

For the LITTLE ONES

NEAT TRICK WITH MATCHES

Much Amusement May Be Had With Little Game Which Young Folks Cannot Get Outdoors.

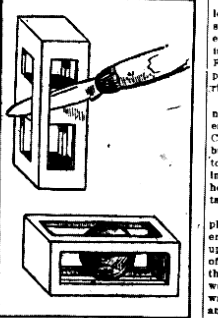
Have say 100 matches. Lay them on the table and agree with some one to take alternately from the heap any number not exceeding ten, and wager that the last match will come to you. Then remember the numbers 1, 13, 25, 37, and so on, increasing by 12 each time. Supposing you have the first draw, you take one match only, and your opponent can never have a chance, for if he draws as many as possible the first time (10) you take one more and make the total 12. Say he then draws 8, and you will immediately draw 4. When you have got 93 you will see that the other player has no chance. Should your opponent insist on having the first draw he will make it possible for you to attain one of the numbers, 12, 24, 36, etc. Then the game is yours.

A great deal of amusement may be had over the match trick during rainy evenings when the young folks cannot get out of doors to enjoy games in the open.

WHITTLE BALL IN BOX FRAME

Peculiar Epidemic Among Men Lounging in Fairmount Park—Toys Delight Little Children.

There is an epidemic in Fairmount park, Philadelphia, of a very contagious nature. Just so long as it was



Ball in Box Frame.

confined to the whittling of a stick, cases of it were isolated to a few who apparently meditated while they sent tiny chips fluttering over the ground, but one day a regular park devotee remarked that he could whittle a ball in a box frame. He was called upon to prove his ability to do so, and no sooner had he done so than his admiring associates tried to manufacture others like it. The eagerness of children to possess such a unique toy added an incentive to the fascination of whittling, and soon so many whittlers were in evidence that curiosity concerning them created comment, which led to investigation. A stroll through the park the other day revealed 37 gentlemen engaged in whittling "ball-in-frame."

"One of the whittlers declared it was an 'off afternoon' if only 37 whittlers were found, as several 'bunches of boys' found hours of amusement in the pastime.

"What do you get out of it?" he was asked.

"Just the satisfaction of making it," he smilingly answered.

The illustration shows the method of cutting the ball, and also the toy when finished.

HOW TO SPIN HANDKERCHIEF

Very Effective Trick and Popular With Jugglers May Be Done With Aid of Little Needle.

This is a very effective trick. It was a favorite one with jugglers and magicians until the other day was discovered. A handkerchief is borrowed, thrown in the air, and caught on the end of a whirling stick held by the juggler. When the handkerchief spreads out to its full size and commences to rapidly spin round. The secret is that in the end of the stick a needle is inserted about one quarter of an inch, leaving the sharp end of the needle so close to the eye of the whirling stick that the needle just passes through it, thus preventing it from falling on the stick, and the juggler will appear to spin and spin.



Spinning a Handkerchief.

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Strange



My Grandma said (her watch in hand) My child I'm fast I know - It's queer for I have always thought - My Grandma very slow!

ENGLISH SPELLING IS HARD

Noted Scholar Makes Strong Plea for Phonetic System—Child Would Save Much Time.

A strong plea in favor of phonetic spelling was made at the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Dundee the other day by Sir James Donaldson, D. D., vice-chancellor and principal of the University of St. Andrews and principal of the United College of St. Salvator and St. Leonard, says a London cable dispatch to the New York Sun. Sir James told the association that spelling is a thing of no consequence and everybody ought to be allowed to spell as he likes, just as Shakespeare and our ancestors did.

Sir James said that this plan would lead to phonetic spelling. Our present system of spelling, he told the scientists, if it can be called a system, is unique in its absurdity. The French, German, and Dutch spell phonetically, but the English are terribly behind them.

If the English spelling were phonetic, said Sir James, it would be easy for the whole population of China to learn the English language, but no foreigners now had a chance to learn easily. The English speaking child taught to spell phonetically, he said, saved at least a year in the task of acquiring an education.

