

### APPROPRIATE GAMES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

**H**IDE AND SEEK games are at ways at Christmas time or during other holiday seasons splendid to play. There is a new way of playing hide and seek just the opposite of the old familiar game. The player who is "it" goes away to hide, instead of blinding, while all the other players remain at the goal. While one counts 100 they all blind their eyes. At the end of the counting the players all hunt for the hider. As soon as one discovers his hiding place he must squeeze in and hide there too. If there isn't enough room for him he must take a seat in plain sight near the hiding place. The player who is unable to discover the hiding place is "it" for the next game.

A bean bag is almost a jollier playmate than a ball. Why, does a child ask? Just because it never runs away and loses itself as a ball does so often when it goes rolling off alone to see the world. A bean bag can't roll, and so it is nearly always ready to play when a child is ready. You can make your own bean bag too, some rainy afternoon when you are not able to go out in the garden to play. Sew red and white striped ticking strong carefully with small stitches in a double square which measures about six inches on each side is the best cover for a bean bag, and it should be filled two-thirds full of dried peas or beans. Another and a prettier cover for a bean bag is made of quite strong unbleached cotton and it is decorated with some bright flowers cut from scraps of chintz or copies of your Noah's Ark animals cut from black cambric. These little picture figures should be sewed in over and over stitches to the white bean bag cover. When you have made as many as eight or ten fine, new bean bags you are ready to invite all the children from the house next door for an afternoon of pleasant bean bag games.

An empty wooden soap box may be transformed by a clever boy into a splendid bean bag board, quite as strong and pretty as any which you can buy at a toy shop. One end and the two sides should be knocked off the box, and the remaining end must be braced to the bottom by some strips of wood taken from the other end. Three holes varying in size and one above the other are then cut with a circular saw in the bottom, and the entire board is painted red. The game is played like that of rringling hoops on a stake.

"Bean bag puss in the corner" is the jolliest sort of a bean bag game. Each child chooses a tree for his corner, and half the players are provided with bean bags. One child tosses a bean bag to a child at an opposite tree, immediately running toward his opponent's tree. The other child tries to catch the bean bag and reach the thrower's tree first. As a great many bean bags may be flying through the air at once, the game will prove a whole lot of fun for a group of children.

"Bean bag call" is a fine game to play on a lawn or in a field some frosty day when a child wants to warm his fingers and toes. One child who is "it" tosses a bean bag in the air and at the same time calls quickly the name of another child who is playing the game. The child called must run forward and catch the bean bag before it falls to the ground or he must leave the ground. The child who catches it successfully the greatest number of times wins the game.

Both skillful and amusing is the Christmas game of "mixed pickles." Every one knows how difficult it is to get one's favorite piece of pickle out of the pickle jar, and it is this fact which suggested the game to its inventor. The players are provided with a couple of "pickle forks," which very much resemble knitting needles. Armed with these, the competitors take their seats around the table. In the center of which is the pickle jar. In front of each player a little heap of "pickles" is placed, the said "pickles" consisting of pieces of smooth wood or ivory of various shapes and sizes. It is exceedingly difficult to pick up these with the "forks" and convey them into the jar, and he or she who first succeeds in so disposing of their particular heap of "pickles" is the winner.

There is a delightfully laughable Christmas game called "the lord of misrule." Here some one, usually one of the larger boys or girls at first, is given a spray of holly. Whatever the person holding the holly does other players must imitate exactly. No antics in which the holly leader indulges must stamp his followers. They follow him as he crawls under furniture, jumps over stools and benches or waltzes round the room. They even imitate his grimaces. When the invention of one holly leader has given out some other member of the company will volunteer for the position. Any one who would like to lead the company a merry dance around the room should be allowed to have a turn at it.

It is reported that German manufacturers have discovered a substitute for jute and hemp, which have become scarce in Germany. In various species of epilobium-willow-herb—the best fiber being yielded by E. hirsutum, while E. angustifolium comes second in merit. Both plants grow wild in Germany.

The possibility of photographing objects several miles distant with a moving picture camera has been investigated by the United States Bureau of Standards, with successful results.

### UNIVERSITY WORKING FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

University of Oregon, Eugene, December 25.—The day of the "little red schoolhouse" is past. It was never red any way, but usually a dirty white, or not painted at all. There are still among us those who love to talk about the "good old days" which deep down in our hearts we know are not half so good as the days that are now. We may tell the younger generation what hardships we endured; how we walked five miles to school; how we sat on home-made benches and never thought about such foolishness as sanitary drinking and ventilation.

"We may deceive ourselves for the moment into thinking that the progress that has been made consists mainly of fads and expensive innovations.

