

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### Crows in the Cornfield.

As many as a dozen girls and boys may have a happy time playing this game. A space about fifteen feet square is called the cornfield. Two other spaces about as large, but on two opposite sides of the cornfield, are the woods where the crows live. Two players, locking arms, stand in the cornfield as farmers. The other players or the crows choose partners, but the partners separate, one going to the woods on the right and the other going to the woods on the left.

The crows then run into the cornfield, calling "caw, caw." The farmers, linked together by their arms, chase the crows to capture them. When one is caught he remains in the cornfield, but takes no part in the game. As soon as any two mate crows or crow partners are tagged they become farmers for the next game. The farmers show their cunning by pretending to be chasing the crows on one side, but suddenly turning to capture the birds from the opposite woods. The crows cannot cross from one woods to the other, as they are only safe in their own woods.

### Home Again Game.

As many as fifty little folks may play this game. All but one of the players stand in a row. The first person calls one, the second two, and so on, until all have numbered themselves. If it is found that there are twenty players ten of the number remain in the line, but the other players, starting with No. 11, move up so that each stands by the side of one of the players in the first line. If fifty children are playing the first half remain in line, and the last half, beginning with No. 25, move up beside the first twenty-five players.

When side by side each couple starts off together to walk in any direction, each player trying to walk faster than his partner. When one is in the lead he then chooses the path until he is tagged by his partner who then takes the lead. The leader may walk any where he pleases, but no one may start "home" again—that is, to the spot from which he started—until the guard blows a whistle. Those who are leaders when "home" is reached win the game.

### An Army of Spools.

A boy that is no longer a boy had an army to play with whenever he pleased. It was not a lot of lead or tin soldiers, that would have broken into bits if the boy had looked at them too bravely, but it was composed of nothing less than spools. He collected the spools from his mother and all his female relatives and all the good saturated weapons in the neighborhood and set them in companies and regiments on the floor. It was easy enough to divide the soldiers into two opposing forces and set them fighting each other. The boy felt the need of cannon, and so he made some mounting giant spools on wheels and attaching a rod and a rubber band to each one, so that legal shots might be shot into the advancing ranks. The soldiers used to be swept down by tins and dozens, and when the two forces would open fire the slaughter used to be terrific. But they were all strong soldiers, and the next day they were all alive again, as well as ever and eager to get into another fight.—Chicago News

### An Old Saying's Origin.

We use words and expressions without having any idea of their origin or real meaning. For instance, "There's a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip" is heard frequently, yet few of you know that in legendary days the son of the king of Samoa so overworked his slaves in the vineyards that a prophet said he would not live to drink the wine from his grapes. Finally, when the grapes had been gathered and pressed and the wine ready, the prince raised his cup high in the air and mockingly laughed at the evil prophecy. "There's a man a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," retorted the prophet. Scarcely had he spoken when a cry of "Wild boar!" arose. The prince, putting down the untasted cup, went in pursuit and was killed in the chase by the animal.

### Odd or Even?

A small number of beans or other counters is held in the hand and the question is "odd or even?" If the guess is even and the true number odd it is said, "Give me one to make it odd," and vice versa. The game is continued until all the counters belong to one or the other of the two players.

This amusement was familiar in ancient Greece and Rome, as it is in modern Europe. In the classic game the player gained or lost as many as he held in his hand.

### An Unfinished Symphony.

Young Carlie brought his birthday drum and put it on the floor. Where Furr-purr lay a-sleeping and dreaming o'er and o'er. Of mice she would be catching and of a great big rat. When something loud disturbed her like this: Rat-tat-tat!

Surprised, Miss Kitty wakened and raised a dainty chin. As if to say, "Why, Carlie, what is that awful din?" And Carlie, ruthless infant, continued loud to beat.

And watched his pretty pussy get quickly to her feet.

And faster, harder, louder, the sticks rapped out the noise. So hated by all kitty cats, so dearly loved by boys.

While Furr-purr, seeing Carlie would not let his pussies go. That she might finish out her nap, just left—for parts, unknown.

—St. Nicholas.

## PEN SKETCHES OF NOTED PEOPLE

### John K. Tener, Who May Be Governor of Pennsylvania.



The career of Congressman John Kinley Tener, Republican candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, strikingly illustrates the possibilities that are open to the youth of this land, whether citizens by birth or adoption. Mr. Tener came to this country at the age of nine from County Tyrone, Ireland, where he was born forty-seven years ago. He grew up in Pittsburgh and there received his education in the public schools. After leaving school he worked in the mills in and about Pittsburgh and played ball at odd times in the lot. Soon he became an expert plumber and in the late eighties played at various times on both the Pittsburgh and Chicago National League teams.

When A. G. Spaulding took the all-American team around the world he selected young Tener as one of the pitchers. Soon after the start Spaulding discovered that Tener had business ability and made him treasurer of the outfit. He performed his work so well that on the return to New York Mr. Spaulding gave him a responsible position, which Tener declined. Just about this time several glass manufacturers started the town of Charleroi, about forty miles above Pittsburgh, on the Monongahela. John Tener went there, entered the real estate business and prospered. He began operating in coal lands and grew wealthy. They were organized the First National bank of Charleroi, of which he is president and principal owner. In 1908 he was chosen grand exalted ruler of the Elks and in the fall of that year was elected to congress.

