THE JOKER'S BUDGET. SOME FUNYY THINGS TOLD B he was Very Joking-One Reason Why - The Dog was Left - He
Came Down Mildy-A Cure for Indigestion. Etc., Etc.

FULLY quanified.
"I see," said the dude to the banker,
"that you advertise for a young man of
unquestioned integrity and good ad-
dress to beoome your private messen-
ger. Now my integrity is A A, and as
for my address, it is No. 67 Murray
Hill. There's no better in town." But
the banker was too busy to talk just
then, and the engagement did not take
place.
Not MUCH Breakage. appose Miss Astorgoold's rejection
ng
Snipkins nearly broke h:s of youn
heart?"
"No "No, it didn't break his heart, but it a weeping mother. Young Man (to editor)-Here is showed it to my mother, and she actual-
ly cried over it. cried over it.
Eeditor (after reading the poem)-
You say your mother cried? Young Man -
Editor-Well, promise your mother never to write and any
more poetry, and I think the old lady
will dry her eyes. he forgot one course. "It seems to me, Maria, that we've
had nothing but venl, veal, veal for
breakfast all this week," remarked Mr.


 "nuathin."
she was joking.
 manied ind have thenanalistaring at ivi t'll be such jolly fun." All right, said Fred, calmly, "You ust let me have that end of the seat; ; its
ots pleasanter than this. I'll take the pillow, too, and I guess I'll go to sleep Spread that shawl over me, and - Oh, I don't care who knows that we're just married," she said. "Sit where you
are, dear, and hold my hand."-Tid
Bits. summering.
He (from Cincinnati)-Where shall
you summer Miss De Pester? She (from Boston)-In Maine. Mr.
Gooseboy. We always go there. Papa
wants us to fall in New York, buit I'd a good deal rather spring there. A frien

Lucid.
Tencher (to class)-In the stanzan what
is meant yy the line ."The shades of


## $\square$ cure for indigestion

 "I cook me oop somedings," complain-ed Nrss. Issastein of Chatham street,
cund "und yasn't able to eat noddings,
Dore was troubles mit dot dyspepsin."
"Yat you do for dot ?" inquired Mrs.
Durkheimer "Vell, I dinks I go mit a boarding
house und pays by der veek.
to eat."

he will be ail rigit
Country Wife (at the ballet)--Isn't it
awful, John! $\underset{\text { Countryman (drawing a long breath) }}{\substack{\text { Cuses, but } \\ \text { imm slowly } \\ \text { gettin' used to }}}$
 answers the purpose. It kept Johnny
from runnigo on the street." "Youdid.
nit triplo ethe boy did youp. "No, I had
his mother cut his hair for ho his mother cut his hair for him, Y You
ooght to see the poor boy."Chicago
Tribunc.
"Do you know, young man," said the
old gentileman, ,ooking keenl at him,
"that in asking me for my daughter you "that in asking me for my dayughter you




## Foouss questions.

Father (whom Bobby has induced to
take him
undow, understand this. If the man whe throws
the rall fails th hit the cuab niter three
trails, does that put the umpire Bobby-Pa, do yon remember why sent me to bed last nig
Fathere -Why, n-po.
Bobby-It
Bobby-Itwas for
Bons. - N. Y. Sun.


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heatriv.
man saw a negro sitting Frenchman saw a negro siting
by a fire which was so ho that it
ned almost a oertainty to him that


 A.-Did you gain anything in your
Wail street speculationst
B. - Oh, eves; 1 acquired the idea that ${ }_{\text {Was }}^{\text {Is an ass. }}$ Is that till Why, I could have told

## he had it readr

 "Good-by, wifey; if I am detained bybusiness and not able to come home to dinner Illl send you a telogrem.
Wife (friedy

