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

A Wasted Talent-The Wrong Flavo -Started Him Off-Part Would Do-Willing to Do His Best, Etc.

She had studied not philosophy, nor had dallied with theosophy,
Which often tries to lift the veil for just a little look;
She avoided the piano, did Miss Ann Eliza

Hannah,
And devoted all her intellect to learning how to cook.

With an earnest air and serious she studied stews mysterious, And mastered all the processes of making wholesome bread; Her pies were each a poem, and she would proudly show 'em. "Oh, how lucky will her husband be?' her friends and neighbors said.

But, alas! for all endeavor, that forever and forever Showeth faith to be a carping fiend, of dis-

For the fellow that she married by dyspepsia was so harried
That he wouldn't let her cook a thing but toust and tes and grue!.

—Indianapotis Journal.

ACCEPT THE FIRST WHO OFFERS.

Dolley-"Do you think that marriage is a declining institution?"

Maud—"No, but refusing chances to marry is."—Buffalo Express.

STARTED HIM OFF. "Did your father give you a good start

in life?"
"Well—it was forcible and the old man put his best foot forward when he

CHANGE OF OWNEBSHIP.

"Are you the owner of this house, "I was before the baby was born. I

am under the impression the nurse owns it now."-Judge.

THE WRONG FLAVOR. Mrs. Beach-"I think you have made

a mistake."
Grocer—"How so, Madam?"
Mrs. Beach—"This sand tasts salty.
I wanted it sweetened."

PART WOULD DO.

He (tenderly)—"Don't you feel chilly, darling? Wouldn't you like my coat to put around you?"

She (shyly)—"I think your sleeve will be sufficient."—Boston Courier.

WILLING TO DO HIS BEST. "Johnny," said the pretty teacher; what is a kiss?"

"I can't exactly put it in words," returned the boy; "but if yer really wanter know, I can show yer."

AN OVER SUPPLY.

The New Rector—"I find the work in this parish very interesting indeed."
Miss A.—"I should think you might; there are ten unmarried girls to every man in the congregation."—Life.

MARKED DOWN.

George-"A penny for your thoughts, Jessie."

Jessie—"That's a bargain." George-"Well, what were you think-ing of."

Jessie-"You!"-Puck.

WELL UP.

Maiden Aunt—"If your mother had charge of you now she'd make you go to bed before this."

Young Nephew—"Nor much she wouldn't. Ma's in London and it's broad daylight there now."—Truth.

BANTER BEHIND THE SCENES. "You appear to have caught 'em," ob-served the manager, as the leading actor came rushing hastily behind the scenes.

"Yes," said the actor, wiping the remains of a belated egg from the folds of his Roman toga and dodging a cabbage fired after him from one of the private boxes, "everything seems to be coming my way."—Chicago Tribune.

SHE WAS HAPPY TO KNOW HIM. Charlie Youngnoodle-"I say, Johnny,

have you ever heard your sister Minnie Little Johnnie (entertaining him, till

Minnie "comes down")—"Yes; she says she's awfully happy to know yer."
Charlie Youngnoodle (flushed)—"That all, Johnny?'

Little Johnny-"No, she says as yer buy her candy and friendship rings and other nice things. Harold Knowles, who she marries next month, can save his money."—Jewelers' Circular.

HER WISH.

"I wish I was a star," he said, smiling at his own poetic fancy.
"I would rather you were a comet,"

she said, dreamily.

His heart beat tumultuously.

"And why?" he asked, tenderly, at the same time taking her unresisting lit-tle hands in his own. "And why?" he

repeated imperiously.

"Oh!" she said, with a broading earnestness that fell freezingly upon his soul, "because then you would come round only once every fifteen hundred years!"

—London Tib-Bits.

THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.

Tramp (with an old school-book)—
"Say, mister, will yer kindly tell me what letter this is?"

Pedestrian-"Certainly. That's L. Can't you read?"

"No, sir; but I'm tryin' ter learn, an'
I sha'n's rest till I do, muther."
"I am delighted to find so laudable an

ambition in one of your class. You have taken the right course at last."
"Yes, sir. It's mighty rough on a traveler like me not ter be able to tell whether a sign says 'Beware o' the Dog' or 'Free Lunch Opening.' "— Good News.

"Well, this job sickens me. I'm going

"Well, this job sickens me. I'm going to hand in my resignation at once."
Friend—"Why, what's the matter?"
District Attorney—"Well, here I've worked night and day on this murder case, and had just succeeded in getting such a complete chain of evidence that any jury would have convicted the accused without leaving the jury-box, when along comes a substantiated confession from a man who has just died in the penitentiary that he committed the murder, and my six months' hard work goes for nothing."—Judge.

### BEWARE OF THE GUNNER.

Quester—"They tell me your friend, Lecry, has taken the notion he'd like to be a gunner, and has purchased an outfit, with the intention of trying his hand at the sport this fall. Is that so?" Jester—"1've heard so."

Quester—"Well, if he ever goes out with a party he'll be apt to be made game of."