First Woman to Get Yale Degree. Yale university established a precedent when it conferred the degree of master of arts upon Miss Jane Addams, founder of Hull House, Chicago, at the two hundred and ninth commencement of the college. It was the first time in the history of the institution that a degree had been conferred upon a woman. In conferring the honor Professor Perrin paid a glowing tribute to the work for humanity performed by Miss Addams when he said: "She has had a prophetic vision of what might be done and militant courage, united with a high order of administrative, social and political capacity, in doing and getting it done, and the world at large recognizes her worth."



JANE ADDAMS, A. M.

Miss Jane Addams, known throughout the world for the work at Hull House, was born at Cedarville, Ill., fifty years ago. Her father long represented his district in the state senate and was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln. She was graduated from Rockford college in 1881 and then went to Philadelphia to study medicine. Illness forced her to give up that plan. In 1888 she took up her residence in Chicago and with Miss Helen G. Starr decided on a social settlement venture, and the old Hull mansion was rented. Soon Miss Helen Culver, who was in charge of the Hull estate, donated the house free. Hull House is a model among social settlements, and Jane Addams is recognized as one of the great women of her time.

## HUMOROUS QUIPS

### The Lost Car.

(With regrets to Adelaide Proctor.)  
Lying one day 'neath the auto,  
Sweating and soaked with oil,  
I worked at a cranky engine,  
And my only reward was the toll.

I know not what I was saying  
As I tinkered and wrangled and sored,  
I doubt not 'twas something quite savage—  
It may be I even swore.

My patience gave out on that engine,  
With the speaker I gave it a thump  
That jarred loose some things and broke  
And started it up at a jump.

Before one could twinkle an eyelid—  
Before there was time for surprise—  
That car tore away down the highway,  
And I lay glaring up at the skies.

I sprang up, and madly I followed,  
But soon gave it up in disgust,  
For that runaway car quickly vanished  
In a thick, swirling cyclone of dust.

I sought it in byways and hedges,  
In highway and busy street,  
And, though I made thorough inquiries,  
With never a trace did I meet.

Perhaps in some future existence,  
In words far beyond mortal ken,  
I shall once more make search for that  
Auto.

But I doubt if I find it then.  
—Judge's Library.

### Mean Thing.

Miss Chatterton (on Atlantic liner)—  
What will you do when women invade  
your field?

Wireless Operator (smiling)—They'd  
never be successful at this business.

Miss Chatterton—Indeed! And why,  
pray?

Wireless Operator—Think of the  
time they'd waste reading messages  
not intended for them.—Illustrated  
Sunday Magazine.

### Advice.

"Father," queried Bob, just home  
from college, "you've worked for me  
pretty hard nearly all my life, haven't  
you?"

"Quite right, quite right, son,"  
mused father retrospectively.  
"Just so," resumed Bob briskly,  
"now you had better get busy and  
work for yourself a bit—cudd!"  
—Life.

### Automatically Speaking.

The father of the family of marriage-  
able girls had just kicked a dude off  
the front porch.

"What's all that racket about, Char-  
les?" asked his wife, whose slumbers  
the noise had disturbed.

"I've been clearing out a sparhawk  
pla," he said, limping slightly.—Chi-  
cago Tribune.

### Charlie's Stand It.

Bill—And when Nero was adding  
while Rome burned what were the  
rest of the people doing?

Bill—What do you mean?  
"Were the rest of the people trying  
to get out the city?"

"So I guess they were busy trying  
to put Nero out."—Youkers Blatant.

### Geographical Accuracy.

After listening to a rambling ac-  
count of an operation for appendicitis  
an old physician remarked at length:

"Madam, I don't believe you know  
where your appendix is."  
"Yes, I do," was the triumphant an-  
swer: "It's in a bottle at Berkeley."  
—Lippincott's.

### More Natural Facilities.

"So you like the seashore better than  
the mountains?"

"No, indeed. I prefer the mountains."  
"Then why are you going to the sea-  
shore?"

"Because it's easier there to get into  
the swim."—Baltimore American.

### Quite True.

Chester—See the ladybug on the  
dresser?

Archie—That's not a ladybug. Lady-  
bugs never go into young gentlemen's  
rooms.

Chester—But this is a landlady bug.  
—Gargoyle.

### At the Seaside.

Jonah emerged from the whale.  
"Yes," he cried, "the room was small  
and dark, but it was really on the  
beach."

Thus he thought he had found an  
honest summer resort advertiser.—New  
York Sun.

### What Counts Most.

"Then you don't believe in the say-  
ing: Handsome is as handsome  
does?"

"No, it isn't so much what Hand-  
some does as the way he advertises  
it."—Catholic Standard and Times.

### The Gerst.

"How does Higgins get the reputa-  
tion of being so well informed?"

"By his cleverness in leading the  
conversation up to topics on which he  
happens to be posted."—Washington  
Star.

