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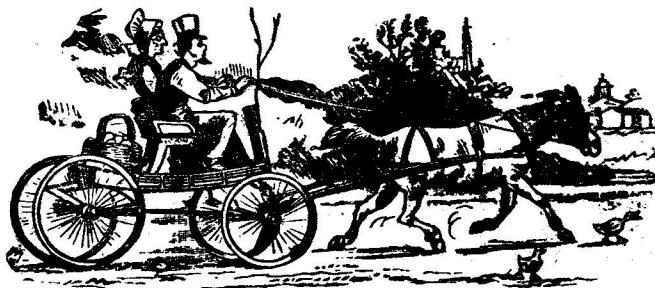
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THE AMUSING READING GAME

—OF—



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DIRECTIONS.

1. This game may be played by any number of players. It is a narrative of the adventures that befel a man and his wife, 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. One 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

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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.

THE AMUSING GAME OF MY WIFE AND I.

Last Monday morning I was awakened by some one knocking at the door of my house in Mudwater Lane. I got up in great haste and put on—. When I got to the door who should be there but a darkey with—. "Halloo," said I, "what do you want at this time of day?" He said he wanted—. "Get off with you," said I "go to my neighbor Dr. Bad-writer." I went up to complete my toilet, but could not find my—. My razors had been taken by the new help in the kitchen to open oysters, and were as dull as—, and so I used—. I washed my face in—, cleaned my teeth with—, and combed my hair with—. My best suit had been taken possession of by

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Smutty the dog, and so I put on—. The monkey, seeing how funny I looked, snatched off my wig and put on my head—. And the parrot called me—. I then awoke my wife and asked her what she had for breakfast. She said she had—and asked me to have—for her at 8 o'clock. I then confided to my wife the fact that I was going to drive over to town and asked her to come with me. She said she would die first, but after having lunch, which consisted of—and—she consented.

Just as we got ready to start, who should call but Mrs. Cabbagehead with—under her arm, and leading—by a string. She stopped but a few minutes however, and when she had gone, I hitched up the old mare in the wagon and drove over to the house to get the butter, eggs, and—, that we were to exchange at the grocer's for—, and ten yards of—. Just

as I got everything in the wagon my wife came out dressed in——, and looking as pretty as ——in fly time. As she was climbing into the wagon with——she slipped and fell between the wheels. I extracted her with some difficulty and asked her if she was imitating——that we saw walking a rope with——, in the last circus.

When we had driven Sally about half-way to the town, a young chap came along with—— and wanted to race, so I chirped up "Old Sall" and went in to beat; for a while it was nip and tuck but at last I gained on the fellow. He got mad and called me——. Happening to look back in the wagon we saw that most of the eggs were broken and mixed up with the——and they had spattered over my wife's best dress, making it look like——

As we were going to have a party next day, we called at the grocer's and ordered——.

And then at the butcher's and ordered——. We next went to the haberdasher's who recommended——, as being better than——. I did not want it but asked him if he had——.

As I was going to make a stump speech down at the political meeting the next night I bought a hat and——to wear on that occasion. On our way home we met Alderman Mucker who was searching for——. We told him to use—— instead.

When we got home we found that our new hired girl had spoiled——. We have no end of trouble with that hired girl. "Well," said I, "this is too bad; why don't you give her——and pack her off with——?"

Who should call in just then but Miss Mantrap dressed in——and carrying——. She came to borrow——. "Take it and welcome," said I, "if you will lend me——." Be careful

when you go out and not fall over——.” Next came old Mrs. Knownothing who brought us ——. “Why ma’am,” said I, “you look as young as——” and to please her more I rang the bell for——. She was delighted with it and asked me if I had——. I asked her to take a chair, when she sat right down on——.

She stopped to dinner, and a famous one we had. In the centre was——, at the top was ——, at the bottom——. For a side dish——, and for dessert——. But the poor old lady ate too much of——, and, being ill, I sent for the doctor who prescribed——. “That’s a funny recipe,” said I, “I’d rather have——.” He said I knew nothing about it and called me——. I told him he was like——, and his great grandfather’s cousin was like——.

No sooner had he gone, than farmer Clodhopper drove up and invited me to go and see

his new machine that he had just bought, for changing——into——. He promised I should have——and——for supper. My wife asked him if he had——. He said no, but his son master Beanpole had——, and if she’d go he would give her——. So off we started, but the old horse stumbled over——and fell breaking both shafts. I tumbled out of the cart and fell on my nose to which I applied——. I also bruised my elbow, so I rubbed it with——, but Clodhopper’s wife told me to put on——, and the horse-doctor recommended——.

The hired girl was half asleep and brought me——. After supper what should make its appearance but —— and ——, but I did not care for that and asked for——.

When I retired I found a warming pan in the bed which quite scorched me. Up came the farmer’s wife at the noise I made, declaring she

thought a burglar had attacked me with—, and stolen—. I told her I did not want a warming pan in summer and I would as soon sleep on—. However, she said accidents would occur in the best regulated families.

My wife said I reminded her of—, and the farmer said I was—. I told them to mind their own business or I would throw — at them. All this was impolite, but you see I was quite worked up. At this they assailed me with —and beat me till I felt like—. A policeman, hearing the noise I made, ran into the house and rescued me. He said he would not arrest us if we'd give him—, which we agreed to do.

The night of the political meeting came, and I was invited to give the address. I was escorted to the meeting by—. After a few others had made a few remarks, I addressed the mul-

titude. But the multitude did not like what I said and hooted and hissed and called me—. I said every one there was—.

At this they pelted me with— and—and—. But my friends got me into a carriage and carried me home in an unconscious state. When I revived I found I was covered with —and—and—, and that my wife was applying restoratives to me.

I could not leave the house for over a week on account of my illness, during which I wrote this biographical sketch of "My Wife and I."

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