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

Bitter Sweet-The Best Way cumlocution-Old Love Letters

Amusing Etc. Etc. When you would make a present,
Your love to testify;
You find, while it is pleasant,
It's also very high.

CIRCUMLOCUTION. He-"Do you know what I'd do if I

were you?"
She—"No; what?"

He-"I'd marry me."-Puck.

NOT GUILTY. "There goes poor Jones-bankrupt ever since his trial."

"Did he break the law?"
"No; the law broke him."—Puck

THE BEST WAY. Friend-"How can you tell whether a joke is—your jokes are original?"

Joke Writer—'I can't—always—I leave that for the editor to do."—Yankee

NOT "SKUNKED."

"Caught anything, bub?" said the man to the lad who was fishing.
"No, sir; but I'm goin' to ketch somethie."

something."
"How soon?" "Soon as I git home to mother."

OLD LOVE LETTERS AMUSING.

Two Years after Marriage: She-"What a pleasure it is, Henry, to read over our old love letters!"

He—"Yes, positively amusing."
She (sotto voice)—"And to think that
I once loved this brute!"—Boston Tran-

HIGH AS HAMAN.

"Did you know my brother?" said the Eastern visitor.

"Yes, he was very interesting ; remark-

ly high strung."
"You bet he was," rejoined the native, "after the vigilance committee got through with him."

HE KNEW HE WAS RIGHT. Senior Partner-"Higgins, how do

you spell received?"

Juntor Clerk—"R-e-c-e-i-v-e-d."

Senior Partner—"Just the way I wrote it." (Then there came the sound of a knife scratching on paper from the senior partner's desk.)—Puck.

LOVE AND MONEY.

Upson Downes-"Last evening I was introduced to a girl worth three mill-

Rowne de Bout-"Great Cæsar! What did you do?"

Upson Downes—"I asked her if she believed in 'love at first sight."

WISE IN HIS GENERATION.

Rev. Hawkins—"Ah! Deacon Dives, you are deep in monopolies and syndicates and all that sort of things. But remember, dear brother, what the Bible says, 'Put not your trust in riches.'" Deacon Dives—"I don't; I put my riches in trusts."—Detroit Free Press.

NOT ALTOGETHER A SUCCESS.

"There is only one thing I regret about my last failure," said a Chicago business man confidentially to a friend. "What's that?" asked his friend in-

quisitively. that I was obliged to pay."-Somerville

"TWO SOULS," ETC.

"How did you ever come to marry, old man? Thought you'd determined to stay single?"

"I had; but I was introduced one day to a girl who had determined never to marry, and our thoughts seemed to harmonize so completely that—well, we married each other."—Puck.

EXPLOITING HER PURCHASE

Bingo-"I'm going to bring my wife around to call on you to-night."

Witherby—"That's right; but do me a favor, old man. Don't let her wear her new sealskin cloak. I don't want my wife to see it just now.

Bingo (grimly)--"Why, that's what we are coming for."—Cloak Review.

HER FEELINGS WERE NOT HURT

"Nellie, I wish you'd be a better little girl," said a father to his little daugh-ter. "You have no idea how sorry I am that mamma has to scold you so con-

"Don't worry about it, pa," was the reply of the little angel. "I'm not one of those sensitive children. Generally, I don't hear what she says."—Comic.

FOUND HIS LEVEL.

Old Friend—"Well, old boy, how have you been getting along? Did you succeed as a novelist?"

Mr. Soarhigh—"No; the publishers

said my imagination was too lively plots lacked probability, you know—so I had to give it up; but I'm doing firstrate.

"What at?" "Writing railway advertisements."— New York Weekly.

THE IGNORANCE OF MAN

Inventor-"Oh, the fatality of things! Here I have an invulnerable, non-atmos pheric, spectacular, refractive, non-re-verbrating, non-oscillatory watch, per-fect in detail and mechanism; and yet I

am almost starving.'

just because it won't keep time. T driveling idiots!"—Jewelers' Circular.

whom he is deeply smitten and cannot find a way to propose).—"I hate these weddings with so much fuss and feathers, so many guests and flowers and music and all that. When I'm married there'll no one present but myself, the bride I the minister."

Miss Dorothy-"Oh, I'm so sorry! I was hoping to get an invitation to your wedding. Such an old friend as I should not be left out."

Blifkins—"When I'm married Mr. you will be there."-Judge.

