# THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

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

Al Fresco-He Got Near It-Mar-riage, the Reformer-City Life-A Direction, Etc., Etc.

There's a gleam of violets in the meadow, Under a spray, a hidden nest, And a bird song sweet in the blossom shadow, And a purple crown on the far hill's crest.

and wandering down where the herds are lying, Two city lovers, whose smiling brows Strive to hide the fact that they're eying Askance, with terror, the peaceful cows.

# CITY LIFE.

First Broadway Car-Driver—"How many've you run over to-day, Mike?" Second Broadway Car-Driver—"No one to spake of; nothin' but an' old woman and a blind man."—Life.

GENERALIZATION WASN'T THE WORD. "My dear," said Mrs. ---- after a "My dear," said Mrs. — after a slight dispute at the breakfast table, "do you think I am generally ill-natured?" "No," he replied; "I think you are particularly so."--New England Maga-

# HE GOT NEAR IT.

"Oh, ma! I nearly had a horse!" "Why, what do you mean?" "There was a man out here with a

borse, and I asked him if I could have it and he said no; if he'd said yes I'd a had it!"-Life.

# A RENEWAL OF YOUTH.

Primus (scholar and traveler)-"Greek is not yet a dead language, and the Greek nation, sir, is not at all senile. It has undergone a reinvention." has undergone a rejuvenation." Secundus- "Yes, I hear it is crying for its marbl() again."—Life.

#### NOT YET DESPERATE.

anything to eat?" Tramp-"What else should I want,

madami Did you think I came to after a proposal of marriage?"-Boston Herald.

# A MUTUAL BLUNDER.

The Stout One—"I took you for a geatleman when I first met you." The Thin One—"And I took you for

a loafer the first time I ever laid eyes on you.

The Stout One-"Well, let's call it puare. It seems we were both mistaksquare. It s en."-Life.

# MARRIAGE, THE REFORMER.

Mrs. Feathers—"And you won't give pethirty dollars for that bonnet; you, As far as the sh sho always protested that you loved me so extravagantly!" Mr. Feathers—"Well, dear, since we

have been married, you know, I find it's best for both of us if I love you economically!"-Judge.

# SHE GAVE IT AWAY.

"But I had asked you darling. Why, then, didn't you keep our ergagement secret for a little while?"

couldn't Edward. That hateful "I couldn't Edward. Inat hateful Mise Oldish said the reason I wasn't married was because no fool had asked me, so I up and told her you had."— *Philadelphia Times.* 

### WHILE HORSES WERE CHANGED.

First Conductor-"That is a mighty nice man, that new Superintendent; he fired McGinniss last night for knocking down, and then thanked him. Second Conductor-"What did he

thank him for?" First Conductor—"For bringing the car back."—Puck.

#### A THOUGHTFUL SPOUSE.

"I've a great notion to go and jump into the river," said Mr. N. Peck at the end of a little domestic discussion, as he picked up his hat and started out.

"You come right back here," said his ife. "If you intend any such tricks as wife. that, just march upstairs and put on your old clothes before you start."-In-dianapolis Journal.

# AND IT IS PRESUMED HE DID.

"If you think you're going to collect any money from me," said Ardup, dog-gedly, as he handed back the bill, "you're away off. You can't draw blood from turnip."

from turnip.

#### NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN. HIS REWARD. Generous Tea-merchant-"You have been with me forty years to-day, Mr. Bardwell."

His Old Book-keeper-"Yes, sir." Generous Tea-merchant-"I'm going to show you substantially that I apprate your services. You're getting and feeble and can't move around v very quickly, so I'm going to have a fire-escape put on the counting-room win-dow."—Judge.

IT WAS A FUNERAL.

Senior Partner-"Mr. Tenaweek, you aid you wanted to attend your cousin's

funeral yesterday afternoon, but you were seen at the baseball game. You ap-pear to have told us an untruth."

The white blazer now blaz es with red yellow facings. or Girls who clerk in stores in America

Jackets are shorter.

women now.

are paid but small wages. The summer handkerchief is cut on the edge to represent leaves.

Now we have souvenir thimbles.

White veils are conspicuous once more

Fencing is a favorite exercise among

There is a rumor that furbelowed white petticoats are coming in again.

"College Songs for Girls" are now to be had-a pleasant collection. All the women of the Vanderbilt fam-

Tenaweek-"I beg your pardon, sir. My cousin was pitching for the reds, and if it wasn't his funeral then I don't ily are notable for their good looks.

Women are rapidly making their way into the faculty of medicine in England. The women in Prussia, according to statistical reports, far outnumber the men.

Miss Frances E. Willard, the temperance advocate, says she always rises at 7 in the morning.

The polka dot isn't round any longer. Through much use it has become flattened into an egg-shaped ball.

There is a good deal of talk with re-gard to the possibility of a feminine or-chestra in New York next winter.

It is said that the girl type-writer stands a better chance to get married than any other working woman.

Gardening, piano-tuning and sanitary engineering are some of the occupations women are taking up in Great Britain.

