

Puzzles.

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Riddle-me Rec.

Five hundred begins it,
Five hundred ends it,
And five in the middle is seen;
The first of all letters,
The first of all figures;
My whole is the name of a famous
king.

From Annie Boulton:
My first is to watch.
My second is an entrance.
My whole is a seaport in Scotland.

Scripture Questions.

NAME THE DIFFERENT WELLS.

A well in the desert.—The runaway maid,
Thinking all had forgotten her, hither had
strayed;
But God sent His angel good tidings to
tell,
And to cheer her sad soul, as she sat by
the well.

A well in a wilderness.—A mother with joy
From its cool, sparkling water gave drink
to her boy;
From her home she was banished: her
bottle was spent,
And that well to her heart fresh encourage-
ment lent.

A well by a township. When sinks the
red sun
One who asked for a sign when his journey
was done—
A beautiful girl giving drink to him there
Showed him swiftly the sign he had asked
for in prayer

Three wells in a valley.—The shepherd, he
tells
How they strove when the water sprang
up in the wells.
Said the chief: "Two I give, but the third
I shall keep;
Bring up now the cattle, and water the
sheep."

A well in a field.—A tall stranger is here;
He is seeking his kinsman: his daughter
draws near.
Soon all is explained, and she hastens to
tell
The glad news that a kinsman stands there
by the well.

A well in a courtyard.—The priest, in
great dread,
Lying there in the darkness, heard
them said
That the soldiers who seek thee
no need to look,
They've gone, and are now safe
over the
brook."

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A well in a village.—Said the king, "If I
had
A drink from the well where I drank when
a lad!"
Through the foe broke three soldiers, and
at point of the sword
Obtained the clear water to give to their
lord.

A well near a city.—Our Saviour sits by
And talks to a woman of truths from on
high.
He drinks from her pitcher, and then He
doth tell
Of the water that's drawn up from no
earthly well.

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A Puzzle for Those Who Are Fond of Figures and Finding Out Difficult Problems.

Once upon a time there were two
old men who sat in the market early
every morning and sold apples.
Each one had thirty apples, and
one of the old men sold *two* for a
cent, and the other old man sold
three for a cent. In that way the
first old man got fifteen cents for
his basket of apples, while the other
old man received ten cents, so that
together they made twenty five cents
each day. But one day the old
apple-man who sold three for a cent
was too sick to go to market, so he
asked his neighbour to take his
apples and sell them for him. This
the other old man very kindly con-
sented to do, and when he got to
market with the two baskets of ap-
ples he said to himself: "I will pu
all the apples in one basket, for it
will be easier than picking them out
of two baskets." So he put sixty
apples in one basket, and said to
himself: "Now, if I sell *two* apples
for one cent and my old friend sells
three for one cent, that is the same
thing as selling *five* apples for *two*
cents." When he had sold the sixty
apples, he found he had only *twenty-
four* cents, which was right, because
there are twelve fives in sixty, and
twice twelve is twenty-four. But if
the other old man had been there,
and each had sold his apples separ-
ately, they would have received
twenty five cents. Now how is that
explained? —*Canadian Home Journal*