

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

Is SCIENCE PLAYED OUT?—"In a grain of butter you have 47,350,000 microbes. When you eat a slice of bread and butter you therefore must swallow as many microbes as there are people in Europe."

(Charlotte, eating bread and butter,
Read this note with horror utter,
And (assisted by the cutter)
Went on eating bread and butter!
Man will say—with due apology
To alarmed Bacteriology—
Spite of menacing bacilli,
Man must eat, friend, willy-nilly!
And where shall he find due poison?
If 'en bread and butter's poison?
Science told our amorous Allice
Death may be conveyed in kisses;
But it did not keep the nation
From promiscuous osculation.
Now it warneth the "Young Person"
(Whom Grant Allen holds his curse on)
"Bread and butter Allice" even
In the fool may find death's leaven!
Never mind how this is made out!
Science—as a booby's—played out,
Spite all warnings it may utter,
Women will have bread and butter!

The quinine manufacturer seldom complains of his bitter lot.

The woman that maketh a good pudding in silence, is better than the woman that maketh a tart reply.

What an unending talk a man sometimes brings on himself by asking some people how they are feeling.

A philosopher being asked what was the first thing necessary toward winning the love of a woman, answered—"An opportunity."

THE WAR OF THE POETS.—Alfred Austin, who was a competitor for the laurel, has written, just to show that he harbors no ill-feeling in the matter, an ode entitled "The Betrothal" to celebrate the engagement of the Duke of York with the Princess May. The opening lines run thus:

Lift up your gaze from the ground
Maiden mourning too long!
Lift up your heart at the sound—
The sound of a bridal song,
And the New Year bringing a living lover to banish the old Year's wrong.

If that is all it takes to be a poet laureate, we propose to put in a modest claim ourselves, and snatch the wreath from Ruskin's bewildered head, if it is not too late. Austin a laureate? Listen to this!

Princess May! Princess May!
There's the very deuce to pay!
George must wed you for his brother,
Though his heart's set on another.
He has title, you have pelf—
"Marry then!" says Grandma Guolph;
And he'll marry you, May Teck,
Though he loves you not a speck.

—Buffalo Courier.

"Mamma, do you think you'll go to heaven?" said Jack, thoughtfully, looking into his mother's face. "Yes, dear, if I'm good," said the little mother cautiously, wondering what would come next. "Then please be good, for papa and I would be so lonesome without you."

THE RETROUSSE NOSE.

'Tis by a statistician said—
And in statistics truth you find—
That girls with turned up noses wed
Much sooner than the straight nosed kind.

From this fact the conclusion flows:
Though it accords with nature's plan
Sometimes to tilt a maiden's nose,
It isn't tilted at a man.

HIS AWFUL MISTAKE.—A certain druggist is bemoaning the loss of a customer. A lady was in the store the other day and had a prescription filled.

"How much is it?"
"Fifty cents."
"Dear me, 45 is all I have with me. Cannot you let me have it for that?"

"Really, I could not," said he of the pills, "but you can pay the next time you are in."

"Oh, but suppose I should die?" laughingly inquired the lady.

"It would be a small loss," replied the druggist, but he saw from behind the injured look the customer wore as she crept out of the door, that he had made a mistake somewhere, but it did not dawn upon him until too late.

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