E JOKER'S BUDGET.

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Fresh to be Old—A Delicate estion—Had Some Depth—ated It All—Realizing His Am- ion, etc., etc.

TOO FRESH TO BE OLD.

ss Dull—Mr. Chappie dresses in lent taste, doesn't he?
ss Tart—I can hardly agree with

ss D—He comes from a very old ly, I hear.
ss T—It is hard to believe it.
ss D—Why?
ss T—It is hard to believe his fam- old, he looks so fresh.

A DELICATE QUESTION.

lly—Dolly, I want to ask you a deli- question.
ly—Well?
ly—Jack Harding is my fiance, you w.
lly—Well?
lly—Do you think it would be un- lendly for me to ask him to ask me to he day?—Judge.

HAD SOME DEPTH.

The trouble with Tompy is that he hallow."
Tompy? Nonsense. If you had ever d to fill Tompy with champagne 'd have changed your mind about ."—Truth.

WANTED IT ALL.

By Jove!" said the burglar, as he ed about him in the house of the chant he had come to rob. "This is gant. I've half a mind to give up ssing and become a lawyer. Then n steal the house if I have luck." Truth.

REALIZING HIS AMBITION.

Young Goodlo has always had an bition to be a benefactor of his race."
Yes, I believe so."
And now he is about to realize it."
Indeed? In what way?"
He has a notion that a great many ople are buried alive."
Yes."
He is going to do his best to prevent st."
How?"
He is going to become a doctor."—New York Press.

NO SENSE OF REALISM IN HER.

Mrs. Jones—Why Tommy have you tired already of playing with your tle sister?
Tommy—Yes, I don't want to play with r any more.
Mrs. Smith (a visitor)—Why not, mmy?
Tommy—Because she is too mean r anything. She won't fight a bit like u and papa. She just sulks.

LOCATING THE TROUBLE.

Hotel Clerk—Sorry, but can't accom- odate your troupe.
Theatrical Manager—You don't sus- ect we'd be elephants on your hands, o you?
Oh, no! I've seen no signs of trunks et."—Kate Field's Washington.

TO ENLARGE HIS PAPER.

"I'm going to enlarge my paper," marked the editor to the farmer.
"So am I," was the response.
"Why you haven't got any paper!" xclaimed the puzzled editor.
"Not like yours, maybe, but I've got note out for $250 and I've got to en- arge it to $500 or sell off half my farm." —Detroit Free Press.

TOO LITERAL.

Gentle maiden, ere we part,
Give oh! give me back my heart,
Thou hast stolen it the while
On the sands at Coney Isle.
Hear me swear before I go"—
"Oh! please don't," she whispered low.
—[New York Herald.

A COURAGEOUS ATTITUDE.

He—If I should kiss you, what would you do?
She (startled)—I—I never measure an emergency until it arises.
He—If this emergency arose, how would you meet it?
She (courageously)—Face to face.—[Lippincott.

HE GOT THE RIGHT GIRL

Briggs—That was a narrow escape Bildergate had, wasn't it? You know he was just about to marry a girl when he found that she spent $1,500 a year on her dresses.
Griggs—Yes, but he's married all the the same.
Briggs—True, but he didn't marry that girl.
Griggs—He didn't. Whom did he marry then?
Briggs—Her dressmaker.—[Cloak Review.

QUESTIONABLE AUTHORITY.

School-teacher—Bobby, do you know what Chicago is noted for?
Bobby—Yes, ma'am; it's the biggest city in the world.
School-teacher—Oh, I guess not, Bobby. Who told you that?
Bobby—My uncle Charlie, and I guess he ought to know. He lives there.—[Judge.

KNEW HE WAS ILL.

"Why did you send for me, Mrs. Nupop?" asked Dr. Paresis. "There is absolutely nothing wrong with the baby."
"Oh, I'm so glad, Doctor."
"But what made you think there was?"
"Why, doctor, he hasn't cried a bit all the morning."—[Jester.

CANDOR.

Quack—So you prefer me to Dr. Bill?
Mrs. Mulligan—Och, indade, doctther, dear, ye're a dale better than the other umbug.—[Harper's Bazar.

THE PRESENT RAGE.

Lady—This may be the latest style hat now, but I suppose by the time I get it trimmed there will be still newer styles out.
Milliner—Oh, no, I am sure there won't be. There can't be. I would be impossible to get up anything uglier than this.

IN LOVE.

He (passionately)—I love you enough for twenty!
She (deeply impressed)—And I'm only eighteen. How good of you, Jack!

CAUTION IN THE NURSERY.

"And why, Jennie, did you tell Willie you wouldn't be his little wife?"
"Cause he didn't ast me 'til he knowed I had five cents."

MANAGING A HUSBAND.

He—There isn't enough on this breakfast table to feed a canary bird.
She—I know it, my dear; but there are several things I want you to order from the market, and I know you'll forget all about it unless you leave the house hungry.—[Life.

HER ONLY CHANCE.

Mrs. Ransom—I was surprised to hear Mrs. Parvenu say that she called on the Posonbys yesterday.
Mrs. Cobbwigger—As their house is let no doubt she did so on a permit from the landlord.

