

A minister of the gospel with not much of a pulpit gift, came into the place of worship drenched with rain, and said to a brother who stood by, as he shook and brushed and wiped his clothes: "I shall certainly take cold if I go into the pulpit so wet." "Oh, no," was the reply, "you are always *dry enough there*."

Whose best works are most trampled upon? A shoemaker's, because good shoes last longer than bad ones.

The man who ate his dinner with the fork of a river has been endeavoring to spin a mountain top.

Among the advertisements in a late London paper, we read that "Two sisters want washing."

"Why does father call mother honey?" asked a boy of his older brother. "Can't tell, 'cept it's because she has a large *comb* in her head."

A few Sabbaths since, in a town in the vicinity of this city, a teacher of a Sunday school was engaged in questioning his pupils upon the subjects connected with their previous studies in the Bible. At last, turning to a young Irishman, a member of the class, he asked: "What did Adam lose by the fall?" Pat for a few moments was apparently in a brown study, but at last his face brightened up, as he interrogatively replied: "An' was it his hat, sir?"

BREAD WITHOUT YEAST OR MILK.—By attending to the following directions you can make excellent, light, sweet bread, without yeast, salt, milk, saleratus, or soda—with nothing in fact, save water and flour:

Take boiling water; let it stand until the temperature is reduced below the scalding point; then stir in flour as thick as you can well beat it with a spoon. Set in warm water kept at proper temperature to promote fermentation, which will usually be completed in from three to four hours. If it should become thin after standing a while, stir in a teaspoonful or two of flour, beating it occasionally until it commences to rise. When light, put it with the flour, mixing up with water and kneading thoroughly; then make into loaves, and put it on tins to rise, keeping warm, and bake as usual.

TO DRIVE AWAY RATS.—It is stated in the *Boston Cultivator*, that cotton batting sprinkled over with pulverized potash, will drive rats from premises infested by them, if crowded into their holes.

TO PREVENT POTATOES SPROUTING.—Some advise to put potatoes for summer use in barrels, and occasionally empty them from one barrel to another, but I have found that a much more effectual way to prevent their growth, is to shake them in a basket. Take a common basket that will hold a bushel or more; fill it half or two-thirds full, and after giving a good shaking, if the sprouts are long, you will find most of them at the bottom of the basket, and the remainder completely "scotched." It is a more *pleasant, certain, and vastly more expeditious* way than sprouting by hand. Try it.