

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL PAGE

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Confederation Games for Dominion Day

Games for Young Canada

THE Maple and the Beaver are the Emblems of Canada. Give each player a card and pencil and see how many can draw sketches of maple trees and beavers. Let all those whose drawings are finished in ten minutes draw for a prize.

Post Card Games

Secure a set of picture post cards representing views of different parts of Canada. Cover the names on the cards, number the cards and let all guess what lake, monument, harbour, river, city, etc., is represented. Another way to use the picture post cards is to cut them in small pieces and jumble the fragments, then let each try to be the first to piece one together. Cut one post card for each player, regulating the quantity of pieces in this way by the size of the company.

Try this: Give each a picture post card cut up, and placed in an envelope sealed. When the handkerchief drops let all open their envelopes and try to be the first to piece his picture together. The quickest wins the prize.

Instead of covering the names on the post cards as described in the second game, players can be asked to tell what they know about the pictures. Thus, if Mount Robson is represented, let them tell what they know about this mountain.

All About Canada

Test the knowledge of the players with regard to Canada by a question contest. Here are some of the questions that may be asked:

Where is Canada? Northern part of North America.

What is its greatest length? About 6,000 miles.

In point of size, how does it compare with the United States? Canada is larger than the United States by 111,992 square miles.

Which is the largest single lock in the world? The Canadian Canal at Sault Ste. Marie.

Which is the largest single span bridge in the world? The bridge at Quebec.

Which is the largest lift lock in the world? That at Peterborough, Ontario, on the Trent Canal.

Where are the largest and richest nickel mines? In Ontario.

Where is the largest grain conveying system in the world? At Montreal.

How many miles of coast line has Canada? 13,000 miles.

What is the capital? Ottawa.

When did Canada become a Dominion? July 1st, 1867.

These questions and answers can be added to indefinitely. These suggestions can be imitated by those who wish to give a party founded on one of the Provinces instead of on Canada as a whole.

Games for an Evening in Canada

This illustrates how the special features of Canada can be used as a basis for games.

Draw a maple tree on a large sheet of paper and hang on the wall. Give each player a piece of cardboard representing a maple leaf. Blindfold each in turn, according to the sequence of the numbers written on the leaves. Then see who can pin his leaf to the tree in a correct position first.

The same game can be played in another way. Lay a cardboard tree on the floor in the centre of the room. Then let the blindfolded players, in turn, try to place the leaves in a correct position. All those who succeed draw for a prize.

The hostess gives each player a piece of cardboard, scissors, and pencil. A prize is awarded for the best map of Canada, made by any player, the competitor to both shape the outline and mark in the geographical features.

Here is a good puzzle game founded on the names of the streets of your own city or town. It may be arranged after the manner of the traveller's journal, telling of what he saw in a tour of the city. Thus, "One thing I saw was a bright beckoning luminary" (beacon), and so on. The answer must be contained in the statement.

See who can, in five minutes, write the longest list of streets, arranging them in alphabetical order.

See who can make the best sketch of some celebrated Canadian, either of former times or of to-day. This sketch may be done with the eyes opened or closed, or drawn between points marked on the card.

Tell Your Future by Tea and Coffee Grounds

Directions to pour out the grounds: Pour the grounds of tea or coffee into a white cup, shake them well about in it, so that their particles may cover the whole surface of the cup. Then turn it upside down over the saucer—

turning the cup completely around three times—to drain all the liquid and superfluous grounds away. All the drops that remain in the cup afterwards are tears. The fortune-teller now takes it out of the hands of the one who wishes his fortune told, and keeping well in mind the person's position in life, so as to make his statements fit, he examines carefully the contents of the cup to see what figures are shown there. One must not expect to find exact forms; there will generally be only faint resemblance to the figures whose explanations are given, but a good imagination is a great help, and one will soon learn to discover the signs among the scattered grounds.

Straight lines foretell peace, tranquillity, and long life.

Long wavy lines denote vexations and losses.

Square figures foretell happiness and security. Oblong figures mean family discord.

Curved or twisted figures are sure signs of annoyance.

Circles predict money.

A crown signifies honour.

A triangle denotes an unexpected journey.

The anchor shows success in business, at the bottom of the cup; or success in love, at the top.

The cross predicts adversity.

The heart signifies pleasure; if two are together, or one, with a ring near it, marriage.

Dots, like dust, mean money.

The ring predicts marriage, but if found at the bottom of the cup, separation.

The sun is a sign of the greatest good luck.

The moon, or crescent denotes high honours, and if at the bottom of the cup, good fortune by land and water.

The rod shows differences with relatives about legacies.

Flowers are signs of peaceful and joyous life.

