

PARLOR MAGIC.

AMUSEMENT FOR THE LONG WINTER EVENINGS.

Droll Tricks and Exhibitions of Natural Science—Performances of a New Kind of Amusement—Simple.

The Boston Herald gives a number of droll tricks and curious exhibitions in natural science for parlor entertainment during the long winter evenings. We make the following selections:

TRICKS.

You take a piece of paper, place three of them on the back of your hand, and, as a preliminary operation, blow them away with an air of great mystery, informing your audience at the same time that you are about to explain to them some very kind of magnetism. Then, placing the other three pieces on your hand, you say: "Which of the three pieces do the company desire shall remain on my hand when I blow on them?" When one has been selected, you place the forefinger of your other hand upon it and blow the other pieces away. The absurdity of this mode of solving this problem is sure to create much merriment.

THE WONDERFUL HAT.

Upon a table place three pieces of bread, or any other edible, a little distance from each other, and, holding a hat, take up the first hat, and removing the bread put in your mouth, letting the company see that you swallow it; then raise the second hat, and do the same with it, and so proceed to the third hat in the same manner. Having eaten the three pieces, ask any person in the company to choose which hat he would like the three pieces of bread to be under, and when he has made his choice, one of the hats, not the one on your head, ask him if he does not think they are under it.

EXPERIMENTS IN ELECTRICITY.

Take a piece of common brown paper, hold it before the fire until quite dry and hot, then draw it briskly under the arm several times, so as to rub it on both sides at once by the coat. The paper will be found so powerfully electrified that, if placed against a wainscoted or papered wall of a room, it will remain there some minutes without falling.

WARM TISSUES.

Warm two pieces of white paper at a place, then, upon each other, on a piece of book, and rub strongly the upper paper with India rubber, when the paper will be found so strongly electrified as to be separated only by force. If torn asunder in the dark, they will give out the electric spark.

PROCURE A BASIN OF MILK WARM WATER.

Procure a basin of milk warm water, throw into it half a dozen pieces of camphor about the size of a pea; in a minute they will begin to move, and acquire a rotary and progressive motion, which will continue for a considerable time. Camphor, being heavier than water, will sink, but, if ignited, while floating upon water, producing a singular effect.

RING SUSPENDED BY A BURNING THREAD.

Put a teaspoonful of salt in a wineglass of water; stir it up and place it in some coarse sewing cotton, say No. 16; in about an hour take the thread out and dry it. Take a piece of this prepared cotton, and make a loop about a foot long, and tie it to a small ring, hold it up and set fire to the thread. When it has burnt out, the ring will not fall, but remain suspended.

TO STAND AN EGG UPRIGHT.

The unaccountable manner in which the great majority of eggs form the feat of making an egg stand upright, by breaking one end, is familiar to all who have read the anecdote of "Columbus and the Egg." Evidently at that time it was considered impossible to stand an egg on its point. But in the present day, by taking an egg in a long one in the egg, and well shaking it, so that the yolk may be broken and mixed with the white, it can be balanced by any one with a steady hand, and with a little practice. A piece of wire may be used to steady the surface is best adapted for this experiment.

THE DOUBLED COIN.

Half fill a glass with water and put a dime or quarter into it; cover the glass with a plate, upon which place one hand, while you hold the glass with the other; turn the glass upside down, so that none of the water may escape; place it upon a table, and you will see the coin at the bottom larger than it is in reality, and another will appear of the natural size, a little above it.

THE INVERTED GLASS OF WATER.

This little experiment affords at the same time amusement and instruction. Wipe a wine glass perfectly dry, then pour water into it until it is full; indeed, if care be taken to have the glass quite bright, it may be filled above the brim. Now take a card, carefully place it upon top of the glass, and press it on the rim of the glass. If this be cleverly done, there will be no air bubble between the card and the water; and if the glass be more than full, this can be with certainty accomplished. Now dexterously turn the glass upside down, keeping the finger on the card the while. This being done, the finger can be removed from the card, and yet the water will not run out, nor will the card fall away. No air can get into the glass, and, as a consequence, no water can run out. If the glass, still inverted, be placed upon a tray, the card can be slipped away, and yet no water will flow out. In this way you can hand a glass of water to a friend, but he can not remove it without spilling the whole.

TO PLACE WATER IN A GLASS UPSIDE DOWN.

Procure a plate, a tumbler and a small piece of tissue paper. Set the plate on a table, and pour water into it up to the first rim. Now, slightly crumple up the paper, and place it in the glass; then set it on the fire. When it is burnt out, or, rather, just as the last flame disappears, turn the glass quickly upside down into the water. The water will rush up into the glass.

IMMOVABLE CARD.

