

THE MIRTHFUL MUSE.

CALLING THE TURN.

Put the arm-chair in the corner,
Near the brightly glowing grate;
George and Mabel will be in it
When the kitchen clock strikes eight.

PRIMAL BRAVERY.

That man had sure a palate covered o'er
With steel or brass, that on the rocky shore
First ope'd the oozy oyster's pearly coat
And risked the living morsel down his throat.

CONJUGAL FELICITY.

The stars are brightly shining, love;
And at the club I'm dining, love;
It's joy for me
Sometimes to be
Where I can't hear your whining, love.

HE WAS NOT OBTUSE.

Her lips were like the leaves, he said,
By Autumn crimson tinted;
Some people Autumn leaves preserve
By pressing them, she hinted.
The meaning of the gentle hint
The lover did discern,
And so he clasped her round the neck
And gazed his lips to hers.

A GAME CHICKEN.

A chicken lived, a chicken died;
His drumsticks and his wings were fried;
His feathers, by a dealer dried,
Were very shortly after dyed.
Soul he had none; admitting that,
How comest thou upon her hat,
His plumes—a mortal chicken's—rise,
A glorious bird of paradise?

THE SABBATH BELL.

The Sabbath is a day
Designed for all to keep;
Some stay at home and rest,
Some go to church and sleep.
We've seen the thing ourselves;
And then, again, we've found
That lots of people go
To simply stare around.

'Tis kind of folks, we fear—
Who go to church for show—
You'll find some day will be
Guests of the man below.

SEMPER FIDELIS.

Dear partner of my waking hours,
Companion of my sleep,
Where'er I go, o'er fields of flowers,
Or by the rocky steep;
At day's decline, or morning's blush,
Or when the night lets down
The mantle of its solemn hush
On sleeping vale and town;
In hours when hope and pleasure blend,
Or in my moments sad,
Thou clingest closer than a friend,
My faithful liver pad.

A "CANDIED" REPLY.

"What shall I give you, my love, my own?"
Said the chaplain to his lady fair;
"Bangles and bracelets for your white arms,
Or jewels to twine in your golden hair?
A shawl from the looms of the fervid East,
Or satins and silks from those of France?"
"What shall I give you, my love, my own?"
And he turned upon her his tender glance.
And the maiden's eyes they brightly shone
With the light of joy and love and truth,
And her breath came quick as her ears drank in
The honeyed words of this ardent youth;
Round her slender waist he had placed an arm,
As he toyed with the curls on her sunny head.
"What shall I give you?" repeated he.
"Not quite so much tatty," she archly said.

THE VASSAR GIRL'S OPINION OF SLANG.

'Tis in the houses, on the streets—
I hear it everywhere;
If there's a plan to put it down,
You bet your life I'm there.
There are some girls, I know, of course,
In whom I could excuse it;
But really, now, it knocked me cold
To hear Miss Simpson use it.
She always seemed so stiff and stern,
With lots of style to back it;
But since I've heard her all alone,
I've tumbled to her racket.
And there's that very fresh Miss Jones,
I used to think so nice;
Somebody ought to come along
And put her down on ice.
She asked me—when, the other night,
I talked my very best—
To give my tongue a holiday,
And go and take a rest.
And when I asked her what she meant,
For goodness gracious' sake,
She said I ought to have a belt,
And that I took the cake.
She talks about that "bean" of hers,
The junky, shifless lout;
If I had such a dizzy gawk,
I think I'd fire him out.
Now, I must go and tackle Greek—
My Greek is rather queer—
Or on examination day
I shan't catch on, I fear.
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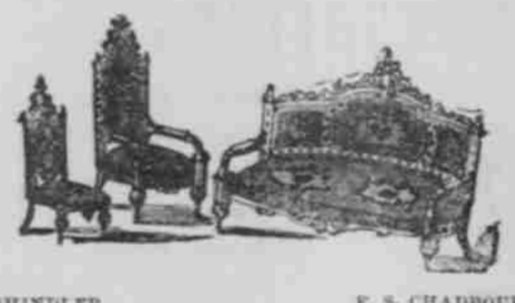
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