

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. Cal. H. Struble is in the clutches of the grip.

To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. A. J. Tate, who has been ill, is now convalescing nicely.

Miss Maude Miller spent Tuesday at State College on a shopping trip.

M. C. Gephart, the popular music man, spent several days here last week.

H. S. Illingsworth, a student at Bucknell, is here for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest McGirk, of Altoona, are visiting friends along the line this week.

On account of an injured ankle Miss Nannie McWilliams is compelled to use crutches.

Albert Hoock is in hard luck again. Last Friday he cut his hand on a broken glass dish.

Joseph L. Goss, of Bradford, is spending his vacation among his old friends hereabouts.

W. H. Matz has thus far killed the champion porker. It tipped the beam at the 510 lb. notch.

Dr. S. M. Braucht and T. M. Gramley, of Spring Mills, were visitors here on Wednesday.

Mrs. John H. Bailey was down in the county capital yesterday doing her Christmas shopping.

Squire Miller was among the worshippers at Johnstown Sunday, to see and hear Billy Sunday.

Rev. W. C. Chambers will hold a protracted meeting at Meeks church during the next two weeks.

Miss Ethel and Dorothy Miller, of Hollidaysburg, has been visiting grandpa Miller in the Glades.

Eugene, son of Arthur Ellenberger, fell on the ice last Thursday breaking his left arm in two places.

A. H. Hartswick is arranging to fit to Harrisburg to engage with the International Harvester company.

Supt. D. O. Eiters visited the public schools in this section last week and found them in good condition.

Hugh McAfee, of Stormstown, was here Saturday and gobbled up all the turkeys for his Christmas trade.

C. L. Gooding, wife and two girls will leave Saturday to spend the holidays at his parental home at York.

Miss Laura Decker, who spent several days at Altoona, returned home Tuesday bringing a lady friend with her.

Farmer C. T. Cameron spent several days over at Stone Creek and Alexandria looking after his saw mills and lumber interests.

D. R. Gregory, D. F. Fortney, John Campbell, James Harris and John Crawford attended the Maud Bailey funeral Saturday.

After two weeks visit to her brother, Rev. J. O. C. McCracken, at Johnstown, Miss Lizzie McCracken returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinney Hood, of State College, left Saturday for New York to spend Christmas and later will go to Norfolk, Va.

There were a number of hogs died on the south side and naturally much alarm is felt as to cholera but so far the cause of death has been due to other diseases.

Dr. Ray Gilliland is happy over the arrival of a fine boy, and now little John Stewart can share his playthings with his little brother. The stork also presented Charley Homan with a sweet little boy as a Christmas gift.

On Wednesday afternoon the roof of Dr. N. T. Krebs' house caught fire and it required some hard work on the part of a bucket brigade to extinguish the flames and save the building from destruction. As it was a hole about ten feet square was burned in the roof.

Goethe and Stage Animals.

Goethe severed his connection with the Welmar theater owing to the appearance of an animal on the stage. For twenty-seven years he ruled there as a despotic director. "The direction," he wrote to his chief assistant, "acts according to its own views and not in the least according to the demands of the public. Once for all understand that the public must be controlled."

When at length he forbade any expressions of approval or disapproval on the part of his public only the court and the Jena students continued to attend the theater.

The crash came when Duke Karl August invited an actor who had scored heavily with a performing poodle in "The Dog of Montargis" to play at Welmar. After the first rehearsal he declined to have anything more to do with a theater the boards of which had been desecrated by the presence of an animal.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Nose Tip Vaccination.

The young Japanese diplomat pointed to his father, the marquis.

"That's father," he said, "the old fellow with the saucer shaped scar on the tip of his nose. All Japs of the older generation have that scar."

"Yes?" said the debutante.

"Yes, it's a vaccination mark. In the old days, when compulsory vaccination first began, we Japs vaccinated everybody on the tip of the nose. Why? Well, because it was a good place, where there's no movement to rub off the scar, and also because a vaccination scar on the nose was easily identified by the medical officers of the government. A man didn't have to take off half his clothes in order to prove that he'd been vaccinated.

