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FROM THE HISTORIC TIMES****Cynthia Proctor Explains How Some Are Design-  
ed For Numerous Players, Others For Mental  
Exercise or Merely For Good Fun**

(By Cynthia Proctor)

We could go on and on telling you about the assortment of intriguing and fascinating games to buy, but you'll do best to look around for yourself—just keeping in mind the 'high spots' about which we've told you. If you're looking for something for friends who live to play card games, don't overlook the new editions of such famous 'best sellers' as 'Rook,' 'Flinch,' a great revival in the play of Flinch has doubled its sale with in the year. 'Make-a-Million,' 'Lexicon,' the greatest English card game for men, women and children—any number of players! That board of trade card game, 'Pit,' has no rival as a fun-maker; 'Touring' is an automobile card game which covers the various happenings and mishaps of an automobile tour, and if you know a family who takes to the 'open road' annually, you'll get a big kick out of giving them this game. More card games, 'Lindy' (a sequel to Touring), 'Rummy' (a popular combination game) and many others.

It's smart to 'play games' now, so why not get lots of games and keep your friends and families cheery and happy all the year round?

**Laughable Forfeits**

It's human to like to laugh at others when they appear ridiculous. If you have a crowd with a good sense of humor, make each draw slips upon which are written stunts to perform. Here are a few that should provide much hilarity:

Victim reads silently the words of "The Night Before Christmas" and afterwards rehearse the events of the poem in 'dumb show.'

Player stands facing guests and draws a picture of Santa Claus in the air with his forefinger.

Make big holly berries of cotton batting covered with scarlet crepe paper and have each of several players attempt to carry one of these completely around the room on a knife blade, play 'Yankee Doodle' or 'Jingle Bells' while the player is making an effort to be very steady.

Others may be asked to imitate the motion of various Christmas toys. 'Pluto,' the Disney dog who is made of wooden head-like parts and performs marvelously, is a good subject for imitation.

**Bottling Matches**

Now that the match stacking craze has come to the fore again, that amusing stunt would make a grand way to spend some part of the afternoon or evening after the Christmas dinner. It's fun for all the family and

grandpa and grandma will be just as hilarious over the 'balancing' stunt as Aunt Emma or little Johnnie! In case you don't know how, here's what to do. The only requirements are an empty ginger ale or beer bottle and quantities of kitchen matches. Every one is given a certain number of the matches and the players sit around the floor in a circle, or they may sit at a table. The first player starts by placing a match across the mouth, or balances it in the mouth, of the bottle. The next player places one of his matches, and the others in turn try to place a match on the bottle top. After several rounds quite a structure will have been built up—that is, if the matches have been balanced—with matches sticking out in all directions. Matches may be placed in any way—but if a match falls off or dislodges any others, the hapless player who knocked them off must take all the matches that have fallen. Try to place your matches in such precarious positions as to make it more difficult for the next player to balance his match. The player who first disposes of all his matches wins the game.

**Prolifics**

This is one of those games that look too silly to bother with—but one that gets into your blood once you've begun. 'They say' there are cases on record where players have had to be knocked unconscious before they would stop—or perhaps they were unconscious all the time!

Prolifics is played by taking a word of three or more syllables as a starter—in this case Christmas or Yuletide may be the key word. Each player writes the word at the top of his paper. And then for the next 15 minutes he endeavors to make up as many other words as he can using only the letters which appear in the key word.

**Chain Writing**

This game does not offer any competition, but it is an extremely interesting and amusing way in which to spend 20 minutes. The hostess takes a word related to the nature of the party—at Christmas time it might be Santa Claus.

Each player writes this word on his paper, and then under it writes whatever word is suggested by the first. The second word will suggest a third which is written down, and so on until 10 or 15 words have been thought of. The interesting phase of the game is to have each player reach back his words, just to see how far from the original each has been carried by the suggestive powers of his own mind.

**BLACK HOLDS SUPREMACY  
DURING DAYTIME IN PARIS**

All smart Parisians wear black for daytime, and they all do it differently. This season the subtle introduction of color does the trick. Some dresses have tiny brilliant colored bands showing above a collar, lining a pocket, or inserted in a belt.

Maggy Rouff places a splash of gold embroidery on the bodice of her black dress and broken lines of gold down the sides of the accompanying hip-length cape.

No one wants to be in the black all the time, however. So Mainbocher has made excellent daytime dresses in gray, and all the designers have experienced with a new purply brown which sounds like a very sensible color for a useful dress.