Birds are good omens; denote kind thoughts.

Fish is good news from across the water, or good luck on the water.

Dog is a good, faithful friend.

Other animals show troubles and difficulties. Human figures are good signs; denote marriage.

Mountain denotes, if by itself, favour of people of high position; if in the midst of other grounds, powerful enemies.

A snake denotes an enemy; if at the top of the cup, easily overcome.

The letter, or square block, denotes good news; if surrounded by dots, concerns money; if accompanied by a heart, an acceptance; but if covered with a thick cloud of dregs, a refusal.

The coffin, quite by itself, denotes long life; at the top, surrounded by dots, a legacy from a relative; at the bottom, the relationship will not be close.

A star denotes happiness and success; if surrounded by dots, a great fortune.

The lily predicts a handsome husband or a beautiful wife if found at the top of the cup; but if at the bottom, ugly and disagreeable.

The tree points to lasting good health; several trees, show your wishes will come true; if surrounded by dots, you will make your fortune where you are.

Clouds foretell, if there is an appearance of heavy clouds in the cup, your hopes will be disappointed; if light, you may expect good results. Clouds, if surrounded by dots, bring success in all you undertake.

The rider denotes good news from abroad, or a good situation in a foreign country.

The clover leaf is very lucky; if found all by itself, it predicts serene and undisturbed happiness; if surrounded by clouds, it shows the presence of disagreeable things to mar the happiness.

Brain Twisters

What did the managing editor say when the horticultural editor said he had cultivated hot-house lilac bushes that attained the height of over fifty feet? I wish I could lilac (lie like) that.

Prove that one taken from nineteen leaves twenty. Take the I from XIX. and we have XX.

Make four straight lines and then add five straight lines and make ten. IIII; TEN.

Which is heavier, a pound of gold or a pound of feathers? Answer: The pound of feathers, because it is weighed by Avoirdupois weight, while gold is weighed by Troy weight.

Six ears of corn are in a hollow stump; how long will it take a squirrel to carry them all out if he takes out three ears a day? Remark: The catch is on the word ears. He takes out two ears on his head and one ear of corn each day; hence, it takes six days.

Two men in an oyster saloon laid a wager as to which could eat the most oysters. One ate ninety-nine and the other ate a hundred, and won. How many did both eat? Remark: The catch is on a hundred and won. When spoken it sounds as though it meant "one ate

ninety-nine and the other ate a hundred and one;" hence, the result usually given is two hundred, the correct answer is one hundred and ninety-nine.

Take any number, divide it by 9, and name the remainder. Multiply the number by some number which I name, and divide the product by 9, and I shall name the remainder. Method: To tell the remainder, I multiply the first remainder by the number by which I told them to multiply the given number, and divide this product by 9. The remainder is the second number obtained.

Take any number, subtract the sum of the digits, strike out any digit from the remainder, tell me the sum of the remaining digits, and I will tell you the digit struck out. Method: Subtract the "sum of the remaining digits" from the smallest multiple of nine greater than "the sum." The remainder will be the digit struck out.

Invitation for a Knitting Party

Dear Friend:

You know who "finds the tasks

For idle hands to do."

So will you come and work with us

Next Saturday at two?

We'll knit awhile, and chat awhile,

And have a cup of tea,

In fact, in good old-fashioned style,

We'll hold a social bee.

A Broken Engagement

Sometimes it happens that an engagement has to be broken off, and, painful though it may be, it is wiser than continuing a connection if it will not bring happiness to both. When an engagement is broken off, all letters and presents should be returned on both sides. The lady sends her lover's letters and presents back first, with a little note asking for the letters she has written him. It is better to make the note as short as possible, yet one would not wish to be curt. A letter of this kind should be gentle and dignified, though its exact tone must depend on the circumstances of the case. All wedding presents received by the bride-elect must be returned to the donors.

The mother of the bride-elect should announce the breaking off of the engagement to the relatives and intimate friends. It is more delicate in friends not to allude to the circumstance to the girl, unless they are on terms of great intimacy. A girl would probably wish to talk about it to her most intimate girl friend, or even to some married friend who thoroughly understands her; but it would be the part of kindness in acquaintances if they never referred to the subject at all.

It is better for a girl to travel for a little while when she has just broken off an engagement, or to take up some work in which she can absorb herself as much as possible. It was want of occupation and a monotonous life that caused so many of our grandmothers to be disappointed in love. Although such a disappointment is a serious thing, and life cannot seem quite the same again to a girl who has had so sad an experience, yet we must hope that happier days will dawn for the young girl, and that the wound which seemed so deadly at first may be kindly healed by the gentle hand of Time.

