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**YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER**

**"The Diamond Ring."**  
The diamond ring game can be played by both boys and girls. The children sit in a ring or in a line with their hands placed together, palm to palm, and held straight, the fingers downmost between the knees. One of them is then chosen to represent a servant, who conceals a ring or some other small article as a substitute in her hands, which are pressed flat to gether like those of the rest, and goes round the circle or line, placing her hands into the hand of every player, so that she is enabled to let the ring fall wherever she pleases without detection. After this she returns to the first child she touched and, with her hands behind her, exclaims:  
My lady's lost her diamond ring;  
I pitch upon you to find it.  
The child who is thus addressed must guess who has the ring, and the servant performs the same ceremony with each of the party. Those who guess right escape, but the rest must pay forfeit. Should one exclaim, "I have it!" she also forfeits, nor must the servant make known who has the ring until all have guessed. The forfeits are afterward cried as usual.

**Trees Keep Records.**  
In cutting up logs for experimental purposes at the Madison (Wis.) Laboratory of the United States forest service, it was noticed that in a number of them there were little diagonal streaks or wrinkles running across the grain and that all these appeared on the same side of the trees. It was well known that these wrinkles were produced by too great a strain on the fiber at some time, either from bending in a storm or from rough handling, but as all the logs in question came from Florida and the markings were all on the north side of the log it was assumed that they were caused by some severe storm from the south that had swept over that part of the country.

By making a careful count of the annual rings of wood and knowing when the trees were cut, it was decided that the storm recorded by the Wrinkles must have occurred in the year 1898, and inquiries verified the fact that at that time a hurricane had swept over that region—Scientific American.

**Ants at Work.**  
An American botanist in the far east reports that in Burma and its vicinity the natives set the ants to work. Sandalwood, as everybody knows, is worth its weight in silver, but it is only the hard heart of the wood that is fragrant and valuable. This precious portion is overlaid by a soft and worthless layer, which forms two-thirds of the trunk of the tree. When a tree is felled and cut into suitable lengths the loggers just let it lie. Then the ants, attracted by the sweetness of the wood, attack the chunks. Within a few weeks the little insects have finished their work, and the valuable heart of the wood is freed of its worthless sap by covering and becomes a valuable article of commerce.—Boys' World

**Senses of Animals.**  
The deer is one of the two animals that can smell farther than any others, the antelope being the other with this fine sense of smell, and the deer can also hear farther than any other animal, but the tiger has the most perfect eyes. So you want to keep out of sight of the tiger, but if you were an animal bent on harming the deer you want to keep in the direction from which the wind was not blowing, and moreover you would have to tread very stealthily. Now, do you know why the deer can run so fast? It is because other wild animals like the tiger are fond of deer, but this animal can smell and hear farther and run faster than the beasts of prey, so it is seldom caught.

**"Old Soldier."**  
The name of "old soldier" may be made very interesting. It is played as follows:  
All the players except one stand in a line. The one who is the old soldier then totters up to the end player, saying:  
"Here comes an old soldier from Botany Bay. Pray, what have you got to give him today?"  
The player must then say what she will give him, but in doing so she must not use the words "yes," "no," "black," "white" or "scarlet." The old soldier's object is to try and coax one of these words out of her, and he may ask any question in order to do so. A mistake means a forfeit.

**The Salmon Fisheries.**  
In the state of Washington and British Columbia there are thousands of salmon canned every day in the big canneries on the Columbia river. These salmon are born in the northern streams that come down ice cold from Mount Tacoma, one of these branches of the Columbia river being called the Cowlitz. When the salmon is old enough the fish head upstream and then float down until they come to the salt water at the mouth of the Columbia. After a time they start back to deposit their eggs away up in the cool mountain waters, but on the way they are caught by the nets and then are prepared for the market.

**The Rag Man.**  
"Rags an' ole rubber, paper, tags, ole brass, bottles, burlap bags, Clean up yer corners, scrubs 'em. We pay cash money, tinware new."  
That's what I'll be, one of these days. Rag has got to be a man, bet it pays. Jest drive hollerin' down the street. "Rags an' ole rubber," like big Pete. —Farm Journal.

