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July 1 the children of New York city were afforded great joy by the opening of vacation playgrounds in various parks. These grounds are placed in the most populous sections of the city and are a source of continual pleasure to both boys and girls. Baseball is the most popular game with

Another game which is very popular is basketball. Rope quoits and handball are also liked, and some of the playgrounds have a shuffleboard. Relay races and other athletic sports vary - the proceedings. Many of the playgrounds are arranged for girls exclusively, and they run potato races, do gymnastic exercises and have as good a time as the boys. Many of the playgrounds have shower baths and a few maintain swimming pools. The picture shows a young athlete in summer costume refreshing himself at a fountain in one of the parks.

How the Catcher Was Caught.

How can you catch two fish on one single hook at the same time? A man down in Texas did it the other day, though he had not had any expectation or intention of doing it. The man had gone fishing by setting a line over night. That is, he put a live frog on the book and put the frog in the water and tied the other end of the line to a tree on the shore of the river. The next morning he came back and found that there was a fish on the line. He looked closely and saw that it was an enormous catfish. The line it was hooked on was small and would ordinarily have been broken by such a big fish, but it was still entire. The man investigated. He pulled the fish up on shore, and then he found that inside it was a smaller catfish that had swallowed the frog before the big fellow had come along. The little fish was in the big fish's stomach, and the struggles of the latter against the line had pierced the stomach with one of the little fish's sharp fins.

The Game of Letters, Empty the contents of a box of "anagram letters" on a table so all the letters are in a pile, face downward. The

players sit around the table. The leader begins by turn of the letters and saving "Bird." The letter is laid where all can see it, and the first one who responds by giving the name of a bird beginning with that letter is given the letter, and it is then his place to turn up another card and call out "Bird," "Animal," "Fish" or "Famous man," or any other class of objects he wishes

Suppose the first letter turned was "E," and a player answered it with "Eagle;" the next might be "G," and "Famous man" called. Some one would

be sure to say "Grant." The one who answers the most and has acquired the greatest number of letters is the winner and should receive a prize if it has been decided to give

The Months-A Game.

The leader need be the only one who understands this game. He asks, "What month are you going away in?" One player might answer, "September." The leader then asks, "What will you wear?" "What will you take with | college, both men to expect big things you?" and "What will you do?"

All the answers must be given with the initial letter of the month chosen. For instance, the answers to the above questions may be, first, "Silk stockings;" second, "Sardine sandwiches;" third, "See the sights."

The answers will probably be mixed, as the players do not know the trick. Each one who misses pays a forfeit, and the leader questions the next play-When one or two do "catch on," the more ridiculous they make their answers, the funnier the game.

A Riddle.

A blind beggar had a brother; the brother died; deceased had no brother. What relation was the blind beggar to the one that died? Answer .- A sister.

The Soldier Laddie.

He was a soldier laddie, And he stood erect and grand, With toes turned out and cap a-tilt And musket in his hand. Oh, the way he held his musket Was indeed beyond compare, Such firmness, such precision, Such a military air!

Was his musket a real Mauser? Was his coat of khaki made? Was the frown upon his forehead One to make a foe afraid? No. His jacket and his musket And the cap upon his head-In fact, this soldier laddie

Was all made of gingerbread. -Youth's Companion

LIVE WITH A PURPOSE.

Seize then the minutes as they pass. The woof of life is thought. Warm up the colors; let them glow by fire or fancy fraught. Live to some purpose; make thy life a gift use to thee—a joy, a good, a

MEREDITH'S QUICK RISE TO FAME

Winner of 800 Meter Olympic Event Is Only Nineteen.

WAS TRAINED LIKE HORSE.

His Father States He Prepared Boy For Athletic Career Just In the Same Manner as He Did His Prize Winning

James Edward Meredith, who won the 800 meter run at the Olympic games in world's record time, is only nineteen years of age, and his home is in Media, Pa., where his father is a contractor. Ted, as he is known by the athletes, spent a couple of terms at the Williamson trade school learning bricklaying and in the meantime ran some races for the Aquinas Catholic club of his home city. Then he went to Mercersburg academy. Meredith did not meet defeat during the entire scholastic season.

It would be impossible to describe the joy in the home of Meredith when the news of his great victory was related to his family.

His five sisters were the first to hear the news, his father being busy on the farm, which is near Elwyn.

"Isn't that just grand!" cried one sister, while the others echoed her sentiments. "I had no idea Ed would win the race, but we were all hoping for the best. Somebody run and tell father." In the meantime Mr. Meredith strolled up to the house.

