**Picnics in English**

**LADY WINDERMERE’S FAN**

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In the morning-room of Lord Windermere’s home, young Lady Windermere is entertaining Lord Darlington, one of her husband’s acquaintances. While talking to Lord Darlington, Lady Windermere tells Lady Windermere that he hopes they can become great friends. He also intimates that Lord Windermere has seen of his life in the company of a woman of questionable character. But Lady Windermere does not grasp this allusion to her husband.

morning-room (英) 傍晚女所用之房间；intimate 嘲諷的；intensify 強化，強化

Their conversation is interrupted by the announcement that the Du-

chess of Devonshire and her daughter, Lady Agatha Carline, have come to call. After Lord Darlington learns of the company, without any presence at being solitude, informs Lady Windermere that Lord Windermere is looking for a Mrs. Elymore who is known down on by members of London society.

Duchess of Devonshire 約克女公爵；looked down on 看不起，看不起

Horribly terrified by this disclosure, Lady Windermere apparently con-ef

contains her husband’s infidelity when she discovers several notes indicat-ef

ing large payments of money to Mrs. Elymore from Lord Windermere. Whom Lady Windermere confronts her husband with her evidence, he admits knowing Mrs. Elymore but denies being in love with her. The Lady Windermere does not believe her husband. She is further confounded by his guilt when Lord Windermere asks her to extend an invitation to Mrs. Elymore for a birthday ball to be held the evening in Lady Windermere’s honor. Lady Windermere refuses her husband’s request and sends the invitation himself.

in her London society 約克女公爵；request 请求

Riddles

1. Why is the letter T like an island?
2. What is that which everyone can divide but no one can see where it is divided?
3. From what word of five letters can you take two and leave one and it will still be a word?
4. Why are all people the same?
5. Can you think of a word in the English language which contains all the vowels—a, e, i, o, u?

Answers:
1. Because it is in the middle of WATER.
2. Water.
3. A-n-o-t-h-e-r.
4. Because they are always loudest in bed.
5. Yes—unrequitantly.