

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Not to enjoy life, but to employ life, ought to be our aim and inspiration.—*Macduff.*

Keep the home near heaven. Let it face towards the Father's house.—*John Hamilton.*

The best way for a man to get out of a lowly position is to be conspicuously effective in it.

Did you ever meet a red-headed person who knew exactly where auburn left off and scarlet began?

Getting up in the morning is like getting up in the world. You cannot do either without more or less self-denial.

Cutting off a hen's head will make her a chicken. There is no other way to account for the fact that broiled hens are never found on restaurant bill of fare.

It takes sixteen days for a Laplander to marry the girl of his choice, but after he has got her the mother-in-law can approach his house only at the peril of her life.

An Illinois clergyman meets heart-broken girl on train, tells her there is a better land, supports her fainting form, helps her off at a small station, and finds his watch and \$200 gone.

"No, darling," said a Burlington mother to a sick child; the doctor says I mustn't read to you " "Then, mamma," begged the little one, won't you please read to yourself out loud?"

Why do ducks go below the water? for divers reasons. Why do they come up? for sun-dry reasons. Why do they go down? to liquidate their little bills. Why do they bob up serenely? to make a run upon the banks.

"Etiquette" writes to us to inquire if in our opinion it would be proper for him to support a young lady if she was taken with a faint—even if he hadn't been introduced. Proper, young man, certainly—prop her, by all means.

W. B. Richmond, the English artist, who is now in Berlin painting a portrait of Prince Bismarck, describes the Iron Chancellor as one of the best sitters in the world. Men and nations who have been sat upon by Bismarck will coincide with this opinion.

A minister overtook a Quaker lady, and politely assisted her in opening a gate. As she was a comparative stranger in town, he said: "You don't know, perhaps, that I am Mr.—. Haven't you heard me preach?" "I have heard thee try," was the quick rejoinder.

In Germany and Switzerland, it is stated, the principals of all schools are required to dismiss their pupils at noon every day on which the thermometer at 10 a. m. registers 77 degrees. If that plan were introduced here and the thermometer placed within reach of the ingenious boy of the period, there would be frequent holidays.

An Irish glazier was putting a pane of glass into a window, when a groom who was standing by began to joke him, telling him to mind and put in plenty of putty. The Irishman bore the banter for some time, but at last silenced his tormentor with: Arrah, now, be off wid yo, or else I'll put a pain in yor head widout any putty.

Three Frenchmen who were studying a volume of Shakespeare in their native language, endeavored to translate into English the well known opening to Hamlet's soliloquy, "To be, or not to be." The following was the result:

First Frenchman: "To was, or not to am."
Second ditto: "To were, or is to not." Third ditto: "To should or not to will."

It was Shelly who said, more than half a century ago that fraud was taking the place of force in oppressing humanity. The transition appears to have reached its completion in this age. Money that was wrung from the people of old by governmental tyranny is now taken from them by trickery and corruption. We fancy we have indicated the principle of no taxation without representation, and yet irresponsible schemers control the governing power, and turn the stream of looted tribute into their own pockets. The people are taxed by the modern oppressors and stultified besides. The old ones did not deceive, at least.

Miss Maria Mitchell, who has held the position of Professor of Astronomy at Vassar ever since its establishment in 1865, has resigned that position in order to secure rest for a time. Miss Mitchell has reached the good age of seventy years, and for forty years or more has held a foremost place in astronomy. Her resignation has not been accepted by the Vassar Board, but has been laid on the table till the annual meeting in June. Meanwhile Miss Mitchell has been granted indefinite leave of absence, her salary continuing until June. It is believed that when the matter is brought before Board she will be made professor emeritus. Miss Mitchell is a woman of whom America may well be proud and Vassar will do well to honor her and continue her connection with the college.

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