THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

A LITTLE HUMOROUS READING ROR THE LEISURE HOURS.

A Broken Vase-A Courteous Conductor-The Boy's Boots-He was Very Poor-Not a Foet-The Old Story, Etc., Etc.

THE OLD STORY.

We all know the story of the Turkish Cadi who held that there was aiways 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.

"Where is the woman?" asked the Cadi.

"It was a man, your sublime highness," responded the officer. "Where is the woman?" repeated the

Cadi. "It was a man, your ecstatic nobleness," humbly reiterated the officer.

"Where is the woman?" fiercely demanded the Cadi.

"I tell you it was a man who killed himself, your effulgent radiance," roared the officer.

Then an explanation followed, when it turned out that the man was leaning out of his window to look at a woman, a few doors off, when he lost his balance

and fell to the ground. "Ah!" cried the Cadi, triumphantly, "I knew there was a woman at the bottom of it; there always is."

WHAT BECAME OF THE BOOTS.

The other day Dr. Hurty's smal! boy vanted a pair of rubber boots. The loctor tried to reason him out of it, out the youngster persisted in his denand. Finally, the doctor told him a ittle story—one he had read in the ewspaper. The boy was all attention, nd the story proceeded :

"A little boy in Pittsburg had been ven a pair of rubber boots by his ther. He waded in the water with em-water ran over the tops of the pots-boy took cold-mother put his et in hot water-grew worse-doctor me-little boy died-undertaker-

small boy listened attentively to eerd of the story, and the father was ng atulating himself on the impreshe had made, when, with a long ath, the youngster asked: That did they do with the boots ?"

ianapolis Journal.

A POET.

dge Dusenberry took tea at the mansion, on Fifth avenue, one last week. Conversing with Sykes, Judge Dusenberry re-

am delighted Miss Sykes, with poetry of your friend, Skimmerbut, of course, you yourself don't poetry."

ow do you know I don't write "" replied Miss Sykes, somewhat , for she has written a number of for publication.

know you are not a poetess beas a rule, all ladies who write y are very homely." ou are quite right, Judge Dusen-

replied Miss Sykes, with great "the cares of the household le me from cultivating the muses, I were ever so much disposed to -Texas Siftings.

CONDUCTORS' COURTESY.

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

he is no child. She is more than rown.'

Vell, if that don't beat everything

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 twentyfive 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. On arriving at Indianapolis, one of the brakemen in the yard opened the car door, when the goats jumped out one after another, scattering in every direction. The crew. supposing they had been shipped as freight, engaged in a chase for four hours, capturing fifteen of them. They then went to hunt the agent to see the way bill to find out how many goats had been shipped, when they discovered the joke .- Columbus Despatch.

SO POOR,

"I am poor and unable to obtain work. Will you kindly give me a dollar to buy medicine for my sick wife?" pitcously whined a seedy individual to a passing citizen. "'All bosh, no doubt-well, here's

the money; don't bother me again," was the ungracious reply, as he tossed him a silver dollar.

"Excuse me, sir, but have you noticed the latest quotation?" continued the seedy one, nervously fingering the coin; "allow me to trouble you for the other twenty-one cents."-Binghampton Republican.

STRUCK A BONANZA.

Smith-Brown, I am glad to see you looking so well and prosperous. Big change since I saw you three months Have you struck a bonanza? ago. Brown-Yes. You know I am one of the heirs to the Hyde estate in England, worth over three hundred millions of dollars?

Smith (excitedly)-Certainly. You don't mean to tell me that the thing is settled?

Brown--Yes, so far as I am concerned. I've dropped all claims, and am now giving close attention to business. I should say I had struck a bonanza!

SIMILARITY OF CONDITIONS.

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

He-Ya'as, the sails are full. She-And how resplendent the moon

is, Mr. De Salt! He-Ya'as, the moon's full.

She (getting a little tired)-Ah-do you know where the captain is, Mr. De

Salt? He-Er-ya'as, below. He's full, too.

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.'

"I grasp the situation," replied Gus, "but fifty yards in ten seconds is not fast time."

"No, but when I reached the gate I had eight seconds to spare."-New York Sun.

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 :

"I don't see nothin' but a collar but-"'Yes, madam," replied the under-taker. reverently, "that is all that was ever found."—Harper's Bazar.

DOTS AND DASHES.

It's the little things that tell-especially the little brothers and sisters. shillings were laid on chimneys. "TRY not the pass," the old man said but the old man wasn't a New York legislator.

Only an Eyelasi.

