STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Woman -- A Bud of Very Slow Growth --No Proposals-He Was a Success-That's What Made Him Flat, Etc. With a piereing scream from a mouse she

springs
When she sees it on the floor; Yet she'll lord it over a man, by jings,
Who commands an army corps.
—New York Press.

HE WAS A SUCCESS.

"Fitzgoober is always making a spectacle of himself.' "Yes, and everybody sees through

THAT'S WHAT MADE HIM FLAT. Nell-"Robinson is a regular flat." Belle-"Yes, poor fellow, he's been sat upon a great many times."-Yankee Blade.

OUT OF THE MARKET. Floor Walker (to young lady)-"Is any one selling you?" Young Lady (sweetly)-"I'm not for sale."-Boston Transcript.

NO PROPOSALS. "I am single from choice," she said sarcastically.

"Whose choice?" he innocently asked. - Atlanta Constitution.

OF COURSE. Ruth-"I hope your marriage will be happy, dear."

Kitty—"It's bound to be. Charlie

is so rich."-Detroit Free Press. A BUD OF VERY SLOW GROWTH.

Waddles-"Miss Oldish is a 'bud,' you know." Cynicus-"Must be a flower of the century plant, then."-Chicago Record.

CERTAIN TO STAY AT HOME. "I-I hardly-How many lodges are you member of, Hiram?" "Not one, Katie; not one."

"Well, you may ask papa."-Chicago Tribune.

HIS REAL AMBITION. Quivers (significantly) -- "I wish I were wedded only to my work." Mrs. Quivers- 'That is to say, you want a wife who'd support you," Chicago Record.

HIS THEORY. "How slowly the train is moving now!" said a passenger. "Yes," replied another. "The baggage master must have checked it."-

Pittsburg Chronicle. THE IMPORTANT SEX. Sunday-school Superintendent -"And who was Adam?"

Small Girl (daughter of modern progressive woman)—"He was the husband of Eve."—Life. APPROPRIATELY NAMED.

"I wonder why it is called 'the height of fashion," said Mrs. Snaggs. 'To correspond with the altitude of the cost, no doubt," replied her hus-

band. - Atlanta Constitution. AT A MINIMUM. The Heiress-"And are you sure, Arthur, that your love for me will

never grow less?" Arthur (with suspicious promptness) -"Absolutely certain, my dear." any. Detroit Tribune.

NEEDED A SIGN.

Critic-"I tell you what it is, Mr. McDaub, those ostriches are simply

superb. You shouldn't paint anything but birds. Artist (disgusted)-"Those are not ostriches. They are angels!"-Life.

A MAIDEN PHILOSOPHER. Elaine-"How do you manage to throw over your fiances and still keep

them all friendly?" Gladys--"Tell 'em I respect them too highly to offer them a feeble love. Then they think they are too good for me."-Chicago Record.

DEGENERATE SON OF NEW ENGLAND. "Beans, ma'am?" exclaimed the man at the kitchen door, aghast. "Beans! Why, ma'am, I've come more'n a thou-

sand miles to git away from 'em!" And the tourist from Boston went Chicago Tribune.

AN ADDITION TO THE LANGUAGE. "Would you call Dexter a poet?" "No, sir. He is a riminal. "A what?"

own. If a man who commits crimes who commits rhymes shouldn't be a riminal."-Life.

HIS HEAD IN THE RIGHT PLACE. made a will in which he leaves her all his property." "H'm! Gardle hasn't a cent to his

"I know it, John; but it shows the right disposition, and that, after all, is everything, you know."-Waif.

Railroad Man (angrily)-"I have Railroad Man (angrily)—"I have man past eighty. When accused of just found out that that cow we had to being a "wizard" (which the Salem five years.

Farmer Smartt-"Yaas; that's so." her? Tell me that."

A COUPLE OF EXPERTS. The talk had drifted to mental phe- first line. - Chicago Herald.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. nomena, when suddenly the maiden A WONDERFUL TIMEPILCE. shyly asked:
"Are you a-a mind-reader, Hor-

"I am, Susie," he said.

"So am I!" And she held out her finger for the ring. She had seen its bulging outlines in his vest pocket.-Chicago

SHE COULD TALK. Brown-"That wife of yours is a woman of great accomplishments." Jones-"Thanks. That's what everybody says, and I believe it myself.'

