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Have a Leap Year Party

As leap year comes but once in four years, and the girls have to sit by, and let their big brothers take the initiative on every occasion, for the intervening three years, it is nearly time that the girls exercised their privileges this year, and made it interesting for their masculine friends. Why not have a Leap Year party, having it on the extra day in the month, or on February 29?

The invitations could be sent out by several girls in a neighborhood, who can club together for the occasion, into a sort of club. If all the plans for the party are carried out by the girls themselves, it will add much zest and merriment to the affair. At a party given several years ago, which was attended by the writer, the invitations were issued by the girls, they called for their partners, with sleighs, and took them to the house of the party on the eventful evening, and took them home. Needless to say, that in nearly every case they were again taken home themselves by the boys, when the fun was over.

Every girl can originate plans for the immediate details of such an entertainment, that will best suit herself and her friends. Games of all kinds, simple refreshments, and music, help to make up a memorable evening. Suggestions for entertainments will be found in abundance if a number of jolly girls get together with the genuine Leap Year spirit among them. The following have been suggested, and may easily be carried out:

All the articles mentioned below can be easily arranged on a large table, and numbered. Lists can be made of the names of the things represented. Distribute these lists with pencils, among the guests, and have them number the lists to correspond with the articles on the table. If only a short time, say five or eight minutes, is allowed, for this guessing contest, the interest is much keener than if a longer time is allowed.

Departed Days, Last Year's Calendar; Scene in Bermuda, Onions; We Part to Meet Again, Scissors; The Reigning Favorite, Umbrella; The Greatest Bet ever Made, Alphabet; The Little Peacemaker, Scissors; Spring Offering, Glass of Water; Bound to Rise, Yeast Cake; Things that End in Smoke, Two Cigars; A Place for Reflection, Hand Mirror; Deer in Winter, Eggs; Scene in a Baseball Game, Pitcher; A Drive Through the Wood, Nail Driven Through Block of Wood; A Rejected Beau, An Old Ribbon Bow; Our Colored Waiter, Black Tray; Sweet Sixteen, Sixteen Lumps of Sugar; Common Sense, Some Pennies; The Black Friar, Black Frying Pan; Cole's Memorial of the Grate, Cinders; The Four Seasons, Salt, Pepper, Vinegar, Mustard; A Morning Caller, A Bell; Assorted Liquors, Whip, Switch, Slipper; The Skipper's Home, Cheese; An Absorbing Subject, Blotting Pad; Bound to Shine, Shoe Polish.

ALL ABOUT ANTS.

Distribute lists with the following questions written on same, keeping the answers for the one who conducts the contest. Have the party fill in answers to the questions, telling them that every word in the answer must end with the three letters, ant. About ten minutes will be required to allow the company to figure out these answers. Do not give any hints as to the answers, but let each one guess for themselves. Small prizes may be given to the one having the most correct lists in each case.

What ant leaves his home? Tenant; What ant is joyful? Jubilant; What ant is well informed? Conversant; What ant is trustworthy? Confidant; What ant is proud? Arrogant; What

ant sees things? Observant; What ant is angry? Indignant; What ant tells things? Informant; What ant is successful? Triumphant; What ant is an officer? Commandant; What ant is a beggar? Mendicant; What ant is obstinate? Infant; What is the ruling ant? Dominant; What is the wandering ant? Errant; What ant lives in a house? Occupant; What ant points out things? Signant; What ant is prayerful? Suppliant; What is the oldest ant? Adamant.

Father and Son on the Farm

Why is it that so many of our farm lads conceive a dislike for the farm, and seek a precarious livelihood as clerks, or in the overcrowded professions? The answer is not far to seek. Overwork, and the evils resulting from it; lack of leisure for avocational and congenial recreation; the relaxed muscles and strained disordered nervous system, refusing the spontaneous action of the body and brain necessary to mental, moral and

comes? Of course, there are certain seasons when early rising is a necessity, such as planting, harvesting and husking time. Two months, or, at most, three months out of the year, will cover the period when man, woman or child, and beast, can do as much between sun-up and sun-down as is good for their physical well-being.

Pleasant money is another problem which our country lad, God bless him, is almost certain to stumble against sooner or later. The method that prevails to a great extent, of allowing a boy to cultivate a certain amount of land for his own benefit, or of giving him a colt or a calf to have for his work in caring for same, offers many advantages. But, for various reasons we do not approve of it as well as another plan. In the first place the cultivation of almost any crop to profit, is uncertain, and disappointment is not only bitter, but discouraging as well, to a boy.

If a boy prefers, give him a reasonable amount of work, with the under-



WINTER FUN.

Who is having the most fun, the boy, the dog, or the snow man?

We desire to start a column strictly for our boy and girl readers. Will you, then, children, write the editor a little letter, not over 75 words long, telling us what outdoor games and sports you most enjoy in the winter time? If you can get some of your older brothers and sisters to take snap shot photographs of you and your friends out of doors, send them also. A suitable prize will be given to the boy or girl sending us the best letter, which will be published in our paper. Send your letters in at once. Address Household Editor, Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, Peterboro, Ont.

physical development.

It is not uncommon to hear a parent remark: "Yes, Johnnie is growing fast, tell the editor we get most anywhere you put him." But poor twelve year old Johnnie's stooping shoulders, lustreless eyes, and dragging feet, tell a different story.

It is nothing less than cruelty to expect a boy from twelve to fifteen to do a man's work, or even half of it. Even up the work, and there are few boys who will not neglect or shirk their share. If he prefers chores, let him be a chore boy; if he would rather work in the field, well and good; but if you want your boy to stay with you do not send him to the field all day, and then attach as much work, in the shape of chores, morning and night, as should comprise his daily task.

Getting up in the morning at an unreasonable hour, is what the farm boy dreads. Nor is he to be blamed for this. A growing boy requires a tumbling the whole family out of bed at four o'clock in the morning, and prowling about in the dark for two hours, waiting for it to get light enough for you to work, just for the sake of being ready when daylight

standing that he is working for all, and that all are working for him, without any cash basis, placing the whole case on the basis of mutual helpfulness and affection. Then, on days when he really wants money, First of July, county fair days, and circus days, he will have a generous outlay. What if he does spend it on things that seem foolish to us, they are not foolish to him. Let him spend it as he likes.

Remember the country boy, unlike the city boy, has his world all around him; the fields, the woods and the streams, are at his feet. There are no expensive journeys, and exorbitant hotel bills to be planned for him before he can enter into his own. All he needs is to be taught to understand aright the wonders which Nature constantly reveals to those who study her, and leisure for these revelations to develop. The result in nine cases out of ten, will be a healthy, contented boy.

After all, sympathy is the keynote of success with our boys, and if we must, give it without stint. We have always heard a great deal about the duty of children towards their parents. Turn the other way around, and