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Nellie—Boo-hoo! Papa's got May another pin, and I think he might get me one, too.

Mamma—You know you lose all your pins, Nellie—I don't care. Boo-hoo. I haven't had any to lose since I lost the last one.—[Judge.

HARD TO SUIT. Jeweler—I have a good second-hand watch here I can sell you. Customer—But I don't want a second-hand watch. Jeweler—But there are no watches made now without second hands.

TRUTH IN A NUTSHELL. "The man who has gold gets along in this world," said Harduppe, gloomily. "Yes," said Happygolucky, "and so does the man who has brass."

A GREAT MAN.

Ethel—I consider Jack a great man. Maud—I fear you are judging him by his sighs, dear.

Giglamp—Why do actors always like to refer to themselves as artists? Paresis—So that they will draw well when playing, I fancy. WILLING TO TRY THE AGED.

Clarklets—It is true that I am poor; but my father is rich. Miss Bleeker—You might mention to him that our little affair is off.

GREAT PROGRESS. "How do you get along with your French, Litchedd?"
"Very well; I've got so far I can think in French now."
"Gracious! You must find it superior to English."

ECONOMY ON ALL OCCASIONS.

"Tve a great notion to 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 back here," said his wife, "If you intend any such tricks as that just march upstairs and put on your old clothes before you start."—[London Tit-Rits.

A WICKED MAN.

With all his might he'd "beat an egg" And "whip" the fresh white cream, Or even "jam" the flaky crust, Though kind to all he'd seem.

He'd make the peas "shell out,"
Because they were so green,
Or even "thrash" the wheat
And "string" the butterbean.
—[New York Herald.

A READY DEBATER.

Fond Uncle—Jack, you extravagan ascal, I'll cut you off without a shil

Jack (the incorrigible)—All the more reason for letting me have the five hundred now.

The Singular Girl—My only ambition is to write a book.

The Practical Girl—Well, why don't

you write one, then.

The Singular Girl—Why, if I did, I shouldn't have any ambition left, would I?

Dr. Fowler, having had occasion to treat the family of Sam Johnsing for malaria, remonstrated with Sam for having the pig pen so near his residence.

"What's de reason I ought ter put de pig pen furder away from the house?" asked Sam.

"Because it is unhealthy," replied the doctor.

frotessor Johannes Walther, the African desert is by no means free from the changes produced by denudation. Rains, though rare, are nowhere absolutely unknown, and are always so heavy as to produce considerable effect. The changes in temperature have still greater influence. The daily range may be sixty degrees fartenheit, while the annual range may be not less than 125 degrees; and the contraction and expansion due to these variations is constantly splitting up the rocks, which are not, as in moist climates, protected by vegetation. Many examples could be given to show how the rock masses in the desert are being destroyed by heat and cold, wind and drifting sand. The surfaces of old walls are corroded, strata of different hardness in the face of a cliff are worn back unequally; masses of rock are isolated, and the blocks and pillars are carved into strange forms, and especially into flat-topped hills. Denudation, in short, seems to progress as rapidly in the desert as elsowhere and along very similar lines.—(Trenton (N. J.) American. "Because it is unication," doctor.
"Reckon you is mistaken," replied Sam; "dat pen has been dar for two yeahs, and dar ain't been no sickness yit among de hogs."—[Texas Siftings.

A HINT.

Young Bohrer (diffidently)—Yes, Miss Lucy, they do say I am clever at base ball. Lucy (yawning)—I should so (yawn dearly love to see you make a (yawn home run.—[Pittsburg Bulletin.

HE HAD BEEN KICKED. "That girl you are after is very hand-ome, Cholly."

me, Chony.
"Yaas."
"They say she takes after her father. Is it so?"
"I—aw—don't think so. She has a very small foot."—[New York Press.

Scientists tell us that, counting from the sea level, the lowest body of water on the globe is the Caspian Sea. For the sea level, the lowest body of water on the globe is the Caspian Sea. For one sit was very damp last night and you left it near the open window."—[Truth.

Too SHALLOW.

Grace—Charley had an idea floating in his head the other day!
Belle—No:!
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Brace—Ves; the doctor told him it was only water on the brain, though.—[Puck.

The editor does.
Poet (impressively)—I always know when I write something that is very good. Critic (thoughtfully)—But do you know when you write something that is very bad?—[Judge.

OCCASIONAL ONLY.
Tenant—Does this chimney always smoke like that?
Landlord—Oh, no; only when there's a fire in the grate.—[New York Sea.]

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Landlord—Oh, no; only when there's a fire in the grate.—[New York Sun.

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He—Your eyes sparkle like gems.
They would do to set in a ring.
She—I would rather set them on ring.

AN EDITOR'S PLEASURES.

Visitor—Don't you enjoy sitting on a spring poet.—[Home Budget.

Editor—Yes; almost as much as sitting on a spring poet.—[Home Budget.

PAYING A JUST PENALTY.

The musical instrument selier had succeeded at last, after an hour's hard talk in working off a cheap, wheezy, screeching fiddle on a customer at four times its value.

"Where shall I send it?" he inquired.
"To No.—Slugg street. My flat is on the third floor."

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—[London Tit-Bits.

A SLANGY PUN.

she.

"Alone," said he, "I must confess
that's true;
But what you have, with what belongs
to me,

to me, I really think will be enough for two.' -[Harper's Bazar.

A FASCINATING CREATURE

THE LATEST FASHION.

Young Lady (familiar with museum collections)—What are those South Sea Island slaughter clubs for? Dealer (blandly)—Those are parasol handles.—[New York Weekly.

SHE KEPT HER WORD

'TWAS BUT A DREAM.

"The most expensive meal I ever also cost me \$157,000."
"Why—how the—"
"I had just cleared that amount on a ward deal and was just cashing the check when the girl woke me for breakfast."—
[Indianapolis Journal.

THE LAST TIME.

George—For the forty-fifth and last time, will you marry me? Ethel—If you are quite sure it is the last time I will.

TAIL OR TALE.

The huntsman loudly boasteth now Of how he ne'er doth fail. He misses birds upon the wing, But hits them in the tale.

THE ESSENCE OF POLITENESS.

TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

The father of eleven unmarried girls, who hadn't had a male visitor in three months, was so deeply moved one day last week by the spectacle of a young man's coming up the front steps that he could do nothing but lean out the front window and gasp.—[Philadelphia Herald.

Tom—Is that your dog, Dick?
Dick—Mine? No.
Tom—I thought so. No man with an ounce of brains would acknowledge ownership to such a specimen of the canine tribe as that.
Dick—He belongs to my brother.—[Yankee Blade.

SHE DOUBTED HIM.

"Madam," said a dirty and ragget tramp, "I haven't had a bite to-day," "You haven't had a bite to-day," said the lady, eyeing him suspiciously, what are you scratching yourself for heat?"—[New York Press.]

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