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. The sum total of the column should have read six thousand and ninety dollars. lustead of that amonnt, however, it showed a total of six thousand, nine hundred and ninety dollars, or nine hundred dollars more than he could account for. The vexatious mistake caused the colonel to scratch his head vigorously and wonder where the excess was in the agonizing column of figures. While going over the column carefully for the twentieth time he discovered the error, and it was one that would hardly occur once in a thousand years. One of the colonel's eyelashes had fallen on the balance sheet and adhered to the first cipher in the line of figures one thousand dollars.

A Fish Story.

One of the eariest told in which the peculiar Christian name figures is of an accident that happened when Freserved Fish, just twenty-one years old, had been made captain of a New Bedsord whaling vessel. A revenue cutter bore down upon him and demanded the name of the brig. "The Flying Fish," shouted back the young commander, "What's back the young commander. the curgo?" was the next question. "Pickled fish," was answered. "And who is captain?" "Preserved Fish!" That government officer couldn't stand this. He did not propose to be fooled with and made fun of by anybody in this way. and on board he climbod with his licutenanti, only to find that lhe whole truth and nothing but the truth had been told him.

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, dis-card overcoats in cold weather, and walk with their shoulders shrugged into famil-iarity with their ears. Their existence raises a question in etymology. They are called dudes, but until the appearance of the class the name was unknown. The English language has enjoyed, however, for an indefinite period of time the presence of the word doodle. This word stands for a silly fellow. Our suggestion is that the class of young men referred to shofild be called *doods* or doodles. We shall then have a word which describes a class and a class which answers to the word.

Chimneys.

In the year 1200, chimneys were scarcely known in England. One only 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. The writers of the fourteenth century seem to have considered them as the newest invention of luxury. In Henry VIII.'s reign, the University of Oxford had no fire a'lowed; for it is mentioned that, after the students had supped, having no fire in winter, they were obliged to take a good run for half an hour to get heat in their feet before they retired for the night. Holinshed, in the reign of Elizabeth, describes the rudeness of the preceeding generation in the arts of life. "There were," says he, "very few chim-neys; even in the capital towns the fire was laid to the wall, and the smoke issued out at the door, roof, or window. The houses were wattled and plastered over with clay, and all the furniture and utensils were of wood." In 1639 a tax of two

We cannot renew youth, but we can prevent gray hair by using Hall's Hair Renewer. Ayer's Pills are a never-failing remedy for headaches, caused by a disordered stomach.

A Shrewd Bridegroom.

A Montreal hackman took a couple to church to be married, and then slipped off to earn an extra fare, but was met on his return by a demand from the bridegroom for the money he had carned while away. A policeman being at hand the dumbfounded coachman handed over the cash rather than get into a lawsuit, and drove the newly wedded couple home. And yet we talk of Yankee shrewdness!

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A Tioga hunter spent all night up a tree in deference to the proximity of a bear.

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May a vessel upon which a court-martial is in ession be defined as a courtship?

A Squalling Baby. Why is a newly-born baby like agale of wind? Sec.us; it begins with a squall. Cold gales in-luce coughs and croup? Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein will cure it.

Petroleum V. Nasby. Petroleum V. Nasby, editor D. R. Locke, Petroleon V. Nasby, editor Toledo "Blade," writes: "I had on a forefinger of my right hand one of those pleasant pets, a 'run-round.' The finger became inflamed to a degree unbearable and swollen to nearly twice its natural size. A friend gave me HENRY' CARBOLIC SALVE, and in twenty minutes the pain had so much subsided as to give me a fair night's rest, which I had not had before for a week. The inflammation left the finger for a week. The inflammation left the finge in a day. I consider it a most valuable article.

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mail it at 60 cents. Ely Bros., Owego, N. Y. I had a severe attack of catarrh over a year ago, and became so deaf I could not hear com-mon conversation. I suffered terribly from a roaring in my head. I procured a bottle of Ely's Cream Baim, and in three weeks could hear as well as I ever could, and now I can cheerfully say to all who are afflicted with 'he worst of diseases, catarrh and deafness, tak-one bottle of Ely's Cream Balm and be cured. It is worth \$1,000 per bottle to any man, woman or child suffering from catarrh.—A. E. New man, Grayling, Campbell Co., Mich.