Should a Girl Ever Break Her Engagement

Certainly, if she finds she has made a mistake. Incompatibility, jealousy that has been discovered as a fatal flaw in the loved one, or ill health, may cause a woman to terminate her engagement. On her part, the truth must be spoken, and the reasons frankly given; there must be no room left for the suspicion of its having originated in caprice or injustice. The case should be so put that the man himself must see and acknowledge the justice of the painful decision arrived at. Incompatible habits, unmanly actions, anything tending to diminish that respect for the lover which should be felt for the husband, inconstancy, ill-governed temper, all of these, not to mention other obvious objections, are to be considered as sufficient reasons for terminating an engagement. The communication should be made as considerately as possible. Room may be left in mere venial cases for reformation; but all that is done must be so managed that not the slightest shadow of fickleness or want of faith may rest upon the character of the girl. It must be remembered, however, that the termination of an engagement by the woman has the privilege of passing unchallenged, she not being bound to declare any reason other than her will. Nevertheless, she owes it to her own reputation that her reasons be made unmistakably clear.

If a Man Asks Release

If a man asks release from an engagement, he is very painfully and delicately placed. The situation fairly bristles with thorns and briars. The reasons must be strong indeed that can

sufficiently justify a man, placed in the position of an accepted suitor, in severing the ties by which he has bound himself to a woman with the avowed intention of making her his wife. His reasons for breaking off his engagement must be such as will not merely satisfy his own conscience, but will justify him in the eyes of the world.

If the fault be on the woman's side, great reserve and delicacy must be observed by any man of honour. If, on the other hand, the imperative force of circumstances, such as loss of fortune, or some other unexpected calamity to himself, may be the cause, then must the reason be clearly and fully explained in such a manner as to soothe the painful feelings which such a result must necessarily occasion to the girl and her friends. It is scarcely necessary to point out the necessity for observing great caution in all that relates to an engagement that has been broken off.

Laugh Here

NOT ON THE HEAD

"Hullo! what is the matter with your wife? I see she has her hand in a sling. I suppose it's that new trotter of yours. Reckless driving, I suppose, eh?"

"Yes," was the reply, "reckless driving—but not of the horse."

"What then?" "A nail."

WHAT A KISS REALLY IS

Once more we are asked to define that most elusive and delicious thing—a kiss. In cold scientific prose it is "the anatomical juxtaposition of two orbicularis oris muscles in a state of contraction." In actual experience it defies all definition. It is a thing to be enjoyed and not analyzed. So make the best of your opportunities, and leave definitions to others less sensible or fortunate.

SELFISH?

"Say, Senator," said a man who had taken a very active part in the politician's election to office, "where's all that prosperity you promised us if once you had anything to say about public affairs? Where is it, I'd like to know?"

"Dennis," said the Senator, "do you suppose that if I knew I wouldn't keep it to myself?"

GOOD ENOUGH

A fond father, who had an unexpected windfall, and wanted to do something extra for his son and heir, went into a hardware store and enquired the price of bath-tubs for babies. He was shown several, and finally selected the only one which he thought good enough for his little paragon.

"That," said the salesman, "will cost you \$3.17."

"Gee Wilikins!" exclaimed the man. "Well, if that's so I guess we'll have to go on washing the kid in the coal scuttle."

BEAT THIS?

Of all the champion exaggerators surely none can go ahead of the two boys of whom it is told that one said with a swagger:

"I bet I can remember longer 'an you. I can remember when I was born."

"Oh, that ain't nothing!" said the second little imp. "I can remember when God said, 'Stand up, Johnny, and let me put your eyes in.'"

TRUE

"What is mind?"

"No matter."

"What is matter?"

"Never mind."

NOTHING SUITED HIM

He sat at the dinner-table there,

With discontented frown,

The potatoes and steak were underdone

And the bread was baked too brown,

The pie too sour, the pudding too sweet,

And the mince-meat much too fat.

The soup was greasy, too, and salt—

'Twas hardly fit for a cat.

"I wish you could taste the bread and pies

I have seen my mother make;

They were something like, and 'twould do you

good

Just to look at a slice of her cake."

Said the smiling wife: "I'll improve with age,

Just now, I'm a beginner.

But your mother called to see me to-day

And I got her to cook the dinner."

—Anon.

WILLIE

A little boy went forth to school

One day without his chum.

The teacher said, "Why, you're alone!

Why doesn't Willie come?"

"O Willie!" sobbed the little boy,

"There ain't no Willie now."

"What do you mean?" the teacher asked,

With puzzled, knitted brow.

"Please, sir," the little boy replied,

"We made a bet for fun,—

Which one could lean the farthest out

Our attic,—Willie won."

—Max Ehrmann.