

Random Readings.

Juvenile Astronomy.—A little boy, who had frequently heard the cat blamed for having broken plates and other domestic utensils, astonished his mother some eight or ten days ago, by exclaiming, "Eh, mother, the cat's broken the moon!" "Gae wa', laddie!" exclaimed mamma, smiling, "ye're hawering; how can that be?" "I dinna ken," quoth young Le Verrier pettishly, at finding his philosophy at fault; "but if pussy didna break it, what's come o' the other half o't?"

Grace after Meat.—A clergyman of Morpeth being once asked to say grace after dinner by a country gentleman, by whom he had been feasted on a certain

dish for a fortnight or so without intermission, replied as follows:—

Of rabbits young, of rabbits old,

Of rabbits hot, of rabbits cold,

Of rabbits tender, rabbits tough,

The Lord be praised we've had enough!

Port Wine and Bark.—A *bon vivant* who would fancy himself in a state

of health requiring medicine, was ordered by his physician to take "port

wine and bark." Knowing nothing of

the Jesuit's bark, he took the prescription literally by regularly drinking a

bottle of old black strap every morning,

and bow vowing as loud as he could bel-

low after every glass. After some days'

practice the Doctor called. "How are

you now, my good fellow? How does

the wine and bark agree with you?"

quoth Galen. "Oh," answered the pa-

tient, "The wine is all right, and does

me a deal of good, but the barking is

worse than learning to play the flute!"

Cunundrums and Wellerisms.—

Said Sambo, why am intoxication, like

a wash-bowl. Case it am *de-basin*?

When is a man thinner than a lath?

When he is a shaving.

What makes more noise than a can-

non?—Two.

Why is the newly discovered remedy

HOW TO GET TWO CROPS OF EARLY POTATOES FROM THE SAME PLANT.—A correspondent says, "When you take up your early potatoes you will find, in addition to the roots ready for consumption, a considerable number of small tubers, which it is the general practice to throw away with the plant. Instead of so doing, take off, very carefully, the large potatoes, and replant the stem, and, in a few weeks,