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THE HIGHEST FORM.

Jill: "He's an awfully clever man."
Jack: "Not a bit of it! He only makes people think so."
Jill: "Well, don't you call that clever?"

A CUE-RIOUS INCIDENT.

A local football team was being out-classed by their opponents during a very disastrous game. None of the home players was able to do a thing right, and even most ardent supporters of the team were getting exasperated.

At last one of the home backs, who was bald-headed, jumped up to the ball, but it skidded on his cranium and went through his own goal.

"Hi, Jimmy," called a voice from the crowd, "why didn't yer chalk yer cue?"

THE ANSWER UNEXPECTED.

Tommy had broken one of the school rules, and the teacher told him to tell his mother about it, and also about the punishment he had received. She hoped mother might thrash him again.

The next morning she asked:

"Well, Tommy, did you tell your mother of your bad behaviour yesterday, and how I punished you?"

"Yes, miss," replied Tommy, quickly.

"Well, what did she say?" was teacher's next question.

"Said she would ring your neck if you did it again," replied Tommy, calmly.

A WATERY ROMANCE.

Far down below, the water flowed, opaque,
The while his broken heart throbbed out its aqae;
Then, sadly murmuring: "'Tis for her saque!"
He flung himself far out into the laque.

And, as he, martyrlike, sank out of view,

His darling screamed, "Come back, I love but yiew"

And he replied: If what you say is triew,
I'm glad the water's only two feet-tiew."

EASILY MANAGED.

"How in thunder can you afford a motor, Binks?" demanded Hillier.

"Oh! I mortgaged my house and bought it," said Binks. "I am building a garage now."

"Well, I never—a garage, eh?" said Hillier. "How on earth are you going to pay for that?"

"Why, that's quite simple. You see, I mortgaged my car."

"But my dear fellow, these mortgages will fall due some day, won't they?"

"Sure!" continued Binks, "but that'll be all right. Then I can mortgage the garage."

THE COMPROMISE.

Father, addressing the elder of his two boys, aged eight and twelve respectively: "Now look here, Arthur, I won't have you quarrelling with your brother; just you go and make it up with him; suppose, for instance, your brother died during the night, think what an awful thing that would be."

Arthur thought a moment, and then replied, "Right oh, Dad, I'll tell him I'm sorry and make it up with him." Then going over to his brother he said rather loudly, "I'm sorry, Cyril, I've been bullying you, and ask your pardon," and then in a lower voice so that his father should not hear him, "but, by Jove, if you don't die during the night, you won't half catch it."

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