

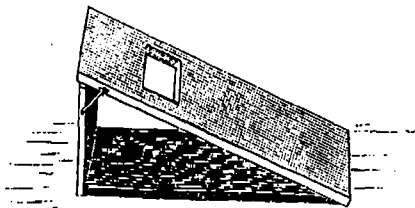


Strange but True.

TAKE a piece of paper and upon it put in figures your age in years, dropping months, weeks, and days. Multiply it by 2, add to the result obtained the figures 3776, then add 2, and then divide by 2. Subtract from the result obtained the number of your years on earth, and see if you do not obtain figures that you will not be likely to forget.

A Bean-Bag Game.

TAKE a piece of board three feet in length, and near one end cut a hole five inches square. At the same end fasten, by means of two hinges, another piece of board ten inches in



height, and of the same width as the first board. This short piece is intended as a support to raise up one end of the long board, and keep it in an inclined position, as the other end should rest on the floor.

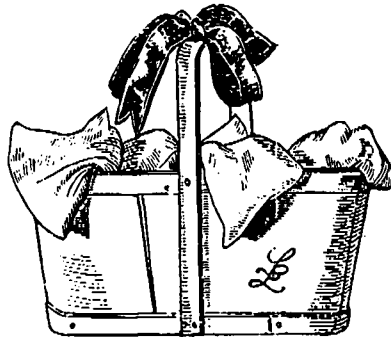
Fasten a long hook on the outside edge of the support, near enough to the top to allow the hook to reach across to the long board, where it should be made fast by a screw-eye placed in position for the purpose, as shown above.

Attach another hook and screw-eye on the corresponding opposite sides of the boards, so that when in use the bean board may be firmly fixed in place; and when put away the hooks can be unlocked, and the support shut up flat against the longer board. When the board is finished, give it a coat of bright red paint, and set it away until it is perfectly dry.

Make ten bean-bags of strong cloth, green or blue, light or dark, or some of the bags of one color, and some of another. Pour a half pint of beans into each bag.

Then make one bag of bright yellow twice the usual size. Into this mammoth pour a whole pint of beans.

As a receptacle for the bags, take any small basket you may happen to have; the common, wooden fruit-basket answers



the purpose, and looks very gay and pretty when painted or stained the same color as the board, with a bow of bright ribbon tied on one side of the handle.

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME.

At one end of the parlor or hall (or grass-plot—if the game is played out of doors) is placed the inclined bean-board. Standing at a suitable distance away—the farther from the board, the more fun—the players each in turn throw the bean-bags one at a time towards the hole.

A score is kept, and if ten ordinary bags fall through the hole it counts one hundred, or ten for each bag; and if the "mammoth" is thrown through the square opening, it adds twenty, making one hundred and twenty, the highest possible score.

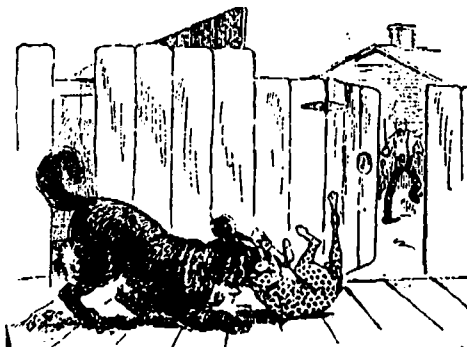
Should any of the bags remain on the board, they count five points apiece, but for each bag that is thrown upon, or falls to, the floor, five points are subtracted. The "mammoth" counts double in each case.

The basket containing the bags is held by some one standing by the side of the person playing, so the bags may be convenient, and easily reached, and the player need not be burdened with the weight of extra bags.

One charm of this game is, that all the family can join in the sport, and few or many may take part in it. The game may furnish a pleasant pastime for the home circle, and it can form a portion of the entertainment for a garden party.—*Youth's Companion.*



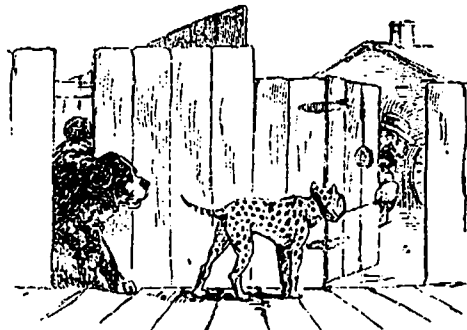
The Stableman's Successful Ruse.