"Ed won his race, father!" cried out one of the Miss Merediths, and immediately the father quickened his pace. "Tell me all about it," said he. He smiled as he heard that his son had



TED MEREDITH, WINNER OF 800 METER OLYMPIC EVENT.

not only won the race, but also had broken the world's record for the dis-

"I had Ed picked as a sure thing for one of the first three places," said Mr. Meredith. "The men I was afraid possibly would beat him out were Davenport of Chicago university and Caldwell of the Massachusetts Agricultural of, but neither of these men was even placed in the event.

"Ed has been trained just as I trainat all. This method of my own in training, which has made prize winners of dozens of my horse breeds, I decidhas been successful. I started to train Ed when he was fifteen years old, nothing very much, of course, because he was too young then, but just to keep a watchful eye on him to see that he should get the proper idea as to how to run. He had a natural in-I merely encouraged him to continue I saw no reason why Ed, with my previous experience to guide him, should not become a star as a runner. He is temperate in all his habits, but one thing which is generally emphasized in the training of a runner which I didn't put much stock in was the eating. I always gave him all he could eat-pie, ice cream, almost anything. There has been a story circulated that I was in the habit of fastening him to the back of my dogcart whenever I went for a jog about the country, but this is not so. Of course, being in close touch with Ed and being his real trainer ever since he was a boy, I was well aware of his ability as a runner and knew just what he was able to do. Consequently the news of his victory

How Paul Jones Countered.

does not come as a sarprise."

When the English government denounced John Paul Jones as a pirate the American naval hero neatly countered. He replied that he had looked in the dictionary and found a pirate defined as "an enemy of mankind," and, "as England was then at war with the whole of America, the greater part of Europe and much of Asia, not to speak of a bit of Africa, she in point of fact came as near being the enemy of mankind as could well be conceived of delusions and that England was therefore the where a man pirate and not Paul Jones."

She Appeared Only to a Child

By F. A. MITCHEL

We in America who have outgrown a belief in the supernatural are not impressed by those legends that are still in vogue among peoples nearer to nature. Science, while it has advanced us, has taken much of the imagination out of us, leaving us like the stalks from which flowers have been stripped. I have envied those untutored persons who still believe the dead may at times mingle with the living.

While traveling in Spain I stopped for a few days in the province of La Mancha. The peasants of the region are much given to legends and believe in ghosts. I was walking through a valley one day when I came to a little church surrounded by the typical yard studded with tombstones. I went through the gate and came upon the sexton, who was digging a grave. It was a peaceful place, a hamiet of the dead, "each in his narrow cell," and I found myself regarding it as such rather than that the heaped mounds should cover only earth. I spoke to the sexton, who got out of the grave to answer certain questions I asked him.

"Do you believe the dead ever come out of their graves and walk about here?

"I have seen them myself, senor." he replied. "In what form?"

"Of a moonlight night I have seen airy figures moving about among the

"Near by or from a distance?" "From a distance. They are shy of

"Don't you think what you say you have seen were rays of moonlight coming through the branches of the trees?" "Oh, no, senor," he replied. "They are really the dead. But it is of no use to try to get near them, for as soon as mortals approach they become in-

visible." "Are there no persons they will permit to approach them?"

Now, I asked the question with a purpose, for I confess I am not a disbeliever in communications between the living and the dead and have a be-Hef in the theory that some persons are susceptible of being impressed by spirits-in other words, are mediums.

The man leaned on his spade and appeared to be thinking. The southern sun gilded his wrinkled brow as he framed his reply, and it occurred to me that he would make a fine model for

"The only persons I have ever known them to appear to in their human shapes are children. There is one person buried here-a woman-who will always manifest herself to a child. They say, senor, that she lost all of her children before they reached the age of twelve. If a child comes here she will arise from her grave and sit upon the tomb built over it and look at the little one wistfully."

This was something definite, and 1 became interested. "Will she permit a at the entrance of San Francisco inchild to approach her?" I asked.

and when they get to the tomb there is no one there.

"Do the children only see her when they are here alone?"

"Children are never here alone. They are not admitted when alone. If they come it is under the care of older per-

"And do the older persons see this spirit?"

"No, senor; they do not." "I cannot believe your story, but I admit there is something about it that appeals to me."

"If senor will bring a child be will be convinced." That would be easy. I was traveling with a party of Americans, among whom were several children. I could

easily bring one of them to the churchyard. I chatted for some time longer with the sexton; then, putting a piece of money in his hand and telling him I would be with him the next afternoon. I left him.

