

THE
Most Laughable Thing
ON EARTH:
OR; A TRIP TO PARIS.
BEING
A TRUTHFUL ACCOUNT OF WHAT B FEL
ONE JOTHAN PODD.



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RULES FOR PLAYING.

I. SELECT one of the company as Reader.

II. The Reader shall take the cards and distribute them equally among the party.

III. In reading, pause at each — and cast the eye upon some one who must instantly fill up the pause by reading a card.

IV. As soon as a card is read, lay it aside.

V. Any forfeit, which the Reader may adjudge, may be imposed for failure to read the card at the moment it is due.

VI. Forfeits may be dispensed with, and the cards read in regular succession if so desired.

VII. It is desirable that the cards be not looked over by the person holding them, and that no selection be made, but that each be taken as it appears.

A Trip to Paris.

JOTHAN PODD was walking Broadway when, suddenly, he exclaimed, "I go to Paris, and return the personification of _____"

He must go in a steamer, so he went to secure a passage, but found only one stateroom, and that occupied by _____

He rather liked this, so he paid his fare, and the agent being out of tickets gave him _____

It was now, "Pack and off." He went to bid his friends adieu, giving to each a parting gift. To an old school-mate he gave _____

To Jane Matilda, a young lady who laid claim to his heart, he gave, with a kiss _____

Now Jane would not be outdone in such acts, so she kissed him twice and begged him to accept of ——

Jothan was perplexed, but he took the gift, and passing home was saluted by the boys who shouted, "There goes a man with ——"

That night he had wonderful dreams ; thought he was chased by ——

And that he was trying to crowd into his valise ——

When a man came along and charged him with stealing ——

Told him he must defer his trip until he could prove he had not stole, also, laid violent hands on ——

He was enraged at this, and was about to pitch the man into a stove when he awake, found it all a dream caused by his having ate ——

He was early on board the steamer, a noble ship, commanded by ——

There was a motley collection of baggage. Mr. Slim who was going abroad for his health, was the happy owner of ——

A bearer of despatches also bore with him ——

While a party of foreign vocalists were each of them carrying home ——

As the hour of leaving drew near each gave to his friend some token, it might be ——

As the steamer left the pier one of the passengers threw ashore ——

And then the ship sped on like ——

The passengers acted queerly as they were tossed about. Occasionally one

would exclaim, "I wish I was at home with ——"

Jothan, after dangling a fish-line in the briny deep for ten hours had the satisfaction of hauling in ——

The result of the fishing caused great sport. Mr. Slim condescended to remark, that he once caught ——

Mr. Puff said he never fished for anything less than ——

Half over seas the idea of a concert suggested itself. The cabin was prepared, and an entertainment began with a song entitled ——

The extreme pathos of the singing moved the ship to such a degree that the violinist found himself in a corner putting rosin on ——

He soon picked up his bones and his

fiddle and resumed his place, looking as uneasy as ——

An attempt was made to sing a duet from the Opera of "Norma," but as soon as the words, "Go unkind one," had been uttered, the leader suddenly leaped under a table followed by ——

Jothan went on deck, where he found Mr. Puff trying to convince Mr. Slim that he might benefit his health by eating ——

Puff said he was once threatened with a typhoid toothache, but escaped it by using ——

But Slim was sceptical; said he had more faith in ——

Reaching Liverpool, Jothan escaped taxing; but one man paid heavy duties on ——

The docks and warehouses astonished even Mr. Puff, who exclaimed, "My eyes, what ——"

On landing, our traveller beheld a woman carrying on her head ——

And a man shouted, "Here's ——"

He soon found a good hotel, over the door of which swung ——

The landlord sent a porter to Mr. Podd's room, asking whether he would like ——

But the porter, forgetting his errand, asked him if he would have ——

Podd answered, emphatically, *No*, told the man to go down stairs, or he would throw at him ——

The man went down and told the landlord he was scolded by a crazy man, who threatened to thrash him with ——

The landlord felt sorry that he had troubled his guest with an impertinent servant, and made up his mind to beg him to accept of an apology, and ——

Anxious to see London, our Jothan was soon on his way to that city, and beheld the dome of St. Paul's rising from a bank of fog and smoke like ——

After securing a room, he perambulated Cheapside, where every one was running as if after ——

Here was a man with ——

And there a dray loaded with ——

At the British Museum he greatly admired ——

A charming piece of statuary, representing Olympus and ——

On a pedestal was a finely executed bust of ——

A curious article, brought from the ruins of Ninevah at great cost, was said to be ———

Jothan was much interested in the portrait of ———

Said to have been executed by ———

In the immense library, he noticed several volumes relating to the history of ———

Also, the Life and Adventures of ———

As a work of Art, he admired a Medallion of ———

Among the names of famous authors, he found that of ———

Also, ———

Early one morning he unexpectedly met Mr. Puff and Mr. Slim on their way to the Tower. He joined them and soon

beheld the massive gates swing on their hinges like ———

Thinking that men of renown had passed those gates as prisoners, he mourned over an age that could see no worth in ———

The walls of one of the lower buildings was covered with names, and among them a well defined outline of ———

In the room in which Lady Jane Grey was imprisoned, Jothan remarked that the instigators of such cruelty should be made to chew ———

The warden smiled, and proceeding to the "White Tower," introduced him to war trappings and ———

