

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

KEEPING COMPANY.

Sweet homely phrase so often spoken
Among the kinder country folk,
Whom youthful love they strive to see
"These two are 'keeping company,'"
In fuller and in higher sense
Through years of rich experience,
Dear love 'tis true of you and me—
We've kept each other company.
In joy we've sought each other's eyes
To share the gladness and surprise;
In pain, life's utmost test of ill,
Our hearts have clung together still.
In absence—word with anguish fraught—
We have kept company in thought,
And learned that leagues of distance may
Serve but to spur love on its way.
In death—I pause with bated breath
Before the mystery of death.
Yet love is great! I seem to know
That where thou goest I will go;
And in God's great eternity
Our souls shall still keep company.

Mamma—And how did my little pet get to sleep last night without mamma?

Little Pet—Papa tried to sing to me like you do, an' I hurried up an' went to sleep so's not to hear it.

Amy—So you accepted Mr. Thorpley last night? I thought you told me you didn't care for him!

Maudie—What was I to do? He was putting on my skates, and had fixed one all right, when he proposed. I had either to accept or fall down.

Hattie (at the play)—"I see three days go by between the first and second acts."

Uncle Clover—"Groat Scott, Hattie! I thought it wouldn't be more 'an one night. I'll have to go home an' do the milkin' in the mornin' an' come back."

ONE LITTLE WORD.

"One little word," he pleaded,
"Ore that will move me, pet,"
His tender request she heeded
By softly murmuring—"Get it!"

THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE.—"Why, the parlor is quite dark!" said Mrs. Bunting, as she entered the room where her daughter and young Mr. Sparks were sitting.

"Yes, mamma, but I am going to play some light music," replied Miss Bunting, as she left the sofa and scurried toward the piano.

Little Ethel—And cousin Mary is married? I did not know that she knew any gentlemen.

Little Ethel's Mamma—She must have known one at least, or she wouldn't have got married.

Little E.—Did you know papa before you were married to him, mamma?

Little E's Mamma (with a sigh)—I thought I did.

HER WEAKNESS—He (humbly, after being accepted)—I know I am not worthy of you. Tell me, my beautiful darling, what you saw in such a plain sort of fellow to—Do you know, I was dreadfully afraid you were going to refuse me!

She—I did intend to, but you know my weakness. I never could resist a bargain, and when you proposed you did look so awfully cheap! How could I let you go?

WOMAN'S SPHERE.

They talk about a woman's sphere,
As though it had a limit:
There's not a hundred dollar gown,
There's not a bargain store in town,
There's not a styic from any source,
There's not an action for divorce,
Without a woman in it.

THE SECRET OF FASCINATING—Fill your heart with good will to everybody, and then practice at all times the best manners you know, particularly at home. If you begin at home, this charming manner will, so to speak, get settled on you and never leave you. Be just as polite to your sister as to your best girl. Strive to gain the good will of mother, father, and brothers and sisters and children, exactly as you strive to gain good will abroad. There is no place for practicing manners like the home circle; no place where it will be so appreciated.

WOMEN LIKE PRAISE.—Jack—I'll tell you what's the matter, George. You don't praise your wife enough. Even if things don't go right, there's no use growling. Praise her efforts to please, whether they are successful or not. Women like praise, and lots of it.

George—All right. I'll remember it.

George (at dinner, same day)—My dear, this pie is just lovely! It's delicious! Ever so much better than those my mother used to make. She couldn't equal this pie if she tried a month.

George's Wife—Hub! You've made fun of every pie I ever made, and now—

George—But this is lovely.

George's Wife—That came from the baker's.

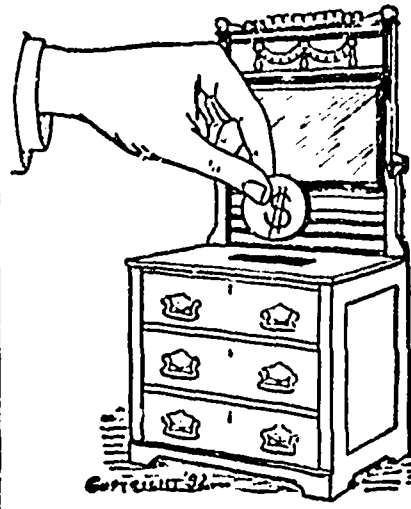
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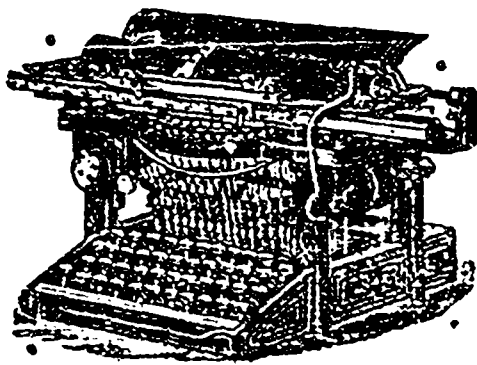
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