

## THE TEACHER'S JOE MILLER

### DETOURING

Teacher: "Why don't you talk louder when you recite?"

Pupil: "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

### TREND TO SIMPLICITY

Tommy's Sister: "Tommy, what is a synonym?"

"A synonym," said Tommy wisely, "is a word you use when you can't spell the other one."

### WHAT JOHNNY THOUGHT

Little Johnny, aged seven, had been taken to the Zoo to see the animals.

He stood before the spotted leopard's cage for a few minutes staring intently. Then, turning to his mother, he asked:

"Say, Ma, is that the Dotted Lion that everybody wants Dad to sign on?"

### EVOLUTION

Teacher: "Who can tell me what the former ruler of Russia was called?"

Class (in unison): "Tsar."

Teacher: "Correct; and what was his wife called?"

Class: "Tsarina."

Teacher: "What were the Tsar's children called?"

There was a pause, and then a timid voice in the rear piped up: "Tsardines!"

### PRESENT TENSE, "SPINK"

Papa: "Bob, if you had a little more spunk, you would stand better in your class. Now, do you know what spunk is?"

Bob: "Yes. It's the past participle of *spank*."

"James, have you whispered today without permission?"

"Only wunst."

"LeRoy, should James have said 'wunst'?"

"No'm, he should have said twict."

### Q. E. D.

Two small girls were playing together one afternoon in the park.

"I wonder what time it is," said one of them at last.

"Well, it can't be four o'clock yet," replied the other with magnificent logic, "because my mother said I was to be home at four, and I'm not."

### JUST SOAKING

The teacher had forbidden the eating of candy and chewing of gum during school time. One day she became suspicious of a lump in Jimmie's cheek.

"Jimmie, are you eating candy or chewing gum?" she asked.

"No," replied Jimmy, "I'm just soaking a prune to eat at recess."

Pop (a socialist): "What do you mean by playing hookey, staying away from school?"

Son: "Class hatred, Pop."

### WHERE?

All the pupils were ready to begin with the written test.

"Where's your pencil, Wally?" asked the teacher.

"Ain't got one, teacher."

"How many times have I told you not to say that? Listen: I haven't one, you haven't one, we haven't one, they haven't——"

"Well," said Wally, "where are all the pencils?"

Absent-minded Professor: "Waiter, half an hour ago I ordered some lamb chops. Have you forgotten them, or have I had them?"

Father: "Sonny, why don't you get the habit of going to the dictionary when you want to know how to spell a word?"

Sonny: "I do sometimes, but somehow the dictionary always has it wrong."