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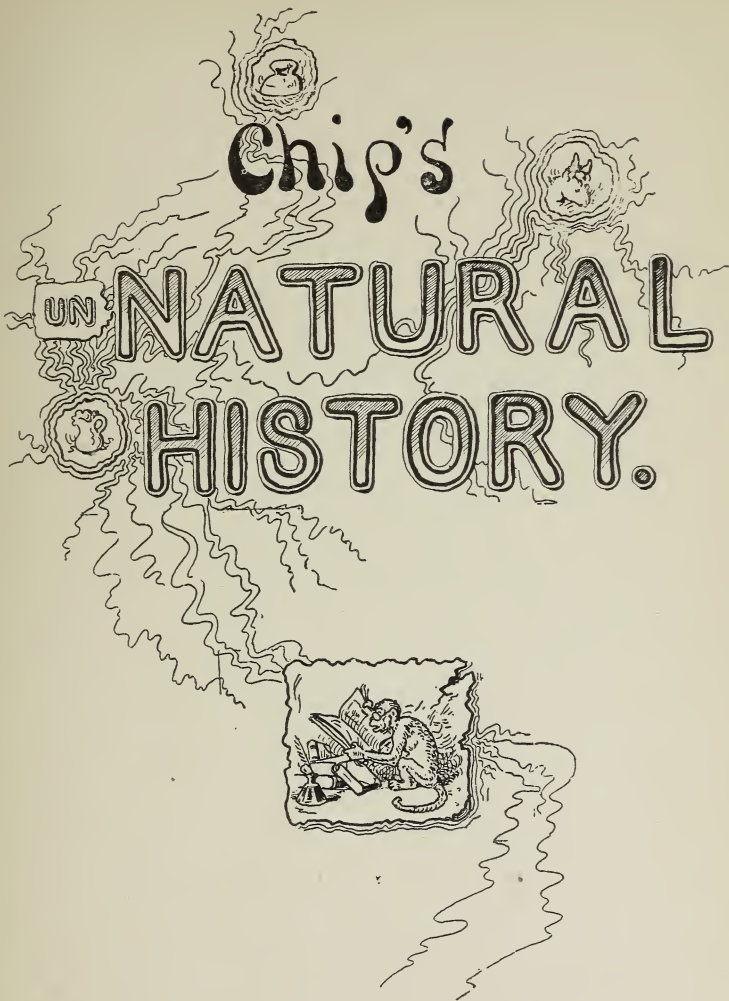






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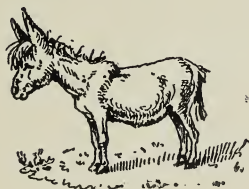


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TO
MY MOST TRUE AND DEVOTED ADMIRER
FRIEND AND COMPANION
•FRANK•P•W BELLEW•

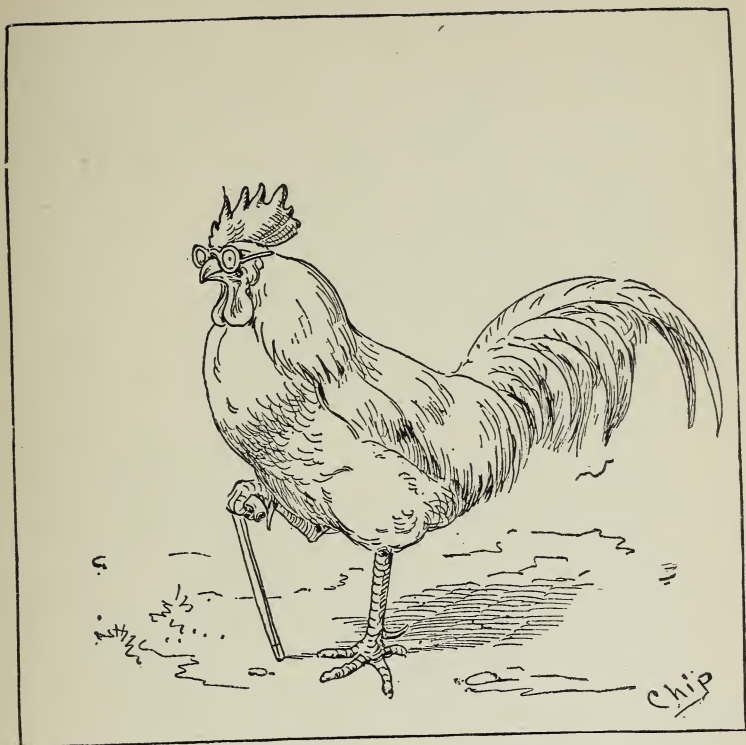
(Chip.)

DO I DEDICATE THESE FEW PAGES
IN HOPES THAT IN YEARS TO COME .
WHEN READING THEM OVER
HE WILL FULLY REALIZE WHAT A



HE MADE OF HIMSELF.





