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Ice Guessing

All the correct answers end in 'ice' or 'ise.' 1. Ice of invention (device); 2. aromatic ice (spice); 3. ice of games (dice); 4. ice feared by women (mice); 5. ice of definite value (price); 6. ice of inducement (entice); 7. ice of peace (armistice); 8. ice of grain (rice); 9. miser's ice (avarice); 10. heavenly ice (paradise); 11. ice that would satisfy (suffice); 12. ice of an ancient religious worship (sacrifice); 14. ice of habit (practice); 14. efficient ice (precise).

Christmas Stagecoach

One person reads the poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, as the other players sit in a circle, with all chairs occupied. The players are given in advance words which occur in the poem, for example, house, mouse, reindeer, stockings, toys, etc. As the poem is read, the one who has the word must get up and turn around. At any time the person who is reading may yell "Santa Claus" and when he does all must change seats. If the reader secures a seat, the one left over must go on reading.

Christmas Charades

Divide the guests into groups of two, three or four, and let the topic have some relation to Christmas, such as Christmas shopping. Christmas packages, standing in line to mail Christmas packages, addressing of opening Christmas cards, singing Christmas carols, etc.

Christmas Bell

Seat your guests in a circle on the floor, facing inward, with their hands behind their backs. The player who is chosen to be 'it' stands in the centre of the circle. The seated players pass a small sleigh bell quietly from person to person behind their backs, ringing the bell occasionally as they pass it. The players must all pass their hands back and forth continuously to keep up the mystery. If the one who is 'it' can name the person with the bell the player must be 'it' until he can guess who has the bell. It is best to use a bell with a clapper that may be held in the hands to avoid unintentional ringing.

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Essential Qualifications

Junior matriculation, or its equivalent, is essential as the first step towards any of the positions outlined above. If a boy can take a special one-year commercial course his chances of reaching the ladder's top are doubled.

The importance of thoroughly knowing the English language cannot be over-emphasized. The ability to express yourself, either orally or in writing, in a clear and concise manner, is an invaluable asset that few possess. Yet this can be yours by the intelligent study of your literature, grammar, composition and spelling.

Proficiency in a modern language is a decided advantage in the business world. In Canada a knowledge of French is the most important, with German, Spanish and Italian following. Because of the tremendous possibilities opened up by the renewed trade agreement with Soviet Russia a knowledge of their language will give the ambitious lad new opportunities in an uncrowded field. Unfortunately, our schools have not provided for this possibility.

If the family purse will permit, no boy who intends to follow a business career should start out without taking the special one-year commercial course. In this course he will acquire something of definite value which his prospective employer wants, namely, skill in typing, bookkeeping, shorthand and penmanship. In addition, he has had a peek at economics and the history of trade and commerce. Some schools also offer salesmanship and advertising. Certainly a boy who has some knowledge of these subjects is far more valuable in an office than a lad who merely has the general education afforded by junior matriculation—admittedly a fine course.

Other factors really more important in the eyes of an employer than a particular academic standing are those intangible attributes of character, namely, reliability, willingness, punctuality and cheerfulness. A great many more could be added, but these, I believe, are the most important.

Look around at your friends who are in positions as officers of the various school organizations. Is the Secretary-Treasurer of your athletic society neat and accurate in his figures? He may have the elements of a good accountant within him. How efficiently operated is your school magazine? If it is successful you may be sure some lad is displaying qualities similar to those of the good business executive.

The confidence the rugby coach has in certain players who can produce the goods when required is a good example of reliability. To what extent are you developing these characteristics by participation in your school activities?

Let us take a brief look at some of the other steps of the ladder that reaches to the top positions of advanced office work.

Accounting and Auditing

A matriculant may study accounting at a business college of university. Western University gives a good

opinion should recognize this and stop it.

Disease germs pass out in the secretions of the nose and mouth. A sneeze casts a germ-laden spray for ten feet. If the sneezer covers his nose and mouth with a handkerchief, the danger is practically ended. If the desire to sneeze is too sudden to allow of using the handkerchief, the head can at least be lowered and the spray directed to the floor, not into other people's faces.

In addition to those actually ill, many persons carry disease germs in their nose and throat. People with colds continue to go about their business. For these reasons, the sneeze may be the means of spreading disease, and, for these reasons also, an end should be put to the "open-faced" sneezer.

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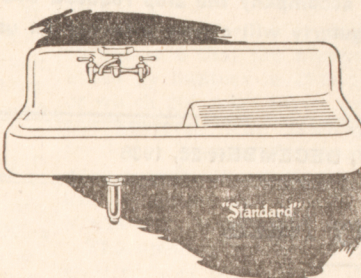
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