

BOYS & GIRLS

Swinging Ring an Indoor Game.
Here is a pastime that is real fun, for it depends on skill. It is fun even when played alone, for you can try to beat your own best previous score, and every time you try it you become just so much more expert. It is for girls as well as boys.

You need two nails, a string and a ring of some kind, about six inches in diameter. If you have no old curtain ring or something else of that sort, you can easily make a ring that will serve your purpose by getting a thin piece of board, marking a circle seven



The Swinging Ring.

inches in diameter on its surface, and inside of that another circle six inches in diameter. Now drive a nail in the ceiling, if there is no hook for a lamp or chandelier already there, and another nail in the wall, with its head pointing upward at any angle of about 45 deg. Suspend your ring from the nail in the ceiling by a string just long enough to allow the ring to swing its center over the nail in the side wall and catch there. Now you are ready to begin.

Stand by the nail in the side of the wall with your right hand holding the ring close to the nail. Now push the ring away from you, trying to make it swing back and hook over the ring. There! Of course you didn't do it! The ring came back and struck the nail, but did not catch on it. In order to catch on the projecting nail the ring must swing in a circle. If you do it once out of your first 10 trials you are lucky. It requires a very nice sense of distance, a careful eye and a light touch to do it just right. Not so easy as it seems, is it?

It takes a lot of practice to score three out of five tries. Get your brother to try it with you, and he will be astonished to find he is no better at this than you are. In fact, girls are best at this game, and, strange as it may seem, their judgment of distance is more accurate.

Try a game of 50 points, with "innings" of 10 points each. Of course, the winner is the one who rings the nail the most times out of the 50 trials.

Conundrums.

Why are ladies the biggest thieves in existence?

Because they steal their petticoats, because they stave, crib their babies and hook their dresses.

An old woman in a red cloak was crossing a field in which a goat was feeding; what strange transformation suddenly took place?

The goat turned to butter, and the old woman became a scarlet runner.

Why is a miss not as good as a mile?

Because a miss has only two feet, and a mile has 5,280.

Why is an avaricious man like one with a short memory?

Because he is always forgetting.

Why is the letter A the best remedy for a deaf woman?

Because it makes her hear.

What time is it when the clock strikes thirteen?

Time the clock was fixed.

On what did Noah live when he was in the ark?

On water.

"Rushing Old Maid."

This is an amusing round game, but we want a pack of cards for this. The number of cards dealt is according to the number of people who are playing. If there are four players only, the court cards and aces will be needed. If there are five players the four nines will be required, and so on. Four cards are dealt to each player, and when the captain says "Pass" everybody passes on one of his cards to his next door neighbor. The aim of the players is to get four knaves or four queens or kings. When a new card is passed to a player he keeps it if it helps his "hand," and gives away one of his old cards the next time the captain says "Pass." Directly a player has collected four court cards of one kind he throws them down on the table, exclaiming "I am courted!" The cards then have to be gathered up and dealt over again. When the player gets four more court cards to match, he says, "I am engaged," four more are required before he can briskly say, "Banns up,"

and four more before he says, "I am married," which means that he has won the game. When the game is finished all the players are in different stages—some are courted, some engaged, and some have got as far as getting their banns put up, whilst others have no adventures at all. If a player calls "Banns up," before he has been "Engaged," he has to remain where he was.

An Interesting Game.

Among stirring games, one that is always a success when played with energy, is that called the Schoolmaster. The one of the party who volunteers to be master of the ceremony places himself in front of his class, who are all seated in a row. If agreeable, he can examine his subjects in all the different branches of education in succession, or he may go from one to the other discriminately. Supposing, however, he decides to begin with natural history, he will proceed as follows: Pointing to the pupil at the top of the class, he asks the name of a bird beginning with C. Should the pupil not name a bird beginning with this letter by the time the master has counted ten, it is passed on immediately to the next, who, if successful, and calls out "Cuckoo" or "Crow," etc. In time, goes above the one who has failed.

Authors, singers, actors or anything else may be chosen. If the schoolmaster should think proper, as subjects for examination; but, whatever may be selected, the questions must follow each other with very great rapidity, or the charm of the game will be wanting.

The Game of Mosaics.

Here is a game that gives one an opportunity to exercise ingenuity and taste.

