

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

PRESS ON.

By thine own soul's law learn to live.
And if men thwart thee, take no heed,
And if men hate thee, have no care—
Sing thou thy song and do thy deed;
Hope thou thy hope and pray thy prayer,
And claim no crown they will not give
Nor bays they grudge thee for thy hair.

—Dunne.

A boy whose leg was repaired in New York by grafting some skin from a dog, complains now that his shin barks easily.

Cannibalism is on the increase in Washington. An advertisement in one of the papers reads:—"Wanted a white girl for cooking."

It is easy enough to find friends who will advance theories or opinions, but when it comes to advancing money—that kind is scarce.

"Mr. Tawker is a brilliant controversialist." "He is an intolerant bigot." "You think so?" "Of course I do. He never agrees with me in anything."

First Society Man—"A man might as well be dead as out of the fashion." Second Society Man (in high collar and regulation evening dress)—"Yes, and he might as well be dead as in it."

Mr. Pulliam (about to propose) "Miss Sanford, I am now going to say what I wanted to say an hour ago. Can you not guess from my eyes, what it is?" Miss Sanford—"Do you mean 'good night?' You look sleepy."

THE MYSTERY EXPLAINED.—Mrs. Nouwed: "Charley, love, why was a plain gold ring adopted as the symbol of marriage?" Charley: "Because by the time a fellow pays all the expenses incident to an average courtship he is not able to buy anything more elaborate."

GOOD ADVICE.—"I am on my way home, doctor," said a parsimonious city Alderman who was fond of getting advice gratis, meeting a well known physician in Pall Mall, "and I'm thoroughly tired and worn out. What ought I to take?"

"Take a cab" replied the intelligent medico.

PICTURE SUNDAY.—(What our artist has to put up with)—Fair damsel (to our artist, who is explaining the beauties of his picture): "Charming! Charming! But, oh, Mr. Fitz Madder, what a delightful room this would be for a dance, with the musicians in the gallery, and all the easels and pictures and things cleared away!"

Fred. Gebhard astonished a few friends some days ago by saying:—"If there is one thing I hate to see a girl do, it is for her to throw kisses." "Come, Gebhard, we don't believe that," said a listener, "unless you can give us a pretty good reason." "It is because the average girl is such a miserably bad shot," sadly remarked the handsome beau.

A CRISIS.—Sanzo—I suppose you have to put up with some very trying things on the stage sometimes?

Thespis—Yes, indeed.

Sanzo—What was the most trying experience you ever had?

Thespis—It was, beyond doubt, the time when I had to lie on the stage as dead, with my face towards the audience, and my nose itching.

ODD ADVERTISEMENTS.—A French paper contains the following advertisement:—"A governess—with diploma—would like to accompany a musical lady to the country and on the piano." Here is another:—"Wanted—A French nurse who loves children of three, five and eight years." And here is the queerest:—"Wanted—A professor to come twice a week to the house of a noble family, in order to reform the pronunciation of a parrot."—*New York Tribune*.

Colonel Tom Ochiltree and Maurice Barrymore recently had a passage at arms in the Hoffman House, and for a time the colonel held his own gallantly. But at last the rapid fire of raillery which Barrymore kept up proved too much for him and he retired from the field. Taking up his hat and holding it out to Barrymore, he cried:

"Kick it, Barry, kick it; I'm not in it."

"Then what's the use of kicking it?" enquired Barry blandly.

THE BAIT.

"What bait do you use," said a saint to the Devil,
"When you fish where the souls of men abound?"
"Well, for special tastes," said the King of Evil,
"Gold and fame are the best I've found."
"But for general use," asked the saint. "Ah, then,"
Said the Demon, "I angle for man, not men,
And a thing I hate
Is to change my bait.
So I fish with a woman the whole year round."

—John Boyle O'Reilly.

Talking of patent medicines—you know the old prejudice. And the doctors—some of them are between you and us. They would like you to think that what's cured thousands won't cure you. You'd believe in patent medicines if they didn't profess to cure everything—and so, between the experiments of doctors, and the experiments of patent medicines that are sold only because there's money in the "stuff," you lose faith in everything.

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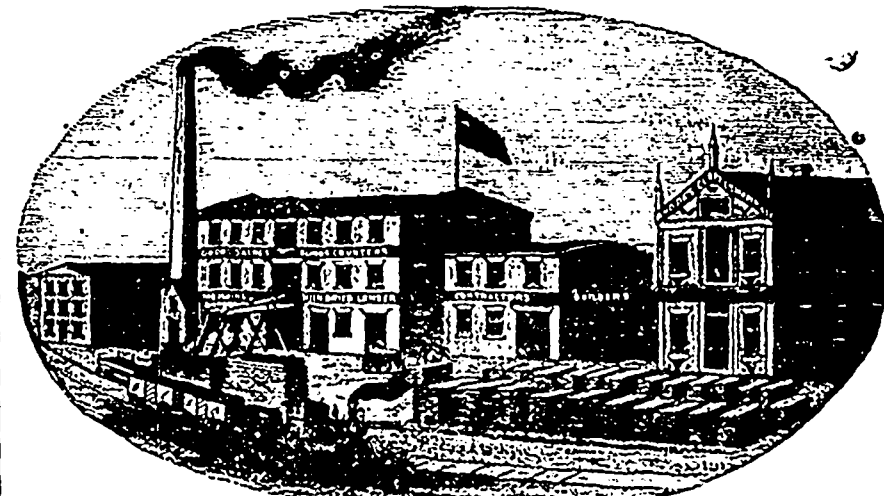
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