

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

"First class in philosophy—step out—close your books. John Jones, how many kingdoms in nature?"

"Four—the animal, vegetable, mineral and kingdom come."

"Good—go up, head."

"Hobbs—what is meant by the animal kingdom?"

"Lions, tigers, elephants, rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses, alligators, monkeys, jack-asses, hack-drivers and schoolmasters."

"Very well—but you'll take a lickin for your last remark."

"Giles, what is the mineral kingdom?"

"The hull of Californy."

"Walk straight up, head."

"Johnson, what is the vegetable kingdom?"

"Garden sars, potatoes, carrots, ingyons, and all kinds of greens that's for cook-ing."

"And what are pines, and hemlocks, and elms? ain't they vegetables?"

"No, sir—ee—you can't cook 'em—they's sawlogs and framins'timber."

"Boys, give me a piece of apple, and you can have an hour's intermission—except Hobbs."

"Why don't you get married?" mischievously asked a young lady of a rather elderly bachelor friend, the other day.

"I have, for the last ten years been trying to find some one who would be silly enough to have me," was the reply.

"I guess you haven't been up our way," was the insinuating and heart-fluttering rejoinder.

"O, dear, Mr. Foster, you jest when you say my baby is the handsomest baby you have ever seen; you must be soft-soaping it."

"Well, madam, I thought it needed soap of some kind."

A young man from the country, going to call on some musical young ladies the other evening, was told that he must ask them to sing, and should they refuse, he ought to press them. Accordingly, he commenced by requesting Miss Mary to favor him with a song. She gently declined, saying she had a cold, &c. "Well, then, Miss," said our hero, "suppose I thquess you, don't you think you might sing?" The girl faints immediately.

"Mam'r I see you home from meeting, Peggy?" "No, you shan't do no such thing. I am otherwise engaged." "I swanny, I guess you've missed it this time, for I've got my trousers full of gingerbread." "You may take my arm, Jonathan, I only said so."

"Oh dear," blabbered out a young Jonathan suffering from the application of the birch; "Oh my, they tell me that forty rods make a furlong, but let them get such a lickin' as I've had, they'll say that one rod makes an acher (acre)."

"Boy, is that dog of yours pointer?" "No; he is half hunter and half setter. He hunts for bones when he is hungry, and sits by the stove when he is satisfied."

"Samro, what is most like a half-moon?" "Don't know, less it beea half a cheese." "No, taint dat!" "Well, I gives it straight up." "Yah! yah! darkey; why it beea de odder half, ob course."

Why are mosquitoes the most religious of all insects? Because they first sing over you, and then prey on you.

Why is a married man like a candle? Because he sometimes goes out at night when he oughtn't to.

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