

JOKERS' BUDGET.

FAMILIAR FACE—More Likely a Bill
\$100—Cold Comfort—Her Solitary Admirer, Etc., Etc.

A FAMILIAR FACE.

—So you've been out West. Did you have a nice time?
—Only so-so. I went to a party one night in Denver expecting to have a good time, but there was only one familiar face in the room.
—Who was it? Some friend's from East?
—Yes. It belonged to a clock made Connecticut. —[Detroit Free Press.

MORE LIKELY A BILL FOR \$100.

—Dimming (looking up from the newspaper)—When mendacious reporters count stories they ought at least to make them somewhat probable.
—Well?
—Dimming—Here's a paragraph which says that a poet in Omaha has been awarded by handling a \$100 bill. A poet, mind you. —[Jestor.

THEY DIFFER.
The poet's and the plumber's ways are quite of different types. For, while the former pipes his lays, The latter lays his pipes. —[Black and White.

ONLY A WAR OF WORDS.
—What's all the trouble up the street?
—Two men quarrelling, and it is feared they will come to blows.
—Come to blows! There is not the slightest danger of that.
—Why not?
—Those men are prize fighters.

NOT SO ANXIOUS.
Smart Boy—Pleuse ma'am, it was two minutes after nine when you got here. When you relate you always keep us after school.
Teacher—Very well. You can all stay and keep me after school, if you wish.
[Smart boy subsidises.] —[Good News.

NOT MUCH.
Do you see the man with the big bass drum and a drum stick in his hand? Well, he makes more noise than all the rest.
But he doesn't lead the band.
—[Detroit Free Press.

AFTER A LONG WAIT.
Fresh Applicant—Is there an opening here for a bright young man?
Senior Proprietor—What can you do?
Applicant—(Confidentially)—Anything.
Proprietor—Very well; take my chair here and tell me how to run this business on a profitable basis. We've been waiting forty years for you to be born.—[Truth.

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HORRIBLE TORTURE

Two Atrocious Outrages Committed by Burglars.

THREE RUFFIANS IN DISGUISE.
After Nearly Killing an Old Couple the Thieves Did Not Get Anything.

John Daly Bound Hand and Foot, Had a Knife Jabbled Into His Neck, a Lighted Lamp Used to Burn an Ear Off, and He is Then Beaten Until Incapable—Miss Oliva McDowell, a Maiden Lady Treated in a Similar Manner.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., April 11.—Two atrocious outrages were committed in this town Saturday night by masked burglars. John Daly, an old soldier, was awakened shortly after he had retired for the night by three burly masked men. They demanded his pension money which he was supposed to have concealed about the house, and he refused to give it up. They then bound him, hand and foot, tied him to a chair and began a horrible system of torture.

First they jabbed him in the neck with a knife, beat him over the head with a revolver, but still refused to tell the hiding place of his money. Next they took a lighted lamp, held it under his ear, burning the organ completely off.

The old soldier yelled with pain and begged for mercy, but the burglars only renewed their torture. Daly was resolute, however, and would not divulge the whereabouts of his wealth. Seeing that it was useless, the burglars beat the man until he became unconscious.

After thoroughly searching the house, the burglars left and proceeded to the house of Miss Oliva McDowell, an aged maiden who is reported to have a little money.

They dragged her from her bed and bound and gagged her. She was tortured in a similar manner to old Daly, but she refused to tell where her money was concealed. She was hit in the left eye and the sight destroyed. They also pierced her skull with the edge of a knife, and beat her in such a brutal manner that her life is now in danger.

The robbers secured nothing. There was no clue to their identity.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

New Features of the Parade in Washington on Sept. 30.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The passage by the Senate last week of an appropriation of \$490,000 to aid in defraying the expenses of the National Encampment of G. A. R., next September, has greatly encouraged and enthused those in charge of the arrangements for the affair. In addition to this sum, the citizens' committee expect to raise \$600,000, of which over \$300,000 have already been subscribed, and every cent will be needed. The books of the committee show that more posts have been booked and quartered than at any previous encampment so far ahead of the date of meeting. The number disposed of thus early is unprecedented, and presages, in the opinion of the committee, an attendance of 300,000 people.

