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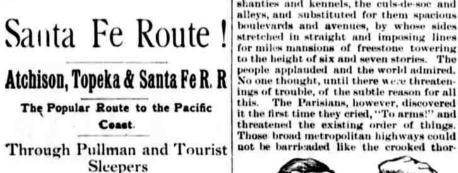
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OWE MUCH TO INDIVIDUALS. Baron Haussmann's Beconstruction of Paris Shepherd's Work at Washington-A City Created by Order of the

stantinople and Rome are the growth of centuries, and inherit from the past queer mazes of streets, strange divisions and autique customs. Until the time of Haus-mann Paris figured in the latter category. It is but a few days since Napoleon's prefect of the Seine breathed his last, and it is less than forty years since he inaugurated his architectural and intramural reforma-

To be exact as to dates, it was in June, 1853, that Baron Haussmann began the creation of a new Paris. The French cap-ital has a history running back to the

BARON HAUSSMANN.

capital when Philip marched forth to the

crusades, and gayer still when the tide of English invasion broke and ebbed from

comfortable residences and unspeakable prisons. The gorgeous gilded domes of the public buildings tower above superb speci-FOUR NATIONAL CAPITALS THAT

mens of Italian architecture, while through the heart of the winter city sweeps the Nevskoi Prospekt, one of the finest streets in Europe, 130 feet wide and four miles in length. St. Petersburg is a triumph of man's determination over the forces of nature and environment. It was born by order of the czar, and the same command Czar-Frederick the Great and Berlin. continues its existence. Nowhere else can a city be found whose seventy bridges are Four great capitals owe their beauty to built on boats and are annually removed individuals-Berlin, Paris, Washington and St. Petersburg. London, Vienna, Con-Yet such is the case with the capital of all the Russias.

Of Berlin the German has every reason to be proud. It is not the walled Berlin of the Middle Ages, although the magnificent Brandenburg gate still guards a western approach, but it is the Berlin of Frederick the Great. Although the city owes its famous avenue Uste: den Linden to the elector Frederick William, yet it is in-debted for its modernization and re creation to the warrior king whose triumphs rendered it possible for his successors to wear the imperial crown. It spreads in ma-jestic grace of stone and marble along both cides of the river Spree, and many of its castles, palaces and monuments bear mute testimony to the wise liberality of the great Frederick. It has manufactories and museums, theatres and works of art, colleges and schools of science. It is a seat of learn-

ing and a centre of power, the vigorous heart of a nation of soldiers. Peter, Frederick, Haussmann, Shepherd -the four have been called many names, some of them not con plimentary. Laying aside any other claims to remembrance. however, all are entitled to enduring fame for one thing-they were builders of cities. FRED C. DAYTON.

FOR HOME ENTERTAINMENT.

Evening of Fun and Instruction May Be Arranged.

For a novel party the plan is to take characters from prominent novels for rep-resentation. This will give wide scope for originality, as most of the costumes would have to be designed by the wearers as seemed to them most appropriate. In this representation the prominent characteristics and dawn of western civilization. When the Romans knew it its boundaries were oddities of manner of the subject should be imitated. Only characters of marked prominence or peculiarities should be taken. Before the readings from the vathose of the present He de la Cite on which now rises the grand cathedral church of Notre Dame. As time went by rious novels are given it would be interestthe town spread from the island to the ing to have each person present make out main banks of the river. It was a gay a guess list in which he will enter the name



### A NOVEL PARTY.

of the character which he decides each one present has chosen. In order to make out the list it will be permissible for him to talk to any one he chooses in regard to whose personation he is in doubt. For instance, if he thinks a certain gen-

tleman has chosen the character of the merchant from Australia in "Cæsar's Column" he can approach him and ask him how he likes the arrangement of the table service of his hotel, if he does not think

Picking a Winner. Uncle Rastus-Kye, hya! 1 knowed dat

hoss'd win! I knowed it fer such! Tom Bookie-Have anything on him? Uncle Rastus-No, sah; but I seen he had

a cinch. Tom Bookie-Why didn't you bet on him then?

Uncle Rastus-Didn't hab no time, sah. But I knowed he'd win. I knowed it jus as soon as eber I seen him come kerdukin under de wire, sah.-Week's Sport.



Mrs. Cobwigger-Did you ever find a man under the bed? Mrs. Merritt-Yes, the night we thought

there were burglars in the house. I found my husband there.-Life.

