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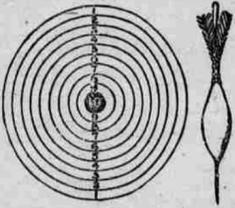
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We Wish You A Merry Christmas And A Happy And Prosperous New Year

Fun In "Darts"

"Darts" is a pleasant game for Christmas, but in it there enters such a degree of chance or enforced lack of skill that it is more or less unsatisfactory. One's best throws will often be wide misses because of the fault in the feathers of the dart, which may cause it to go sideways or turn from its



Homemade Target and Dart.

course. A fairer, surer and more skillful game and one in which far better targets can be made may be called "drop dart," in which an end weighted arrow is used.

The backing is a pine or other soft wood board on which a small, narrow ring target is pasted. This is placed on the floor, and the player stands over it and drops the steel pointed arrow so that it may hit the middle of the bullseye, which it by no means always does. Outside of the half inch bullseye, which counts 10, there should be nine quarter inch ring spaces numbering from 1 to 9, and when the point hits a line it should count the number inside. Five shots may score a possible 50, but not many can make that. The older members have the natural handicap of a longer drop. Mother and big sister are as apt to win as any one.

A Guessing Contest.

For the Christmas party begin with a guessing contest. Provide a tumbler, exactly level brimful of water and a box of inch and a half wire nails. Each person estimates the number of nails that it will require, when dropped into the tumbler, to cause the water to overflow. The result will be surprising. That much may be said. A small prize may be given for the best guess or a first choice of a cut of the turkey at dinner. And the beauty of it is the thing is so deceiving that the youngest reasoning member of the family may make as good a guess as any of the older members.

Victor Suit Dismissed.

The suit brought by E. M. Kellogg against J. F. Albright, Oregon City councilman, on an assigned claim from Maxwell Victor, who acted as publicity agent for the Fishermen's union, in connection with a proposed initiative amendment which failed to materialize, was dismissed Monday by Judge Campbell.

POSTMASTER SPEAKS.

Pleads for More Attention to Addressing Mail Through Office.

Postmaster J. J. Cooke spoke at the assembly of high school pupils on Tuesday morning and also at the Live Wire meeting Tuesday noon, asking the aid of all who mail letters or packages in relieving the work of the clerks in the postoffice. Mr. Cooke pointed out that business men and others who post letters are increasingly careless in the manner in which they address mail matter, oftentimes leaving off the most important parts of the direction. This entails no end of work behind the bars of the office, he said, because of the fact that the clerk must exert himself to determine just what the sender's intention may have been.

Mr. Cooke especially finds fault with mail going to rural routes in Oregon City and elsewhere. The address on such matter frequently does not include the route number and the clerks must search their lists for the names. Such an address as "John Smith, Oregon City," is very insufficient, Mr. Cooke said, and prevents, many times, the proper and prompt delivery of mail. The postmaster will also address the pupils in the high grades of the two city schools on this subject.

JOHNSON WINS BOUT.

Heavyweight Title Claimed by Man Who Throws Oregon City Grappler.

The heavyweight wrestling championship of the Pacific coast is claimed by I. J. Johnson, holder of the middle west title, as a result of his defeat of Ben Mordsen at a local theater Monday night. Johnson, whose home is in St. Paul, Minn., won the first fall in five minutes, using the hammerlock grip, and the second fall in about four minutes. Borden won the heavyweight title about a year ago, when he defeated Daviscourt, and he believes that he can throw Johnson if they meet again and the hammerlock grip is barred.

Wood Cutting Stopped.

A temporary restraining order was issued Monday in the case of John Walcyak against E. Martin, L. Donnelly, James Anderson and C. P. Coop. Because these men have cut wood on Walcyak's property near Barton, and according to his claim, failed to pay for it, he is seeking to have them enjoined from further activity and for the cancellation of the contract between them.

Accident Commission Sues.

The state industrial accident commission filed suit here Monday against C. C. Edwards, a sawmill operator, to collect the contribution which Edwards agreed to give the commission. The percentage of the Edwards payroll of \$1967.75, for the months of May to September, 1916, is \$76.26, or 3.1-2 per cent. This amount the commission seeks to recover.

"A Floury Fate"

The following good diversion deals with mystery and is therefore popular at Christmas. It is provocative of great merriment and interest, though very simple in plan.