One of the features of the parade will be the unusually large number of mounted officers. In this respect the encampment will eclipse anything ever seen in the history of the Grand Army. The staff of the commander-in-chief aggregates fully 200 men, and all of them will be mounted. The same can be said of the various department commanders. Another feature of the parade will be the addition, for the first time, of the National Association of Naval Veterans. This body contains a membership of several thousand, and their yearly meeting will be held in Baltimore the same week of the encampment. On the day of the parade they propose to come to Washington in a body and participate.

TROLLEY LINES RECEIVE A BLOW.
Gov. Abbott Refused to Sign the Bill to Legalize Them.

NEWARK, N. J., April 11.—Gov. Abbott, in disposing of the bills left in his hands, gave the electric car system of Newark a hard blow by not signing the bill to legalize the trolley system in this State.

Several lines of the Newark Passenger Railway Company—those to Orange, Irvington, and up Central avenue notably—are operated by trolleys, and the poles that support the trolleys are between the up and down tracks and directly in the middle of the street. They are not only unsightly, but constant menaces to the life and limb of the unwary, and public sentiment has severely condemned the City Council for permitting the company to save a little money by placing them there.

All the trolley wire roads in the State, as well as this particular one in this city, are running in contravention of law, and the problem that interests them is as to what they shall do to save their plants from destruction. They may, in the hope of delaying the necessity for taking down their poles and wires, appeal to the Court of Errors. By the time a decision is reached they hope the next Legislature will be in session to give them relief.

ON A BURNING BED

A Dying Woman's Terrible Situation.
Her Husband Made an Attempt to Rescues Her, but Failed.

An Italian Grocer Accused of Setting Fire to His Store to Secure the Insurance—She Was Shockingly Burned and Was Saved from Being Cremated by the Foreman of a Hook and Ladder Company and Taken to a Hospital.

BROOKLYN, April 11.—A fire, supposed to have been of incendiary origin, broke out shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the three-story brick tenement, 100 Columbia street, this city. The flames did not burn more than twenty minutes, but the house was gutted from cellar to roof.

The ground floor was used as a grocery store by Joseph Barbara. On the first floor lived William Boyd with his wife Mary, each aged 43 years, and their five children.

Every day during the past three months Mrs. Boyd's death has been expected, as for years she had been gradually wasting away with consumption. Rev. Father John J. Barry had been in constant attendance upon her, and so confident was he that the end was fast approaching that he had intended calling again yesterday to administer the last sacrament of the Church. Up to the time the fire broke out he had not arrived.

The woman lay in bed in the front room and her husband sat by the window reading to her. While so engaged he smelled smoke. Running down the stairs he found dense volumes issuing from under and over the side door leading into the grocery store.

He raised an outcry so as to alarm the other tenants. Then, as he heard the flames roaring and crackling inside, he tried to kick in the door, but without success. Within five minutes his five children ran down the stairs shouting that their father was in flames.

Boyd rushed up the stairs and to his horror saw that his wife was lying on a bed which was completely surrounded by flames. He made one wild rush to save her, but was driven back by the flames, which were devouring everything.

Down the stairs he ran again and out into the street. In the meantime an alarm had been sent in and a hook and ladder company and several fire engines were coming up the street. With as little delay as possible, Foreman John Leo placed a ladder at the second-story window up which he ran himself. An instant later he returned bearing in his arms the dying woman.

An ambulance came from St. Peter's Hospital, three blocks away, and into this the woman was lifted. She had been burned in a shocking manner, and the ambulance surgeon shook his head when he saw the charred body.

During all this time Mrs. Crimmins and her family were having a lively time. Before they had made up their minds what to do escape was cut off by way of the stairs. All managed, however, to get safely to the roof, and then down to the street from one of the other houses.

Boyd told Police Sergeant Slattery that he thought the fire was of incendiary origin. Barbara, he said, had only occupied the store about four months, and he claimed the whole stock was not worth more than \$200 and it was insured in the London and Lancashire Insurance Company for \$1,500.

