



### An Inquisitive Boy.

THE other day a lady, accompanied by her son a very small boy, boarded a train at Little Rock. The woman had a care-worn expression hanging over her face like a tattered veil, and many of the rapid questions asked by the boy were answered by unconscious sighs.

"Ma," said the boy, "that man's like a baby, ain't he?" pointing to a bald-headed man sitting just in front of them.

"Hush."

"Why must I hush?"

After a few moments silence: "Ma, what's the matter with that man's head?"

"Hush, I tell you. He's bald."

"What's bald?"

"His head hasn't got any hair on it."

"Did it come off?"

"I guess so."

"Will mine come off?"

"Some time, may be."

"Then I'll be bald, won't I?"

"Yes."

"Will you care?"

"Don't ask so many questions."

After another silence, the boy exclaimed: "Ma, look at that fly on that man's head."

"If you don't hush, I'll whip you when we get home."

"Look! there's another fly. Look at 'em fight; look at 'em!"

"Madam," said the man, putting aside a newspaper and looking around, "what's the matter with that young hyena?"

The woman blushed, stammered out something, and attempted to smooth back the boy's hair.

"One fly, two flies, three flies," said the boy, innocently, following with his eyes a basket of oranges carried by a news-boy.

"Here, you young hedgehog," said the bald-headed man, "if you don't hush, I'll have the conductor put you off the train."

The poor woman, not knowing what else to do, boxed the boy's ears and then gave him an orange to keep him from crying.

"Ma, have I got red marks on my head?"

"I'll slap you again, if you don't hush."

"Mister," said the boy, after a short silence, "Does it hurt to be bald-headed?"

"Youngster," said the man, "if you'll keep quiet I'll give you a quarter."

The boy promised, and the money was paid over.

The man took up his paper and resumed his reading.

"This is my bald-headed money," said the boy.

"When I get bald-headed, I'm going to give boys money. Mister, have all bald-headed men got money?"

The annoyed man threw down his paper, arose, and exclaimed:

"Madam, hereafter when you travel leave that young gorilla at home. Hitherto, I always thought that the old prophet was very cruel for calling the she bears to kill children for making sport of his head, but now I am forced to believe that he did a Christian act. If your boy had been in the crowd, he would have died first. If I can't find another seat on this train, I'll ride on the cow-catcher rather than remain here."

"The bald-headed man is gone," said the boy; and the woman leaned back and blew a tired sigh from her lips.

### A Few Simple Truths.

FISHES are weighed in their scales,  
And an elephant packs his own trunk;  
But rats never tell their own tales,  
And a cow never blows its own horn.

DOGS seldom wear their own pants,  
Which fact lays them open to scorn;  
No nephew or niece fancies ants,  
And a cow never blows its own horn.

A cat cannot parse its own claws,  
No porcupine nips its own quill;  
Though orphan bears still have their paws,  
A bird will not pay its own bill.

SICK ducks never go to a quack;  
A horse cannot plough its own mane;  
A ship is not hurt by a tack,  
And a window ne'er suffers from pane.

BERRY pickers get what they can and can what they get.

"WELL, I'm blowed!" as the cornet exclaimed during a solo.

WHEN the captain wants to stop the vessel does he hoist a stay-sail?

SCALES are the only things that can stay where they are and steal a weigh at the same time.

WHEN a vessel hugs the shore, what follows? Why, a little smack on the beach, to be sure.

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A GREAT many girls say "no" at first; but, like the photographer, they know how to retouch their negatives.

WHEN a man starts out to lecture he puts on a dress suit. A woman, with the same purpose in view, puts on her night gown.

THERE is only the difference of an "s" between woman's weakness and man's weakness—one is gossip and the other is go sip.

"I WILL never submit to such abasement," as the lady said when she objected to underground rooms in a house her husband wanted to take.



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