Humorous Department.

JOKING WITH A JOKER.

Jones was watering his grass when Robinson, the funny man, came along and stepped on the hose. Jones turned around to see what had shut off the water so suddenly, and Robinson stood and laughed at him.

"Get off that hose!" exclaimed the gardener.

"Oh, don't mind me," said the funny man. "Go on and water your

Then he noticed that the nozzle wa carelessly pointed in his direction. "Here! Point that the other way! he cried.

Jones glanced down at the nozzle, and his face lighted up with pleasure.
"Amusing to shut off a man's water,

isn't it ?" he asked. "But, my dear sir," expostulated Robinson, "I didn't---"

"It's intensely funny," said Jones "you'd better get off that hose." "But I can't," said the funny man. "Don't you see the nozzle pointed

right at me? And if I do-"Oh, well, I'm in no hurry," interrupted Jones. "If you enjoy it, I don't know that I have any reason to

He leaned easily against the wall, still keeping the nozzle pointed toward

Robinson.
"I say," said the latter, "if you'll turn that the other way, I'll get off." "Oh, I wouldn't put you to so much trouble. Enjoy yourself."

Jones held the nozzle between his knees while he took out a cigar and low in thine own eyes. For lighted it. The funny man watched self little and others much. him puff for a moment; then he said: ting stiff."

Jones, disinterestedly.

Robinson tried it, made a slip, and the stream almost reached him before rested; he made man and rested, and he could get his foot on the hose again. then he made a mistake—and made a Jones chuckled. "I'll smash you for this!" cried the

funny man, excitedly.

"All right," returned the other, any other country in Europe. The carelessly. "But be careful, or you yearly average in Spain is 3,000 hours; may slip off the hose again."

Robinson tried to walk along the hose to get farther away from the nozzle, but the water spurted out a little he got desperate, stepped off, and started to run. The stream caught him way: "He has money to burn, and in the middle of the back. When he carries matches." got out of range he turned and shook his fist at the impassive Jones and medicine recently, from the University grass again:

"Funny that a funny man can't take a joke!"

occurred in a neighboring city, says an victs the first night." exchange, a few day since, and one too Lulu and Flossie Sleppy, of St. good to be lost. One of our celebrated Joseph county, Michigan, are sisters, ing maid, having heard of the song, and her sister 425 pounds. and thinking she would get it with In Brazil at the funeral of an unher. The young lady threw back her of the driver, are all scarlet. veil, saying "I wan't 'Rock Me to Sleep.' "

"Now," said the young lady, want 'The Wandering Refugee.'"

"Yes, ma'am," said the clerk, bowing,

and in a few minutes he produced the "Now, 'Kiss Me,'" said the young

lady, of course meaning the song above The poor clerk's eyes popped fire al-

most, as he looked at the young lady in utter astonishment, for he was not been published. "Wh-what did you say, miss?"

lady in my life," said the clerk,

And about that time a veil dropped, a young lady left in a hurry, clerk felt number of United States troops ensick, and dealer lost sale of his music. gaged was 112,230.

to be your wife if Bryan was elected?' The news of the bet had just come that time, the house, of course, will be to them.

"It is true," he replied. "Poor fool!" they continued. "She

was just having fun with you. haven't noticed me weeping any very

bitter tears, have you? I'm satisfied. You didn't want her, then ?" "Well, I'm satisfied that she should at that price.

win the bet." "What does she win?" they inquir-

ed. "Me," he answered, with considerable satisfaction. "I was to be her husband if McKinley won, and she was to be my wife if Bryan proved victorious. Perhaps some of you gentlemen can give me lessons in the art of bet-

ting, but I don't believe it." And there was a general disposition to agree with him.

your parents living?" an Arkansaw school teacher asked of a boy.

"Mur is, but pap ain't." "That's bad."

"What's bad? That mur's livin' or that pap's dead?"

"It's bad that your father is dead?" on the crap said so."

"What was the matter with your

father ?' "He couldn't stand prosperity."

"Why, how did prosperity kill him?"

she had no hand in it.

she downed him."

Wayside Gatherings.

Twelve letters comprise the Hawaiian alphabet.

A dollar is respectable because it represents somebody's hard work. Teacher-how many months have 28 days in them? Tommy-All

Over 1,250,000 acres of the earth's surface is devoted to the cultivation of

of 'em.

