The Egg Tombola.

A very amusing toy can be made out of an egg, and is described by *Harper's Young People*. The way to do it is this: Get a clean, well shaped fresh egg. With a strong needle make a hole at each end about the size of a large shot, then suck out the contents of the egg. Now you have the hollow shell. Through one of the holes drop half a teaspoonful of shot and the same quantity of pellets of bees-wax or tallow. Now take a small bit of bread and work it between the fingers till it becomes a paste; with this stop up the hole at the big end of the egg. Then procure a cup of boiling water, and hold the egg in it till the wax is melted, taking care to hold it quite upright, so that all the shot will settle in the big end. This will take about five minutes. Then hold the egg in very cold water till the wax is cooled. This will take about five minutes more. You will now find that the egg will stand upright on the table no matter in what position you may lay it down. The next thing is to paint or draw a figure of an old gentleman, and you have the Tombola complete. If the figure be painted with oil colors, the Tombola can be made perform his pranks in a basin of water.—*Christian Monitor.*

A Musician's Joke.

Boehsa, the eminent harpist, is fond of his little joke. One evening, while performing in Boston, he announced his readiness to play, with impromptu variations, any air which the audience might select.

"You will please send me ze tune vot I sall play," proposed monsieur to his audience, as he came upon the platform.

Half-a dozen strips of paper immediately found their way to the stand and Monsieur Bochsa.

"'The Star-Spangled Banner!'" shouted somebody in the crowd.

"Wot you say?" inquired Bochsa.

"'Star-Spangled Banner!'"

Monsieur didn't understand. He was a little hard of hearing. He stepped quietly down from the rostrum, and approached one of the aisles.

"Ze zhentleman vill please to step to ze front."

The stranger modestly declined.

"If ze zhentleman cannot come to me, I mus' come to him."

The audience took the "cue," and a general roar followed this announcement, during which the gentleman made his appearance.

A round of applause greeted him as he passed to the foot of the passage-way, where stood monsieur, in an attitude most provokingly grave, waiting for further explanation.

"Vot you say, sair?"

"The 'Star-Spangled Banner,' I want."

"'Scar-Tangled Bannair?' Aha! N'comprend, monsieur."

"Not Scar-Tangled, sir; 'Star-Spangled Banner.'"

"Ze Banner! Oui,—un'erstan'—ze flag?"

"Yes, yes, the Flag of the United States."

"Yes, sair. I remember him ver' moch. Zat is, I do *not* recollec' 'zactly. Monsieur you know him?"

"Why, yes, to be sure; everybody knows the 'Star-Spangled Banner.'"

"Tres bien, monsieur! Every Yankee zhentleman vissle. You shall vissle him in my ear!"

Another shout went up from the audience, but the gentleman nothing abashed, placed his mouth at the side of Bocha's head and commenced whistling the "Star-Spangled Banner" most philosophically, amid the convulsive shouts of the audience who could not find the scene upon the bills of the evening.

"Tres bien, monsieur!" vociferated Bocha. "Elegant, *superb!* Monsieur, you von ver' fine *musician.* I sall play ze 'Scar-Tangled Bannair' with moch plaisaur!"

Mounting the platform, he commenced with a grand introduction to the several melodies proposed.

On a sudden a crash of harmony leaped from the harp-strings, taking the audience by surprise. An instant's rest followed, when our own beautiful national air, the "Star-Spangled Banner," was produced with a most brilliant accompaniment which brought down the house.

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