Jester-"Excuse me, sir, but if he is the poor marksman they say he is, it will be the unfortunate party that goes out with him that will be made game of."—

#### A TALE OF RETRIBUTION.

"If I were as Lean and Scrawny as you are," said the Reporter they called Fatty, "I would Hire Myself Out as a Living Skeleton."

The Lean and Scrawny Reporter made no Reply, but the City Editor came in

Presently and said:

"Fatty, there is a Man at the Hospital who has Lost Nine Square Inches of Skin from his Back, and the Doctors want Nine Square Inches of Skin from a Healthy Man to Replace it With. I want want to contact and Furnish it."

you to go and Furnish it."
So the Fat Reporter, with a sigh, went to the Hospital and Contributed of his Abundant Supply of Integument to save the Life of a Fellow Being, while the Lean Reporter went along and Wrote the

Thing up.

Moral: It is Possible to have Too Much of a Good Thing.—Chicago Tribune.

SCENE IN A COUNTRY GROCERY STORE. Tramp (entering)—"Say, could you let me have a glass of milk? I have no coin wid me, but I'll give ye five stamps, if that'll do."

Grocer (to get rid of him)—"All right

(pours out the milk), here's your milk."
Tramp drinks it, smaks his lips, stamps five times on the floor and walks toward the door. The grocer shouts to him to come back. Tramp returns. 'What do yer want?"

"My stamps, of course."
"Didn't I give them to you?"

"No. of course not."

"Well, here they are again." (Stamps

five times more).

"Ah, I see; ha! ha! Well, that's a pretty good joke, but I tell you what I'll do; I'll give you a quarter to try that on that fellow across the street there."

"Sh! Why he just gave me fifty cents to try it on you."—New York

PAPA IN CLOVER.

Wife—"How in the world can you afford to buy those expensive cigars."

Husband—"I don't buy 'em."

"Dear, me! You don't mean to say

any friend of yours is rich enough to give you such cigars, do you?"

"Well, no, not exactly. That young man who has got so smitten with our daughter."

daughter—"
"Huh! No more than she is with

"Well, he's an agent or something for a big firm of cigar importers, and generally has his pockets full of their best samples. Well, after we go to bed, and the lights are turned down, he takes them out of his pockets and puts 'em on the mantle-piece—to keep 'em from get-ting crushed, I suppose. Then when it comes to leaving, between the desire to skip out without making any noise at such a late hour, and the pain of saving good-night to our daughter, he forgets all about them. I tell you, Mariah, our daughter has been a pretty heavy expense, but she's sort o' paying for herself now."—New York Weekly.

## Don't Put Coin in the Mouth.

"I can tell you," said a prominent physician to a representative of the Call, "what is a fruitful source of disease." "And what is it?" "In riding in the street cars you have no doubt seen passtreet cars you have no doubt seen pus-sengers, particularly women, take a piece of com from a pocketbook and place it between the lips while waiting for the conductor to come along. It is a habit formed by many and a most a habit formed by many and a most dangerous one." "Why?" "Did you ever for a moment think," continued the physician, "where a piece of coin may have been before it came into your possession, to what use it may have been put, or where its place of lodgment was? I have known of many instances in which coin has been used to close the eyes of leperous Chinamen. Then again there are a certain class of women who are supertitious and believe that if they will supertitious and believe that if they will place in their stocking the first piece of coin they receive in the day luck will follow them all day long, and how many are there who carry money in their boots or shoes and draw it from there as necessity demands? Just think of money that has been used in the manner I have described being placed between the lips of any one page. of any one—man or woman. Money carries with it many a blessing, but it also carries many a curse, for bright as it is it carries upon its face the germ of many a disease, which is communicated to the people in the manner I have de-scribed."—San Francisco Call.

## Phosphorus for Matches.

The amount of phosphorus consumed per annum is about two thousand tons, and is chiefly used in match making. Hitherto chemicals were used in its manufacture, but by a recent improvement the raw material and coke are placed in a consider a proposition of the constitution of the constitu whether a sign says 'Beware o' the Dog' r' Free Lunch Opening.' ''—Good News.

DISHEARTENING.

District Attorney (disgustedly)—

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#### NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Vests remain in favor.

Almost all skirts are worn plain. Dallas, Texas, has women notaries. Carmen Sylva writes her verses in red

The Princess of Wales has thirteen

Florence Nightingale has just pleted her seventieth year.

The white veils of embroidered lace are lovely to look at, but hard to see

In Mexico young girls are called little chickens, and old girls are named old chickens.

Miss Ethel Griggs, a young American lady, has achieved a decided success at Berlin as a whistler.

Mrs. Mackay, wife of the Bonanza millionaire, has a string of flawless diamonds two yards long. England has a very large society called the Association for the Assistance of La-

dies in Reduced Circumstance. In Antwerp, a woman has taken a prize in Flemish literature, which is offered by the State once in five years.

The girl who hunts has her sofa pillows filled with the plumage of birds bagged by her own little self and shot-

gun.

