WITH THE WITS

From Will Owen's Sketch Book. —*Black and White.*

HE GOT HIS.

'Deduction is the thing,' declared the law student. 'For instance, yonder is a pile of ashes in our yard. That is evidence that we had fires last winter.'

'And, by the way, John,' broke in his father, 'you might go out and sift that evidence.'—Houston 'Chronicle.'

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WHERE THE DIFFICULTY LAY.

A Brooklyn man has a little girl named Ethel, who not long since gave a birthday party, at which there was some slight delay in providing seats for her small friends.

Said Ethel: 'You see, it isn't that we have not chairs enough, but that I have asked too much company.'—'Woman's Home Companion.'

TOM'S COMPOSITION.

'Tom Baker,' said the teacher, 'stay in after school and write a composition of fifty words.'

Tom handed in the following and was soon on his way to the swimming pool:

'Jessie was fond of kittens. She saw one on the road and called: Here pussy, pussy, pussy,