

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Question. The rain is dripping from the leads,
Cold, cold and dreary,
And the summer flowers in the garden beds
All hang their heads aweary,
Winter is coming on a main,—
Shall we ever see those days again
When one heart beat between us twain,

Answer. Ever?
Never.

Question. "Ever" is a long, long time,
But not so long as "Never,"
For the vows we made in our summer prime
Were to last for ever and ever.
But they have not worn a year and a day;
Alas their memory! will it stay
How long time? nor pass never away,

Answer. Never?
Ever, for ever. —J. H. Duvar.

Got it Right.—First 'Arry: "Why's 'e called Boolonjer?" Second Arry (from Parry). "Why? 'cos 'e was born at Boolong."—Punch.

The meaning of "Oklahoma" in Indian tongue is "Beautiful Land." In the English language it signifies "A Stampede of Idiots." You pays your money and takes your choice.

FINDING HIS LEVEL.—'Enery (to Chorlay): "That's wot I say. A gentleman's a gentleman wherever 'e is. Now, I feel just as much as 'ome talkin' to a costermonger as I do to a lord."—Fun.

"In what condition was the Patriarch Job at the end of his life?" asked a Camden Sunday school teacher of a quiet-looking boy at the foot of the class. "Dead," calmly replied the quiet-looking boy.

"What are you going to do, my dear Sue," asked Gracie, "if you recover the twenty thousand in your breach of promise suit?" "I guess," replied her friend, "the best thing I can do is to try and marry my lawyer." "Why?" "Because he is to have half I get, and it would be an awful lot of money to let out of one's hands."

A SAD CASE.—Doctor—My poor man! You seem to be in a sad condition, indeed. What is your trouble?

Cadaverous individual—Difficulty in swallowing.

Doctor—Does it seem to be due to the inaction of the throat?

Cadaverous individual—No; it's due to not ha ving anything to swallow.

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Prince Waldemar and Princess Marie, of Denmark, are fine skaters, and it is told that one afternoon, after a long run across the ice, they sat down to rest on a log. While there they noticed a little boy who was vainly trying to put his skates on. On seeing the royal couple the lad took off his hat and said:—"Oh, dear Princess Marie, can you not help me to put my skates on?" The royal lady smiled, knelt down on the ice and firmly fastened the straps round the boy's ankles.

Granger—Doc, there must be suthin' left whar ye pulled that tooth for me last week. It's ached ever sence.

Dentist (examining the mouth)—Nothing there, sir, but a vacuum.

How big?

Why, about the size of a tooth, of course.

Wal, yank her out, Doc. I knowed suthin' was wrong. I've heard that nacher abhors a vaceyum, an' I don't blame 'er, 'f she ever got one stuck inter 'er jaw.

Which Was Right?—At the late election on the prohibitory amendment, a Chelsea man on going to the polls was confronted by a lady who said to him: "Young man, are you married?" "Yes, madam." "Have you a family?" "Yes, madam." "Then take this Yes ballot and cast it, and you will find it all the better for your family and your home." "Madam," said the young man, "are you married?" "Yes, sir." "Have you a family?" "Yes, sir." "Then give those ballots to some man and go home and attend to your family, and it will be all the better for everybody."

The London Times was hoaxed a century ago nearly as badly as in the present instance by a clover gang of forgers, who got up a bogus edition of the French paper *L'Eclair*, at that time recognized as an authority upon matters of international news. The paper contained what purported to be the text of a treaty of peace between the French Republic and the Emperor of Austria. A copy was got into the hands of the correspondent of the Times at Dover, and from him went to London, where the alleged treaty was published in the Times, and was such good and unexpected news that the stock market went up with a rush. It was several days before it was discovered that the paper was a forged edition, and had been got up by London speculators to bring about a boom in stocks.

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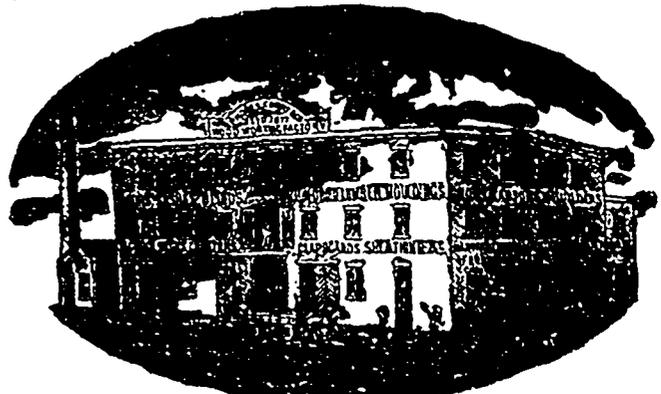
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