Get some stiff cardboard, the kind that has one color on one side and another on the back. If you want to use cardboard taken from old pasteboard boxes, color the sides with water colors. Then cut out two squares, one an inch square, the other an inch and three-quarters. Cut one and finally two triangles, an inch and a quarter and two inches and a quarter at the base. The more colors you have on these pieces the more combinations in mosaic you can make; and



oblong an inch and a half long and one-quarter of an inch wide, and another three inches long and half an inch wide. Cut out two circles, one an inch in diameter and the other an inch and three-quarters in diameter. If you wish you may add to them by making other circles, etc., of various sizes. If you have made the parts well, cutting the edges perfectly, the

pieces will fit together exactly, and all kinds of pretty and amusing figures can be made on the table or floor of the playroom. A few of the funniest combinations are shown here, but you will be able to make all kinds of things for yourselves, houses, churches, ladders, lanterns, wagons, forts and boats. It would be good practice to try to copy some pretty picture from a newspaper or magazine with mosaic cardboard, and perhaps you will be a great maker of inland work some day.

Funnel Fountain Easy to Make.

Boys always love to fuss with water or to watch a fountain play.



Making the Fountain Play.

Now here is a sort of fountain and pump combined which is so simple that it would be a pity if any boy should be deprived, through ignorance, of the pleasure of seeing it work.

The apparatus needed is only a common tin funnel, the bigger the better. It is worked by plunging it with the mouth down, in a bathtub or washtub half full of water. If you press the funnel down rapidly and forcibly the water under it, not being able to get out of the way quickly enough, will be pressed up into the funnel, and because of the tapering form of the latter a jet of water will be forced out of the small end of the funnel and will rise to a height that will surprise you. With a funnel which has a wide mouth and a small tube, you can make a fountain ten feet high.

Of course, you understand that the fountain does not play all the time, but that a jet shoots up each time you force the funnel down.

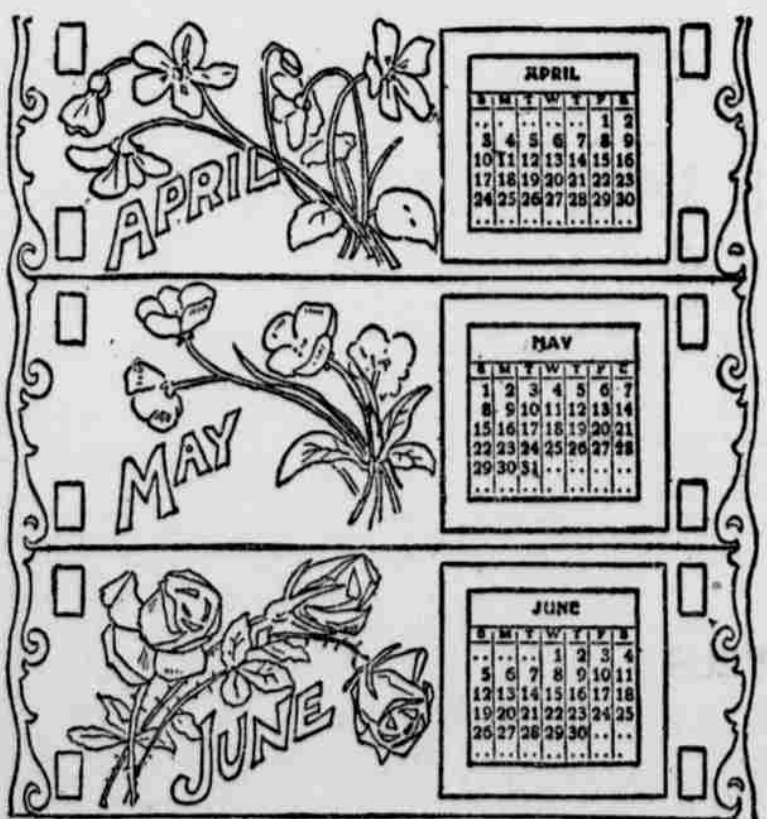
You see, also, that this is not a parlor entertainment. The trick should be done out of doors, if possible. If not, you might try it in the bathroom or the laundry. If you remember that it is neither necessary nor desirable to force the jet quite to the ceiling, nor yet to make it shoot across the room.

Needle Book.

Take a piece of brown leather and cut out a maple leaf from it. Then take a piece of pink leather and do the same. Then stitch these leaves so as to show the veins.

