

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Magic Glass.

First you need a piece of colored paper; also a smaller piece of similar paper, which paste over the mouth of an ordinary glass tumbler, then trim around the edge carefully, so when placed bottom side up on the sheet of paper you cannot detect the piece covering the mouth of the glass. Place the glass on one corner of the paper, bottom side up, which must be laid on a flat surface. Now borrow a coin—a ten cent piece is preferable on account of its thinness—place the coin in the center of the paper; also borrow a handkerchief, with which you cover the glass; then move the glass, with the handkerchief over it, directly over the center of the paper, making sure to cover the coin. Say a few words in Latin and remove the handkerchief, and to the great surprise of all there is no coin in sight. Now return the coin in the same manner. Wait a few moments. Perhaps some one wishes the trick repeated. If not remove the paper from the glass while in your hand and lay it on the table right side up, which makes the trick appear all the more mystifying.

Thought Transference.

A game called thought transference is one of the latest fads, and it supplies a great deal of amusement. In playing the game the person who is selected to be the "subject" is sent out of the room, and two of the players are selected to "transfer the thought." These two decide on what simple test the player will be required to perform. She may be required to touch the keys of the piano, to arrange a cushion or any simple thing, and the remainder of the people in the room are informed what the test is to be. Then the "subject" is allowed to enter the room again, with the persons who are to guide him on each side, each holding one of his hands. All of the company are required to think of the test to be made, and it is claimed that in nearly all cases the "subject" makes his way, still clasping the hands of the "transfers," toward the object selected, and then does what is required of him. In nearly all cases the audience will demand several "subjects" and experiments before their curiosity is satisfied.

Kettles That Sing.

The Japanese, who know so well how to add little unexpected attractions to everyday life, manufacture in a great variety of forms iron teakettles which break into song when the water boils. The song may not be a very perfect melody, but it is perhaps as agreeable as the notes produced by some of the insects which the Japanese also treasure for their music. The harmonious sounds of the teakettles are produced by steam bubbles escaping from beneath the sheets of iron fastened close together nearly at the bottom of the kettles. To produce the best effects some skill is required in regulating the life. The character of the sound varies with the form of the kettles. These curious singing kettles have been used by the people for many centuries.

Bottomless Lake.

Bottomless lakes are a tradition, as the greatest depths of water, salt or fresh, have some kind of a ground formation under them. Rosewell lake, in New Mexico, is so small that a stone can easily be hurled over it, yet it has a depth of over 800 feet. The water looks a deep green, but it is so clear that objects dropped into it can be seen for yards and yards as they go deeper into the water. It is supposed that this lake and others in the same chain tap the subterranean waters of the Pecos valley, the plains waters having in the course of time dissolved the gypsum until the deepest bedrock has been reached.

An Alphabet Story.

Each person must write a story in twenty-six words, every word to begin with a different letter of the alphabet in its natural order—for instance: A brilliant creature discoursed every Friday, giving her interpretations joyously. Kindly lawyer, Mr. Norton, objected, professing quite rudely some trumpery unbeliefs, varied with exalted yells. Zounds!

This may be varied by using the letters backward from Z to A. For the best or least bad story some humorous trifle can be presented.

The Bur and the Nut.

Prickly Bur said to Hazelnut: "Ho, ho! I have children three, and I've shut them tight away from sight. Where the girls and boys can't see. In a green spiced cell I have hid them well. At the top of the chestnut tree."

Then Hazelnut said to Prickly Bur: "Hush, hush! I hide but one, and I've wrapped it round all safe and sound. And I think my work well done. For I've tucked it away from the light of the day. From the rain and the dew and the sun."

But Jack Frost came with his magic wand. Of delicate hoar white frost. And he said: "My will o'er valley and hill. No power has ever crossed."

And he found the cell that was hid so well. And the children out he tossed.

Then he spied the hut of the Hazelnut. That she thought no one could see. And threw on the ground what inside he found. While he laughed aloud in glee: "Ho, ho! My will o'er valley and hill. No power has ever crossed."

Hear, Prickly Bur! Hear, Hazelnut! It is I, the King, Jack Frost!

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MITCHELL FOR BOYCOTT.

Labor Leader Claims Right to Buy Where He Pleases

Indorsing a report of the committee on boycott at the federation convention in Toronto, John Mitchell said:

"I want the people of the United States to know my position. I shall not speak definitely; but, be the consequences what they will, I shall not surrender any right guaranteed to me by the constitution of our country. I am not sure how much mental and physical suffering will be necessary to make me submit, but if I know myself not any amount of suffering will persuade me that I have not the right to spend my money where I please or that I have not the right to write and speak as I please, being responsible under the law for my acts. Whether the boycott be a benefit or a detriment, each man must decide where he will bestow his patronage. I maintain that my patronage is my own and no merchant has a property right in it. It is mine to give or bestow as suits my own pleasure, and any attempt through the subtleties of the law to take from men the absolute right to do what they please with their own money must be opposed to the very limit.

"I understand that cognizance is being taken at Washington of the utterances of men on the floor of this convention, and I want clearly to state my position. I propose in the future, as I have in the past, to exercise the rights secured to me by the fathers of my country, and I propose if I am sent to jail to declare again when I come out for the rights guaranteed me under the law. I make this declaration not to tickle the ear of any man, but that I may publicly declare the conviction that is within me.

"It seems to me that the whole proceedings should prove a lasting lesson to the workmen of the United States and Canada. If all the workmen had been true to themselves there would not have been a nonunion product on the market.

