OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

The Truth of It.

The Truth of It. Though grudgingly with many frowns, He pays the bills for her new gowns, No husband ever scorns to see His wife atticed becomingly. And when he notes with happy face How well she looks in eilk and lace, And proudly takes her walking through The throngs upon the avenue, He feels a thrill of just content, Nor cares a hang how much he's spent. -Life.

The Inevitable. This "Still, she is undeniably older." "Yes; time has dealt with her kindly but firmly."-Puck.

A Clear Course. "She says he is a man after her own

"Then I suppose he will get it."-Judge.

Fully Credited That. He-"The trouble with you is you on't believe a word I say." She-"No such a thing. I believe horoughly what you just said."-Bos-on Transcript.

Of No Avail. "They say she is determined to marry a certain struggling young attorney." "Well, if she has made up her mind to marry bin I guess there is no fur-ther use for him to struggle."—Puck.

A Real Need. Out-of-a-Job-"Don't you want to se-ure the services of a reliable advance

man?" Tyro Lecturer—"Indeed I do. One who can advance money to me when I am stranded."—Baltimore American.

Queer Thing About Girls. "Human nature's a queer thing, es-pecially female human nature." "What are you thinking about now?" "For instance, if a young man tells a girl, any girl, that she's altogether dif-ferent from her sisters she always takes it as a compliment."--Philadel-phia Press.

Relief.

Wild Bear—"I ate three like you for reakfast this morning." Educated Bear— "Well, I'm glad ou've had your breakfast." — New

Another Reform Demanded. "Did you hear about that member of the Legislature who wants to pass a law requiring a physician's certificate before people can kiss?" said Maud. "Yes," answered Mamie, "and I think it's time they made a man produce proof that he is same before they let him into the Legislature."-Washing-ton Star.

Congratulations. "I made an embarrassing mistake just now," remarked Van Major. "Con-gratulated Miss Churchmouse on her engagement, instead of giving her my best wishes." "Oh, that's all right," said Von Mi-ner, reassuringly, "she's the one who is marrying the money."-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune."

Worrist. "I am very much afraid," said Mrs. Cumrox, "that our daughter isn't mak-ing the progress in musical caliture that she orght to, considering the cost of lessons."

lessons." "Why not?" inquired her husband. "She prefers a piece that cost only fifty cents to one that I paid a dollar for."-Washington Star.

Expectation Falsiled. Dickson — "Remember that brilliant young fellow Tompkins, who was in our class at college? Wonder what be-came of him. I always thought the world would hear from Tompkins." Richardson-"It did. He became an auctioneer, afterward traveled as a barker for a sideshow, and is now beat-ing the bars drum for the Salvation Army,"-Baltimore American.

Answered by Telephone. er-"What's wrong? You seem

worrled." Streeter-"I am. I wrote two notes-one to my brother, asking him if he took me for a fool, and the other to Miss Golding asking her if she would be mine. While I was out somebody telephoned 'Yes,' and I don't know which of 'em it was."-Chicago News.

A victim of Circumstances. "I can't help feeling that you have a ather ignoble view of the use of money

"I can't help feeling that you have a rather ignoble view of the use of money in politics." "My dear sir," answered Senator Sor-ghum, "like many other well-meaning people, you wrong me. I'd be only too glad to get on without spending a cent. But the people who control the votes won't let me."-Washington Star.

How Wild Animals Fight. In the pitched battles which some-functions and the largest and most power-ful of the ox tribe the forces of animal sourage, desperation and bodily strength must be exhibited on a scale never elsewhere seen, says a writer in Leslie's Weekly. Such combats do occur, but have seldom been witnessed, and still less frequently described. Two or three lions sometimes combine in such an attack, but from the marks seen on buffalo it is probable that to fit can hardly be supposed that the function of foot-pounds of energy whing extraordinary. The efforts of a from the shoulder and leave it hanging by a strip of skin, or which can carry fund the supposed that the function of some struke a man's arm from the shoulder and leave it hanging by a strip of skin, or which can carry fund sown or disable a buffalo bull, must be on a gigantic scale, and the strength which can shake him off, and the anging it could supposed the supposed the shelleved, occasionally crush the for and marking a good fight loom beamstringing him by biting his before he was disabled by one of the to an astrain built has been cred-the was disabled by one of gight boas hamstringing him by biting his before he was disabled by one of the boas hamstringing him by biting his beasting and buffalo bull, the Strues of the Statme Degr. De Viruses of the Statme Degr.

