

BLOSSOM TIME.

Oh! the sweet world of the blossoms,
When the blithe winds to and fro
Rock the soft fruited cradles
Where the fruited orchards grow.

The Governor's Pardon

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It was at the Southern Club, and it was growing late. The crowd of habitués had long since scattered to their evening's diversion. Only in the smoking room a little group had gathered, closer and closer about the open fire, in a comradeship that seemed to shut out the rest of the world.

less young cynics quote from the French? In love, one loves, the other consents to be loved—and Billy loved. It began when they were children, and I think none of us ever thought of anything but Billy and Diana Worthington marrying.

THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

NESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

His Air--Easily Answered--Wanted a Lunch--A Broken Engagement--Making Success Certain, Etc.
"Have you ever noticed what a distinguished air Prof. Baretoni has?" asked the soulful girl.

thiasm, "that old colored man told me the story as simply, and with no more idea of the fine part he and his wife played in it than a child. He said Baynam went to the county town and hired a couple of poor rooms, and put every cent he had in cooking miserable messes on a rusty grate.

STRAY BURROS.

They Furnish a Desert Indian With a Livelihood.

An old Indian, known to prospectors as "Fitzee John," has for many years lived alone beside a large spring in the Colorado desert in San Diego county. His home is one of the most desolate and inaccessible spots on the earth's surface and the last place one would expect to find a human being living in contentment.

built. What if I refuse to listen to you?"
" "Marse Billy," I say, "you don't do it for yo' own soul sake," but he didn't listen, an' den I went over an' took his han' in mine, lak he was a little child agin, an' I says, "Marse Billy, I j been a good servant to you?" An' he says, "None." An I says, "Pay me now; give me dis man's pardon." Well, he set still a while, an' then he writ somethin' on a yellow paper dat say, "Reprieved."

AN ENORMOUS SNAKE.

Captured, After Swallowing a Small Ox, and Put Into a Cage.

The colony of Natal, South Africa, abounds in boa constrictors and pythons. While they do attack men, they are especially destructive of cattle, sheep and oxen, and for this reason parties are formed by hunters and natives to burn the bush and forest in order to exterminate the pests, says the London News.

Accommodating. Mrs. Richley--Please, Mr. Burglar, don't take that diamond pin; it's a keepsake!
Burglar--Dat's all right, ma'am; I give yer me word as a gentleman dat I'll send yer de pawn ticket be mail, de foyst ting in de morning.

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One of the tyrannies of fashion, from which there is a prospect of speedy relief, is the heavy interlined widely distended skirt. The weight of this abomination varies according to the quality and quantity of haircloth necessary to line it; but four hands are hardly enough to manipulate the folds in such a way as to keep the skirt out of the dust, and when a woman tries to accomplish the task with two her gown is soon forgotten in her cramped fingers and she gives it up in despair.