THE SPRING CHICKEN.

Spring Chickens generally have two legs, but there is a special breed of the Spring Chicken to be found only in Boarding Houses that is composed of nothing but legs. As to how long a Spring Chicken lives, that depends on circumstances, although some persons say that Rider Haggard's "She" was a sort of a human Spring Chicken. The Spring Chicken derives its name from the elasticity of its flesh.



THE CHETAH.

In the wilds of Baxter street is the Chetah or Cheater to be found in all his diabolical ferocity. There he will stand for hours at the entrance of his den, awaiting an opportunity to spring upon some innocent and unsuspecting country dude; whom he does drag within his horrible lair, where he tortures his victim into buying a four dollar blue suit. "All wool, so hellup me Isaac."



THE GOAT.

The Goat is to be found in Jersey City, Harlem, and other foreign countries. This animal is a great climber, in fact it originally came from a distant clime. The Goat is not a temperance quadruped for I have known many of them to have a "horn" when only a year old, and they are always making "signs" for bock beer. The chief food of Goats consists of circus posters and "termater" cans. The Goat is inclined to be rather skeptical, for when you try to impart any information to it, it will generally say "Bah!"



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AN EAGLE.

The above picture of an Eagle is, I am sorry to say, a very poor one, owing to the fact that the artist had to draw it from memory, he once having seen one when he was a little boy. Eagles are exceedingly rare though I believe Wm. K. Vanderbilt has one or two fine specimens. They say that an Eagle has no brains but when you get one it can be readily changed and made to show a large amount of cents. An Eagle is always on his mettle and when you have one in your possession be sure and treat it well (and your friends also). Nearly all the Eagles come from the 'United States' Treasury where they give the persons employed there a mint of trouble. The old Romans used to swear by the Eagle. The Eagle makes a great number of men of the present day swear, because they h'aint got it.



A LITTLE BARE .

You must bear in mind that this Bare is considered a highly respectable Bare, and that it can be found in the best society, where it should forbear to be so bare. It is a most saving creature and waists but little. It is extremely fond of amusement, going to Balls, Theatres, Operas and to all places where it can be looked at. Some people may object to the above picture on account of its being a low cut.



A KID

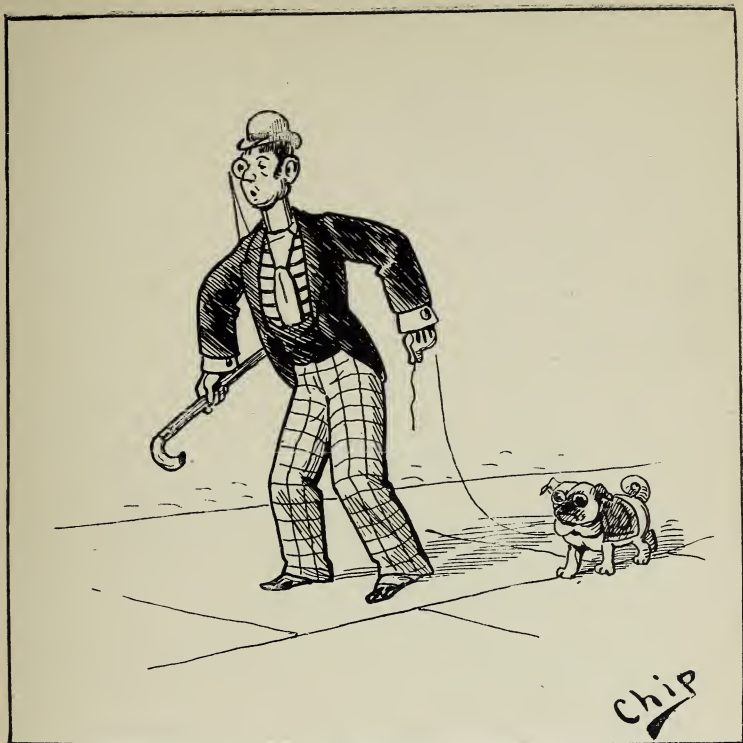
Kids are curious little creatures. There is the dressed kid and the undressed. Kids take great pleasure in eating pins and playing in the mud. Some kids are white and some are black. The white Kids can become black by falling into the coal scuttle. Though a kid is not a sheep it is often "lammed" by its mother. It is a strange fact that other people's Kids are a "blamed" sight homelier than your own. After deep and careful study, with a vast amount of experience (I have a number of kidlettes myself) I have come to the conclusion that the worst of all Kids is the tough Kid. The tough Kid always thinks he knows more than the "old man", will "sass" his Mar, smoke segar butts, put pins in your chair, tease his sister, kick the cats, and throw stones at the new Minister.