"Fifteen minutes before I smelled the smoke," continued Boyd, "I heard voices in the store. All seemed to be Italians, yet when I tried to break in the door there was no one there.

Barbara has not been seen since, but the police are looking for him.

COLD COMFORT.
Mr. Simpouse—To—tell the truth, in a little—of—to—to ask your—her for your hand.
Miss Chargin—Oh, you needn't worry, she says I am ruinously extravagant.—New York Weekly.

HER SOLITARY ADMIRER.
Miss Litchhead has a world of comfort.
—Yes, she has.
—Has she any admirers?
—One when she is awake.

FOR OTHERS, NOT HIMSELF.
—Penning looks very seedy these days.
—Yes, but he expects to sell the manuscript of the book he is writing for enough to get him good clothes.
—What is the title of his book?
—From Indigence to Affluence, or, How to Become a Plutocrat.
—Why doesn't he try some of his directions on himself?
—I shall. Doctors never take their own prescriptions. —[New York Press.

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THE WORM TURNS.
Newspaper Bore (cheerily)—How do you do? How do you do? How you getting along?
Editor—wearily—Not very well. Too many interruptions. —[Good News.

DISCOUNTING THE FUTURE.
Teacher—Mary? and what is your last name?
Young Woman—I can't tell you just yet; but I guess it will be Smith.
—[Laughs slyly.

CRAZED BY HIS LOSSES.

James Hawley's House Destroyed and an Adopted Son Burned to Death.

PITTSBURGH, April 11.—Fire shortly after midnight destroyed the residence of James Hawley. All the inmates escaped except Joseph Linton, an adopted son, who was burned to death.

When his burning bed fell to the first floor Mr. Hawley, crazed with grief, sprang into the flaming building and threw himself upon what remained of it.

He was dragged from his perilous position, his rescuers sustaining severe injuries.

He then attempted to cut his throat with a piece of glass but was prevented, and soon afterward made a third attempt at suicide by dashing his head against a post, and, falling in this, tried for a fourth time, by running his head against a wagon wheel.

Hawley has met with many losses of late, his barn having been burned down and his cattle poisoned. It is thought the fire was incendiary.

THE FAIR APPROPRIATION.

Argument Will be Made Why Congress Should Grant \$5,000,000.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—President Baker and Directors Odell, Winston and Butterworth of the World's Columbian Exposition will appear before the House of Representatives Committee on World's Fair to-morrow to show cause why Congress should appropriate \$5,000,000 for the exposition.

"While we are in Washington," said Mr. Baker, "I shall see the Coinage Committee and try to get them to recommend the issue of a Columbian medal half dollar to be used for admission at the fair in place of printed tickets. It would be less easy to counterfeit than tickets and besides would be valuable as a souvenir of the exposition. This issue would also relieve the silver question to the extent of about \$10,000,000, for we can easily use 20,000,000 of them.

"If they are issued we will buy them from the Government, have on sale at the regular ticket stations and make them the only ticket of admission to the grounds."

Corbett's Training Quarters.
ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 11.—Wm. A. Brady, the manager of the theatrical combination with which Jim Corbett, the puglist, is now traveling, has rented a cottage here for the season, and Corbett will come here at the conclusion of his California tour and train for his coming fight with Champion John L. Sullivan. The latter has also expressed his determination to summer at this place. He will be the guest of Harry Kernell, the comedian, who owns a villa in West Asbury Park.

IMPALD ON A COW'S HORNS.

KEYPORT, N. J., April 11.—Mrs. Lizzie Ebsen, aged 42, wife of a well-to-do farmer at Centerville, was impaled by a cow. She went out to give the cow some feed and the cow overturned the tub in which the feed was placed. Mrs. Loshen attempted to fix the tub right when the cow, anxious to get at the feed, suddenly raised her head and Mrs. Loshen was impaled on her horns. Mrs. Loshen screamed for help. When rescued it was found that she was dangerously wounded in the stomach. Mrs. Loshen is a sister of Capt. James Walling, engaged in the commission business in New York.

THE ALASKAN WOMAN'S BOAT.

