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MIGHTY SHARP.

"Do ye think ye make them there things mighty sharp!" said a visitor in the West to a cutler in New York. "I do," was the answer; "none better or sharper in the States." "We make them far sharper in Kentuck, I guess," rejoined the interrogator,— "why man, my father made a scythe there, so tarnation sharp, that when he hung it upon a tree, *its shadow cut a fellow's leg off.*"

AN APT SCHOLAR.

"What studies do you intend to pursue!" said an erudite pedagogue one day, when a Johnny Raw entered his school-room. "Why, I shall study reading, I s'pose, wouldn't ye?" "Yes; but you will not want to read all the time. Are you acquainted with figures?" "It's a pity if I arn't, when I've ciphered clean thro' adoption." "Adoption! what rule is