Our Sphinx.

By Uncle Ed.

Goderich, May 16.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

Primals and finals read downward, name two English words, — part of the body, a kind of moss, to gain, a native of an Asiatic country, the daughter of a king, atown in England. PUZZLER.

CROSS WORD ENIGMA.

My first is in quiet but not in still,
My second in ocean but not in rill,
My third is in spell but not in hay,
My fourth is in blunder but not in way,
My fifth is in Hamlet but not in Fay,
My whole, I wean, is a kind of gray.

ENIGMA.

My first is a date, my second a company and my whole is the name of a massacre.

METAGRAMS.

2. Behead and curtail an untidy woman and leave modern; syncopate and get a climb in the future; curtail and get unreachable; behead and get the past tense of a verb; curtail and get a preposition.

2. Behead something used by shoemakers and get an instructive story; behead again and get fit for tillage; divide my whole into two parts, the first part of a ship and the second capable; the first part when reversed means blows, the second an island noted in connection with a great warrior. Dr. Morse.

ANSWERS TO SPHINX.

May 2.

DIAMOND PUZZLE—

A
EVA
AVOCA
CCC
A

WORD SQUARE—

DANES
ALERT
NEGRO
ERROR
STORM

NOVEL PUZZLE—Key-cold, coldly, lyam, ambush, bushel, elbow, bowman manly, lying.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC—Antronomer, Moon-starer, thus: AlsM, SalO, ReIN, OatS, NeeT, OkrA, MurmR, ElegansE, ResR.

CHARADE—Stonehaven.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correct answers received from St. Nick and Puzzler, besides several contributions.

SINGULAR ESCAPES FROM DEATH.—A very exciting incident occurred not long since at the village of Soudan, in France. In consequence of the weathercock at the top of the church steeple getting rusty, and no longer turning as it should do; it was determined to take it down. A man clambered up the steeple, but just before he could reach the weathercock he lost his balance and slid down 70 feet, then rebounded on the roof of the church, and rolling thence was precipitated to the ground. He was not much hurt, but being much shaken by his fall, he was replaced by a man named Chevalier. In about half an hour Chevalier made the most gallant efforts to raise himself up by means of a rope; but at last his hands slipped, and he fell backward. His feet fortunately caught in the rope, and there he remained 12 feet from the ground, with his head down, beating the air with his arms, struggling to recover himself, and swaying backward and forward by a high wind. Pierre Pean now stepped forth and volunteered to mount to the rescue of the unfortunate Chevalier, but, after doing his best for three-quarters of an hour, Pierre had to descend. His place was taken by Moreau, who, climbing higher an than Chevalier, slipped a rope round his body, and cutting that which held his foot, freed him from this fearful position in which he had remained for three hours.

Five ocean steamers sailed recently from New York for Europe, carrying about a million pounds of fresh beef and large quantities of bacon, cheese, hog-products, grain and general produce.

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The boy that went to the mill on horse-back, carrying the grist in one end of the bag and a stone in the other, when reproved by the miller, and told to divide the grist, replied that his father and grandfather had carried it that way, and he, being no better than they, should continue to do as they did. Similar, or equally as absurd, reasons are accounted as sufficient by some to warrant them in indiscriminately condemning Dr. Pierce's Family Medicines, even though there is overwhelming proof that they possess the merit claimed for them. For many years the Golden Medical Discovery has been recognised as the leading liver and blood medicine in the market. Each year has brought an increase in its sale, and it is now used throughout the civilized world. Thousands of unsolicited testimonials are on file in the Doctor's office, attesting its efficacy in overcoming aggravated coughs, colds, throat and lung affections, also scrofula, tumors, ulcers, and skin diseases. Are you suffering with some chronic malady? If so, and you wish to employ medicines that are scientifically prepared; that are refined and purified by the chemical process employed in their manufacture; that are positive in their action, and specific to the various forms of disease for the cure of which they are recommended, use Doctor Pierce's Family Medicines. Full particulars in Pierce's Memorandum Book, kept for free distribution by all druggists.

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Odds and Ends.

A North-Carolina paper speaks of a baby which was born black and subsequently turned to white. In this latitude a baby is usually born white and turns to a lively yeller.