The oonak, or woman's boat, is the barge of the northern waters of Alaska, and sometimes these skin boats will carry from thirty to forty people. Built with sharp lines, it becomes the whaling boat. It is the skin boat on a larger scale, walrus hide being used. Mr. Elliott tells of his uneasy feeling when he first saw "the cold, green water" through the transparent sides of the bidarku, but that after a while he was satisfied of the excellence and seaworthiness of the craft.

"If attended to thoroughly and constantly, these skin-covered boats are the best species of lighters that can be used in the arctic waters, for they will stand more wear and tear, and pound on the rocks and along the ship than any other kind of boat."

THE OBSTINATE THING.

Lately the little sons of the Emperor of Germany were shown the mysteries of a chapeau-claque, or crush hat. Shortly afterward, in the ante-room of the father, they found a tall hat, and immediately desired to test their skill in shutting it up. Being an ordinary hat and without the claque mechanism, it naturally refused to shut. At last one little prince, growing impatient, said to his brother, "Sit on it, Fritzchen!" Fritz obeyed; there followed a loud crack and a roar of laughter from the mouths of the mischief. The Emperor sent out to learn the cause of the disturbance. Pointing to the smashed hat, the young Crown Prince replied, with a military salute: "The obstinate thing wouldn't shut at first, but among us we managed to make it change its mind!" The wrecked hat was replaced by a new one, which the younger will doubtless keep as a souvenir of a very amusing episode in the life of his country's future head. —[Manchester Times.

WAGES TO BE REDUCED.

New Castle, Pa., April 11.—Notices have been posted at all the furnaces in this city that there will be a general reduction of wages, to take effect on April 17. The turn men will be reduced 15 cents, the day laborers 10 cents and the iron men three-quarters of a cent per ton. This will give the turn men \$1.75 per day and the laborers \$1.35, which is the same that they received before the raise last November. An operator said to a reporter that the reduction was necessary because of the condition of the iron market.

The Hetheringtons Reunited.
DUBUQUE, Ia., April 11.—Lieutenant Hetherington, of the United States Navy, who was acquitted of the murder of Gower Robinson, an English banker, in Yokohama, for being by his father, ex-Mayor Hetherington, that he is in honor bound to stay in the navy. It is said that Hetherington and his wife have settled all their differences and are living together again.

Pension Information.
WASHINGTON, April 11.—During the month of March the Pension Office issued 28,341 pension certificates, the first payment on which aggregated \$3,832,750. The average first payment being \$147.40, and average certificates issued \$10.10. Of the total certificates issued 6,471 were under the general law, and 19,870 under the act of June 27, 1890.

Chicago, April 11.—The police are seeking a man who breaks into houses and destroys all he can, but does not carry away anything. Costly furniture is carried off, and dresses, and jewelry are seized, but no case has any article been traced.

TRAVELERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

New York, April 11.—At the annual meeting of the New York Division of the Travelers' Protective Association, George W. Graves was elected president, John F. Henry secretary and George F. Corbiere, treasurer. These gentlemen were also elected delegates to the annual convention, in June, at Old Point Comfort, Virginia. It is stated that the balance in the treasury of the National Association at the present time is \$13,000.

Saratoga Town Appointments.
SARATOGA, N. Y., April 11.—President Mitchell has appointed George V. Koenig, a Democrat, as Police Commissioner for the full term, to succeed James I. Wakenfield, whose term has expired, and C. L. Pond, a Republican, as Street Commissioner for the full term, to succeed himself. Both commissions are non-partisan.

Sulphur Mills Burned.
NEWARK, N. J., April 11.—The sulphur mills of the Passaic Chemical Works were burned yesterday. Five small frame buildings adjoining the works were also destroyed. Loss, \$75,000; partially insured. Several hundred men are out of work.

CHESTER'S HISTORIC CITY HALL BURNED.

CHRYSTLER, Pa., April 11.—Incendiaries last night burned Chester's City Hall, which is historic, having been erected in 1700.

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Unole Ebony—I's gone into de dry-goods business—
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WHAT IT WAS ABOUT.

Neighbor—What is all that crying about over at your place?
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