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### A LITTLE NONSENSE.

What Old Mose Cared For the Most of All.

When old Mose applied for work he was given a job shoveling sand at a dollar a day.

A few days later the foreman passed near the sand bank and, to his surprise, saw Mose comfortably seated on a pile of sand directing the movements of another dusky laborer.

"Why, Mose," he exclaimed, "I did not hire that man! What's he doing here?"

"I got him er-doing my wuk, sah," replied Mose.

"Who pays him?" was the question.

"I does, sah. I pays him a dollah a day, sah," was the response.

"Why, that's all you receive, Mose. How do you profit by the transaction?" asked the amazed foreman.

"Well," replied Mose, scratching his woolly head, "I gets to boss de job, doan' I?"—Lippincott's Magazine.

### The Minister and the Widow.

The Rev. Samuel Robbins, a brother of the late Rev. Chandler Robbins of Boston, was noted for his wit. One of his best retorts was made in Framingham Center, where forty years ago he was pastor of the Unitarian church.

He had heard that a young widow in his congregation was intending again to enter the matrimonial state, and, as he knew her very well, he broached the subject to her.

"Yes," she replied, "I feel that my little son Edward needs a father's care."

"Oh!" exclaimed Mr. Robbins. "So you're going to get married to raise Ned!"—Boston Herald.

### FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

American History Game Is Amusing and Instructive.

The following is a pleasant little game to play with your friends or with the grown folks. Try it with the latter and see if they remember as much of their American history as they should.

The initial, or first letters of the words, correspond with those of the character's name. When you have used this list make a new one.

Only the left hand column is given out or read, and the problem is to guess what names the initials stand for:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Perilous Rider.....               | Paul Revere              |
| Great Warrior.....                | George Washington        |
| Always Loyal.....                 | Abraham Lincoln          |
| Worthy Penman.....                | William Penn             |
| Harbor Hunter.....                | Henrik Hudson            |
| Exceptional Ally.....             | Edwan Allen              |
| Considered Crazy.....             | Christopher Columbus     |
| Most Charming Widow.....          | Martha Custis Washington |
| Before Foreigners.....            | Benjamin Franklin        |
| Religious Wanderer.....           | Roger Williams           |
| Sailed Confidentially.....        | Sebastian Cabot          |
| Hated Black Slavery.....          | Harriet Beecher Stowe    |
| Unusually Successful General..... | Ulysses S. Grant         |
| Marching Suitor.....              | Miles Standish           |

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### TWO BORN FINANCIERS.

Two budding financiers have been unearthed by the police. These worthies, aged twelve and fourteen, have in a single day made 9,000 per cent on the capital of a penny. Obtaining entrance with this sum to a lavatory, No. 1 removed his nether garments. These were pawned by No. 2 for 50 cents. With the capital thus brought into the business he bought a watch on the installment system. A loan of \$2.50 was now floated with the aid of the watch at a second pawnbroker's. He returned to pawnbroker A and took "out" the trousers, which were then resumed by No. 1, and the two divided between them the \$2 minus working expenses, friction on boot leather, etc. Allowing for Sundays and short holidays for the directors on the Riviera, the company's annual profits at this rate would be nearly 3,000,000 per cent.—London Globe.

### Cannon's Definition.

Just as soon as Uncle Joe Cannon reached Washington at the opening of the session he hunted up in the committee rooms a number of his old cronies, several of whom in the Democratic ranks came in for a bit of chaffing at the hands of the genial speaker.

Uncle Joe was glad to perceive that such of his friends the enemy who had gone down in the recent election were in no wise as knocked out in spirits as they had been in the election.

"I'm proud of you, boys," said he, "for I don't find a pessimist in the crowd."

"By the way, Cannon," said some one, "what is your definition of a pessimist?"

"A pessimist," asserted Uncle Joe, with convincing gravity, "is a fellow that goes around looking for thorns to sit on."—New York Times.

### Judge Bishop and General Butler.

During a session of the superior court at East Cambridge, when Judge Robert R. Bishop was on the bench, a case was called in which a back country farmer appeared as a witness. While giving his testimony the question of dates came up.

"It happened in 1882," said the witness.

"Are you sure it was that year?" asked the counsel.

"Dead sure," said the witness.

"Will you tell the court why you are so certain about the year?" asked the counsel.

"Well," drawled the witness, "I know because it was the year Ben Butler defeated Rob Bishop for governor."—Boston Herald.

### Wrongly Named.

- Titmouse is a bird.
- Catgut is sheep gut.
- Sealing wax has no wax.
- Blind worms have eyes and can see.
- Irish stew is unknown in Ireland.
- Rice paper is not made of rice or the rice plant.
- Kid gloves are not made of kid.

### Didn't Get the Present.

It was a little boy's first morning at school. As the teacher assigned him a seat she said, "You may sit here for the present."

When the little boy went home he repeated to his mother, "The teacher told me to sit there for the present, and then she didn't give me the present."

### A Fine Game.

A simple hiding game may be played as follows:

Children are sent away to blind their eyes, and some object, either a ball, box, toy or block, is used to hide where it will be in sight.

The children come back and look all about. No child says a word or points to the object, but when he sees it he goes quietly and sits down. The ones who know do not look at or point to the object. The point of the game is self control. Children would point naturally or speak or rush toward the object, but in this they control themselves to a wonderful extent.

The child who sees the object first is chosen to hide the object and choose the ones to blind their eyes. There is little speaking in the game.

### Capital of Ireland.

A few years since, it will be remembered, the lord mayor of Dublin, Daniel Tallon, visited America and was feted and dined on every hand, says the New York Herald. When in Boston he was entertained at an elaborate dinner given for him by Mayor Quincy. In the small talk which followed the courses some one jestingly asked if Dublin was not the metropolis as well as the capital of Ireland. The lord mayor was ready with a reply.

"It used to be," he said, "but at present there is no question but that New York has that honor."

### A Bottle Gun.

Vice Admiral Guimaraes of the Brazilian navy has brought forward a "bottle gun." The gun is made of bronze, but the chamber at the breech which contains the propelling charge is of steel. The projectile, which is loaded at the breech, is an ordinary wine bottle filled with sawdust steeped in oil. When the gun is discharged the bottle is broken and its contents scattered over the water for a considerable distance. By discharging the gun every few minutes a smoother pathway is made for the advancing vessel.

### Guying His Uncle.

Uncle George—Why in time don't you brace up and do something? There's a splendid career before you if you'll only profit by it.

Dick—It is because I've seen a splendid career before me that I don't want to lose it. As long as I don't see it, that career will be before me. Seems to me the wise thing to do is to always have a promising prospect to feed your imagination upon.—Boston Transcript.

### What Am I?

I have something that every quadruped has.  
I have strong arms.  
I am the support of the greater part of humanity.  
I am perfectly quiet, yet I am often set on.  
Behold me, and I am what is found on all quadrupeds except one.  
Behold me again, and you have what you need, but I don't.  
Answer: A chair.

### The Way It Works.

"Did Grayce marry young Poor-feller?"  
"No; the engagement is off."  
"Why, she swore she'd sacrifice most everything to marry him."  
"Yes, but she changed her mind when she found she'd have to sacrifice most everything."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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