



THE OBSTRUCTIONIST'S OPPOSITION.

ON "DECK."

Four bright youths, unmindful of the cobwebs that swung above them and their rustic surroundings, were seriously contemplating weighty matters of state. On an upturned wagon seat between them lay the documents of absorbing interest. Each intent upon the present, they were entirely oblivious that even then fate was scanning their actions. Fate, by the way, was destined to interrupt their deliberations. On he came, or rather crept, halting at times to assure himself of his identity and pick out the thistles from his knees and hands with subdued murmurings (not always the best surgical instruments, let us remark). Upon his ears fell the disjointed opinions of the embryonic statesmen.

"This is an i-deal game, isn't it?"
 "A next-ra ideal game, I should say."
 "A nextra-order-nary ideal game. it seems to me."
 "An extraordinary ideal pass-time."
 "It is pastime"—but in his hurry the old man tumbled into a whole bundle of thistles that called up a change of remarks on the subject of the next world in general and thistles in particular. The boys cut, and allowed him to play a lone hand. He had made a clean sweep but was left alone. Fate straightened up and lengthened out himself into father as he slowly muttered, "Euclid again."

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