

FOR THE CHILDREN

Magic Blocks.

There's magic in the letter blocks
When by simple changing places
The same ones make quite different words,
As if they'd many faces.

A mu is meat, and tume is team,
And bleat will change to table,
And slape is gate, and slate is steel,
And cotton balls make table.

An inch of fish will make a chin,
Fruit crates a cut glass center,
All tuars will dry into a star,
And then become an aster.

Time is made of one small letter;
The month's a thurs, so sunday;
The east a seat, the west a stew,
The south a shout, outringing.

Alverb is bravo, and calm is class;
A stream becomes a muster;
The small word more makes ancient Rome,
A roast the richest Astor.

But lest this hint of play grow thin
To little folk, so clever,
Leave the harder words to find,
And here my verse makes sever.
—Youth's Companion.

Teakettle Party.

A good game is teakettle party.
Two are sent from the room, and the
persons left must decide upon a word
to call "teakettle." The word should
have different spellings and must have
different meanings, as fair, fair; here,
hair; awe, you, do, due, dew, etc. The
two sent out may be called in and be-
gin by asking any person in the room
any question they wish, which must be
answered by using in the sentence the
word "teakettle" instead of the word
selected. The two must guess from the
meaning of the sentence what the
word is. Sometimes they cannot guess
and have to be told. Send any others
you wish to next time.

Here are some questions and answers:
Q. "Do you intend to go home tonight?" A. "I teakettle (do)." Q.
"How much did this carpet cost?" A.
"I will have to ask my teakettle
(cost)." Q. "How far is it to T.?" A.
"Well, if you teakettle (see) you will
get there soon." Q. "Are you going to
Eloise's party?" A. "Yes, if the weath-
er is teakettle (fair)." Philadelphia
Leader.

Tongue Twisters.

Almost every boy and girl has heard
of the old tongue twister that begins
"Peter Piper picked a peck of pepper,"
but here is one that you can defy any-
one to repeat after you if you have
learned it well enough to say it per-
fectly quickly yourself:

"How much wood would a wood-
chuck chuck if a woodchuck could
chuck wood? If a woodchuck could
chuck wood the wood that a wood-
chuck would chuck is the wood that
a woodchuck could chuck if the wood-
chuck that could chuck wood would
chuck of a woodchuck could chuck
wood."

Here is a short one, but rather con-
fusing to repeat after hearing it only
once: "I know Eno; you know too. In
fact, we all know you. We know
Eno. He knows you. You know I
know Eno."

Burning a Snowball.

Can you pick up a handful of snow,
pack it into a good solid "throwing"
snowball and then light it with a
match. If you can perform this trick
you are pretty sure to mystify the on-
lookers, and the secret of it is simple
enough, explains the Youth's Compan-
ion, once you know it.

The snowball can be rolled in full
view of the spectators. It can also be
passed round so that everybody may
have a chance to see that it is real
snow. What they do not see is that on
one side a lump of camphor has been
inserted. It is this that is lighted, it
will burn until nothing is left of the
ball but a shell. When there is no snow
the same trick may be performed by
crushing the camphor into the top of
a dish of cracked ice.

Picking Up a Coin.

Lay a nickel five cent piece on an un-
covered table four or five inches from
the edge and ask your friends if they
can take it up into their hands with-
out touching either the coin or the ta-
ble.

If they are not able to do it sit down
at the table and place your right hand,
half open, a few inches beyond the
coin, but do not touch the table with
it. Hold it just above the table. Now
blow suddenly and hard on the table
about two inches from the coin, and
the coin will jump and fly into your
hand.

You will need a little practice to do
this neatly. But you can do it every
time after that, and it makes a pretty
parlor trick.

Why Stars Twinkle.

Who can tell why it is that the stars
sometimes seem to "twink and win-
dle," as one small boy says, more than
at others? And why do they twinkle
away? The reason they twinkle is
that their light pierces through many
different heated and moving currents
of air, which makes the light reach
our eyes in a crooked or twinkling line
instead of a straight and steady one.
Wise men tell us that much twinkling
foretells bad weather, because it shows
that the currents of air are much dis-
turbed.

The New Spelling.

What are those words containing
five letters which can be expressed in
two:

A composition? S. A.
Decrepitude? D. K.
An English county? S. X.
To surpass? X. L.
A girl's name? L. N.
Another girl's Christian name? K. T.
Equinox regaining? M. T.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Yeomans, England's Great Walker.



A. T. Yeomans, holder of the two
miles heel and toe walking record in
Great Britain, is out with a challenge
to meet George Goulding, the sensation-
al walker of Canada, for any dis-
tance from one to five miles for \$1,000
a side.

Yeomans is a Welshman of whom
great things are told. If he is success-
ful in getting Goulding to turn profes-
sional Yeomans will sail for this country
and train for the race.

It is said that Goulding is willing to
consider the challenge, but wants the
race decided in Canada if terms can be
made to his satisfaction. Goulding has
established three world records in the
past year, wiping off the marks made
by Frank Murry "way back in 1883,
1884 and 1887. These marks are as
follows: One mile, 6 minutes, 23 1/2
seconds; two miles, 12 minutes 45 1/2
seconds; and three miles, 20 minutes
50 3/4 seconds.