THE PUSSY CAT.

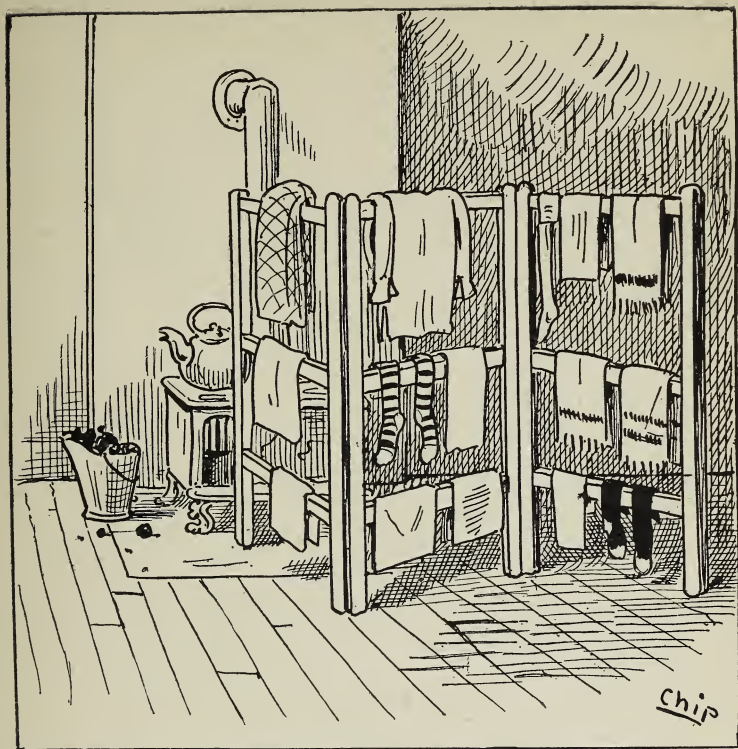


Cats are natives of the Back-yard, where they love to roam and "holler" - in fact, to make "Rome howl". The people of the district where the Pussy Cat abounds wage fearful war against these dumb creatures, using the deadly soda-water bottle and the all-powerful boot as weapons of destruction. According to the cook, the Pussy Cat feeds on sugar, beefsleak, tea, coffee, soap, eggs, flour, clothes-lines, jam, tacks, legs of mutton, towels, matches and broken dishes. The Cat has a fine voice and delights to sing "In the Gloaming"



THE MONKEY.

Monkeys can be found at Newport, Saratoga, Tuxedo Park, and the Hoffman House. To study the Monkey fully you need only take a stroll on Fifth Avenue any afternoon in the Spring or Fall. Occasionally you will come across a Monkey that is quite noisy, but generally speaking they are very subdude. The Monkey is a great imitator, and is always trying to ape the English. You often see an Italian with a Monkey on a string. The Monkkeys the Italians don't have the girls keep on a string. The Monkeys of the forest have long tails. The Monkeys of our cities have no tails, though many a tale could be told of them. In toy shops the Monkey is sold on a stick. In cane stores the city Monkey is often sold on his stick, by paying ten dollars more than it is worth.



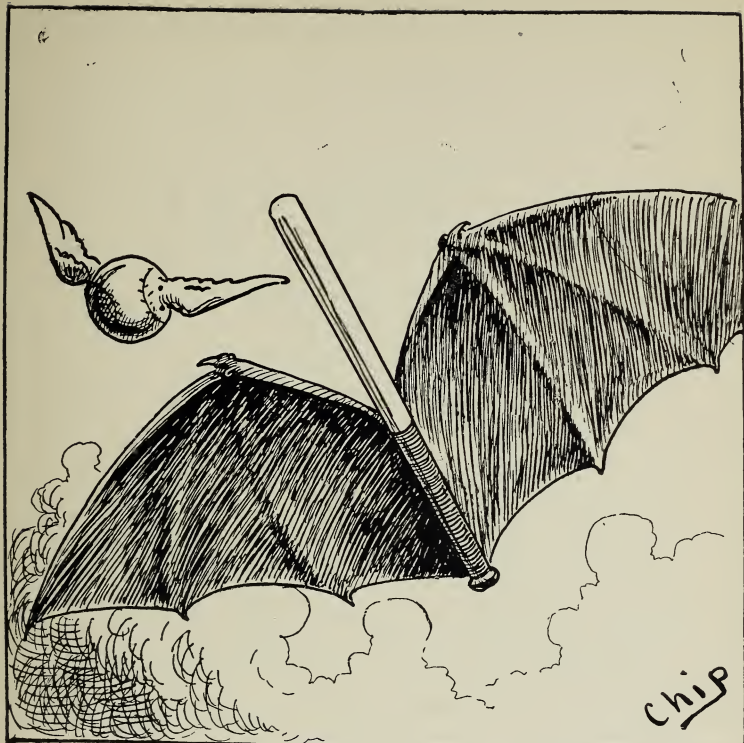
THE CLOTHES HORSE.