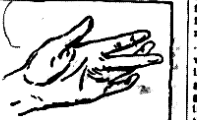
Sir James concluded his phonetic plea by scolding composers in general. The present method of making up words, he charged, was the doing of composers. "We are slaves of the printers," he asserted, "and if we do not spell according to their ways of thinking they change us over and over again. And there is no redress."

Sir James is an authority on the matter of spelling, being the author of "The Modern Greek Grammar," as well as many works on religious subjects.

NEAT LITTLE PARLOR TRICK

Difficult to Move Second Finger From Between First and Second Without Separating Them.

Here's something which is harder than it looks. Bend the second finger of your left hand far toward the tip of the first and third behind it. Then try to move the second finger out between them without



Finger Tricks.

separating them and without using the thumb or employing any other assistance.

RIDDLES.

What is the proper length for ladies' skirts? A little above two feet.

If the poker, shovel and tongs cost two dollars, what did the coals come to? Ashes.

What is that which works when it plays and plays when it works? A fountain.

What is everybody doing at the same time? Growing old.

What are the threads like deceptive friends? When double-faced.

What is that which fastens two people together, yet touches only one? The wedding ring.

What is the best? A small vest that is always coming off.

Why do you always put on your left shoe last? If you have put one on the other is left.

What is the best? A small vest that is always coming off.

TESTING HOGS FOR TUBERCULOSIS



Tuberculin Test for Hogs, Intradermal Method, Showing Enlargement at Seat of Inoculation Due to Positive Reaction.

(By JOHN R. MOHLER.) Tuberculosis in the swine family has been lessening materially during the past 15 years, but reports from the various meat-packing centers of the country tend to show the same encouraging condition regarding tuberculosis in hogs during the same space of time. It must be admitted that reports have come from several localities during the past four years showing a decrease in the number of tuberculous swine sent to market, but a review of the collective records of the country at large shows an increase rather than a decrease in the number of swine affected by this disease.

The small amount of money required to begin hog raising and the quick returns on the capital invested make this industry an attractive one to the small farmer. The hog will make pound of gain on less food than most live stock, and will probably utilize waste food products of every variety if properly prepared for him. As tuberculosis in this species is chiefly acquired by indigestion, the significance of the latter statement is obvious.

The vitality of hogs or their power of resistance to disease are necessarily lowered by the unnatural conditions which frequently obtain in hog raising, namely, the forced feeding for fattening and the small feeding pens in vogue in certain districts. When the enormous growth of a hog is considered, when it is realized that in the short space of 8 or 10 months its development is frequently 250 to 300 pounds—a proportionate increase of

IMPROVING PIG CROP BY JUDICIOUS FEEDS

More Attention Given by Farmers to Rations and Care in Order to Secure Profit.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTON.) Many farmers have started out this year with the intention of doing better by their crop of pigs than they have in the past. By doing better, I mean giving closer attention to the feed problem, and the care problem, so that the pigs when mature will have made a favorable growth at a low cost, and at the same time have developed strong frames, especially in the case of those pigs which are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.

It will be well for every man who desires to bring his pigs through the season in good form and condition to calculate to supply some of those foods which are known to have a favorable influence on the development of the framework of the pig. It is needless to say that corn alone will not serve the purpose. While it is true that corn in conjunction with good pasture makes a diet for the growing pigs which can hardly be improved on, it also often happens that the pasture contains little to attract the pigs.

In that case they are sure to lie around the yards and stuff themselves with grain in preference to seeking the grass and exercise in conjunction, which is so essential to the health and thrift of the animal.

The best bone building foods are those rich in phosphorus and lime. Skim milk perhaps stands at the head of the list, and it will pay to lay in some tankage, shorts and possibly some bone meal as well as some pure mineral matter.

It cannot be expected, however, that the feeding of foods bearing large amounts of protein and mineral matter, such as have been mentioned, will change the conformation of any part of the skeleton or, for example, make a pig stand straight.

This improvement will have to be made through selection, using no male or female that is faulty.

It might, too, be urged that if careful selection were practiced it would be unnecessary to consider the diet, since strong, honest breeding stock would naturally improve these points on their progeny.

On the contrary, it may be said that men have been trying for years to breed the best out of their herds without giving attention to a balanced ration problem, and they are practically where they started.

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