

# CHUMS.

Words by J. P.

Music by Mona Davison.

1. You tell of your sweethearts in song and in story... Give me a chum... If you're  
 2. When your girl turns her back, gives her love to another, He's still your chum... He's

cov-ered with rags, or are cov-ered with glo-ry. The same old chum...  
 tru-er than ev-er was sweet-heart or broth-er. Your good old chum...

Al-ways the same and he nev-er cares whether it's rain-y to-day or is sun-shin-y weath-er. Bu-  
 Love has grown cold and your friend-ship are forsak-ing Your heart with the ag-o-ny al-most is breaking. His

side He will stand by my side, And we'll face it to-gether, my dear old chum...

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gives you his hand, and you face it to-gether, Your good old chum!... Chum of  
 hand-clasp will soothe all the pain and the ach-ing, Your dear old chum!... Chum of

mine, dear old pal of mine,..... He nev-er will fal-ter, He nev-er will al-ter, What-ev-er the  
 weath-er, in cloud or shine..... And what will may come, let mis-for-tune come, What-ev-er be-

side He will stand by my side, And we'll face it to-gether, my dear old chum.....

Chums.

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### A YOUNG LION SLAYER.

#### Boer Farmer Boys Make Good Shots On the African Veldt.

Three lions were killed near Pietersburg, Transvaal by the nineteen-year-old son of Jozef Erasmus, a Boer farmer. It appears that young Erasmus was on his way to the Messina mine and had outspanned his donkey team, when his kaffir boy came running to tell him that three lions were tackling the donkeys. Erasmus seized his gun and ran hard in the direction indicated. On his arrival at the spot he found the lions lying around one of the donkeys. He fired and killed a big lioness. The other two jumped up but he was ready and shot another (younger) lioness. The young lion which was left ran behind some brushwood. Erasmus first collected his donkeys and brought them into safety and then once more carefully approached the scene of the fight. In order to find out if the two lionesses were dead he fired another shot at one of them. This disturbed the surviving lion who thereupon came forth roaring. Erasmus was again ready and shot him dead on the spot. Asked by the Volksstem correspondent whether he was alone at the time, Erasmus replied: "Oh, no, Oom, I had my little Kaffir boy with me." The skins were sold in Pietersburg.—Pretoria Volksstem.

#### Poisonous Brazilian Vipers.

Much is made of the lance-head viper, "the most deadly of all known reptiles," brought from Brazil to New York for the purpose of an operation which will give a serum that is practically extinct. There are several singularly interesting snakes in Brazil. The suru cucu is supposed to cause death in six hours. It is sometimes found nine feet long. Its skin is a dirty tawny yellow, with dark brown lozenges on the back. It is said to be attracted by fire but seldom to injure travellers. The fiercest of the lance-headed vipers is the Jararoca, and it, also, is a dirty yellow, but it is brown-black about the tail.—Boston Herald.

#### Birds, Fruit, Dead Leaves.

The Moki Indian women of Arizona have an ingenious and romantic form of coiffure. When young these women coil their tresses at the sides of their heads, so as to represent the buds of a native plant. This signifies that they themselves are in the flush of youth and of marriageable age. When they are married their hair is arranged to represent the fruit of the plant; while in old age their locks hang straggling down their backs, typical of the withered stalk of the dead or dying plant.

### Answers.

#### Brides Older Than Bridegrooms.

The vital statistics prepared by City Clerk Enwale of Salem show that during 1907 there were 479 marriage licenses issued and 306 solemnized in the city, which is 18 fewer than the previous year. The oldest bridegroom was 68 and the oldest bride 50, while the youngest bridegroom was 16 and the youngest bride 15. Seventy-one brides were older than the bridegrooms.—Boston Transcript.

#### Vegetable Milk.

"Vegetable milk" is used in Japan. It is made from the soja bean. The liquid is exactly like cow's milk in appearance, and in taste can hardly be distinguished from it. To make it the beans are first soaked and then boiled in water. Some sugar and phosphate potassium are added, and it is boiled down till it has the consistency of condensed milk.

#### Valuable Relics.

At an auction sale at Christie's in London of the late Marchioness of Conyngham's art collection a silver ewer and dish, weighing together 90 ounces, a gift of George IV to an ancestor of the Marchioness, sold for \$21,000.

#### A Venerable Turtle.

A Massachusetts boy, Nathan Sampson, has found a venerable turtle which bears markings made by his grandfather, now 81 years old, which were put on in 1840, and by his great-grandfather, who marked the same turtle in 1816.

#### Slightly Mixed.

The story is now going the rounds of the country papers about a man who visited the paying-teller's window in a bank and asked for one of the new coins with "God Bless Our Home" left off.

#### A Healthful Occupation.

Bull fighters receive \$417 per hour, and the occupation is so healthful that unless killed by accident its followers invariably reach a green old age.

#### Newspapers in Persia.

Persian newspapers are reproduced from handwriting by lithography, no types being used.

#### Viennas Beggars.

Vienna has 32,000 street beggars, and many of them make a better living than workmen.

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