

CHUCKLES.

When is a boat like a heap of snow?—When it is a-drift.

The royal family always wears its trousers turned up at the bottom, because it is reigning in England.—*Life*.

A critic, in noticing a discourse on "The Sayings and Doings of Great Men," remarks, "It is sad to observe how much they said and how little they did."

A certain journal mentions James Clarke and his wife, who were "born, died, and buried on the same day." He and his wife must have been awfully young.

Swift said the reason a certain university was a learned place, was, that most persons took some learning there, and few brought any away with them, so it accumulated.

NAIVETE.—"Is that your offspring, madam?" asked a judge of a woman on the witness stand, who was holding a boy by the hand. "No, judge; this is my oldest son," she innocently replied.

A good collector must be patient as a post, cheerful as a duck, accessible as a flea, bold as a lion, cunning as a fox, weather proof as rubber, and as watchful as a sparrow hawk.—*Americus (Ga) Recorder*.

"What's the matter, Uncle Rastus?" he asked facetiously as the old man came limping in, "got the gout?"

"No, sah, Ise got de bill fo' dat whitewashin' what I did fo' yer las' yeah."—*Life*.

Magistrate: "You say you are not a vagrant?" Prisoner: "No, your honor." Magistrate: "Did any motive bring you to the city?" Prisoner: "Yes, your honor." Magistrate: "What?" Prisoner: "Loco-motive." Magistrate: "Thirty days."

Visitor (regarding the baby)—Oh, what a dear little duck of a child! He resembles you both, indeed he does. He's got his mother's handsome eyes and his father's hair. Father (who is baldheaded)—I think he must have; I haven't.

Lord Loughborough rallying a physician one day on the inefficiency of his prescriptions, the doctor said he defied any of his patients to find fault with him. "That," answered the witty Lord, "is exactly what the hangman says."

A judge, in remanding a prisoner, called him a scoundrel. The prisoner replied: "I am not as big a scoundrel as your honor"—here the culprit stopped, but finally added, "takes me to be." "Put your words closer together," said the judge.

A correspondent tells an admirable story of a German general who, on inspecting his troops at the close of the war, addressed them thus: "Now, my children, we can once more get seriously to work. The pastime of war is at an end, and drill must go on regularly as heretofore."

The egotism of the American military writer has been neatly satirized in the *Brooklyn Eagle* in an anecdote short enough to quote:—"Oh," said the proprietor of a type foundry to his foreman, as he opened and read another of the letters received by the morning mail, 'there is an order for three tons of capital "P's" from the *Epoch Magazine* people.' 'What's up now, then,' rejoined the foreman, 'a new fishing story?' 'Oh, no,' was the reply, 'it's another article on the Battle of Shiloh by an officer who was in command of the field!'

"Is there a gentleman from Georgia in this car?" asked a stranger, thrusting his head through the doorway while the engine was taking on water at the tank.

"I am from Georgia," replied a deep bass voice in the rear.

"Then will you be kind enough to lend me your corkscrew?" There was a roar of laughter and a tinkle of chestnut gongs, through which the deep bass voice rose again:

"Why, certainly! But will you please state first where you are from?"

"Connecticut, sir!"

"Connecticut? Then you must excuse me, I would never see my corkscrew again." This time the roar of laughter was not accompanied by the voice of the chestnut gong. And the deep bass villian, thrusting the cork jorker into his boot top, doubled his legs up under him and sat down with his hand on his hip pocket.

Once at a little dinner party, one of the guests, the younger brother of an English nobleman, expressed with commendable freedom his opinion of this country and its people. "I do not altogether like the country," said the young gentleman, "for one reason, because you have no gentry here." "What do you mean by gentry?" asked another of the company. "Well, you know," replied the Englishman; "well—oh, gentry are those who never do any work themselves, and whose fathers before them never did any." "Ah!" exclaimed his interlocutor, "then we have plenty of gentry in America. But we don't call them gentry. We call them tramps." A laugh went round the table, and the young Englishman turned his conversation into another channel.

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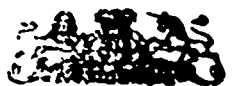
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