AN ABLE FINANCIER.

As a young man passed along the street a resident remarked to a visitor:
"That is one of our ablest financiers."
"Why, I am astonished," was the reply.
"He dosen't look to be over twen-

"He isn't so old as that, even." "How does he happen to be so successful?"

"Blamed if I know. He came here a stranger three years ago, with nothing except his good looks, and to-day he is the husband of the richest woman in the town."—Detroit Free Press.

PRAISE MEANS MORE SALARY.

"Young Legalcap is a smart fellow," said the manager of the collection department to the great lawyer.
"Yes? What's he been doing now?"

asked the great lawyer.

"Why, he was in the office alone yesterday when he heard that Silk & Satin were financially embarrassed. We are holding one or two claims against them

and he rushed out and slapped on an attachment just fifteen minutes before they closed their doors."
"Got in ahead of everyone, did he?"
Beat every other creditor," said the nanager.

The great lawyer looked pleased. "It was a good piece of work," he said. "I like to see a young man with some enterprise and brains. What did

"I told him it was a good piece of work.

"What!" The great lawyer looked startled.

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"Why, I complimented him for his promptness and business sense."
"Great goodness, man, that will never do!" cried the great lawyer. "He'll be asking for more salary. Go out and tell him that if he hadn't been here the office, boy could have done it just as well."—Chicago Tribune.

WISE WORDS.

Some family trees are very shady. Opinions change and men change with

Beautiful thoughts are the flowers of the mind. Kind words are the yeast that raise and

One trouble sometimes makes us for-

get a thousand mercies. The effect of cruel words last longe

than do the effect of cruel blows. Never strike a horse that is pulling his

best, even if the progress be slow. Resisting temptations is like banking

up your house to keep out the cold. Any fool can attempt to tear down. but idiocy is no help in building up.

It pleases a man more to call himself a fool than to have another do it for him. He who thinks he can't win is sure to be right about it, for he has already lost.

The love of glory can only create a hero—the contempt of it creates a great It generally happens that insane men

at large have good guns and know how to use them. When a man can't make a fool of you

in any other way he can do it by repeating in carnest the things you said in fun. Never expect a man to pin his faith to a friend; he should nail it. It is only women who can pin things so they will

It is too often the case that a man with one talent can marry any woman he will, and a woman with two talents will marry any man she can.

The pretty attentions a young woman shows men are really intended to catch a prince for a husband; but, poor girl, she usually finds it, necessary to compromise on a paurer.

There is nothing ourer than honesty, nothing sweeter than charity, nothing warmer than love, nothing richer than wisdom, nothing brighter than virtue, and nothing more steadfast than faith.

Grasshopper's Legs in His Eye.

Doctor Baldwin says: "One day railroad engineer came into my office great pain. He had a bandage over his right eye. 'I am suffering frightfully, doctor,' he said, 'with my eye. There is something in it. I was running my engine at a high rate of speed, with my head out of the cab window, looking down the track to see that there was no obstruction. I passed through a lot of grasshoppers, and one of them struck me in the eye.' I examined the man's eye, and sure enough the legs of the hopper had penetrated the poor fellow's eye and had penetrated the poor fellow's eye and were giving him great pain. The saw-like legs had almost completely filled up the eye. I placed him under the influence of ether and began the operation of extracting the grasshopper's legs. After a tedious job I succeeded in removing the impediment, and the man got well without his sight being affected."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Americans' Quiet Dinners

"There is one peculiarity of American life," said a famous Frenchman in the hotel lobby, "that challenges the attention of the Continental, and that is rebrating, non-oscillatory watch, perset in detail and mechanism; and yet I
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NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Tall girls are now the fashion Children's hats still remain very la

Utility hats are trimmed with bands

of fur.

The latest sailor shape has a rather

In millinery, yellow has lost none of its popularity. Nellie Cashman is one of the best min-

ing experts in Arizona.

In passementeries the pearl-wrought garniture takes the lead.

Two ladies were returned to Parliament in Edward III's reign.

Mousseline de soie is the proper material for a debutante's gown A German countess is the cook in a

New York restaurant kitchen Grace M. Thomas is the only real estate agent in Washington.

Of the 4659 florist firms in our coun try 312 are conducted by women Young women are not allowed to graduate from German universities.

