

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

QUESTIONINGS.

I met a little cottage girl
Eighteen years old, who said,
Her brain was tired with the whirl
Of questions in her head.
She asked me, "What's an optimist?"
"Good luck made flesh!" I cried.
"And what then is a pessimist?"
"Bad luck personified!"

With that she asked me to explain
A Christian Scientist.
Said I, "He's one who cures a pain
That doesn't quite exist."

"And what is an agnostic, pray?"
"Sweetheart, I do not know."
She turned her pretty head away—
"To Vassar I must go!"

"Please don't, until you've answered me
One question—you've asked four:
My little wife, dear, will you be
I ask for love, not lore!"

Five years ago to-night, my eyes:
I hear a sweet voice croon
A lullaby, while Tommy cries,
"But what is in the moon?"

Weary Watkins—If you had a hundred dollar bill what would you get first? Hungry Higgins—arrested, I guess.

Benefits of Rising Early.—The benefits of early rising are never more startling shown than when a man sits down on a tack.

It is wrong for a girl to go to the matrimonial altar and promise to "love, honor, and begay," instead of the thing she really ought to say.

As From a Dream.—Mrs. Younglove—Algernon, I should like a Queen Anne cottage. Mr. Younglove—I know it, dear, but I'm afraid you'll have to content yourself with a Maggie Murphy flat.

Never Knew He Was So Good.—St. Peter—Say, what's the matter with that wraith from Massachusetts? I just let him in, and he has grown so stuck up that he won't speak to me. Familiar Shade—Oh, he has been down to the earth on a short visit and read the inscription on his tombstone!

Some time ago London *Tid-Bits* offered a 2-guinea prize for the best definition of a kiss. Among the 7,000 answers received were the following: A report at headquarters. Contraction of the mouth due to enlargement of the heart. An article that is always accepted, and (im) printed, but not always published.

After the Refusal.—He (bitterly)—You are utterly heartless! I might possibly imagine you engaged, but not by any possibility in love. She—Really? How curious! Now, do you know, I can easily imagine your being in love, but in the wildest stretch of fancy I cannot imagine your being engaged.

His Useful Experience.—A tramp applied to a lady for work and was given some carpets to beat. He did the job so well that she commended him for it. "You must have beaten carpets frequently to be such an expert," she said. "Never beat a carpet before in my life, lady. I've allus teached school," he answered promptly.

The instinctive fear which cats have of dogs is illustrated very amusingly by stroking a dog and then caressing a blind and new-born kitten with the same hand that has touched the dog. At once the kitten will spit and fluff itself up in the most absurd way, distinguishing the smell of the beast which experience for thousands of generations has taught it most to dread.

A Boss Snake Story.—A farmer of A——county says he has a snake which swallowed an eight day clock in August, 1887. Until the clock run down it struck regular and its ticking could be heard. A short time ago the farmer found some eggs which had been deposited in a hole by the reptile, and on breaking them open found that they each contained an open faced watch in first class running order. He sold the watches at a big profit and he has given the snake a post auger in the hope that it will produce sufficient corkscrews to enable him to start a wholesale drug store.

Utilizing Fat Men.—Going up in the train the other day a girl was overheard to say:—"The first thing to do is to pick out a good fat man. It sounded cannibalistic, and someone listened. "Then stay close to him," she continued; "he will make his way through the crowd, and you slip along before they can close in behind him, and you can always get out safely, even at Fifty-ninth street." After a pause she continued:—"And nice, fat men always take me across the street; they don't always know it, but that does not matter. I follow them as closely as possible and never get run over. The drivers pull up and swear at them, and in the meantime I reach the sidewalk."

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SCIATICA.—Grenada, Kans., 17 S. V. Ave. 8, 1888. "I suffered eight years with sciatica; used five bottles of St. Jacobs Oil and was permanently cured."

STRAIN.—Mr. M. PRICE, 14 Tabernacle Square, E. C., London, Eng., says: "I strained my wrist and the severe pain pinned like a mug to St. Jacobs Oil."

LAMEBACK.—Mrs. J. HINGLAND, Kincaid St., Brockville, Ont., writes: "I was confined to bed by severe lumbago. A part of a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil enabled me to go about in a day."



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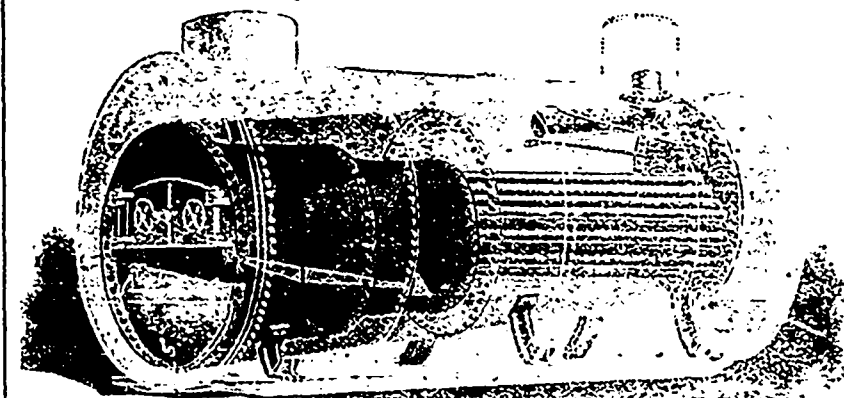
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