

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A CHRISTMAS CHIME.

At Christmas time, from clime to clime,
Each star to star doth sweetly chime
Till all the heavens are ringed with rhyme.

Then, loosed above, a note thereof
Flouts downward like a wandering dove,
And all the world is ringed with love.

—John B. Tabb, in *Christmas Ladies' Home Journal*.

The miller finds life to be one continual grind.

The tailor is a good fellow to have around—he can always make some fitting remarks.

"He pressed her to his breast and sighed," read the elocutionist; and the boy in the rear gallery brought down the house by yelling, "Which side?"

A MORNING CALL.—The Vicar—"And what's your name, my dear?" Child of the Period—"Well, you ought to know! You kvistoned me!"

ETHEL—"Don't you like these sofas that have just room enough for two?" Maud—"Yes, but I like those that have hardly room enough for two far better."

McAllister—"I noticed you kept your front blinds open all summer. Going out of society?" Smith—"No; but we concluded that all the people we really cared to have think us out of town were out of town themselves."

This is the way the great beast of Africa goes to his extinction: An ordinary elephant produces 120 pounds of ivory, worth \$300. England consumes 650 tons, for which it is necessary to kill 12,000 elephants a year.

Singleton—"It's a wonder to me that more women are not robbed, when they carry their purses so openly in their hands." Doubleday—"If you were married and knew what they carry in those purses you would not make such a remark."

Mr. Tangle—"Maria, I'm going to make it warm for you." Mrs. Tangle—"You are a perfect brute! I shall go right back to mother's—" Mr. Tangle—"Now don't be too hasty, my dear. I'm going to buy you a sealakin sacque."

"Mr. Holm," her mother remarked to him at the door when she let him in the next evening, "did you notice the hour you left here last night? Mamie says she didn't." "I'm sure I didn't know. I was as much in the dark as she was."

"What kind of ice cream will you have, dear?" enquired the hostess. The little Boston maiden wiped her glasses thoughtfully. "I will take vanilla ice cream, if you please," she replied. "Vanilla, if I have been correctly informed, is extracted from a bean."

Considerate.—Ford Husband—"But, Bossie, that cloak you have on is the very one I would not get you because it was so expensive!" Wife—"Yes, John, dear; but I bought it afterwards because I could not bear to think how you would reproach yourself for your obstinacy in not getting it for me."

A curious fact is noticed in connection with the formation of barnacles on ships' bottoms. In the majority of cases there is a much heavier growth of grass and barnacles on one side than on the other, and in numerous instances one side will be almost free from marine growths while the other is as foul as possible.

A neat application of electricity to domestic uses is a miniature pumping plant. With the use of no more current than suffices for a couple of incandescent lamps, it will pump one hundred gallons an hour or so, and keep the house tank full, without a particle of attention. These little electrical devices to lighten labor in the household are particularly commendable, and as the electrical light and power becomes more widely available, will doubtless increase in number and utility.

How to Preserve Youthful Looks.—Decide in your own mind that you are and will be young. Forget, if possible, your actual age. Cultivate the love of variety and the habit of enjoyment and of good humor, regarding irritability as a disease to be speedily cured. As special aids to comeliness she commands brown bread, vegetables and fruit for clearing the complexion, sleeping in an airy room for brightening the eyes, walking much in the open air, with cheerful companions, not before breakfast; and above all following the water-bath with a bath of sunshine, as a means of renewed vitality, elasticity, and beauty. She tells us that the mouth is the feature most under our control, and that its expression is refined and beautified by amiable sentiments of the heart, of which indeed we have no manner of doubt.

THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

Wilkins and Watkins were college chums and close friends. They had been hard students and had taken little out-door exercise. When they shook hands and said good-bye at the end of their college career, they were in impaired health. Both had dyspepsia, liver trouble, and troublesome coughs.

Wilkins had plenty of money, and decided to travel for his health. Watkins was poor. "I must go to work for my living," said he, "but I'll try the remedy that Robinson talks so much about—Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

In less than two years, Wilkins came home in his coffin. Watkins, now in the prime of life, is a bank president, rich and respected, and weighs 200 pounds. "The 'Golden Medical Discovery' saved my life at a critical time," he often says. "Oh, if poor Wilkins had only tried it!" For weak lungs, spitting of blood, all lingering coughs, and consumption in its early stages, it is an unequalled remedy.

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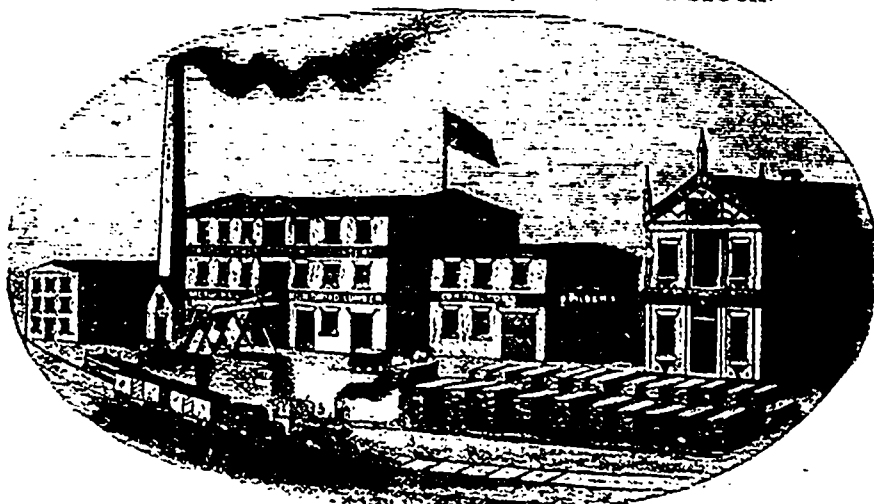
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