

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

ON THE BAY.

Along the prow the tender wavelets lapping,
Sang of content through all the dreamy day;
And softly hung the autumn hazes, wrapping
The low blue hills that bounded Bodus bay.

My silver hook in gleaming spirals whirling,
Like a lost sunbeam chased me on my way,
While from my pipe the pale clouds softly curling,
Join the fatigued mist enfolding bluff and bay.

My shining oar blades in the sunlight dripping,
Shed opal dew like drops of bright Tokay;
And now and then a darling swallow dipping,
Grazed his swift shadow in the dimpled bay.

A thrill, a shock, a rush at sudden angles;
A gleam of broken circles far away;
Alas! a fractured pipe, a line in tangles,
But one less spotted beauty in the bay.

"Content, content," the lapping wavelets whisper:
"What more hath life?" their rhythmic murmurs say,
Aye me, what more? Yet in reproachful answer
Come gleams of towered cities far away—

Come, sweet blue eyes, a sudden longing bringing,
Content? Ah, yes, were she but here to-day
To hold the line and join me softly singing,
While twilight faded down our sky and bay.

—Forest and Stream.

FILIAL PIETY.—Ingenious youth: "May I have this dance?" The Bishop's daughter: "Thanks, no! I never dance round dances in my father's diocese!"

Boss—Pat, I've just lost my day-book, and have to rely on your honesty to tell me the number of days you have put in this month. How many? Pat—Thirty-two, sir.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.—Enraged father: "Well, that's the last time I'll ever be fool enough to give any of my daughters a wedding cheque." Mother: "Why, Charles? There's nothing wrong, I hope!" Enraged father: "Yes, but there is. That fool of a son-in-law has gone and had it cashed!"

Holland leads the world in the amount of foreign trade per capita of population. The average business done by the Dutch amounts to \$197.34 per annum; Switzerland comes next, but far behind, with \$99.45; then England, \$82.09; while Germany and France do a business of only \$19.50 for each man, woman and child within the boundaries.

The American Eagle is ahead. Touching the marriage of Miss Huntington, a well-known American and London banker writes to a morning paper: "In your notice to-day of the Hatzfeldt-Huntington marriage you say that Prince Hatzfeldt is the direct heir of a line 900 years old. Surely the American Eagle can beat this. Miss Huntington is the direct heir to a line of fifteen hundred miles of Central Pacific."

A VERY AMATEURISH AUTHOR.—The amateur author is generally difficult to please. This is especially true of ladies who dabble in literature. Quite recently a blue-stocking, according to the *Printers' Register*, had the usual galley-proofs sent her for correction. She was much gratified, but still not altogether happy. Presently she mildly ventured to suggest that the book might be printed on better paper, and perhaps, too, it would be an advantage if the pages were "not quite so long!"

"Well," says Mrs. Slick "I kinder wanted to see what a social was like, so I betook myself to the Institoot building on Thanksgiving night. My! but there was a lot of folks there, most 400 I kalkilate; at first I thought to myself well this ere's the stiffest social I ever saw; but by and by they began to thaw out and folks walked round and talked to their friens and enemies, and then a little smooth-faced chap got up and sung a little song, and then some pretty ladies sang, and another man too, and the president and the parson they made speeches and said as how as we all were as welcome as the flowers in May; then the ladies, bless their hearts, began to send round the coffee smoking hot and tea too, and such illigant cake, and everyone got a talkin' and the noise was puty grate. Howsomer I'm going again, those there institoot people are goin' to have five more socials, and I spees by the time the winter is over I'll know lots of folks more than I do now. Take my advice and allers go to socials."

There have been many different theories to account for the adoption of the Crescent by Turkey. Amongst others, tradition says that Philip, the father of Alexander, meeting with great difficulties in the siege of Byzantium, set the workmen to undermine the walls, but a crescent moon discovered the design, which miscarried; consequently the Byzantines erected a statue to Diana, and the crescent became the symbol of the State. Another legend is that Othman, the Sultan, saw in a vision a crescent moon, which kept increasing till its horns extended from east to west, and he adopted the crescent of his dream for his standard, adding the motto, *Donec repleat orbem*. The Turkish star and crescent is a curious relic of the old worship of the moon and Diana. The goddess was the ancient patroness of Byzantium, or Constantinople, and when Mehomet II. took the city in 1453, he adopted the crescent moon for his device, in honor of the victory. The flag is a red ground, with the crescent and star in white.

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