After that cut three leaves from flannel cloth. Buttonhole stitch them with either pink, white or brown. Tie all together with a piece of ribbon, and you will have a pretty, but simple needle book.

A CALENDAR TO PAINT.



Here is an artistic calendar that you may have on your wall during the coming year. If you prefer blue ribbon bows at the top of "true blue" and also each little square all the way down on each side, so as to look as if each month was a card strung on the ribbon. Now gild or paint a deep yellow or pink the fancy edge all the way round. The letters of each month paint a different color. The border

around each month should be of the same color as the letters of the month. Now paint the flowers and leaves in their natural colors and you will have as pretty a calendar as one could wish to see. It would be well to paste the complete calendar on to pasteboard or stouter paper before beginning to paint it. The first three months have been given, and the remaining months will be given in succeeding issues.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

Safety pins are peculiarly American. The United States uses 141,000,000 of them each year.

A Chinese hospital has been established in New York where Chinese patients are treated according to the methods followed in their own country.

Dr. Arthur McDonald, the criminologist in Washington, now says that unless a person wants to become a criminal he should never eat meat or potatoes.

The Russian Government gives a gold medal to every couple that celebrate their golden or diamond wedding. Last year six hundred and four-teen couples received medals.

Salt water tanks are to be attached to the sides of some of the German railroad cars, for the purpose of conveying live fish from the seaboard to the inland cities and towns.

The Metropolitan Art Museum of New York has just purchased an old chariot for \$50,000. It was unearthed near Rome some time ago, and is 2900 years old and splendidly preserved.

The palm tree, as is well known, puts forth a branch every month, so the ancient Egyptian used a spring of palm having twelve shoots upon it as their Christmas tree, as a symbol of the completed year.

There is a man in Warsaw, Poland, who has the long distance record for bigamy, bar Utah, Turkey and a few such places. He has seventeen living wives and each and every one of them is glad that he is in jail.

"Only a Printer."

"He is only a printer." Such was the sneering remark of a leader in a circle of aristocracy—odious quality. Who was the Earl of Stanhope? He was only a printer. What was Prince Edward William and Prince Napoleon? Proud to call themselves printers. The Czar of Russia, the Crown Prince of Prussia and the Duke of Battenberg were printers, and the Emperor of China worked in a private printing office almost every day. William Caxton, the father of English literature, was a practical printer. What were J. P. Morris, N. P. Willis, James Parker, Horace Greeley, Charles Dickens, James Buchanan, Simon Cameron, Schuyler Colfax? Printers all, and practical ones. Mark Twain, Amos J. Cummings, Bret Harte, William Dean Howells, Joel Chandler Harris, and Opie P. Read were plain, practical printers, as were Artemus Ward, Petroleum V. Nasby, and Sut Lovingsood, Senator Plumb, of Kansas, and James J. Hogg, ex-Governor of Texas, were all printers, and the leader of science and philosophy in his day made it his boast that he was a "jour" printer. In fact, thousands of the most brilliant minds in this country are to be found in large cities and towns. It is not every one that can be a printer—brains are absolutely necessary.—Century Magazine.

A Rare Disease.

Mrs. Juniper entered the doctor's office, dragging by the hand an overgrown boy of fourteen. She was excited and impatient; he was dogged and grim. "O, doctor, he has lost his voice! He hasn't spoken a word for two days," she said.

The boy looked at her sullenly, and suffered the doctor to hold his face up to the light.

"Open your mouth. H'm! Tongue all right?"

"Ya-ah."

"Hold your head up and let me look at your throat. Seems to be nothing the trouble there. Push your tongue out. Now pull it back. Feel all right?"

"Ya-ah."

"Why, Mrs. Juniper, there is nothing the matter with him," said the doctor, impatiently. "Boy, why don't you talk?"

"How can I when I ain't got anything to say?"

Cool.

"Glad to meet you, old chap," he said, as he linked arms with a friend whom he had met in the street. "Just lend me a sovereign for to-day."

"Would be delighted," the friend rejoined, "but I have not got it; see!" He opened his purse—its whole contents was a half sovereign.

"Must do, I suppose, for the present," said the prince of borrowers, as he picked the coin out daintily with thumb and forefinger. "Ta, ta; take care of yourself," and walked away. But he returned hastily. "Mind, don't forget you owe me a half sovereign."

"I owe you!" gasped the automatic lender.

