

A Chewing Gum Romance.

When first he met her, she was fair
And chewing
Chewing
Gum.
A rosebud nestled in her hair;
He breathed his love unto her there,
But she—she smiled a smile so rare—
While chewing
Chewing
Gum.

She listened while he urged his suit,
Still chewing
Chewing
Gum.
He vowed her charms had made him mute
And tuned his passion on a lute,
And she declared that it was "cute"—
Still chewing
Chewing
Gum.

At last she blushed and murmured,
"Yes!"
Still chewing
Chewing
Gum.
He wrapped her in a fond caress,
And she remarked, "This time, I guess,
I saw about my wedding dress"—
Still chewing
Chewing
Gum.

She strode in state down the aisle,
Still chewing
Chewing
Gum.
He met her with a happy smile,
And they were wedded there, the while
She wept in pretty, bridey style—
Still chewing
Chewing
Gum.

To-day I saw her down the way,
Still chewing
Chewing
Gum.
Three children, joyous, blithe and gay,
Were shouting in their happy play,
And they were hers, I know, for they
Were chewing
Chewing
Gum.

—Baltimore American.

He Had a Close Call.

I was sitting by the red-hot stove in a New England village inn, when a citizen who had been out west and returned a week or so before my arrival entered the office and was at once asked to relate some of his adventures. He soon started off with a story about an avalanche sliding off with a mountain and burying 10,000 head of cattle under the stones and dirt. He was there and saw it all, and he was the one who carried the bad news to the owner of the cattle. There were looks of doubt on the faces of some of his listeners when he concluded, and one of them finally asked of me:

"Stranger, do you think such a thing possible?"
"It is not impossible," I answered.
"But wouldn't at least one of these cattle have got away?"
"Not necessarily so. Their tails might have got twisted around the bushes, you see."
"So they might. Did you see any twisted tails, Hiram?"
"Hundreds of 'em, but I forgot to say so."
"Then that makes it all right, and I hope you'll go ahead and tell us about Injuns."

Next morning the story teller paid me an early call, and, after shaking hands, he said:

"Stranger, I want to thank you for twistin' them cattle's tails around the bushes in the way you did. I got too big an avalanche and too many cattle, and if you hadn't chipped in as you did I might have been turned out of the church for a liar."

A Domestic Disarrangement.

They had been married three months and were having their thirteenth quarrel—an unlucky number, by the way.
"You only married me for money," he said, with exceeding bitterness.
"I didn't do anything of the kind," she retorted.
"Well, you didn't marry me because you loved me."
"I know I didn't."
"In heaven's name, what did you marry me for, then?" he cried in despair, for he had not expected this.
"Just to make that hateful Kate Scott you were engaged to cry her eyes out because she had to give you up and see me get you."
He fell down on the white bear rug at her feet and rolled over on it until he looked like an animated snowball.
"Great Caesar, woman," he shrieked, "what have you done? Why, I married you just because she threw me over."
And by the time dinner was ready their sweet young hearts were once more so full of sunshine that awnings were absolutely necessary.

"Sir," said the pleading youth, "I have won your daughter's heart."
"So," muttered the elderly sage, "Well, I reckon that's all right. But, young man, don't let her shove off her liver on you. It's been supporting one physician and three patent medicine cures now for five years."

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