

What is his object in making himself taller? His object in making himself taller is to be able to put his mouth close enough to the orifice to be able to drink the water as it gushes forth or gushes out.

Why does he not drink out of the basin? He does not drink out of the basin because the horse is drinking out of it and he does not want the animal to think that he has no manners.

Evidently he is a polite boy?

Oh, yes he is a very polite boy.

Do you think that respect for the horse is his real reason for not drinking out of the basin? No I don't think that respect for the horse is his real reason for not drinking out of the basin.

What is his real reason? There are several reasons: the horse is drinking out of the basin; it is probable that other animals have drunk out of it and the boy does not like to put his mouth into water from which so many animals have drunk; again drinking from the basin is inconvenient, he can't lift it up as he would a cup, for it is fixed to the ground, and even were this not the case it is too heavy, so that to drink from it he would have to put his mouth and a part of his face into it.

Describe the boy's posture in a single sentence.—Standing on his toes, the lower part of the front of his body resting on the edge of an end of the basin, over which he is leaning, holding his papers close to his side with his right arm and steadying himself with his left hand, which has grasped an upper corner of the back of the fountain towards which his face is slightly turned, his mouth on a level with the orifice, he is contentedly lapping the water as it runs out.

What is the boy watching? He is watching the horse.

What is the horse watching? I can't tell.

Why can't you tell? I can't tell what it is watching because I can't see either of its eyes.

Do you see the boy's eyes? I see one of his eyes.

Which of his eyes do you see? I see his right eye.

Why don't you see both of his eyes? I don't see both of his eyes because he is not facing me.

How is he with respect to you? He is sideways with respect to me.
Or His side is turned towards me.

Which of his sides is towards you? His right side is towards me.

Where is the horse? It is at the end of the basin opposite to the boy.

How is the horse placed with respect to the boy? It is facing the boy.

How is it with respect to you? It is sideways with respect to me.
Or Its side is turned towards me.

Which side is turned towards you? Its left side is turned towards me.

You should be able to see its left eye? I should be able to see its left eye, but I am not.