The Clothes Horse is widely spread over the Light House-keeping Country, where it wanders in all its native beauty through the territory of the kitchen. The Clothes Horse has a curious habit of putting on different articles of wearing apparel, and then getting as near to a fire as possible. Often you will see it with nothing on but a pair of socks, though it is very fond of dressing up in Mother Hubbards, towels, shirts and other light and airy costumes. There are several varieties of the Horse, the Horse Car, Hospital, Hoarse Voice, H'ostrich (English, you know) and Horse Chestnut; the latter is much prized by Minstrel Men. There is another kind called Mare. Sometimes the Mayor is a big donkey.



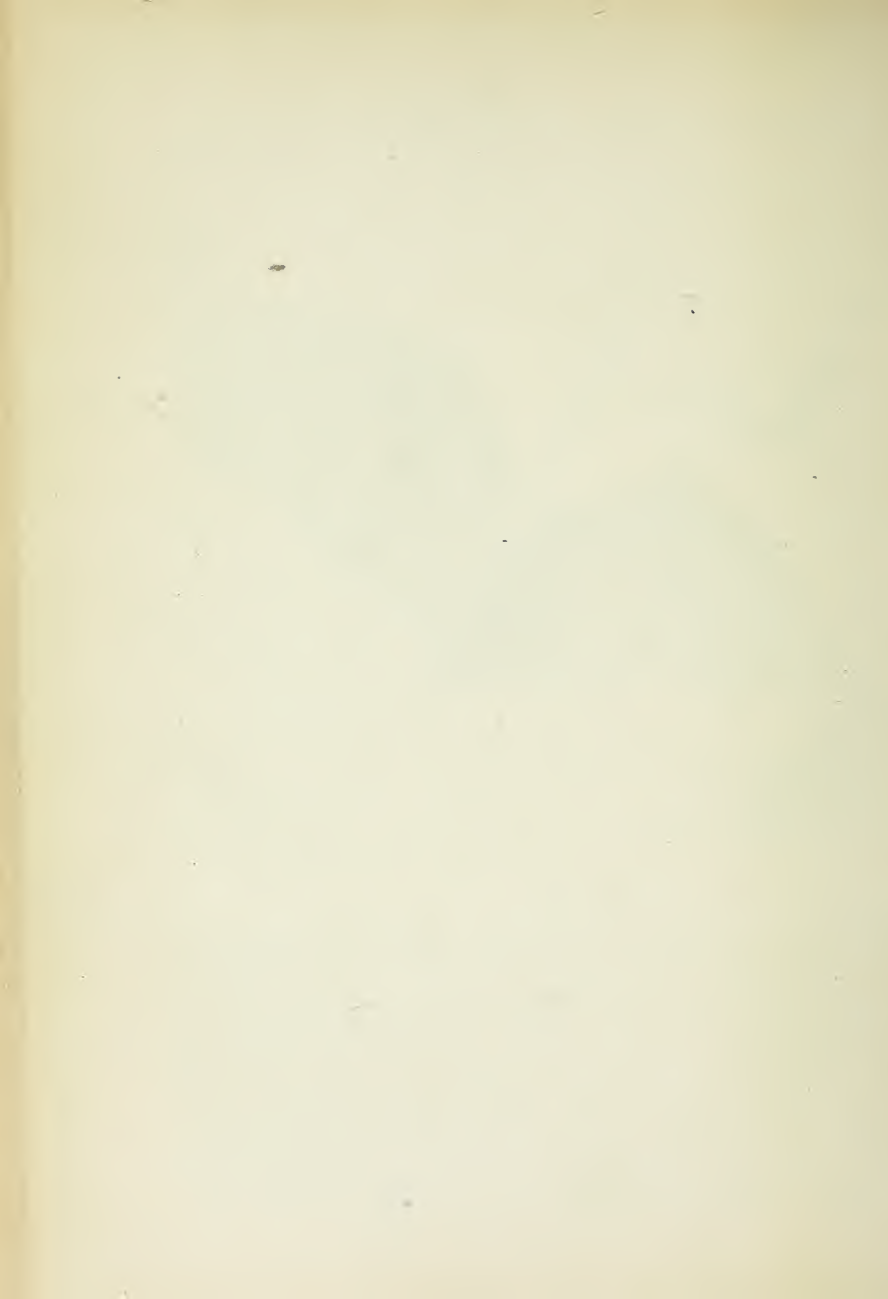
A SWALLOW.