The real test under which this attitude of mind breaks down completely comes when we consider the needs of our own boys and girls. No matter what our school experience has been, we do not want them to have to walk five miles to a school; we are likely to complain if they have to walk a mile and a half. No matter how much we make glory in our own discomfort in the "good old days," we are by no means anxious—indeed we are not even willing—to have their spines deformed by ill-fitting desks, or their eyes ruined by poor lighting arrangements. We realize in this day of civilization and progress that typhoid fever is a germ disease and that it behooves us to be careful of our sanitary arrangements.

"In fact, when we think of our children, we are always ready to subscribe definitely to the statement that the 'little red schoolhouse' is out of date just as soon as a community can find something better to take its place."

The foregoing is the introduction of a lecture on the Oregon standard school illustrated with 46 slides. This lecture is a part of the new pictorial instruction service offered by the extension division of the State University. The lecture is free; and the slides are free, except for express charges. The lecture on the standard school, for example, is usable by teachers, supervisors, county board of education, in working for better physical conditions.

The "little red schoolhouse" slides show instances of improper lighting, of good lighting, of old equipment, of improper seating, of proper furniture, of heating and ventilation, proper and improper; of good and bad grounds, of safe and dangerous schoolhouse drinking supplies, and of old-fashioned and modern schools. The extension division believes that pictorial instruction will shortly figure very extensively in the educational plan of Oregon.

A baptismal font 200 years old was used at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Boynton, at the Wisconsin Veterans' home in Milwaukee when the Rev. E. B. Erie baptized Ray Gustave Boynton. The font was an heirloom of Judge Barlow, grandfather of Dr. Boynton.

Martin Van Buren, who apparently liked to see things coming toward him in a flock, is said to have waited until the end of his presidential term before drawing any of his salary. The total, according to the \$25,000 rate then paid, was an even \$100,000.

In a Pennsylvania town it was proposed to have Sunday baseball. The burgess declined to license unless the people approved, so boxes were placed in the churches on Sunday. The result was 999 favored and 200 opposed.

The artichoke, which originally came from Barbary, is not a botanical species, but a variety of the thistle, which grows spontaneously all along the African coast of the Mediterranean from Morocco to Palestine.

A flash of lightning lights up the ground for one-millionth of a second, yet it seems to last much longer.

**Holiday Time in Belgium.**  
No carol singing, no Christmas cards, no Christmas trees, no Christmas toys! To us Christmas would not be Christmas without these accessories, but Belgium seems to have rubbed along well enough without them even before the war. New Year's day is the day of merrymaking. Christmas for the most part is a solemn festival. Formerly Christmas in the land of the Belgians was preceded by a season of strict abstinence, which lasted the whole of Advent, during which there was an entire disuse of flesh.

Old superstitions still survive in many parts. Young Belgian belles still take candies to the wells at midnight to see the faces of their future husbands. A light extinguished on the table at the Christmas feast is still believed by some to foreshadow the death of a guest present.

Don't forget to read the want ads.

### SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IN THREE-DAY SESSION

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Estimates indicate that 2000 teachers will attend the three-day session of the Oregon State Teachers' association that convenes in the city tomorrow. The fact that the convention is being held during the vacation period has allowed many teachers who would otherwise be occupied to attend the sessions that promise to be most interesting and instructive.

The meetings and discussions will be held in both the Lincoln high school auditorium and the Shatuuck school.

Twelve new classes in various high school subjects are to be organized at the Jefferson high school night school, January 2 according to announcement made yesterday by A. M. Gray, principal of the school. The classes are to be a part of the regular night school course and will be open and free to the public.

The new classes will be in the following subjects: English composition, English literature, chemistry, bookkeeping, German, Latin, advanced Spanish, commercial arithmetic, commercial English, public speaking, physics and dictation in shorthand.

Sixty-two men and six women ate their Christmas dinner in the county jail yesterday and 34 men dined in the city jail. Eleanor Harris, colored the only woman prisoner in the city jail, was released by Municipal Judge Langough yesterday morning.

Sheriff Hurlburt served a turkey dinner to the prisoners in his care. The menu consisted, besides the turkey, of vegetables, cranberries, coffee, nuts and oranges.

A chicken dinner was served to the prisoners in the city jail. Two boxes of apples and half a box of oranges were donated to the prisoners by charitable persons.

The funeral of Rev. Alexander Costello, who was killed in a jitney accident on Washington street December 22, was held at 9 a. m. today in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral. High requiem mass will be offered.

Father Costello was 77 years old, and was chaplain at St. Vincent's hospital. Burial was in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Services for Mrs. Gertrude Chamberau, of 186 East Thirteenth street, who was killed in the same accident, was held at 10 a. m. today in Finley's chapel. She was buried in Lone Fir cemetery. Mrs. Chamberau is survived by her widower, J. J. Chamberau.

Edward Savage, who sustained a fractured skull in the wreck, is semi-conscious at St. Vincent's hospital. Hopes for his recovery are entertained by his physicians.

