GAMES FOR HALLOWEEN.

Fireside Diversions in Keeping With the Traditions of All Saints' Day.

Any innocent joke, perpetrated in a spirit of friendly mischief, will befit Halloween night. The idea of the olden time centered around the pairing of lad and lass, hence the chestnuts were put before the fire to test the future of those whose names they bore. If they burned steadily the courtship would go well, if they popped apart the course of true love would not run smooth. Hand-glasses, with apples beside them, should be placed here and there, so that the modern Eve may eat her apple and wait for Adam to peep over her shoulder. Greater pleasure, however, will be found in the games which all may play. The tub of water, with floating apples which must be lifted out by the teeth alone, and the fork suspended from the ceiling, with its lighted candle at one end, and the apple, from which a bite is to be taken, at the other end, will cause much merriment. The search for the ring in flour is also much enjoyed. The flour containing a ring is packed upon a large platter. The guests each cut off a slice with a knife, and the one uncovering the ring must pick it up with his teeth. Lead, melted in large iron spoons, may be dropped in water, and fortunes told from the shapes which it assumes. Great amusement may be had by placing two hickory-nuts, about three inches apart, on the hearth in front of an open fire. One is supposed to represent the girl who places it there, and the other her as yet undeclared but mentally-chosen lover. Should the nuts burn brightly a happy marriage will result. Should the nut named after the man jump toward the nut named after the girl she may expect a proposal before the next new moon.—Ladies' Home Journal.

POPULAR HERO OF ROMANCE.

He Can Do Almost Anything Well, but Keeps It to Himself.

If one may judge from the novels that young women seem to read with most avidity they do not like a lover to be sentimental, rhetorical or brutal. They still prefer him to be big and strong, but let him be careful not to put on airs about it. There is nothing which seems to please a little woman more than to humiliate a big man—and that at his own game. If she can show him that she can sail a boat, shoot a rapid, climb a mountain, or swim further out to sea than he can, she is in a fair way to accept his humble proffer of love and allegiance in the next chapter. The prevalent hero is a man who can do almost anything well, but keeps it to himself. He must be a man of immense reserve powers, who exhibits most of them playing golf, or polo, or riding to hounds, or cruising a steam yacht. If he permits the fact to leak out that in winter he is intensely interested in civic and philanthropic problems he begins to get a hold on the affections of the haughty lady. What the modern young woman seems to want in a hero is a correct, fashionable and rather frivolous manner of life, but inwardly a tremendous seriousness of purpose. If he simply has the "purpose" he is all right—he need not do much, for the world is known to be rather cruel and cynical toward reformers. The girl knows that he will fail of carrying out his ideal, but she is determined that he shall have her by way of compensation.—"Droch" in October Ladies' Home Journal.

He Could Not See the Signal.

Clark Russell has, in a recent issue of the New Illustrated Magazine, a spirited account of Lord Nelson at the battle of Copenhagen. Although the English ships met with a variety of disasters early in the fight, for three of them had touched ground and one had been swept astern by a counter-current, yet Lord Nelson still kept his signal to "bear down" flying defiantly. About one in the afternoon Sir Hyde Parker, commander-in-chief, hoisted from his flag ship the signal for the action to cease. The signal lieutenant reported the signal to Nelson, who seemed not to hear him. The lieutenant waited for him to make a fresh turn of the deck, and said:

"Shall I repeat it, my lord?"

Nelson answered: "No, acknowledge it," and asked in a minute, "Is number sixteen still hoisted?"

This number signified "for close action," and the sailor who answered "yes" was greatly surprised to hear the little admiral say:

"Mind you keep it so!"

The stump of his right arm began to show the strong agitation he was under; whenever Lord Nelson was worried, he worked his "fin," as the sailors called it. Turning to Colonel Stuart he said, in a quick, eager voice, "Do you know what is shown on board the commander-in-chief?"

"No," said the colonel.

"Why, to leave off action," exclaimed Nelson. "To leave off action!" he repeated. "Now shoot me if I do!"

Then turning to Captain Foley he remarked:

"You know, Foley, I have only one eye. I have a right to be blind sometimes." Putting his glass to his blind eye, he exclaimed, "I really do not see the signal!"

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 1st day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of RACHEL WILLETTS, incompetent.

Alanson Partridge, guardian, having filed in this court his final account to date and made application for the examination and allowance thereof.

It is ordered that Monday, the 1st day November next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account to date; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Judge of Probate.
Oct8-Oct29

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for said county of Oakland held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac on the 30th day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET DUN'N, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Francis W. Dunn praying that administration of said estate may be granted to some suitable person.

It is ordered that Thursday the 4th day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition; and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 5th day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of WILLIAM A. STEARNS, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Addie L. Stearns, Isabella Stearns, C. R. Stearns praying that administration of said estate may be granted to James Vosper or some other suitable person.

It is ordered that Monday, the 1st day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition; and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

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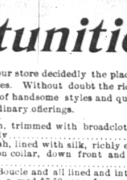

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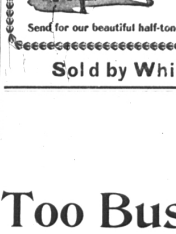

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