$\qquad$ Wife (retrospectively)-I ann remem-
ber so well, John, how fond you and ber so well, John, how fond you and
my first hasband were of each other.
You were boys together, and your Yo were boys together, and your
riendship lasted to the end.
 two of a kind.
A man strollpd into a fashionable The sexton followed him up, and tapping
him on the stoulder ane pointing to a
small cur that had followed him into the him on the stoulder Man
small ur that had followed
sacred edifice, snid
"Dogs are not admitted." Bat he follows you
Well, so do you.".
Thell, so oo goyoul", and remored the
The sorton
rowed, Gog with
Customer-This is what I call tadpole soda.
Proprietor-What do you mean by Castomer-Simply that it has more head than body.
cianitable view
Miss Lulu Japonica-Rose Bouche
was a hateful thing to the dinner she gave for Sir Rootten Rowe?
Miss
Miss Charity Bal-Oh, don't say that!
think she is a very sensibe girl
Miss Lulu Japonica-Well, $I$ think us vers hoout her, but ", ".
Miss Charity Ball-Yes, see, she Miss Charity Ball-Yes, You see, she
naturnlly wished to be the prettiest girl
in the room !-Puck. $\triangle A_{\text {SAD }}$ FATE.
"No, ma'am," said the tramp gratefnl
y , ns hes shouldered his bundle and pre pared to start on again, "'I don't peer
fur nuthin' more to eat, but I'd be fur nuthin' more to eat, but rd be
obleeged if youll give me two or three
o' them biscuits. I I don't oarry no weepins, and they've got a savage dog
at that next house."-Clicago Tribuue. It is said that the Bishop of London
went to see one of his parishioners, a
 rose to leave the lady stopped him with,
"But you havent sen my last baty."
"No," he quielly replied, "cand I never expect
Then, it is

Instructor-By the way, Mr. Straddle
Instructor-By the way, Mr. Strad
which in sthe more general term, poe tor
Mr. Stradde-Poet.


First Man (with fan)-Didn't you say
the other day that the sun was losing
 scientists agree on that.
can'tell, beep thieve it now, The sun
it nery long and have "whelt kep this up it now. The sun
any left."-Texas Siftings. long and have THE REAson wHy.
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Steve-Yes, poor Blivins does look } \\ & \text { melancholy, as you say. } \\ & \text { from the still suffiers }\end{aligned}$ Mand (instantly interested)-Oh, tell
me, did the young lady die or prove false? Steve-Neither. She married him.