A Newfoundland dog finds a coach dog he can whip and whips him.



Which enrages the stableman, who paints a bull dog to resemble his pet.



And exposes the bull dog to a rash attack from the enemy.



With flattering results.

An eel lays 9,000,000 eggs. A good eel of egg laying that. The highest form of vegetable life is found on mountain tops.

No wonder the minutes fly so fast. They are making up time.

Raining cats and dogs is surely no worse than hailing strangers.

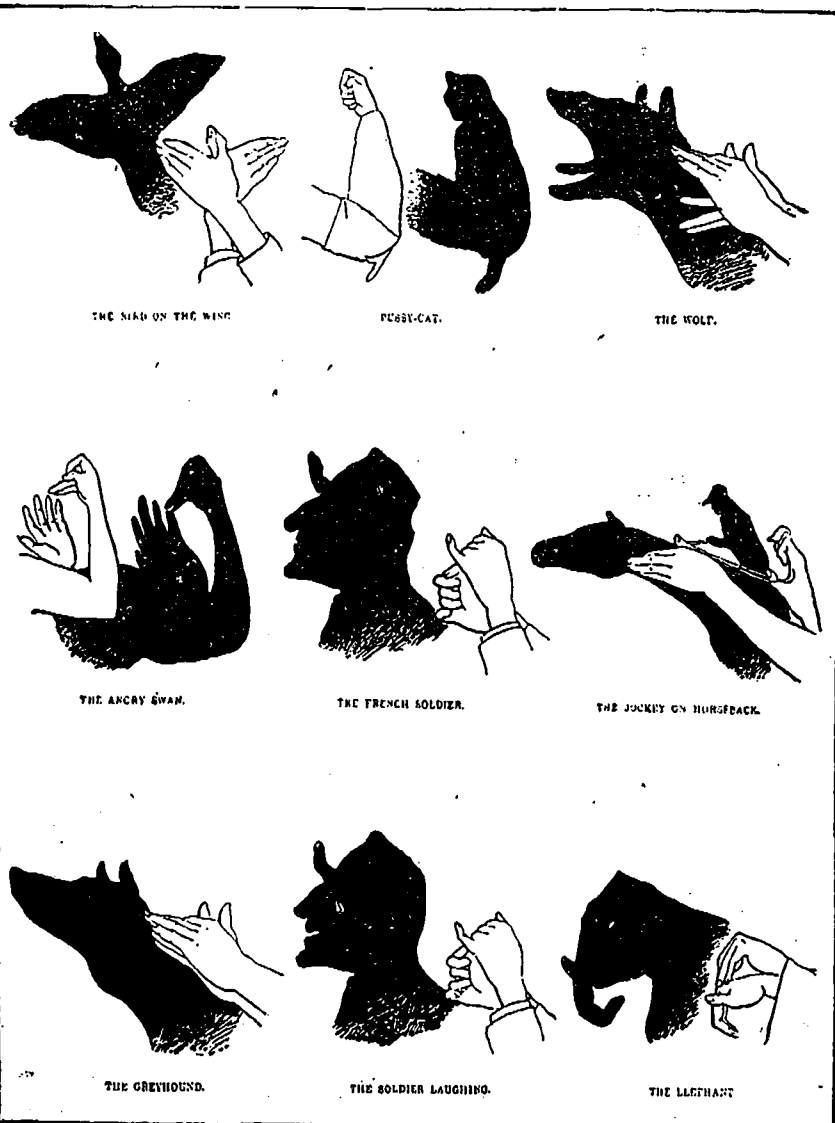
Curiously enough, women with double chins are not inclined to be great talkers.

A pretty girl don't object to reflections on herself when they come from a looking-glass.

Marriageable men are beginning to suspect that a striking face often goes with a striking disposition.

When you hear a man asking his neighbors, "Is marriage a failure?" you can generally set it down as pretty sure that his marriage was.

The law is like an hotel. It is open to all who have money. You may go in, but you cannot get out unless you leave some of your money behind you.



THE SHIP ON THE WING

PURBY-CAT.

THE WOLF.

THE ANGRY SWAN.

THE FRENCH SOLDIER.

THE JOCKEY ON HORSEBACK.

THE GREYHOUND.

THE SOLDIER LAUGHING.

THE ELEPHANT