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FOR THE CHILDREN

Hodgepodge Poetry.

In this amusing game the object is to form a poem consisting of lines extracted from the works of various poets.

It can be played in several ways. Single lines from different poems may be written on sheets of paper before the beginning of the game. These are drawn for by the different members of the company.

The player drawing a line is then supposed to complete a four line verse in the meter of that given and rhyming either alternately or not with the final word of it.

Again, one player writing a single line passes it on to his nearest neighbor. The form of the stanza has already been agreed on.

The second player has three minutes in which to add a second line, after which the paper is passed on to each in turn.

An example of the hodgepodge poetry so evoked is the following:

On Linden when the sun was low
A frog he would a-woolung go,
He signed a sigh and breathed a prayer,
None but the brave deserve the fair.

Parlor Hypnotism.

Parlor hypnotism, which contains no element of the baneful, never fails to amuse and interest.

Here is one way to mystify a company of clever persons. Send some one for a mop out of the room. See the carpet from the back and hold up to them so that all the company can see what it is.

Then call the player and spread out the cards in the shape of a fan.

Now take the right hand of the person who is to be mesmerized and command him to select from the five cards you have thought of, using his left hand to remove it.

For some reason the subject never fails to draw out the correct card.

This should be preceded by some mysterious passes in the air on the performer's part.

He or she may also speak of being the seventh child of a seventh child in a family celebrated for its occult powers and introduce other claims to skill in the arts of mystery.

Chicken Language.

A chicken fancier tells of how his fowls talk to him in chicken language. One day a Cochin hen fluttered down in front of him and cackled and cackled, looking up into his face. The chicken fancier went to the coop, for he supposed that she was trying to tell him that something was wrong. Sure enough, one end of her perch had slipped loose and fallen down, and she couldn't roost up it without sliding off. The fancier fixed the perch, and the hen flew upon it and remained quiet.

The same man tells of how a chicken met him at the door of the henhouse in a great flutter of excitement. She spluttered about, cackling and seemed to be telling him a very long tale. He investigated the interior of the coop and found that a mother cat and her family of newly born kittens were occupying the hen's nest.

Sheep as Beasts of Burden.

In the northern part of India sheep are put to a use unknown of in European or American countries. They are made to serve as beasts of burden, because they are more sure-footed than larger beasts and the mountain paths along the foothills of the Himalayas are steep and difficult. The load for each sheep is from sixteen to twenty pounds. The sheep are driven from village to village, with the wool still growing, and in each town the farmer shears as much wool as he can sell there and loads the sheep with the grain which he receives in exchange. After his flock has been sheared he turns it homeward, each sheep having on its back a small bag containing the purchased grain.

The Mosquito's Hum.

It has always been supposed that the humming sound made by the pestiferous mosquito is caused by the rapid action of its wings, but a Scotch scientist who has been investigating the subject says he has discovered at the base of the insect's wings an apparatus that probably produces the sound. It consists of a movable bar provided with tiny teeth, and as the wings are moved up and down the teeth rasp over a series of ridges. The discoverer is not sure that the sound is produced by this apparatus, but he says that it might well be, and further investigation may show conclusively that it is.

About Wilbur Wright.

"I was at the Le Mans race track last month," said a correspondent, "when Wilbur Wright made his first public flight."

"Our American aviator's triumph was tremendous. The French aerial sharps admitted that the Wrights were quite ten years ahead of Farman, De la Grange and Bleriot. They gave Wright a wonderful ovation, embracing him, shaking his hand, trying to lift him on their shoulders."

"He took the whole thing indifferently. He seemed rather bored. He smiled and shook his head, disengaging himself as soon as possible, and, with his hands in his pockets, walked away to his workshop whistling. I never saw such indifference to fame."

Chief of Republican Clubs.

John Hays Hammond of Massachusetts, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, is famous the world over as a mining engineer. Prior to the Republican convention Mr. Hammond was talked of as a possible candidate for the vice presidency.

The new head of the Republican clubs is a native of San Francisco and is fifty-three years old. He entered Yale with the class of '76 and was graduated from Sheffield Scientific school.

He saw service with the United States geological survey and became a consulting engineer, with offices in San Francisco. His fame as a mining engineer spread rapidly, and in 1893 the Barnato diamond syndicate of London sent him to South Africa to make a mineralogical survey of Rhodesia.

Through his close friendship with Cecil Rhodes and some of the less conspicuous promoters of the Cape Mr. Hammond was led to become a some-



JOHN HAYS HAMMOND.

what reluctant participant in the Jameson raid of 1895. He was captured and got off finally with a \$125,000 fine.

