

## CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

## SLUMBER SONG.

The mill goes tolling slowly round,  
With steady and solemn creak,  
And my little one hears in the kindly sound  
The voice of the old mill speak;  
While round and round those big white wings  
Grinly and ghostlike creep,  
My little one hears that the old mill sings  
"Sleep, little tulip, sleep."

Shaggy old Fritz, in slumber sound,  
Moans of the stony mart;  
To-morrow how proudly he'll trot you around  
Hitched to our new milk cart!  
And you shall help me blanket the kine,  
And fold the gentle sheep,  
And set the herring a-soak in brine;  
But now, little tulip, sleep!

A Dream-One comes to button the eyes  
That wearily droop and blink,  
While the old mill buffets the frowning skies  
And scolds at the stars that wink.  
Over your face the misty wings  
Of that beautiful Dream-One sweep,  
And rocking your cradle, she softly sings:—  
"Sleep, little tulip, sleep!"

--Eugene Field.

In Greek mythology it is Pallas Athene who embodies wisdom. The muses are women. From whom else should come lectures? Greek oracles proceeded from the lips of women. No man ever sat upon the Pythia's tripod.

A TRANSITORY SACRIFICE.—Pennoyer—Merritt gave up drinking, smoking and gambling for that girl of his.

Prettiwit—Only for a time, though. He's going to marry her next month.

A TELLING COMPLIMENT.—DeGarry—"Why were you so particular to praise her new hat?"

Merritt—"I learned from her little brother that she had trimmed it herself."

MET DEATH CALMLY.—Brown—Yes, he was a brave man—one who could meet death without blanching.

Fogg—I see; the gentleman was in the undertaking profession, I presume; or was he only a doctor?

ON A REGULAR TEAR.—"Charley's on a regular tear to-day," said one dry goods clerk to another.

"You don't mean it!"

"Yes; he's lost his scissors, you know."

CITIZENS ONLY.—The desirability of care in expression can hardly be too forcibly impressed upon those who write advertisements, circulars, and public announcements of all sorts, says the *Youth's Companion*.

A very peculiar effect was produced by the following announcement, contained in the advertisements of a county fair:

"Among other attractive features of this great fair there will be highly amusing donkey races and pig races.

Competitions in these two contests open to citizens of the county only!"

## HE KNEW HER.

A Boston maiden died one day  
And mounted up on high;  
She knocked upon the pearly gates  
And murmured, "It is I.  
I've just got in from Boston town."  
St. Peter cried in glee:  
"I know you have, or else you'd stand  
And hallo, 'It is me.'"

A SOFT ANSWER.—She—I thought I married the best man in town, but I find I made a mistake.

He—I thought I married the best little girl in town, and I find that I was mistaken.

She—Forgive me, Charlie—you know that I don't always mean what I say.

He (sotto voce)—Neither do I.

DOUBLY DEFINED.—What is a "running account?" Pa says it's an account merchants have to keep of their customers that are in the habit of running away from paying their bills.

Uncle—That's one definition of it.

Tommy—Is there another?

Uncle—Yes. A running account is, in some instances, an account that gets tired out running after awhile and then it becomes a standing obligation.

## OLD NURSERY FAVORITES.

There was Tom, the Son of the Piper,  
Jack Sprat, and Merry King Cole,  
And the Three Wise Men of Gotham,  
Who went to sea in a bowl;  
The woman who rode on a broomstick,  
And swept the cobwebbed sky,  
And the boy who sat in the corner,  
Eating his Christmas pie.

These were some of the old favorites, but they have been supplanted by the "Pansy" and "Chatterbox" stories, "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and "Five Little Peppers." The old-fashioned pills and physics have been superseded, and wisely, too, by Pierce's Purgative Pellets, a mild, harmless and effective cathartic. They are harmless to take—so gentle in their action that the most delicate child can take them, yet so effective that they will cure the most obstinate cases of constipation, stomach, liver and bowel troubles. They should be in every nursery. As a gentle laxative, only one for a dose.

## VERY MANY SUCH.



**RHEUMATISM.**—COL. DAVID WYLIE, Brockville, Ont., says: "I suffered intensely with rheumatism in my ankles. Could not stand; rubbed them with St. Jacobs Oil. In the morning I walked without pain."

**NEURALGIA.**—MR. JAMES BONNER, 158 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., writes: "St. Jacobs Oil is the only remedy that relieved me of neuralgia, and it effectually cured me."

**BACKACHE.**—"I can highly recommend St. Jacobs Oil as being the best medicine in existence; it promptly cured me of severe lumbago." G. N. BOYER, Carleton, Quebec.

**SPRAINS.**—"My mother received a very severe sprain and bruise by falling down stairs. St. Jacobs Oil cured her in a couple of days." R. BURNAND, 127 Tecumseth St., Toronto, Ont.

**BRUISES.**—MR. AITCHISON, Hamilton, Ont., Fire Department, says he met with a serious accident and his back and shoulders were terribly bruised, but by the use of St. Jacobs Oil he was completely restored.



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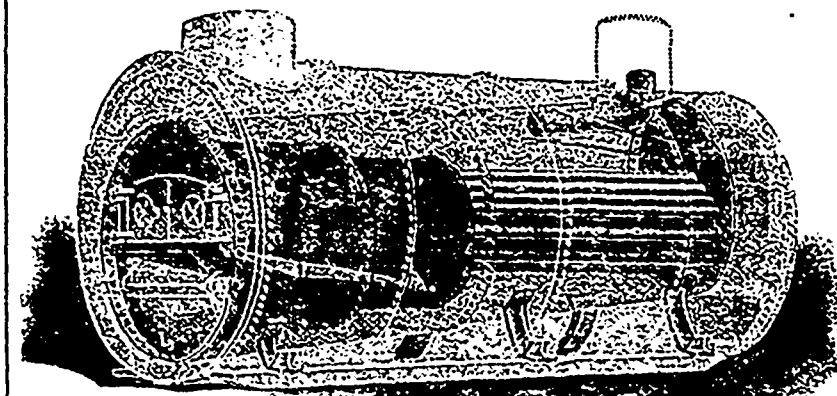
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