

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE RING OF POWER.

'Twas sung of old in hut and hall  
How once a king in evil hour  
Hung musing o'er his castle wall,  
And lost in idle dreams, let fall  
Into the sea his ring of power.

Then, let him sorrow as he might,  
And pledge his daughter and his throne  
To who restored the jewel bright,  
The broken spell would ne'er unite;  
The grim old ocean held its own.

Those awful powers on man that wait,  
On man, the beggar or the king,  
To hovel bare or hall of state  
A magic ring that masters fate  
With each succeeding birthday bring.

Therein are set four jewels rare;  
Pearl winter, summer's ruby blaze,  
Spring's emerald, and, than all more fair,  
Fall's pensive opal, doomed to bear  
A heart of fire bedreamed with haze.

To him the simple spell who knows  
The spirits of the ring to sway,  
Fresh power with every sunrise flows,  
And royal pursuivants are those  
That fly his mandates to obey.

But he that with a slackened will  
Dreams of things past or things to be,  
From him the charm is slipping still,  
And drops, ere he suspect the ill,  
Into the inexorable sea.

—James Russell Lowell.

A cold is a good deal like a horse car. A man can always catch one when he doesn't want it.

Lady doctor (young and fair)—"Please turn your head a little." Masculine patient—"Ah! dear, you have already turned it."

"What a wonderful age of invention it is," said Mrs. Peterson, "I see they are now making wire cloth, and I'll have some this very week to put a seat in Johnny's every-day pants."

It is said that Sarah Bernhardt is going to marry again. The name of her future spouse is not given. There are some men in this world who seem not to know the name of fear.

A shot from the old-fashioned sixty-eight smooth-bore cost about \$1.80. A shot from a modern 110 ton-gun costs \$1,200. But so long as the people pay for the shot nobody seems to care.

A BRIDAL TOUR.—Neighbor—"I hear your master has married again and is taking a bridal tour." Daddy Mose—"Don't know 'bout him takin' a bridlo to 'dis 'un, boss, but he did tek a paddlo to his first wife, shure."

The Rev. Dr. Talmage was six weeks in the Holy Land without seeing a newspaper. How an American could exist six weeks in ignorance of the fact that Fogarty had signed with the Brotherhood is difficult to understand.

Home from the club he comes, the hour is late,  
He finds his wife awaiting, stern as fate.  
How true to him the poet's words appear:  
"From gay to grave, from lively to severa."

Paddy is often poetically polite. On picking up and returning a lady's parasol, which had been blown out of her hand, a gallant Irishman said, "Faith, miss, an' if ye was as strong as yer handsome, a hurricane couldn't have snatched it from ye."

Minnie—"I wonder what ever became of Jennie Smart, who took first prize in our graduating class?" Mamie—"Why, don't you know? She wrote an article on 'The Degradation of American Womanhood,' got \$1,000 for it from a magazine, went into Wall street, made a fortune, and went to Europe and bought one of the sweetest little princes you ever saw!"

The origin of the word sterling is very curious. Among the early minters of coin in northern Europe were the dwellers of eastern Germany. They were so skilful in their calling that numbers of them were invited to England to manufacture the metal money of the kingdom. These strangers were known as "Easterlings." After a time the word became "sterling," and in this abbreviated form it has come to imply what is genuine in money, plate or character.

Somebody writes a word of advice to young American women, which is that if they want to attract Englishmen they must not be athletic and rosy cheeked, that Englishmen are so much that way themselves that they like fragile, clinging creatures with pale cheeks, who turn the scale at a hundred and ten pounds. Don't believe it, girls. Neither Englishmen nor Americans, nor the men of any nation, love you because you are tall or short, fat or thin, pale or rosy. They love you, if love is the question, because you are just what you are.

CONSUMPTION CURED.—An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 820 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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