A Bond street (London) jeweler says that at a drawing room the Queen wears at least \$750,000 worth of jewels.

It is shown that, besides matrimony and teaching, thirty-seven different oc-cupations have been assumed by Vassar college graduates.

An artist's rule as to color in clothes is: Choose carefully only those tints of which a duplicate may be found in the hair, the eyes, or the complexion.

Professor Harriet Cooke, of the chair of history in Cornell, has taught in that college twenty-three years and has a sal-ary equal to that of the men professors.

Mrs. Henry Clews is by many people considered the prettiest woman in New York. She has a lovely face, with bril-liant eyes, a fine complexion and shining dark hair.

Turquoises are the most fashionable stones of the day. For hair ornaments they are intermixed with diamonds, and half a dozen little pins go with each hair ornament.

terested in the education of the children of the poor. Mrs. Cleveland is Vice-President of the New York Free Kindergarden Association.

Though it is only twenty-five since the first college in the United States was opened to women, there are 40,000 women studying in the various colleges of the country.

The Princess Stephanie is said to be years ago. She has never recovered from the dreadful shock of her husband's suicide.

More than 5000 ladies in England are competing for the prizes offered for a design for the best cycling costume, the best shooting costume, the best golf cos-tume, the best walking costume, the best tea gown and the best outdoor cloak.

"Shirley Dare," the author of counttic topics.

hibiting the from perambulating the streets in the Paris costumes they have adopted of late, which his Majesty condemns as depart-ing from Turkish tradition and from the

A Unique Clock. One of the attractions of the beauti-ful Monte Pincio gardens, at Rome, is a really unique clock, which is usually an object of interest to groups of passersby, who stop to minutely inspect it. A gen-eral view and description of this curious and articite views of mechanism is risem and artistic piece of mechanism is given as follows by the *Horological Review*:

as follows by the Horological Recieve: The very charming case is composed of three branches in rustic work. It stands upon a square stone block, sur-rounded on its four sides by beautiful leaf plants, ivy and grasses. The stone foot stands within a water basin. The upper part of the case contains a dial covered with glass on each of its four sides. Upon the cupola stands a staff which carries the two bells for the full hour and quar-ters. At its upper end is a small vape ters. At its upper end is a small vane in the shape of a battle ax. The frame for the wheel and levers of the striking work, in which a small cen-

the striking work, in which a small cen-trifugal pendulum takes the place of the fly, is close underneath the dial. At the back of the clock frame oscilates the second pendulum, and before this is lo-cated a mass of rustic work, similar to a large coral growth, from which issue small idte of wrater at memory intervals small jets of water at regular intervals. Two of the uppermost coral branches are water conduit pipes, from which empties alternately, at each swing of the pendu-lum, a small quantity of water into two leaflike spoons underneath, imparting to them an up and down motion. The peculiar motive power furnished by the water keeps the clock in motion, by a very remarkable escapement, so that it never requires winding. The construc-tion of the clock is due to a monk, as is the case with so many old pieces of art work.

#### The "Man-Eater of the Gulf."

The region in the vicinity of the northern extremity of the Gulf of California is inhabited by a rare and terrible crea-ture—a member of the lizard tribe--called the "Man-eater of the Gulf." He called the "Man-eater of the Gult." He is hardly large enough to warrant his awe inspiring name, being only about fifteen inches long, but is one of the most poisonous creatures known to naturalists. As mentioned above he is a member of the lizard family, some akin to the famed Gila Monster, and his body is almost as brittle as glass.—St. Louis Remultic. Republic.

George C. Curry has arrived at Van-couver, British Columbia, from Alaska in a dugout cance. It is said that he is the only white man who ever made that journey in such a craft.

#### A Big Mistake.

A Big Misnke. The moulting process is one that debili-tates and prevents hens from laying. Many farmers and poultry-raisers at this season kill off their oki tens, because they think they have stopped laying and are fat. This is a great mistake; the proper material should be furnished them with their food to supply the increased demand for nitrogen and phosphates. Mr. John R. Jones, of Suf-field, Com., says: "I an a breader of Mottled Javas. I have been using Sheridan's Con-dition Powder for years. I find it very valu-able for poultry in the moulting season; it helps the growth of feathers. I use it also for show birds." I.S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass., will send further particulars to any-one tire.

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"Shirley Dare," the author of count-less practical articles for housekcepers, looks more like a poetess than what she is—a journalist and a writer on domes-tic topics. She is fair, with soft eyes and golden hair, and is gentle and pensive in manner.

The Sultan has issued a decree pro ladies of Constantinople

know anything about baseball. You should have seen the other fellows get on to his curves."—Munsey's Weekly. HIS NAME WAS WILLIAM.

"You look like a bright boy?"

"Tell ye, mister, I'm way out 'o sight, an' don't you forget it." "Don't you think that so bright a boy as you are ought to be more morped."

"Say, looky here, I'm in it, I am, an' I ain't goin' to let no old duffer pump

me on private matters—bye, bye." And the precious little child put his hands in his pockets and watted himself down

The kind old gentleman happened to be his uncle, just returning from a long residence abroad, and when Willie got home that night his name was William. —Detroit Free Press.

