

Columbus and the Egg

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One day Columbus was at a dinner which a _____ Adjective _____ gentleman had given in his honor, and several persons were present who were jealous of the great admiral's _____ Noun Plural _____. They were proud, conceited fellows, and they very soon began to try to make Columbus uncomfortable.

You have discovered _____ Adjective _____ _____ Noun Plural _____ beyond the seas, they said, but what of that?

We do not see why there should be so much said about it. Anybody can sail across the ocean - and anybody can _____ Verb Base Form _____ the _____ Noun Plural _____ with a _____ Noun _____, just as you have done. It is the simplest thing in the world.

Columbus made no answer - but after a while he took a _____ Animal _____ and said to the company:

Who among you, gentlemen, can make this _____ Repeat Last Animal _____ stand on end?

One by one those at the table tried the experiment. When the _____ Repeat Last Animal _____ had gone entirely around and none had succeeded, all said that it could not be done.

Then Columbus took the _____ Repeat Last Animal _____ and _____ Verb Past Tense _____ its _____ Part of Body _____ gently

. After that there was no trouble in making it stand on end.

Gentlemen, said he, what is easier than to do this which you said was impossible? It is the simplest thing in the world. Anybody can do it - AFTER he has been shown how!