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THE VOICE OF THE SEA.

Did you ever press to your ear a sea shell? If so, you will remember the strange, murmuring sound as if of the far-off sea. So the lad in the picture—who was probably born by the distant seashore—hears, or thinks he hears, the murmur of that playmate of his childhood's hours. It carries him back in thought to the great wide sea in which he once sported, and he is for the time a child once more.

A WORD HUNT.

Do you want a new game for a winter evening? Here is one given by an exchange, which may be new to some of our readers:

Select a word containing as many vowels and common consonants as possible. Let us suppose, for instance, that you have chosen the word "extraordinary."

Each member of the company being supplied with paper and pencil, let the word "extraordinary" be written at the head of each piece of paper. To start the game, instruct the company to form lists of words beginning with E, and containing no letter not found in the word "extraordinary." Where

a letter is repeated in "extraordinary" it may be repeated in the words. For instance, these words might contain two A's or three R's, but, in this case, no

other letter could be used more than once. Appoint a time-keeper, and assign two minutes for the formation of lists beginning with E. When the time is up, the

that he has formed that word. That word, therefore, counts nobody anything.

Ella's second word is "earn." All hands go up except Robert's, and therefore "earn" counts one for every one but Robert.

The third one on Ella's list is "edit." Lucy and Tom, this time, fail to find the word in their lists, so the word counts for every one but Lucy and Tom, and it counts four, because it is a word of two syllables, and the ordinary count is doubled.

No one has Ella's next word, which is "editor," and there are ten players beside Ella. The word, therefore, since it has three syllables, counts Ella thirty.

After Ella's list is completed, Robert, who sits next, reads his, omitting, of course, the words read by Ella, whose value has already been determined. And so it goes around the circle.

After one letter is thus completed, two minutes are given, in a similar way, to making out words beginning with the next letter of the word, which, being X, will prove a puzzler.

The victor in the game may be considered either the one whose total count is the greatest, or the one who has been the victor in the greatest number of the letters in the word "extraordinary."

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lists should be compared in the following manner:

Ella, we will say, begins to read hers. Her first word is "eat." Each member of the company puts up his hand, signifying

whose total count is the greatest, or the one who has been the victor in the greatest number of the letters in the word "extraordinary."

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