

Country School Oratory.
Schenectady, New York, Star;
"Solomon Smith, Jr., step up here."
Smith, a stupid looking country
boy advanced to the platform, tripped
on the step, stood up, and be-
gan:

When General
"Make your bow sir!" interrupted
Mr. Whipem.
The boy stopped short, made a
jerky inclination, and went on:
When General Jackson climbed the heights
[Here he raised his feet, as if
climbing.]
And tore the starry banner down.
[Snatching at the air.]

He caught his foot upon a stump,
And scraped himself from toe to crown.
During the delivery of the last
lines he put on a most painful ex-
pression of countenance, and scraped
his hand over his whole person.
"Well done, Solomon," said Mr.
Whipem, "go on with the next
verse."

"Thar ain't no next verse, sir; the
moral comes next."
"Well give us the moral, sir."

As we rush upward on our way,
Quick hastening o'er the sod,
[Running from one side to the
platform to the other.]

Some little trouble stops our way,
And down we fall, by G—d!
"Solomon," said Whipem, as soon
as he had caught his breath, "did
you write that?"

"No, sir," whimpered the boy,
"Sam Jones wrote it for me. I gave
him two apples for it."
"Thar," exclaimed Mr. Whipem,
"I thought Sam Jones did it; he's at
the bottom of every piece of mis-
chief in the county; wait till I catch
him."

Idiosyncrasies.

"Is there any man in this town
named Afternoon?" inquired a Miss-
issippi postmaster, as he held up a
letter directed "P. M."

"The great need of Cairo," said
a capitalist after being taken over
the town, "is a fine tooth comb fac-
tory, with a retail store in connec-
tion."

A Vermont farmer stroked his
gray locks and sadly remarked: "I
didn't really know how old and feeble
I was until I went to lick James this
morning. He's only 17, and I
couldn't make him holler."

"Where's the molasses Bill?"
said a red-headed woman sharply to
her son, who had returned with an
empty jug. "None in the city, mol-
asses. Every grocery has a large board
outside, with the letters chalked on
it, 'N. O. Molasseses.'"

A watering place correspond-
ent writes that "very few bathers
bathe at the West End," whereupon
Mrs. Partington says she "had an
idea they bathed all over."

Sleeping Together.

More quarrels occur between
brothers, between sisters, between
hired girls, between servant girls,
between clerks in stores, between ap-
prentices in mechanics' shops, be-
tween hired men, between husbands
and wives, owing to electrical chang-
es through which their nervous sys-
tem go by lodging together night
after night under the same bed-
clothes than by almost any other
disturbing cause. There is nothing
that will so disarrange the nervous
system of a person who is elimina-
tive in nervous force as to be all
night in bed with another person
who is absorptive in nervous force.
The absorber will go to sleep and
rest all night, while the eliminator
will be tumbling and tossing, restless
and nervous, and wake up in the
morning fretful, peevish, fault-finding
and discouraged. No two per-
sons, no matter who they are, should
habitually sleep together. One will
thrive and the other will lose. This
is the law, and in married life it is
defined almost universally.

SARCASM.—John Randolph was
one of the most sarcastic men that
ever lived. One time a young man at-
tempted to make his acquaintance.
He obtained an introduction, and
among the first remarks said:
"I passed by your house lately,
Mr. Randolph."
"Hope you always will!" was the
reply.
Another twitted him as to his want
of education.

"The gentleman reminds me,"
said Randolph in reply, "of the
lands about the head waters of the
Montgomery, which are poor by na-
ture, and cultivation has ruined
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