"Of course. I meant to borrow a sovereign from you—I only got a half. You owe me the other half. See? There's no hurry, of course, but I like punctuality. Name your own day and pay up punctually."

An Unreasonable Woman.

"My wife and I made a compact at the beginning of the year. We agreed to arbitrate all our differences of opinion and give up having foolish spats."

"How is the plan working?"

"It's no good. What's the use trying to get a woman to be sensible about such things? The other day, when we had a misunderstanding, she wanted to have it arbitrated, when I knew I was right and she'd have seen that she was wrong if she had been at all reasonable. By George, I just had to get up on my hind legs and swear before she'd give in!"—Chicago Tribune.

TROUBLE-PROOF:
Never rains where Jim is—
People kicking, whinin';
He goes round insistin';
"Sun is almost shinin'!"

Never's hot where Jim is—
When the town is sweatin';
He jes' sets and answers—
"Well, I ain't a frettin'!"

Never's cold where Jim is—
None of us moudout in;
Seen' we're nigh frozen;
He "ain't thought about it!"

Things that rile up others
Never seem to strike him!
"Trouble-proof," I call it—
Wish that I was like him!
—Edwin L. Sabin, in Lippincott's.

Humor of Today

Officer Shawhan—"What's your big sister gettin' taught up dere at der school?" Teeny O'Tuff—"Aw, electrocution, physical torture, and stuff like dat."—Pack.

He—"I think the bride was wonderfully lucky in receiving so many beautiful wedding presents." She—"Oh, she always was lucky in that respect."—Brooklyn Life.

Church—"I see a Jersey man is complaining because his wife thought more of a dog than she did of him." Gotham—"Well, perhaps the dog growled less."—Yonkers Statesman.

"What makes you think she has a saving sense of humor?" "Because she laughed so heartily when she described the way you proposed to her."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Then you have sympathy for the deserving poor," said the charity worker. "Me?" retorted the self-made man. "Why, sir, I have nothing but sympathy."—Chicago Daily News.

Section Boss—"What is all that arguing down the road?" Foreman—"Why, the man operating the steam roller insists that we shall call him a chauffeur."—Philadelphia Record.

The lass who turns to literature
The aching heart she sometimes wrings
With speech and manners so demure,
How can she think such awful things?
—Washington Star.

Chicago Man—"I do think our cab drivers are the worst in creation." New York Man (with the pride of conscious superiority)—"My dear fellow, they're innocent angels compared with ours!"—Chicago Tribune.

Nodd—"Awfully sorry to hear your house burned down. Did you save anything?" Todd—"Oh, yes. After some pretty lively work we succeeded in getting out all the things we didn't want."—Town and Country.

Tenant (angrily)—"The cellar of our house is full of rats. What are you going to do about it?" Landlord (calmly)—"Nothing. What do you expect for \$17 a month, anyway—a cellar full of white mice?"—Chicago Daily News.

The Very Good Man—"He's forever prating about what his conscience tells him. What does his conscience tell him, anyway?" "It usually tells him, apparently, what awful sinners his neighbors are."—Philadelphia Press.

Mother—"Yes; and when the Prodigal Son was sorry for being so bad and returned to his home his father killed the fatted calf." "But what had the fatted calf been doing? Had he run away, too?"—Boston Transcript.

There was a great swell in Japan,
Whose name on a Tuesday began—
It lasted through Sunday
Till twilight on Monday,
And sounded like stones in a can.
—Harvard Lampoon.

"I shall not be content until we see our son making forty or fifty thousand dollars a year," said the fond mother. "My dear," answered her husband, "what do you want him to be, a jockey or a prizefighter?"—Washington Star.

Visitor—"You say you call your horses Biscay and Bengal. Aren't those decidedly unusual names for horses?" Farmer—"Ef the joggernauts hadn't changed sense I got my schoolin' them's mighty good names for a pair o' big bays."—Baltimore American.

The Fable in Russia.
This fable, dealing with the fall of Witte, the Russian finance minister, is related in a recent brochure entitled "A Glance at the Secrets of Russian Policy," published at Vienna: "The Czar dreamed the following singular dream. He saw three cows, one fat, one lean, and one blind. The next day he sent for the metropolitan Palladius and begged him to explain the dream, but the metropolitan declined. The Czar then sent for Father John of Kronstadt, and made the same request to him. Father John stroked his long curly hair with his hand and made reply in the following words: 'Your majesty, I understand your dream in this way: The fat cow is the finance minister, the lean one is the Russian people, and the blind one—' Don't be afraid; go on,' said the Czar. 'The blind cow is—your majesty!'"