There was a boy of seven in our party, a delicately organized little fellow, and I asked him the next day to go to walk with me. He gladly assented, and I took him to the churched my horses. I made no distinction | yard. The sexton was there putting supports under some of the tottering stones, and I chatted with him while the boy played among the tombs. I ed to try on my boy, and my method kept my eye on the child and presently saw him looking in the direction of the tomb of the lady who appeared to children. Then he began to move slowly toward it. The sexton noticed him and gave me a knowing look. The boy kept his eye fixed on the tomb and approached it with timid steps. clination to this form of athletics, and When he came near it he paused. Then presently be turned and retraced his steps.

"Why did you go to that tomb?" ! asked him.

"Because I saw a lady sitting on it who beckoned me to come to her. But when I got to the tomb she wasn't

"What became of her?" "I don't know,"

"What did she look like?" "I thought her a kind looking lady, and it seemed as if she wanted to take me in her arms and pet me.'

"Did you ever see her before?" "No." "You see," said the sexton, "I did not tell you an untruth."

Nor did he to the best of my knowledge and bellef. I do not expect others to believe that the boy saw a spirit, but for myself how can I help it?

BECOME YOUNG AGAIN.

We are too busy, too encumbered, too much occupied, too active. We read too much. The one thing needful is to throw off all one's load of cares and to become again young, living happily and gracefully in the present hour. We must know how to put occupation aside, which does not mean, however, that we must be idle.-Mrs. Humphry Ward.

San Francisco Can Profit by the Achievements of City Which Looks to the Future.

STREETS CONTRASTED

Northern Thoroughfares Clean, Sightly, Made of Material That Lasts for Decades-

BY EDWARD H. HAMILTON.

(Special Dispatch to "The Examiner") SEATTLE, July 23 .- While booster excursions are quite the thing these days, I would suggest that San Francisco get up an excursion to be headed by Mayor Rolph and to include the City Engineer, the Board of State Har- follows: bor Commissioners with their engineer, the Playgrounds Commission tions and such civic societies as the specially interested in putting San in the way of material improvements. out, Leard to Tiedeman.

Such an excursion would not have to travel far afield to get some eye openers that would shake the mem- land bers out of any conceited self-complacency with which they may have started the trip. They needn't go to New York or Chicago or any of the great population centers of the land. but just to some of the cities of our

For instance, I'd like to note the expressions on the faces of the party when they came out of the Harriman system depot here in Seattle and saw the pavement spread out before them in contrast to the mixture of dirt and irregularity that greets the visitor who steps out of the Ferry depot and enters upon San Francisco. Why Not for Us?

"Why can't we have such pavement stead of the rough basalt blocks "The children who have seen her say dumped on sand that make the Emparcadero unsightly and inefficient?"

they think the present conditions are good enough. Perhaps they are willing to remain in a backwoods state of development. But if they'd come up here and see, they'd hardly have an excuse for keeping the Embarcadero as it is.

Now Seattle has 165 miles of paved

pavement that seems so desirable for medium traffic conditions: with as medium traffic conditions; with as-

phait, or with cement or stone blocks. The cement and stone blocks are not rough, irregular shapes, dumped down recklessly on sand to be dusty in summer and muddy in winter, as many of our streets do.

is recognized as a keen observer has been sent by his employers, the publishers of the "San Francisco Exam- Hanford's resignation if the subcom- of war. iner," to inspect and report on mun- mittee reported that the evidence was icipal and civic conditions and ac sufficient to result in impeachment. In vance in the cities of the Pacific Coast. vance in the cities of the Pacific Coast. This article is taken from his report | ned. appearing in 'The Examiner' dated

PORTLAND, OUTHIT, WINS GAME EASILY

OAKLAND, July 30, (Special.)hard, making 11 bingles, Portland won 6 to 2. Pernoll held the visitors to 6 supervisors, the Board of Works, the hits. Portland made 5 in the fifth as

Howley fanned, Higginbotham walk-Doane . forced and certain assorted citizens from the croft singled and stole, and on Ron- red. Mrs. Barlow says the Gelshas the gathering of four generations of improvement clubs and associa- rer's wild throw to third to get Doane the latter scored and Bancroft took bulbs were planted early in the spring Krueger hit by pitched ball. Butcher Francisco a little ahead of her times homed clearing the bases. Rodgers

The results Tuesday follow: At San Franisco-Portland 6, Oak-

At Los Angeles-San Franisco 6, Vernon 2. At Sacramento-Sacramento 5, Los Angeles 4 (11 innings.)

National League New York 10, Chicago 4. Pittsburg 3, Philadelphia 2. Cincinnati 5, Brooklyn 4, Boston 7, St. Louis 6.