Take an ordinary visiting card and send over each end about a quarter of an inch, stand it on the table on the two feet thus made, and ask any person to blow it over. This seems easy enough, but it may be tried a long time without success. It is, however, to be done by blowing sharply on the tablet some distance from the card.

SETTING A DIME OUT OF A WINK GLASS.

How to take a dime out of a wine glass without touching either one might seem a difficult task to one who did not know the trick. The feat is accomplished by putting it into the glass, and over it a small silver quarter, which of the other hand stands in the glass very hard.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE.

Place two persons on their knees, opposite to each other. Each to kneel on one knee with the other leg in the air, and hold a candle. The candle is to be held in the air, and the other person is to blow it out.

PHYSIC IN JAPAN.

The Work of the "Amma" or Professional Shampooer in Treating the Body—The Old and the New Schools.

As I am sitting in my room, says W. J. Holland in a letter from Tokio to the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, there comes to my ears the sound of a shrill pipe, sounding not unlike a flute. The traveler in Japan, who, where he may, at most invariably has his room at night, and will be told in answer to his inquiries that the performance is a professional "shampooer" or "amma."

Most of the shadows that cross our path through life are caused by standing in our own light. Better to be despoiled for too anxious apprehensions, than ruined by too confident a security.

Even reckoning makes lasting friends and the way to make reckonings even is to make no such friends.

The first duty of a wise advocate is to convince his opponents that he understands their arguments and sympathizes with their feelings.

A good souled child is a fortress of strength between its parents and sin. The barest stump is beautiful when over-run by the honeysuckle.

Be cheerful, and seek not external help, nor give the tranquility which others give. A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others.

Good nature shows virtue in the fairest light, takes off in some measure from the deformity of vice, and makes even folly and impudence supportable.

He who longs after good precepts is quickened in his imagination, and strengthened in his expression. The vine which grows in the sun is the fullest of sap and sweetest of fruit.

Self-Murder by Explosions. The s. side of the Anarchist Ling, by means of a detonator exploded in his mouth, is not the first martyr of his kind. Thus, in 1876, a native of Alsace put a dynamite cartridge into his mouth and fired it, with the result of blowing his head and the upper part of his body to pieces. In the same year, at Wakeham Market, in Suffolk, a woman named Solomon, the wife of an oil merchant, purchased a quantity of gunpowder, and having made a circle of it and placed it in the middle she fired the powder. The experiment was unsuccessful; only slight injuries were inflicted on the woman. Thereupon she went to an outdoor, and putting a quantity of gunpowder into a pan, placed herself over it, and ignited a match. On this occasion her injuries were more severe, but for her purpose the explosion was again a failure, and so she hacked at her throat with a knife. She was found in a most lamentable condition, and died next day.

Wanted a Realist.

A thoughtful-looking man entered a large publishing-house, and asked for the manager; and, having been shown into his office, said: "I saw your advertisement."

"Yes, sir, a real one. I was for several years editor of the Realistic Verbiosty, and am the author of several novels."

"I don't let that worry you, since my not hearing of it has made me a realist."

"You state that you have work for a realist."

"I would like to secure it. My writing, though meeting every requirement of truth in the art of fiction, has not been remunerative. I suppose you would want me to perform literary criticism—and permit me to say that in this line I am an acknowledged master. I have picked out the slobbering and yawning faults of Dickens, and have written, I flatter myself, a glittering critique."

"You deny the existence of genius?"

"Most emphatically."

"And you believe, with Mr. Howells, that all the stories have been written?"

"Yes, because I thought that my training would fit him for the work. I went to him to read proof on a fruit tree catalogue and then compile a lumber report. He was so impressed by my report, that he added to himself, 'This fellow has the makings of a realist.' He said that while they only claim talent, and possess the eccentricity of genius.'—Arkansas Traveler.

Painting Turkey's Legs.

One of the most curious trades, or perhaps we ought to designate it by the name of profession, is that of "painter of turkey's legs." This artist is only known to the poultry dealer or the customer who has a customer's turkey for the community. By his artistic skill he enables the trade to palm off a bird of patriarchal age, with a certain, vague romance as to the date of its decease, upon a timid, nervous, or over-cautious customer.

Everybody has not Mr. Gladstone's ability with the axe, and may prefer to have a turkey whose age does not preclude all possibility of dismembering it with an ordinary knife and fork.

Of Scientific Interest. "Mamma," inquired little Emerson Waldo, a boy on a visit to his scientific mother, "everything that is real must have some kind of motive power, must it?"

The Ruling Passion. His life was fast ebbing away, and his mind was wandering.

"Bill," he muttered, "hold her up high 'n' let her hard; she's checked for Saratoga."

John, whispered his wife, "do you hear?"

But the old bygonemaster lay dead.—New York Sun.

Back and Shoulders. Are the joints usually attacked by rheumatism, and the patient unable to move, or do the limbs become swollen and stiff?

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