

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

THE MAIDEN'S PRAYER.

"Oh, where have you been to, my pretty maid?"
 "To the Easter service, sir," she said.

"Did you enjoy it, my pretty maid?"
 "I did indeed, kind sir," she said.

"And what was the text, my pretty maid?"
 "I didn't hear it, sir," she said.

"And what did they sing, my pretty maid?"
 "I cannot tell you, sir," she said.

"Then why did it please you, my pretty maid?"
 "My prayer was answered there," she said.

"And what was the answer to your prayer?"
 "Mine was the prettiest bonnet there."

A lie, though it be killed and dead, can sting sometimes like a wasp.

A GOOD REASON.—Mistress—"Why, Nora, how dusty the chairs are!"
 Maid—"Yes, mim, there's nobody sat on them to-day, mim."

Damala, deceased husband of Sara Bernhardt, was laid to rest under the Greek rite. The Sullivan right puts a man to sleep easily, too.

NOR TRIED LONG ENOUGH.—Miss Johnsing—"Will dem imitation black-silk stockin's ob yourn wash?" Miss Fairfax—"Dunno: I's only wore 'em fo' weeks."

"No profession is safe for women," exclaims a western contemporary. To which the *Burlington Free Press* replies that the noble profession of rat catching is reasonably safe.

There is one brief text in the Bible which the faith-cure people would do well to ponder. It reads:—"Faith without works is dead." In the light of a few recent deaths that text has a solemn sound.

A single sheet of paper six feet wide and seven and three quarters miles in length has been made at the Watertown (N. Y.) Paper Works. It weighed 2,207 pounds and was made and rolled without a single break.

Miss Plantagenet de Vere—"That man's attentions to me are most offensive, and he has the reputation of being a fortune hunter. Do you suppose it is papa's wealth that allures him?" Miss Dolly Flicker (thoughtfully)—"Why, what else can it be?"

A FORGONE CONCLUSION.—Canvasser—"I have here a work—"
 Master of the house—"I can't read." Canvasser—"But your children—"
 Master of the house—"I have no children (triumphantly.) Nothing but a cat." Canvasser—"Well, you want something to throw at the cat." (He took it)

Senior Partner (to head clerk)—"You'll excuse me for mentioning it, but—er—your face is hardly as tidy as I would like to see it." Head Clerk—"I'm letting my whiskers grow, sir." "So I see; but I can't permit employees to grow their whiskers in business hours. They must do that in their own time."

Fond mother—"How do you like your new governess, Johnny?"
 Johnny—"Oh, I like her ever so much."
 "I'm so glad my little boy has a nice teacher at last."
 "Oh, she's awful nice. She says she don't care whether I learn anything or not; so long as pap pays her salary."

A baby is a specimen of human nature uncontrolled by principle. It is a being of fierce instincts, with no morals. It is the opinion of observant persons who have studied babies from a philosophical standpoint that if their capacity for mischief were equal to their ferocity, they would soon exterminate the adults of the human family.

A STRIKING CERE MONY.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* wished that the termination of the strike could have been celebrated by a grand service at St. Paul's when Cardinal Manning would officiate, Mr. Burns preach, and other fancy religionists sing hymns of praise. Were such a jumble possible, of course the one chorus of praise which the strikers would strike up, and in which all would join, would be the Docks-ology.—*Punch*.

Mr. Holdfast, to the editor—"Yes, sir, there was more than \$10,000 in my pocket book when I lost it. You can add to the notice that I will pay a liberal reward for its return. I'm always willing to encourage honesty."

Mr. Holdfast, the next morning—"So you found my pocket book, did you, little boy, and brought it back to me with its contents untouched. That's right, sonny, that's right. Here's ten cents for your trouble."

The German Emperor has banished French from the kitchen and the menu card. There is no longer a *chef* in Germany: he is now *ober-koch*. What used to be *vol-au-vent a la Plenipotentiaire* is now *Geflugel Pastellen in Berollmachtigeweise garnirt*. This is a delightful change. Much as the Emperor of Germany is bent on boycotting all things Gallic within his domains—from French menus to the wines of Bordeaux—it is satisfactory to note that he does not bear the same ultra-patriotic hostility as regards other countries. For instance, he shows his good taste by being dressed, as regards his mufti clothes, by a London firm.—*Vanity Fair*.

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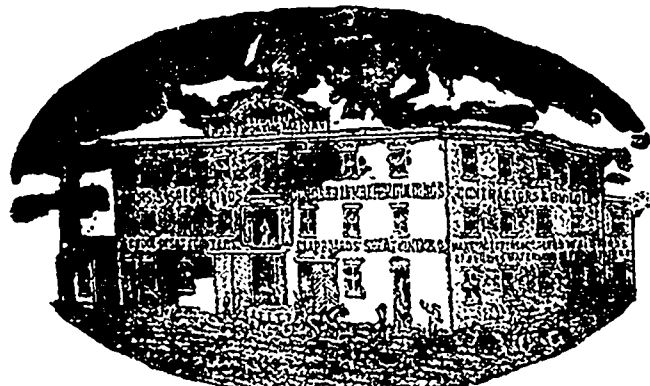
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