

FREAKS OF FIGURES.

Interesting Tricks With Numbers For Little Mathematicians.

Tell some friend to put a number down on a piece of paper. Let it be any number above hundreds. For instance, 98,301. Tell him that he may place another number under this containing the same number of figures. Then you place under that another number. Then he the next and you the last.

Allow him then to place a paper or something over all the figures but the top row, so that you cannot see them. You can then draw a line below the paper and almost instantly tell him the sum of the several numbers, never failthe. He may say that you have committed the figures to memory while they were being put down. Let him try it, when he will be convinced that he is

It is done in this way: He puts down, say, 98,301 for his first number and 35,-428 for his second. Then you put down, offhand, 64,571. He has one more chance and puts down, say, 83,692, and you then follow with 16,307. The figures will stand thus:

> 35,428 64,571 83,692

Now place the paper over all the figures but the first number and quickly put down the sum of the columns-298,-299-which upon verifying will be

found to be correct. Now I will explain how this is done. After the figures have been set down and covered you have the key to the problem in the first number, which is left uncovered. In any number of figures-say five, as in the example given -99,999 would be the largest number that could be written. Very well. Your friend set down as his second number 35,428, to which you added 64,571. Now,

99,999

You have put down a sum which, added to his second number, will equal all and no more than can possibly be put in the five figures. His third row was 83,692, to which you added 16,307. Again: was been

83,69**2** 16,307

You see, you have twice added to the original figures 99,999, which is equal to adding 18 to each of the figures in the first number, which would equal 298,299, the correct answer.

The simplest way to arrive at the result, however, is to subtract two from the first number set down and when done prefix a 2 to the remainder. Thus:

98,301 2198,299

No matter what your figures are, you will always get the correct result, provided, of course, you have made no error in your operation.

Nicer Even Than a Doll.

"Hush-a-by, baby!" sang Winnie to her doll as she sat by the door of her cottage home one bright autumn day. She had come back from school, and she meant to have a good game with Rosa Annie, as she had named her doll. But very soon mother stood in the doorway with little Ben.

"Winnie," she said, "baby is waking, and I must get father's dinner. Put dolly down, my dear, and take Ben and baby into the lane. The fresh air will do them good."

Do you think Winnie pouted or frowned or grumbled? Oh, no! Winnie liked to help mother as much as she could, and very soon she was out with the little ones in the lane where the blackberries grew.

"Oh, baby," she cried as she hugged her little sister May, "you are nicer even than dear Rosa Annie, for she only smiles, but you can clap your hands and laugh and jump and hold out your arms to me. Why, look, father's coming to dinner. Run and meet him, Benny, and he'll give you a ride home on his shoulder."

A Funny Little Boy. There's a little boy I know

Sownstairs in just the regulation way;



NEW WOMAN OF LLISURE. Prominent Part She May Take In the

Domestic Regime.

The woman of leisure who wakes up to her possibilities must begin by training herself to a new specific work. Let her leave to man the making of shirts as well as steel rails, but let her take up his former work, which he has largely exchanged for hers. Some one must do some hard thinking. He has no time for it. She has. She must do harder thinking in new lines if her children are not to be spiritual degenerates. She educates them; their father pays their bills. The ideals of both are fighting for supremacy in the child's mind. If she is not sane and wise and has no vision of the family, the nation, the world that should be, if she has no philosophy of life and is too apathetic to work to get one, she is of all endowed creatures most contemptible and pitiable. For the salvation of her own family, the standard of life and thought of the larger class of women with less leisure and the physical conditions of the largest class, with no leisure, targely depend on her.

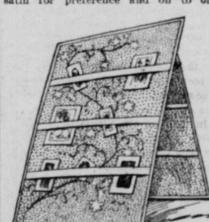
If the brain power that goes into whist were put on the school question, or the time spent on learning to say nothing in French were put into the study of ideas in the field of economics or sociology or American history, to be expressed in clear English; if half of the energy spent on horse shows, golf, teas, dances and other amusements, harmless only when one does not gorge on them, were spent on coming face to face with real producers in tenements, factories, shops, schools or college settlements, several things would happen.

The ambitious, fretful woman who is driving her husband to forgery or a divorce court; the woman who finds life a busy bore, a monotonous, irritating kaleidoscope, and the sweet little lady who thinks herself too small and helpless even to venture to try to get an opinion on the big questions over which her supposedly wise husband shakes his head, would all begin to get the joy of real power. Men absorbed in the technicalities of one business would gladly learn from such wives some other aspects of the great problems of business, justice and democracy and gain a wider horizon than their office or the Stock Exchange,-Pilgrim.

A Pretty Photo Rack.

