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# THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

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and Provisions-No Capacity.

THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN. Old Mr. Stetson—You sent your little boy over to borrow my engraving of "The Prodigal Son?" Old Mr. Harcom—Les, I am going to have a little celebration at the house to-

night.
"Would it be impertinent in me to inquire what the little celebration is to be like!"
"Yet at all. My son Jim is coming. be like:"
"Not at all. My son Jim is coming back from Oklahoma,"—![Time.

ROMANCE AND PROVISIONS.

As the last page of the epic lay before him, Pietro Flanders drew a long breatt and sailed in with renewed vigor. Limater line was recled off until, late in the afternoon the final stanza alone remained to be written. Girding himself or a supreme effort he penned:

And at last with the yewls of ophia I can toy; and take rest on my sofa. Just then the landlacly's voice came rasping up the stairs.

"Mr. Flanders! Oh. Mr. Flanders Eggs is eggs, an money is money. It you've got 15 cents in cash, dinner's ready."

ady."
Mr. Flanders didn't dine that night.

-Time.

WAIL OF THE STANDING COLLAR.

Alas for humidity,
Lack of rigidity
Under the sun.
Oh, it was pitiful,
Near's whole cityful,
Not a starched one!
—[Clothier and Furnisher.

HE COULD'NT USE IT.

A stall-keeper on the central market who had been "stuck" with a number of green melons, plugged one yesterday, poured a pint of kerosene into the hole, and after waiting a quarter of an hou gave it to a colored nan. The latter sad down on a box to eat it, but after removing the plug and taking a smell he arose and returned the melon to the stand.

stand.
"What's the matter?" asked the donor.
"Lee much obleeged, but I couldn't use
it onless you frow in a chimbly an' a
wiek, an' dat would be axin' too much
of anybody."—[Detroit Free Press.

## NO CAPACITY.

A tradesman, who had amassed a fortune, anxious that his son should enjoy the advantages which had been denied himself, placed him under the tuiton of a minister of considerable attainments. Going to the clergyman, after the boy had been for some months under his care, the father was disappointed to find that he had made little progress, and inquired what the trouble was.

"Why, the trouble is simply this," replied the minister, "your son wants capacity." exclaimed the

capacity." exclaimed the father, "What's capacity," wants capacity," exclaimed the father, "Why on earth did'nt you tell me about it sooner! I would have got him one if it cost a thousand dollars.—Drake's Magazine.

# AN ACCEPTABLE CONTRIBUTION.

Author—You return everything I offer What can I send you that will be ac ceptable?
Editor—A year's subscription.

MASTER FRED'S VERDICT. "Freddie, you have a new baby at he house, haven't you?" "Yeth'um." "What does little sister think about

him?"
"She says he's too sweet for any-

"She says he's to think about him?"
"And what do you think about him?"
"I think he's a big nuisance."— WHERE IT WAS.

# Brown—What's all this about your throwing pepper at your sister? Little Johnny—Why, dad, that's all in her eye.—[Drake's Magazine.

A GOOD BUSINESS MAN. "Here, Brown, let's see how much you weigh. Drop a nickel in the slot."
"No, 'I'll not do that; but you drop a nickel in my hand, and I'll tell you how much I weigh, my age, and the size of my hat."

TO INSURE QUICK DELIVERY.

"But, Johnny, how could it take you so long to post the letter for uncle in the Post Office?" "Oh, I did not go to the Post Office at all, mamma, but to the letter-box just in front of his house, so that he would get it sooner."

Visitor—It seems to me that your mother doesn't talk as pure English as before she went West. Daughter—Well, to tell you the truth,

she doesn't.
Visitor—What has made the difference
Daughter—We don't krow; un'ess it
is the new set of teeth magotin Detroit.
—[Judge.

TIRED. "You look weawy and tiahd, Cholly,"
"Yaas, my deah boy I overwahked
myself this mahnin."
"Overworked yourself, Cholly?"
: Yaas, my deah fellah; I tied my
own quavat this mahnin."—[Light.

# HIS BIRTHDAY TOO.

Augustus (no longer the Young)-Well, there's one comfort; they say at forty a man is either a fool or a physiian.
Angelina (nearly swallowing a yawn)
—And are you a physician then?
Augustus—No.
Angelina—Oh!

# ON ACCOUNT OF HIS FAMILY.

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First Juryman—It looks like a pretty clear case against the feller, that's a fact, but I think we had better let him go—on account of his family.

Second Juryman—Why, the family is just about as no-account as he is. I can't see where your argument comes in.

First Juryman—What I mean is that we will have to keep 'em all winter if we send him to jail. Sec.—[Terre Haute Express.

NO DANGER OF INTERFERENCE First Burglar (whispering)—Hist! I hear a step on the s.dewalk in front, Bill. I stee coast clear?
Second Burglar (listening a moment).—It's too brisk a step for a policeman, Jake. Up with that window.—[Chicago Tribune.

Tribune. HIS UNLUCKY DAY.

"Friday may be an unlucky day for some people, but Thursday is mine. That's the day on which I proposed."
"O, yes; and the girl rejected you.

I see."
"No; she accepted me."

