

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

AFTERNOON TEA.

There's no harm in a cup of tea,
But ah, dear me!
When I look above the cup
Two eyes I see.

Within the cup are grounds of tea,
Alas for me;
With the eyes no ground there lies
Of hope for me.

When tea's accomp'ied in this wise,
By siren's eyes,
Accept the cup, but don't look up,
There danger lies.

His FIRST ACHE—"Oh, mammy! I've got such a pain in front of me!"

Warm weather has arrived, and the fizz of the soda fountain and the piziz of the public ero face to face.

A COMPLIMENT FROM GUS.—Edith (smelling a rose).—How sweet.
Gus.—People shouldn't talk about themselves.

"Parting is such a sweet sorrow!" she quoted. The young man blushed nervously. "You're right," he replied, "I'll go to the barbers next time."

"I am going to the shore, yes," said Miss Angelina, "and I am not going husband-hunting, but if any nice young man is out wife-hunting I shall be easily found."

Edith—"How does a marriage certificate begin, Mrs. Plusher?" Mrs. Plusher—"I don't remember exactly; but I think the first words are 'Know all men by these presents.'"

She (enthusiastically)—"Oh, George! don't you think the greatest joy in life is the pursuit of the good, the true and the beautiful?" He—"You bet! that's why I'm here to-night."

Teacher—Why, Flossie! Can't you tell what p-r-a-y-e-r spells? What's the last thing your ma says when she retires at night? Flossie—She asks papa if he's wound the clock and put the cat out.

"Are you aware, sir," said the man in the rear, fiercely, "that your umbrella is poking me in the eye?" "It isn't my umbrella," replied the man just in front with equal fierceness. "It's a borrowed one, sir."

NOR SO VERY BAD.—Anxious Young Wife: "Do you really feel too unwell to go out to dinner, dear? You see, I am all ready." The Would-be Invalid: "Well, what is there for dinner if we stay at home?"

Rotation in Remedies.—Robinson—"They say that hiccupping caused by drinking can be stopped by putting a lump of ice in each ear." Wentman—"But then, how do you stop the crache?" Robinson—"Take an other drink."

NOR NECESSARILY.—"Glad to make your acquaintance, Mr. Valentine. I suppose—ha! ha!—you were born on St. Valentine's day."

"That doesn't follow—any more than that you were born the 1st day of April, sir."

Jack Overstroke (who is unwillingly giving Miss Olecrop a swimming lesson)—"Now don't be afraid. Just trust yourself to me, and let me support you." Miss Olecrop—"It's rather an unfair advantage to take in the water; but you may ask p-p-papa."

Said a sweet, charming, lovely young Mrs.
"I really don't know what a kiss!"
A rogue heard her speak,
Kissed her plumb on the cheek,
And said as he did it, "Why, Thers!"

"Your friend seems to be a woman of strong endurance."
"She is, indeed! You know that good-for-nothing husband of hers?"
"Yes."
"Well, she's loved him all his life."

The black crape veil has been pronounced a nuisance, as it weakens the eyes and injures the skin. Rubbing against the nose and forehead, it often produces abrasions, and the dye being absorbed poisons the flesh. To the eye enfeebled by weeping, it is most dangerous, and oculists have protested against its use.

God wants no child of his to be less than a man; nor does God ask any child of his to be more than a man,—in this life. Hence it is that the dying injunction of David to Solomon rings down through the ages, to every young person coming to the throne of influence and action in life: "Be thou strong, therefore, and show thyself a man."

A Waste of Lead.—For fifty years military men clung to the belief that nothing but an ounce ball would do for an army musket. It is only within five years that they have come to see that if the ball does not hit it is wasted. If it does hit it kills no sooner than a bullet from a revolver. All the new arms now call for bullets no larger than a hunter uses.

Would you share the wondrous beauty
Of the golden age benign?
Then be faithful to each duty,
And its gladness shall be thine.
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Bravely meeting sneer and frown.
Haste the good time that's before us
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