

A Boy's Queries.

THEY WERE WELL MEANT, BUT RUINED THE TEACHER'S PROPOSITION.

He had been silent for some time, evidently turning over in his mind the facts that had been brought to his attention. Like the average boy, he wasn't much on faith. He liked to have things demonstrated conclusively. But perhaps he went a little further than the average boy in his hard-headed way of looking at things. Anyhow, after a while his hand went up as an indication that he wanted to ask a question.

"What is it?" asked the teacher. "Did you say that warm air rises?" he inquired.

"I did," she replied. "If you should get a step-ladder, for instance, you would find the air nearer the ceiling of this room much warmer than that near the floor. It is that tendency to rise that is utilized in heating a house by a furnace. If the hot air did not rise, the furnace would be useless."

The boy relapsed into silence for a time, and then his hand went up again. "Say," he said, when he had got the attention of the teacher, "is the roof the only thing that keeps hot air from going higher?"

"Certainly," replied the teacher. "Did you never see a hot air balloon?"

"Ye-es, I guess so." "Well, the ceiling does n't stop that, does it? It works all right in the open air, does n't it?"

"Ye-es." A second time the boy relapsed into silence, and then his hand went up for the third time.

"Did you ever climb a big mountain?" he inquired.

"I'm sorry to say I never had the opportunity," answered the teacher.

"Or go up in a balloon?"

"No."

"Well, my father told me about a man he knew once who climbed a mountain right in the summer time, and came back with a frost-bitten nose. How did he get it?"

Then, while the teacher was endeavoring to recover from the shock of this startlingly sudden interruption, the boy demanded to know how high a man could go in a balloon before he would be overcome by the heat.—*Chicago Post.*

He Had a Club.

"There's a man down stairs with a club lookin' for the editor," remarked the devil unconcernedly to the boss of the sanctum, as he walked around and set the office towel up in the corner.

"Good Lord!" groaned the editor. "Are you sure?"

"Dead," insisted the boy. "He was lookin' fer the editor; that's what he said."

"What kind of a man was he?"

"Tough; country jake sort of a lookin' chap, as big as a skinned hoss, with hands on him like hams," answered the boy, with a wicked and heartless leer.

"What kind of a club did he have? Anything like a dray pin?" suggested the editor, watching the door nervously.

"Wait till I go and see," said the boy, in a sympathizing spirit.

In a few moments he returned, the editor in the meantime having dreams and visions and nightmares of all un-canny kinds.

"Well?" queried the editor, mopping the cold and clammy sweat from his dome of thought with last winter's blotter, "well?"

"Rats!" growled the boy. "It was a club of twenty new subscribers."

Then the editor kicked the boy gleefully, and told him to bring the man up forthwith.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

A Ducky Story.

A Georgia man who had made a flying machine offered a negro \$10 to make a trial trip in it. The negro agreed, got into position, and he and the machine were hoisted by block and tackle about thirty feet from terra firma. When the rope was loosened, the machine took a sudden slanting course towards the earth, and plunged into an adjacent millpond. It disappeared with the negro beneath the water, while the terrified inventor stood shrieking for assistance. Presently the negro's head bobbed up serenely, and he struck out for dry land. On arriving, his first spluttered words were:

"In de Lawd's name, Marse John, why did n't you tell dat fool thing whar ter 'light?"

Kerrigan—Phat's good for a cowl? Casey—Hov yez got the price uv two hot whiskies about yez?

Kerrigan—Oi hov not. Casey—Will, thin, Kerrigan, ut wud be a mercy not t' tell yez.

McLubberty (sternly)—Moikey! Little Mike—Sor?

McLubberty—Yure mother is afther tellin' me that yez hev been engaged in divilment the whole day. Now, me young buck, whoist Oi am at home yez'll have to behave yerself dacently or not at all; d'yez moind that?

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