

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

## THE RAINBOW.

My heart leaps up when I behold  
A rainbow in the sky;  
So was it when my life began;  
So is it now I am a man;  
So be it when I shall grow old,  
Or let me die!  
The child is father of the man;  
And I could wish my days to be  
Bound each to each by natural piety.

—William Wordsworth.

Jack Witherspoon.—“Why do you sing all the time?” Jim Westhall.  
—“To kill time.”—Jack Witherspoon.—“You have a good weapon.”

Harry.—“Bo-hoo! Bo-hoo. Freddy Jones keeps hitting me.” Nurse.  
—“An’ why don’t you hit him back?” Harry.—“I did hit him first and it didn’t do any good!”

A NEAT COMPLIMENT.—“Every time I see you,” said he, “your demeanor reminds me of a common exclamation of surprise.”

“What is that?”

“Goodness Gracious.”

“Quite a charming girl, that Miss Tillson,” remarked the young man who has written a book, in a patronizing tone. “She asked me if I wouldn’t put her into my next novel.” “Yes,” replied his hated rival, “that is quite like her.” “How do you mean?” “She never did care much for society, always seemed to prefer complete seclusion to anything else.

A dear old gentleman who is deeply interested in Sunday schools, and who never loses an opportunity to pray for them, recently embodied the following singular request in his petition at prayer meeting: “Dear Lord, bless the lambs of this fold, and make them meet for the kingdom of heaven.”

A MARVELLOUS CURE.—Doctor.—“It was the most difficult case I ever saw. I exhausted every resource on him, and at last I was successful with a very complicated system of injections of cocaine.”

Layman.—“But, doctor, he died.”

Doctor.—“I know very well he died, but he died cured.”

## GAY AUTUMN LEAVES.

O, the forest leaves are turning,  
’Neath the autumn sun’s bright rays,  
The Indian summer’s coming,  
And we wait for bracing days.  
The dude now shakes his blazer,  
Colored brighter than the sun.  
But as he takes it off for good  
Dame Nature puts hers on.

A lawyer tells the following story concerning a client, something of a nag in his way, with whom he had long kept an account. When the latter was finally made up, the bill, mostly for trifling services, covered several yards of foolscap, as the items enumerated the most minute details. When the client came around to settle, he refused to enter the office, but stood in the door, and, holding one end of the bill unrolled the voluminous document in the direction of his legal adviser, with the request that he receipt it. “Come in,” said the lawyer, in his most cordial tones. “Not much,” replied the client: “you’d charge me rent if I did.”

A SMALL EDITION.—The tot had fallen into the habit of talking like Father.—On Howard street, the other day, a benevolent old gentleman beheld a little 6-year-old girl walking gravely with a basket on her arm. Patting the chubby tot under her chin, he said:

“And where are you going my pretty maid?”

“Give thee good day, greybeard,” replied the midgot. “My father bade me to the shambles his for a fat haunch.”

“W-w-hat?” ejaculated the old party.

“Haply thou knowest him—the good man Skidmore?”

“No-o-o,” said the gentleman, much puzzled. “You’re a quaint little thing. Come with me and I’ll buy you some candy.”

“Alack, I am forbid to tarry, gentle sir. I need be blythe. Their patience stays upon my coming.”

“Good-bye, then,” said the old gentleman.

“Rest you, merry mast’r,” and dipping a little courtesy, the mite trotted off.

“Bless me, what an extraordinary child,” said the gentleman to a bystander.

“Oh! that’s nothing,” replied the other. “You see, she’s the daughter of the heavy tragedian at Morosco’s Theatre, and I suppose they talk so much of that kind of lingo in the family that it comes natural to her. Don’t hear anything else, you see.”

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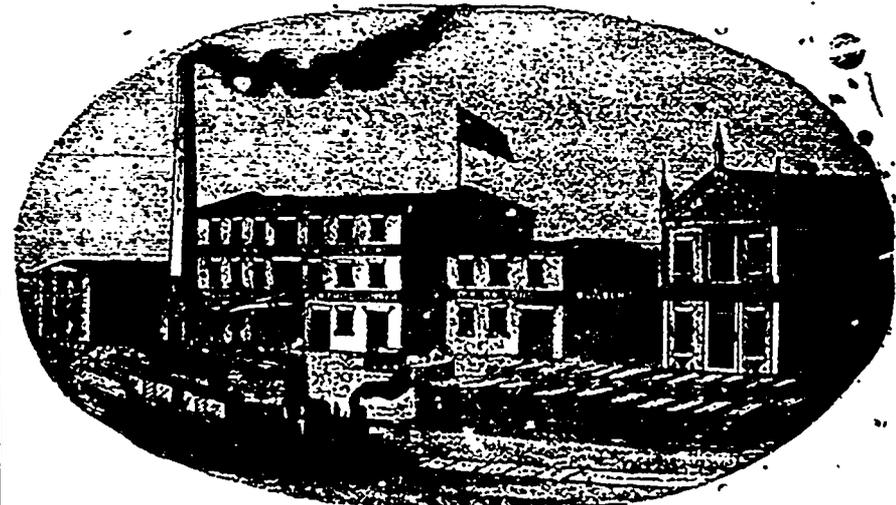
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