For many, many years have men been striving to put down the Swallows, and they generally succeed if they have the cash. There is an old saying that "one swallow does not make a summer," but I have seen three or four make a "fall". Some Swallows are remarkably "strong," and often able to take a man right off his legs. Swallows can be easily raised by hand. Some Swallows are very mild while others have a great deal of "spirits." When you wish to obtain a Swallow, all that you have to do is to look at the soda water clerk and wink.



THE BAT.

ats are most attractive animals. I have seen thousands of people go to see a Base Ball Bat. I beleive they are used for the purpose of transporting persons, for you often hear of a gentleman going off on a "Bat". The "gent" who goes on a "Bat" always takes a "ball". A Bat is essentially a thing of the night. Some great man (myself, I think) once said that if a Bat got into your hair, you would never be able to get it out again. A bald headed man who at one time was travelling through Philadelphia had a Bat get unto his hair. The shock was so severe to his nerves that twenty years afterwards he died from the effects of falling out a fifteen story window





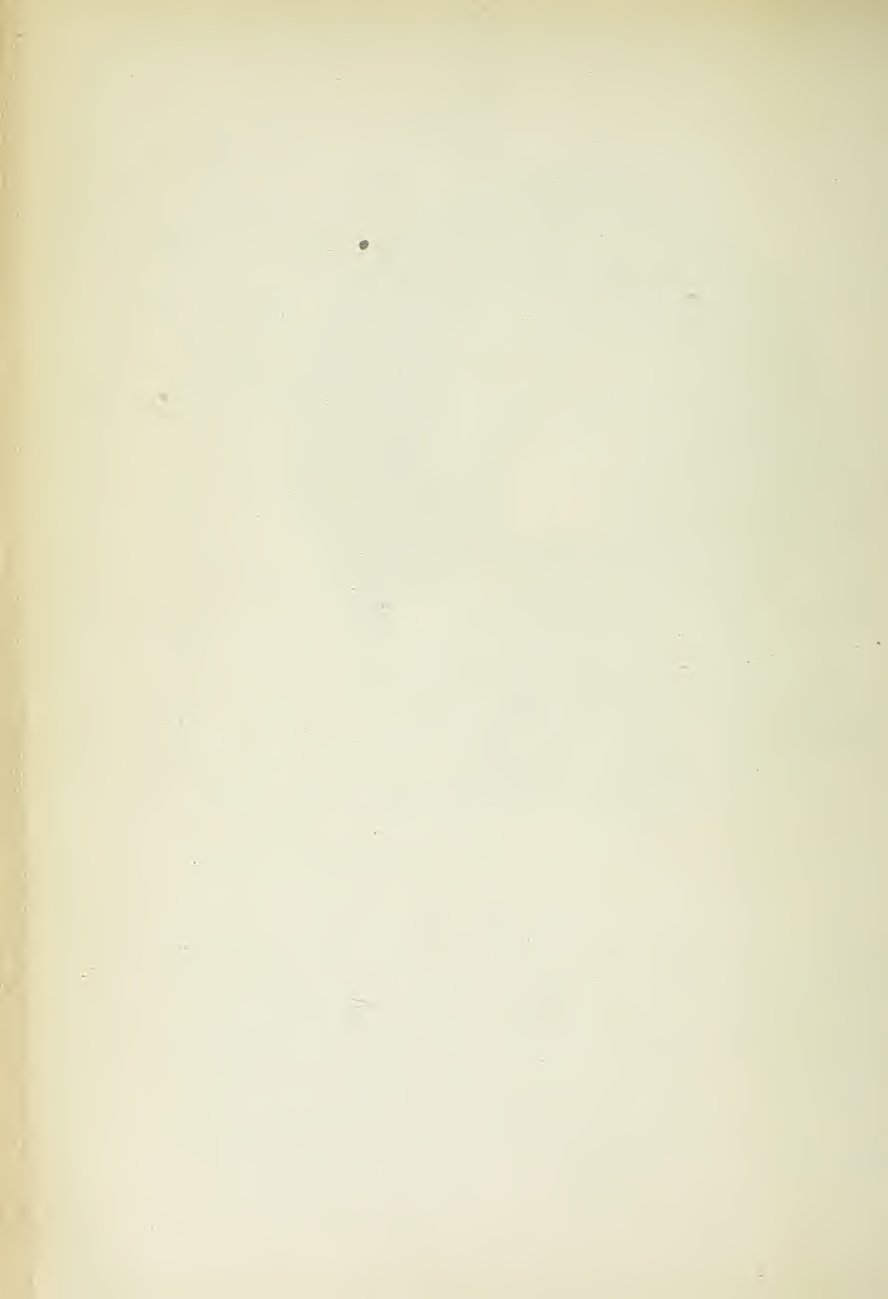
SNAKES.