Oldest Ship Afloat.
There is at present lying at Newcastle a schooner which is supposed to be the oldest ship of her kind sailing under the Union Jack. Her name is the Dart; she was built at Carnarvon seventy-eight years ago, and ever since has been in constant employment. At one time she sailed between Carnarvon and Liverpool; she is now engaged in the coasting trade between Arbroath and ports on the northeast coast of England.

The Dart has another distinction besides her age. She is manned by the oldest crew sailing the high seas. The captain is seventy, the mate seventy-two, the cook seventy-one and a seaman sixty-one—a total of 352. They have been with the Dart for some years; and were all boys together.—St. James's Gazette.

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LABOR WORLD.
Coach builders at Barcelona, Spain, are on strike for higher wages.
Cannamakers at San Francisco, Cal., will demand a ten per cent. increase in wages.
One hundred unions are already represented in the new Trades Council at Toronto, Can.
The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners will soon organize locals in the Philippines.
A State organization of Building Trades Councils is in process of formation in Massachusetts.
Actors at San Francisco, Cal., have formed a union and have affiliated with the American Labor Union.
In Paris, France, seven thousand people are employed in the preparation of human hair for the market.
School teachers of New Brunswick, Canada, have formed a union, and have agreed on the minimum scale of salaries.
London, England, postmen are complaining of their low wages, and may organize to procure better working conditions.
Traveling baths on one of the Russian railways are the latest provision for its employees' comfort in outlying districts.
The Chicago Bricklayers' Union has just voted \$80,000 to improve and build an annex to its store, office and hall building.
Ninety-eight per cent. of the men employed in connection with the building trades in Minneapolis, Minn., are union men.
Transfer drivers, at St. Louis, Mo., will receive an increase in wages varying from \$4 to \$7 a month beginning February 1.
Delegates representing sixteen cities and more than 4000 engineers of Massachusetts have formed a State organization of engineers' unions.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.
Connecticut fruit growers declare their peach crop this year will be very small.
The French Senate rejected the bill for the compulsory abolition of employment agencies.
Fire Chief Croker was reinstated by a unanimous decision of the Appellate Division of New York.
Five single-turret moilers built during the early days of the Civil War are to be sold for junk.
Mrs. Geneva McCarthy, of South Shaftsbury, Vt., is preparing to celebrate her 114th birthday.
The Nationalist party, it is said, will bring the Panama case before the French House of Deputies.
Navigation in the Mississippi has been rendered impossible near Arkansas City, Ark., by floating ice.
The Government has arranged for early tests of New York Harbor of the four wireless telegraph systems.
New regulations are about to be introduced in Russian prisons in regard to the application of the bastinado.
The anthracite coal sent to market during 1903, according to the official figures, amounted to 59,322,831 tons.
The total railway mileage in operation in the United States in 1902 was 293,132 miles, against 109,703 miles in 1890.
"Monk" Eastman, the notorious East Sider, was twice indicted, for attempted murder and assault in New York City.
Firemen fought two lions with streams of water at a fire which burned the steamer Tremont in New York City.
The seats of eighty-one members of the German Reichstag are being contested on the ground of irregularities in the election.
The Labor party made great gains in the recent Federal election in Australia, due largely to the support of the women voters.

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The Lobster Locomotive.
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad appears to maintain a monopoly of the biggest locomotives, says Victor Smith in the New York "Press." As soon as any other company approaches the Santa Fe's Leviathans in size or capacity the Atchison management orders something bigger and stronger. The latest type, the decapod, is a favorite of President Ripley for heavy freighting. Including its loaded tender, this locomotive weighs 450,000 pounds, and can haul on a level track a train of loaded cars more than one mile long, equal to a weight of over 5,000 tons. "What is a decapod?" an engineer of the Erie road was asked by a protesting commuter. "President Underwood needs one for his fast express." "A decapod," replied the faithful employe addressed, "is a lobster." Whether he was aware of it or not, the answer was absolutely descriptive. The name was derived from these crustaceans which have 10 feet and are deliberate of motion. The lobster has 10 feet and moves slowly. The decapod locomotive has 10 driving wheels and is slow.