

The officer brought him some breakfast, and told him he was —— for coming to the city as it was no place for boobies or ——.

As Billy had no money to pay for fines and had received punishment enough already they procured a free pass for him and sent him home, which he reached without further adventure. He has never visited Boston since then, and says he thinks Boston —— and ——.

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A READING GAME.

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DIRECTIONS.

1. This game may be played by any number of players. It is a narrative of the adventures of a young man from the country on his first visit to Boston; with blank spaces left to be filled in by the players as the game progresses.

2. The curious and contrary nature of the articles, for the use to which they are assigned, in the story, cannot fail to excite laughter and merriment.

3. A person is selected to read the story, who divides the cards among the players. The players keep their cards in a pile face downwards and do not select or pick them out, but take them in regular order as they lie in the pile.

4. The reader pauses at each —— in the story and the players, beginning at the left of the reader, read their cards in rotation, one for each —— thus making the story complete. After reading a card lay it aside.

5. As the cards never come twice in the same order an endless and comical variation in the narrative is secured.

INTRODUCTION TO BILLY BUMPS.

William Bumps, familiarly known as "Billy" was a native of Pumpkinville. Now Pumpkinville is not a large place, but it is a very pleasant place for all that.

Why not, to be sure! Is there not enough variety in the scenery? There were the ploughed fields belonging to old farmer Crosspatch extending in all directions, and the rocky hills in the background, and Joshua Sharp's grocery store, and the old meeting house, and in fact, too many beautiful things to mention here.

But Billy was of an aspiring disposition. He longed for the roar of the great city and often threatened to run away. The rod held by the head of the family was, however, of such an admirable quality of

birch, that Billy wisely desisted from the attempt until he was thought old enough to rely upon himself. He could never banish the delightful visions of Boston and feasted upon them day and night until no longer being able to resist the charm he left Pumpkinville for the great city. His experience in Boston is in the following account, very truthfully described.

It was only about a week later that the good people of his native town were surprised to see "Billy" again in their midst, much ruffled in appearance and with a very dejected countenance. Jim Jones, the tavern-keeper, said it was his belief that Billy had been drugged and robbed in Boston and then turned adrift. Dr. Highcharge said he was insane and needed to take a dose of salts every thirty minutes. A great many people thought the doctor was right but if you will all listen you will hear the true account of his visit.

NARRATIVE.

One bright summer morning, if you had been on the road between Greentown and Pumpkinville, you might have seen Billy Bumps dressed in his Sunday clothes, gripsack in hand, on the way to the R. R. station. As he walked along he said to himself, the idea of going to Boston makes me feel like _____ on a _____. As he reached the top of the hill he met a farmer who asked him if he was going to _____. Billy said he was going to Boston to make his fortune and when he came back he could buy _____ and _____ and have _____ if he wanted to. Billy walked on a mile or two farther and then stopped to rest and eat some _____ his mother had given him before he started. It tasted good but he had rather have _____ cooked with _____. He had proceeded but a short

ways when hearing the noise of a team behind him he beheld Deacon Cash in his _____ leading by a rope a _____ behind the carriage. He said he was going to market to see _____ and _____ and to buy _____ with the proceeds. He inquired why he saw Billy so far from home, and looking like _____ in his best clothes. Billy said he was going to Boston to get as rich as _____, and that he would then come home and buy _____ for _____.

He reached the Centre just in time to get a ticket and _____ and boarded the train for Boston. As the seats were well filled Billy was obliged to sit with a fat woman who was dressed in _____ and carried for baggage _____ and _____. She asked Billy what that place was named; Billy told her, and asked her if she ever heard of _____. She said she was the woman who had just been cured of consumption by the use of _____.

It was not long before the train arrived in a large

depot, and the brakeman called "BOSTON." Billy walked down the paved streets, staring at the wonders of the place until he began to feel hungry.

As it was about time for dinner he sat down at a table in a crowded restaurant and ordered _____ and _____ and a cup of _____, but the waiter brought him _____, _____ and _____. This greatly angered Billy and he called the waiter _____ and told him that if he ran the tavern he would hit him with _____ as quick as _____ can eat a _____.

After dinner Billy went out to see the sights. He first went to a dime museum; he saw there _____ and _____, and in a cage were a family of _____, in the next was a hyena eating _____. There was a fat woman who had _____ and the giant who was as big as _____ and _____ put together. He next visited the Common and Public Gardens. He remarked to a gentleman that the soldiers' monument was almost as large as _____. But the man said he

had rather have _____ or _____. A boy directed him to Bunker Hill and advised him to take a horse car, which Billy accordingly did.

Opposite him in the car was a man with _____. Billy left the car at Monument avenue and started up the hill. He thought the view from the top was as good as _____ on a summer day and that the monument was as tall as _____. As it was now dark Billy went to a hotel and had supper which consisted of _____, _____ and _____, and feeling sleepy he went to bed and dreamed of _____, and that he was _____ fighting _____ with _____ who hit him with _____. This made Billy scream and a porter pounded on the door and said if he didn't keep still he would hit him with _____ until there was nothing left of him but _____.

The next day he went to the Boston Museum. There was a picture of a _____ riding on a _____. There were Indian war clubs as heavy as _____ and

shaped like _____ and a stuffed bear as big as _____ and a great many other things. When Billy went down to breakfast he told the hotel clerk that he was going to find a new lodging place as he was a little afraid of those men with white aprons and black faces and hands, who looked like _____. The clerk laughed and told him his bill would be \$5. Billy said this was too much and that he could get board at Pumpkinville for \$3.00 a week and he would not pay \$5.00 any more than _____ would dance a hornpipe with _____. The clerk said if he did not pay he would have him arrested. Billy called him _____ and _____ and _____, but it ended in Billy being thrown on to the sidewalk by the men with black faces and white aprons, and he heard a man say he was a _____. To get away from that neighborhood Billy took a horse car up-town. He asked a man if the car was going to _____ or _____. The man asked Billy if he took him for _____, and that he had better go home and get _____.

When the conductor came around he handed him a _____ instead of a nickel for his fare. The conductor said Billy was as green as _____ and a young chap on the platform said he was a _____ from the country. Billy told him to mind his _____. A nicely-dressed gentleman with a large watch chain and a diamond stud and _____ told Billy he must pay no attention to the remarks of conceited people. "I see you are a stranger in Boston and must caution you about getting into bad company," said he.

He invited Billy to call at his rooms to see _____ which invitation was accepted. They entered a nicely furnished house and went to the man's room. As it was a warm day and _____ being bad, the man invited Billy to try some temperance drink. Billy asked him if he had _____ as he was hungry. The gentleman said he would get _____. In a few minutes he returned with a bottle and some glasses and _____ in his hand. Billy drank three glasses of the temperance drink and ate some _____.

The man excused himself for a minute, and Billy feeling tired lay down on _____ and before he knew it was asleep. How long he slept we do not know. When he awoke he did not know himself. He looked like _____ on a bender. His good clothes were gone and he had on a pair of _____ covered with _____. He tried to go out but found the door locked. A man in a blue coat and brass buttons appeared and asked Billy if he wanted _____.

Billy wanted to know where he was. The officer said "we picked you up on the common drunker than _____." Billy now declared that he had not tasted anything stronger than _____, a temperance drink a missionary friend had given him. The policeman laughed and said it was evident Billy was green as _____ and had fallen in with a confidence man. Billy said he didn't think he could ever succeed in Boston and called himself _____ and said that _____ or _____ as big as _____ would not pay him for his loss.