Milking stools of white enamelled
wood, mahogany and polished oak are in
great demand for parlor corners and window seats.

It is announced that a hospital for female patients will shortly be erected in Bosnia, all the medical officers of which will be women.

The chair of oratory in the University of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, has been offered to Miss Norman C. Crawford, of Minersville, Penn. Cotton tapestry is the best kind of covering for a couch that is in general

use, being clean, pretty and more durable than many stuffs. It is rumored among the gay followers of fashion that the chignon, which was years ago a necessity in ladies' hairdressing, will again be brought to light

this winter. There is a great tendency to use fancy feathers in trimming toques, turbans and capotes, which is probably the natural outgrowth of the attempt in the spring

to trim with wings. It is not generally known that a crepe veil may be with propriety worn with a handsome white dress. This is more suitable for ceremonious wear than for

Mrs. Wanamaker, wife of the Post-master General, is said to keep up a regular correspondence with the 150 young girls who make up her Sunday-school class in Philadelphia.

Madame Rangoni, the famous Italian mountaineer, has recently made an as-cent to the highest peak of the Orller Mountains, which has never before been reached by a female tourist.

The novelty in millinery silks up to the present is shaded velvet and satin antique. Among the noticeable combinations are mousse green and lavender, and pink with dove gray.

In eighteen months Miss Kate Smith rose from a \$60 clerkship under the Government to one with a \$1600 salary. She is the only woman chief of division in the service of the Government. Laces are seen everywhere and are special favorites. They are found on dresses, mantles, capes and parasols. They make a nice border for hats, and

used not only for trimming but as are used not o chief material. Mrs. Jennie C. Nixon, of Tennessee, is professor of rhetoric and belles-lettres in Newcombe College, New Orleans. She is a clever newspaper woman, and has done much editorial work for the

Southern papers. Rosettes about the diameter of a two shilling piece are mounted on pins for the hair. These rosettes are made of narrower ribbon than the bows, whereas the diamond in the midst of the double

circle of loops is often larger. The daughters of the Empress Fredrick, and sisters of the Kaiser, are aterics, and sisters of the Kaiser, are attractive young women, though not beautiful. They have good complexions and sparkling blue eyes, and resemble their father more than their mother.

Lilian Cooke, who holds a diploma a doctor of medicine, has started for Corea. She intends to establish a medi-cal mission for women and children at Seoul, the capital. Corea is reported to and prosperity.

Miss Laura White, sister of ex-Congressman J. D. White, is a professional architect in Ashland, Ky. She is a graduate of Ann Arbor, and was the woman who solved the difficult mathematical problem sent to that institution from Oxford. England.

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## A Curious Missile.

A curious missile was recently cut out of the limb of a prominent citizen of Mount Sterling, Ala., who was wounded in that member in the first battle of Main that member in the first battle of Manassas. The citizen, Major James Morison, has suffered from periodical breaking out of the wound, which was situated in the calf, but, though probed for several times, all attempts to find the ball proved unsuccessful. On last Friday, however, the doctors succeeded in discovering and removing the irritating body, when it was found to be no bullet, but a small gold button. This was cleaned and was gold button. This was cleaned and was found to be inscribed with the legend "E. to R. Mizpah," in small German

lettering.

The button is perfectly round and about the size of a buckshot, having a small link attached, by which it was caught to a garment or watch chain, on which it was in all probability worn as a charm. In all likelihood it was hastily crammed into the owner's musket when and of ammunition and in an emergency. out of ammunition and in an emergency Major Morrison naturally prizes this memento which he has carried for thirty-one years, but says he will return it to the man who fired it if he still lives and can relate the circumstances under which he made use of it, which circumstances were such as to impress the Major, and cannot have tailed to have remained in the mind of his assailant.

The button was in all probability the loving gift of some fair young sweetheart or faithful wife to her beloved boy in blue, who will be glad to recever the pretty trifle, which is none the worse for its long hiding in the Major's leg, though the latter is decidedly the better for its removal, and is rapidly healing since the operation.—Philadelphia Times.

Firing Shells at High Angles.

The new armor-piercing shells were tested at Sandy Hook, N. J., on a recent afternoon. One shot was fired with some success, inasmuch as the projectile knocked out a corner of the 41-inch steel instead of piercing it as it should. This is probably accounted for, however, by the fact that the gun was sighted for that portion of the plate so as to save it for further shots and thus spare the ne-cessity of putting in a new shield at each shot. The shell, which weighed 630 pounds, went through the plate and then exploded in the barrier of sand immediately in the rear of the shield. The proately in the rear of the shield. The projectile passed through a second wooden target about 100 yards behind the shield and was found 800 yards from the gun. The firing velocity of the gun is 870 feet This experiment was to de per second. termine if it is possible to put a shell through the deck of a steamship by a system of firing known as high-angle firing, the shell first piercing the deck and then exploding in the hold of the vessel. Fifty-one pounds of powder was used. The large pieces of the plate were found 100 yards from the gun.—Army and Navy Gazette.

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