Here also were instruments of torture. Mr Puff suddenly started, gave Jothan a nudge, trod on Mr. Slim's toes, and exclaimed, "Fellow citizens, just look at ———"

Slim groaned and Jothan started, while Puff hoped he would never again behave so much like ——

Mr. Slim said, "Amen," while Jothan turned the subject by calling attention to ——

After looking at the Queen's jewels, they left the tower and proceeded to St. Paul's, where they met a crowd making great ado over the arrival of ——

Jothan was rapt in astonishment at its grandeur, saying it reminded him of ——

At the end of a week Jothan was on his way to Paris in an express train, with the velocity of ——

He reached a steamer, embarked, and soon came in view of the French coast; the first object seen being the Napoleon pillar, surmounted by ——

He landed and was again in a fast

train of cars, delighted with the scenery from Bolougne to Amiens. Here stood a cottage, and there ———

All betokened thrift and comfort, while occasionally the eye fell upon ———

Reaching Paris, the custom-house presented itself, and Jothan was asked if he had ———

The next day the attractions of the city kept Mr. Podd's ears and eyes quite active, while its life and gaiety produced in him the feelings of ———

The display of flowers enchanted him, and their fragrance arose like that of —

He visited the royal gardens, and was delighted with their fountains, flowers, statues, cascades, and ———

In a public square, a man was selling a stock of fancy goods at auction. As Jothan approached, he sold ———

A lady bought, for a choice parlor ornament, ———

Jothan thought it a strange country, where such things were used for such a purpose; but was more surprised when the auctioneer took a shake of his head for a bid, and knocked down to him ———

Hearing of a military parade, and wishing to see how the French managed, he hurried out of the auction crowd, and stumbled over ———

Recovering himself, he again started on a run and came in collision with ———

But he soon reached the field of action, and found soldiers marching directly towards ———

They then raised their muskets and aimed them at ———

Then rested them upon - ———

The captain carried ———

And each soldier had lashed to his
back ———

The drummer beat music from ——

And the fifer accompanied him on —

Instead of a trumpet they used ——

On their standard was a fine represen-
tation, of ——

Instead of a hat, each wore on his
head ——

Except the captain, who was distin-
guished by ——

In the evening, a public meeting was
held which Jothan attended, taking with
him ——

He reached the hall just as the meet-

ing was organized, by choosing for chair man ——

The secretary was ——

The chairman arose and said, "We have met to contribute our means and influence to aid ——

"For this object, I know you will contribute your money, your talent and ——

"When I look around and in one corner see ——

"And in another ——

"When I behold parents leading hither ——

"Infirm veterans coming joyfully with ——

"When my eye rests upon this audience, gathered from all parts of ——

“I feel like going with a gun to defend ——

“We can not fail in this cause, it is sustained by ——

“Let us be united, as strongly as ——

“Then shall future ages crown our memories with ——”

He then introduced as the speaker —

At this moment the men cheered, and the ladies in the gallery waved ——

The speaker began,—“Friends, we have met to raise ——

“Napoleon conquered nations, and planted his standard on ——

“And France felt proud to point to him and say, Behold our sovereign and ——

“We may also achieve renown and call down upon us the plaudits of——”

A gay little Frenchman next came forward, and, instead of a speech as he intended, drew from his pocket ——

While every one was convulsed with laughter, a man shouted, “I have lost my wallet, containing ——”

This was deemed an insult and the man was thrust from the hall, but just as he passed the door he threw back ——

A collection was then taken; the chair man, to give an example, put in ——

The secretary contributed ——

A friend, very modestly, gave ——

And another, a generous looking individual, ——

These contributions were so heavy

that the box broke through, and its contents fell upon ——

The ladies exhibited great liberality. The presiding member of a Hottentot Ladies Relief Society gave ——

A little girl added to the collection —

Jothan had nothing in his pocket but ——

Jothan remained in Paris a month. The day before leaving he purchased mementoes. He first bought ——

He then at a jeweler's purchased ——

In the fancy line he selected ——

And ——

Which he packed in a case together with ——

But found room in his trunk for ——

Jane Matilda would certainly expect some gem from the French capitol, Jothan searched for hours for some unique work of art, and finally was rejoiced to find ——

On leaving his hotel, he found they had charged him for the use of ——

He started at 10, P.M., for Havre, but had proceeded only a short distance when the cars ran over ——

Completely demolishing the car containing ——

Reaching Havre early in the morning, Jothan made a light breakfast of ——

Accompanying the repast with a delightful beverage made from ——

For which they charged him three francs, giving him, as an inducement to call again, ——

He was soon on board the steamer, the captain of which inquired if he had any objections to rooming with ——

The passage home was not enlivened by anything of interest, except the appearance one day upon the deck of ——

Jothan beheld New York once more, the home of his youth, his Jane Matilda, and ——

Standing on deck, he involuntarily exclaimed, "Hail, land my own; all hail, thou land of ——"

His friends, delighted to see him, tendered him a public dinner, at which the following sentiment was offered,— "Jothan Podd, may he never want a friend or ——"

Jane was delighted with her gifts, and more so to see him. Foreign

travel, she said, had made him look precisely like——

He thanked her for the compliment, and remarked that during his absence he had not, for a moment, forgotten her or——

In a week the papers announced the marriage of Jothan and Jane, and thanks for a liberal slice of——

Thus endeth the "Trip to Paris," in closing the account of which Jothan thanks you for your attention, and Jane begs you to accept of——

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