

The Young Idea

Druggist: "Well, little girl, what do you want?" Little Girl: "I want a box of caramels, sir, but I came to buy a postage stamp."

Mother: "Don't let me catch you at that jam again!" Tommy: "Well, mother, if you'd keep it lower down, I could get away quicker."

In the geography lesson the teacher asked, "Johnny, what is a cape?" "A cape is a body of land that objects to the water," quickly replied Johnny.

Teacher: "Now, Tommy, you know it is impossible to be in two places at once." Tommy: "Two places? Why, my father is at Thousand Islands now."

Mother: "Johnny, stop using such dreadful language." Johnny: "Well, mother, Shakespeare uses it." Mother: "Then, don't play with him, he's no fit companion for you."

Bobby: "I have been working all day like a dog, pop." Father: "Glad to hear you are getting industrious, Robert. But what have you been doing?" Bobby: "I've been digging out a woodchuck, pop."

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "if I gave you three oranges and your mother gave you four and your aunt gave you five, how many oranges would you have?" "I guess I'd have enough," answered small Johnny.

A very small boy was trying to lead a big St. Bernard. "What are you going to do with the dog?" inquired a passer-by. "I'm going to see where he—where he wants to go first," was the breathless reply.

Little Fred was visiting his grandmother in the country and was watching the turkeys. "Look, grandmother," he said; "the old gobbler has had his fan up for half an hour and his face is as red as if he wasn't a bit cooler."

"Pa, what is it that goes round abuttin'?" "Don't know, unless it is the rim." "Nop." "Must be the cloth." "Nop." "The holes, then." "Nop." "I don't know, son. What is it that goes round a button?" "It's a goat, pa, that goes round a-buttin'."

"My tooth aches terribly," said Willie. "Don't you think I'd better not go to school to-day?" "No, you needn't go to school; I'll take you to the dentist instead," said his mother. "I think—I guess—I'd better go to school, after all," rejoined Willie. "The tooth aches, but it doesn't hurt any."

The inspector in an English school asked the boys he was examining: "Can you take your warm overcoat off?" "Yes, sir," was the response. "Can the bear take his warm overcoat off?" "No, sir." "Why, not?" There was silence for a while, and then a little boy spoke up: "Please, sir, because he doesn't know where the buttons are."

Little Eddie had been particularly naughty through the day, and his mother said to him, "O, Eddie! What makes you so naughty? Don't you remember you prayed to God last night to make you a good boy?" He looked earnestly into her face and answered: "Me 'member that, Me p'ay my Lord ebery night to make me a good boy, but him don't do it."

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Boy: "No, sir, there's nobody home but my father."

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