American League Chicago 6, Boston 5. Detroit 7, Philadelphia 6. St. Louis 5, New York 1.

The Ducking Stool In England. The latest recorded use of the ducking stool in England (the designations cucking and ducking were, of course synonymous in the days of Queen Eliz-Here are wide spaces of brick paye- a. eth) was in 1809 It was at Leominment, clean as a whistle, even, lasting, ster, when a woman named Jenny effective. The natural inquiry would Pipes, alias Jane Corran, was paraded through town on the ducking stool and ducked . the water near Kenwa ter bridge by order of the magistrates. In 1817 another woman, called Sarah Leake, was wheeled round the place in the same chair, but not ducked, as, fortunately for her, the water was too Perhaps the Harbor Commissioners low. The instrument of punishment in could answer that question. Perhaps | question has not been used since then. London Notes and Queries.

> Alsace-Lorraine. Alsace-Lorraine has an area of 5,601 square miles and about 2,000,000 inhabitants. Its people are noted for their thrift and industry. It is rich in mineral resources, and its industries are many, varied and progressive.

NOT TO BE DROPPED

WASHINGTON, July 30 .- President are our basalt block streets, but these Taft's refusal to accept the resigna- members of the house committee on blocks are shaped to a nicety and then tion of United States Judge C. H. Han- interstate commerce who have led the laid on a firm footing of concrete or ord until he has conferred with the fight for free passage through the other material, bound and grouted so subcommittee of the house judiciary Panama canal for American vessels, the surface is almost as smooth as committee which investigated im- announced today that they would asphalt. When cleaned these streets peachment charges in Seattle against "stick out for free tolls even if it takes do not at once spit up more mud or the jurist, has caused the belief here all summer." Representatives Humtoday that the president plans to make | phrey of Washington and Knowland of dust to foul themselves again as so Hanford's case an example, illustrat- California are two of the free toll ing the theory that impeachment pro- champions, Note:-Mr. Edward H. Hamilton, ceedings are as expeditious as the rethe writer of the above article, who call of judges. The subcommittee is occupied part of the afternoon in the

expected to arrive tomorrow nounced that he would not accept for free passage of warships in time

MRS. F. T. BARLOW HAS MAMMOTH DAHLIAS

Mrs. F. T. Barlow, one of the enthusiastic rose culturists of Oregon of this city, who were her guests at City, and who has won many prizes Seaside, gave a dinner in honor of her Although Oakland hit Higginbotham at the rose shows given by the Clack- sixty-third birthday. Mrs. Boylan was amas County Rose Society in this taken by a member of the family to city, has dahlias growing in her gar- the beach to watch the bathers enpoyden that are the finest that have been ing the surf, and upon the return to grown in this city. Some of the Sou- her home found the tables prettily devenir De Doazen variety have a diam- corated with flowers, and a most de-Higinbotham. eter of 71 inches, and circumference licious dinner waiting. One of the en-Coofle to Leard. Doane stole. Ban- of 221 inches. They are of a bright joyable occasions of this event was will be blooming in a few days. The the Boylan family. third. Lindsey walked and stole, and the only fertilizer used was Boylan, of Seaside; Mrs. W. C. Green ground bone. The dahlias are grow- and son, Clyde, of Oregon City; Mrs. ing in sandy soil. In the garden of A. R. Williams and son, Allen of Ore-Mrs. Barlow, as well as of her neigh-gon City; Mr. and Mrs. Frank White bor, Mrs. R. D. Wilson, are sunflower of Portland; Robert Green, of Oregon plants, literally covered with golden City; Mrs. Laura Guillott and son, Vircolored flowers, the stalks of which gil, of Portland; Charles Boylan, of are over twelve feet in height.

> One View of It. "What is this here osteopathy?" "It is the science of manipulating

"Pshaw! Then it's nothing but the end part of the minstrel show."-Baltimore American.

TO BE CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, July 30 .- Five

The matter of fortifying the canal senate. Several senators favored Several days ago President Taft an- heavy fortifications with provisions

GUEST OF HONOR

Mrs. George Boylan, a former resident of Oregon City, but now of Seaside, had an enjoyable surprise at her home Monday, when her daughters, Mrs. Frank White, of Portland, Mrs. W. C. Green and Mrs. A. R. Williams

Present were Mr. and Mrs. George

REV. SMITH PREACHES AT WILLAMETTE THIS EVENING

Rev. E. A. Smith will speak at Willamette tonight. His subject will be "The Supreme Grace." He will preach at Logan August 4, on "Making a Re-

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