Snakes are found in all large cities, mostly where there is little water. They are very fond of concealing themselves in out-of-the-way places, such as boots, bottles, etc. The Snake differs greatly in size, according to the quality of your whiskey. The Snake can generally be seen on Sunday mornings, at about eleven o'clock. The Snake is extremely partial to "red paint", and if you have been using any the night before, you are pretty sure to have lots of 'em around the next day.



A DEAR.

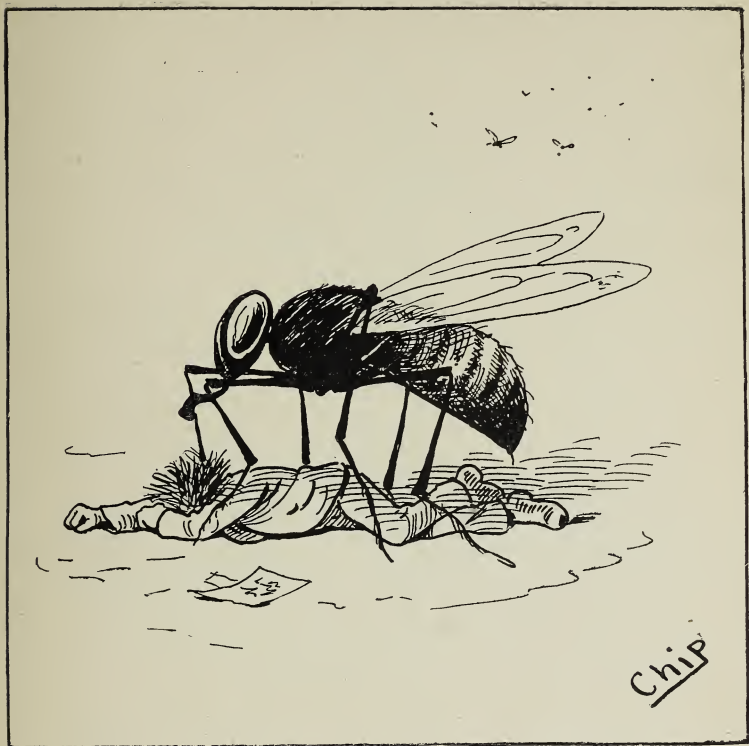
his sweet creature (I am glad to say) is to be found all over the world. Some of these Dears are considered to be quite dangerous, for they have a habit of attacking the heart, which at once renders their victims perfectly helpless. Their means of subsistence vary according to the seasons of the year. In summer they feed on ice-cream and soda-water, while in winter you give them fried oysters and theatre tickets, after which the Dears generally marry the "other feller."





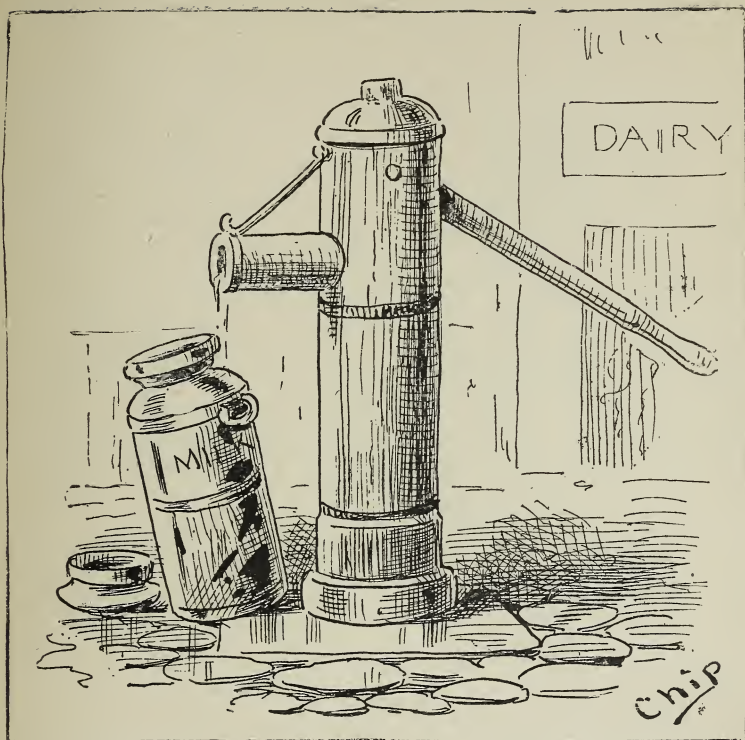
THE TIGER.

Tiger is very dangerous and should not be meddled with. If you do you are apt to get badly bitten. Thousands of men delight in "fighting the Tiger," as they consider it great game. The color of the Tiger is "red and black." When you call and see the Tiger you must always show your card. The Tiger resembles a Highway Robber, because when you do see it it will compel you to throw up your hands and demand your money or your life. Sometimes it gets both.