Marrying into a family does not carry with it the right to criticize its members. It has been stated that a murder

s committed in Italy every two hours on the average. Fully one-third of the land in

Great Britain is owned by members of the house of lords.

Anthracite coal, from China, is sold in California, and is crowding out the Pennsylvania product. Wisconsin has 2,000 creameries,

and produces one-sixth of the cheese made in the United States. Saturn is 906,000,000 miles from the sun, and it takes nearly 30 years

to complete its revolution. When terrified, the ostrich travels at the rate of 25 miles an hour, and

clears 12 to 14 feet at a stride. George Washington's plantation on the Potomac river, south of Washington city, originally contained 8,000

If thou woulds't find much favor and peace with God and man, be very low in thine own eyes. Forgive thy-

"Why don't you shift legs?" asked car, her garter broke, and she lost the sleeper to throw trains off the track money. The Lord made the world and

any rest. Spain has more sunshine than

any other country in Europe. The that of Italy, 2,300; Germany, 1,700; England, 1,400. When a real New York boy

wishes to say that a man is extremely

muttered, as he began watering the them being in the honor roll and one heading the list. A Negro preacher who has been

carrying on a protracted meeting, was "Now Kiss Me."—A funny incident "First rate," said he; "I made 70 con-

composers has written a song enti-tled, "Kiss Me." A very pretty, blush-teen years. Lula weighs 435 pounds,

some others, stepped into a music store married woman, the mourning color is to make a purchase. One of the clerks, scarlet. The coffin, the hearse, the a modest man, stepped up to wait on trappings of the horses, and the livery In York county, Me., is said to

be a tree that grew up through the hole The clerk got the song and put it beears the stone aloft, hanging, as it were, about the neck of the tree.

When Morocco's sultan decides to marry, the whole country becomes shrouded in gloom, as every subject must contribute a wedding present. The sultan is about to take a second wife, and much discontent is reported.

Bigamists in Hungary are compelled to submit to an odd punishment. The man who has been silly enough aware that a song by that name had to marry two wives is legally forced to live with both of them, in the same

The war with Mexico com-"Kiss me,' '' said she.
"I can't do it; I never kissed a young menced April 24, 1846, and ended July 4, 1848, having continued two years, two months and ten days. The

The home of Mrs. Mary Lease, 'TWAS A CINCH BET .- They laugh- the noted populist politician and lecturer, will be sold under the sheriff's ed right merrily at him.

"And so," they said, "she promised hammer, January 6, to satisfy a \$1,100 mortgage. If the money is paid before

re-leased. Three policemen in a Brooklyn station-house had a quarrel about a sandwich, which one of them stole "Perhaps," he answered; "but you from another, and surreptitously ate. Fists and clubs were freely used. The police commissioner fined each of them \$90. They want no more sandwiches

An untamed swallow, which had its nest in a farm near Chetwind, in Shropshire, was caught and taken in a cage to London, where it was released. It returned to its nest in 80 minutes, having accomplished a distance

of 145 miles at the rate of nearly two miles a minute. "Well," remarked the wife of the man who had changed his mind about going to congress, "you have a clear conscience, anyhow." "I know that," was the comfortless reply, "but

Gallium is worth \$100,000 a do with yer, Joe?" he added. "We I had only a confused recollection pound. It is a silver-white hard metal ain't goin' ter throw no trains off the of the events which had so lately bediscovered in 1875. It is somewhat track. Oh, no! Tom and me wouldn't fallen me, but they told me gently all malleable and capable of receiving a do nothin' of that kind, eh, Tom? that I did not know of the story. fine polish. It is remarkable for its But we're goin' to let you throw one I had been very ill, they said, of

in the fingers. pitied who has a hesitating admirer, We're jest goin' to tie you down here to the railway tracks, but to a tree, who boggles about popping the ques- across the track awhile, that's all." tion. He is worse than a bold one. "Wal, old Bill Simmons giv' pap a How perfectly satisfactory was the whole jug o' whisky, an' it was mor'n conduct of that brave old Puritan, who he could stan'. He done his best, but rode up to the door of the house of the track and let the train pass over me. girl of his choice and having desired her to be called out to him, said without limbs shook with fear. A young lady who was blamed circumlocution, "Rachel, the Lord hath for allowing her glove to be discovered sent me to marry thee !" when the girl than half an hour that I was to suffer, in a young man's pocket stated that answered, with equal promptitude and but death in a most violent and horri- by Parker and his companions, and devoutness, "The Lord's will be done!" | ble form.

