

THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Hope Ahead—Force of Habit—A Discovery—A Sad Complication—Because.

HOPE AHEAD.

Mrs. Hicks—When you go down town, I wish you would get half a dozen spoons. Hicks—But I got half a dozen a week ago; does the baby lose 'em? Mrs. Hicks—Yes; but the hole where he puts them is almost full.—[Truth.]

FORCE OF HABIT.

Wool—Why is it Hanks persists in throwing away good advice? Van Belt—He can't help it. If a burglar were to clutch him by the throat, seize his gold, and leave him for dead, I warrant you he would revive long enough to advise him to make a good use of the money.—[Truth.]

A DISCOVERY.

In unexpected haste I came; She, startled, turned aside, Her cheeks with blushes were aflame; To hide her face she tried.

To see affairs so much awry, I paused a moment dumb, Then loudly laughed to find that I Had caught her chewing gum.

A SAD COMPLICATION.

"I'll never publish another book anonymously as long as I live," said a poet on Christmas morning. "Why not?" queried a friend. "Because I have already received five copies of my own book from my admirers, with the compliments of the season."—[Harper's Magazine.]

BECAUSE.

Gaswell—A successful dentist ought to be a great landed proprietor. Dukane—Why? Gaswell—Because he acquires several achers every day.

NOT SO EASY AS IT LOOKS.

He was looking at a typo Piling letters in his stick, And each one seemed to fall in line So gracefully and slick. "That's easy work," he muttered, "I e'en could do it well If I only had a half a chance And could the boxes tell." The typo bade him try his hand; O'erjoyed the stick he took— He set one line—it's standing yet— I Beaks 'is sort of' k.—[Montreal Gazette.]

DANGERS OF THE DIME MUSEUM.

Manager—What happened to the mermaid? Attendant—She fell in the tank and was nearly drowned.—[Truth.]

THE GRAMMAR CONFUSED.

"Two negatives make an affirmative, you believe?" "Yes." "Well, I don't take any stock in such nonsense." "Why not?" "Why not? I'll tell you.—On Monday night I proposed to Mary Jones and she said no; on Tuesday night I proposed to Jane Smith and she said no.—There are two negatives for you. If you can make an affirmative out of them you are a better man than I am."

NO MANAGING.

Mrs. Grimm—How did you manage with your wife away all summer? Mr. Grimm—Didn't have to manage. Did as I pleased.—[New York Weekly.]

FISHING ENOUGH NOW.

"My husband would go fishing," said a wife the other day, "in spite of all my remonstrances. I know he would get cold, and so he did and he's laid up with asthma and has all the fishing he wants." "How is that?" queried a neighbor. "Sitting by the stove all day trying to catch his breath."—[New York Press.]

A HARD FATE.

"This is a hard fate," said the roast turkey to the carving-knife. "It isn't as hard as you are," retorted the knife, as his edge was turned back by the turkey's breast.—[Haper's Bazar.]

HE DIDN'T LAUGH.

Stranger—You are the only gentleman in the room. Guest—In what way, sir? Stranger—When I tripped in the dance and went sprawling on the floor, tearing my fair partner's dress, you were the only one in the room who did not laugh. Guest—The lady is my wife and I paid for the dress.—[New York Weekly.]

TO KEEP THE YOUNG MEN AWAY.

Adorer (anxious to please the old hobby?)—Has your father any hobby? Sweet Girl—Yes, he has, and it's such a funny one. It's dogs. Adorer (delighted)—I am somewhat of a dog fancier myself. Which is his favorite breed? Sweet Girl—It changes constantly. Every time I'm a year older he get's a bigger dog.—[Good News.]

INTEREST-ING.

Teacher—What is the rate of interest in this State? Pupil—Six per cent. a year to outsiders; twelve a month to your relatives.—Teacher—What relative charges that? Pupil—Your "uncle."—[New York Herald.]

A FRODO'S BUSINESS.

The Frodo Few—Who is that man over there who is always singing, "I'm bound for the promised land"? The Back Few—That's Jones. He's in the newspaper business, and the whole congregation is in arrears to him.—[Weekly Journal.]

WRENCH HIS OBSTINACY.

She—Now we're run away, dear, you'll have to depend on your own resources, for pa will never forgive us. He—What makes you so sure of that? She—Because when he married he eloped with ma.—[Epoch.]

A YOUNG DIPLOMAT.

Mrs. Brown—I'm afraid to let you have a bicycle. Little Johnnie—Don't feel that way, Ma. Even if it did kill me, remember that it would be the last thing I ever asked you for.

SELECTED THE BRUTES.

Chief of Police—Did you stop that dog fight? Officer—Yes. "Were the brutes much injured?" "Some of 'em are used up pretty bad. They swore they wouldn't come along and we had to club 'em."

ALLOWANCE.

