

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

To be young is to be one of the immortals.—HAZLITT.

OUR PUZZLE PRIZE.

This month we find a great number of our young friends have sent wrong answers, owing perhaps to the puzzles in our last issue being too hard. We give another story book for the best set of answer to this month's puzzles. Annie Emery, London, has succeeded in winning the prize.

The following have sent correct answers: Edith Hamilton, Toronto; J. D. Kirkton; Betha Walmsley, Kingston; Charlie Drew, and Walter Smith, Ottawa; Robert Ainsley, Toronto; Jenny Blair, Hamilton; Thomas Weston, Toronto; Willie Maker, Walkerton; George H., Toronto; Mary Burns Sarnia, and R. L. Eedy, London.

SEPTEMBER PUZZLES.

1.

ENIGMA.

First in cradle, not in bed,
Second in barn, not in shed.
Third in one not in ten.
Fourth in quail, not in wren.
Fifth in under, not in over.
Sixth in rover, not in clover.
Seventh in top, not in cover.
My whole is considered a charming game,
And the answer to this will be its name.

2.

SQUARE WORD.

An ancient city
A River in Europe.
Disorder.
Formerly.

3.

Place four 1's in such a position that they will exactly equal 12 in value.

4.

CHARADE.

My first is each of two.
My second is laudable.
My whole is a county in Ontario.

5.

ARITHMETICAL PUZZLE.

One-third of a guinea, one-fourth of a shilling, and one-fifth of a penny, added together correctly will make ten dollars. How?

ANSWERS TO AUGUST PUZZLES.

1. Diamond Puzzle:—

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		O	N	T
	A	C	T	O
O	N	T	A	R
	P	A	R	I
		A	I	R
		O		

2. Decapitation:—Clover—Lover—Over—Rev.

3. Hidden counties in Ontario.—Bothwell, Halton, Addington, Oxford, Peel, Wentworth.

4. Squareword:—

B	A	R	D
A	M	O	R
R	O	S	A
D	R	A	B

5. Rebus.—Wellington.

6. Charade.—Assassination.

Monkey Tricks.

An old monkey sat cozily asleep in a snug corner, with a friend nestling against him and indulging likewise in a comfortable snooze. Presently a young skylark approached them somewhat timidly, and squatting beside the friend, sat quiet for some seconds, then suddenly, as if possessed by some malicious inspiration, he reached his arm out cautiously behind the slumbering friend, and gave the elderly monkey a whacking box on the ear. He, waking in just wrath, and unsuspecting of the truth—for the culprit was now shamming sleep and looked the picture of innocence—flew upon his friend with an indictment for assault, and chased him with monstrous clamor round the cage, while the culprit sat regarding them, and jabbering with joy. Some little time after, the performance was repeated; the old monkey and his friend having settled in the corner, and the assault and wrongful punishment occurring as before. Once again the trick was tried, but the friend who had twice suffered, was shamming sleep this time, and caught the culprit in the act, and, with the help of the old monkey, gave him a good drubbing, which, indeed, he well deserved.

A Schoolboy's Bill in 1598.

A gentleman at Carlisle has an old MS. book, used in 1597-8 as a ledger in London, and after that as a register of births, marriages, and burials at the parish church, Greenwich; it contains also 'Articles of Peace' (without date) between the King of England and the King of Spain, and sundry school accounts, some in verse. In 1647 the book was used as a diary by the Rev. Thomas Larkham, M.A., vicar first of Northam and afterwards of Tavistock. At his death it came into the hands of his son, the Rev. George Larkham, who removed it to Tallentire, in Cumberland. The book afterwards went down to Gloucestershire, and came thence to its present owners. Here are some of the school accounts:—"Mony laid out and due to me for his board and schooling. Laid out when Peter was sick in wine suger and spies to make sweet, 2s. 6d.; for pens ynke and pap 2 quarters, 2s. 6d.; for a bound writing book, 2s.; for the like siphering booke, 1s.; for a paire of new shoves, 1s. 8d.; for boate hier for petr and my selfe when his mother sent for him to Whit hall, 1s. 6d.; pd for peter clothes making to the tailor, 12s.; pd for mending peters shoves twice, 6s.; pd for buttoing his dublet, 2d.; pd for footing and peeing his stockings, 9d.; pd for a new paire of shoves, 2s.; for his quarters board at Christmas, 2l.; for his schooling that quarter, 10s.; left vnpaid of Michelmis quarter, 1l. Som is 4l. 16s. 7d."—*Antiquary*.

Duel between A Cat and A Hawk.

A cat, which had a numerous litter of kittens, one bright day in spring encouraged her little ones to frolic in the vermal beams of the morn, about the stable-door, where she dwelt. While she was joining them in a thousand tricks and gambols a large hawk, who was sailing above the barn-yard, in a moment darted upon one of the kittens, and would have as quickly borne it off, but for the courageous mother, who, seeing the danger of her offspring, sprang on the common enemy, who, to defend itself, let fall the prize. The battle presently became severe to both parties. The hawk by the power of his wings, the sharpness of his talons, and the strength of his beak, had for a while the advantage, cruelly lacerating the poor cat, and actually deprived her of one eye in the conflict; but puss, no way daunted at the accident, strove, with all her cunning and agility, for her kittens, till she had broken the wing of her adversary. In this state she got him more within the power of her claws, and, availing herself of this advantage, by an instantaneous exertion she laid the hawk motionless at her feet, and, as if exulting in the victory, tore the head off the vanquished tyrant. This accomplished, disregarding the loss of her eye, she ran to the bleeding kitten, licked the wounds made by the hawk's talons in its tender sides, and purred while she caressed her liberated offspring.—*Chatterbox*.

About 3,000 pounds of roses are required to produce one pound of the otto of roses. This delightful perfume is chiefly produced in Bulgaria, where the annual average production of otto, between 1867 and 1871 was 400,000 metricals; that of 1873, 500,000; valued at £700,000. The produce of 1880 was estimated at the value of about £1,000,000.