Many Athletes in Olympic Games.
The victories of American athletes
in past Olympian games have been so
consistent that every other competing
country is making special efforts to
break the chain of triumphs at the
coming games at Stockholm next
July. It is expected that entries for
the track and field events will be re-
ceived from close to twocore nations
and subsidiary territories.

It is evident, therefore, that the
American team for the 1924 Olympic
meet will have to be bigger and bet-
ter than ever before in order to main-
tain the supremacy and status achiev-
ed in the preceding games. Close fol-
lowers of athletics in this country be-
lieve that the mammoth meet of next
summer will be more closely contested
than ever before and that new Olympic
records will be established in a
number of events.

Stone Quits Baseball.
George Stone, the former champion
batsman of the American league and
for years the mainstay of the St. Louis
Browns' outfield, has turned up his
nose at the diamond. Stone is the
owner of a prosperous farm in Ne-
braska and he has made so much mon-
ey there during the last year that he
has decided to forsake the ball field
and live the life of a country
gentleman.

Four years ago Stone led the Ameri-
can league with the big stick, topping
the only Ty Cobb and the wonderful
Lajoie. He always has been a 200
slapper and ranked as one of the highest
salaried outfielders in either major
league.

Skates 263 Miles in Twenty-four Hours.
Raoul F. le Mat of Washington re-
cently hung up a world's record for
Marathon roller skating when he ended
a grind of twenty-four hours and fifty-
five minutes with 263 miles to his
credit. The previous record for twenty-
four hours was 176 miles, made in
Wichita, Kan., Jan. 27, 1911, by Joe
Hampton. Le Mat consumed five
quarts of champagne and four bunches
of celery during his grind, which was
the only nourishment he took.

King George Retains Jockey James.
King George of England has re-
garded Herbert Jones as first jockey for
1912. Jones has been in the royal ser-
vice for a long period. He won the Eng-
lish Derby on Diamond Jubilee and on
Minerva for the late King Edward.

HUMOROUS QUIPS

The Amiable Man.

Ever found that speech hefted
from a friend for me?
I've never found it paid me much to
cuss, I know a lot of words of abuse,
And never found they've helped me in a
mish.
And so it is the mortal lives who've
heard me swear,
Not even such a little word as "My."
When things go wrong and seem to be
completely past repair
I simply hang my fooman on the eye,
I've never found it paid to meet my trou-
bles with a "frow."
It doesn't pay to corrugate one's face,
Prevents me from being a fellow of a
high spirit down,
And all his mind with notions mean and
base.
And hence it is my pallid brow of wrinkles
all over,
No frow gives an outward sign of inward
care,
When business comes along, I
ought to peater me
I simply smile and look him over the
waist.

I don't believe it ever pays to lose one's
temper over
The little slings and arrows of this life,
I don't believe an angry shout or loud and
blatant roar
Will ever ease a fellow of his woe,
The better far to go your way with
fresh and happy mien,
As though you dwelt beneath a flag of
truce,
And when the hosts of trouble shall ap-
pear upon the scene
Take off your coat and thrash 'em like
the wheat!
—Lippincott's Magazine.

His Chance of Salvation.
The famous baseball player evangel-
ist, Billy Sunday, tells this amusing
story of the attempt which was made
to convert a hard-fisted old mountaineer
in Kentucky.

"Jim, in addition to being in need
of regeneration of every kind, was
hard-headed and stubborn, and he re-
sisted all the missionary work that
was done in his behalf. At last a lead-
ing citizen of the little town made a
desperate attempt to save the sinner's
soul.

"Jim," he asked sadly, do you mean
to tell me you ain't teched by the
story of the Lord that died to save
your soul?"

"Humph! commented Jim in dis-
gust. Do you mean to tell me the
Lord died to save me when he ain't
never seed me or knowed me?"

"Jim," responded the neighbor hot-
ly, "he was a darned-sight easier for
the Lord to die for you because he
never seed you than if he knowed you
as well as we ails do."—Popular
Magazine.

Ruddy For Business.
The best rubber story is the latest,
says a London paper, reserved for the
selling by the secretary of state for
the colonies. Mr. Harcourt at the
British North Borneo dinner said that
a city friend of his was approached
with a view to floating a rubber com-
pany. His friend was quite ready.

"How many trees have you?" he
asked.

"We have not got any trees," was
the answer.

"How much land have you got?"
"We have no land."
"What, then, have you got?"
"I have a bag of seeds."

No Fortune in Her Face.
Jones, newly married, was walking
proudly along the road when he met
his friend Brown.

"Well, old chap, how are you?" asked
the latter, extending the right hand
of friendship. "How do you like mar-
ried life?"

"Oh, we are getting along all right,"
replied Jones. "But I say, old man, I
got such a fright on my wedding day!"

"Yes," said Brown: "I was awfully
sorry for you."