Ethel—But, father, you should make allowance for George. Neighbor—Not much; I won't. After you have married him I expect to have to double yours.—[New York Herald.]

WITH INTENT TO DECEIVE.

She (as they enter the ballroom again)—Now, for my own sake look cheerful, so they won't know I have rejected you. He—I wish I could, but I can't. She (generously)—Well, I'll look as unhappy as I can and they'll think I have accepted you.

THE DREADFUL INFANT.

Tommy—Mr. Wilkinson, ain't you shaped just like other men? Mr. Wilkinson—I suppose so, Tommy. Why? Tommy—Papa says you ain't exactly square and Bella says you seem to be always 'round.

WHY SOME POETS ARE OBSCURE.

"Don't you think his poems are rather obscure?" "Yes, but you see his ideas are too good to be expressed in common, everyday English."

A MATTER-OF-FACT ADORER.

The Adorer—Sir, I want to marry your daughter. The Father—What! Marry that dear little inexperienced, innocent angel. Sir, you surprise me. The Adorer—Come off.—[Life.]

FULLY ENGAGED.

I asked if she'd have me for her knight, And the answer I got caused me many a moan; Her suitors were seven, she was sorry to say, And she hadn't a night she could call her own.

AT THE DOOR.

The clock struck twelve, he said "Good-night!" "Good-night, my dear," said she. Then to the door the pair adjourned And parted just at three.

A DEFECTIVE MEMORY.

Ethel—There is one thing I fear you have forgotten, Mr. Stalate. Stalate—What is that? Ethel—The way home.

Cheese-Making.

The first stage in the making of cheese is that by which the curd is separated from the whey. This is done by heating the milk to a given temperature, varying according to the season, and afterwards adding a certain proportion of rennet. When the cheese is colored, the dyeing matter is put in before the rennet. In less than half an hour after the heat has been applied the coagulation has so far progressed that the curd, from which the whey has been drawn, is ready to be cut.

Almost the only instrument used in the making of cheese is the curd-knife, a curious-looking arrangement something like a double comb with long teeth, as may be seen in the illustration. The immature cheese is both cut and stirred with this, the curd being separated into small bits, none of them being larger than an ordinary walnut. The stirring and heating must go on until the curd has reached a proper stage of what is called "digestion." It is then torn into narrow strips like ribbons, for the curd by this time is as firm in fibre as the breast of a roasted chicken, and indeed looks like it. These strips are then fed into the salting-mill, where they are thoroughly mixed with salt, and made ready for the cheese-press. Enormous pressure is applied in this cheese-press in order that all the whey that by any possibility remains may be squeezed out.

From the press the cheese is taken to the drying-room, a large airy chamber, where it is left for days, months, or even years, according to the quality desired. It is frequently turned, and much care is expended on it. All cheeses must go through the same stages, the different varieties being made by certain combinations of cream, fresh and skimmed milk.—[Harper's Young People.]

Another possible triumph of medical science over disease is suggested by a paper read before the Detroit Medical Association recently on "Alimentation in Therapeutics," in which was announced an important discovery by Signor Vincente Marcana, of Venezuela, in regard to the pineapple.

According to Signor Marcana there is in the common pineapple a ferment or principle, similar to pepsin, of such remarkable strength that the juice of a single pineapple will digest ten pounds of beef. If this proves true a new and important agent in the treatment of dyspepsia has been discovered.

As nearly all other diseases are directly influenced by the degree in which food can be assimilated, and as millions of people have imperfect digestion, the possibilities of this discovery are almost limitless, if it proves to be as represented. But even more striking was the further announcement in the same paper, written by a practical chemist, that the juice of the pineapple is a very active solvent of the membrane formed in diphtheria. The pineapple is a wholesome fruit without regard to these striking features ascribed to it, and experiments upon the lines suggested will be easy and safe.

Hotels Proffered.

"If housekeepers would take a hint from hotels," says a hotel man, "they would have less trouble with servants. Hotel men have no trouble in getting all the help they want, though they offer only moderate wages. The difference is not so much in the work as in the hours. In a private house a girl's labors are from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, and more too. And if she does happen to get through with her work, and ventures to sit down, her mistress is apt to object. In a hotel a girl has certain well defined duties to perform, and after they are performed, as a rule, her time is her own. If some such arrangements could be recognized in private houses the servant problem would be much simplified."

The Mummified Giltimate.

The mummified body of a man has been found in Selma, Fresno County, Cal. It is in a perfect state of preservation, being thoroughly dried and as hard as a board, without the least sign of odor. The flesh is as hard as sole leather and as black as the mummies of the ancients. The body is evidently that of a Mexican.

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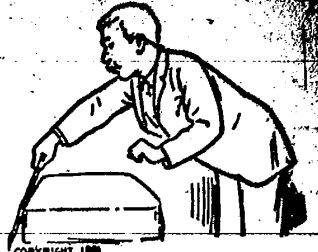
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