This is a pretty contrivance to hold all odd sized photographs and forms a charming and inexpensive addition to a drawing room table. Its size varies according to taste.

Procure two pieces of cardboard fifteen inches long and six to seven inches wide. Now get some silk or oriental satin for preference and on to one



PHOTOGRAPH HOLDER.

piece transfer a pretty floral design and either paint or embroider it. Now sew three bands of narrow silk or satin ribbon across the front tightly enough to allow a photograph to be slipped under and then cover the cardboard with the satin, lining the two inside facings with a contrasting silk. The cardboards are edged with narrow gold braid joined together at the top and kept out at the sides with ribbon straps on the stepladder principle.

Using Powder.

Many persons aver that powder is ruinous to the complexion. You will occasionally meet old ladies with skins of baby textures who will tell you that they have used powder all their lives. But their powder was the simplest preparation, just a little magnesia and zinc, perfumed with orris root. If the skin needs extra care, a quarter of a lemon squeezed in a little milk will be found very beneficial. The face should be bathed in it morning and evening. If possible, the face should never be washed in water. Scap should only be used at night. It is a good plan after washing the face with soap to use the curd of lemon and milk, letting it dry on the skin.

A Low, Studded Effect. A low, studded effect is the desired appearance for a room these days. The arrangement of the furniture and draperies has much to do with the apparent height of a room. Low bookcases lining the walls, pictures placed on a line with the eye and draperies arranged with a regard to horizontal rather than perpendicular lines-these all tend to give a low, studded effect.

Use Kerosene.

Kerosene applied with a flannel cloth is most efficacious in removing discolorations in metal or porcelain tubs. These are often occasioned by the mineral properties contained in the water, but more often by the lack of daily care. In either event a brisk application of kerosene will effectually remove all traces of them.

A Bed Linen Finish. Here is a good finish for fine sheets od pillowcases. There is the wide hed hem and inside this a rather pep band of small squares formed by road lines of drawn work and in each as round dot of embroidery. The ovork is simple, but little more

LAUNDRY LINES.

Make your iron holder of asbestus

Table salt in the starch will help in

the ironing. Laces or delicate materials which are soaked in borax water do not require

rubbing. A little borax in the last rinsing water will make handkerchiefs easier to

iron and look better when done. A useful thing to remember is that the iron will not stick to the clothes if the starch used has been mixed with

soapy water. Rub the irons with a cloth soaked in kerosene to prevent scorching. Frequent rubbing on sandpaper will keep frons from sticking.

Three ounces of borax and two pounds of sliced white bar soap dissolved in two quarts of hot water will make a splendid lather for washing

clothes. If you wash black stockings in a warm lather of soap and water-no soda-and add a little vinegar to the rinsing water they will keep a good color till worn out.

Pitfalls of the Stout. The stout woman, alas, can never indulge in that dearest thing to woman's soul, free scope in the matter of dress. There are so many pitfalls to be avoided that when she takes her "foot out of the sand" she is very apt to "stick it in the mud." In dodging the Scylla of a big hat she knocks against the Charybdis of a tiny turban. Both look equally ridiculous. She must be severely commonplace. The stout woman, sad to say, generally has a reckless passion for plaids and contrasts of all kinds. But she must conquer her love of color and striking effects. She must clothe herself in sober grays and dark shades. Above all she must abjure fancy neck dressing and leave her waist line to the imagination of the beholder.

If it is any consolation to the afflicted one, she may know that she probably will keep her youthful face years after wrinkles and crow's feet have laid their heavy hand on her leaner

Wall Papers.

The practice of covering one wall paper with another, sometimes to the number of four or five, which is often done for purposes of economy, besides being the opposite of neatness, is fraught with great danger to health, especially in rented houses. Apparently sporadic cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria and other contagious diseases wight undoubtedly often be traced back to the illness and perhaps death of some former tenant of the house from the same cause. The insidious germs were not all destroyed by the fumigations ordered by the health officer, and beneath the fresh paper in the cracks and folds of the one covered lurked the poison still potent for harm to the new occupants. Our boards of health should insist upon every papered wall being thoroughly scraped and washed with antiseptics before the new paper is applied .- St. Louis Republic.

Keeping Up Appearances.

You will see plenty of women who will look smart for a few weeks each season and then degenerate into dowdiness. It is because they do not take good care of their clothing, and its freshness lasts only a short time. Sometimes they are women who have both time and money, but are lacking in good habits, and for them no excuse can be found. A tired body and very little spare time will receive pardon for many omissions of duty, but, truth to tell, not among such surroundings do we find untidiness as a general thing. Business women are compelled to keep up appearances, sometimes by the rules of the house which commands their services and always by the knowledge that a pleasing appearance is of financial advantage to them in any employment.