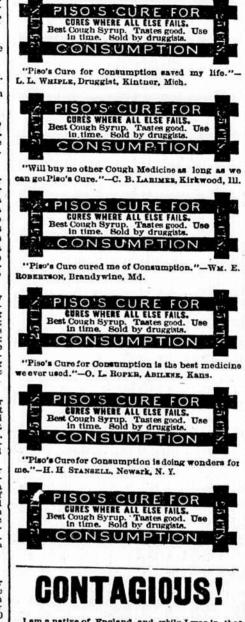
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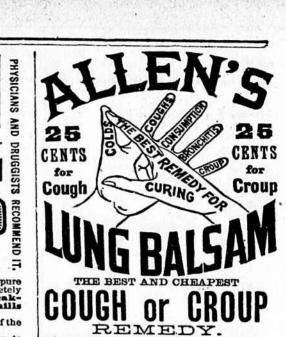


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I'll give it up. Here poor little he has been traveling over this road child's ticket for the last ten years, how all at once you say she is no That's a new way to worry the

eling public." he paid full fare, and then the ditive girl in the corner pulled herout, so to speak, like a marine tele-

A BASHFUL LOVER.

Is-s-say, Brown, y-you are a m-m-ried man; g-g-give m-me a l-l-little advice, w-w-will you?"

Certainly, old man. What can I do rou?"

I'm in l-l-love, B-B-Brown, with the weetest g-g-girl in th-the w-w-I w-w-want to a-ask her to m-my me, but I'm b-b-bashful, and I t q-q-quite know how to go ab-b-

You had better write her a letter," ised Brown.

THE WORM TURNED.

father had been lecturing h's young eful upon the evils of staying out at night and getting up late in the hing.

You never will amount to anything," ontinued, "unless you turn over a leaf. Remember that the early catches the worm."

How about the worm, father," inher foolish to get up so early?" 'My son," replied the old man, sol-"that worm hadn't been to bed aly, Il. He was on his way home."

IT WAS BROKEN.

"Who broke this vase?" asked Miss infeather's father, as he entered the or one morning and found his daughgathering up the pieces of a majol-

George and I broke it between us t night," was the maiden's innocent

Broke it between you, did you! ell, next time young Crimsonbeak Is you better not sit so close." And he left his daughter to ponder

what he meant. - Yonkers Statesman.

SOCIAL AMENITIES.

re young." "She is mistaken," said grandmam-

I knew she was, the mean, spiteful ng. The ideal"

"Coo hog to rog. Jags is not 100." This looks funny, and it is to expert telegraph operators. What tried to go over the wire was: "Come home to Rome. James is not well."

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."

BANK cashiers, as a rule, are opposed to silver dollars. They don't want them in the banks. There is reason in this. A bank officer going suddenly to Canada couldn't carry silver dollars enough with him to last a week.

A LITTLE New York boy, whose conduct made his mother say that she feared he did not pray, replied, "Yes, I do; I do pray every night that God will make you and pa like my ways better."

A PHILANTHROPIST asked the daughter of a rich manufacturer, who employs hundreds of men, if she ever did anything for her father's hands? "No," was the reply, "but I rub mine with glycerine and oatmeal every night." glycerine and oatmeat every night." ACTIVE and Passive. — Teacher: "Now, Klaus, if I say the father blessed his six children, is that active or passive?" "That is active." "Cor-rect, and what is passive?" "The father was blessed with six children." A WOULD-BE Detective. -- "Do you

want to be a detective?" "Yes, Herr Inspector." "Have you had experi-ence?" "I have once discovered a mur-derer, Herr Inspector." "What kind of a murderer?" "A suicide, Herr Inspector." HAVE you ever come across a man

who, when he was to pay for his own meal, said: "I ain't very hungry, I'lb take something light"; but when suddenly finding that some one else is to pay for it, musters up an appetite which would do credit to a man who fasted upon Kippur.

A PENNSYLVANIA schoolmarm gives the following sentence from the pen of BOCIAL AMENITIES. "Grandmamma," said a Murray Hill ang lady, indignantly, "Clara Van her youngc4* and brightest scholar, given in answer to the request: "Write in twenty words a definition of "Man'." uyten says that you and grandpapa It read thus: "Man is an animal that pt a corner grocery store when you stands up; he is not very big and he has to work for a living.

SHE Never Studied It .- "This natural gas is a wonderful thing," remarked Mrs. Fangle, as she sat before the fire "Yes, she is mistaken," went on the lady, retrospectively; '"we kept a cocery store, but it wasn't on a cor-"."

Autograph Hunters.

A wealthy city man who has been greatly annoyed by the pertinacity of au-tograph collectors, had .had a circular printed which is mailed to all applicants. This is a copy :-- "My dear ----. Your letter asking for my autograph plunges me into an unenviable embarrassment. I will confess to you confidentially that my education has been neglected in youth, and that I do not write an excellent copper-plate engraving hand, such as would ornament your collection. I therefore sign this by giving you an im-pression from my rubber stamp, which will show you what can be done in the way of good writing and what I would be able to do if I had been a good boy at school."

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