

MAY, SWEET MAY.

In the so-called soft May breeze... Forests don their kirtles green...

Mary and Ben and Dan'l.

W. J. LAMPTON. GUESS I ain't much on the shoot no'...

side of me. Mary a one, 'n' Ben a one, 'n' Dan'l a one...

"I never got beat but once," he went on, with a good-humored reminiscence...

"Well, sir, you could a knocked me down with a splinter, and I got hot all over, but I set my jaws down hard for a minute and held in, 'thinkin' about them wads."

"And he didn't beat me shootin', after all!" says I, feelin' mighty good over it, all at once.

"No, he didn't," says she, pattin' me on the arm like as ef she was my mother. "But he did beat me, says I, droppin' back a p'ce or two."

"Yes," says she, "but I put him up to it, Dan'l."

"Then she smiled, and I thought the sun was raisin' and tell I:

"Mary," says I, "you've got more sense than Ben and I got put together, peckerly me, and I'm glad you've got the one you wanted, and with that I jumped on my hoss and rid lickety split for home, and when I got that I just hugged that rifle of mine as ef it had been Mary Higgins."

"Dan'l," called the old man's wife from the kitchen, at this point, "supper's ready."

"So air here, Lizzie," he said, rising. The visitor looked at him inquiringly, as he rose to accompany him supperward.

"Yes," smiled the old man, "she's the same that was the new gal on the Fork the night Mary and Ben got hitched."—Detroit Free Press.

BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SKETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

HE KNEW—IT WOULD BE NECESSARY—NEGATIVE RELATIONSHIP—A BRILLIANT IMAGINATIVE EFFORT—NOT FREELY, ETC., ETC.

"Women have no minds," said loudly Jack. "Whatever the world may say, 'I am sure they have,' growled Arthur back. "All they change them every day."

NEGATIVE RELATIONSHIP.

Miss Baid—"Have you any sisters?" Jack Hoodoo—"No; but I have the refusal of several."

NOT FAIRLY.

"Could you get the lawyer to express his opinion freely?" "Not exactly; he charged me ten dollars."

IT WOULD BE NECESSARY.

Friend—"Do you think you will marry a rich girl?" "Poet—"I'll have to if I keep on in this business."

VERY PARADOXICAL.

"It is very paradoxical." "What?" "That the fresher a child is the more spoiled it is apt to be."

A BRILLIANT IMAGINATIVE EFFORT.

Charles—"Count Marzipan is giving it out that his family wealth is simply fabulous."

PEPPERY.

"What is the greatest accomplishment you know of?" said the talkative young man. "To say nothing silently," replied the peppery young woman.—Washington Star.

WHAT SHE WANTED.

In a furthest store. "Who is that very homely woman?" "She is one of our best customers."

A PERFECT SUBSTITUTE.

DeGarry—"His is raising quite a muscle. His is one of those home gymnasiums!"

THE STATE FOR DOTE.

Paterfamilias (to the suitor for his daughter's hand)—"Young man, are your expectations equal to those of my daughter?"

ALTERNATIVE.

Seely Samuel—"Sir, I am in a little trouble, and I should be very glad if you could help me out."

OUT OF SIGHT.

"Have you a new kite?" asked Willie of Tommy, who was standing on the hilltop holding the end of a string.

A GOOD LIKENESS.

Photographer—"Your son ordered this likeness from me."

PERVENSIVE.

Sick Man—"What of the register, do. The wife is intolerable."

SELFISH.

A man and his wife entered a restaurant out in the country, and the former said to the waiter:

NOT AN ENEMY IN THE WORLD.

Mrs. Hicks—"My Dick declares that he's called her husband a natural bore!"

A MISAPPROPRIATION.

Mr. Pughlight—"Truly, Miss Piltteeth, since I have moved next door to your home I have greatly enjoyed hearing your daily singing."

DIFFERENT KIND OF HEALING.

"Henry," said the physician's wife earnestly, "why don't you go into politics?"

SIMPLE AS A B C.

Eastern Man—"Is there any way for a stranger to make money in this section?"

Kind hearts are more than coronets.

There is no battle unless there be two.

A Runaway Locomotive.

When the Erie road was first built, while the steam locomotive was in its infancy, it was nicknamed the "Davy Crockett."

HUGE PENAL SETTLEMENT.

The Andaman Islands, where 8,000 "Lifers" alone are imprisoned.

HOUSEHOLD MATTERS.

STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE.

Take one pint of flour two ounces of butter, add one-half tablespoonful of salt, teaspoonful of baking powder and not quite a cupful of milk; turn the dough on a board, kneaded just a moment, and roll out one inch thick.

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TO COVER THE DESSERT.

There are many novel designs for toilet covers at present, but the pure white ones look so dainty and clean that they are perhaps most popular.

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USEFUL ALLEGATIONS.

Any considerable interference with the order of nature is likely to produce unexpected results.

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