

**Bird Rhymes**

The following, from the Oklahoma Bird Book, will suggest a pleasant exercise for a social half-hour, and may be adopted to almost any kind of young people's gathering:—

1. There's a bird whose name tells if he flies fast or slow. (Swift.)
2. And one which boys use when with long strides they go. (Stil.)
3. There is one that tells tales, although he can't sing. (Tattler.)
4. And one who flies high, but is held by a string. (Kite.)
5. By one a high rank in the army is held. (Adjutant.)
6. There's another whose name with one letter is spelled. (Jay.)
7. There is one that a farmer in harvest would use. (Thrasher.)
8. And one you can easily fool if you choose. (Gull.)
9. What bird, at dessert, it is useful to hold? (Nut cracker.)
10. And which in the chimney place oft hung of old? (Crane.)
11. Which bird wears a bit of the sky in its dress? (Bluebird.)
12. Which one always stands in the corner at chess? (Rook.)
13. There is one built at church, of London the pride. (Wren.)
14. We have one when we talk with a friend by our side. (Chat.)
15. What bird would its bill find useful at tea? (Spoonbill.)
16. And which would its tail use to steer us at sea? (Huddler Duck.)
17. Which proudly a musical instrument wears? (Lyre Bird.)
18. And which the same name as a small island bears? (Canary.)
19. Which bird is called foolish and stupid, and silly? (Loon.)
20. And which always wanting to punish poor Billy? (Whip-Poor-Will.)
21. Which bird is an artisan, works at its trade? (Weaver.)
22. And which is the stuff of which flags are made? (Bunting.)
23. One, we're told by the poet, at heaven's gate stands. (Lark.)
24. And there's one which, in Holland, the new baby brings. (Stork.)
25. What bird have we with us in eating and drinking? (Swallow.)
26. One, used for a fence, you can say without thinking. (Rail.)
27. What bird is a scold, a scerner, a jest? (Mocking Bird.)
28. What one is too lazy to build her own nest? (Cuckoo.)
29. From a high wind at evening one name is inferred. (Nightingale.)
30. Guess all these, you're as wise as Minerva's own bird. (Owl.)

**The Flower Game**

A pretty game for a gathering of young girls is known as the flower game, and can be varied somewhat according to the ingenuity of the hostess. After all the guests arrive, each one should be given a numbered card with a pencil attached. Scattered over the house should be the emblems of flowers, and these may be as few or as numerous as you please. To illustrate, a toy dog standing on a splinter of wood might represent dogwood; a little tin pan containing the letter "c" pansy; several tiny bells painted blue, bluebells; a card containing a picture of a foppish man and a lion, dandelion; and so on. There is hardly any end to the combinations that you can make when once you begin; and the more original your game, the better you will enjoy it. Perhaps it will be as well not to have more than twenty-five items in the contest, for if your guests grow tired from the effort of guessing, it will leave a bad impression. Better a little too short than a

little too long. Each card should be numbered, and when a girl guesses a combination she should write her answer opposite the appropriate number. At the expiration of a certain time, a half or three-quarters of an hour, a bell should be rung and the cards collected. After they have been examined they may be returned to their owners and the correct answers read. If you wish to give a prize to the most successful contestant, it will be pretty to have it something in the flower line—a bunch of roses, a flower stick pin, or something of that sort. This could be made to form a pleasing feature of a missionary entertainment. Combine with refreshments and a programme consisting of readings, recitations, and music.—*Es.*

What is it that Adam never saw, never possessed, and yet he gave two to each of his children?  
Parents.

**A Peacemaker**

A little girl said to her mother one evening: "I was a peacemaker to-day."  
"How was that?" asked her mother.  
"I knew something that I didn't tell," was the reply.

There are many boys and girls who could be peacemakers every day, if, like this little girl, they wouldn't tell some of the things they know about others. Repeating a bit of evil gossip about somebody else has led to many a quarrel, and sad misunderstandings have often arisen from some careless remark which has been told by one to another.  
Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers;" and surely it is worth while trying to be one of those upon whom our Saviour pronounced his blessing.

Next time we hear anything unkind about another, let us be careful not to repeat it, and in this way we may show ourselves peacemakers.—*Applies of Gold*



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