A Mighty Mean Trick. A 6-year-old child with a large appetite and a special fondness for pancakes and maple sirup arrived at the breakfast table the other morning and forthwith demand-

ed cakes. "Eat your oatmeal first," said her father. "How many cakes can I have?" said the greedy young lady.

The father, who is given to practical jokes, cogitated for a moment and then said:

"If you eat one plateful of oatmeal you can have three cakes, but if you eat two platesful you can have four cakes, and if you eat three platesful you can have six cakes.

The child accepted the arrangement promptly, and one plateful of oatmeal dis appeared in a twinkling; then another plateful followed slowly, and a third was consumed with evident difficulty.

The cakes and sirup were then prepared. The youngster had been growing more solemn every moment, and when one mouthful of cake had been disposed of suddenly roared out in anguish:

"My tummy's full of oatmeal and I can't eat any cakes at all-boo-hoo!"-Chicago Ledger.

#### Escaped.

She was a plump woman, and is would not have been a violent stretching of the truth to call her a corpulent one. With the fatuity which sometimes seizes upon her sex in the way of deciding to wear the most conspicuous stuffs, she had selected as the material of her gown a brocade such as of old was used by the upholsterer. She was covered with figures so large that, had she been smaller, not so much as a single one could have been crowded upon her, yet which she displayed as fully as a conscientious sign board could have done. There were those in the company who were not restrained by the loftiness of her social position from remarking upon her striking appearance, and as she sailed across the room one of these persons said to her neighbor: "Do look at Mrs. X.; isn't she astonishing to-night?" "Yes," was the reply; "she looks exactly like an escaped sofa."-Boston Courier.

Sometimes Happens. Anxious Caller-Is this the police sta-Chief-Yes, ma'am. What can I do for

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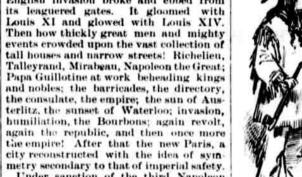
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metry secondary to that of imperial safety. Under sanction of the third Napoleon Baron Haussmann did away with the old shanties and kennels, the culs-de-soc and alleys, and substituted for them spacious boulevards and avenues, by whose sides stretched in straight and imposing lines for miles mansions of freestone towering to the height of six and seven stories. The people applauded and the world admired. No one thought, until there were threaten-

ings of trouble, of the subtle reason for all this. The Parisians, however, discovered it the first time they cried, "To arms!" and threatened the existing order of things. Those broad metropolitan highways could

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SHEPHERD-L'ENFANT. oughfares of yore. Instead, they gave free

sweep for cannon ball and musket shot, and along their wide vistas columns of troops could move at will. The improvement was a masterly check upon popular uprisings. Yet the house it was to benefit reigns no longer, and at the great age of 92 the man who curtailed the strength of riot and gave Paris more light and air than any other modern city enjoys has breathed his last.

To a certain degree there is a similarity in the careers of Baron Haussmann and Alexander R. Shepherd. Both suffered much from public disapproval and curious inquiries regarding the accuracy of accounts. Still, along different lines, Shepherd did as much for Washington as Haussmann did for Paris. Before the present century had existence the land now occupied was chosen as the site for the capital of the United States. The engineer selected to prepare the plans for the proposed city was a Frenchman, Maj. Pierre Charles l'Enfant. He worked intelligently and with foresight. He encountered narrow minded opposition, resigned and refused pay for his services.



But time, a recent writer declares, "has fully established the great merit of his design, and it is a recognized fact that by means of it Washington has been able to become a beautiful metropolis." "Boss" Shepherd, as they called him in those days, was the head of the board of public works of the District of Columbia during the administration of Gen. Grant. He accepted as an official inheritance the almost forgotten ideas of L'Enfant. He spent \$25,-000,000, was charged with various financial offenses, and finally retired from authority. But he left Washington in far different shape from what he found it. It can now challenge comparison with any of the capitals of Europe for beauty, comfort

and general attractiveness. "The Frenchman's magnificent plan has been properly developed.

Only an autocrat with unlimited means could have called into being a city like St. Petersburg. It stands today a monument uniting evenows, long noses, short necks, to the sublime audacity of Peter the Great. the banks of the Neva with vast palaces,

the method of ordering his dinner by the you! use of the numbered electric buttons a great improvement over the old way, and so on. If he has guessed the right character of course the person addressed will answer his questions and carry on a short conversation on the subject introduced. If he has guessed wrong his questions will be unintelligible, and he will be informed

that he has mistaken the person.