#### Canadian High Prices.

The Canadian department of labor reports that country suffering from increased cost of living to an extent as great as does the United States. In the six months between July and December, 1914, the cost of a weekly family budget of some thirty staple foods rose from \$7.42 to \$8.13, though part of this rise was perhaps due to seasonal differences. The cost of food in 1915 was reckoned 13 per cent greater than five years before—and this throughout the Dominion as a whole, not in the cities alone. The cost of fuel and lighting was but 4 per cent greater than in 1910, but in many manufacturing goods there were again phenomenal rises. The predominating influence the department naturally finds to be the war, and it points out the compensating stimulation of the high prices upon industry and trade. Not only did the war make necessary production in many lines never before thought of, but it made profitable production that was not necessary and that had been attempted in quieter times with unsatisfactory results. War is also pointed to as making crop conditions of less moment in fixing prices than ever before. The short crop of 1914 was of secondary importance in raising prices, the large crop of 1915 did not reduce them to anything like normal levels. However much she grumbles at higher living costs, Canada can not but reflect that the war rescued her from a depression accentuated by the reaction from "boom" mines.—New York Press.

While slicing carrots Mrs. Morris Rosebaum, of Elizabeth, N. J., struck an obstruction in the vegetable. It was a wedding ring which showed signs of having been in the ground for many years. Part of an inscription, "W. W. to—," was legible, together with the date 1872.

For automobile tourists there has been invented a complete bed that weighs only fourteen pounds and, with the exception of the blankets, can be folded and carried in the tool box of a car.

### TROUTDALE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS IS A SUCCESS

The community Christmas tree Saturday was a great success, and did much toward enhancing a real community spirit. The following program was given: Christmas talk—Rev. B. C. Brewster; Santa Claus Fairies, four little girls; song, "Story of a Soul," Clelia Crawford; recitation, "Hard Times," Edwin DuPuy; recitation, Amy Kendall; play, "Red Pepper," Intermediate pupils of school; snow song, school pupils; solo, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Mrs. J. A. Larsson; Christmas Stockings, four girls; magician act, Ned Loudon; piano solo, Mrs. L. A. Harlow.

The program was very well given, the two numbers, "Santa's Fairies" and the play "Red Pepper" being deserving of especial mention, showing much work by the teachers, and bright aptitude in the children. Candy and nuts were distributed to all of the large crowd present, and judging from the happy faces, all departed full of the Christmas spirit.

In a recent letter from Mrs. L. M. Kummer, she tells of a very pleasant visit in Venice, California, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Axtell, formerly of Gresham, and the wonderful trips they took them sightseeing. Mr. and Mrs. Kummer are settled in Bloomington, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Boscoe and "Billy" left Friday for Woodburn to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. King and Mildred, of Rockwood, came to attend the Christmas tree program Saturday evening.

Miss Peggy Thomas, of Portland, spent the week-end with friends in Troutdale.

Irving Ida, who is at the tubercular sanitarium in Salem, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burdine.

Mrs. C. I. Thomas and daughter Elizabeth are spending a few days at The Dalles with Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Raker and son Ellsworth, Miss Emma Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bailey and three children, and Mr. Bert McCandless were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bailey yesterday.

#### Fake Mines Common.

These are prosperous days for the unscrupulous mining promoter. With copper, zinc, lead and other metals selling at prices which enable anything entitled to the name of a mine to pass dividends of unprecedented amount, it is the easiest thing in the world to excite the public's imagination with respect to the possibilities of almost any kind of mining enterprise and to separate the person of small means from his hard earned savings.

The commonest method of approach to the public is through the advertising columns of newspapers. "Buy now before the stock is listed," reads one advertisement. "Do not wait, because the price is going to be advanced 10, 25 or 50 cents a share after such and such a date," reads another. "Latest advices," declares a third, "announce a big strike of bonanza ore." "So and so, the famous mining engineer," reads still another, "wires that the future of our property is assured." Sometimes a map shows the alleged strike and the contiguity of the property to the mine of some reputable corporation. The photograph of men engaged in actual mining is frequently resorted to. And the public—well, they simply "fall for it" in droves.

It is probably no exaggeration to say that at least 25 to 50 per cent of this kind of thing is inspired by out and out crookedness, and that the greater part of the remainder, though free, perhaps, from the taint of dishonesty, has its roots in the ignorance and ill founded enthusiasm of prospectors and promoters. If more than two or three out of every fifty new mining enterprises whose securities are publicly advertised today develop into profitable undertakings, then we may safely abandon the teachings of experience. For if there be more than two or three established mines today whose securities were advertised in the same bizarre fashion ten, fifteen or twenty years ago, we can not readily call to mind their names.

A piece of bog in the western cove of Highland lake, Bridgton, Me., about large enough to make a little island, as broken off and is floating around the head of the lake. Trees from twelve to fourteen feet are growing on this "floating island" and it is proving a menace to the many craft on the lake.

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