

### RIDDLES.

What is the best time to study  
the book of nature?

A.—When the autumn is turning  
the leaves.

What quadrupeds frequent the  
opera?

A.—White kids.

Why is a girl hot a noun.

A.—A girl is a lass and also an  
interjection.

What has a mouth and never  
speaks, and a bed and never sleeps?

A.—A river.

Why are potatoes and corn like  
the Pharisees of the Bible?

A.—Because they have eyes and  
"see not" and ears and "hear not."

Up and down, up and down,  
touch neither earth nor sun. What  
is it?

A.—A pump handle.

## 90 DAY VETERANS TO GET PENSIONS

Sherwood Service Pension Bill  
Passed by the  
House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The  
Sherwood service pension bill, which  
would add upwards of \$70,000,000 to  
the government's annual expenditures  
by granting increased pensions to  
civil and Mexican war veterans on  
length of war service, was passed by  
the house tonight despite the deter-  
mined opposition of many democratic  
leaders. Secretary of the Interior  
Fisher has estimated that the bill  
would add \$75,000,000 to the pension  
roll if the 400,000 veterans eligible  
take advantage of it.

Eight republicans voted with the  
51 democrats against the bill. Speaker  
Clarke voted with the majority of his  
party for the bill and democratic  
leader Underwood and Representa-  
tive Fitzgerald of New York, chairman  
of the appropriations committee, voted  
against it.

The bill will now go to the senate,  
where there is a disposition to pass  
some form of an amended pension leg-  
islation. Senate leaders, however, will  
proceed slowly in consideration of this  
legislation, and many house democrats  
voted for the measure in the belief  
that the senate would not pass it.

The Sherwood bill would establish  
the following basis of pension:

For service for 90 days to six  
months \$15 per month; from 6 to 9  
months \$20 per month; from 9  
months to one year \$25 per month;  
more than one year, \$30 per month.

The fight on the bill was waged  
along political lines to a considerable  
extent and members of each party  
charged the other party with bun-  
combe in their attitude toward the  
old soldiers. Prominent democrats  
attacked the bill as directly opposed  
to the democratic principles of econ-  
omy and destructive of the plan to  
reduce the tariff.