In 1903 Mr. Hammond signed an exclusive contract with the Guggenheims for \$250,000 a year. A few months ago the announcement was made that the Guggenheims had doubled Mr. Hammond's salary. He has an interest in many properties throughout the west, Mexico and South Africa.

A Coin Trick.

Rub a coin against a smooth, upright surface for a little while, then press it hard and take your hand away from it. You will be surprised perhaps to see this coin stick to the wood. The reason is that in rubbing the coin over the wood and then pressing it hard, you drive out all the air between the two objects, and the pressure of the atmosphere keeps the coin in its place.

Just Suited Her.

"Please, ma'am, I haven't a friend or a relative in the world," said the tramp.

"Well, I'm glad there's no one to worry over you in case you get hurt. Here, Tiger!" said the housekeeper.

Getting His Own Back.

"The giraffe has a tongue eighteen inches long," said Mrs. Talkmore.

"And knows how to hold it, too," growled Mr. Talkmore, who had had a long curtain lecture the night before.—London Answers.

Don't try to be a mind reader. Think how uncomfortable it would be to know what people are thinking about you.—Atchison Globe.

A Practical Joke.

He was a wag and was passing a large draper's shop in Manchester. There, drawn up, were three or four vehicles, and among them was a closed brougham with the driver fast asleep on the box. Evidently the mistress was inside the shop. Without a word the wag stole quickly up, and opening the carriage door, carefully slammed it to.

In an instant the coachman straightened himself up and gazed up the street as if he had never seen anything more interesting to look at in his life. Then he stole a look over his shoulder and saw the wag standing, hat in hand, apparently conversing with some one inside the carriage.

"Thank you, yes. Good morning," said the practical joker and bowed himself graciously away from the door, turning as he did so to look at the coachman and say, "Home!"

"Yes, sir! Tch! Get up!" And away went the brougham home.

Where that home was, who the mistress of the carriage was or what she did or said when she came out of the shop or what the coachman did or said when he stopped at the door of "home" and found the carriage empty—all that only the coachman and the lady know.—London Tit-Bits.

A Beggar in a Basket.

Perhaps the most curious use to which Mexicans put their baskets is to hold gamecocks. Sometimes the cock's basket is woven for the purpose; often it is made from a sombrero, the wide, high crowned, straw hat of the country, into which the bird is put, a hole cut in the crown to give him air and the brim carefully tied down that he may not escape. The bullfight has been called the national sport of Mexico, but cockfighting is much more universal, for the humblest peasant may have his gamecock, which he keeps in a carefully made cage in his patio, watches with pride and tends with care.

One of the strangest uses to which a basket has probably ever been put was the daily appearance in the streets of a young man carrying in a huge bushel basket on his shoulders his great-grandmother, of unknown age, who held out a skinny hand to the passer-by for the centavo which was almost unobtainable. Surely a trust in Providence could go no further.—Eleanor Hope Johnson in Outing Magazine.

Dreams of the Blind.

In my dreams I have sensations, odors, tastes and ideas which I do not remember to have had in reality. Perhaps they are the glimpses which my mind catches through the veil of sleep of my earliest babyhood. I have heard "the trampling of many waters." Sometimes a wonderful light visits me in sleep. Such a flash and glory as it is! I gaze and gaze until it vanishes. I smell and taste much as in my waking hours, but the sense of touch plays a less important part. In sleep I almost never grope. No one guides me. Even in a crowded street I am self sufficient, and I enjoy an independence quite foreign to my physical life. Now I seldom spell on my fingers, and it is still rarer for others to spell into my hand. My mind acts independent of my physical organs. I am delighted to be thus endowed, if only in sleep, for then my soul dons its winged sandals and joyfully joins the throng of happy beings who dwell beyond the reaches of bodily sense.—Helen Keller in Century.

The Cheerful Undertaker.

A most amusing thing occurred one evening upon our arrival at a small town in New Zealand. We found awaiting us at the station the local carriage and pair, with the local undertaker as footman. He was garbed in his usual funeral suit of black, but he had substituted a white tie in order to relieve the situation somewhat, and, evidently with a desire to dispel any morbid impressions he might otherwise have created, he commenced to whistle a selection of the most cheerful tunes he knew, while he held the door open for us and helped us into the carriage.—Clara Butt in Musical Home Journal.

Cashing Up.

"Have you ever played poker with your son-in-law?"

"Only once," answered Mr. Cumrox. "It wasn't very satisfactory."

"Did he win?"

"No; he lost. But it merely resulted in my having to write him a check so that he could induce it over to me."

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