## huscular women


skilful scallers.
[From the Cincinnati Enquirer.] "Is Miss Mollie in, Mrs. Kane ?"
The remark was addressed to a bar The remark was adressed to a bare-
headed woman of ifty mho stoo in the
yard of hor modest thome on the Newyard of her modest home on tho Nem
port bank of the Licking.
'That she is, and out came a youn
 and sunburnt, but whose every move
ment was that of an athlete, strong ment was that of an athiete,
muscolar and inured to hardship.
"We've "We, ve come over to se you and Miss
Kate, your sister, do some sulling."
She smiled and sat down on
der a graperine arbor.
river, sculls are on yide of the
river, at the boat house, and John, is river, at the boot house, and John,
awy, but I guess we can manage it."
With no turther ado, and while th artist and reporter were examining
 streton, the proud mother sat by. colling, Mras. Kane?
Letting both hands on her knees and
Wagging her head knowingly, 'when
they wanted Mollie to row in shen they wanted Mollie to row in a skiff
race, and I see them things they calls shelle, I said they shouldn't. Skifis was
only, fit for little children and kids;
ond
 boat-Tididng, anyhow f"
natural to shaking her head, "itit came
nhy, they were born right on this corner, and we'te never
lived further than sixty foet from the iver, and they took to the water like "You ure a arive family, then ?"
"That we all are" said Mrs. with a manifest touch of motherly prine
WWhy, one of my sons goes down in the Niy, one or my sons goes down in the
dingg-bell.",
chat
"reare tyou worried when they were children playing about the water?
"Never a bit. I heard every day that
men were being drowned down at the Men were being drowned down at the
river, but I know if the girls were borr
obe drowned they would be, and that all there was of it." Mollie appeared in
try this tim
trim.fting black dress and said: "T Tll get Kate, and we'll soon have these
shells." Kate was found at the house of a manriede wister and and the two girls
were soon in a skiff rowing down the were soon in a skiff rowing down the
Uioking in a style that made the skif
fairl The esun poured doownits terrible rays red-hot. Strong policemen in Cincin-
nati wer keeling over with sunntrokes, but these two girls crossed the Ohio,
riding in the wake of towboats to the
rion boat-1onse of Herr Schmidt, and in
three-quarters of an hour by the watce three-quarters of an hour by the thack
were took no time for the ladies to throw
It It took no time for the ladies to throw
the skif chains to osombody in the boat.
house, and how they did it no one oould house, and how they did it no one could
tell, bunt it was no time bofore both were ntheir seats, and, backing water, were
soon out in the middle of the stream in The shells are light, water-tight affairs that upset at the slightest provocation.
Thevyveigh about fifty pounds each, and
are pointed at each end. In the centre is a hole 16 inches wide by 4 feet long
and a sliding seat.
The aft of the centre and balanced the fragile
oraft| with the oars. The oar paddes
simply skim the surface. Now came the simply skim the surface. Now came the
fun. Ahey ytartod out neok and neek.
A. ered on the Newport $\begin{aligned} & \text { Brididg to see the the } \\ & \text { two girls in }\end{aligned}$ boiling sun shooting like mad down to the Lickings mouth,
qaarterof a mile wave, Then, grace
fully turning they came back fylly turning, they came back, The
shells noiselessly
whater ther A novice could scarcely tell any liffer-
ence between the two girls. Mollie appeared the stoutor- her weight is 1776,
gnd Kate has the advantage of being
Sind lighter, as she weighs only 120 pounds.
Molie was eighteen years of age and twenty-two. Their faces glowed with color. They
 hie rise and fall of their limbs and mo-
tion of their muscolar arms wero as Chint. I. C. F. Kinsey, of the Olivette
cas was standing in the forward end of his
boat and looking on.
"Any danger of those girls drowning

 copen for ladies; then the Misses Kane
cand do.
chow the public what a woman

the New phieton.
Just the Least Bit of a Little
of Love and a magz.
Bell Brown looked out from bebiod
the handsome lace curtains the handsome lace eurtains at a setind
phaeton, drawn by a pair of beasjisto
 "Ifposite window. any one else but Dr. Lester bed
purchased such an elegant neep pheton We might have been exegant new phesetom taining hopes of enjoying an airing ginit
but that confirmed old bachelor woull rather tate
than one of us. And I have just mad than one of us. And I hare just mas
up my mind to have the first ride in
the phaeton." the phaten,""
"Easior said than done!"
sancy Lind sance Linda Gray. "You know your an
spenking of an impossibilty
will make you a prosent of your weddio
 Brown's parlors werer soon and Latetrye
the merry party that had been spend dive
the the merry party that had be
the afternoon with his only
"H
 the door, looking down, the quiet stred
"He cares nothing for me now, think me more childish than ever when he hears of this.
But she thought how he had pasel
 thop nh he raised hois hat
ward to old Mrs Le
She was puite angry now, as sh
thought of his indifference, and as the new phaeton came slowy down the
street again she went quickly down the
marbe stens marbe staps, and Dr. Lester, gazing
more earrestly than he knew at the
blue dress and brown curls flotering the wind, drew up before the door. grave handsome said, face, ,okre you going in the
 calualy down on the sheet face than
flushed so brightly as she profiered ber
request. request. 'Ther's a indy at Uncle Wills sthat I
want to come over to-night.
Will you yon stop and bring her with you?"
"Certainly. Is your cold any better
Is You must keep out of the night air or
will not answer for the consequences.
Bell