Brown-"Yes, and she's one of the finest talkers I ever heard. Why, I could listen to her for a year." Jones (with a sigh)-"So could I, but, think of it, I've been listening to her for ten years, and she is still in robust health."—Detroit Free Press.

SPOILED HIS CALCULATIONS,

"Don't you like the room I gave you?" said the hotel clerk to the drummer from Cincinnati. "Yes, the room's all right. What made you ask? Do I look worried?"

"To be frank, you do." "Well, I am feeling rather uncomfortable. You see, I came over the S. L. O. & W. road.'

"Got in late, I suppose." "No, we got in on time, and now I have about two hours and a half on my hands that I don't know what to do with."-Washington Star.

BROKE IT BY STAGES.

An old weman entered a dewntown savings bank the other day and walked up to the desk.

"De you want to draw or deposit?" asked the gentlemanly clerk. "Naw, I doant. Oi wants to put

some in," was the reply. The clerk pushed up the book for her signature, and, indicating the place, said: "Sign on this line,

"Above it or below it?" "Just above it."

"Me whole name?" "Before Oi was married?"

"No, just as it is now." "Oi can't write." -- Boston Transcript.

WISE WORDS.

Marriage is love's sacrifice. Slander is vaporized venom. A kiss is a song without words. Sunshine is the leaven of living. A torpid liver is twin to despair. Speech is a deformity in some peo-

It is not the longest life that has the

The man who doesn't want anything doesn't get it. A small mind usually has plenty of room for pride.

We rarely find as much in a dollar as we think there is. An ounce of realization is seldom

worth a pound of hope. Good manners and good morals are sworn friends and fast allies.

A rosebud of a girl sometimes turns out to be a thorn of a woman. Pet vices are just as apt to bite and claw a fellow as any other kind.

Society, if good, is a better refiner of the spirits than ordinary books. The man who uses all the credit he

can get will soon find himself without Some people are so kind that their

kindness frequently gets them into trouble. Love is never lost. If not reciprocated it will flow back and soften and

purify the heart. A good wife never cracks a smile when her husband steps upon an inverted tack at midnight.

Some men will get the upper hand of you even if they have to do it by underhand methods.

The mortal who tries to win love without respect has generally to get along without either.

A vigorous young man expends enough energy in one football game to saw a whole cord of stove wood.

A Peace-Argument of Military Science. The trite saying that a great war can no longer be afforded is given greater significance than ever by the descriptions of the new field piece of sadly away and tried the next house. - | the German army. This is pronounced the most terribly destructive engine of war ever produced, and is a threeinch gun which can be loaded and fired in one-third of the time required for the old gun, and with almost double the effect and precision. Explosive "Riminal. That's a word of my shell is the only projectile. This is charged with a new powder of secret is a criminal, I don't see why a man | composition that scatters thousands of splinters over a circle of 900 feet, whereas during the Franco-German war the pieces of bursting shell fell within a circle of forty or fifty paces "Mrs. Gardle says her husband has and not more than seven or eight were wounded. - Trenton (N. J.) American.

The "Man of Iron,"

"The Man of Iron," otherwise 'Giles the Wizard," was one of the persons put to death during the witchcraft persecution at Salem, Mass. His real name was Giles Corey, and at the time of his awful death he was an old pay for had not given any milk for lunatics seem to have considered the masculine of "witch") he calmly met their charges and coolly informed "It is, is it? Now, sir, what right them that he would die rather than had you to put such a high value on admit that he had ever had communion with evil spirits. He was put "Wall, you see, I valued that cow to the peine forte et dure (death by pressure with huge weights), his fertitude during his dying moments winning for him the title used in the

MARVELS OF THE CLOCK IN STRASSBURG CATHEDRAL.

Wound Up to Run From 1840 Until 9999 - Crowds Daily Wait Its. Noonday Hour.

YOR the third time the municipality of Strassburg decided, in 1836, that a new astronomical clock should be placed in the framework of the old one. A Strassburg watchmaker named Schwilgue was entrusted with the undertaking, and within four years he finished the unique mechanism which stands to-day the wonder and amusement of natives and visitors. Not only does this clock keep the time from day to day, but it runs from year to year without the intervention of any clockmaker. Besides this, its face contains a disk indicating all the variable holidays of the year, Easter, and so on. It regulates itself in the leap years. It gives the phases of the moon, the eclipses, the equinoxes, and the revolutions of all the planets of the solar system. The fineness of the structure can be understood when it is known that of the seven golden balls, of different size, representing the planets, the nearest to the sun, Mercury, takes eighty-eight days to make the circuit of its orbit, while Saturn only can complete its course in 1747 days, or nearly three years, says the Philadelphia Telegraph.