Schiaparelli and Rochas are combining two, three and even four col-

ors in one costume. The jackets are in one color, the skirts in a second and the third introduced in a blouse.

The day dresses shown at the mid-season openings were apparently simple, but in reality cut in complicated clever ways. Alix's sheer jerseys with soft, rather high necks, intricate elbow sleeves, sometimes one draped and one shirred, fit this description particularly well. The wearer stands out in this type of dress, not the dress itself.

With simple clothes like this, you can wear the most eccentric hats and accessories. Even one of Schiaparelli's shaggy hats of glycerinated ostrich like a Mongolian tribesman's. Or carry one of her handbags with hoop handles that swing over your shoulder.

Mainbocher is making long coats with bolero tops. You'll be seeing them. Also the Paisley dresses, blouse, carve, that all the designers are showing.

Maria Guy has taken Scotch berets creased them in the middle and curled up on the sides.

For evening every one likes feathers, embroidery, beads, ermine, lace, brocades and jewels—everything that is splendid and dazzling. Sequins glitter in peacock colors. Gold decorations are flaunted.

But all this regal ornamentation is considered to have the same decorative value as jewels; they must not be so profuse as to be bewildering.

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**Ross Drug Stores****GAMES FOR THE SEASON****It's a Big Year for the Adult Game Lover and the  
Bridge Devotee**

(By Marjorie Mears)

Card tables of the country need to gird up their loins, stiffen all four legs, and quit their well-known tendency to wobble. Card tables will need their strength this winter, if they're going to support the weight of increasing numbers of gaming elbows.

Games, it seems, are having a nice little renaissance all their own. The stores report enormous sales of old games, new games, new editions of old games. Even the almost forgotten mah-jongg is having a little flurry, and getting itself called for, according to two of the shops.

**Gambling Games**

Undoubtedly the psychologically-minded could find some deep hidden tie-up between the depression, recovery or the weather, and this season's increased interest in gambling games. At any rate, the stores say gambling games are more popular than ever before. And they say it's women who like them—and buy them. Which may not mean that women are the world's foremost gamblers. But only that women know there's nothing like a good game of chance to fill in the lull in a party between dinner and going to a later dance, or for that matter, to spend an entire evening over.

Games do make a swell holiday present. Particularly when you want to give a somewhat impersonal gift to a man, or to a husband and wife jointly. Politics and Monopoly, those twin best-sellers, are still going strong and come in new editions. Stock Exchange, for instance, for somebody who already has Monopoly. And they raised up a whole new crop of variations played with cards, chips and dice. If you're thinking of buying a game, take a look at Tripoley, at which nine people can play, the new betting games On Mee and Bonanza, with its attractive tan felt cloth marked off for cards and chips.

The popular game of Three Men on a Horse, with its amusing stops and goes, whereby at the shake of the dice your horse may "balk at a snake"

and wait over a play, or shot ahead a couple of spaces because it 'sniffs a lavender-eyed mare' is out in new editions. And the new Cavalcade, an other horse-race game, also played with dice like horse-racing on ship-board, comes with felt race course and all at a price under \$5 as well as in a more expensive 'club size' with good big horses.

**Lots of Fun**

For rowdier gatherings, where the guests simply don't want to bother thinking at all, there's Balaroo, a new game of pure chance, in which colored ping-pong type balls sit on wooden stanchions in a circle. You spin a top, set it in a central cup, from which it makes insane swipes at a wooden ball suspended overhead on a long rubber elastic. The dancing wooden ball may knock off two ping-pong balls, or all of them. It's anybody's gambling guess.

Old-fashioned lotto players will love the new bingo that's played the same way. And sentimentalists will weep for their wasted childhood over the new jack-straws and pastel-tinted ends. And jack-straws, picking up each thin stick in turn without moving any other straw in the thrown-down heap, isn't so easy if you remember the rainy afternoons when you were allowed to stay home from school and play it.

And, of course, there's always bridge. One shop has lovely new Coronation ensemble sets of playing cards, tallies, score cards and even matches in matching motifs of a gold crown on a white ground in a sort of heraldry design on a bright red or royal blue ground. The covers and card backs look a little like the Crusader battle flags that hang in Westminster Abbey. They come packaged in a big old box with a green felt table cover in a pocket in the cover. Very handsome.

Another store has several new and smart designs in playing cards. One set is Victorian with backs of pale blue bearing a dove and white wreath of flowers.

