

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

LOVE AND A GAS BILL.

The nights are longer growing,
For wintry days are near,
And soon the firelight's glowing
We'll value something dear.
Alas! 'Mid all things sweeter
A certain ill doth lurk:
Too well we know the meter
Is getting in its work.

Ah! while John Henry lingers
Beside the parlor grate,
And holds Sue's taper fingers,
Unthinking it is late,
Sue's father hears the ticking—
Ill-omened notes of woe—
The meter's steady clicking,
That comes up from below.

Thus doth the pair, caressing,
Forgot all else but love,
Nor think how they're distressing,
The she, one flight above:
Thus on, the parent worries,
While pallid grows his face;
Thus on the meter hurries,
Its record breaking race.

Sometimes there is a good deal of pride in telling how big a sinner you used to be.

Found in an album: "If one had to pay to get into life how many would want their money back on leaving it!"

DRY GOODS GENIUS—How shall I mark these goods?
Old Tapeyard.—Just figure out fifty per cent profit and add seven odd cents, so the women will think it's a bargain.

HAD HIS REASON.—Mrs. Dix.—I am ashamed of you, Ephraim, to dust the chair you sat on at Mrs. Houshaw's. I saw her little boy watching you.
Dix.—I saw him, too. I'm too old a fish to be caught on a bent pin.

She won high honors in rhetoric,
And said that she liked to hear
Choice speech and fit expressions,
Thoughts well defined and clear.

She went to the beach that summer,
(The scene to her was new),
And watched the mighty ocean
Uprear its waters blue.

The fair young rhetorician
Before such power was mute;
At length she said, in rapture,
"Oh, isn't the ocean cute?"

IN DUBLIN.—Londoner.—I think it strange you Dubliners never turn to look after a pretty woman in the street, as most men do.

Dubliner.—We do not need to. There is always another pretty woman just coming up.

KEEP THE LOAFERS OFF.—Farmer Sassafras.—What are you putting a barbed wire fence around your farm for? Isn't it awful expensive?

Farmer Meyergras.—Yes, the fence costs a heap of money but the hired man don't fool away any time sittin' on it.

TWO KINDS.

O her eyes, her beautiful eyes,
How they melt when she sobs or cries;
How they droop
When she blushes,
How they flash

When she crushes,
The love she's compelled to disguise.
O her it's her beautiful it's,
Who can tell them apart, though he tries,
From her m's
Or her e's,
N's or u's

As you please.
In her letters? I offer a prize.

First Business Man.—Well, how do you like living at the beach?

Second Business Man.—Where?

First Business Man.—At the beach; aren't you living there?

Second Business Man.—O no, my family are living at the beach;—I am living on the cars.

Mr. Huckleberry.—No one admires me.

Miss Wallflower.—No one admires me, either.

Mr. Huckleberry.—We had better organize a mutual admiration society.

I admire your eyes. What do you admire about me?

Miss Wallflower.—Your good taste.

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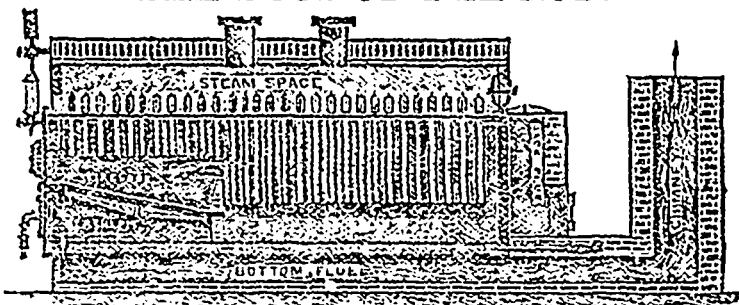
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