Diphtheria Spread by Cats.
Domestic animals have often not only been suspected but found guilty of
spreading infection. In his report on
the recent sunstained prevalence of diph her recen sustained prevelinenco of diph
Heriic in Enfield, Dr. Bruce Low, ofthe Medican Department of the Local Gov-
ernment Board incidentaly states that ats were observed to suffer in considerable en umbers from illness, and in Decem-
ber, 1887 and Janaury, 1888 , there was so much so that the antentiono of the dust
contractor was directed to it.
He stated contractor was directed to it. $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { He stated } \\ \text { that never in his previous } \\ \text { experience }\end{array}\right]$ had he seen so many dead cants in the dust heaps, Some households, seeing
thin atstill destroyed them. Though
there were no known cases of diphtheris
 many cases of "cinfluenza, , at this time time
momg animals. The following is an
and among animals. The following is an
illustration of the possible eonnection
between diphtheri cats: A little boy was taken ill with what trred out ultimately to be fatal diph-
theria. On the first day of his illness he was siok, and the eat, which was in the
room at the time, licked the vomit on
the floor. In a few days (the child neanwhile having died the animal was
noticed to be ill, and her sufferings be ng so severe and so similar to those of
the edead boy, the owner destroyed her. During the early part of its illiness this
 Ioors farther off was noticed to be ill.
It had also been out in the backyards at ever, recovered, was the en, et and play-
fellow of four little girls, who, grieved at
the ill the illless of their favorite, nirssed it
with reat care. All forr girls develop
ed diphtheria, heir ed diphtheria, their mother being con-
vinced that they got it from the cat and, indeed, no other known source of
contact with infection could be discovered. It is easy to imasine eats eatching
an intectious isease like diphtheria
when we remember how often milk and when we remember how often milk and
other unused food from the sick room is given to the cat, or by some people
thrown ont into the back yard for the benefit of their neighbors' cats if they
have none of their own. It is a frequent in their arms, and even caissing ghem.
It is obvious that if the cat were ill with diphtheria the children under such cir-
cumstances would almost inevitably contract thes would almost inevitably con-
tecord.
"Don" $\triangle$ mad race.
"Don't you think that the majority of
"A majority? Why, bless your heart, eon from the beginning- with the
possibo exception of Adim, and I rather
and Thing there wisa a herereitar
hlood. Boston Transeript.

heens would have asked the sme question
of all the old women hin the town. Sbe losed the door with a little more fore loak wand a larsessary, hood, was soon wall ing riskly in the direction of the undel's
where she had requested Dr. Lester to call for her friend.
rived and gave the bell an indotorient
 asked, taking the hand that was quickly
extended. The lady's foce flushe
swered in the affimative.

A slight fifgure soon appeared, muffied baloak and hood, and in $a$ harse voie
bothe gentleman good evening Horace bowed in return and looked "Are You Miss Brown's friend"" he asked, not knowing what else to say.
"Tes, the best triend she ever ha, "You seem to have a coll,", said Hor acee siill standing in the door playing
with his whip, while his eyes resed on
a long brown curl that had escaped from beneath the hirdeous hood. "I would
advise you to be caretul and keep outo advise you to be careftul and keep, ",
the nighta io ras much as possibe " "Koep out of the night air, inded! sived the oadrice given to the stranger Dr. Lester assisted her down the ste?s
and Bell, with a triumphant smile, wai assisted, 'into the carriage. Bnt thas
smile died away, and she conld hare cried with anger and mortiication as sior
found herself in an old buggy that tor ace had used until lately, and his iatue
had used before him.

 side, when a small hand was piacein
his arm and aseet voie said
'"Dr. Lester, I am so sorry that I de He olly looked down on the bridi
young face and soft brown eyes, bat ia not answer. "Won't forgire mef", she ssid
pleadingly. ". The girls thought 1 woudh not get a ride in the phaeton we admin
go much, and $\begin{aligned} & \text { was so sill and prow } \\ & \text { ised them white kids if } I \text { did not tsw }\end{aligned}$ ceed.", $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tears were filling the soft voice, } \\ & \text { Dr. Lester took the trembling hand ib }\end{aligned}$
fi.

 tory, for the next day the ponies stoal
bofore
lady
lady preparing the wedding dress preparing the
Bufalo Neus.