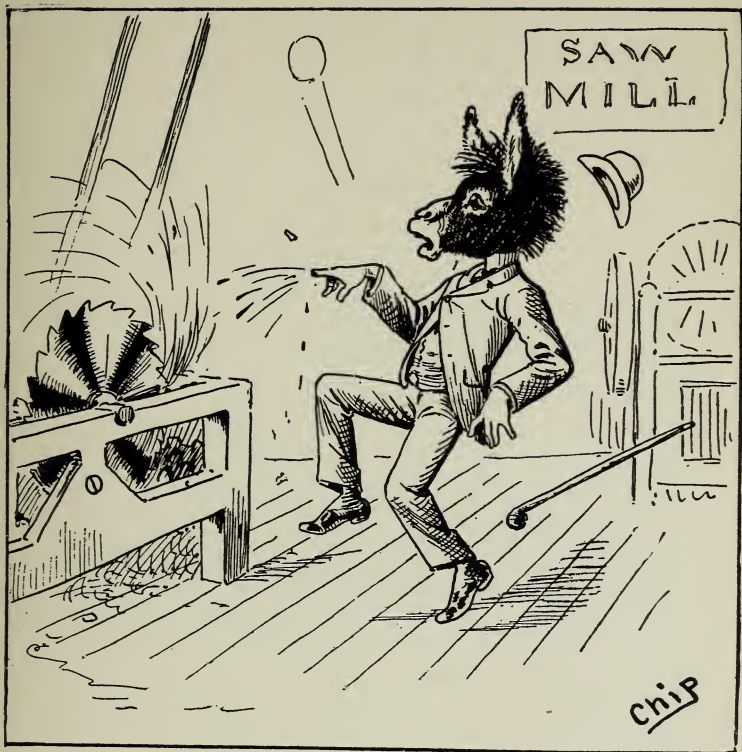
THE FLY.

This gay and festive cuss can generally be found in the butter. The fly is not considered a dangerous beast, although I once saw a large and unfeeling Fly drive a strong, sleepy man to suicide. The Fly congregates in the greatest quantities in places of Divine Worship where you are not allowed to "cuss".



THE COW.

The Cow is a very useful animal ; it gives nice fresh swill milk. Some Cows have iron tails ; if it were not for the Cow with the iron tail , a great many milkmen would starve. The young of a Cow is called a Calf. The Calf gives condensed milk. The Cow is not of a literary turn of mind , for anything red (read) to a Cow is displeasing. If any one calls a Cow an Ox it is a Bull.



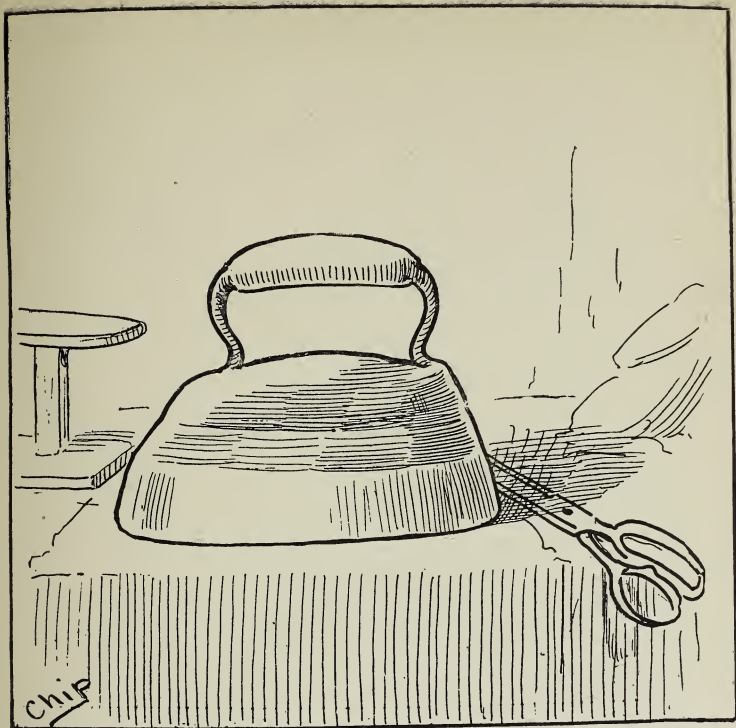
THE DONKEY.

Go where you will, you are certain to meet the Donkey. The Donkey is exceedingly inquisitive but of little intelligence, and though not a ferocious animal, still it might be called a beast of bray. There are several kinds of Donkey: the Buzz Saw, Kerosene, Not-loaded, and Perpetual Motion. Also a number of other species of lesser note. The Donkey is an object-ionable brute, for he is always "kicking". The Donkey is sure to be an Ass.



THE BEAVER.

