

Bellefonte, Pa., June 12, 1903.

WHERE'S MOTHER?

Bursting in from school or play, This is what the children say, Trooping, crowding, big and small, On the threshold, in the hall— Joining in the constant cry, Ever as the days go by, "Where's mother?"

From the weary bed of pain This same question comes again; From the boy with sparkling eye, Bearing home his earlier prize, From the bronzed and bearded son, "Where's mother?"

Burdened with a lonely task, One day we may vainly ask, For the comfort of her face, For the rest of her embrace; Let us love her while we may, Well for that we may say: "Where's mother?"

Mother with untiring hands, At the post of duty stands; Patient, seeking not her own, Anxious for the good alone Of her children as they cry: "Where's mother?"

—Good Housekeeping.

All Sorts of Amusing Games.

The bright girl is ever on the lookout for novelties in games with which to entertain her friends. A delightfully exciting form of diversion for an evening's fun is provided by means of a "Race Party." It has no connection with horses as the name might seem to imply, for the guests themselves do all the "racing." A rather large room is best for the race-course. The first item on the program may be an egg-shell race. For this are required some egg-shells from which the contents have been blown through small holes at each end. To everyone who enters for this race an egg-shell is given, and a fan, which is drawn round the sides of the room, and a straight line across as a starting place. The egg-shells must then be fanned from one end of the course to the other, the one whose egg-shell performs the journey in the shortest time gaining a certain number of points which are credited to him or her on their race card. It may be thought that to fan an egg-shell in a given direction would be an easy task, but an egg is so more tractable to drive than a pig, and as easy to steer as a tub, consequently it is a thrilling moment when one of the steeds perishes in blowing perilously near the boundaries. This is one of those games in which the instructive fable of the tortoise and the hare may with benefit be borne in mind.

These same egg-shells may later on be used in an exceedingly diverting competition. Give each person a shell and let him display his ingenuity in converting it into a representation of some animal or person. This is quite easily done. They also lend themselves admirably to the contours of any plump bird, such as an owl, for instance, or a chicken, in which case a bit of paper may be added to represent the beaks and feet.

The next number on the card may be a Butterfly Race. For this the fans should be retained, but the steeds are "butterflies" made of bits of twisted tissue paper. A little practice—for which time should always be allowed—will enable anyone to keep up a tissue-paper butterfly almost indefinitely and to guide it in any given direction. The race is from point to point, there being a goal—say the top of the piano—to which the fluttering scraps of paper must be lightly wafted, the competitor whose butterfly first alights being, of course, credited with further points. The next thing in the order of the evening is an obstacle race. For this portion of the program the course is dotted with tables and other impediments, which must be negotiated on a route—not by jumping over them, but in other ways, as will be shown. First of all, at the starting line each person must pick up a very large potato with a very small spoon, and with it they must speed to the first table. Here are found knives with which each competitor must peel his potato (the peel being in one-piece on pain of losing a point) ere he breathlessly hurries on. He is next confronted by a table, on which are twelve small, numbered, but nameless packages, the contents of which he must correctly name—by means of his sense of smell alone. He must write the names of the packages on a numbered list. They contain common household commodities such as coffee, tea, cinnamon, cloves, one perhaps of lavender, another with lemon peel and so on. It is very interesting to watch the agonized sniffings of the contestants as they try to identify some particularly elusive odor. This accomplished, at the next table each person is given a slip of paper with a fairly long word written upon it—say coronation for instance—and from the letters of this they must, in five minutes, form as many other words as possible not using the same letter twice in a word. For instance such words as tin, tan, rat, not, and so forth would at once occur to the mind.

Other games of the same nature may be added to the list. Next, according as time permits, points being allowed for each, the person having the most points at the end of the evening being declared the winner and presented with a prize.

A very bright little entertainment indeed and one which is always sure to introduce a note—in fact a good many notes of gaiety—into the proceedings is to find someone able to play without music all sorts of popular and well-known airs. This person must then make out a written list—to which she must afterwards carefully adhere—of such tunes as she thinks suited to the purpose. Each guest should be provided with a pencil and a piece of paper with numbers on it corresponding to the number of tunes on the list. The pianist then proceeds to play a few bars of each one in turn. The audience must try to identify each snatch as it is played and write the name of it opposite the corresponding number on the list. The one whose list is the nearest correct wins the prize.

