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That the North Pole is situated on land seems to be almost a certainty. There is land bare of ice in that part of the world, and clear water too. Good and scientific reasons lie back of these assumptions. That the region in quesan undisputed fact. It can not be asserted with confidence that human beings do not live there.

It is known that several species of birds live and breed in regions far to ceptible effort. the north of any point reached by exward the pole, their flocks vanishing into the unknown beyond. Obviously, they can not lay their eggs or rear -"Oh, yes, I always tell her beforehand their young on ice floes or bergs, and that it is funny." so it must be taken for granted that She-"Do you know anything worse

The rosy gull, most beautiful of all ing it." its fleetwinged tribe, spends summer and winter within the mysterious and restricted to that area, only occasional specimens being seen outside of it, driven to the southward by storms. Especially the one that flows Only once has a flock of rosy gulls been seen; it passed Point Barrow, the most northerly point of Alaska.

There must be no small extent of land in a region that exclusively main- word about my smart baby. tains a whole species of animals. OPEN WATER

the rosy gull would starve. Doubt- witnesses." less the bird skirts the ice fields in winter, looking for fish. Two species of away; what do you keep your alarm area. The same may be said of at least have to walk the baby."

of animals or vegetable life. In its George was telling us about the big as is found on Spitzbergen—that is to ful we've got the children to bed. We say, plenty of mosses and lichens, with shall have a little peace now."

Bughy "Our landlady is one of the she had dug in the side of the hill. the yellow Arctic poppy.

The most interesting question about man beings are to be found in its vicinity. Such a notion is not so absurd as might be imagined. From detured farther and farther toward the do they have all these policemen at the northern extremity of the earth's ax- game for? Oh, I know; it's to keep is, but however high the point reached the men from stealing bases." dwelling there. A short time ago Nan- with her bicycle lessons?" "Oh, nicely, sen outlined the north coast of Green- replied the young enthusiast. at the north of the island he came know, I never saw any one fall off a player who takes the part of "Buff" across a colony of 279 Esquimaux pur- wheel so gracefully!"

somewhat discouraged if he finds a lot of people living there. Yet why not? as north latitude 68 degrees. On that coldest latitude is situated the town of Werkojansk, in Siberia. And just here may as well be told

A REMARKABLE STORY that rests on the authority of Capt. lowing: 'The beautiful girl, for such she Herendeen, formerly engaged in the was, was passing down the street." in Washington. The event he describes occurred in the winter of 1885, which he spent at Point Barrow.

There is an Esquimau village at Point Barrow, and also a whaling station. One day there was a great commotion, Capt. Herendeen saw half the people of the village running, evidently much excited. They came to him and told him that three strange-looking men had been seen on the ice off the point. They were dressed peculiarly-not in deer skins, but in a white fur, which was supposed to be that of the polar bear They acted as if very tired, and it was noticed that they had no guns. This last point was particularly surprising, as nobody in that part of the world ever goes without a gun. Now, the Esquimaux are proverbial for their hospitality and amiability toward strang- If sweethearts were sweethearts always, ers, and they were astonished when the three men took fright on seeing them and ran away over the ice to the

northward. This was what had caus-The Esquimaux declared positively that the three men were not of their people. Their dress and actions made this a certainty. If so, whence did they come? The only tenable theory seemed to be that they had drifted on an ice floe from an unknown land far to the If lovers were lovers always, north, the existence of which was asserted by a tradition among the Es- Who would change for a future Eden quimaux. They say that some of their people were once carried away by a quently returning. One of the natives And care on the anxious brow the Moors of Tunis and of Seville. was so confident of the truth of the Oft replaces the sunshine that perish- 1389, Peter, King of Aragon, had story that he begged Capt. Herendeen to secure for him a passage on a north-bound whaler, in order that he might go with the ship as far as possible, and then leave it to complete the Gen. Greely, the famous Arctic ex- Whose voice, as of old, can charm him;

plorer, believes that the North Pole re-A CONTINENT.

Mortgage taken for part purchase He says that immense masses of landmade ice are seen floating southward through Kane Sea and Smith Sound under such circumstances as render it certain that they must come from a land area far to the north. The very size of the bergs proves that the land area must be of great extent. On one S. C. REGISTRY OFFICE. Thomas a floeberg that was 800 feet thick, and that must have required something like She said: I dreamed of angels, 2400 years for its formation. They filled the heavens blue;

around the pole, was long ago exploded. It was originated by the explorer Nares, who believed that the water in that part of the world was frozen down to the very bottom of the shallow ocean. On the other hand, the idea of an open polar sea, as conceived by Kane, is no Certainty That the Pole is Situated on an ever-open sheet of water surround Land-Birds May be Seen Flying North- ing the pole. The fact seems to be

> plored. There has been a tendency of late to cry down Arctic exploration as two centuries it has furnished to the value, the most important of them being yielded by the whale fisheries.

be no ice in another. In other words,

SUMMER SMILES.

