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SHIP PARTIES OFFER NEW GAMES

(By Cynthia Proctor)

If you can run across the happy combination of a lucky girl or boy who not only celebrates a birthday in January but who is about to go on a southern cruise, by all means plan a January southern cruise party.

The party plans may be easily adapted to fete just plain cruises, or to celebrate only a birthday.

Invitations

Its surprisingly easy how realistic your cruise party can be made with a little ingenuity. The invitations, for example, may be cut from white mat stock, with smokestacks painted black. They might read:

"You are invited to a birthday cruise for Mary Smith, Jan. —, Boat sails at 8 p.m. from pier 11, Marlboro Street. Please wear sailing togs. R.S. V.P. Purser—Nancy Jones (hostess)."

Hand every guest a cruise itinerary and a crepe paper hat the minute he arrives.

As soon as the guests assemble, ring a bell or blow a whistle as a signal to release confetti streamers which have been provided and the cruise is on.

The cruise itinerary might read something like this:

8.15—Passports, please
8.40—Bermuda, bicycling.
8.50—Havana, coconut magic
9.30—Hawaii, music contest.
10.00—China, supper
10.30—Shipwreck, life preservers
10.45—Lost, after-dinner stories
11.00—Deck sports, shuffleboard.
12.00—Philippine Islands, Italy, France.

?? —Home.

You can let yourself go on the super table decorations. A ship's wheel centrepiece, and 'horns, smokestack candle holders, and individual birthday cakes in 'life preservers' placed on white table mats are only a few suggestions. You could provide these table decorations at a cost of not over \$2.

Supper Menu

Hawaiian Salad Vienna Rolls
Labrador Ices Parisian Punch
Birthday Symbols

You might be interested to know that the January symbol of the zodiac

is Aquarius—the Water Bearer. Aquarius people are supposed to be naturally farseeing and observant so a cruise to foreign ports should be most enjoyable to those with January birthdays. The January birthstone is the garnet.

Games

The games included in the Cruise Itinerary are all calculated to provide much fun for all. Take Passports. Pass pencils and slips of paper to each person with the name of a guest on each slip. Everyone erases the name that he holds and sketches a likeness of that person. The sketches are displayed and each guest must claim his passport portrait.

Bicycling

Balance a broomstick between two chairs and straddle as you would a bicycle. Make a pedaling motion of riding and at the same time, with a stick remove a handkerchief placed on the back of each chair.

Coconut Magic

Write fortunes on paper slips, rolling each slip tightly. Tie a fortune every 20 inches on a black thread. Bore a hole in the dried coconut shell and insert the string of fortunes. Everyone in turn, pulls a fortune from the shell, breaking thread at the end of his fortune.

Music Contest

Select four musicians who are given combs or harmonicas. A whistle is hidden whilst one person leaves the room. He returns and hunts for the whistle as the musicians play, softly if he is far away, then louder as he gets nearer the whistle.

Life Preservers

All hands to the birthday cake.

Shuffle Board

Play as in real shuffleboard using checkers and forks. Mark the board in miniature on the kitchen table or smooth surface.

Italy France, P.I.

Cut up magazine illustrations of these countries, one for each guest. Give one piece of a different picture to each guest. Mix the remaining pieces and pin to the backs of each person. Everyone must find the pieces to complete his picture and to find where he is cruising.

BAD BOYS NOT ALL OF SAME MOULD

(By Arthur Dean, Sc.D.)

Youth changes. School-dull boys may become bright young men. Introverted and shy girls will get over their self-consciousness. Noisy and boisterous youth will grow into staid old men and women. Silly boys and girls will grow up and quiet down.

But idle, shiftless and mean boys and girls seldom change, except for the worse. There is a big difference between that temporary 'badness,' which is a part of many a youth and that 'badness' which is the result of heredity and environment.

It is not safe to predict what sort of man or woman will develop from any particular boy or girl. I have lived too long and seen too much to prophesy that every youth who errs is going to keep it up all his life. All my mischievous pupils have turned out well. My school failures have invariably done well after they have left school. My silly and thoughtless students have sobered down even more than they should.

But the really bad boy is still bad and the really bad girl hasn't turned into a good woman. Somehow it was 'in their blood.' As a matter of fact, I think it was in their environment and home training. They never had half a chance. The urge towards evil was greater than the urge towards right.

Here are two true stories:

1. John's father was an average, sensible, hard working citizen. His mother was a good homemaker who was on duty when children came home from school.