The Tea Table.

The tea table, according to Harper's Bazar, is no longer considered a proper piece of furniture for the living room or the parlor. The new fashion is to have the tea tray brought into the room and placed on a small table ready for the purpose. The table, which should be low and convenient for the hostess in her easy chair or rocker, is one which is ordinarily used to hold a book or two or a bowl of flowers, easily removed. On the tray is everything necessary-the kettle ready for lighting, tea caddy, teapot, cups, etc. After lighting the lamp the waitress brings in the cakes and sandwiches.

Skin Medicine. The simplest medicine for the skin, the one that will cool it when it is sunburned and will do to remove summer freckles, is made by taking'a quart of rose or elderflower water and adding to it one ounce of simple tincture of benzoin, drop by drop. Keep this well corked, and when you wish to use it throw a teaspoonful into a basin of wa-

Fancy Skewers.

Fancy skewers are one of the devices for garnishing cold meats. Choose a skewer with a fancy head and thread on it alternately a button mushroom, an olive or cranberry, a section of a lemon, another cranberry, an olive and a mushroom. The decoration can be varied in many ways. Whole hard boiled eggs are sometimes used effectively.

Colonial Room.

In the furnishing of a colonial room which is a model of its kind furniture covering of antique figured horsehair in reen and antique canvas in a golden own shade, with window drapery of old fashioned net in ivory coloring. akes a delightful ensemble.



No. 405 .- Concealed Central Acrostic. I am s leader; I begin The centuries as they roll in.

[Crosswords.] When Mme. Aima Jorray taught Her famous school of ancient thought,

An Arab, a seditious youth, Declared she wandered from the truth.

3. He said it turned his blood to ice To hear her calling Plato nice.

4. But when she crowned his bust with flowers And sighed, "An ancestor of ours,"

5. He scowled at such a rank offens And cried: "It rains; I must go hence."

6. And in a tremor, all at once He shouted, "Plato is a dunce!"

Now Mme. Jorray edifies The scholars not unduly wise,

No. 406 .- Gold Mine.

By digging you will find: 1. A bird of the finch family. 2. A certain fish. 3. A man who manufactures vessels, ornaments, etc., of precious metals. 4. An aquatic plant. 5. Ormolu. 6. The fabulous age of primeval simplicity and purity of manners in rural employments. 7. An autumnal flower. 8. A certain wedding. 9. A fabled fleece. 10. The Baltimore oriole. 11. A kind of cloth.

No. 407 .- Anagram. Heath for Wolly-A decoration.

No. 408 .- Crescent Puzzle, 0 0 0

Outline: 1. A letter. 2. A musical instrument. 3. A fruit. 4. A substance used by bees to stop crevices in their hives. 5. A substitute. 6. A ship's boat. 7. Circle of rays round the head. 8. A gold coin. 9. A garland. 10. A. New Englander. 11. Effusion. 12. Nimble. 13. Opulence. Initials spell a greeting.

No. 409.-Illustrated Rebus.



No. 410,-A Riddle. I might be a horse Or I might be a tree, Or I might, if I tried, Or I might if I thea,
Be the arm of a sea,
Or I might be a window;
Now, how could that be?
I might be a sound That would scare you at night. But that same noisy thing That would give you a fright You would try to keep at me If only you might And my letters are three; You will surely guess me.

No. 411.-Rhombold.

Crosswords: 1. Missing. 2. At hand. 3. Afresh. 4. The bottom timber of a ship extending from stem to stern. Down: 1. A letter. 2. Near. 3. The ocean. 4. A large basin or cistern. 5. Three letters in reel. 6. A pronoun. 7. A letter.

No. 412,-Hidden Mountains. She wore a scarlet sweater with a green skirt.

Did you ever hear of a choral psalm? They found that the river bottom was very rocky. I dropped a pen nine successive times

this afternoon. Did you ever see a horse car melt? I hate to see cats kill birds.

Disappointment.

A little girl who had been sent to school for the first time on her return confessed to her mother that she did not like it: "The teacher put me on a chair," she explained, "and told me to sit there for the present, and I sat and sat, but she never gave me any pres-

A Slight Difference. "How would you define exercise, as

distinguished from work?" asked the teacher. "Exercise," answered Johnny, "is

work you like to do, and work is exercise you don't like to do."--Chicago

At Christmas Time.

When cold December skies are o'er us, We raise our merry Christmas chorus, Cheerful and glad and gay. Now winter's biting blasts are here, With snow and ice, short days and clear, As the old year passes away.