The entire mechanism, its maker calculated, would run until the year 9999, if the brass and other metal of which it is built do not wear out in the meantime. This wonderful contrivance is unfortunately in a dark place, where those who constantly wish to view it well are scarcely able to do so. Its site is a wing, which can be en-tered through the Cathedral proper or a portal, which directly leads thither from outdoors. The time of greatest interest is at noon each day, though there are little performances at every quarter hour. At noon is the time the cock crows, and that is what every one wants to hear. The interest never seems to wane. For an hour before 12 o'clock, day after day, a crowd gathers in this corner, waiting for the exhibition. This early arrival is partly in order to get a good place, and part-ly because the clock keeps solar time, which now is a half hour behind ordinary Strassburg time. Here are tourists, soldiers, nuns, bridal couples, peasant women with baskets, boys with bundles, who have run in from the street to get another look at the thing. Now, it is only a half hour until the performance; will the room hold any more?

The beadles, like the street-car conductors, are sure there is plenty of room "up front," or rather, in this case, behind. They wave the wands of their majesty, and back the people surge. Still more are coming. The natives, who never seem to tire of the sight, and who know better about the variance in the times, are now dropping in-mothers with babies, business men from around the corner, and everybody else. There is not space to sneeze. Now there are only five minutes until the rooster crows. Maybe he will not crow to-day. Everybody s looking at the clock. Don't wink Now comes the fateful minute. In the very centre of the big monument to the clockmaker's ingenuity is s gallery. Here stands Father Time, representing Death. He has about him, on a revolving plane, four figures -Childhood, a boy; Youth, a young hunter; Manhood, a fully-armed knight; Old Age, a gray-haired man, clothed in the skin of a beast. Child hood had struck the first quarter-hour, Youth the second, Manhood the third and Old Age the other hours of the day; but now at noon it is Death's own chance. The four figures come out in view before him, while, with a grim hammer of bone, he sounds with

twelve strokes the death of another A little figure down near the face of the clock now has his turn, and, with a little shake reverses his bour glass. Above all this is another gallery. It begins to squeak. The machinery is in motion. In the middle is a figure of Christ, and around Him are to pass the twelve Apostles. Out they come, one by one. Each stops an instant before the Saviour, turns his face, bows, and receives the blessing from His outstretched hand. But the rooster; where is he? There he still is, high up on a pedestal, besides a stained-glass window. Now he clucks, Now his old metal-plated throat swells. He flaps his wings and crows. Another minute. Again he flaps his wings and crows. And a third time, Was there ever such a rooster as this? It is all over. The bendles drive the people out, shut up the cathedral, and go to dinner.

The time of greatest interest comes but once a year, in the night from December 31 to New Year's Day. Then an immense crowd always assembles to watch the revolutions of the machinery as it regulates itself roady for the labors of the coming year.

Twentieth Century Agriculture.

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President Jeremiah Head, of the section of Mechanical Science of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in his annual address calls attention, among other things, to the power in man to withstand varying atmospheric pressures. "Thus, although fitted for an extreme atmospheric pressure of about fifteen pounds to the square inch, he has peen enabled, as exemplified by Messrs. Glaisher and Coxwell in 1862, to ascend to a height of seven miles and breathe air at a pressure of only three and a half pounds to the square inch, and still live. And on the other hand, divers have been down into water eighty feet deep, entailing an extra pressure of about thirty-six pounds per square inch, and have returned safely. One has even been to a depth of 150 feet, but the resulting pressure of sixty-seven pounds per square inch cost him his life. There are, however, extreme cases. Most men experience great inconvenience at an altitude over two and one-half miles, and few can stand the rarefied atmosphere above the three and a half mile limit in the Andes or Himalayas. So. too, with the increased pressure; few can long withstand the benumbing effects of fifty feet below the surface in water; although the knowledge of the ease with which the normal pressure may be again reached lends courage and assurance, very important factors in such cases, to the daring experimenter; while the extreme labor of descending mountains or the uncertainties of balloon action are deterrent in the other direction .- St. Louis Republic.

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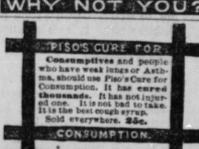


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