An amusing and novel form of merry-making is a Peanut Party. The first thing about a peanut party—like most other entertainments—is the invitation. It comes wrapped inside a long peanut, tied round its middle with baby ribbon. On untying this, the nut opens and the invitation drops then proceeds to "drop in" to the house of your hostess at the appointed time. On arrival there, each person is presented with a small fancy bag or basket. When all the guests are gathered together, everyone starts forth on a nut hunt. The nuts are hidden in every conceivable corner of the room or rooms. Behind pictures, under rugs, in vases, over doors, under fenders,

To Abolish Rural Routes

Hundreds Established by Machen to Please Members of Congress.

The investigation made by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow of the affairs of the free delivery division, formerly conducted by Superintendent Machen, who was summarily dismissed and arrested on a charge of bribery some weeks ago has resulted in the discovery that in order to restore the service to a proper state it will be necessary to abolish one third of the rural free delivery routes now in operation in the Southern states and about one fifth of those established in the Northern states. The investigation shows that routes have been established without any possible excuse save as a matter of favor to members of Congress, and that money appropriated by Congress, for this purpose has been expended with almost criminal extravagance. On many of these routes the receipts do not average \$5 a month and on others the receipts do not begin to justify the existence of the routes.

The Southern states which will suffer the most from the abolishment of routes are South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. In the North, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire will be deprived of about one fifth of the new routes, and Eastern states will lose routes, but in smaller proportion. But few changes will be made in New York state.

Postmaster General Payne said on Thursday that no action would be taken to reduce the number of rural routes until a full test has been made of each individual case and the results noted. Then, whatever routes are found to be unwarranted will be discontinued. At present, he declined to make an estimate as to the probable number of these routes.

Peace War May Continue.

Eight Men Killed on the Plains of Kansas Settlers are Banding Together for Protection.

Eight men were killed in a battle at St. Francis, Kan., on Thursday between settlers and cowboys. Friends are rallying to aid both sides, and more trouble is feared. James Berry and his sons recently came to St. Francis county and each took up a homestead, the five men taking more than a square mile of lands formerly fenced by the cattle kings as ranges. The Berry's were time and again warned off, but refused to go. Wire fences were strung around their place by the cattlemen and they were warned not to cut the strands, but when necessary they cut them, and then returned to their homes from a trip to St. Francis, they found their property fenced in, and leaving their horses, they cut the wires. Just as they had finished the cutting a gang of fifteen cowboys rode over a hill, and, without saying a word, began firing at the Berry's, who jumped on their horses and escaped. John, the oldest boy, being badly wounded.

Soon after the Berry's reached their home the cowboys dashed up, and before they could reach cover, the father and one son were killed. The remaining three reached the cabin, and getting their rifles returned the fire. They killed three of the cowboys and were themselves killed.

This section is part of the lands to which Col. Mosby was sent last summer with orders to remove the illegal fences, but he was recalled before completing the removal. The settlers are much worked up over Thursday's murders, and are banding together for protection. If called on by the sheriff they will attempt to arrest the cowboys, and further shooting is feared.

Twenty Inches of Hail.

Idaho Comes to the Front With a Freakish Calamity.

A terrific cloudburst, accompanied by a great storm of wind and hail, descended on the head of Lawyers Canyon, 31 miles southwest of Nez Peace, Idaho, on Tuesday. Hail fell to the depth of 20 inches along the canyon and destroyed grain on a strip two miles wide and six miles long. The only deaths reported are those of Joseph Demissey and his sister Isabella, who were drowned in the flood which swept down the canyon in a solid wall, 12 to 15 feet high.

WORST OF ALL EXPERIENCES.—Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Deatur, Ala. For three years' she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Green's druggist."

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BACK GIVES OUT. PLENTY OF BELLEFONTE READERS HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE. You tax the kidneys—overwork them. They can't keep up the continual strain. The back gives out—it aches and pains; Urinary troubles set in. Don't worry longer—take Doan's Kidney Pills. Bellefonte people tell you how they act.

Geo. Cox, residing on what is known as Halfmoon hill, says: "I can conscientiously recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. I suffered intensely from pains in my back and lameness across my kidneys. State-ments in this paper about Doan's Kidney Pills attracted my attention and I called at F. Potts Green's drug store and got a box. They did me a great deal of good although I did not take them as regularly as I should for the moment the pain ceased and I felt better. I stopped taking them. They gave me the greatest relief and I can give them the credit of saving me much suffering."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agent for the U. S. Remember the name Doans and take no substitute.

The citizens of DuBois are making extensive preparations to fittingly entertain the Society of Honorably Discharged Soldiers of Clearfield county on June 18th.

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