"Yes, the nose tip vaccination had its good points, but before the modern hankering after beauty it had to go."—New York Tribune.

Solid Granite.

The inquisitive traveler kept poking his head out of the window of the car to the great annoyance of the conductor who several times stopped to warn him against the danger. At length he tapped the careless one on the shoulder and said:

"Pardon me, but this time I must insist that you withdraw your head."

Insolently the traveler spoke back over his shoulder without complying with the request:

"Why?"

"Oh," said the conductor, nettled, "we are coming to a bridge, and I don't want any of the girders damaged by your head."

And then the head came in.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Disappointed.

Dorcas—You say the hero was disappointed in love? Dorothy—Yes. He thought that after marriage his father-in-law would support him.—Judge.

Christmas Games for the Children.

Many Forms of Merrymaking for the Little Folks' Holiday Party.

By ADELE MENDLE.

"At Christmas play and make good cheer For Christmas comes but once a year."

At Christmas time the children are bubbling over with the spirit of the season and the grown folks' thoughts turn to the little ones' fun and amusement at no time more than at the happy Yule Tide.

With a little thought and preparation a children's Christmas party may be made such a joyous affair that its happy memories will linger with the young folks for many years.

Here are some entertaining games that will solve a problem for the perplexed mother who perhaps is wondering "What shall I have the children play at the party?" For when she sends her "Come to my Christmas party" invitations, she knows that a successful children's party means something more than just "ice cream and cake."

These games will appeal to all the children—the timid little girl, who is inclined to shrink in the corner, as well as the big boy, who usually occupies "the center of the stage."

Santa Claus' Reins.

This game is very exciting. Three pieces of white tape, each about an inch wide, and the length of the room, are held at one end by three children. Three others are given pairs of scissors and at a signal the players cut the tape in half lengthwise. The one who first reaches the opposite end of the tape is the winner of that heat. The different winners contest until the champion is declared. Boys and girls, you know, love racing competitions of all kinds and this race is one that probably they never played before.

Magic Music.

Although this is a game that perhaps the mothers and fathers played when they went to kindergarten, it still causes much laughter and is always successful.

One child leaves the room and the others decide upon something for him to do on his return. The musician regulates his playing, and the child must guide his actions according to the loudness or softness of the music. It is astonishing what different tasks are accomplished after a little practice, and the children's cries of "let me go out next" prove their enjoyment of "Magic Music."

Guessing Holly Berries.

For this game the child must put on his "thinking cap." Hold a large spray of holly in your hand and allow the children to look at it for a few minutes. Then tell them to write their estimate of the number of holly berries on the branch. You might take a chrysanthemum also and ask them to guess how many petals in the flower. Great interest is shown when the petals are counted.

A Christmas Doll.

The idea of this game is to see who can make the prettiest doll out of a long smooth potato, two pieces of pretty colored tissue paper, some small sticks for legs and arms, and some pins. Or if you would rather pass clothes pins and let the children fashion dolls out of them, that will also answer the purpose.

Place all the dolls in a row when completed, and have the children vote for their favorite one. You will be surprised to see what ingenious results the clever little fingers produce.

A Noisy Game.

Yes, it is noisy, but the children have an idea that "the more noise, the more fun," and what mother cares if "the roof comes down" at a Christmas party?

After a child leaves the room, a proverb is chosen. One word of it is given to each child. If there are more children than words contained in the proverb, then two or more children are given the same word. When the child outside the room returns, a leader counts "One, two, three." At the "Three" all the children shout their given word. The child must guess the proverb.

Santa Claus' Grab Bag.

On the invitation state that each child is to bring something to the party that he or she no longer cares for. This article is to be in a neatly wrapped and tied parcel, so as to hide its identity. It is placed in a large bag, on the child's arrival. Each child then draws a present from the bag. Upstarts of laughter follow the opening of the packages, which probably will consist of peculiar articles of all sizes and descriptions.

A Christmas Mix-Up.

Provide the children with paper and pencil. Give them the following list of words pertaining to Christmas. You see the letters are all twisted. It is their interesting task to straighten them out.