"Well, have you heard about it?"
"No, but I saw it."—Boston Tran-
script.

Judicious Diagnosis.
"How is it that Cholby Cupon takes
that little doctor society never heard
about before out everywhere on his
yacht and lends him his automobile?"

"Because the doctor fattened him in
a way he has never got over."

"How so?"

"By some accident Cholby had occa-
sion to consult him, and the doctor told
him he had brain fog."—Baltimore
American.

Newadays.
Drummer—See here; I want an in-
vestigation at once. Some-one went
through my grip, ransacked my books
and turned my clothes inside out last
night. It's a plain case of robbery.

Hotel Clerk—Robbery nothing! The
boys just wanted to find out if you
had a membership card in the Anti-
Tipping League.—Judge

Too Much Wealth in One Basket.
"Officer, would you mind walking a
block or two with me? I have to pass
a dark alley a little way ahead."

"Got too much money wid yer?"

"Money nothing. I've got a pound of
butter, four eggs and six slices of ba-
con."—Chicago Tribune

Precarious Enterprises.
"What happens to a man who carries
water on both shoulders?" asked the
youth who is learning politics.

"Well," replied his preceptor, "I hate
to use slang; but, as a rule, he gets
soaked."—Washington Star.

Completing Her Work.
Kulceker—How long does the cook
promise to stay?

Mrs. Kulceker—She says she will finish
breaking this set of china.—New
York Sun.

WANTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Chair For Moving Invalids Up and Down Stairs.



Most invalids' chairs are of a cum-
bersome type, and when the occupant
is to be transported up and down
stairs he and the chair must be car-
ried separately. A New York man
has designed a chair which is not only
much lighter than the average, but has
appliances to assist in moving up and
down stairs. The front legs of
this chair are equipped with casters,
and the short back legs are mounted
on wheels. The back rises into two
curved handles, and a pair of supple-
mental handles are pivoted to the rear
legs. Ordinarily, these supplemental
handles are fastened in a vertical po-
sition, but when the invalid is to be
taken from one floor to another they
are let down in a horizontal position
and held firmly there by catches on the
front legs of the chair. This provides
supporting means at both back and
front and greatly facilitates the trans-
portation of the chair.

Caution of Beef.
Two pounds lean beef, cut from the
round; one-half teaspoonful grated
lemon rind, one-quarter teaspoonful
ground nutmeg, one (unsalted) milk
one-quarter teaspoonful pepper, one
egg, one-half teaspoonful onion juice,
two tablespoonful finely chopped parsley,
one tablespoonful finely chopped parsley,
Grated the beef and mix well with the
other ingredients. Shape in a roll
about six inches in length, place on a
rack in dripping pan, sear and bake
in a slow oven thirty minutes. Baste
every five minutes, first with water
and later with dripping. Serve with
brown mushroom sauce.

Children's Nests.
Make a soft sponge of one pint of
warm milk, half yeast cake dissolved
in lukewarm water, and sifted flour.
Let it rise overnight. In the morning
add one-half cupful of melted butter,
one cupful of sugar, one egg, and a
little salt. Flavor with cinnamon, sift
in flour enough to make a firm dough,
mold into rolls, place in pans, let rise
again and bake in a quick oven.
These are improved by the addition
of a few currants or raisins.—Wheat
dough dampen the tops slightly and
sift on some powdered sugar.

Kitchen Notes.
If new cake tins are put on top of
the stove until they have a bluish col-
or, but not until they become burned,
cakes will not stick to them during the
baking, as it usually does to new tins.
If you would securely seal an en-
velope use a little white of egg. An
envelope fastened thus cannot be opened
without tearing, even if it is steam-
ed.

In washing china take care that soda
water is never used with a pattern as
which gilt appears.

Orange Pudding.
Put one quart of milk in a double
boiler and place over the fire. When
hot stir in four tablespoonfuls of corn-
starch dissolved in water, the well
beaten yolks of two eggs and one and
a half cupful of sugar. Pour the con-
tents over six sliced oranges, cut and
sugared two hours before; cover with
well beaten whites of two eggs, place
in an oven and brown slightly. Serve
chilled with a plain cake or orange cup
cakes.

Omelet Savory.
Beat and strain four eggs. Add to
them a teaspoonful of chopped parsley
and a sprinkling of pepper and salt.
Beat up again. Put two ounces of but-
ter in a small round frying pan. Let
it melt; then pour in the eggs and sea-
soning and stir the mixture over a
moderate fire until the omelet is set.
Turn it into a hot dish, fold it in the
center and serve immediately.

Dumplings For Soup.
Sift two cupfuls of flour, four even
teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a
little salt together. Mix with sweet
milk about three-quarters of a cupful
or a little less. Dip by spoonfuls into
the hot soup, wetting the spoon in the
soup each time before taking up the
dough. Steam ten minutes without
taking off the cover.

Treatment For Burns.
Baking soda gives instant relief to a
burn or a scald. Applied either wet or
dry to the burned part immediately,
the sense of relief is magical. It causes
to withdraw the heat and with it the
pain.

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