

the old of the moon, because the former would be more likely to warp, and the latter to be thrown by the frost. These and similar absurd opinions are extensively held in various portions of the United States. It is a praiseworthy fact that these ridiculous and oppressive notions are notientertained by the intelligent and educated portion of community, being limited nlmost exclusively to the uneducated.

down the understanding, and unfit it for the appreciation of these noble and enlarged views which revelation and modern science exhibit of the order, extent, and economy of the universe. It is lamentable to reflect that so many thousands of beings endowed with the faculty of reason, who can not be persuaded of the rotundity of the earth, and distances and magnitudes of the heavenly bodies, should swallow, without the least hesitation, opinions ten thousand times more improbable. Notwithstanding the mathematical certainty of the truth of the Copernican system of astronomy, finstances are not rare of persons professing a respectable degree of intelligence, who entirely discredit its sublime teachings; and yet some of these very persons find little difficulty in believing that an old woman out transform herself into a hare, and roving her way through the air on a broomatick.

so far from being innocent and harmless speculations, lead to the most deplorable results. They ought, therefore, to be undermined and thoroughly eradicated by all persons who wish to promote the happiness and well-being of general society. This duty is especially incumbent upon parents and teachers, and can be effected only by rendering correct early education universal. Ignorance of the laws and economy of nature, is the one great source of these absurd opinions. They have not only no foundation in nature, or experience, but are directly opposed to both. In proportion, then, as we advance in our researches into nature's economy and laws thall we perceive their futility and absurdity. As in other cases, take away the cause, and the effect will be removed.

TRYING ITS COLOR .--- I had stopped at a store in Missouri to purchase some little article, when my attention was directed to an old lady who was examining a piece of calico. She pulled it this way stid that, as if she would tear it to pieces held it op to the light in different positions, spat on a corner and rubbed it between her fingers to try if the colors were good. She then stood still awhile, seemingly not entirely satisfied. At last she cut off a piece with the clerk's seissors, and banding it to a tall, gawkylooking girl, of about sixteen, standing beside her. said :

mouth, and dutifully went to work.

A LARGE FABILY .- A father of three sons and five daughters was asked what family he had. The answer was, "I have three sons, and they have each five sisters." "Morey ["