SCIENCE ALWAYS READY.

Caller—Doctor,Mr. Divine, the muscle reader, fell into a sort of trance a little while ago and we cannot arouse him. Is it catalepsy or death?

Doctor (a great scientist)—Bring me his head and I'll soon tell you.—[New York Weekly.

CORRECTLY NAMED.

Ida—Mamma, why do they call those things dog carts!

Mamma—Because, dear, so many puppies ride in them.—[Time.

SAFE FROM EXPOSURE. "I am from St. Louis," said a young man, as he registered at a Chicago hotel, "Ob, well, replied the e'erk, compassionately, "put your address down as New York, Your awful secret will be safe with me."—[Bazar.

STRANGE SOUNDS IN THE ADIRONDACKS. Miss Boston-Papa, I find our Pro-

ssor of Pathology very interesting.
Mr. Boston—Our what?
Miss Boston—Our Professor of Pathology—our guide, you know.

SHE WAS INEXPERIENCED.

Young Wife—I don't see why I can't get a plain cook. I've advertised for one for a week.

Experienced Matron—Suppose you advertise for a good-looking one.—[Bazar. UNWELCOME.

Peddler—Beg pardon, ma'am, but I am agent for Doctor Feeder's Spice Root Bitters, and I'm sure if the members of your family would try them they would soon have the finest appetites—"I Lady at Door (severely)—This, sir, is a boarding-house,—[New York Weekly, Department of the properties of the prope

A PERTINENT QUERY.

Parent—What would you charge me to put my boy through your college?
Professor—About \$1,000.
Parent—Do you charge anything extra for teaching reading and writing, more than you do where they just take boating and baseball?—[Omaba World.

### RATTLED.

Bloodgood—Peasley seems to me ex-cessively polite—don't you think so? Poseyboy—I hadn't noticed it. Bloodgood—Why, yesterday I had the misfortnne to knock his hat off, and he said, "Excuse me!"—Burlington Free Press.

A BAD SCRAPE. Customer (to barber)—Have you heard of the bad scrape young Brown got into yesterday? Barber—Why, no, sir! Who shaved him?—[Mobile (Ala) Register.

IT WAS ALL THERE.

"That was a fine speech of yours, Fangle, but there was one quotation that mystifies me."
"Which was that, Cumso?"
"You said: 'In the words of Webster,' etc. Where did you get that? It is not in my edition of his works."
"I got those words, out of the Unabridged Dictionary, my friend."

NO ONE LIVED THERE,

Book Agent—Can you tell me, sir, who lives in this house.'
Buggins (who is standing outside his boarding house door)—No one lives in the house, my friend; but a number of poor creatures, including myself, drag out a miserable existence within its walls.

Cowboy (Arizona)—I'm going to New York next month, and hear it is a hard town. Had I better fetch my gun along fur self-portecksun?

"No. But you might bring some wire fence, to circumscribe yourself withal, lest the street urchins make a perennial circus parade of you,—[Drake's Magazine.

# A Lusty South American Republic.

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(The wonderful growth of the Argentine Republic in recent years has attracted attention to this most southern of American republics. The population two years ago was little more than three millions and since then it has increased over fifteen per cent. In 1883 the immigration was 63,000, from which number it increased steadily to 137,000 in 1887, and to 175,000 in 1888. The foreign trade has advanced correspondingly, and the binding of railroads been unprecedented. There is at present a total length of the control of the t four per cent. to sixty-two and five-tenths per cent. The minister of finance attributed the decline to the speculation in gold, which he showed was seventeen times the actual needs of commerce, and the exchange was closed by the police. But, like most legislative panaceas, the new law has not brought about the ex-pected result. The price of currency con-continues to decline, and gold must still be obtained by foreign leans, to bere ex-ported in payment of imports.—[Argon-aut.]

# \* A Hissing, Spouting Well.

The Santa Rosa (Cal.) Republican says: El Verano has a sensation in the shape of a hissing, sponting well. In boring, the auger when near the top was thrown fifteen feet in the air, roaring and hissing noises emanating from the well, followed by a discharge of stones and molten matter, covering the ground around the well to a depth of several inches. A stream of water and stones have followed at intervals ever since. The phenomenon attracts considerable attention at the new town.

There is a woman in a West-of-Eng-land town who makes a good living by killing cats. She advertises that if peo-ple who are about to go away for the summer will send their cats to her she will kill them with chloroform.

HIDDEN TREASURES.

SOME INSTANCES OF CURIOUS

AND VALUABLE DISCOVERIES.

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was done, when, to the manzement of all, out hopped an enormous toad, apparently none the worse for his long in prisonment.

A very interesting archæological discovery was made some years ago in Norway. From a burial mound, nearly 150 feet in diameter, was dug a well-preserved viking ship, in which some chieftain had been entombed centuries ago. The craft is the largest ancient vessel now known to exist, it being 74 feet long and 16 feet wide, with twenty ribs. Along its sides a row of circular shields extends completely around it. The mound is now nearly a mile from the sea, but it is evident that in olden times the waves washed its base, and that the vessel was drawn out of the water and buried at its edge.

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