

THE LAND OF SILENCE.

Twixt the shining steps of joyance And the death-clear lake of ruth A low land lies—a wonderful land— That knows not a woe nor youth.

GRACE DESMOND'S PERIL.

"Did you hear that, boys?" said Pierce Ryan to a group of which he formed a part, sitting around the cheery turf fire of an inn, in a small fishing hamlet on the western coast of Ireland.

shook their heads, and several turned away as if longer delay was useless. But, when silence reigned for some time, Pierce Ryan stepped out and said: "The only hope is in descending to her aid, and Heaven's Help I will make the trial. Give me a rope."

Oratory Against Horse Racing.

Jerry Simpson is not the man that he is represented to be by some of the daily prints. He dresses neatly and has the appearance of a keen-eyed business man.

THE JOKER'S BUDGET

ESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. Bright—Unpoetical—if the Cap Fits—Repeat—Wanting Ambition, —A Point Well Taken, Etc., Etc.

REASON FOR BROODING.

"There are times when he is very gloomy." "I don't wonder. He calls himself a self-made man."

AN AWFUL EXPERIENCE.

A Crucial Engineer on a Locomotive Pursues an Express Train. "Whenever I read of a railway accident," said Mr. F. R. Wagner of the Southern Hotel, "I am reminded of the awful experience I went through once on a southern road."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A French statistician calculates that the aggregate wealth held by millionaires in civilized countries amounts to about \$5,000,000,000, the entire number of millionaires to about 950, of whom 250 are in Great Britain, 200 in the United States, 100 in South America, 100 in Germany, 75 in France, 50 in Russia, 50 in India and 125 in other countries.