lions hamstringing him by biting his legs from behlad. The Virtues of the Eskimo Dog. Of the Eskimo dog I could write a book. In all probability descended from the wolf, it is the Eskimo's one domes-tic animal, but it is of as much value to him as all the domesticated animals of more favored races put together. It drags him and his family and their chartels from place to place; hauls to his door the meat of seal or walrus; leads him with unerring scent to the tiny orifice in the snow which indicates the preathing hole of a seal; drags him for miles in pursuit of the bear. and mainly brings the huge brute to bay; rounds up the musk oxen till his mas-ter can come up for the kill, and then, perchance, in the darkness of some long winter night, when the hand of hunger grips the settlement relentless-ty, he yields up his life to feed his mas-ter then warm. Though mixed now with other strains, so that black and reddish and spoted dogs are to be seen as well as the pure blooded grays and whites, this animal still retains to a large de-gree the strength, endurance and fierce lust for food when in pursuit of game that characterized its wild ancestors. Combined with these traits are an in-telligence and faithfuiness that make many of these animals the peer of any of their more favored brothers in more geneal climates_-Commoiore Robert E. Peary, in Leslie's Monthly. The del mostilvely a tea leaf from

genial climates.—Commodore Robert E. Peary, in Leslie's Monthly. Easy to Toll Tea Leaves. "To tell positively a tea leaf from every other sort of leaf in the world there is a simple method." said a tea expert. "You first steep your tea leaves, and then you take up one of them in your hand. You unroll it (iea leaves always come rolled), and after you have spread it out in its original shape, you tear it very carefully in half. As you do this you keep your eye on the middle vein or backbone of the leaf. This veln should have running through its middle, like the marrow in a bone, a fine thread almost as tough and elas-tic as a rubber band. "You can tear the leaf in half, but the thread still joins together the two sections of the middle vein, and you can pull these sections two, three, even fore the tiny thread will snap. Try this the next time you drink tea with one of the leaves, and if the India-rub-ber-like thread isn't present you may reat assured that it is not pure, una-dulterated tea that you are drinking." —Philadelphia Record. "No Klek Coming."

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"No Kick Coming." A railroad engineer who has been in the service so many years that his hair has grown iron gray and his visage as stern as a warrior's, while be has driv-en his iron monster over the parallels of iron, recently experienced his first collision. He came out of it with a badly demolished engine and a suffi-ciently smashed-up leg for any occa-sion.

ciently smashed-up leg for any occa-sion. The surgeons took him in charge, and by dint of splints, bandages, skill and patience, saved his injured limb and got it on the road to recovery. The other day he walked out for the first time, and as he hobbled along on crutches, the injured member looking very unwieldly indeed, a friend hailed him with: "Hello. Jim! how's that leg of yours getting along?" The veteran has gray eyes, as clear and penetrating as a youth's, and they twinkled with a tonic effect as he said, laconically: "Oh, I can't kick."—New York Times.

"Oh I can't kick."-New York Times. "Oh, I can't kick."-New York Times. "The camera is coming to take a more and more important part in the conviction of criminals." said a private detective. "Therefore." he went on, "It behooves us all to learn photogra-phy. A Chicago detective, one of the most progressive and expert of our younger men, has a collection of crim-inals' photographs that it would do your heart good to see. He made these pictures himself. We should one and all be able to do the same. "One of my Chicago confrere's pic-tures is of a pickpocket going through a drunker man. The drunken man lies in a descried alley asleep. The crook bends over him, with one hand in the pocket of his trousers. The crook is bending over a stocking machine to day at haid labor in Joilet prison. "So I urge on all detectives the study of photography, for the camera. intel-ligently used, is one of the greatest of our modern crime detectors and convic-tors."-Philadelphila Record.