**TOBACCO FOR BELGIAN SOLDIERS**

**Fund Being Raised to Supply Smokers in Trenches.**

Tobacco in the trenches is evidently regarded as a necessity, not a luxury. It is said there is nothing the soldiers miss so much as tobacco. It is the great comfort amid all the horrors of war. Only recently a deputation representing the large colony of Belgian refugees in England and also the Overseas club has come to the United States to make known to the American people the need of tobacco among the 200,000 Belgian soldiers who are stubbornly defending the last few miles of their country. The object is to raise a fund for the purpose of supplying to



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**COUNT ALEX VAN DER STEGEN DESCHRIEK.**  
Tobacco is the quantity needed for these men to whom tobacco is a real necessity.  
In the delegation is Count Alex Van der Stegen Deschriek, one of the refugees, who at an early stage of the invasion of Belgium was divested of his estate and fled to England. Also in the party are Francis H. Jones and E. M. Barrow, representing the Overseas Club as organizing secretaries. Joseph H. Choate has consented to act as president of the American organization, and a number of distinguished Americans are serving in various capacities. The movement is known as the Belgian Soldiers' Tobacco fund. The Overseas club has raised up to \$500,000 to provide tobacco for the English soldiers and has offered to pay all the expenses for the organization of the Belgian movement as well as to co-operate with it in various ways. The club has sent 100,000,000 cigarettes and 200 tons of tobacco to the British soldiers. The helping hand it is lending in aiding the organization and administration of the Belgian Soldiers' Tobacco fund is a great additional burden of labor and expense, but it has been willingly undertaken.

**SERVIAN REFUGEES.**

Many of Them Fled to Saloniki Empty Handed and Barefooted.  
A temporary Servian refugee camp is situated in a vacant lot back of the Russian hospital in Saloniki. Here are pitched some twenty-five tents, which shelter over 1,200 men, women and children, whose whole stock of worldly possessions is what they carried with



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**GROUP OF SERVIAN WOMEN REFUGEES.**  
them in their flight from war flayed Servia. All of them fled afoot in the last hours of Servia's agony and carried little with them except the clothes upon their backs. The illustration shows a group of Servian women refugees in Saloniki who fled barefooted from their native land.

**SIRENS AND SONS.**

Lieutenant von Tirpitz, son of the German admiral, who is a prisoner of war in England, is the best known tennis player in the German navy.  
Premier Badolovoff, said to be the real power behind the Bulgarian throne, is a great and thoughtful man who has great influence over the people. He was formerly a judge.  
William J. Flynn, chief of the Federal secret service, is a native of New York and served for six months in the government service since 1897. During 1910-11 he reorganized the New York detective bureau and then returned to government service.  
George Bronson Rea, who has been awarded the grand prize offered by the Chinese government for the best plan for a national railway system, is an American engineer and journalist. He has been in close touch with China's railway problem for several years.  
Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, who has devoted himself for years to work among the Labrador fisher folk, has accepted an invitation to take charge of a division of a hospital unit that has been sent to France by Harvard university. He will return in the spring to resume his work in Labrador.

**Science Siftings.**

In blast furnaces in which cast iron is made the fires burn for years without ever going out.  
Of 1,000 parts of the moon 576 are visible to us on the earth and 424 parts remain hidden absolutely.  
In size the sun equals 1,300,000 earths, but owing to its smaller density its weight equals only 300,000 earths.  
Scientists are unable to tell the earth's age exactly. Their estimates range from 10,000,000 to 40,000,000 years.  
In a hurricane blowing eighty miles an hour the pressure on each square foot of surface is thirty-one and one-half pounds.

**Automobile Runs.**

To oil automobile springs automatically there has been invented a lubricating holding pad to be strapped around them.

A Frenchman has invented rods to be mounted on the sides of automobiles to swing out and prevent them capsizing when running on the sides of a road.  
To prevent light automobiles rolling an English inventor has substituted for the front axle a double spring, the portions of which are joined by spring clips equally distant from the center and the ends.

**Wireless Whispers.**

Wireless telegraphy was first used in warfare by the Russian army in the Manchurian campaign of 1900.  
Wireless communication between Scandinavia and America, with an intermediate station in southern Greenland, has been proposed.  
Using box kites to lift an aerial, experts of the United States army have increased the efficiency of field wireless equipment from six to sixteen times.