BRAND NEW.

"Callone claims to be a self-made man."
"Ah? indeed. He has just completed the job then?"
"How do you make that out?"
"He looks so fresh."

TO HER THAT HATH SHALL BE GIVEN.

Uncle Jack (driving with his Boston niece through the suburbs of Chicago)—There, Margaret! There's a fine place—Mrs. Bernstein's just married to her sixth husband—
Margaret—Sixth husband, Uncle Jack! Oh, I know so many girls at home that are pining for their first.—[Life.

A HUSTLER'S IDEA.

Mr. Knickerbocker—Well, what's your opinion of the East?
Mr. Labesides—To tell the truth I find it so slow that I wonder the sun ever has energy to rise.—[New York Herald.

HAD THE ESSENTIAL QUALITIES.

"They are talking of running Parker for Mayor of Morristown."
"Parker! Why, he's deaf and dumb."
"That's just it. He'll be an ideal candidate."

GOING PREPARED.

Mamma, explaining to her little girl, aged five, that everything she does and says is written down in a large book in heaven.)
L. G. asks—Are all the naughty things, too?
Mamma—Yes, dear.
L. G. (pensively)—Then I think I'll take a piece of lead a rubber with me.—[London Truth.

HOW IT AFFECTED HIM.

"Speaking of marriage, Mr. Larimer," remarked Miss Manchester, although the conversation had not touched that topic, "I read the other day of a civil magistrate in New York City who married fourteen couples in twenty minutes."
"Indeed," replied Larimer; "that was at the unprecedented rate of forty-two knots an hour."—[Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

CARDS WILL FOLLOW.

He—How do you know Miss Pinkie and young Prettipenny are engaged?
She—They are always quarrelling when we meet.—[Truth.

THE REASON.

"Isn't he rather distant?"
"He can't help it. He has spent the greater part of his life in far off lands."—[New York Press.

AROUND THE HOUSE.

To keep lemons fresh put them in cold water.

Salt, if applied immediately, will surely prevent wine stains.

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Never leave a spoon in anything required to boil quickly. The spoon conducts the heat away from the liquid.

To test nutmegs prick them with a pin, if they are good the oil will instantly spread around the puncture thus made.

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A PROFITABLE TALK.

Our Special Reporter Secures the Facts.

HE DETERMINED TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE A SUBJECT THAT IS CAUSING MUCH COMMENT, AND HE HAS SUCCEEDED.

(*N. Y. Sun.*)

Two days ago one of the most prominent professional men in New York published a letter so outspoken, so unusual as to cause extensive talk and awaken much comment. Yesterday I interviewed the gentleman as to the contents of the letter, and he fully confirmed it in every respect. He not only did this but he also mentioned a number of unusual cases which had come under his observation in which little less than a miracle had been performed.

So important has the entire subject become that I determined to investigate it to the bottom, and accordingly called upon Mr. Albert G. Eaves, the prominent costumer at No. 63 East Twelfth street, the gentleman mentioned in my interview with the doctor yesterday. Mr. Eaves has made quite a name. A complete knowledge of history, an appreciation of art and reliability are essential in his profession.

"Mr. Eaves," I said, "I learn that your wife has had a most unusual experience; are you willing to describe it?"

The gentleman thought a moment and an expression of pleasure passed over his face. "When I think," he said, "of what my wife once passed through and the condition she is in to-day, I cannot but feel gratitude. Nearly three years ago she was at the point of death. You can understand how sick she was when I say she was totally blind and lay in a state of unconsciousness. Three doctors attended her and all agreed that her death was only a question of hours, perhaps minutes."

"May I ask what the doctors called her trouble?"

"Uraemia and puerperal convulsions, so you can imagine how badly she must have been. At last one doctor (it was Dr. R. A. Gunn) said that as she was still able to swallow, one more attempt might be made, and a medicine was accordingly given her. She seemed to improve at once; in a few days her sight was restored. 'I have had a long, long sleep,' she said, upon recovering consciousness, and I am rejoiced to say that she was restored to perfect health wholly through the use of Warner's Safe Cure, which was the remedy we administered when she was past all consciousness."

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I was not surprised, I saw by every word, by every look, that Mr. Eaves meant all he said. I had ample confirmation of Dr. Gunn's letter and interview, and I do not wonder that people who have seen such things, who have watched their dearest friends go down into the dark valley and be brought back into the light, should be both enthusiastic and grateful. I, myself, caught the spirit, and I shall be glad if the investigations I have made prove of profit to those who may read them.

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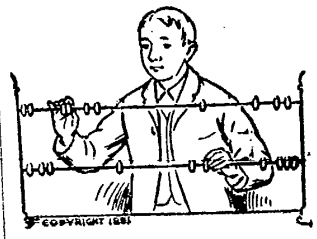

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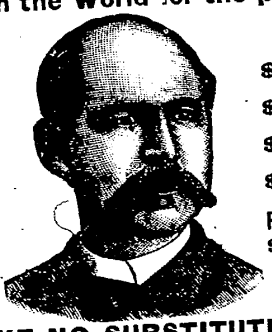

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