

THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

TS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Good Deal of Difference—A Happy Merry—That Emerald Gem—Ally in Fashion—In the Nursery, etc.

A GOOD DEAL OF DIFFERENCE.
What is in her room all alone with a she?
"What is she doing?"
"She is in the parlor."
"Mercy on us! She was in the parlor alone with a young man last night. I never heard her say a word."

THAT EMERALD GEM.
Are there any superstitions connected with the diamond, I wonder?
"Certainly. A great many bases. Diamonds have mascots.—(Saturday Herald.)"

ALWAYS IN FASHION.
Seen the latest thing in dress?
"No, what is it?"
"A baby."

IN THE NURSERY.
Oh, mamma, Tommy slapped me in the face!
"Well, Helen, what did you do to Tommy to make him do that?"
"Nothing. I only put some sand in my mouth."—(Harper's Bazar)

TOO PREVIOUS.
"And you won't marry me, Kit?"
"I won't."
"No use talking about it any more?"
"Not a bit. It won't do any good."

THE OKLAHOMA YOUTH HURT AND ANGRY.
ached under his chair for his hat.
"It's my own fault, I s'pose," he mumbled. "I ort to have waited till I got a little better acquainted."

EYES OF LOVE.
"Am I cross eyed, Charley?" asked the rich girl.
"Yes, Maude; but who wouldn't be with your eyes? If my optics were as beautiful as yours, I'd be trying to look to them myself."

OF THE PRADY.
Ethel—Old Mrs. Matchmaker has found a husband for Miss Frostique.
Maud—I suppose Miss Frostique asked a lot of questions when she was told of it.
Ethel—No. She simply said "Is it a man?" and when she was told that it was she said, "Let him bring a preacher along with him."—(New York Herald.)

A GENIUS.
"What do you do when a woman asks you to guess her age?"
"I guess my guess to myself, knock off thirty per cent., and generally come near making myself adored."—(Harper's Bazar.)

AND HE WAS SPEECHLESS.
It was her first appearance at a baseball park.
"What are you scowling at?" she inquired of her escort.
"At that big man over there on first base," answered the grand-stand crank.
"Who is he?"
"It's Anson. He's got a glass arm."
"Then why he doesn't use it for a pitcher?" she ventured timidly.—(Chicago Tribune.)

PART OF THE GAME.
Harold—I am going to join our baseball nine at school.
Father—Why, what can you do?
Harold (proudly)—I can yell louder than lots of the other boys.—(Harper's Young People.)

A LUCKY FELLOW.
Mrs. Jinks—What do you think? A thief shot at Mrs. Bingle while she was sitting in her room, and the bullet lodged in a ball of yarn which she was winding.
Mr. Jinks—Well, well! Bingle is a lucky fellow, isn't he?
Mrs. Jinks—I should say he was.
Mr. Jinks—Yes, indeed; he has a wife who darns stockings.—(New York Weekly.)

MAKING SURE.
He (earnestly)—Are you sure, absolutely sure, that you will love me till death do us part?
She (solemnly)—I am sure, absolutely sure, that I love you till death do us part. By the way, is your life insured?

GERMAN DISCIPLINE.
There was to be a grand review and inspection of troops of a German garrison. A corporal gave the following orders to the soldiers:
"Now, men, if the Major asks you how you like your grub, you say 'Good.' If a Colonel asks you, you must reply, 'Very good.' If the General asks you, you must speak up and say, 'It couldn't be better.'"—(Texas Siftings.)

COMPLIMENTING THE GOWN.
Amy—George, dear, what do you think of my new reform gown?
Mr. Dolley (surveying it critically)—There's something in it I like.
Amy—What?
Mr. Dolley—You.—(Judge.)

The Violins of Old.
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A HAPPY REPLY.
"Are you a Swedenborgian?" he said to the fair girl beside him.
"I am," she replied.
"Is it true that the Swedenborgians believe that we are all angels?"
"It is. Do you find it hard to believe?"
"Not when I look at you."