There are in the United States 2500 women who possess medical diplomas. Beavers and white Mongolian are the fashionable furs for trimming children's

Mme. de Lesseps is forty years younger than her husband, the builder of the

Suez Canal. Montana's World's Fair Commis has set aside \$5000 of the State's appropriation for the use of the women

According to the charter of Demorest a small town in Georgia, women are entitled to vote there and to hold office.

Kate Field says that American women spend \$62,000 a year for cosmetics most of which are poisonous compounds Miss Annie Corbin, of New York, will

receive from her father, Austin Corbin, on her wedding day, a check for \$1,000, The chic little toques and saucy sailor shapes are particularly becoming to young faces, and are made of feather, felt, fur

Swedish women are taking advantage of university education more than any other nationality of women in proportion

to their numbers. It costs in the neighborhood of \$25 year to keep a live, wide-awake child in stockings of the grade known in trade as full regular fast die.

At a prize drill in Petersboro, N. H., a few days ago, the young women sur-passed the young men both in marching and in the manual of arms.

The French milliners use little fancy pins in place of stiches wherever possible. The trimming on some of the new hats is entirely put on with pins.

Mrs. Mary Lowell, of New York, a practical electrician, has invented a con-trivance by which she is enabled to light her kitchen fire from the bed-room

fessional women painters, sculptors and engravers in Paris, France, besides those who live by painting menus, fans, etc.
Some of the gauzes and fancy nets are so cheap, and yet effective, that bright fresh gowns will be the rule rather than

It is believed that there are 1800 pro-

the exception at the winter Cinderellas. A marked characteristic of the hats and bonnets of the season is the tilted appearance they present, caused by the setting of pointed wings at the extreme

back. Among novel things in jewelry is a ring composed of seven fine gold wires, each incrusted with small diamonds, rubies, sapphires or emeralds. The wires are twisted together in a band.

Suspender straps of velvet or bands of embroidered silk attached to a peasant bodice are worn over skirts of India silk; a contrasting color is the rule, the skirts

ng of a lighter shade than the dress. Madeline S. Bridges is one of the few poets who is a good housekeeper, a girl who is fond of her home and a splendid manager, as well as a genius. These qualities are seldom found in combination.

An excellent method of cleaning a black or dark-colored cashmere or Hen-rietta dress is with soap bark. Buy five cents' worth, put two quarts of cold water on it, and boil it down to a quart. Strain this liquid and sponge the with it after ripping it completely.

Out of Sorts

a feeling peculiar to person, , or caused by change of climate, season of e stomach is out of order, the head aches of

The Nerves seemed strained to their utmost, the mind is con fused and irritable. This condition finds an excel lent corrective in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, by its

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The distribution of population relative to mean annual rainfall indicates not only the tendency of people to seek atable lands, but their condition as to general healthfulness. The average annual rainfall in this country is 29.6 inches, but tail in this country is 29.6 inches, but the variatious range from zero to perhaps one hundred and twenty-five inches. Gauging the distribution of the popula-tion in accordance with the annual aver-age rainfall in different localities, some interesting points are observable, not only as to the number of inhabitants in the areas calculated, but as to the density of population. The greater proportion of the people of the United States are living in the regions in which the annual rainfall is between thirty and fifty inches. Mr. Gannett calculates that about three-fourths of the inhabitants of the country are found under these conditions; and are found under these conditions; and, further, that as the rainfall increases or diminishes, the population diminishes rapidly. The density of population in regions where the average rainfall is between thirty and forty inches is 43.1 per square mile; in regions where it is from square mile; in regions where it is from forty to fifty inches annually, the density is 59 per square mile; in regions where the rainfall is from fifty to sixty inches annually, the density is 25.1, and in the arid regions of the West, where the rainfall is from the west, where the rainfall is from the west, where the rainfall is from the twenty is the standard to the first the two two tables. fall is less than twenty inches, being two-fifths of the entire area of the country, less than three per cent. of the population finds its home. The population has increased rapidly in the regions having from thirty to forty inches average rainfall .- Popular Science Monthly

The price asked of the Southeastern Railway for a piece of land in Bermondsey, England, sixteen feet deep, comprising an area of 4000 feet, was at the rate of \$65,000,000 an acre.

A citizen of Paris, Ky., was fined \$7 recently for allowing his own cat on his own premises to kill his own chickens.

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"would come on and I would have 'to eat and suffer "again. I took a "little of your med-

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peared, and since that time I
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