

THE JOKER'S BUDGET

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

A Play that Failed—One Load he Carried Alone—The Safer Way—Terms of Bills—A Belief for His Mind, Etc., Etc.

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Fledgoly—I see that bow-knots in jewelry are very fashionable. (Gwendolin)—Bow-knots have always been fashionable.

ONE LOAD HE CARRIED ALONE. Mrs. McBride—George, dear, when we were married, only a year ago, you said I should help you to carry your burdens.

THE SAFER WAY. "What has become of Smart?" "Nobody knows. He robbed a bank and disappeared."

TERMS OF BILLS. Retail Jeweler—How much time will you allow me on this bill? Manufacturer—Three months.

A RELIEF FOR HIS MIND. Carolyn Bitters—I suppose, Mr. Sleighbells, that you are in thorough sympathy with the spirit of the Christmas holiday?

A COMMON EXPRESSION. "Well, I never!" exclaimed Mrs. Snuggs. "You never what?" asked her husband.

ONE WAY TO ASK IT. Mr. Billings—Er—Miss Coatings—Clara—I have a question I would like to ask you.

A SUNSKILL, INDEED. "He knows nothing, you say?" "Absolutely nothing. Why, man, he has such a poverty of mental resources that when a friend has a cold he cannot give him a sure cure for it."

HANDICAPPED. Tom De Witt—Vassar cannot take the same rank among the colleges as Yale or Harvard.

THAT WAS ALL. Benevolent Old Gentleman (after dispensing Christmas-eve charity to a beggar)—I give this because I don't think you'll spend it at the nearest grog shop.

HIS GREAT NEED. Bearded Stranger—Madam, you may not recognize me, but years ago, when but a little child, I lived next door, and one day in my childish romps I lost a button from my coat; I had no mother, as you know, and shall I ever forget, madam, that you took me in and sewed another button on for me.

FOR THE DUST. 'Twas for her dust he married, So he submits with grace, And neither blinks nor sneezes when She throws it in his face.

NOT "LOUD" ENOUGH. "Now isn't that a perfect picture of the baby?" asked Mrs. Nooppop, displaying a new cabinet photograph.

SCOTCH HAGGIES. Few of the Americans who partook of that peculiar dish, the Scotch haggis, at the banquet given in Delmonico's by the St. Andrew's Society, indulged in ardent praise of it.

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