

THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

In Matrimonial Waters—Method in It—True Love—A Fashionable Miss—Beyond His Reach, etc., etc.

IN MATRIMONIAL WATERS. Ethel—There are as fine fish in the sea as ever were caught.

Blanche—Yes; but they don't do anything but watch the little ones nibble. [Kate Field's Washington.]

TRUE LOVE. "I love you. Will you be my wife?" "Will you promise to snub that odious Niss Van Astor all this week?"

METHOD IN IT. "Why do you irritate mamma so, George?" "Because, my dear, I hope some day to make her speechless with indignation."

A FASHIONABLE MISS. Mamma—What under the sun are you doing with little Dot's clothes on? Little Dick—(despondently)—Well, Dot said she wanted to be in the fashion, an' she's gone off with all of mine.—[Good News.]

BEYOND HIS REACH. She—You don't mean to say you are too poor to be married! He—Oh no! but I'm altogether too poor to be engaged.

A LIVELY PLACE. Featherly—I suppose you found things rather quiet out West? Westwind—Not much; it was a regular gale a day.—[Chicago Inter Ocean.]

A CAUSE FOR WORRY. "Mercy!" exclaimed Mrs. Homespun, when she read in the paper that Jay Gould made 10 cents every time the clock ticked.

IT CAN'T BE DONE. 'Tis all very well to be patient while Your affairs are going awry, But 'tis very hard to laugh or smile As you slap at a summer fly.

A HOPELESS CASE. Don't you think you could learn to love me?" he asked, looking at her wistfully.

SHE WANTED HIM TO KNOW. She was from Boston, and was waiting on the platform at a railway station when her foot caught in something and she fell upon the track.

A CLEAR CASE. Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum—That, ladies, is a summer hotel clerk recently thrown out of employment.

THE LOSS. Gildersleeve—There was a disastrous fire at our place to-day.

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RARELY TRACKED.

She (reading)—Joe, this paper says that out in Oregon they have just discovered footprints three feet long, supposed to belong to a lost race.

He—I don't see how a race of people that made footprints three feet long could ever get lost.—[Truth.]

EY WAY OF A HINT. Ethel—George, you are like an hour-glass.

George—In what respect? Ethel—The more time given you, the less sand you seem to have. [Truth.]

HE (TRYING TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION)—Do you know I think that your father is an awfully jolly old fellow?

She—Yes, to every one he knows I wouldn't marry.

Young lady (in candy store)—I don't like this candy. It has begun to melt already.

Confectioner—No wonder, young lady, with those liquid eyes of yours over it! "Six pounds, please."—[Truth.]

"I got an awful fright last night," said Jennie. "You did?"

"Yes; when George was going away he took my hand to bid me good night."

"And you thought he was going to kiss you?" "No, I thought he wasn't going to kiss me."—[New York Press.]

"Did you ever refuse a proposal, Miss Matune?" asked Miss Gusher.

"Do I look like a woman who would fly in the face of Providence?" "There was no more said."—[New York Press.]

"What do you take me for, anyhow?" queried Chappie, when Ethel asked him to swim out in the surf and get her parasol, which had blown away.

"I don't take you for anything," said she, "and wouldn't if you proposed a million times." [Harper's Bazar.]

She wears a yachting suit of white, And garbed in this, like Neptune's daughter, 'Tis she talks of "yacht" from morn till night, But doesn't go too near the water.

Housekeeper—Has any way been discovered to kill the pests that destroy carpets?

Great Scientist—Yes, madam. Take up the carpets, hang them on a line and beat them with a heavy stick.

"Will that kill the insects?" "Yes, madam, if you hit them."—[New York Weekly.]

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The Ladies—Why was he brought here? Superintendent—He got to thinking he was no better than the guests of the hotel.—[Life.]

She—Then you'll take me for a drive on Thursday!

He—Yes, but suppose it rains. She—Come the day before, then.—[Jersey City Town Talk.]

She (on the piazza)—It is growing cold. I wish I had something around my neck.

He—Shall I get you a shawl? "Only a figure of speech."

"Your beau stays quite a while when he calls."

"I should think you would find the time go slowly."

"Oh, we manage to squeeze through it."

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"Where is Boston?" asked one. "Boston is in France, to be sure," replied the other.

"That cannot be. France is a great way off, and has not got any moon; and the gringo told me the other night that there is a moon in Boston, and North America is in the same place."

"Food!" exclaimed Number One. "North America is in England, the country where the gringos live that tried to take Buenos Ayres."

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