

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

ON THE TOP-GEAR OF THE PERIOD.

Top not your heads with birds' wings sharp as scythes,
 Fair maids, or like the crest of irate cocks!
 Your topping should show flexile grave like withes,
 And flowing as the volume of your locks.
 Who taught such style? not Nature, to the mould
 Of your fair form in all her notions true,
 But antic fashion to crude fancies sold,
 And over lust'ring after something new.
 Be wise, be true! God made you women, not tools
 Of every French dressmonger's modish freak,
 Dress has its rightful reasons, and its rules,
 Which each fair dame from her fair self must seek;
 A modest maid not with proud-perking lances,
 But with rich breadth of drooping plumes advances.
 —John Stuart Blackie.

A School-girl's definition of a bustle,—“a hollow mockery.”

A Cambridge Fellow, walking with a visitor, met by chance the Master of St. John's on horseback. “Who is that?” inquired the visitor, “That,” replied the other, “is St. John's head on a charger.”

A plump Adonis of forty, who was looking at a house, asked the servant, an extremely pretty girl, whether she was to be let with the establishment, “No, sir,” was the answer, “please, sir, I'm to be let alone.”

At a recent introduction of a bishop to his see, somebody noticed a Dublin graduate wearing an Oxford hood. He pointed it out to the Bishop and said, “That person stands there with a lie on his back.” Well, said the Bishop “you can hardly call it a lie, but it certainly is a false hood.”

“Change of climate is what you need,” said the high-priced physician after he had listened to all the details of the patient's case. “Change of climate!” exclaimed the patient in surprise. “Why, man alive, I've never had anything else. I've lived right here in New England all my life.”

“If I was a marrying widow,” said Mrs. Slick, “I'd set my cap for an officer first, because no matter who he is, he's sure to be in society, and then, when you get tired of Halifax and its five o'clock teas, you can move with the regiment to another depot, and make up to a new set of neighbors. That's why our gals fancy the military.”

“Yes,” said Mrs. Slick, “I believe in early risin' for some folks. I allers gets up nigh to daylight, summer and winter, cause I've got a heap to do durin' of the day, and I hain't no sympathy with them fashionable people who thinks that nine o'clock breakfasts is the proper thing for em, and looks on persons which takes their cod-fish by gas-light as beneath notis, and quite out of the pale on society.”

“It's a fact,” said Mrs. Slick, “not one man in fifty dare say what he really thinks. They are waitin' to see what is public opinion, and then when they knows it, they are very bold, and says ‘I told you so.’ I tell you one man as knows his mind is a jewel, and ought to be set right away. As the parson says, ‘morrel cowherdics am the curse of this age,’ and it's plain that the parson ain't out neether.”

“I like pride,” said Mrs. Slick “that's founded on reason, but some kinds of pride is simply ridic'us. Now there's birth pride, that is family pride, why some people seem to live on it, tho' they don't thrive on it, that's a fact. Just as if we hadn't all a common ancestor, and, for ought any of us know, may have a common posterity. Common both ways, yet this family turns up its nose at mechanics, and that family refuses soshability with tradesmen. Its all fudge, I tell you, birth and money ought to be discounted, and people should look to brains, culture and skill as the true test of aristocracy.”

Above all things do not bribe a child. Teach him to be good, because “right is right,” and not from a mercenary motive. Teach him to be unselfish, too. Self sacrificing people are in such a small minority nowadays, that if we do not train the rising generation with some idea of Self-forgetfulness, thought for others will be nowhere in a few years. True character is shown more clearly by a child's behavior to his inferiors than by anything else. A child who is haughty and overbearing to servants will usually grow up narrow minded, selfish and vain; while he who is gentle and considerate for them will surely turn out lovable and worthy of respect.

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Truro, N. S., Dec. 20, 1888.

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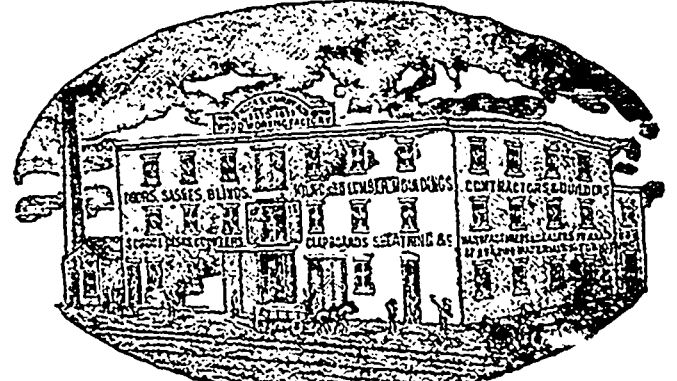
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