

THE OLD CLOCK.

Half-way up the stairs it stands, And points and beckons with its hands, From its case of massive oak...

How oft in childhood, when the beam Of sleep refused to sound its charm, When in my feverish crib I lay...

SCHOOL-BOY WIT.

Extracts From Some Remarkable Juvenile Compositions.

The first literary example which I give is an extract from the essay of a boy in the "Third Standard" of the school.

The lad's effusion opens as follows: "It was not in England where all about little Moses happened, but in a place what the Bible says is Egypt."

"Now little baby boy Moses had a sister about sixteen, and a father and mother which was Jews. And Moses mother couldn't abare to drown her little boy, so she made a cradle same as they used to make arks."

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the two have a most remarkable similarity. Among others, one poor, pale-looking lad put out his hand.

"Well, B—," I said, "what difference is suggested to you?" "Why, sir," answered the boy, a glow of feeling rising to his cheek...

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Sunday, are simpletons, and dont no nothing about the moon what its like. You should not call them names, but just tell them that what they think is the man's eyes and nose and mouth is only valleys and holes which you cant see now as the Bible didn't tell you of it."

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