ROGUE CHARMS.

Gueer Things That Rascale Carry in Thefr Pockets. A Vienna professor of criminal law, Dr. Hans Gross, has published a valua-ble book, "The Research of the Real Facts in Criminal Offenses," one of the most interesting chapters in which is devoted to the part superstition plays in the lives of criminals and in the cours of justice. "All Dr. Gross proves his assertions by facts. He saw a maid almost sen-tenced to several years' imprisonment because her account of the way in which she came to posses a valuable opal ring that she tried to sell was not believed. She said that a lady that she did not know and had never seen before in her life gave her the ring in the street. One of her judges chanced to remember that opals were consid-ered unlucky by women, and the affair was well looked into, with the result that the girl's story was proved true. The woman had inherited the ring and was told she could get rid of the ill-luck it would bring if she gave it to the first person she met on going out. A very frequent proceeding in Aus-tria is for those who have been robbed to accuse innocent persons on the un-substantial testimony of fortune-tellers, where to seek a thief. The belief that to drink warm hu-man blod, obtained by a crime, curse epilepsy, is still very general. Other fits, according to superstition, are cured by cheving wood from an old coffin. Not quite two years ago two German soldiers found an old book which gave the magic form by which it was as-serted that a man's head could be cut off and put on again without huriting him. The promise was made that a man thus treated could find treasures wherever he sought them. One of the soldiers actually had his head cut off. The things which persons carry on their person are often a clue to their pursuits and character. Thus all poachers crimy the foot is supposed to help one to open fecks, besides being an aid to lovers and gamblers. The latter, who hope to use false cards without being detected, carry the dried heart of a bat in their waistcoat pock-tes. Th

of the right hand. In this way the oait "passes through? and does not signify. A New Scheme to Draw a Crowd. When the portly man coming out of a Sixth avenue department store ran down a little man who was trying to enter there was an explosion. "Why don't you look where you're going?" cried the little man, apparent-ly indigmant. "Get out of my way, you little rint." said the big fellow. "Do you think I want you running you head into me?" "You are no gentleman!" cried the little fellow. "You elphant, you!" "You miserable puppy. I just wish you were half my size; I'd—"" And then a woman screamed, which increased the gathering crowd. There was another volley of invective. The crowd blocked the sidewalk to the eurp, "There's going to be an awful fight," declared a woman. "There's not," said a man who stood near hez. The two principals were edging to-ward the curb, and finally got there.

near her. The two principals were edging to-ward the curb, and finally got there. From under the coat of the little man came a case of cheap jewelry. The other man produced a bundle of foun-tian pens. In a minute they were cry-ing their wares. It was just a new scheme to draw a crowd.—New York Tribune.

Tribure. Hobson's Choice. Mr, Harper tells us all there is to be told about Thomas Hohson, the famous carrier between London and Cam-bridge, who died in 1631. It was from him that the proverb of "Hobson's choice which is no choice. "The saying arose from the livery stable business carried on by Hobson at Cambridge in addition to his carrying trade. He is, indeed, said to have been the first who made a business of letting out saddle borses. His practice, invariably fol-lowed, was to refuse to allow any horse in his stables to be taken out of its proper turn. "That or none' was his unfalling formula, when the Cam-bridge students, eager to pick and choose, would have selected their own fancy in horseflesh. Every customer was served alike, without favor."-Lon-don Telegraph.

don Telegraph. Printing From Collucid. Italian publishers and newspaper proprietors are seriously interesting themselves in a new process of print-ing, for which important claims are made. The Genoese firm of Baciga-lupi has acquired all rights in the new process, and a few days since all the newspaper proprietors and leading printers of Milan assembled to witness a series of practical tests, which are all described as having been perfectly satisfactory. The invention consists in the substitution of celluioid for prep-arations of lead and antimony, and gives an admirable reproduction from all kinds of plates and blocks.—The Tribuna, of Rome.



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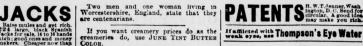
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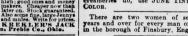
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