

Summer Smiles

A little shoeblack looked up from his finished work, and brightly said: "There, they can't shine any more than that." Who can do more than his very best?

On a tombstone in Indiana is the following inscription: "This monument was erected to the memory of John Jenkins, accidentally shot as a mark of affection by his brother."

Lady (getting on a Thirty-Fourth Street car): "Conductor, do you stop at the Waldorf-Astoria?" Conductor: "No, madam. How can you expect me to do so on \$12 a week?"

Johnny said one morning as he looked out on the garden in early summer: "I know why the flowers grow. It's because they want to get out of the dirt."—Nice thought, was it not?

A teacher asked: "Tommy, if you gave your little brother six sticks of candy and then took away five, what would that make?" And Tommy, thinking of little Joe, said: "That would make him yell." Wouldn't it you?

Jack was caught throwing stones at another boy, and when his mother asked "When that boy threw a stick at you, why didn't you come to me?" Jack replied: "Cause I can throw stones back straighter'n you, ma." Wasn't he a bad boy?

"Willie, you'd better go right home, your mother is worrying about you," said a lady to a truant little boy. "Oh, she'll be a' right," said Willie; "she's near the end of her worrying, and I'm just beginning mine." What did he mean, anyway?

A little boy, hearing some one remark that nothing was quicker than thought, said he knew better than that; whistling was quicker than thought. Being asked to explain, he said: "In school the other day I whistled before I thought, and got a whipping for it."

Little Mabel sat watching the coffee-pot one morning before breakfast. She asked her mother: "What is the coffee-pot singing, mamma?" "Oh, it's just singing," said mother. "I know, mamma," replied Mabel; "it's singing 'a not time.'" Wasn't she cute?

Mary was fond of the ministers, who was soon to leave for another circuit. One day when Mr. J. was at her home, she said quite dolefully, "I am sorry that we are going to have the pleasure of losing you, Mr. J.—" What did she mean, think you?

A small lad found it hard to keep awake during a long sermon on a hot Sunday, and becoming aroused and seeing that the minister was still preaching, he asked his mother quietly: "Mamma, is this Sunday or next Sunday?" A good hint to preachers, is it not?

Bob said to his mother one evening: "Charlie Brown wanted to fight me today, and I wouldn't do it, ma." The mother said: "That's a good boy, Bob, don't fight. It isn't nice for little boys to fight." "No," said Bob, "I won't, ma; I did fight him once and he licked me." Was Bob afraid, or good?

Tommy's parents thought it would be good for him to visit in the country, and told him lots of things about it. But when mother mentioned thrashing machines, Tommy said he didn't want to go. He said: "I'm not going where they thrash with a machine. It's bad enough by hand." He was surely a naughty boy.

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