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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 New York; 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 lay 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.

Peter Coddle's Trip to New York.

There lived in the town of Wayback a young man by the name of Peter Coddle.

He was as lazy as _____ and would no more work than _____. So worthless was he that he was nicknamed by some _____, by others _____.

One day he was standing near _____ when word was brought him by _____ that an uncle had died and left him _____.

The news came so suddenly, very nearly gave him _____. He rallied from the surprise, however, and began to speculate as to what he should do with _____. At first he thought he should buy _____ and build _____ four stories high. Then he thought he would start _____ and exhibit _____ and _____, and again he would be _____.

Peter thought it a great care to be _____. When

I was poor I had little to think of but—or—and little to do but work at—and eat—and—three times a day. Now I am as nervous as—

Peter was anxious to see—so he took a steamer to New York, and put up at—. The next morning he bought—and—, was measured for—and encased his feet in—. He next invested in—, and spent much time in selecting—to give—.

When he was dressed in these, he looked like—, but Peter thought no one would take him for—.

But he wandered about as curious as—staring like—, and bumping against—and stumbling over—.

He felt ill at ease and would have preferred going to see—than wondering about like—. One day he made the acquaintance of—who volun-

teered to introduce him to—and help him spend his money as fast as—or a locomotive could run over—.

Peter was delighted and treated his friend to—and—. They went together to the opera and Peter bought—to throw at the principal singer whom he said resembled—.

They next visited—and Peter confessed that he liked the play of—better than—. In this way he got rid of considerable money and—but he was having as nice a time as—ever had and he felt he had rather be Peter Coddle than—.

Peter's friend secured him an invitation to—for which it was necessary for him to have—. Dressed in this he looked exactly like—and imitated the manners of—. As he was not versed in the usage of good society, he bought—which he studied diligently.

He went to the party dressed in—and having

— for a button-hole bouquet. In his efforts to be polite he made as many grimaces as — and contorted his body equal to — or —.

He was introduced to a young lady as beautiful as — who — wore over —.

The two promenaded until the band played — which set the ladies and gentlemen dancing around like —.

Peter, being anxious to please, exerted himself with the energy of — and the grace of —. He had no idea that he was acting like — and making his partner feel as if she was dancing on —.

After the party, as he was going back to his hotel he was mistaken for —, by a policeman, who arrested him and dragged him to the station, beating him with — so that when he got there he looked like —; he was locked up for the night in a cell as cold as —.

The next morning he was taken before the court, fined \$5.00 and costs for disturbing —.

This experience greatly frightened Peter, and as soon as he was released he ran as fast as — for the depot and took the first train home, after an absence of four weeks.

If any of my readers should happen to go to Wayback they would doubtless find Peter Coddle as proprietor of the village store. He has grown as fat as — and is as lazy as —.

It is perhaps needless to say that Peter has never since visited New York.