

## GIB-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

The man that moves every year ought to make a good chess-player.—*Puck.*

About 300 tons of coal per day are consumed on the *Umbria* during an Atlantic voyage.

When a cat gives an entertainment from the top of a wall, it is not the cat we object to, it's the waul.

Brown made a bet with Wagerly that he could cause nine out of every ten men who passed a certain building that day to touch the structure. Wagerly accepted the bet. Brown simply hung out the sign "Point."

A cotton manufacturer, who by accident got a cut across his nose, having no court plaster at hand, stuck on his unfortunate proboscis one of his gummed labels, on which was the usual intimation, "Warranted 350 yards long."

Old Lady—"I hope, sonny, that a nice looking little boy like you had nothing to do with tying the kettle to that poor little dog's tail!"

Sonny—"No, indeed, I did not, ma'am; but (rapturously) didn't he git over the groun' fast!"—*Epoch*

A Bro Lirr.—Deacon (to country minister)—"I s'pose, parson, that the advance in your salary from five to six hundred dollars will be a big help to you." Minister—"Yes, indeed; the addition of one hundred dollars will enable me to hire a man to collect the five hundred dollars."—*Harper's Bazaar.*

Church was over, and, as usual, a company of women was standing at the doorway talking and laughing, though probably not concerning the sermon. Soon a young man acquainted with the group approached, saying: "Aren't you ever going home? You are blocking up the way like Balaam's ass." "You are wrong there," replied the young lady with a toss of the head. "It was the angels who blocked the way and the ass made a fuss about it."

A well-known Edinburgh professor had been in somewhat poor health for a long time, and confined to his house. One day a gentleman called and desired of the house-keeper to see the professor. To his astonishment the house-keeper replied that he had gone out. "Gone out!" exclaimed the visitor with astonishment. "Weel, ye see, sir," replied the house-keeper in explanation, "he's away at a funeral the day. It is the only pleasure he has had for a long time."

The Duke of Wellington was able to accomplish a great deal of hard work even when over eighty years of age. Witness this memorandum:—"Went to morning prayers. Gave away two brides. Transacted business at the Horse Guards. Took usual rides. Was present at a council and drawing-room. Looked in at two exhibitions. Entertained forty guests at dinner. Gave a ball. Escorted the last fair dancer to her carriage, and alighted her at sunrise."

"I hate to make a complaint, Mr. Smith, but that lawn mower of yours is a terrible nuisance."

"Lawn mower? I haven't got a lawn mower."

"Haven't got any lawn mower? Well, that's good! As though I haven't heard it night and morning ever since I moved here. There! there goes the confounded thing again."

"But, my dear sir, that isn't a lawn mower. That's my son winding up his Waterbury."

Apropos to the big fight between Dr. Morrell Mackenzie on the one hand, and various German doctors on the other, the Medical Analytic has an interesting article on a new disease, which might be briefly described as "doctor's big head." The article concludes with a poem, of which the following is a sample:—

"We dress a cut finger in a hay stack of peat,  
That's German, true German, you know.  
We put in a gum larynx and a celluloid tongue,  
We excise the spleen and we resect the lung,  
We save at the spigot and spill at the bung—  
Oh, we're German, true German, you know."

An advertiser in a Glasgow paper succeeds in casting some painfully lurid shadows on the merits of the switchback as a national institution. He offers £2 reward "if the nervous young lady who clung to the gentleman on the switchback railway at the Exhibition will return his watch and chain." Poor gentleman! He wants no more switchback, but only his watch-back. Well, well, 'twas ever thus. The advertiser had his innings when the dear, nice, pretty, timid little thing was a-hugging and a-squeezing him, and a-being comforted by the brave, manly words of him, and a-looking up at him with fond admiration of his fearlessness and daring, and a-making him feel as if he was the greatest hero that ever lived; but he can't expect to be scoring all the time. And, besides, why didn't he take his wife or his own sweetheart on that switchback ride! A great and impressive moral lesson is contained in this simple episode. A man should always take his wife with him when he goes out a pleasuring; for whilst she is at his side she will always watch him and save him from being hugged by timid young things of doubtful principles.

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