

Just For Fun.

Topp—"The bicycle school started with a good attendance."

Topp—"But I suppose the attendance fell off."

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"Mamma," cried little Willie from the bath room, "please get me another sponge."

"Why, what's the matter with the one you have?" asked the mother. "It's full of holes, and leaks awfully," was the reply.

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"I have decided," said the girl in blue, "that when I marry I shall marry a widower."

"Coward!" returned the girl in gray, scornfully. Truly, it would seem that a woman should be willing to tame her own husband.

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A—"Well, how did you sleep last night? Did you follow my advice and begin counting?"

B—"Yes; I counted up to eighteen thousand."

A—"And then you fell asleep?"

B—"No; then it was time to get up."

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"Suppose," suggested the teacher, "that you take a piece of beefsteak and cut it into halves, then cut the halves into quarters, the quarters into eighths, and the eighths into sixteenths. Into what could the sixteenths be cut?" "Hash!" responded Tommy. And the class in fractions was dismissed.

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"There's one thing about Josiah," said the young man's fond mother, "he does like work."

"He doesn't seem to get much of it done," replied Farmer Cornutus.

"That's just it. He lingers over it, an' lingers over it, like he was scared to death of losin' it."

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A farmer wrote as follows to a distinguished scientific agriculturist, to whom he felt under obligations for introducing a variety of swine:

"Respected Sir,—I went yesterday to the cattle show. I found several pigs of your species. There was a great variety of hogs, and I was astonished at not seeing you there."

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A countryman saw for the first time a school-girl go through her gymnastic exercises for the first amusement of the little ones at home. After gazing at her with looks of interest and compassion for some time, he asked a boy near if she had fits.

"No," replied the boy; "them's gymnastics."

"Ah, how said!" said the man; "how long's she had 'em?"

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"I took my boy for a trip on a Plymouth Sound steamer a short time ago," writes a correspondent to an eastern paper. "Here is what he asked me in the course of the voyage:

"Is that water down there any wetter than the water in the Atlantic Ocean?"

"What makes the water wet?"

"How many men could be drowned in water as deep as that? How many boys could be drowned in it?"

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A visitor at a Columbia (Mo.) school the other day asked one of the lower-grade classes this question: "What is the axis of the earth?"

"An imaginary line passing from one pole to the other, on which the earth revolves," proudly answered a pupil.

"Yes," said the examiner, well pleased, "and could you hang a bonnet on it?"

"Yes, sir." "Indeed! And what kind of a bonnet?"

"An imaginary bonnet, sir."

The visitor asked no more questions that day.

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