### An Obstructionist.

"He's an obstructionist."  
"Why so?"

"He still refuses to wear those cute  
little rag collars with baby pin attach-  
ments."—Detroit Free Press.

### While You're Choosing.

"I think a man with a past is the  
most interesting, don't you, May?"

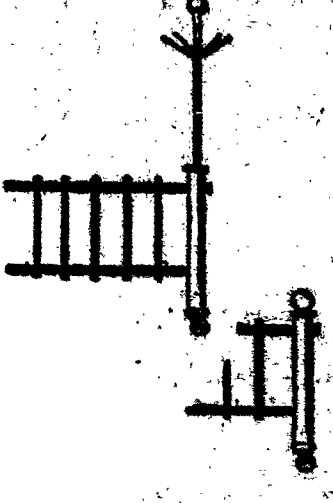
"Maybe. But a young fellow with a  
future is more comfortable."—Cleve-  
land Leader.

### His Difficulty.

Mother—What does my little boy  
mean by telling a lie?  
"Alfred—I didn't mean to tell a lie,  
but I couldn't think of the truth."  
—Harper's Weekly.

## HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

### Folding Clothes Tree That Slides Into Bedpost.



An ingenious form of clothes tree has been designed by a Baltimore inventor. Its advantage is that when it is used it can be folded up and slipped out of sight in a few minutes. The clothes tree consists of an upright rod or pole with foldable arms at the top. This rod fits into one of the foot posts of the bed and is made with a ball on top so that when it drops into the hollow part of a brass bed the ball on top will form the decoration of the post and the presence of the tree will not be noticed. The chief use of a clothes tree is at night, and during the day it is usually in the way, particularly if the bedroom is small. The device shows how can be drawn up at night and held in position by means of a screw near the top of the bedpost. The arms, which fold up around it to permit its entering the post, can be drawn out to a horizontal position and a handy clothes rack is ready for use.

### Useful Points.

Pure alcohol can be used with great success as a means of clearing black Spanish or chaffin lice. Feathers that have grown grimey can be given a bath in alcohol, after which they are shaken until dry.

A great solution of sticky acid and for stained surfaces is used. For metal stains lemon juice is helpful.

If brass ornaments are discolored with verdigris, try rubbing them with a cloth dipped in ammonia.

If you are making rugs and your changed colors and such by the way just begin to bleed it.

A speck of oil will go a distance of water will not almost any color fabric if washed in it before washing. For white goods on the table a white soap, transparent and pure in color, is an excellent remedy.

### Household Hints.

Mildew stains are removed by soaking the article spotted in very sour buttermilk.

Clean brass articles in ordinary soap and water.

Turpentine cleans tin or zinc and makes it nice and bright. It can also be used with great success to clean white enamel bathtubs that have become discolored. Dip a cloth in the turpentine and with this rub the stained parts, then polish with a soft cloth.

To cut hot brown bread slip a string around the loaf, cross the ends, pull tight, and the result is a clean, evenly cut slice.

Very delicate glassware may be washed in hot water if slipped in sideways; otherwise it is liable to crack from too sudden expansion.

### Removing a Tight Ring.

To remove a tight finger ring, pass the end of a piece of hair line under neatly the ring and wind it steadily around the finger upward as far as the middle joint. Then take hold of the lower end of the string beneath the ring and begin to slowly draw upward, when the ring will gradually move along the finger toward the tip of the finger and come off.

### Woolen Goods Cleaner.

This stuff is infallible, so do not use it near the stove. It will not hurt the most delicate fabric and does not leave a ring after cleansing. It is fine for cleaning gloves, either white or pearl color, and leaves them soft and nice. Chloroform one-half dram, ether one dram, alcohol two drams and deodorized benzine two pints.

### Turnip Cups With Peas.

Peas white turnips of medium size. Scoop out the center to form cups and cook in an uncovered kettle until white and transparent. Place a piece of butter in each cup and sprinkle with chopped parsley, salt and pepper. Fill the cups with cooked green peas.

### To Restore Tan Stockings.

When tan stockings fade to a yellow color they can be made again presentable by the use of brown dye. A few minutes' work after the washing is done and the stockings are ready for use.

### Escaloped Tomatoes.

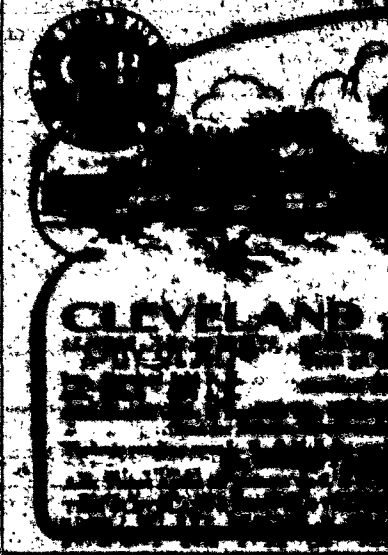
Butter a pudding dish. Fill with alternate layers of cracked crumbe and tomato, seasoning each layer. Sprinkle with butter, a little salt and pepper. Bake about an hour and a half.



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