

Leap Year Limericks.

A BATCH OF COMPETITION VERSES.

(By "Graphic" Contributors.)

THE WAITING GAME.

If your life as a wife you would spend,
Take the candid advice of a friend:—
Although it is Leap Year,
Don't make yourself cheap, dear—
Edwin's sure to propose in the end.

F. B. BLACKWELL

Paparoa.

YOUTHFUL INDISCRETION.

Said the spinster from fair Remuera:
"I love you! No one could be dearer:
I can see you're my Fate,
In this nineteen nought eight!"
At eighty, perhaps she'll see clearer.

MYRTLE FLEETWOOD.

Remuera.

NEDDY, THE UNREADY.

A spinster once wanted to wed
A masculine flirt they called Ned.
She said, "I am alone;
Won't you make me your own?"
But he answered, "I'd rather be dead!"

MISS M. B. DOBSON.

Ponsonby.

CAUGHT A TARTAR—NOT A TAR.

There was a young lady of Ryde,
Who said to the "tar" by her side:
"Oh! love me a little,
My heart is so brittle!"
"I'm blowed if I can," he replied.

J. TAUNER.

Te Puke.

AN OFF-HAND ACCEPTANCE.

There was a young lady who pined
For a partner she never could find;
But when leap year came round,
She very soon found
A man who said: "I don't mind!"

I. INGRAM.

Whakapara, Whangarei.

HOOD-WINKED.

There was a young fellow named Hood,
Much tormented by Evelyn Wood;
When his hand she did squeeze,
He gave at the knees,
And thought he'd have died where he stood.

MISS G. HARRIS.

Maketu.

A "MISS" THAT HIT.

There was a young lady called Lowe,
Who thought the men dreadfully slow;
When it came to leap year
She put aside all her fear,
And now she's a "Mrs.," you know.

J. WHYTE.

Foxton.

"DO IT NOW!"

In this year nineteen hundred and eight
Maids must play their cards right up-to-date.

If a man they would "cop,"
Then the plan is to "prop,"
Or they'll have other four years to wait.

J. CARSWELL.

Wellington.

A "MILLIE"-TARY SALUTE.

A sweet little girlie named Millie
Met a chappie one day, and said: "Billy,
Now, this is leap year,
Will you marry me, dear?
If you don't I'll feel awfully silly."

HAROLD ST. AUBYN.

Palmerston North.

A POOR HARVEST.

I condole with you ladies of Leap Year,
Who succeed in yer efforts to reap yer
Man of great fame,
Who to yer shame,
Proves quite unable to keep yer!

POETTYCUSS.

Dannevirke.

THE GIRLS WHO DON'T PROPOSE.

There's a year once in every four,
When, according to ancient folk-lore,
A maid may propose;
But as every one knows,
Maids worth having this custom abhor.

K. MULVANY.

Parnell.

A TEMPTING OFFER.

A modern young maiden, one leap year,
To a man said, "My love is so deep, yer
flad better be mine,
You'll never repine;
Say 'yes,' and I'll promise to keep yer!"

MABEL BAKER.

Auckland.

NO JOKE FOR JOE.

There was once a young man named Joe,
Who placed his girl friends in a row.
"It's leap-year; I suppose
One of you can propose?"
"We all do!" they chorused to Joe.

L. FROST RATTRAY.

Parnell.


DOUBLE LIMERICK.

HE WAS NEITHER "IN" NOR "ON,"
A blushing young girl of Grey Lynn,
Who wanted a husband to win,
Went to tell him her preference,
Took bank-book and reference,
But, alas! the young man wasn't in!
She followed him next on to Pon-
sonby, whither she heard he had gone.
In accents ambrosial
She made her proposal,
But, alas! the young man wasn't on!
MISS B. SPEDDING.

Auckland.

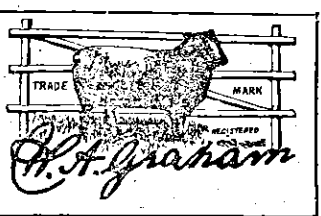
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