Key and List:

1. Christmas—Atschmsrl.
2. Reindeer—Drierene.
3. Sleigh—Heghs.
4. Mistletoe—Elosmtle.
5. Holly—Oylhl.
6. Plum Pudding—Uplmdpuadni.
7. Santa Claus—Asclatsna.
8. Candles—Lednea.
9. Stockings—Kocetsign.
10. Jack Frost—Kcajrtiso.
11. Wreath—Trhwae.
12. Snowball—Owslabl.

What Santa Claus Doesn't Like.

This is a simple and successful game. All the children are seated except one who says "Santa Claus

doesn't like C's. What are you going to give him instead?" The first child replies with a word that does not contain a "C." For instance: "Meat" would be a correct answer, but "rice" would not do. If a correct answer is not given by the time the leader counts "ten," a forfeit must be paid. And we all know the fun of redeeming the forfeits.

A Peanut Race.

At one end of the room place two bowls of peanuts, and at the opposite end two empty bowls. Two children are each provided with a knife and at a signal they place as many peanuts as they can on the blade of the knife, and carry it to the empty bowl with one hand. Depositing the peanuts, they return for more. Each child is allowed three minutes. A score is kept and the one who has the largest number of peanuts credited to his name wins the prize.

Puzzle Pictures.

Pretty pictures taken from magazines, advertisements and discarded picture books are cut up into several pieces and placed into envelopes. A good idea is to write the same number on the back of the envelope and all pieces belonging to one puzzle, so that if a piece gets mixed with the others it can be readily returned to its own set.

Each child is handed a puzzle, and as soon as he succeeds in placing the pieces in their proper position he is given credit for it by the score keeper, and receives another puzzle to work with. The one who succeeds in putting together the most pictures in a stated time receives a well-earned prize.

Snowballs.

This is an amusing game. Snowballs made of cotton batting and covered with white tissue paper and a small basket are required. The players stand about eight feet from the basket. The one who tosses the most balls into the basket is the prize winner. Each child might be given three snowballs to start with.

A Christmas Spider Web.

Take as many balls of twine as there are children expected at the party. To one end of each ball attach a card bearing the child's name and to the other end an inexpensive gift. Twist the twine around the different objects in the room. Give each child the twine and card bearing his name. At a signal all begin to unwind the entangled web. Great is the fun and loud the exclamations when the young people arrive at the end of their string and find a gift awaiting them.

A Pop Corn Party.

If you don't mind the "muss," and of course you won't, have a pop corn party. Have the children sit in a circle on the floor and provide each with a bowl of popcorn, a needle and some coarse white thread. Tell them that the one who strings the longest popcorn chain before the time is up will win the prize. Each youngster takes home his own string of corn.

An Impromptu Entertainment.

When the children are tired of romping, let them sit on the floor in a circle and tell them you are going to have an entertainment, and that each child must do something to help make it a success. The youngsters will provide a variety of numbers for your impromptu program, from nursery rhymes to fancy dancing.

Artists.

Bring in a good sized blackboard and have the children see who can draw the best Santa Claus. This will afford much pleasure for the little folks. (Copyright, 1912, by W. G. Chapman.)

JUST REVERSED.

"I s'pose your husband went to the Christmas dinner dressed to kill."

"No; he was killed to dress."

A Christmas Stocking.

It is not always the gift itself, but the way in which it is presented that commends itself particularly to the recipient. To the girl who thinks she is too old to hang up her stockings, send a pair of silk stockings, using one to fill, and roll up the other and stick it in the foot. The rest of the stocking should be filled with inexpensive trifles—a home-made jabot, tie or collar, a handkerchief, some candy, nuts, raisins, crab apples, a card or a calendar, perhaps some little kindly hints at her hobbies that will amuse her. Each of these articles should be wrapped separately in tissue paper and red ribbons, and the excitement of opening the mysterious small packages will often exceed the pleasure taken in one large gift that would have cost no more than the numerous small ones.

Just a Warning.

If you are going to spend the Christmas holidays with the family of your small niece and nephew, don't forget to make the youngsters a present of a drum and trumpet.

But Which is Which.

Willie Paw, what is the difference between firmness and obstinacy? Paw—Merely a matter of sex, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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