

by the children of today is the game of hare and hounds, which originated in England about 1640, and was as much enjoyed then as it is at Pinehurst at the present time.

Hide and seek began in Europe quite early in the seventeenth century, and rope skipping before ropes were invented and when long vines had to be used.

Blind man's buff began with the Greek children, who made so much of it that even their parents became interested, and spinning tops was a favorite pastime with them and has come down through the ages.

The Greek children also originated the game of seeing who could hop the longest on one foot, as well as cane riding which led to a stick with a horse's head, and, later on, to the hobby horse of which the boys and girls of today are so fond.

Children flew kites in China so far back that the date is forgotten, and the sport is probably two hundred years old in Europe, the first kites being made to resemble a bird bearing the same name. Leap frog is also very old and as popular today as ever, and little girls have had their dolls and little boys their drums, since time immemorial.

FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS.

Editor Would Like Series of Stories or Verse About Pinehurst.

The editor of THE OUTLOOK, feeling that something from the pens of its youthful readers would be of interest, is offering prizes for the first twenty stories or verses, upon local subjects, sent in by either boys or girls. Should the response be prompt the offer will be repeated.

To each of the first ten boys sending in either a story or a verse, either upon Pinehurst or its attractions, will be given a base ball glove, and to the first ten girls, a dainty water color box with camel's hair brush.

Each story should have the name of the sender written plainly at its top, and it should be written only upon one side of the paper, and in the senders own handwriting. Contributors may select any subject they desire, but it must be concerning something connected with Pinehurst.

All contributions should be mailed to The Editor of THE OUTLOOK, Pinehurst, N. C., previous to January fifteenth, and early contributions are, of course, desirable.

FOR THE BOYS.

The Outlook Will Offer Several Trophies During the Season.

THE OUTLOOK will manifest the usual interest in its young friends, again offering several attractive trophies for golf tournaments, putting contests and the like, during the season.

There will be the usual handicap golf tournament, and it is hoped that there may be sufficient interest to warrant holding an athletic meeting. Interest will also be shown in base ball, basket ball and foot ball, individual souvenirs being given if teams are formed, and a pennant offered if there are two or more teams to play a series of games.

As usual, definite action will be taken through the formation of a committee of those interested.

The Outlook's Children's Column.

Many kind things were said and written about THE OUTLOOK'S Children's Column, begun for the first time last season, and the editor feels sure his readers will learn with pleasure that it is to be repeated again this year.

Not from youthful readers have these commendations come, but mostly from older people, for they all have young friends, and hundreds of copies of the paper have been sent away because of this department.

New features will be added during the season, the most interesting of which promise to be contributions from the children themselves.

Riddles.

A word of one syllable, easy and short;
Reads backward and forward the same;
It expresses the sentiments warm from the heart

And to beauty lays principal claim.

ANSWER—Eye.

Pray, tell us, ladies, if you can,
Who is that highly favored man,
Who, though he's married many a wife,
May be a bachelor all his life?

ANSWER—Clergyman.

A house full, a yard full,
-But you can't catch a cup full.

ANSWER—Smoke.

The Annual Christmas Trees.

One of the pleasantest features of the year here are the annual Christmas trees in the Village hall, for the children of the Village and vicinity, of which there are usually three trees; trees which not only bring joy to childish hearts, but older ones as well.

Ponies for the Children.

A new and attractive feature at the Livery Stable this season is found in ponies for the children, and the addition is sure to result in an increased patronage by the younger riders.



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