Just for Fun.

Master—" Well, Tommy, you were not present yesterday. Were you detained at home in consequence of the inclemency of the weather?"

Tommy-" No, sir; 'cause of the rain.'

Small Tommy, after being severely chastised by his mother for disobeying her, ran to his father and said between sobs: "Papa, how d-did you c-come to m-marry such a w-woman as m-mamma

"What are the holes for ?" asked little Emma, looking at the porus plaster that her mother was preparing to adjust on Willie's back. "It's funny you don't know that. sis." interposed Willie. "They are to let the pain out, of course."

A little fellow of four years of age went to a blacksmith's to see his father's horse shod, and was watching closely the work of shoeing. The blacksmith began to pare the horse's hoofs, and, thinking this was wrong, the little boy said earnestly: "My pa don't want his horse made any smaller.".

Little Tommy Ray quarrelled with his sister, and would not kiss and be friends. His aunt said, "Oh, don't you remember what papa read at family prayers this morning, that we were to forgive seventy times seven?" "Yes," replied Tommy, "but I tickerlarly noticed it was to your brother, not sister."

When a Scotch schoolmaster entered the temple of learning a few mornings ago, he read on the blackboard the touching legend, "Our teacher is a donkey." The pupils expected there would be combined cyclone and earthquake; I but the philosophic pedagogue contented himself with adding the word "driver" to the legend, and opened the school as

A little girl had a quarrel at school with a little Jewish girl; and when she got home, she denounced the Jews. Her mother said reprovingly: "My dear, you must not talk in that way. The Jews were God's chosen people. Our Lord were God's chosen people. Our Lord himself was a Jew." After a moment's nimself was a Jew." After a moment's deep thought, the child replied, in a tone of horror and regret: "Oh, mamma, I didn't know that. I'm so sorry. I always thought he was an Episcopallan."

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the attorney for the defence, "we will now in-troduce our star witness. After hear-After hearing her testimony, you will never have the heart to convict my unfortunate client of burning his barn. Speak up,

"For forty-three years," said the wit-ness, "I've lived with the defendant, an' commencin' with the day after we wuz married, I've built the fires reglar every mornin'. Start a fire! Why, that man couldn't start a fire in a powder magazine!"

Whereupon the jury acquitted him without leaving their seats,

A clergyman was once staying at the house of an English workingman. He happened to see an image of the Virgin Mary standing over the mantelpiece, which struck him as incongruous. By way of making talk he asked how it got there. "Well, you see, sir, it cum' about this way," replied his host. "I was coortin' o' two sisters—Sally and Maria —an' I wasn't jest sartin' which I was to 'ave. One day, as I wor a-starin' into a shop winder, I saw that 'ere statoot, with 'Ave Maria' underneath it. That came right 'ome to me, so I med up me mind right off to 'ave Maria; an' we was spliced. She's bin a reet gude wife to me, an' so I bought the image to keep it



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