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SCIENCE says that it took two millions of years to evolve a man from the oyster. Observation, Josh Billings says, shows that it takes less than a minute to transfer the oyster to a man.

Jones—"I hear that the handsome young tenor of your choir is to marry the charming soprano. Sing-ular, is it not?"

Smith—"Yes; each struck a chord in the other's heart, it did not take long to register their vows, and it will be a notable wedding. They will spend their honeymoon on the high C's."

"Very romantic affair, no doubt."

"Well, no, except that they met by chants."

Little Brother (whose sister is playing cards with a gentleman)—"Mr. Smiler, does Minnie play cards well?"

Mr. Smiler—"Yes, very well indeed."

Little Brother—"Then you had better look out. Mamma said if she played her cards well she would catch you."

At a recent school examination the son of a coal dealer was asked how many pounds there were in a ton. He was sharp enough to reply—"Maybe you think I'm going to give it away, and get licked when I go home!"

Nodd—"My father-in-law and I have bought a horse and carriage together."

Todd—"How do you manage about dividing up the expenses?"

Nodd—"Easy enough, he keeps the horse and I keep the carriage."

Wife—"Nothing for me? Then you have forgotten that this is my birthday?"

Husband—"Not at all. Only I didn't wish to remind you that you've grown older."

Young Wife—"I took great pains with that cucumber salad, John, and I hope you enjoyed it."

Husband (anxiously)—"I'm afraid my dear that I took great pains with it too."

A MINISTER in a country church in Scotland stopped in the course of his sermon to ask a member, who was deaf, "Are you hearing, John?" "Oh, ay," was the response. "I am hearing, but to very little purpose."

AN old couple were walking down street the other day, reading signs, when they ran across one which the old man read thus: Johnson's Shirt Store. "Well I declare!" exclaimed the old lady; "I wonder how he tore it."

Little Girl—"Mamma says I must study grammar this term."

Little Boy—"Wot's that for?"

Little Girl—"That's so I can laugh w'en folks make mistakes."

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