The Beaver is rapidly becoming extinct, but there is a breed that has sprung into existence of late years which resembles the Beaver somewhat in appearance and which has erroneously been called by that name, and though a member of the "Dicer" family, is certainly not a Beaver. Atty. Gen. Brewster possesses a very fine specimen of Beaver. Beavers, and in fact all of the "Dicer" tribe are exceedingly fond of bricks. Thus originated the expression having a "brick in your hat"



THE GOOSE

The Goose is large and heavy and has a constitution of iron. The Goose is an ardent lover and is ever pressing its suit. When it meets with any difficulty it becomes quite heated in trying to smooth it over. The Goose is an inhabitant of the Tailor Shops, though you may find a somewhat smaller variety, known as the Flat-Iron, in nearly every household on the face of the Globe. The Flat-Iron is much used by funny writers as the means of producing laughter, by being made the weapon with which to destroy hen-pecked husbands and mothers-in-law. The tailor thinks a great deal of the Goose and always gives it a warm reception.



THE OYSTER.

Oysters are a lazy set, for they prefer staying in their "beds". The Oyster is very unfortunate for it is always getting into hot water and raising a "stew". They generally go together in numbers of half a dozen: though at Coney Island you will find it alone, unless you order six stews, which only millionaires and comic artists can afford to do. The Oyster is a gentle little thing and hates to see strife, and many a time a full and happy husband, on returning home late at night from the Club, has soothed his anxious wife and the hard broom-stick with a Fry in a Box.



THE DOG.

There are four kinds of Dog ; the Big Dog, Little Dog, Yaller Dog, and Puppy ; the Puppy wears white collars with colored shirts, and smokes cigarettes. The Dog is an affectionate animal and will "attach" itself to almost any one. The Dog feeds on tramps and choice victuals hooked from the dining table. When a Dog gets mad it bites people. The people who are bitten also get mad. They say that if you look an angry Dog straight in the eye it will not molest you ; but I found the best thing to do under such circumstances is to turn in the opposite direction and run like the "dooce"



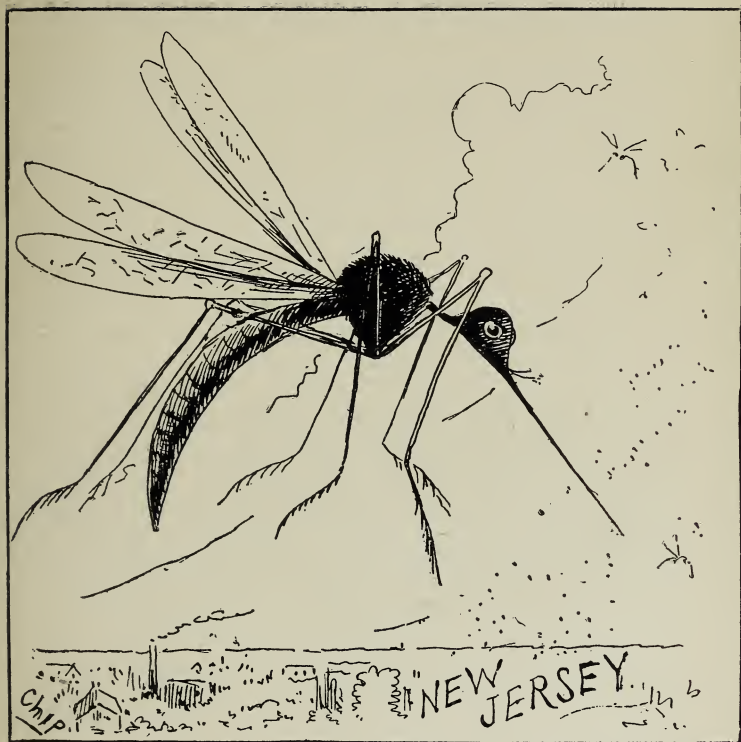
THE HOG.

The Hog is a native of all civilized (?) countries. The Hog is a great traveler; you will be sure to see him on railroad cars, steamboats, and all other public conveyances, also in restaurants and boarding houses. A "well dressed" Hog is the worst kind of a Hog. The Hog is very "fresh" but is often "cured," and has his "bacon cooked" for him. This beast smokes bad segars and eats with his knife. The Hog is a "dirty" animal and generally wants the "earth."



THE GROWLER.

There are several species of the Growler, the most popular being the Little Brown Jug Growler. They inhabit tenement houses and also large factories. The Growler is readily domesticated and is used for "working" purposes. Strange to say the Growler seems to be the most active during the hottest season of the year, for then it may be seen "rushing" about the streets of big cities, foaming at the mouth and diving in and out of doorways. The Growler is a great climber, I having known one to run up a bill with the greatest ease: if not paid, it is always liquidated.



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