"I am proud of being an American, but I want to see the world American stand for all the sentiment that is symbolized by the flag of our country. I want real liberty. I don't believe in the liberty enunciated by some of our courts that men and women should have the right to work themselves to death. I don't believe in the liberty enunciated by Judge Tutbill of Chicago, who declared unconstitutional the ten hour law for women and by that act compelled them to work fourteen hours a day.

"Is the time going to come on our continent when the badge of faithfulness to labor must be the brand of imprisonment?" he said in conclusion.

The report which drew forth Mitchell's speech and which was adopted by the convention is as follows:

"We say that when your cause is just and every other remedy has been employed without result, boycott; we say that when the employer has determined to exploit not only adult male labor, but our women and children, and our reasoning and appeal to his fairness and his conscience will not sway him, boycott; we say that when labor has been oppressed, browbeaten and tyrannized, boycott; we say that when social and political conditions become so bad that ordinary remedial measures are fruitless, boycott, and, finally, we say we have a right to boycott and we propose to exercise that right. In the application of this right to boycott, to paraphrase the president (Gompers), we propose to strive on and on."

Douglas Shoe Strike Settled.

The controversy over the use of the union stamp between the Douglas Shoe company and the International Boot and Shoe Workers' union, whereby the former discarded the stamp in its several New England factories and the latter went on a strike of several months' duration, has been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. This strike has been the occasion of much interest throughout the entire labor movement in this country, and the settlement reached does credit to those who engineered it.

Labor and Politics.

We must be partisan for a principle and not for a party, but we must make manifest the fact that we have political power and that we intend to use it; otherwise the ballot will become an impotent weapon.—Samuel Gompers.

GEMS FROM GOMPERS.

In the whole history of our movement no greater struggle has taken place than that for the preservation and the maintenance of the right of free press and free speech.

The people of our country have with the men of labor made it clear to the whole world that no curtailment of the rights of free press and free speech will be tolerated.

The herculean efforts of the men of labor to arouse the people of the country to a realization of the danger which threatens our constitutional liberties will go down in the annals of history as one of the great crusades for the maintenance and advancement of human rights.

There is no persecution, no injustice to a great movement, but if met in the right spirit bears its harvest of good.

Out of this attempt to seal the lips of the men of labor I believe will come good.

We have come too far in the march of human progress for any set of influences to drive us back into slavery.

I see a silver lining to the clouds and a bright star of hope in the heavens, and I see ultimately the spirit of humanity, justice and the brotherhood of man obtaining in the minds and hearts of the people of the country.

Humor and Philosophy

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THE WONDER CHILD.

The fellow who rises and pushes his work Makes tracks on the path to success, And on to prosperity, riches and fame He goes by the lightning express. The devil gets after the hindmost man And carries him off in his net, But never can get within shooting of one Who pushes his work, you can bet.

The dreamer who loafs when the labor is there

And crying aloud to be done Is all tangled up at the end of the day. He can't go to rest with the sun. He's scratching away while the others repose.

Who started and finished on time. No joy in his labor, no joy at the end. 'Tis mixed without reason or rhyme.

In driving your work or your work driving you

Is all of the difference on earth. The one starfs for failure, the other success.

That shows you what pushing is worth. The man is the master who tackles the task

And causes the engines to throb. He stands in command of the labor at hand

The other is bossed by his job.

The man who procrastinates, putting aside

The work he is called to perform, Has neither enjoyment, contentment or pride

In keeping his seat cushion warm. Though seeming at ease and at peace with mankind.

His mind is indeed in a stew. It hangs like a millstone attached to his neck

The work that he knows he should do.

Sad.



"He always lays his plans very carefully."

"And carries them out just as carefully."

"Well, not always."

"Why?"

"Sometimes his wife mislays them."

Possible Blessing.

"Why so downcast?"

"Everything is going wrong."

"Not everything. Think real hard and see if you cannot discover many things to be thankful for."

"Well, I suppose I might be thankful that I wasn't kicked in the third rib by a horse this morning or that no one has offered to give me a secondhand automobile."

Should Keep It Up.

"How does Clarence like married life?"

"His only kick is that his wife talks all the time."

"Didn't he know about that before he married her?"

"She didn't have a chance to exhibit her prowess in that line. He was kissing her every chance he got."

Saw Through It.

"Johnny, do you know why children should obey their parents?"

"Yes'm."

"Why, then?"

"Because children do not like to be spanked."

Brought Peace.

"The sword has been sheathed, I hear, in that contentious household."

"What caused it?"

"The wife was sheathed."

Their Rich Deserts.

They used to holler "Shoot the hat!"

At one that loudly called for shooting.

Then new spring styles are worse than that.

For they demand electrocuting.

The Afterthoughts.

"Looking prosperous. Where have you been?"

"Hampden Roads."

"In what line?"

"Selling Asiatic souvenirs to the boys who wanted to take something home that they had picked up on their trip around the world."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Being satisfied is a condition most expasperating to the man who isn't.

The simple life is appealing and alluring until you find out that the simpler and more comfortable it is the more expensive it is.

Everybody is willing to become acquainted with Prosperity. She need not bring credentials if she delivers the goods.

The Golden Rule is not threatened with disfavor from overwork.

We feel grateful to certain people because they are not friendly with us.

Garden making looks more alluring in the prospective than shoveling snow in the present.

It is mean to be suspecting everybody, but that is the only way to avoid being surprised—and then you don't



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He who knows not, and knows not he knows not,
He is a fool: shun him.

He who knows not, and knows he knows not,
He is simple: teach him.

He who knows, and knows not he knows,
He is asleep: awaken him

He who knows, and knows he knows,
He is wise: follow him.

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