Jim's father was a hard cider drinker, always complaining about everything; his mother was an expert with the can opener and never home when Jim arrived from school.

2. John always had his own room and a place to study and a father who saw to it that the lesson was learned. He had tools, pets, home chores, an earned allowance, a subscription to two boys' magazines, membership in the Scouts, and books to read.

Jim ate off the mantelpiece, slept with two younger brothers, got his nickels by stealing or teasing, was not allowed to join the Scouts; there were no newspapers, magazines or books in the house. He was given beer and cider when he was a kid.

3. John was encouraged to get an education. His parents discussed with him his vocational choice. Attempts were made to send him to college by providing one year of tuition with the expectation that he would earn the rest.

Jim's ciderized father says, "Education ain't no good." Mother cannot contradict because she is afraid of the 'old man.' Family table one long jawing and fighting. Jim left school 'because teacher can't get along with me.'

4. John is now junior in a commercial high school. He works afternoons as errand boy in a drug store. His evenings are spent as follows: Junior assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scouts, state secretary of Junior Baraca classes, member of Order of DeMolay, president of dramatic organizations, member of debating society.

This past summer John was employed as a counselor at a Y.M.C.A. camp where he took charge of camp dramatics, and last year he was one of four Boy Scouts to represent his city at the Boy Scout Jamboree. This trip was won by competing with 50 other scouts. For four years he was a paper boy, winning trips to various parts of the country for getting new subscriptions.

Jim is now resting on the seventh job he has had since leaving school with no vocational guarantee in his various job experiences. If he has a tank of gas, oil in the crankcase, a bottle and a 'dame, he is 'made' until the check is gone. He contributes nothing to a mother who supports the family by laundry work, and when he is home, which is not often, he curses

her and has a great fight with the old man.

I am sorry for Jim and quite sore at myself for being unable to help him. Home, school and heritage failed to help Jim. He is more handicapped than if he had a crippled body. Jim has a terrible enemy—himself. What is going to help Jim?

Personally I fear that Jim hasn't a Chinaman's chance, with that home and father.

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BRIDGE BOARD TAKES PLACE PARTNERS

No Longer Need You Mourn for the Missing
Fourth — Try New Table

(By Cynthia Proctor)

Artists have caricatured the plight of the bridge players who couldn't find a fourth, jokes have been cracked about the same dilemma, but until the new Solitaire Bridge Board, made by the Hoffman Company and on sale in Boston at M. T. Bird, no one has done anything about it.

The Solitaire Bridge Board is designed for playing bridge without real partners. Your partner and opponents are simply 13 'windows' arranged on three sides of a board, which are covered or uncovered by small metal slides and a series of buttons.

But don't be misled. This is a real bridge game and the other three players are letter-perfect in their roles. Only you can make mistakes.

The board is of light weight metal, small enough to fit into a suit case and light enough to hold on your lap if you wish. Into it you insert the hands or card discs, of which six come with the game. Additional sets of six may be ordered from time to time from the Hoffman company.

In general, the play goes like this:

You are always the dealer and you bid only your own hand. At each place (south, west, north and east) are 13 "windows" which are covered or uncovered by small metal slides and which, when uncovered, reveal the suits and numbers of your cards. In the center is a knob which, when turned, reveals in other openings on the board such details as the bid, the lead, the follow, doubling and redoubling and so on. Automatically, your partner and opponents bid correctly no matter how inexperienced you

may be, and the bidding is adaptable to all systems.

When the bidding is concluded, play begins just like contract and whether you win or lose is entirely up to you. You can make errors but your invisible opponents are experts. They capitalize on your mistakes and the solution of the hands depends only on your ingenuity. According to the booklet of directions "your opponents respond expertly to any reasonable bid. When a blank appears in their 'window' it is an indication that your bid was not 'reasonable.'"

The hands in these card charts, which are planned by analysts of the Hoffman Company, are laid out so that you may play them wisely or foolishly without any suggestion as you go along that you are right or wrong. From time to time, the company sends complimentary discs to those on its mailing lists and there is also a set of beginners discs for those who are still a bit shaky in their knowledge of the game.

Designated not only to help you while away many leisure hours happily, the Solitaire Bridge Board allows you to perfect your plays and improve your game.

Although some disgruntled bridge experts may grumble that they always seem to draw not one dummy but three to play with, these silent bridge players of the Solitaire Bridge Board are always on the alert to trip you up in your play, since the board is almost a robot. You'll keep your wits sharpened, trying to compete with their expertness. And you will like the Solitaire Bridge Board.

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