Key to the Puzzler. No. 399.-Missing Rhymes: Sweet, beside, meet, greet, tide,

No. 400.-Christmas Zigzag: Santa Claus. Crosswords-1. S-able. P-A-rol. 3. Da-N-te. 4. Cas-T-e. Comm-A. 6. Logi-C. 7. Hol-L-y. Ph-A-se. 9. N-U-rsc. 10. S-tory. No. 401.—Easy Riddlemeree: Christ-

No. 402 .- An Inner Acrostic: A merry Christmas. 1. Pe-A-ce. 2. Fa-M-ily. 3. H-E-alth. 4. F-R-lends. 5. Chu-R-ch. 6. S-Y-mpathy. 7. En-C-ouragement. 8. Sig-H-t. 9. P-R-esents. 10. B-I-ble. 11. Gue-S-ts. 12. Con-T-entment. 13. Te-M-perance. 14. F-A-ith. 15. Mu-

No. 403 .- Charade: Miss-ell-tow (mis-No. 404.-Anagrams: Merry Christ-

mas. A Happy New Year.

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tem of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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IT MADE LEMÂITRE SIGH.

A Gesture and an Accent That He The first Pennsylvania Railroad Per-

A Gesture and an Accent That He Could Not Reproduce.

The Figaro relates the following anecdote about Frederic Lemaitre: "He had acted with marvelous success in a play by D'Ennery and Marc Fournier when one evening after the second or third performance he was suddenly addressed by a stranger, 'How much will you take to be ill tomorrow, the day after tomorrow and for a month?

"Lemaitre dragged the unknown under a street lantern and looked at him. He was a well known writer. 'It is you!' said the actor. 'Why do you wish me to be ill?"

"The other hesitated slightly as he explained his strange proposition. He was inspired by an insane hatred toward Marc Fournier and had sworn to avenge himself on his enemy by all conceivable means. 'Help me to wreck his drama,' he concluded, 'and I will make you rich. I have the means to do it. You earn a great deal. I will give you ten times as much for

six months longer than your piece will

last. Will you agree?' "Lemaitre had quickly recovered himself. He seized the man by the collar, shook him hard for a minute and then, with a vigorous kick, thrust him away, crying: 'How much will I take? Thirty pieces of silver, Judas!'

"An old actor who told the story added, 'How often has Frederic Lemaitre sighed in my presence when he recalled the episode, "Alas, I shall never be able to reproduce the gesture and the accent of that moment!" '"

Do Not Sleep on Your Left Side. When a patient complains of a bad taste in his mouth every morning on waking up, says a physician, the first question I ask him is as to the position he assumes when going to sleep. An immense number of people sleep on the left side, and this is the most common cause of the unpleasant taste which is generally attributed to dyspepsia. If a meal has been taken within two or three hours of going to bed, to sleep on the left side is to give the stomach a task which it is difficult in the extreme to perform. The student of anatomy knows that all food enters and leaves the stomach on the righ side, and hence sleeping on the left side soon after eating involves a sort of pumping operation which is any thing but conducive to sound repose.

The action of the heart is also inter fered with considerably, and the lungs are unduly compressed. It is probable that lying on the back is the most nat ural position, but few men can res easily so, and hence it is best to culti vate the habit of sleeping on the righ side. It is very largely a matter o habit, and the sooner it is acquired the better for the sleeper and the wors for the physician.

The Bucket Shop.

The name bucket shop is said to have originated in Chicago when legit imate brokers would not handle an or der for less than 5,000 bushels, and lot of places sprang up where men of small means could speculate on a trifling capital, as small as a dollar, and these speculators were spoken of contemptuously as buying and selling wheat by the bucket full. The term was eventually applied to all brokerage in stocks and grain when the amounts dealt in were smaller than legitimate dealers or brokers would handle and more particularly to places where there were really no legitimate DELLEFONTE CENTRAL BAILBOAD. transactions, but where the proprietor and customer simply bet on the market, the proprietor allowing the customer to take either end of the bet in consideration of a commission, which in reality is his percentage in the game.

The Baggage Smasher's Wisdom.

The other day an express wagon filled with trunks rattled up Broadway, and just opposite the postoffice a big Saratoga slid off and came crashing down on the car tracks. Several people ran out from the sidewalk to rescue it, but the trunk proved to be empty, and there was little damage done. "Now, if that had been full." said one old gentleman to the expressman, "you'd have had a fine old time with it." "Huh," replied the baggage charioteer scornfully, "full trunks don't fall off by theirselves. You got to fling them off!"-New York Commercial Advertiser.

From a Cynic's Dictionary. Crank-A person whose views are the opposite of our own.

Egotist - A person who thinks as much of himself as other people do of themselves.

Honor-That which people talk about when they want to get out of doing ething they don't want to do. Society-That which we lay the blame on when anything goes wrong.-John

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