

CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

DOUBLED UP.

She strove to be an old man's darling,  
When one with dollars came to woo,  
With such success she'd lots left over,  
And was another's darling, too.

Man wants but little here below, and the majority of them got it.

The man who thinks of putting off his flannels had better put it off.

The man who points out our faults to us is a true friend; but we feel like kicking him just the same.

When a friend is in trouble don't annoy him by asking him if there is anything you can do: think up something appropriate and do it.

**TOUGH LUCK.**—Howsoever winter may linger in the lap of spring the winter bonnet has tough luck in lingering on the head of woman.

The following quaint question was asked by a little girl, aged 6 years: "When shall I have holes made in my head for the hairpins to go in?"

IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY.

He ran ten blocks to be in time  
To take her to the play,  
And there, within the parlor dim,  
He whiled an hour away.

**FRIENDLY CONUNDRUM.**—Why is a French steam vessel on her passage from Calais to Dover a sign of the amicable relations between the two great Powers? Because it shows the existence of a French ship between France and England.

Lady Henry Somerset once invited a number of very poor women from London out to her country home for a few days' pleasure. As they were about returning, one of them thanked her hostess with kindly spirit, but added: "I pity you, living out here where everything is so uninteresting."

**EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE.**—Elderly relative (to school girl)—Amanda, you are looking pale. You must not be too ambitious. Tell me the truth now—haven't you been burning the midnight oil?

Miss Amanda (her paleness all gone)—Why, yes, auntie, but—but not much. We turned the lamp down very low.

WHAT THEY SAY.

What are the wild waves saying,  
As they beat and eddy and whirl?  
They are saying, "We are warning up  
For our sport with the summer girl."

Shakespeare, the *Boston Courier* points out, seems to have been very well up in most of the slang phrases of the pre-out day. In "Henry VIII." we have "too thin;" "come off!" and "you are too green and fresh;" in "A Winter's Tale," "What! never?" and, although he does not exactly use the exclamation "Rats!" we have in "Hamlet" "A rat! a rat!", which is pretty near it.

**Theory versus Practice.**—"Half of this bottle of wine is gone. It seems to me that you should be able to stand the temptation," said Pennybunker to his colored servant.

"Dat ar am easier said den done, boss."

"At any rate, you should come out like a man and say that you stole the wine."

"Dat ar am easier done den said, boss."

HOW DID SHE TELL?

*A True Story.*

In little Daisy's dimpled hand two bright, new pennies shone; One was for Rob (at school just then), the other Daisy's own. While waiting Rob's return she rolled both treasures round the floor. When suddenly they disappeared and one was seen no more. "Poor Daisy. Is your penny lost?" was asked in accents kind. "Why, no, mine's here!" she quickly said. "It's Rob's I cannot find."

A negro boy, while walking along the street, took off his hat and struck at a wasp that had alighted on a tall shrub, hanging over the fence. The boy put on his hat, turned to a man and said:

'I thought I got dat dar old wasp.'

'Didn't you get him?'

'No, sah, but I—he snatched off his hat, wiped his hands on the top of his head, squatted, howled and said:

'Blame if I didn't get 'im.'

American wife (in palace car): "I supposed that nice-looking couple at the other end of the car were Americans, but I see now they are English."

American husband: "What have you noticed?" American wife: "The man drinks liquors at his meals." At the other end. English wife: "I wish we could make the acquaintance of those two people at the further end of the carriage. I am sure they are English." English husband: "No, they are Americans." "How did you ascertain?" "The man drinks between meals."

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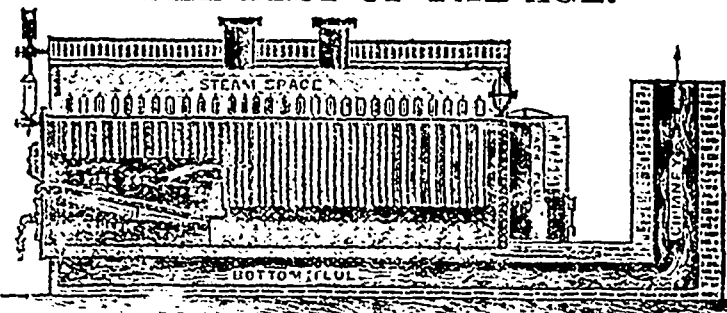
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