The time given to making out the guess list, which should contain not only the name of the character personated, but the name of the book from which it is taken and the author, should be limited from half an hour to an hour, according to the number of guests. After the owner's name had seven good teeth pulled. is signed the lists should be collected and some one appointed to compare them with a correct list.

If desired a prize may be given to the owner of the one which is most complete.

Much fun may be had during the time given to guessing through the conversations held with those whose personations are in doubt. When the guessing is completed a limited number of selections from the various novels should be given, or when of sufficient interest a sketch of the author's life would be appropriate. This programme could be made to cover two evenings by dividing the novels into "standard" and "modern" and taking one class for each evening.

#### She Refused to Be a Barmaid.

Minnie Schenck is young, attractive and determined. When she will she will, and when she won't she wont. She lives in Jersey City, where her parents keep a sa loon. She worked at a factory each day, and until recently made her home with the old folks. As she paid her board she thought herself entitled to the evenings for rest and amusement, But Mamma Schenck had different views, and ordered her to put in the time as a barmaid. Minnic refused and sought other quarters She had to go to law to get her clothes, but that didn't bother her much, as she was sustained in her course by a young man to whom she is engaged. It was more be cause he wished it than on account of any high moral principle that she took her stand against serving in the saloon.

#### The Wealthy of Great Britain.

During the year 1800 there died in the British isles thirty-one persons, each of whom left a fortune of more than \$1,250,000 A curious statistician, basing his estimates on the averages of life insurance tables, and using the above mortuary figures as a starting point, has arrived at the conclusion that there are now living in the kingdom 1,340 persons who have wealth equal to or in excess of the amount named.

#### A New Found Tribe of Pygmies.

The French explorer Crampel has discovered a race of dwarfs in West Africa that differs from those seen and described by Stanley These new found pygmies arer age as adults 414 feet in height. They have big aldomens, large wrists, strong arms He covered the flat and marshy soil along and bandy legs. They are very timid but I ulso very curious

"I have lost some valuable jewelry. I suspect a former servant of having taken

it. I want to employ a detective to find her whereabouts.' "All right, ma'am. Your name?" "I am Mme. de Wise, the-er-fortune

teller."-Chicago Tribune.

#### No Comparison.

Dentist-Now, see here, what's the use of making so much fuss about a little miserable root like that? Let me pull it. Patient-You'll hurt.

Dentist-You're a coward. Why, there was a woman in here this morning who Patient-I know, Doc, but this isn't a

good tooth.-Rochester Post-Express.

#### Delicate.

Proprietor (of furnishing store)-What are you doing with those everlasting neck ties Clerk-I was just rearranging them in

#### the showcase.

Proprietor-Well, that's all right, but you can't be too careful about handling them.-Clothier and Furnisher.

"You are discontented with the wages ]

#### Reasonable.

pay you, and yet at Mrs. Brown's you didn't have any more." "That's so, and I did all the work there too. But you see you want me to love F. A. BOEHMER. your children, and I must have extra pay for that."-Fliegende Blatter.

#### He Was a Colonel.

Mr. Gargoyle-I hear your daughter is engaged, Mrs. Gummey. Mrs. Gummey-Yes; to a Kentucky gen tleman

Mrs. Gargoyle-What! And you were always opposed to American girls marrylag titles -Judge.

### A Construction Needed.

"What do you hear from your Eskimo friend? "He has just asked me to go up to his

place and spend the night with him. I don't know whether he wants me to stay six months or six hours."-New York Sun.

## The Art of Conversation.

Uncle Josh-How's your mother? Miss Belle-She's well, too. Uncle Josh (after a three minutes' rause) -How're your parents?-Yale Record

#### A Clew.

Patrolman-They've just took a floater out of the river with a cross marked on his forchead with a knife. Chief-Start right out and arrest every man that isn't able to write his name .-Indianapolis Journal.

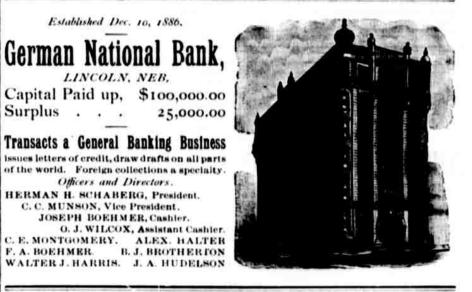
#### Head and Heart.

The head and the heart in the game of love Must play its separate part; But we'll pardon a girl a cold in the head So long's she's not cold in the heart. -Philadelphia Times

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