

*Hours Apportioned.*

The following table shows how the twenty-four hours may be apportioned for children from seven to fifteen years of age :

| AGE. | EXERCISE. | WORK. | LEISURE. | SLEEP. |
|------|-----------|-------|----------|--------|
| 7    | 7         | 2     | 5        | 10     |
| 8    | 7         | 3     | 4        | 10     |
| 9    | 7         | 4     | 4        | 9      |
| 10   | 7         | 4     | 4        | 9      |
| 11   | 6         | 5     | 4        | 9      |
| 12   | 6         | 5     | 4        | 9      |
| 13   | 5         | 6     | 4        | 9      |
| 14   | 5         | 7     | 4        | 8      |
| 15   | 4         | 8     | 4        | 8      |

*The Old Lady Knew it All.*

A traveller once put up for the night with a simple-minded old couple in a lonely farmhouse. As he rode up to the door, he heard the old woman say, in a tone of deep conviction :

"There! I knowed somebody'd come before night, for I dropped my fork on the floor this morning, and it stuck straight up. Then I dropped the dish-cloth at noon—another sure sign of company."

In entering the home, the visitor carelessly struck his foot against the step, and came near falling.

"Ah!" said the old lady, quickly, "which toe did you stub, the right or the left?"

"The right," was the reply.

"That's good; it's a sure sign you're going where you are wanted. Pa, shoo that rooster off the fence. If he crows there, it will rain before morning."

A little boy ran into the room, crying out: "Oh, grandma, look! Here's a copper I found in the road."

"I'm not a bit surprised. Don't you, remember, Tommy, that you dreamed of finding a nest of hen's eggs last night? I told you then, that you'd find some money before a week."

A young woman was washing on a porch back of the house, and the old lady cried out :

"There, there, Susan, if you haven't splashed soapsuds all over the front of your dress! And if you don't get a drunken husband for it, I'm wonderfully mistaken. I've known that sign to come true, often and often. But you can keep it from coming true by hanging all the clothes on the line wrongside out, and you'd better do it."

So Susan did, as the traveller noticed, to his great amusement.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

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