

A MILL BALLAD.

In the heart of a country wild, Where the unbelleverers be, Was a king so good and wise— Long ago lived he. He was kind as a father is, And rich as the earth, ywis.

HIS QUEER CASE.

I have given much and earnest thought to the subject," said Mr. Langley, blinking his weak eyes nervously; "and I am now comforted by absolute belief in the theory which my speculations have led me to adopt as final."

He felt very tired, and rather ill that night, as a poor, overworked doctor well might. He had been doing too much of late; and he was wudely depressed and nervous about his own state of health.

Eleanor. "I am sure you need it, too, my dear."—(Cassell's Family Magazine.) ON A WILD CAR. Terrible Experience of Two Men on a Runaway Car. The country between Olean, N. Y., and Bradford, Pa., is very mountainous, and but for the oil productions of that region would have perhaps remained in its primitive state for years to come.

THE JOKERS' BUDGET. JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. An Unsympathetic Judge—The Friends—Handy to Have Around—An Appeal to Destiny—Etc., Etc.

Mr. Fewmalzers—How is it you are so bald and yet so young. Mr. Shineypato—I'm not sure, but I think my hair falling out had something to do with it.—[Texas Siftings.] QUIET FURNISHINGS. Mrs. Minks (proudly showing her new home)—The furnishings you see are not at all ostentatious. They are very quiet.

HANDLING A HERD OF CATTLE. Skill and Daring Required to Avert a Stampede on the Trail. The task of the drover and his assistant cowboys in getting the herds from the Southern ranches to the Northern shipping points was one involving both skill and daring, says an article in Scribner's Magazine.

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Advertisement for Bile Beans, describing them as a cure for bilious attacks, constipation, and sick headaches.

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