

THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

A LITTLE HUMOROUS READING FOR THE LEISURE HOURS.

A Broken Vase—A Coartuous Conductor—The Boy's Boots—He was Very Poor—Not a Foot—The Old Story, Etc., Etc.

THE OLD STORY.
We all know the story of the Turkish Cadi who held that there was always a woman at the bottom of every trouble. On one occasion there appeared before him one of his officers, who stated that a certain man had fallen out of the window and killed himself.

WHAT BECAME OF THE BOOTS.
The other day Dr. Hurty's small boy wanted a pair of rubber boots. The doctor tried to reason him out of it, but the youngster persisted in his demand. Finally, the doctor told him a little story—one he had read in the newspaper. The boy was all attention, and the story proceeded:

A POET.
Judge Dusenberry took tea at the mansion on Fifth avenue, one of last week. Conversing with Sykes, Judge Dusenberry recited:

CONDUCTOR'S COURTESY.
I can't let this girl travel over this on that half-fare ticket," said the conductor to the widow Flapjack. "Why not? what is the matter with the girl?"

A BASHFUL LOVER.
"As-a-say, Brown, y-you are a m-marryd man; g-g-give m-me a l-little advice, w-w-will you?"

THE WORM TURNED.
"Father had been lecturing his young son upon the evils of staying out at night and getting up late in the morning."

SOCIAL AMENITIES.
"Grandmamma," said a Murray Hill lady, indignantly, "Clara Van nyten says that you and grandpapa get a corner grocery store when you grow young."

IT WAS BROKEN.
"Who broke this vase?" asked Miss Sinfearer's father, as he entered the parlor one morning and found his daughter gathering up the pieces of a majolica vase.

YOUNG MRS. FANGLE.
"Yes, she is mistaken," went on the lady, retrospectively; "we kept a grocery store, but it wasn't a corner store."

A CAR LOAD.

A Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis box car, which had some loose grain scattered over the floor, was invaded by a flock of between twenty-five and thirty goats at Columbus, Ind., when some of the boys closed the door, and the car was taken out to Indianapolis "empty," as was supposed.

SO POOR.
"I am poor and unable to obtain work. Will you kindly give me a dollar to buy medicine for my sick wife?" piteously whined a seedy individual to a passing citizen.

SMITH—BROWN.
Smith—Brown, I am glad to see you looking so well and prosperous. Big change since I saw you three months ago. Have you struck a bonanza?

SIMILARITY OF CONDITIONS.
She (on board the yacht Eaglewing)—How gloriously the fresh breeze fills the sails, Mr. De Salt!

REMARKABLE TIME.
"I'm not a sprint runner," said Charley, "but I made fifty yards once in remarkably quick time. It was just that far from the front door to the gate, and my girl's father held the dog and allowed me ten seconds to clear the distance."

ONLY THIS.
At the funeral of an oil-country resident, who had been blown up with nitro-glycerine, a woman who was taking a last sad look at the remains said:

DOTS AND DASHES.
It's the little things that tell—especially the little brothers and sisters.

AN ENGLISHMAN IN MADRAS.
An Englishman in Madras has, by a lucky accident, made a photograph of a tiger in the act of seizing its prey. It was only a partial success, however, as he didn't have time to tell the beast to "look pleasant."

THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
"Try not the pass," the old man said, but the old man wasn't a New York legislator.

THE WIFE'S REPLY.
"I have one discovered a murderer, Herr Inspector." "What kind of a murderer?" "A suicide, Herr Inspector."

Only an Eyelash.

A well-known financier says that at the close of business hours once he was poring and perspiring over a long column of figures on the balance sheet.

A Fish Story.
One of the earliest told in which the peculiar Christian name figures is of an accident that happened when Preserved Fish, just twenty-one years old, had been made captain of a New Bedford whaling vessel.

A Silly Fellow.
There is a small class of young men who imitate English manners, twirl peculiar canes, give to the varying styles of neckties whatever of attention they are capable of bestowing on anything, discard overcoats in cold weather, and walk with their shoulders shrugged into familiarity with their ears.

Chimneys.
In the year 1200, chimneys were scarcely known in England. Only one was allowed in a religious house, one in a manor house, and one in the great hall of a castle or lord's house; but in other houses the smoke found its way out as it could.

Autograph Hunters.
A wealthy city man who has been greatly annoyed by the pertinacity of autograph collectors, had had a circular printed which is mailed to all applicants.

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