

Classroom Humour

Teacher: "What happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?" Pupil: "He has cold feet, ma'am."

Unlike most little boys who have never attended school, little Arthur was firm in his determination not to go. Finally his favourite Aunt Emma was called in. "Why, surely, Arthur," said his aunt, "you are going to school with your big sister in the fall." "No, I'm not going to school at all," steadfastly declared the little chap. "I can't read, nor I can't write, nor I can't sing; so I'd like to know what good I'd be at school!"

An old gentleman heard the tutor tell his son that the earth revolves every twenty-four hours. So he put a glass of water on his garden wall, and left it all night.

Next morning he went to the tutor and discharged him, saying:

"It is all rubbish about the earth going round, because if it did all the water would have run out of the glass."

At the supper table the conversation turned upon the junior second Public School reader, brought home for the first time by my little son, Max, aged 8. His mother referred to one of the poems in the reader, entitled "The Children's Hour," as having appeared also in one of her school readers when she was a Public School pupil. Upon this I enquired: "That's one of Longfellow's, is it not?" Before she could reply the proud owner of the reader quickly interjected: "No, dad, it's a very short one." *W. F. Ralph.*

"So you confess the unfortunate young man was carried to the pump and was drenched with water. Now, Mr. Fresh, what part did you take in the disagreeable affair?" Undergraduate (meekly): "The left leg, sir."

Teacher Natural History Class: "You will remember, will you, Tommy, that wasps lie in a torpid state in the winter?" Tommy (with an air of retrospection): "Yes'm, but they make up for it in the summer."

"I am delighted to meet you," said the father of the college student, shaking hands warmly with the professor. "My son took algebra from you last year, you know." "Pardon me," said the professor; "he was exposed to it, but he did not take it."

During a lesson on the animal kingdom, says *The Illustrated London News*, the teacher asked if any one could give an example of an animal of the order of edentata, that is, one which is without teeth.

"I can!" cried Reginald, his face beaming with the pleasure of assured knowledge.

"Well, what is it?" said the teacher.

"Grandpa!" he shouted.

A teacher in a lower grade was instructing her pupils in the use of the hyphen. Among the examples given by the children was the word "bird-cage."

"That's right," encouragingly remarked the teacher. "Now, Paul, tell me why we put a hyphen in bird-cage?"

"It's for the bird to sit on," was the startling rejoinder.