Flour, in which there are a ring, a coin and a button, is pressed firmly into a mold, and then the form or "mat" thus obtained is carefully deposited upon the table. Each one seeking to know his fate or fortune takes the large dinner knife provided for the game and carefully cuts into the mound. If he strikes one of the articles in the flour it must be extracted and examined, because, whichever it may be, it is significant and determines whether he is to be a bachelor or benedict, rich or poor. The maiden in this way also learns whether she is to be "all forlorn" all her life or whether she will marry money or learn to sew her husband's buttons on herself to save tailors' bills and keep the wolf from the door.

A master of ceremonies can very entertainingly, if properly selected, assist the finder of his fate in fully reading it to the audience. Sometimes imagination is heavily taxed to sustain a story for the time set, and to a listener not understanding what it is all about there might be a suspicion that he was in a company of ineipient lunatics.

Organ Builder

An interesting Christmas game that is played by the little German children is called the "organ builder." One of the number is chosen to be the organ builder and all the others stand in a straight row with their hands folded. As the organ builder goes along the row he says: "These are good pipes," and taps the hands of the players as he passes, and each player as his hands are touched must give forth a long sustained sound to represent the note of an organ. After he has heard a sound from each organ pipe the builder is blindfolded and while this is being done the players all change places, and the builder says: "Alas, how will my organ be, now I am blind and cannot see?" Then he taps the hands of a player, who gives the same sustained sound as before, and if the builder demands, he must repeat three times. The builder then guesses the name of a player, if he does not guess correctly, the players all dance around him and sing:

What a builder have we here, What a wretched, wretched ear, Though the pipes sound out so clear, After which they all change places and the builder must try again. If however, his guess is right, the players sing: Though the master have no sight, He can tell his pipes aright, See your organ with delight, The banister is then taken off, and the player whose name he has guessed must take his place.

EAST CLACKAMAS.

Miss Hilda Hermann, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Kolnhofer, returned to her home in Milton, Ore., accompanied by her sister, who will spend a month visiting relatives in and around Milton.

The ladies of the E. C. S. C. met with Mrs. Helen Bennett last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boyers were taking observations in Portland last Saturday.

Rev. Bloomfield, of Gladstone, is to preach at the school house every Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

W. Kneeland was an Oregon City visitor last Monday.

Mrs. E. R. and R. E. Boyer took luncheon with Mrs. Clarence Rohl, 212 Jefferson street, Oregon City last Monday.

The E. S. C. S. will meet with Mrs. L. Erickson December 20.

The plasterers are operating on

Gus Haberlach's house these days.

Raymond and Wren VanWater were dental college visitors last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kelnhofer were Gladstone visitors last Friday.

Arlene Haworth was a caller at the Cedar Springs ranch last Monday.

Raymond Bennett who has absented himself from these parts since last July, has returned very much improved after eating sand and alkali in the meantime.

Ralph Boyer is cutting wood on the U. S. rifle range these days.

Fritz Daue of Logan is with his brother Ed of this place, helping buck timber bound fir for his appetite.

Mrs. L. Rasmussen and daughter, Meta, were week-end visitors in Portland.

Ralph Boyer spent Monday working in the sauer kraut factory.

Kruse Files New Complaint.

The unknown heirs of Thomas

Martin, who has not been seen or heard from in 90 years, were released from the suit pending against them, by its dismissal Monday. Frances E. Kruse et al. immediately filed another complaint, seeking to quiet title to lands formerly owned by Mr. Martin. The property involved is the north half of the Charles and Mary Brown donation land claim.

Two Suits Filed

D. B. Howell, administrator of the estate of Clara Zipsy, filed suit Saturday against C. W. and Elma E. Johnson et al. to recover on a promissory note for \$1500 at 8 per cent interest, dated February 12, 1912.

Roy Mattoon is suing Otto C. Klaetsch for wages in the sum of \$140 and asks \$120.15 on the wage account of E. K. Allen.

Will Hold Bazaar

The King's Daughters of the Episcopal church have completed plans

for their annual bazaar to be held at Woodman hall on Saturday. There will be an extensive display of fancy work and other articles suitable for Christmas gifts, the ladies say. They will serve supper at the hall from 5:30 until seven o'clock. The sale starts Saturday at 1:30.

HARD CHRONIC COUGH

Made Well by Delicious Vinol

Crestline, Ohio.—"I contracted a hard, chronic cough, and was weak, nervous and run down. I have a small family of three, and it was hard for me to do my work. I took different medicines without benefit. Finally I heard about Vinol, and it has restored me to health and strength, my cough is all gone and I feel fine."—Mrs. H. H. CAZASZ.

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