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FOR THE CHILDREN FLOWERS IN

How Do You Like It?
 This is an old game, but always popular and entertaining. One of the players chosen for the guesser goes out of the room while the others choose a noun, which he must guess from their answers to three questions. These are "How do you like it?" "When do you like it?" and "Where do you like it?"

The guesser comes in when the word has been agreed upon and asks each player in turn the first question. If he cannot guess from these answers he goes around with the second question and then the third if necessary, and if he is not yet able to tell the word he must pay a forfeit or he may be sent out of the room again while another word is chosen.

The game is usually made as puzzling as possible by selecting a word with two different meanings, such as pen (an enclosure and pen (a writing implement), or two words of similar sound, like "cell" and "Celle," "key" and "quay."

For instance, with the words hair and hare, answers to the question "Where do you like it?" might be "On my head," "In a stew," "In a mattress," "Running in the woods," and so on.

A Wonderful Cherry Stone.
 What do you think of paying \$5,000, or \$25,000, for a cherry stone? You can hardly believe it, can you? And yet that enormous price was paid for one in the first part of the eighteenth century. The stone was bought in Prussia by a wealthy Englishman and was by him taken to England. It came from a common cherry, but on it an artist had carved the heads of 124 popes, kings, queens and saints. Of course the heads were microscopically small, but it is said that by using a good glass one could readily distinguish the popes and kings from the others by the miters and crowns on their heads. We have a curiosity in the form of a cherry stone in this country, too, or had a few years ago. It is in an old museum at Salem, Mass. It is hollowed out and fashioned like a basket, and in it are twelve silver spoons, the shape and finish of which you can see only by using a magnifying glass.—Chicago News.

A Large Gum Tree.
 What is probably one of the largest specimens of the tupelo, or sour gum, in the United States was found recently growing in the Ocmulgee river swamp, near Abbeville, Ga.

It towers above the surrounding forest of immense trees and is more than twelve feet in diameter. There is a large hollow at the base, which extends upward for a distance of fifteen feet, with an aperture large enough to admit a tall man.

The tupelo gum, which is botanically known as Nyssa aquatica, delights in swampy places, where it is frequently found growing among deciduous cypresses and endeavoring apparently to imitate it by sending from among its roots rudimentary knees similar to that great southern monarch.

Dictionary Fun.
 "Rob," said Tom, by way of the Busy Bee, "which is the most dangerous word to pronounce in the English language?"

"It's 'stumbled,'" said Tom, "because you are sure to get a tumble between the first and last letters."

"Good!" said Rob. "Which is the longest English word?"

"Valetudinarianism," said Tom promptly.

"No! It's smiles, because there's a whole mile between the first and last letters."

"Oh, that's nothing," said Tom. "I know a word that has over three miles between its beginning and ending."

"What's that?" asked Rob faintly.

"Beleaguered," said Tom.

Mean and Means.
 You meet a person now and then that will insist on using the word "means" as a plural noun. He will say "by these means," instead of "by this means," leaving the inference that he regards "mean" as the singular form of the noun. Now, "mean" is not a noun, but an adjective; "means" is the noun, and it is used with perfect propriety in connection with a singular number pronoun or adjective. It is a singular noun with a plural form, like "news."

True Kindness.
 Little Girl of Four (standing entranced before the window of a toy shop)—Oh, mother, if you was my little girl wouldn't I take you in and buy you some of these lovely things!—Tatler.

The Methodical Fish.
 The sunniest fish that ever could be lived down in the depths of a very deep sea. He knitted his brows and he scratched his old head. And after reflection he soberly said: "I've given the subject much serious thought. And ten chances to one I shall some day be caught. Now, if that comes to pass, I trust that I may be caught in an orderly, businesslike way. No one in his senses can ever deny A hook is intended to go in an eye. Yet many a fish is so careless he will take a hook in his mouth or perhaps in his gill. But I'm more methodical, so I shall try to join in true union the hook and the eye. Well, this orderly fish went his orderly ways. He kept his eyes open, with wide, thoughtful gaze. And whenever he saw a well baited hook, He rolled up his eye with contemplative look. And then swam away, with a satisfied wink. Saying, "That's not the hook to fit my eye, I think!" So he kept his eyes open, as every one ought. And somehow the wise old fish never was caught! —Youth's Companion.

Theodore Hook, going to visit Sunbury, was recommended to the Flowerpot Inn. Now, where resided, it seems, at Sunbury in a large house an elderly gentleman, a bachelor of somewhat eccentric disposition, whose ruling passion was for his garden.

This was kept in admirable order and decorated with a profusion of ornaments in the very height of suburban fashion—leaden Cupids, slate sundials, grottoes of oyster shells and looking glass, heaps of flints and overburned bricks denominated rockwork and, beyond and above all, with a magnificent vase filled with a flaming cluster of fuchsias, geraniums and a number of plants with brilliant blossoms and unutterable names which faced the entrance.

Here one fine afternoon when the flowers and reached their acme of refulgence Mr. Theodore pulled up his dinner. A powerful pull at the bell brought a sort of half groom, half gardener, to the gate.

"Take the mare round to the stable, put her in a loose box and rub her down well. I'll come and see her fed myself in a few minutes. None of your rascals is to be trusted."

So saying the young gentleman threw the reins to the domestic, marched leisurely along the broad, brown, sugar-like looking walk, dexterously cutting off here and there an overgrown carnation with his whip, and entered the hall.

