#### CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

A celebrated manager is on the hunt for a new curiosity for his show. He is seeking to find a young married man whose wife can cook as well as his mother did. Twenty-six counties have been explored thus far without RIICCESS.

"Charles," said a young lady to her lover, "there is nothing interesting in the paper to-day, is there, dear?" "No, love, but I hope there will, one day, when we both shall be interested." The lady blushed, and said, of course, "For shame, Charles."

Snookson (who has got "Gentleman" on the brain, and thinks himself one): "A—yaas—Jones is a very good fellow—a—I don't know that I quite call him a gentleman, you know." Miss Sharp (who has a liking for Jones): "Don't you really? Oh,—but perhaps you are not a very good judgo."-Punch.

Driven to It.—Tommy was taken very sick. His mother had discovered that he had eating too much preserved stuff, and while awaiting the doctor's visit, implored him to tell her the cause of it. "Mother," he said, finally "Mother, Manie Duffy rejected me suit, and," hoarsely, "it drove me to jam !"-Tid-Bits.

Mrs. Rongword's daughter is a strong, healthy girl, but withal quite pale. A lady, in speaking to her mother about her the other day remarked .

"I saw your daughter the other evening, and she was looking quite pale.

Isn't she very delicate?"

"Delicate?" replied Mrs. R., with a spiff of scorn. "No, indeed. I'll venture there ain't a girl in Washington society as indelicate as my daughter is."

The Ameer of Afghanistan is not a desirable patient, if a story in an Indian journal may be trusted. Lately he was very ill with a boil at the back of his neck, and his doctor prescribed some lotion to bring the boil to a head. Naturally the pain was temporarily increased, and Abdurrahman was so enraged with his doctor that he sent for him the first thing in the morning and had him behealed on the spot.

A newspaper at Bogota reports that the gold which is now being dug out of the ancient cometeries at Hilandia and other places near Pereira, in Cauca, has led more than one thousand workmen to flock to that spot, and a town has sprung up there within the past four years which now contains more than fifty thousand inhabitants. These people are almost all Antioquians, and the majority of them have obtained sufficient gold to render themselves and their families independent of work for the remainder of their lives.

WHEN THEY HAVE TO BE CAREFUL .- In a small town out West an ex-

County Judge is cashier of a bank.
"The check is all right," he said to the stranger, "but the evidence you offer in indentifying yourself as the person to whose order it is drawn is scarcely sufficient."

"I've known you to hang a man on less evidence, Judge," was the

stranger's response.

Quite likely," replied the ex-Judge, "but when it comes to letting go of cold cash we have to be careful."

A curious coin, that lately came from India, and which is believed to have been struck about the middle of the second century B. C, has been presented to the British Museum—"a dec adrachm of the Bactrian series, the first ever met with." It is described as bearing on the obverse a horseman charging with his lance an olophant, on whose back are two warriors; and on the reverse a king of Zeus, standing, holding a thunderholt and a spear; in the field is a monogram composed of the letters A B. The obverse records some victory of the Greeks over the harbarians, and the reverse may he a representation of Alexander the Great.

The British Medical Journal gives the following interesting particulars of the height, weight, and dimensions of Thomas Longley, of Dover, who is said to be the heaviest British subject in the world. Mr. Longley, who is a respectable and intelligent publican, is forty years of age, being born (of paronts not above the normal size) in 1848. As a baby he was not considered large. His present weight is 40 stone; height, 6 feet 2 inch; measurement of the waist, 80 inches; size of eg, 25 inches. He finds considerable difficulty in walking, and does not trust himself in a carriage, for fear of bresking the springs. He is said to be very temperate both in eating and drinking, and has never suffered from any ill-health of a serious nature.

M Prisiajirikov, chief of the Posts and Telegraphs in the Government of Samaria, Russia, contributes to a Russian periodical with an unpronounceable name (consisting of fifty-eight letters) a practical note on soldering telegraph wires. In order to lessen the time required for the work, and also to avoid the weakening of the wire from scraping the surface, the author has introduced a method which consists of the use of a heating tool, capable of holding a considerable quantity of melted solder, and upon the top of this is thrown sufficient powdered salammoniae to leave a layer of liquid salt of some little depth. This liquid is nearly black in colour. The iron wire already covered with binding wire, is then pressed underneath the surface of the melted solder passing through the liquid salt. This effects a perfect solder, no matter how dirty the wire may be.—Electrician.

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