Queries.

When is a plant like a soldier? When it begins to shoot.

Why do the leaves of the trees blush and turn red in the fall of the year? Because their limbs become bare.

Why should potatoes grow better than any other vegetable? Because they have eyes to see what they are doing.

When was beef steak the highest? When the cow jumped over the moon.

Why is a horse the most miserable of animals? His thoughts are always on the rack.

Why are chickens' necks like the door bells? They are often wrung for company.

Why is old ocean so apt to lash himself into fury? Because he is so often crossed.

Why is a lucky gambler an agreeable fellow? He has such winning ways.

Why is a woman deformed when she is mending her stockings? Her hands are where her feet ought to be.

What shows that a clock is bashful? It always holds its hands before its face.

Why do you suppose that tight rope dancers are great favorites with the public? Their performance is always ENCORED (on cord).

Why do men about to fight a duel generally choose a field for the place of action? For the purpose of allowing the ball to graze.

What animal has the most brains? The hog; because he has a HOGSHEAD full of them.

On what toe does a corn never come? The mistletoe.

On what day in the year do women talk the least? The shortest day.

Why is a fish hook like the letter f? It will make an eel feel.

When does a cow become real estate? When she is turned into a FIELD.

Why was Robinson Crusoe NOT alone on his desert island before he found the man Friday? Because there was a heavy SWELL on the beach.

What is the first thing a gardener sets in his garden? His foot.

Why is a crow a brave bird? He never shows a white feather.

When does the rain become too familiar with a lady? When it begins to pat-ter on the back.

When does a farmer work a miracle? When he turns his horse to grass.

Who was the first convict? Adam; because he was condemned to hard labor for life.

Why is a horse the most curious feeder in the world? He eats best when he has not a bit in his mouth.

If your sister fell into a well why could not her brother rescue her? He couldn't be a brother and assist her too.

Why is a hen like a cent? Its head is on one side and the tail on the other.

Why is it dangerous to go out in the spring time? Because every flower carries a pistol—the grass has blades, the trees shoot, and the bull rush is out.

What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing cabs and omnibusses.

Which is the strongest day in the week? Sunday; all the rest are week days.

What do cats have that no other animals have? Kittens.

What are the best fields to dance in? The hop fields.

How can a man make his coat last? By making his pants and vest first.

Why is a solar eclipse like a woman whipping her boy? It is the hiding of the sun.

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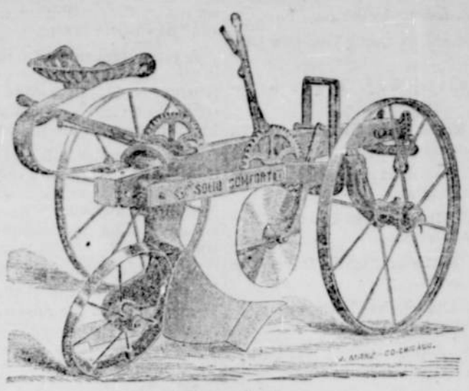

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