

CHIT CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

JULY.

When the scarlet cardinal tells
Her dream to the dragon fly,
And the lazy breeze makes a nest in the trees,
And murmurs a holiday,
It is July.

When the tangled cobweb pulls
The cornflower's cup awry,
And the lilos tall lean over the wall
To bow to the butterfly,
It is July.

When the heat like a mist veil floats,
And poppies flame in the dore,
And the silver note in the streamlet's throat
Has softened almost to a sigh,
It is July.

When the hours are so still that time
Forgets them, and lets them lie
Neath petals pink, till the night stars wink,
At the sunset in the sky,
It is July.

When each finger post by the way
Says that Slumbertown is nigh;
When the grass is tall and the roses fall,
And nobody wonders why,
It is July.

The romantic summer girl writes her name on the sand at the shore,
while her father has to scratch gravel at home.

"Doctors are hard workers considering." "Considering what?"
"How easily they could take life if they wished."

HARD TO FIND.—"I don't think flannel shirts are very modest."
"Not modest? What can be more sbrinking than a flannel shirt?"

"Charlie, are you going to the World's Fair?"
"Not unless you do, dear. I needn't go if you don't."
"Why not?"
"Because dear, the world's fair wherever you are."
"Oh, Charlie."

THOSE FUNNY TOTS.—In the public schools there are many pupils to whom furnace-heated buildings are a novelty, and the word "register" seems too much for them to remember. Not infrequently it is called "the refrigerator," but a New England youngster has capped the climax by asking, "Please may I sit on the janitor?"

"SHE COMETH NOT.—"When I marry I shall try to be sure of one thing, and that is, that I have a woman of sense."
"You mean a woman of prudence and forethought, with fine perceptions and a knowledge of human nature?"
"Yes, that's it exactly."
"But they are just the ones that never marry."

THE HITCH.—"Is he as attractive as ever?"
"Yes."
"Are you going to marry him?"
"I don't know."
"Don't know? I should think you were old enough to make up your mind."
"Oh, it is easy enough to make up my mind, but I don't know whether I shall marry him or not."
"Why not?"
"He hasn't made up his mind."

ANOTHER CONSIDERATION.—Anxious mother—Why don't you drive that bad boy away from your playground?
Good Little Boy—It wouldn't be right.
"Wouldn't it?"
"No'm. You see, that playground is public property."
"Oh, so it is."
"Yes'm. And it would be sort of selfish and dishonest to deprive any other boy of the right to go there."
"So it would, my angel. I didn't think of that."
"Yes'm. And besides he can lick me."

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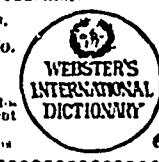
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