Giving another tremendous jerk to the bell wire in passing, he walked into the dining room, the door of which happened to be open, took up a magazine and threw himself at full length upon the sofa. A tidily dressed maid-servant appeared at his summons.

"Bring me a glass of brandy and water, my dear, and send Boots."

"Boots, brandy and water!" exclaimed the astonished girl.

"You may fetch me a pair of slippers yourself if you like, so make haste and you shall have a kiss when you come back."

Duped by the authoritative air assumed by the visitor (it would be indecorous to suppose another motive), the attendant disappeared and speedily returned with the slippers, observing, "If you please, sir, I have brought you a pair, but they are master's, and he is rather particular."

"He never leaves out the spirits, sir; he always keeps the key in his pocket," "He must be a deuced odd sort of fellow then. Send him here."

"Master is dressing, sir; he will be down directly." And accordingly, after a few minutes, Mr. — made his appearance in full evening dress.

"My good friend," commenced Hook, without raising his eyes from the paper, "allow me to observe that the files of your establishment are a little inconvenient to travelers. I have been here above a quarter of an hour and have not been able to get so much as a glass of brandy and water. Bring me one immediately and let me know what you have for dinner."

"I really beg your pardon," said old Mr. — as soon as he could find words, "but I am quite at a loss—"

"So am I, my good man—for a glass of brandy and water. Bring that and another for yourself, and then I shall be happy to hear whatever you have to say."

"But, sir, you must permit me to state—"

"I was never in such a detestable house in my life," exclaimed Hook, starting up. "What do you stand there for instead of attending to my orders? Am I to be kept here starving all night? Bring the brandy and water, d'ye hear?"

The old gentleman was struck positively speechless, his face purpled. He seemed in imminent peril of choking with a sudden confux of ire, indignation and astonishment.

"Why, the fellow's drunk," pursued Theodore; "disgracefully drunk at this time of day, and in his own parlor too! I shall feel it my duty, sir, to lay a statement of this inexcusable conduct before the bench."

Mr. — sprang to the bell. "John! Thomas! Turn this impudent scoundrel out of the house!"

The arrival of the servants led to an explanation. Nothing could exceed Mr. Hook's regret. What apology could be made? He was a perfect stranger to Sunbury, had been directed to the Flowerpot as the inn affording the best accommodation, and on seeing what he imagined to be a gigantic representation of the sign in question at the garden gate he had naturally entered and acted upon this erroneous impression.

This was the unkindest cut of all. To find a stranger reclining in full possession of his sofa and slippers was bad enough, but to hear the highest achievement of art he possessed—the admiration of himself and friends and the envy of all Sunbury, his darling vase—to hear this likened to an alchemical sign was a humiliation which dwarfed into insignificance all preceding insults.—London Evening News.

The Hyacinth.
 For more than a century, from 1559 to 1690, the tulip had an undisputed reign till a rival appeared in the shape of a double hyacinth. Rea says of the hyacinth, or "jacynth." It is "of divers sorts, and many of them of small esteem." Some double varieties were, however, known at that time, three being mentioned by Bauhin, but the double kind from which modern ones have been derived was raised at the end of the seventeenth century by Peter Voorhelm, a celebrated Dutch florist. The hyacinth was never quite such a rage as the tulip, though during the height of its popularity great prices were paid for bulbs in Holland. It is said as much as 2,000 florins, or about \$750, was given for one root by some enthusiastic Dutch collector.

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WE WILL WAIT AND SEE

The Oregonian takes a gloomy view of government in Oregon because of the Initiative and Referendum.

In this matter we believe the great paper is in error at this time. We shall soon know much more about the subject. The result of the election will enlighten us.

The Examiner has all along contended the people would disapprove the great mass of revolutionary measures of direct legislation and constitutional amendments upon which they were to pass on the first and our faith in the wisdom and watchfulness of the voters we shall hold until the final count shows them to have been rash or neglectful, last Monday.

The principle of this law must be preserved. It is a safeguard to liberty that must not be surrendered until the voter has shown a determination to abuse it. It will then easily pass away. When it has been proven that the people are not prepared to use this power with safety to stable government, we shall favor its repeal. Until that time, we shall continue to uphold the principle, but recommend that it be invoked where there is clearly an emergent need for its employment.

SAME HERE

Before we indulge in any great lamentation over the fact that the cold weather is interfering with the development of the Caroline Testout buds, it would be well to consult the news columns of the Oregonian, which yesterday announced a heavy snow storm in Montana and tornadoes in Oklahoma and Kansas. Weather news from other parts of the country tends to prove that Oregon climate and weather are fairly satisfactory.—Oregonian.

The election Monday was one of the most important of any ever held in Lake county. Besides being a hard-fought contest between candidates for county office, the question of county prohibition was up for decision. The liquor question has for the past two or three elections been one occupying a great deal of the attention of the people all over the county. Never before, however, was the chances regarded so favorable for prohibition. Every phase of the question was brought to bear on the election, and it seemed that the liquor question was the all absorbing one. The result has been accepted by the defeated element philosophically.

Bids for the construction of the Clear lake dam in the Klamath irrigation project have been rejected by the Secretary of the Interior. This action will be much of a disappointment to the people of Bonanza and Langells valley, for it was expected that one of the two bids submitted would be accepted. The lowest bid was that of Mahoney Bros., \$115,770.

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