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Here is about the simplest way for a boy or girl to quickly complete a set. Collect twenty of the very small spools which come with "buttonhole" twist. Certainly any boy can find around the house a piece of heavily insulated copper electric-light wire, and pieces of



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this wire cut six inches in length and bent arch-shaped will make very serviceable wickets when made to stand up by forcing one of the small spools on each end of the little wickets, fitting tightly—Figure 2.

The miniature stakes for each end of the table may be made of two short pencils forced into the small spools, which will support them—Figure 3. The small wooden balls, sold in the toy stores for a cent each, serve admirably for the game and come in various colors.

With the mallets, as described, wickets and stakes completed, there remains but one article to be provided—a railing to fit the table.

Facts About Soap. It is hard to realize that so indispensable an article as soap was unknown 500 years ago, yet its origin dates only from the year 1524, when it first appeared in London. The ancient writers, Pliny and Galen, mention it as an invention of the Gauls, but no trace of it has been found in records of Greek or Roman life.

Pompeii's ruins yield many things which seem quite modern, but no soap has ever been discovered. As a substitute the Romans used oil and clay in their baths. Clay containing a percentage of fuller's earth makes a considerable lather, and is a very fair makeshift, therefore they doubtless managed to attain a sufficient degree of cleanliness, especially as they devoted long hours to the bath.

It is supposed that soap originated in Mediterranean Europe, where great quantities of olive oil were produced. Oil, in fact, combined with either soda or potash, makes a passable quality of crude soap, and it is possible that some Italian or Spaniard accidentally hit upon the art of making it by letting his pot of olive oil boil over and mix with the wood ashes of the fire. Ashes contain potash enough for the purpose and are still used in country places for the manufacture of home-made soft soap.

The fine soap known as castile is still made by one of the oldest forms of the article in use to-day. Perhaps it is the original, discovered by some careless Castilian olive oil maker who did not watch his boiling kettle.

A Gentleman. I knew him for a gentleman By signs that never fail; His coat was rough and rather worn, His cheeks were thin and pale— A lad who had his way to make, With little time for play; I knew him for a gentleman By certain signs to-day.

He met his mother on the street; Off came his little cap; My door was shut; he waited there Until I heard his rap; He took the bundle from my hand, And when I dropped my pen, He sprang to pick it up for me— This gentleman of ten.

He does not push and crowd along; His voice is gently pitched; He does not fling his books about As if he were bewitched. He stands aside to let you pass; He always shuts the door; He runs on errands willingly To forge and mill and store.

He thinks of you before himself; He serves you if he can; For, in whatever company, The manners make the man. At ten or forty, 'tis the same; The manner tells the tale, And I discern the gentleman By signs that never fail. —Margaret E. Sangster.

Found the Proof. Little 4-year-old Harry was not feeling well, and his father suggested that he might be taking the chicken pox, then prevalent. Harry went to bed, laughing at the idea, but early next morning he came downstairs looking very serious, and said: "You're right, papa; it is the chicken pox; I found a feather in the bed."

Comforted Papa. A well-known business man, whose head is bare, yet who wears a luxuriant growth of whiskers, was being rallied recently for being bald by some of his

intimate friends in the presence of his small daughter. Little Mabel didn't understand that it was all a jest, and crawling upon her parent's lap put her arms about his neck and turned defiantly toward his tormentors: "My papa w'd ruver hav' his top hair on his chin, w'udn't you, papa?"

Teacher Didn't Know. "My teacher doesn't know much!" cried the inevitable little brother, as he burst into the parlor where his grown-up sister was entertaining Mr. Blank on a recent evening. "Why, Archie?" was the very natural question his sister asked, and now she wishes she hadn't.

"Cos I ast him wot made you an' Mr. Blank set so clost 't'gether on hot nites; 'nen he lat laffed and c'udn't tell me."

An Awful Prospect. "Pa, let's move in the country. I don't want to live in town." "Why not, Bobby?" "Well, pa, ma says if we live here till I'm grown up an' gray-haired she won't lemme keep a pig."

Why Willie Fought. Willie's Mamma—I hear you have been fighting with one of those boys next door, and given him a black eye— Willie—Yessem. You see, they's twins, an' I wanted some way to tell 'em apart.

Wanted a Heat Brush. A little 4-year-old mink wanted a fan, but she could not remember the name of it, so she said: "Mamma, where's the thing you brush the warm away with?"

Heroic Stuff. The pioneers of Kentucky—the great Indian battle-ground—were, men, women and children alike, made of heroic stuff. The annals of the State abound in deeds of heroism. In "Kentucky Sketches" Lewis Collins relates an instance of boyish fortitude.

In the year 1701 Captain Hubbell, with a party of twenty men, women and children started down the Ohio River in a flatboat destined for Limestone, Kentucky. Twice the little party was attacked by large bodies of Indians from the shore. Several of the men were killed, and the band of pioneers was in danger of extermination. Fortunately the current of the river bore the boat into midstream beyond the range of the redskin bullets.

When the danger was past, a little son of Mr. Placut went up to the captain, and with great coolness asked him to take a bullet out of his forehead. "Why, Tommy, what's this?" said Captain Hubbell, as he saw the boy's bloody face.

Examination showed that a bullet had passed through the side of the boat, penetrated the forehead of the young hero, and remained under the skin.

Tommy did not utter a sound as the captain, at the point of his knife cut a hole in the skin and pressed the bullet out.

"You're a brave one, Tommy," the captain said. "That ain't all," said the boy; and raising his arm, he revealed a piece of bone at the point of his elbow, which had been shot off and hung only by the skin.

"Why, Tommy, why didn't you tell me of this?" cried his mother, at sight of the bleeding arm. "Because the captain said we musn't make any noise during the fight," replied the lad. "and I was afraid if you knew it you would be scared and speak."

Misarrangement of a Joke. A Milwaukee wheelman tells a good joke on himself. The other evening he left his bicycle with a friend who is employed in a store on Michigan street. The following morning the friend took the wheel to go on an errand, leaving it in front of a store on West Water street, where he made a call. Just then the owner chanced to come along. He recognized the wheel, and seeing an opportunity for a little fun, took out his trousers guards, put them on, mounted the wheel and rode away. When the borrower reappeared on the walk he found no bicycle. Turning pale as death, he hurried to the police station and reported the theft. The police were given a description of the bicycle and now the owner of the wheel is afraid to ride his own bike for fear of being arrested as a thief.

English Lace in Russia. Thomas Fletcher, the mayor of Derby, England, is at present at Moscow on a visit to his large lace factory there. It seems a queer thing to make " Nottingham lace" in Russia, but that is exactly what Mr. Fletcher has been doing for a number of years past, and it has proved a very successful venture. That the Moscow work people think the arrangement a very good one was proved recently, when a deputation from the factory waited on him at his hotel and offered for his acceptance a valuable silver platter, with an inscription in Russian and in English congratulating him on his election to the civic chair of the town of Derby and conveying their good will. Mr. Fletcher was greatly surprised and is immensely pleased, as, indeed, he has reason to be.

Wine Barrels. It is generally stipulated in France when wine is sold that the purchaser shall return the barrel at his own expense, and the cry, "Send back my barrel," is going out from every wine dealer's house. It is calculated that one barrel will serve seven years, if properly cared for.

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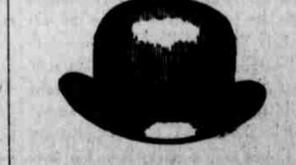
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