IN THE SPRING.
He put down a half dozen carpets. And with wee his life is replete; For he hasn't a nail in his fingers. But numberless tacks to his feet. —(New York Herald.)

TOO SUGGESTIVE.
Bank President—What is the new watchman's name?
Cashier—Jimmy.
Bank President—Discharge him at once.—(Puck.)

PLENTY OF TIME.
The conductors on the Sunset route, in Texas, are a very bright set of men. A traveller asked one of them:
"Will I have time to get something to eat at the next station?"
"Yes, you will have time enough if you are not going any farther on this train."—(Texas Siftings.)

A BAD BREAK.
Featherstone—I have just made the mistake of my life.
Ringway—How so?
Featherstone—I was foolish enough to call on my doctor in a silk hat and he charged me double rates.—(Judge.)

TOO BAD.
"I am going to change my laundry." "Why so?"
"She's lost that duds customer of hers whose swell shirts I used to get by mistake."—(Harper's Bazar.)

A GOOD COOK.
She—Darling, please tell the grocer to send me up two quarts of nice fresh sponges.
He—You can't get sponges at the grocer's, ducky, but I'll stop at the drug-gist's for them. What kind do you want?
She—I want the kind used for making sponge cake, and tell him they must be fresh.

NOT AT THE PRESERVER.
Mother—Dear me, there's little Dick sneezing again. I'll warrant he's hunting in the pantry for jam, and has knocked over the pepper.
Little Bobby—No, it's all right, mamma. He's only catchin' cold.—(Good News.)

AN ENVYABLE MORTAL.
First Visitor (to museum)—Did you see that man dining on carpet tacks and nails and things?
Second Visitor—Yes. How I envied him!
"Envid him?"
"Just think how he must enjoy shad."—(New York Weekly.)

HARD IN WINTER.
Kind Lady—You must have a very hard time in winter.
Tramp (between mouthfuls)—Yes, indeed, mum. Sometimes I darsent ask for a bit fur days, and 'most starves, mum.
"What do you fear at such times?"
"I'll be axed to shovel snow, mum."—(New York Weekly.)

HE DOUBTED IT.
Neighbor (looking benignantly over the fence)—I am glad to see you at work in your garden so early, my boy. Industry brings its own reward.
Tommy Tucker (turning up another spadeful)—I reckon so, but I've been diggin' more'n half an hour and haven't got the blamed can half full of worms yet.—(Chicago Tribune.)

HE WAS RIGHT THERE.
"Are you a lover of nature?" she asked, as they stood looking at the lovely and wide stretching landscape.
"Yes," he replied, "nature as she exhibits herself in you."
Then to emphasize his declaration he threw his arm around nature's waist and kissed her lips, while the birds in the branches overhead broke into a fresh paan of joy.—(New York Press.)

A SCOTCHMAN ONE EVENING recently sat looking at some mice. An idea struck him. He decided to set the little thieves spinning yarn, and it was probably a very astonished pair of mice that found themselves a few days later working a small treadmill in a cage like those in which rats and other small animals are kept, but without the slightest idea that they were paying their debt in this way. An

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LARGEST BIBLE.
A German lady in Manchester, England, possesses what is supposed to be the largest Bible, in one volume, in the world. It is an heirloom, 200 years old, with pages two feet long, and but little less in width, and at the head of each page is a line in red ink, which translated reads, "This is a history." Another resident of the same city has compiled, so to speak, a Bible in ninety volumes, his additions to the text consisting of pictures and photographs, which he has collected to the number of nearly ten thousand.

There is a brisk trade in second hand tombstones in London.

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Hungarian Custom.
In Hungary and Brittany the young girls assemble on certain fete days, wearing red petticoats with white or yellow borders round them. The number of borders denotes the portion the father is willing to give his daughter.—Each white band, representing silver, denotes 100 francs per annum, and each yellow band denotes gold, betokening 1,000 francs a year.

Old Whales.
A whale recently captured in arctic waters was found to have imbedded in its side a harpoon that belonged to a whaling vessel that had been out of service nearly half a century.

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