

## For the Children.

Here is a list of questions for the wide-awake boy or girl. Can you answer them all?

You can see any day a white horse, but did you ever see a white colt? How many different kinds of trees grow in your neighborhood, and what are they good for? Why does a horse eat grass backward and a cow forward? Why does a hop vine wind one way, and a bean vine the other? Where should a chimney be larger, at the top or bottom, and why? Can you tell why a horse when tethered with a rope always unravels it, while a cow always twists it into a kinky knot? How old must a grape vine be before it begins to bear? Can you tell why leaves turn upside down just before a rain? What wood will bear the greatest weight before breaking?—*Exchange.*

When Cornelius Bliss, the late secretary of the interior, was a small schoolboy, his teacher asked him if "Jerusalem" was a common or a proper noun. "Neither," replied the pupil; "it's an interjection."

*Kind Neighbor* (accompanied by a large mastiff, to a little girl very much afraid of him)—He's a good dog; he never hurts any one. Don't you see how he is wagging his tail? *Little Girl* (still shrinking back)—Yes, I see; but that isn't the end I'm afraid of.

What three great writers' names might you think of if you were watching a house burn down?

*Ans.*—Dickens, Howett, Burns.

Why is it more dangerous to go out in the spring than any other season of the year?

*Ans.*—Because in the spring the grass has blades, the flowers have pistils, the leaves shoot and the bullrushes out.

An inspector was examining a class in religious knowledge, and asked the following question of a little girl, intending it for a catch:

"What was the difference between Noah's Arc and Joan of Arc?"

He was not a little surprised when the child, answering, said:

"The difference was that Noah's Arc was made of wood, while Joan of Arc was Maid of Orleans."

Mr. David Macrae, himself a humorist of no mean order, has issued, through Morrison Bros., Glasgow, a little book of "Matrimonial Humor." There are many ways of proposing, but for the "pop direct and for the pat response," nothing in Mr. Macrae's opinion could well surpass the specimen furnished by the Puritan and the girl who had won his affections. Riding up to her father's house, he asked her to be called. "Rachel," he said, "the Lord hath sent me to marry thee." To which the damsel, after a moment's pause, replied, meekly: "The Lord's will be done."

## Good Manners in School.

The following "Reminders" of good manners in school are taken from the close of a chapter in Dewey's *How to Teach Manners*:

1. Do not fail to say "Good-morning, Miss —," to your teacher, and "Good-afternoon, Miss —," when you leave her.
2. When you pass directly in front of your teacher, say "Excuse me."
3. Never fail to say "Thank you," (not "Thanks,") for the smallest favor.
4. Do not continually raise the hand, and never shake it in school, to attract attention.
5. Never stand at your desk, or step forward raising your hand, and skaking it at your teacher.
6. When a schoolmate is reading or answering a question, do not raise hands until he has finished.
7. Do not "fuss" with pencils, strings, pins, or anything else when you ought to give your whole attention to your lesson.
8. When your hands are not occupied with books or other things, as directed by a teacher, they should be clasped in your lap.
9. If you have a desk-mate, give him his full share of seat, desk and shelf.
10. When you pass directly in front of your school-mates, say "Excuse me."
11. Do not stare at strangers who enter the school-room.
12. Do not slide down in your seat nor lounge in a schoolroom.
13. When you stand to recite, stand erect, without leaning against the desk. Stand on both feet.
14. Do not swing the feet, nor scrape them on the floor, nor keep them in constant motion.
15. Always be provided with sponge or slate cloth.
16. Hand a book right side up.
17. In handing a pointer, pencil, or pen, hand the blunt end.
18. Never call from the outside to a pupil in a school-room.
19. Do not call from the schoolroom to some one outside.
20. Do not look in at windows of a schoolroom.
21. Always rap before entering any schoolroom but your own, or any teacher's office.
22. Do not chew gum in school.
23. Do not eat in school.

NOTE.—When these "reminders" are given to young pupils, they should be in the form of short lessons, and the thought should be brought out by relating incidents and by questioning as in illustrative lessons.

Many brilliant teachers, who can alway command the attention of their class, are surprised at the poor progress in the subject. The boys' minds have been busy and cheerful indeed, and never bored, but they have not been busy over the essential things. For this reason brilliant teachers are in some cases more harmful than the incompetent, who cannot hold the class together at all; for the mischief done by the former is not so easily apparent.—*Educational Times.*