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## Amusement Dept.

Conducted by Marion Dallas.

SOMETIME ago a hostess who is always looking for something quite out of the usual, decided to entertain her friends in this unique way. She had resolved to be more observant. She was going to take time to observe more intently the common objects, which greet our eye every day. To impress her resolve upon her friends she issued this invitation:

### ARE YOU OBSERVANT?

Then come and prove it Friday Evening at eight o'clock.

At "The Hermit"

Naturally everyone's curiosity was at concert pitch. When the guests had all arrived, the company was divided and sides chosen, as for a spelling bee. The hostess constituted herself the teacher and began asking questions of each one. "Will No. 1 please tell me does the Reeve of this township wear glasses?" "Yes," answered No. 1. "Does he, No. 2?" she asked quickly of the second player. No. 2 promptly answered "No." So it was found that as often as they

had seen the Reeve no one was positive as to whether he wore glasses or not. It was the same with several other prominent men. This question went all down the line "Who is the Minister of Finance?" "Describe the Union Jack," "Which church has the highest steeple in the town?" were other questions.

The hostess then passed picture postcards with photographs of public buildings. For one building there were ten different guesses. The last oral question the teacher asked was a simple one. She closed her eyes and said "What color are my eyes?" Even for this question there were many random guesses, but the questions aroused jolly controversy and good natured differences of opinion.

What a Watch Would Suggest? Before passing the questions around to the guests, the hostess sent a watch around and requested everyone to observe it closely. When everyone had examined the watch, cards and pencils followed. On the cards were these questions:

1. Support of a flower? Stem; 2. The books of an author? Works; 3. Found on a five dollar bill? Number; 4. Suggested by a doctor? Regulator; 5. Always found in a circus? Ring; 6. Used before? Section; 7. Part of a bicycle? Wheel; 8. What a policeman should do? Watch; 9. Insects? Ticks; 10. Kept by a secretary? Minutes; 11. Wedding anniversary? Crystal; 12. Decided in court? Case; 13. What every one has? Time; 14. What we give the hostess in parting? Hands.

### Further Observations

The next diversion required a little more preparation. A dozen or more bottles were partially filled with different fluids, each having a distinctive odor. Coffee, ginger ale, vinegar, lemonade, and perfume of various sorts, are all suitable. There should be a bottle of plain water.

A number was placed upon each bottle, and the guests were provided with cards containing corresponding numbers. If possible put a few drops of black dye into the bottle. The dye will not effect the odor.

The bottles were placed on a table and each person was told to smell the contents and write on his card the result of his investigation. No one was allowed to speak during the examination.

The answers provoked much amusement, especially the guesses in regard to the bottle of water.

**Penny For Your Thoughts**  
This was the last thing given to "Observe." Cards or papers had been prepared with a list of questions and the following "This commonest of all coins may well be a subject for close observation" was written on the card. *Pennies* were divided freely:

1. A message? One cent; 2. Ancient mode of punishment? Stripes; 3. Mode of inflicting it? Lash; 4. Piece of armor? Shield; 5. Devoted young man? Bow; 6. A fruit? Date; 7. Place of worship? Temple; 8. A portion of a hill? Brow; 9. Youth and old age united? 1894; 10. A prominent quality in book agents? Check; 11. Best place in the spelling match? Head.

**A Cobweb Party.**  
Now that warm weather is with us this suggestion will be in season.

Have as many strings as players, and have all the same length, and either numbered or have the name of the player on a stick. At a given signal all the players pick up a stick and begin to unwind the cords which have been twisted from tree to tree back and forward and in every available corner. There must be an endeavor to untangle easily so that none of the cords be broken.

Each player follows his own wandering course and much merriment results when any of the lines cross. The one who reaches the end of his line first is declared the victor and gets a prize. Sometimes favors or fortunes are found at the end of all the strings.

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