The Story Teller.

THE WRECKER'S REVENGE.

In the '60s many parts of Australia, been established there, and as they desperate purpose. were mostly used for conveying the gold from the mines and the men who had made their piles to the nearest large towns, it is not to be wondered at that many attempts were made by wild characters to wreck the trains.

It got to be altogether too common thing on our line for these desperadoes to put sleepers across the track and tear up the rails to throw the neck across one rail and his feet over were caught got pretty severe sen- hour a train is coming down that very

noteworthy case it was my evidence chiefly that convicted two of the most him. precious rascals that ever lived-Tom Jackson and Jack Parker by name.

They were sent to prison for 15 vears, and I was glad to serve as an 'humble instrument" in the case; though sometimes I did feel rather uneasy when I'd repeat to myself the last words Parker said as he was taken out of court:

"As for you, Joe Townsend," and he shook his fist significantly in my direction, "all this comes of the cow-Jackson and me ain't the men to stay fastened to a sleeper. in prison for 15 years. We're goin' to A lady in Bath, Maine, carried git out, and you may depend upon it free myself! how I sought to wrench "Look here, old man, my leg's get"Look here, old man, my leg's getng stiff."

We'll be keerful to pay our respec's to away my legs; how I tugged at the you. We've invented a new kind of cords which bound my wrists; and with, eh, Tom ?"

they passed through the door, and as to throttle myself with the rope that the prisons in those days were not so held my head to the rail! How I woman. Since then nobody has had difficult to get out of as they are now, I could not, as I have said, help feel- I lay! ing a trifle nervous when I recalled Parker's threat.

I turned the words over in my mind a good many times during the next two years. Somehow or other they dreadful moments. stuck by me:

But I did not. Oh, no! The murstuck by me:

"We've invented a new kind of sleeper to throw a train off the track." I felt as though he meant something unusual by that, although I could not make out what.

My house, where my wife and children lived, was about three-quarters die but once; and, after all, what made some terrible threats. And Jones of Buffalo, three were women, two of of a mile below the station, and quite would it matter an hour hence? near the track. At 10.30 I was at liberty for the

> shut up the station and start off down asked how he got on with the meeting. the road for home; and a lonely enough tramp it was. Well, the night I am going to tell you about was as black as the inside could not stir.

night, and it didn't take me long to

of a tunnel. When I started down the track, I almost wished I'd gone around by the highway, for I had to feel my way

half the time. However, I knew the path tolerable well, and could tell where all the culverts and dangerous places were,

pretty nearly. So I held up my lantern like the headlight of a locomotive and stumbled along, making pretty good time,

I must have been about half-way slightest idea on my part that any teeth, I thought, and somehow get human being was within half a mile a match from it and so light the of me, I felt a pair of arms clasped lantern. around my waist with a strength it

was impossible to overcome. Then I was thrown down, the light from a more powerful lantern than mine (which had fallen from my hand and become extinguished) flashed about me, and by its glare I saw three nigh time for it now. powerful fellows, who, in spite of my truggles, proceeded to tie my hands

firmly behind me. I did not recognize them at all till, at length, as I lay there on my back, entirely helpless, one of them snatched the lantern from his companion and on a night like that, and at such an held it near me, while he brought his face close to mine.

"Well, Joe Townsend," he said, "do you know me?"

"Yes, I know you, Jack Parker," answered, as coolly as I could.

"I thought as how mebbe ye would. didn't mean to stay in prison long. 've b'en thinkin' 'bout you, Joe, 'most all the time while I was there gittin' another minute and it would be upon up my muscle breakin' stone. And me! here's anuther feller you might recomember—leastways, he hain't forgotten you, eh, Tom?'

And I now recognized Tom Jackon, the other prisoner of two years

The third man I had never seen. "This place'll do as well as any, I Parker went on, presently. ly above me.

What's the time, Jem?' Jem consulted his watch, and pronounced it to be about 11.

