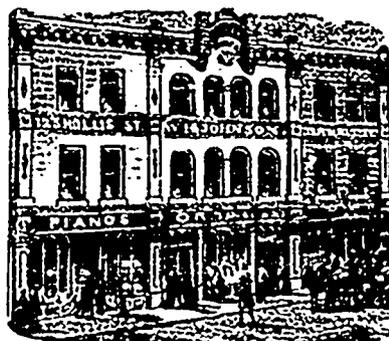
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