"What a heap of style Jimmie tion is inhabited by various animals is Watson's wife throws on." "Oh, yes; Jimmie started a bicycle repair shop ways.

> dear, no; not in the least. Why, he could stand up straight with no per-

When it begins to get real summery plorers. They are seen migrating to- hot, can't we manage to have the weather man arrested for scorching & Briggs-Does your wife laugh when der side to a dirty, yellowish white. you tell her a funny story?" Braggs

could afford to pay \$100 for a wheel." is sometimes dug to quite a depth, he unexplored area. Its species is actually Mrs. Winks-"I couldn't. That's why has a home, which may consist of three I have got to pay \$105 for it." Sweet is the summer breeze that goes To gladden toiling man-

From an electric fan.

"Look here, Bawl Barings, I've a proposition to make." "What is it, amine his burrow. After a little more Noopops?" "You stop talking about digging I found cuddled together, warm your bicycle and I'll not say another in their grass bed, two baby badgers.

ing Colonel Julep's chickens. Have up. They were fat, roly-poly things, you any witnesses?" Uncle Moses-"I and would tumble over every minute there must be all the year around else heb not. I don't steal chickens befo' when they tried to walk. Then they

clock going for?" I want to wake pets. We had at that time a mother sandpipers breed in the unexplored up every hour and realize that I don't dog with young puppies, and I took area. The same may be said of at least have to walk the baby." one species of goose. Every spring brant "We cannot find a place to go this

are seen from Point Barrow, fly- summer." "What's the trouble?" "We ing northward, whither no human be- want a summer resort from which we

surrounding waters are plenty of fishes fishes he caught fairy stories?" "I doubtless, as well as numerous species don't know, my child; I wasn't listen-of crustaceans; in its bays seals dis-ing, but I imagine they were."

I saw the old dog some little distance away on the hillside with one of my port themselves, perhaps, and possibly Edith and Mabel had just put their badgers in her mouth. Hastily looking walrus are not absent. As for the dollies in their little crib. Said Edith, into the kennel I found never a badger flora, there is apt to be as much of it with a sigh of relief, "There, I'm thank- there, and turning, ran after the dog.

Rugby-"Our landlady is one of the most expert calculators in town."
Wilkins—"Is she?" Rugby—"Yep. the North Pole is as to whether hu- We had beans for dinner to-day and she asked me how many I would have." George-"How do you like it, Cora?" cade to decade bold explorers have ven- Cora-"It's perfectly lovely. But what

people have always been discovered "How is Jenny See getting along land, proving it to be an island. Yet has only taken six now, and do you

ous existence by means of hunting and Jabson—"Neither. What makes you fishing.

Jabson—"I've been looking think so?" Jilson—"I've been looking The man who is lucky enough to dis-cover the North Pole may well feel utes and I haven't seen him playing a hose on his lawn."

The climate can not be so dreadfully Clear Case.—"Do you ride a wheel?" The players may disguise themselves in severe; it is certainly not nearly so cold asked the eldest of the doctors on the any way they like-by sticking out Insanity Commission. "Yep," answered their hair, altering their clothes,

> -dementia. Professor in English (to young man) the rest. -"How would you punctuate the fol-Kate-"Mame Garson is terribly mashed on Charley Sweetser." Edith-"What makes you think so?" Kate-'Why he has been three weeks trying to teach her to ride a wheel, and she

very instant he lets go of her she falls odd changes doesn't it?" Harold-"I should say it did. Look at the matter o fcostumes. Why, when we played tennis, we turned our trousers up at the bottom, and now that we play golf we turn our stockings down from the

doesn't make the least progress. The

SWEETHEARTS AND WIVES. Whether as maid or wife, No drop would be half so pleasant In the mingled draught of life.

But the sweetheart has smiles and When the wife has frowns and sighs, And the wife's have a wrathful glitter

The same to sweetheart and wife,

The joys of this checkered life? storm and reached this land, subse- But husbands grow grave and silent

> With the words of the marriage vow Happy is he whose sweetheart Is wife and sweetheart still:

Who has plucked the rose to find ever Its beauty and fragrance increase, As the flush of passion is mellowed In love's unmeasured peace.

Who sees in the step a lightness: Who finds in the form a grace Who reads an unaltered brightness In the witchery of the face.

