

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

WHY SONGS ARE SUNG.

'Tis not for honors he may win
The poet's songs are sung;
'Tis not for these he lets us in
To worlds he lives among.

No bay nor laurel would he wear;
But that for which he longs.
Is only that someone, somewhere,
May learn to love his songs.

"This," said the red-eyed cook, who was peeling an onion; "is wan o' thim concealed weepins."

Bayer—Is this suit all wool?

Mozinsky—I von't lie to you, mine frient, it is not; de buttons was made of silk.

"What are you doing?" asked the convict of the reporter who was writing up the penitentiary. "I'm taking notes." "Humph! That's what brought me here."

"There is one thing sure," said the editor, who was reading the new reporter's long article, "you are in no danger of being troubled by a short age in your accounts."

A NEW IDEA.—"They are going to be married? Why, I didn't know they were engaged." "Well, you see, there are so many engagements broken nowadays that they thought they wouldn't get engaged, just simply married."

Successful farmer (whose son has been in college): "What was all that howlin' you was doin' out in th' grove?" Cultured son. "I was merely showing Miss Brighteyes what a college yell is like." "Well, I swan! Colleges is some good, after all. I'm going into town to sell some truck to-morrow. You kin go along an' do the callin'."

A SIGIL.

Ah! very dear, indeed is she,
This maiden fair by me adored;—
But it is very plain to me
She's dearer than I can afford.

A GOOD TEAM.—Jackson—"If you fail in tailoring what will you do?" Jenkins—"I'll try to get Brown to give up the bakery business and go into partnership with me on editing a paper."

Jackson—"A fine pair of editors you would make."

Jenkins—"Well. I can use the shears and he can make good paste."

AN ADDITION TO THE POETS.

"Man wants but little here below,"
So Young and Goldsmith say.
But lovely woman wants it all,
And wants it right away.

Little Johnny—"Dogs don't need to bark 'cause any one can understand their bark." Visitor—"Can you?" Little Johnny—"Easy as rollin' off a log. When my dog is at the door and barks, that means he wants to get in; if he's inside the door and barks, that means he wants to get out." Visitor—"Humph! Suppose he's half inside and half outside and barks, what does that mean?" Little Johnny—"That means that there's a bigger dog than him in our yard."

THANKFUL FOR HOPE.

Dah's lots of holiday in me—
At least I hopes dar is,
Aldough de times could hah'dly be
Much wuss fur me an' I iz.

I neber was so pow'ful pore,
But I'll be thankful yit,
In pah't fur what I'se had, but more
Fur what I hopes ter git.

One of the homeliest men in Detroit has a beautiful little girl about five years old. The other day she was sitting on his lap with a handglass before her. She looked at her father a moment, then looked at herself and turned to her mother: "Mamma," she inquired, "did God make me?" "Yes, daughter." "Did he make papa, too?" "Yes." Then she took another look in the glass at herself. "Well," she said thoughtfully; "he's doing a good deal better work lately, isn't he?"

WHAT HE GOT.—Guest—Got any good roast beef?

Waiter—Yes sir.

Guest—Bring me one of your best cuts. I want it tender, juicy, not too well done, not raw, and with very little gravy. Have the fat and lean about equally divided, and be particular not to cut the slice thick, and don't forget the horse-radish. Can you remember all that?

Waiter—Yes, sir. (Loudly.) Roast beef, one.

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