**Points of View.**

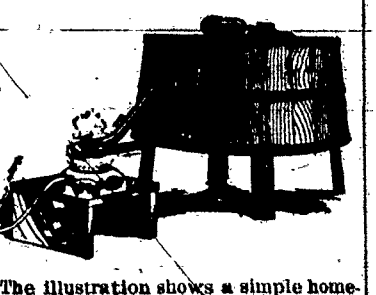
It would be perfectly proper, if Mrs. Wilson wanted to, for her to call her husband "Doctor."—Boston Globe.  
Yes, she can even call him "Duckie" if she wants to.—Nashville Tennessean.  
She can even call him what our wife calls us if she wants to. But we hope she won't do it unless he deserves it.—Houston Post.

**BRIGHT BRIEFS.**

"Furniture prices going up." They always do in leap year.  
The raising of hopes is a pleasant if not a profitable industry.  
Sometimes it is hard to believe even what we want to believe.  
The door of success never opens to a man who can't find the keyhole.  
Fortunes await the inventor of a lifeboat that will float on a sea of trouble.  
Of course money fluctuates. A man is generally either paying up or plunking down.  
The prominent man is not always great, nor is the great man always prominent.  
They say that time flies, but it depends on whether you are the creditor or the debtor.  
Unfortunately the experience that makes a man sadder isn't guaranteed to make him wiser.  
Those who follow the society news should be warned that not all 1910 engagements are necessarily of the leap year sort.  
Economy often consists in doing without something you want now in order to get something you don't want in the future.  
Aerial mine fields are expected to be the next war wonder, and it's only a few years until nations will be clamoring for the freedom of the air.  
There may be a whole lot in the theory of the centenarian who says that she owes her years to the habit of eating pickles. Preserves may preserve.

**HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE**

**Device For Keeping Water Hot In Washing Machine.**



The illustration shows a simple homemade attachment for a washing machine to keep the water hot, says Popular Mechanics. As may be seen, the heating unit consists of two three-quarter inch pipes, one return bend, two unions and two close nipples, which are screwed into the sides of the machine. The stove is a single burner hot plate. The unions permit the ready dismantling of the pipes in case they become clogged with dirt. This attachment, fitted to a power machine, lightens the work considerably.

**Roast Goose.**

Having selected a young, plump bird, singe and clean at least twelve hours before it is to be cooked. When that time arrives fill the cavity of the body with a stuffing made as follows: One cupful of mashed potatoes, one cupful of well cooked rice, one cupful of breadcrumbs. To the breadcrumbs add one egg, well beaten, one small onion, grated; butter size of an egg, adding salt, pepper and sage according to taste. Mix all together and stuff bird, but not too heavily. Rub the outside of fowl over with butter, dust with flour and roast as for turkey, not forgetting to baste with the gravy in the pan very often. When served, surround the roasted goose with a circle of small red apples which have been hollowed out into cups and filled with cranberry sauce.

**Kidneys and Onions.**

A nice supper or luncheon dish may be prepared as follows: Take six lamb kidneys and six large onions (Spanish preferred); pare the onions, halve and take out the centers, leaving the outside to form a cup. Wash and trim any fat or skin from the kidneys, place one in each half onion, sprinkle with pepper and salt and a small piece of butter, cover with the other half onion and fasten with a small skewer. Place in a casserole or deep baking dish, cover and cook in a hot oven about half an hour. Thicken the gravy with a little cornstarch mixed with cold water. The insides of the onions may also be placed in the dish.

**Onions and Apples.**

Frying apples with onions makes the latter more digestible and delicious, says the Country Gentleman. Use two-thirds part of tart apples to one part of onions. Slice and fry in a little butter or drippings. For baking, place alternate layers of sliced onions and apples in a baking dish, seasoning each layer with a little salt and a pinch of sugar. Sprinkle buttered crumbs on top. Add just enough water to moisten well and bake, covered, an hour and a half. Then uncover and bake thirty minutes longer, browning well.

**Salt Ham.**

If the ham is too salt try this method: Soak the ham for at least two days before cooking in cold water, changing the water once or twice, and add just a little milk to the last lot of water. It is wonderful what a lot of difference it makes. If the ham is boiled half an hour for each pound and half an hour extra after it has been soaked in this way and then left in the water in which it was cooked until the water is cold it is delicious.

