

Farm, Garden & Household.

WALKS AND TALKS ON THE FARM.

"Why don't you come West," writes an eminent lawyer and farmer of Ohio, "to see me in my own garden..."

Humorous.

LITERAL ANSWERS.

A lecturer in Portland, Maine, or some where else, was explaining to a little girl how a lobster casts his shell when he had grown it.

Humorous.

"What do you do when you outgrow your clothes?" You cast them aside, do you not?"

Humorous.

"What is that all over my face and hands?" "It's freckles, sir," answered the little cherub.

Humorous.

An answer of a similar character is often the result of a hard word.

Humorous.

"William," said a mother to her son, who had already eaten a very considerable amount of dinner, "I don't know whether you can eat this pudding with impunity."

Humorous.

A lady noticed a boy sprinkling salt on the sidewalk to take off the ice, and remarked to a friend, pointing to the salt.

Humorous.

"No, that's true benevolence."

Humorous.

"No, it isn't," said the boy, somewhat indignant, "it's salt."

Humorous.

When a lady asked her servant girl if the hired man had cleared off the snow with alacrity, she replied,

Humorous.

"No, ma'am, he used a shovel."

Humorous.

The same literal turn of mind which I have been illustrating is somewhat evident intentionally and perhaps a little maliciously, and thus becomes the property of wits, instead of blunders.

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"Certainly, sir," said the boy, very respectfully.

Humorous.

"Well, sir," said the gentleman, after waiting awhile, "where is it?"

Humorous.

"I have not the least idea, your honor," said the archbishop.

Humorous.

There was another boy who was accosted by an ascetic middle aged lady with,

Humorous.

"Boy, I want to go to Dover street."

Humorous.

"Well, ma'am," said the boy, "why don't you go there then?"

Humorous.

One day on Lake George a party of gentlemen strolling among the beautiful islands of the lake with a red shirt and an old straw hat dangling a line over the side of a boat.

Humorous.

"Hallo, boy," said one of them, "what are you doing?"

Humorous.

"Fishing," came the answer.

Humorous.

"Well, of course," said the gentleman, "but what do you catch?"

Humorous.

"Fish, you fool, what do you suppose?"

Humorous.

"Did any of you ever see an elephant's skin," inquired a teacher of an infant class.

Humorous.

"I have," exclaimed one.

Humorous.

"Where?" asked the teacher.

Humorous.

"On the elephant," said the boy laughing.

Humorous.

Sometimes this sort of wit degenerates or rises, as the case may be, into punning, as when Florent pointed to the heavy masses of clouds in the sky, saying:

Humorous.

"I wonder where those clouds are going; and her brother replied,

Humorous.

"I think they are going to thunder."

Humorous.

Also, as the following dialogue:

Humorous.

"Hello, there! how do you sell your wood?"

Humorous.

"By the cord."

Humorous.

"How long has it been cut?"

Humorous.

"Four feet."

Humorous.

"I mean how long has it been since you cut it?"

Humorous.

"No longer than it is now."

Humorous.

And also, as when Patrick O'Elynn was seen with his collar and bosom sadly begrimed and was indignantly asked by his officer,

Humorous.

"Patrick O'Elynn, how long do you wear a shirt?"

Humorous.

"Twenty-eight inches, sir."

Humorous.

This remark was made on an incident which is said to have occurred recently in Chatham street, New York, where a countryman was clamorously besieged by a shop keeper.

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"Have you any fine shirts?" said the countryman.

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