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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.

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.

Ants at Work. An American botanist in the far east reports that in Burma and its vicinity the natives set the ants to work.

Scenes of Animals. The deer is one of the two animals that can smell farther than any other, the antelope being the other with this fine sense of smell.

"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 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.

The Rag Man. "Rags are rubber, paper, tags, ole brass, bottles, burlap bags, clean up yer eating, eating tin. We pay cash money, tinware new."

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 comforter amid all the horrors of war.



Photo by American Press Association. COUNT ALEX VAN DER STEGEN DESCHRIEK.

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.

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.

Many of Them Fled to Salonki Empty Handed and Barefooted. A temporary Serbian refugee camp is situated in a vacant lot back of the Russian hospital in Salonki.



Photo by American Press Association. GROUP OF SERBIAN WOMEN REFUGEES.

SIRENS AND SONS.

Lieutenant von Tirpitz, son of the German admiral, who is a prisoner of war in England, is the best 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

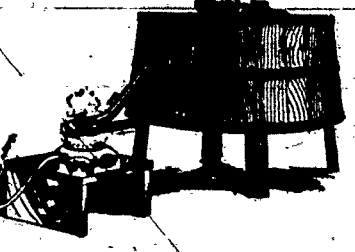
BRIGHT BRIEFS. "Furniture prices going up." They always do in leap year. The raising of hopes is a pleasant if not a profitable industry. Sometimes it is hard to believe even what we want to believe.

Those who follow the society news should be warned that not all 1916 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 home-made 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.

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.

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.

Onions and Apples. Fry 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.

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. Pour 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.

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.

Conquering a Great Walker. No truer heel and toe performer than a cinder path or board foot, the great H. Gondling, the Canadian, was with gratification that American athletic enthusiasts learned that he had been cleared by the Amateur Athletic union of charges of reflecting on his own name. To have had a Canadian adjudged professional, would have meant the loss of a fine, open question in one of the greatest athletic events in the world.

High Prices For Thoroughbred. That American thoroughbred horse buyers buy the best horses in any market was clearly demonstrated at the Clarence Mackay sale, held at Forest Park recently, when fifteen yearlings 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, whose pedigrees being prominent ones, had 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 rated as one of the best second basemen in the collegiate world, the infielder left from last year's team, 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, as was Fred Anderson. Moseley now belongs to Cincinnati and Anderson to the Kansas Garden is an exception, as he formerly played under Stallings.