**EXPERT WITNESS INDIANS  
BATTLE GAME  
WARDENS**

There are few persons who look forward with unalloyed pleasure to an hour on the witness stand, and few of those who do are likely to be technical or professional men. Chemists, engineers, architects and others in exact occupations are usually men of retiring temperament and feel more at home in a laboratory or at the drafting board than they do under the spotlight in a court of law. But technical men frequently do find themselves at the uncomfortable end of a cross-examination. With their problem in mind the Engineering News-Record offers advice to engineers who must appear as expert witnesses before public utility commissions or in court cases. Sometimes engineers are called to testify on the collapse of a dam or building. "Past history has shown that the large majority of engineers who have been so called," says the periodical, "have fallen far short of what was to be expected of them . . . because they lacked ability to convince the court."

The author of the article may discourage some of his technical readers, for at the beginning he says that the engineer on the witness stand "must be somewhat of a lawyer, an accountant, an orator and a showman." This advice is modified later, however, by the assurance that more important in an expert witness than the ability to use big words is the ability to express an idea in a few simple terms: "The aim of the witness on cross-examination as well as on direct should be to give information, and to make every one understand what he means." That is an accomplishment worth any reasonable effort.

A prospective witness is cautioned against drawing fine distinctions or being extremely precise in speech, for this "is bound to give the impression that he is hiding something or is trying not to reveal some weakness in his evidence." The pitfall is not likely to worry candid persons. Likewise, witnesses are advised not to worry about the impression they are making, for they "are not in an argument," but simply giving what they believe to be facts. The manner of lawyers is ordinarily argumentative, even though often unconsciously so, and this manner is certain to be reflected in the attitude of a witness.

The utilities engineer who offers the foregoing advice promises that in commission cases the first direct and first cross-examination be submitted and exchanged in writing before the hearing, to save time and expense and prevent inaccuracy. "Far too much is wasted," he says, "as a result of efforts of lawyers with weak cases to fill the record with masses of questioning on inconsequential details." It is not always possible to tell what is inconsequential.

The observation is further made that courts not only prefer to form their own opinions, but "seem to delight in overruling opinions of highly regarded authorities and experts on the strength of well marshalled facts which they can recognize in other forms of evidence." For this tendency

LINDSAY, Dec. 26—A spectacular battle between two Indian brothers and two game wardens on the smooth ice of Sturgeon Lake ended here late today with one Indian in jail nursing a severe head wound, the other fleeing into the lake and bush country on skates.

Ellsworth Flavell, son of Sir Joseph Flavell, and a party of seventeen Toronto skaters, watched the sharp clash between the officers and the Indians. Shots were fired, spears and fists were used before the fight ended. One Indian was clubbed almost senseless with a shotgun.

It was the second clash between the reserve Indians and game officers in the Kawartha Lake District in three weeks.

**Suspected Hunting**

Deputy Game Warden Russell Rutherford of Fenelon Falls, was cutting wood on his farm home on the shore of Sturgeon Lake about a mile from Sturgeon Point when he saw Noah and Albert Taylor skating down the ice carrying spears and knapsacks. Believing they intended muskrat hunting out of season, he followed the Indians down the lake in his car, accompanied by his assistant, Stanley Curtis. Previously, Charles Taylor, brother of Albert and Noah, had been arrested for fighting game officers.

The Indians, noticing the Flavell skating party, left the lake and hid behind a boathouse. The game wardens caught up with them and at the point of a shotgun, ordered them to hand over their spears and walk ahead of the officers.

**Starts Fight**

Noah Taylor handed over his spear, but the younger brother, Albert, swung his weapon at Rutherford. The officer ducked, and the Indians fled on to the lake, skating away rapidly. Rutherford fired a shot into the air, calling to them to halt. As they sped away he fired several shots at their heels, without hitting them.

The two wardens jumped into their car and raced after the fleeing trappers. At Pleasant Point, the brothers swerved sharply on their skates and the car swung completely about in an attempt to stop. The chase continued and finally the younger brother stopped. Rutherford jumped from his car and asked Albert to come quietly. The Indian said nothing, then swung a vicious punch at Rutherford's face. The officer, in his own words, "smashed him over the head with my shotgun."

of courts the expert witnesses themselves may be blamed, for both sides in a case may bring out their experts for disagreement, and their loquacity may so bedevil the real issues that the court will decide neither is on the right track.—New York Sun.

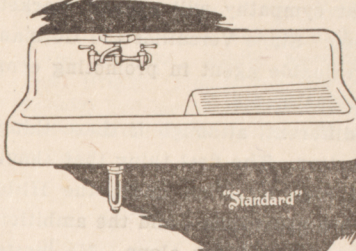
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