**Chicken a la Souffle.**

Boil the chicken until it is very tender. When cold remove the skin and bones. Place in individual cups a layer of chicken, sprinkle with salt, pepper and bits of butter and some finely chopped ham. Add another layer of chicken and ingredients and so on until the cup is nearly full. Over this pour some of the chicken liquor and some heavy cream. Bake until brown and garnish with radishes.

**Preserved Oranges.**

Slice large oranges in quarter inch slices and cover with cold water, allowing a pint to each orange, and let them stand twenty-four hours. Cook until tender in same water. Do not allow them to become very soft. Add one pound of sugar and the juice of a lemon for each orange used and cook until transparent. Place the slices in jars, cover with the sirup and seal. Country Gentleman.

**Date Cake.**

Four one cupful of boiling water over one cupful of dates (stoned, but not chopped). Add one level teaspoonful soda and let stand while you make the cake. For cake use one cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter or lard, one and one-half cupfuls of flour. Add dates and beat well. Bake in moderate oven.

**To Clean Brass.**

An ounce of alum put in a pint of boiling water and allowed to cool and bottle for use at any time will remove all stains and tarnish from brass and will not injure the skin on the hands or the metal itself. It only requires to be rubbed on the surface and wiped off.

**IN THE WORLD OF SPORT**

Percy D. Haughton, New Owner of Boston Braves.



Photo by American Press Association.

Percy D. Haughton, the new president and part owner of the Boston club of the National baseball league, is already known to fans as the coach of Harvard university's football team. If Mr. Haughton proves as shrewd a baseball director as his success on the gridiron would seem to warrant, the Boston Braves are sure to keep the other clubs in the league hunting throughout the season. Associated with Mr. Haughton is a syndicate of Boston business men, including Arthur C. Wise, a banker; George Stallins will be retained as manager of the Braves and, according to President Haughton, will have a full and free voice in managing the club.

**The Varsity Race at Poughkeepsie.**

There has been little recent agitation in favor of changing the distance of the varsity race at Poughkeepsie from four to three miles, and the failure of those interested in the suggestion to press the issue points to the conclusion that they have become convinced either of an error of judgment on their part or that the task is hopeless. At any rate, the distance will be the same next June as it has been in the past. The main point raised against the three-mile race was that it proved too great a strain on the oarsmen. In fact, this was the only argument, for as a sport it has much to recommend it, aside from the traditions with which it is surrounded. On the question of labor there is a difference of opinion even among men qualified to judge, but the majority of those who have expressed their views have held that there will only a slightly greater strain in rowing four miles.

**Gondling a Great Walker.**  
No truer heel and toe performer was ever a cinderpath or board foot than George H. Gondling, the Canadian, and it was with gratification that American athletic enthusiasts learned that he had been cleared by the Amateur Athletic union of charges reflecting on his name since he has had a long career as a professional, world champion, and has won a gold medal in the world's best long walk in the world. He has a wife and six children, and his profession as a professional has been approached. He has more miles than any competitive walker on record. He has more records of merit to his credit than any other walker in track circles.

**High Prices For Thoroughbred.**  
That American interest in any kind of buy the best horse in the world was clearly demonstrated at Clarence Mackay sale, held at Forest Park recently, when fifteen youngsters brought in the neighborhood of \$50,000. These youngsters, now two-year-olds, are by some of the most successful stallions in England and France, and their pedigrees being prominent show that great racing records. But that horsemen will not buy inferior stock was seen later, in the same ring, when even twenty mediocre young thoroughbreds were put up at auction and the lot did not bring \$12,000.

**Coakley Must Build New Team.**

Andy Coakley, Columbia university's baseball coach, has a big job on his hands this year. Facing one of the most ambitious schedules that the blue and white has known for many seasons, he finds that he must fill six of the nine positions with new material. Captain Bobby White, who was rated as one of the best second basemen in the collegiate world, has been transferred from last year's team. Benson is the only seasoned outfielder. Coakley has Lane and Temple as catchers and Smith, Beck and Shea as pitchers.

**Distribution of Players.**

It is a noticeable fact that most of the Federal leaguers will play in the major league from which they did not jump. Lee Magee, for instance, was a St. Louis National. Now he belongs to the New York Americans. Moseley was with the Red Sox, his was Fred Anderson. Moseley now belongs to Cincinnati and Anderson to the Kansas Garden is an exception, as he formerly played under Stallins.