

Dobbin not so Simple as he Looked.

One day Deacon Skinner and Tom Red-nose were leaning over the barnyard fence, chewing rye straws and talking about Deacon Skinner's horse, which he had recently purchased.

"Pretty fair, hey?" said the deacon. "Pretty fair fur the price I give."

"No good," growled Tom. "Four white feet and a white nose knocks him in the head, and gives him to the crows. Besides, he's simple, got no sense; jes' look at his eyes."

"Oh, you old rascal!" muttered the horse, though, of course, they didn't understand him. "I've more sense today than you have, for I know enough to keep away from the saloon, and you don't."

"But," continued Tom, not noticing the horse's interruption, "there's one good thing about him—he's so dumb and simple that he won't know enough to run away, and he has no teeth to bite. He's so thin you might make a hatrack of him, for he'll stand anywhere."

Deacon Skinner felt bad, but did not know what to do. "Leave him to me," said the horse. "Water's the best thing for him; he doesn't see much of it."

Making a spring toward the gate, he pushed it open, and before the astonished Tom could speak he grabbed him by the seat of his trousers and lifted him in the air. The good deacon caught him by the rope, but he pulled it from him and, running to the duck pond, dropped the kicking, struggling Tom into the water.

"Whoa, whoa!" yelled the deacon, running up, panting.

"All right, deacon," said the horse, "sorry to be impolite to your company, but there are some men whose manners need washing." And he trotted back home contentedly.

Broken Words.

EXAMPLE: Separate a rural worker and make a vegetable and an insect: Peas-ant.

1. Separate a kind of pie or tart and make to revolve and above.

2. Separate a mercenary and make wages and a kind of fish.

3. Separate a preservative against injury and make a preposition meaning "against" and to love.

4. Separate a nocturnal bird and make darkness and a bird resembling a falcon.

5. Separate a piece of timber in a ship and make navigates and onward.

6. Separate an assistant to a church warden and make margins and a human being.

7. Separate an unexpected piece of good fortune and make idols and conclusion.

8. Separate to write between 'and make to bury and a writer.

9. Separate pertaining to the evening and make the evening star and part of a fork.

10. Separate to threaten and make a mischievous spirit and the close.

11. Separate to please and make happy and a care.

When the words are rightly guessed and placed one below the other the initials of the first row of words will spell an American holiday and the initials of the second row the place where most people spend the holiday.

Proverb Puzzle.

A well-known proverb is hidden in the following six sentences, one word of the proverb being contained in each of the sentences and appearing in their rightful order:

We are prone to judge others by ourselves.

Do not put off until tomorrow that which should be done today.

Think not evil of others lest ye be thought evil.

In ye olden time people had a greater reverence for the truth than they have today.

Be wise as a serpent, but meek as a dove.

Let all men be charitably judged.

Letter Enigma.

My first is in star, but not in moon;
My second is in sun, but not in noon;
My third is in candy, but not in eat;
My fourth is in shoes, but not in feet;
My fifth is in heart, but not in flutter;
My sixth is in milk, but not in butter;
My seventh is in knot, but not in bow;
My eighth is in fire, but not in glow;

My whole spells a blessing
To all the world, dear;
And 'tis specially loved
At this time of year.

Baking Papa.

When mamma's baking pies and cakes
She let's me, don't you know,
Stand close beside and watch her work,
And gives me scraps of dough.

I roll out all the little bits
And cut 'em into shape,
And on top of our big range
I put them on to bake.

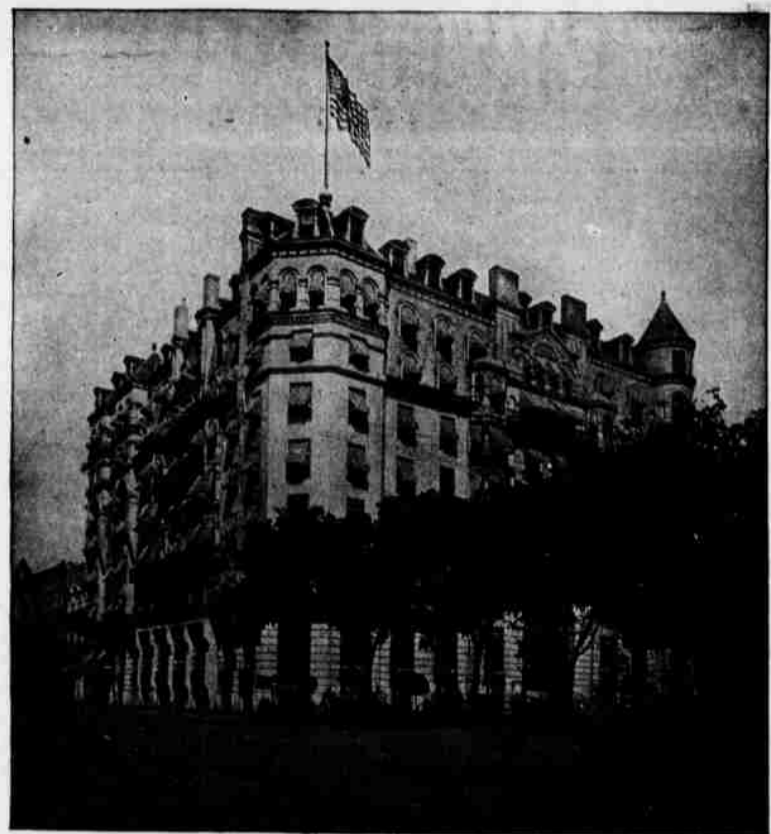
I cut my papa out all nice
Wif legs and a tall hat,
And as he cooks he swells all up
And gets most awful fat.

And then there comes a funny change,
For he gets very thin;
And suddenly almost blows up—
Then drops flat on the tin.

And when he comes, my papa dear,
At home at night, you know,
I run and show him to himself
All baked up brown in dough!



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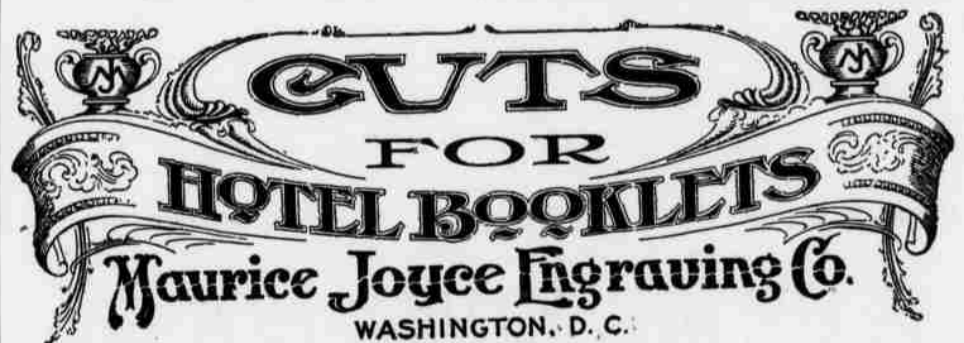
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