"All right; he'll have jist about 50 minutes to think things over and re- flashing by above, and within a few pent having lied about two such ex- feet of my head. emplary gentlemen as Tom Jackson and myself-eh, Tom?"

And Tom chuckled approvingly. "Now git out all of them ropes," Parker went on.

"Do ye know what we're goin' ter my room at home. "Yas; the man that had a mortgage low melting point, melting when held off. I told ye, ye know, that me and brain fever. Tom had diskivered a new kind of They had found me on the morning Of all women she is most to be sleeper for throwin' trains with. of that terrible night, bound fast-not

> So their fiendish purpose was revealed at last. They were going to tie me to the been ill for a fortnight.

I confess that at that moment my It was not only death within less part of the story as they did.

For a moment I thought only of

Then I groaned aloud as I remembered Jennie and the little ones.

ashamed to tell it-I doubt if there to the tree. are many men who would not have done the same in my place-but I wild state. Railways had not long those heartless villians to forego their. Their revenge had been, not to

I might as well have gone on my knees to the great iron monster that would be along in so short a time to crush me.

They only laughed mockingly over my despair, and began their work.

You'll acknowledge that it's rather a dismal prospect for a poor fellow to be gagged and bound, and then tied fast across a railway track, with his train off, and some of the villians who the other, and to know that in half an track; and this in a dark, drizzly

And that's the way the scoundrels left me-they tied me there fast and firm-they mockingly bade me good-

night and pleasant dreams. And yet I could not cry out in my agony nor curse them in my despera-

tion as they moved off. No words of mine can describe the horror and agony I felt during the time I lay there.

There I was, in a most painful position, bound by the neck to one rail, ardly lies you've sworn to; and I and by the ankles to the other, my want you to understand that Tom hands tied beneath me, and my body

Oh, Heaven! how I did struggle to as I thought of the fearful death so He leered horribly to his crony, as soon to come upon me, how I strove prayed that I might suffocate there as

> I have heard that men have died of terror, but I don't believe it.

If such a thing were possible, I think I should have perished in those

derers were to have their fullest revenge.

And now, suddenly, I grew strange ly calm.

I philosophized with myself. I said, resignedly, that a man could

If I only home, when all at once, without the could draw up my pocket with my

But all this time the minutes were

lying by like lightning. Horrible as that hour was to me, I could have wished it was all eternity. Every instant I dreaded to hear the train coming. I knew it must be well

I will not dwell longer on my sufferings. I did not free myself. I could not, if the salvation of the race had depended on it. Nor did any-

body come to free me. No one would ever pass that spot hour.

Nor was the train behind time. No, I heard it at last; first, a faint, rumbling sound that seemed to come from deep down in the earth; then the ground seemed to thrill and tremble; then the rails rattled a little, then more and more; then I heard the whistle, and then, oh, Heaven!

I tried once more to cry out; struggled again for an instant with all the power of my being; then I felt that my time was come, and I shut

my eyes and lay quite still. And the great train came rushing on and on—it was close upon me. I saw it not, yet I felt it to be direct-

Great heavens! what was this? Was it passing over me, and I still iving and feeling it not?

I opened my eyes ; I saw the carriages

Then the truth flashed upon me. The train was upon the other track.

The reaction was too much for me, and I fainted. When I came to, I found myself in

just a few rods from the track. I was very delirious, and was taken home raving continually, and I had Then they asked how it was that I

came to be tied to the tree. But, alas! I knew as little of that

I told them how I had been seized tied to the track.

My lantern, found near the spot, and come to release me before the up train distinct marks of a struggle, confirmed should be due.

The question was, how did I escape I don't know why I should be the train, and how did I become tied give any alarm.

My theory is this: Parker and Jackson were not, after

Their revenge had been, not to murder me, but to frighten me terribly, and they certainly had succeeded.

I could see nothing, tied as I was, could hardly move my head, and they had easily persuaded me into the idea that I was on the down track—that of the passenger train. After the train had passed they had "I guess so; he said 'gee-whiz!"

black-hearted as I thought they were. "Bobby, was papa pleased when you told him that graudma was here?"

They had fastened me to the tree so

This is the only way that I can ac-

count for the facts. And though I

certainly don't owe the rascals any-

thing for what they did to me, I never

think of the affair without feeling a

kind of gratitude toward them, and

thanking Heaven they were not as

as to get fully away before I could

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