

into sharing their earnings with him rather than see him forced to go to school or to do his duty in helping to provide for the home.

How many parents have a pet, hearty, vicious, and domineering, whom they love too well to give a severe disciplining? Boys so brought up help to fill the gaols and to find the gallows.

ONE DEFINITION

The teacher was giving a geographical lesson, and the class having travelled from London to Labrador and from Thessaly to Timbuctoo, was thoroughly worn out. 'And now,' said the teacher, 'we come to Germany, that important country governed by the Kaiser. Tommy Jones, what is a Kaiser?'

'Yes'm,' yawned Tommy Jones; 'a stream of water springin' up an' disturbin' the earth.'

NO MORE REQUIRED

Governor Hughes, of New York, delights in telling this story about his friend, Judge Garrison:—

An old Quaker woman was a witness in a case being tried before the judge in New Jersey. She wore a big poke bonnet which muffled her ears and prevented her hearing the lawyer's questions. Finally the lawyer appealed to the judge, and he ordered her to remove the bonnet.

'I'll do no such thing,' she said tartly.

'I am accustomed to having my will respected,' said the judge.

'Well, I don't care if thee are a judge, that bonnet stays right where it is.'

'Perhaps, madame,' the judge put in ironically, 'you would like to take my place as judge, too, eh?'

'Not a bit of it!' she shot out. 'There are enough old women on the Bench in Jersey as it is.'

NEW LAMPS FOR OLD

Johnny's dog, Tige, was a nuisance. His pet theory must have been that all things were created to be destroyed—at least, so his practices indicated. Johnny's folks were anxious to be rid of Tige, and at last they decided to work upon the lad's affections with lucre.

'Johnny,' said his father one day, 'I'll give you five dollars if you'll get rid of that dog.'

Johnny gasped at the amount, swallowed hard at thought of Tige, and said he would think it over.

The next day at dinner he made the laconic announcement: 'Pa, I got rid of Tige.'

'Well, I certainly am delighted to hear it,' said the father. 'Here's your money; you've earned it. How did you get rid of the nuisance?'

'Traded him to Bill Simpkins for two yellow pups,' answered Johnny.

FAMILY FUN

Who steps in after tea?—U.

What most resembles half a cheese?—The other half.

Why does a donkey eat a thistle?—Because he's an ass.

What crosses the water without making a shadow?—A sound.

Where can we be always sure of finding bliss?—In the dictionary.

Why is a good husband like dough?—Because a woman needs him.

Why is a lark like the Bank of England?—Because it issues notes.

What is it that occurs once in a thousand years?—The letter 'M.'

When may a chair be said to hate you?—When it can't bear you.

What is it that goes around and around and never once stops?—The earth.

When does a man's hair resemble a packing box?—When it stands on end.

When a man falls out of a window, what does he fall against?—Against his will.

Why does a sailor know there is a man in the moon?—Because he's been to sea (see).

What is most like a cat looking out of a third-storey window?—A cat looking in one.

If all the seas were dried up, what would everybody say?—I haven't a notion (an ocean).

Why is a whisper like a forged bank note?—Because it is uttered but not allowed (aloud).

What word is it which has five letters, yet when two are taken away it leaves one?—Stone.

What is that which is neither flesh nor bone, and yet has four fingers and a thumb?—A glove.

Who had the greatest appetite ever heard of?—The man who bolted a door, threw up a window, and then sat down and swallowed a whole story.

All Sorts

Few cowards know the extent of their fears.

Envy is destroyed by true friendship, and coquetry by true love.

The conquest of self is the grandest triumph that man can achieve.

The strongest natures are ever the tenderest and the most pitiful.

The girl who knows how to cook may sometimes have to get the meals while her sister entertains the young man in the parlor, but she is the kind the wise man will marry.

Lawyer: 'Did you take the prisoner apart?'

Witness: 'Yes, sir.'

Lawyer: 'What happened then?'

Witness: 'He told a disconnected story.'

Teacher: 'Johnnie, where is the South Pole?'

Johnnie: 'Dunno.'

Teacher: 'You don't know after all my teaching?'

Johnnie: 'No. If Shackleton can't find it there's no use of my trying.'

'This,' said the rooster, as they strolled through the garden, 'is an egg plant.'

'Let us nip it in the bud,' suggested the old hen, and thus discourage competition.'

'No, no,' replied the rooster, 'let us make it a party to the egg building union's award.'

Visitor at Farm: 'Well, this is unusual! Why, you are putting all the big apples in the bottom of the barrels and the little ones on top.'

Farmer: 'Yes. Those fruit dealers in the city are getting so sharp; they open the barrels from the bottom, to see whether we farmers be tryin' to cheat them.'

That Cook and Peary are not the only explorers who have quarrelled over the genuineness of their discoveries is shown by the rival claims of Christopher Columbus and Amerigo Vespucci as to the discovery of America, and also as to whether Verrazzano or Hudson discovered the Hudson River. Likewise the fight between Speke and Burton as to the discovery of the source of the Nile embroiled the scientific world for many years.

'Why are they called pyramids, grandpa?' queried little Emerson, who was looking at a picture of those Egyptian wonders.

'They are called pyramids, my boy,' replied the old man, shamelessly, 'because they appear amid the general desolation of the desert.'

Whereupon the hall clock tried to hide its face with its hands.

In the latest so-called work of fiction the writer gives us a harrowing account of the many afflictions with which the golden-haired heroine was stricken. We are told that the maiden dropped her lovely eyes. Later she cast her eyes far down the rocky slopes of the mountain-side. After she had rested them upon the topmost branches of a nearby tree, she let them fall upon the waters of a placid lake. Whether she found them after that we are not told, but we take it for granted that she did.

A gentleman whose house was being repaired went one day to see how the job was getting on, and, observing a number of nails lying about, said to the carpenter employed on the work, 'Why don't you take care of these nails? They'll certainly be lost.'

No, they won't,' replied the carpenter; 'you'll find them in the bill.'

Most people are acquainted with the eggs of the cod—the cod's roe—as they are seen at the fishmonger's during the early months of the year; but there are forms of fish eggs, or rather fish egg-cases, to be found on the beach which perhaps the majority of seaside holiday-makers hardly recognise. Almost at any season of the year we may pick up a light yellowish mass composed of small capsules which, at first sight, may be taken for a piece of coarse sponge. If it be found above high-water mark it will most likely be somewhat brittle; but if it has only just been washed up it will be very sponge-like to the touch. These little capsules are the egg-cases of the whelk. The spawning season is during the autumn, and each capsule, when extended, contains from five hundred to six hundred eggs. As bunches of the capsules vary in size from a small apple to a melon, the number of eggs produced annually by one fish will be seen to be enormous. It probably runs into millions. About half a dozen or so of the eggs in each capsule generally begin to develop before the rest, and these 'young barbarians' at once start feeding on their less wide-awake brothers and sisters. By means of this food the young fish is able to live within the egg-case, where it was hatched, until its shell is formed, and then during the spring it sallies forth to fare for itself.

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