A Freak of Lig htning.

A freak of lightning, probably more remarkable than any hitherto recorded, has occurred near the small village of New Salem, Vt., at the foot of the Hel-

deberg Mountains. Arent S. Vandyck occupies an old mansion, in the parlor of which hung a collection of revolutionary

swords, one of which was heavily plated

with silver. A terrific thunder storm came on a

A terrific thunder storm came on a recent night, and one terrible crash aroused the household. All were stunned for a moment but, recovering, they hast-ened to discover what damage was done. Suddenly the younger Vandyck pointed to an old fashioned sofa. Upon it lay what was apparently the silver image of a cat curled up in an exceedingly com-fortable position.

As far as the shape and posture of the animal were concerned it might have been a live cat, each glittering hair was separate and distinct, and each silvery bristle of the whiskers described a grace-

ful curve, as in life. Father and son turned toward the swords which hung upon the wall just above the sofa, and

there saw that the sword had been stripped of all its silver. The hilt was gone, and the scabbard was but a strip of blackened steel. The family cat had been electroplated by light size

lightning. In one of the panes of glass in the window was found a round hole about

the size of a half dollar, where the light-

ning had evidently entered. There was a charred streak across the

sash where the electrical fluid had made

its way to the sword, down which it had passed to the cat, carrying with it the

silver which it deposited upon the ani-mal. Of course, the cat was instantly killed, and therefore remained in the po-

Attent, and therefore remained in the po-sition in which it was quietly sleeping when the flash came. It is thought that the plating of the cat's body will prevent decay, and that probably it may be retained among the

collection of curiosities, which is more remarkable than all. Local scientists are puzzled by the occurrence, and one

of their members of the Albany Institute

is investigating the case.-New York Sun

How to Oil Your Watch. The lubrication of a watch is a nice

point. Some oil a watch to death, says the *Horological Icoieve*. According to this authority it is always best to put a little oil in the centre pinion hole before

putting together, and on the barrel arbor; oil the mainspring by oiling a

the street, whistling "Annie Rooney.

as you are ought to be more mannerly?

# "What is your name, my little man?" "Willie when I'm good an' William when I git licked."

"How old are you?" "Ask maw." "Where do you live?"

"To home.

"Maybe not," replied the man with the bill, peeling off his coat, "but I'm going to see if I can't pound a little out of a dead beat."— Chicago Tribune.

#### A DIRECTION.

Photographer-"Look a little pleas-

ing to commit such a had can't think of anything pleasant." Photographer—"You can't? Why, just try to imagine one of your friends when he receives the photograph."— Judge.

#### WHAT THEY SAID OF HIM.

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#### WANTED HIS DUES.

Hicks-"What troubles you? You seem to be very much disturbed about something or other." Wicks-"And well I may be. Here's

Wicks—"And well I may be. Here's a paper that refers to me as an alleged humbug. I wouldn't have minded it had it called me a genuine, bona fide humbug; but to be alluded to as only an alleged humbug is too much."—Boston Transcript.

tissue paper and slipping it around the coils. Do not straighten the spring out in this process, as it will be more apt to break after such a treatment. When break after such a treatment. When properly oiled it is an improvement. If the oil is pure and too much of it is used it will soon gum up, and be worse than no oil. In regard to oiling the train pivots, a correspondent uses an oiler of his own invention, which is as follows: Bis own invention, which is as follows: Get a good quilt; take a sharp knife and split it like a steel pen; sharpen it down like a pen and stick its point into your oil cup, then oil your pivots. You can put on as little or as much as you

please by the pressure, with no danger of cracking or scratching anything. Then put on the balance and bridge, see that everything is screwed down firmly and that the balance has a good free 

Bats are often seen in the dusk flying rapidly back and forth through the foliage, and avoiding contact with the branches in a way that seems quite won-derful. An Italian naturalist, Spallan-zani, has found that a bat enclosed in a dark space could even pass rapidly through an intricate network of threads without touching any of them. This without touching any of them. This puzzling power has been suspected to be due to a sixth and unknown sense, and the to a sixth and unknown genes, and Spallanzani showed the suspicion to be well founded by the cruel experiment of blinding the bat and liberating it among the threads, when it avoided them with as much case as before.—*Trenton* (N, J)American.

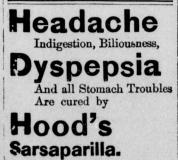
prescripts of the Koran.

Concord, Mass., had a woman guide. She is Mrs. L. E. Brooks; has a wellequipped livery stable, personally at-tends all parties, knows every point of interest about the town, knows the genealogy of everything and everybody, and makes a most charming guide.

Duck's foot yellow is the old name of the newest and oddest shade in gloves, It is worn with gray gowns. Duck's-It is worn with gray gowns. Duck's-egg green is another new shade, the London taste at the moment running to ducks exceedingly. Pale heliotrope, pale pink and lemon are worn with evening oowns.

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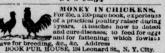
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