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He said: I dreamed of you!

YOUNG FOLKS.

ABOUT BADGERS.

The badger, when full grown, measures from 2 1-2 to 3 feet in length. Naturalists tell us that he is related to the bear family. He certainly does that there is always more or less open | remind one of a small bear, with his water in that region, though where thick, round body, covered with long there is ice in one winter there may hair, his big, short legs, and his awkward shuffling gait. He, too, is planti-As yet, more than 3,000,000 square grade, the same as the bear. That is, miles of Arctic territory remain unex- he places the whole sole of the foot on the ground when walking, instead unprofitable and uselessly wasteful of of walking on their toes, like the ca life. Yet the fact is that enterprise in this direction has been enormously valuable to mankind. Within the last his legs seem shorter than they realcivilized world products aggregating a ly are. It also accounts for his sham-thousand million dollars in market bling gait.

In the West he is said to live to a great extent on prairie dogs; but it is difficult to understand how he manages to catch such sharp, active CAPITAL, Authorized little fellows as they are, with his lazy

The badger has rather a long, point-"Did he look like a bicyclist?" "Oh, ed nose. A white stripe runs from the W. F. Cowan, nose through the center of the forehead and terminates at the nape of the face is black, while the body is a blackish gray, fading out on the unthe neck. On either side of this stripe

His home is a burrow in the ground This he digs by first loosening the dirt with his pointed nose and then poking they find bare land suitable for the than a man taking a kiss without ask-purpose. ing for it?" He—"I do." "What, for a pile is collected under him he kicks it instance?" "Asking for it without taking it."

Away with his hind feet, while he continues digging with his nose and fore
feet. At the end of his burrow, which

At the end of his burrow, which or four apartments. In the one farthest from the opening is always the bed, made of dry grass and leaves.

One day with my dogs I was digging out a badger, and when with my help he was at last killed (he is a good fighter and a hard biter), I turned to ex-They were blind, like young puppies, Justice-"You are charged with steal- and cried pitifully when I picked them would cry, reminding one of a baby's "Say, Dobbs, all your family are first efforts at walking.

I wished very much to raise them for her to raise them. At first she growled and acted cross, but after I had stroked and petted her awhile, telling her how much I wanted her to bring them up ing horthward, whither no human being has yet been able to follow.

If there be a polar continent there is no reason for picturing it as devoid if the reason for picturing it as devoid is no reason for picturing it as devoid if the reason for picturing it as devoid is no reason for picturing it as devoid if the reason for picturing it as devoid is no reason for picturing it as devoid if the reason for picturing it as devoid in the reason for p Next morning I hurried out to see my pets. Just before reaching the kenne A little way from her I noticed a pile of loose earth. This I dug into and found it to be the grave of my other badger. She had killed them both, and I was left to mourn their sad fate. A. L. Bennett.

TWO NEW GAMES.

Shadow Buff.-This is a very amusing game, it is called Shadow Buff, and is full of incident. A sheet is hung across one side of the room, and the sits facing it at about a yard or so suing a contented and fairly prosper- Jilson-"Is Jubbs sick or traveling?" distant. A lamp is placed on a table ous existence by means of hunting and Jabson-"Neither. What makes you the other players pass one by one between the lamp and the sheet, on which, of course, their shadows fall. From these shadows Buff is required to give the names of the individuals. the subject. "What make?" "I never improvising impossible collars. When noticed." The verdict was unanimous the Buff guesses correctly, the player detected becomes Buff, and Buff joins

Many Words in One.—A game which commends itself to many children and Arctic whaling service, and now em- Student-"I think, professor, I would which seems at first almost like magic, ployed in the Smithsonian Institution, make a dash after the beautiful girl." is called "Many Words in One," and is played thus: One of the company is asked to leave the room while the others settle upon some particular word which she must guess. Suppose the word to be "Apple;" she is called in and stops before the first child in row, who at once says "Arrow." She goes to the next, who says "Potato," the third says "Post," the fourth says Reginald-"Time brings about some "Lozenge," and the fifth "Eagle," each taking care to mention a word whose first letter is one that is found in the word "apple" and to say them in regular order. The guesser having heard all these words, pauses to think over their initial letters, and finds that, when put together, they are A, P, P, L, E, and compose the word "apple," which she immediately pronounces; and it is then the turn of the one at the head of the row to go out while a word is proposed. If most of the company are unacquainted with the play, the one at the head need not explain at first how the word is guessed, but she had better tell her companions beforehand what words they are to say when the guesser comes in, and then they will be surprised at her guessing correctly, For the glow of the sweetheart's not thinking that it is from putting together the initial letters.

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