One cannot be too careful this weather. A gentleman lately visiting Boston came for a light bamboo, and the consequence was a severe cold that laid him up for a week.

A cotemporary describes a post-office as "a place where you stand shivering for half an hour for the privilege of asking a chief fellow through a pigeon-hole what he expects a letter from your sweetheart."

The editor of a French newspaper, in speaking of the dedication of a new cemetery near Lyons, says that "M. Gascoigne had the pleasure of being the first individual who was buried in this delightful retreat."

A Yankee said, "Every tub must stand on its own bottom." A sailor jumped up and said: "But sir, suppose it has no bottom?" "Then it is no tub" returned he quickly, and went on with the sermon.

A certain business man wishes Sunday would come twice a week, so he could attend church oftener. He takes in so many bogus tenicent pieces in six days that his religion will not permit him to put them all in the contribution-box during one Sunday.

Judge (severely): "Prisoner, this is not the first time you have been here. You have been convicted six times of vagrancy, twice of theft, once of ——" The prisoner: "Your Honor, let's omit all these irrelevant details, and come to business."

Puck declares that Stanley, the explorer, recently sent a private letter to a friend, in which he stated that the most beautiful place he has seen in all his travels is Jzjzjzjzjzjzjz, on the southerly shore of Lake Nyiyiyiyiyiyiy.

A Kentucky darkey said: "I've know'd dat mule fur free yeah', and I don't think he aniemile end hurt a lam, 'cause"—— The blank space indicates where the recommendation was interrupted and Sambo forwarded to the other side of the fence.

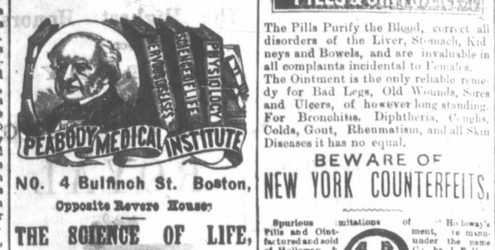
Ah, these early spring mornings! What is more delightful than to spring airily from bed at five o'clock in the morning and take a stroll, breathing the fragrance-laden air and listening to the chirping of the birds among the trees! What, indeed, unless it is to lie snugly abed and wonder what tools are prancing about in the damp air at such an hour.

That "splendid bass voice" with which President Hayes is said to have sung "Coronation" at church the other Sunday, the Ohio State Journal pronounces a myth: "Hayes can't sing any more than a canal-boat. He stampeded Averill's whole cavalry division once trying to sing "John Brown's Body." They thought it was a long roll."

The Burlington *Hawkeye* relates that a distressed night editor, when he saw the reports of a Turco-Russian war, took down the map, glanced calmly over the field, saw what manner of names he would have to read proof of this summer, and went out and shot himself dead in the neck.

How Lithography was Discovered.

A writer says: After the first triumphant performance of Mozart's opera of "Don Juan" at Munich, the theatre was deserted by all except one man. Alois Sennefelder had still much to do. After seeing carefully around the stage that no sparks had ignited about the theatre he retired to his room to stamp the theatre tickets for the following day. As he entered the room he had three things in his hands—a polished whetstone for razors, which he had purchased, a ticket stamp moistened with printer's ink, and a check on the theatre treasury for his week's salary. He placed the check on a table, when a gust of wind took it, swept it high up in his room for a moment, and then deposited it in a basin filled with water. Sennefelder took the wet paper, dried it as well as he could, and then to make sure of it weighed it down with the whetstone, on which he had carelessly before put the printing stamp.—Returning the following morning he was surprised to see the letters of the stamp accurately on the damp paper. He gazed long on the check, a sudden thought flashed through his brain, he wondered if by some such means he could not save himself the weary trouble he continually had copying the songs of the chorus. That very morning he went out and purchased a large stone, and, as we all know succeeded in discovering the art of printing from stone—lithography.



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"Wot do they do? Wot you professin to tell us, Spilkins?" she remarks.

One fact that aggravates the disorder is Spilkins takes something at these meetings of the Meandering Mohawks, noble red men, that flies to his legs and strangely affects his speech, so that she would think he was drunk, only Deacon Sparton, who is also a brother Mohawk, assures her that no liquor is allowed at the lodge, and then at all other times Brother Spilkins is as steady and sober as a Judge Pumphries.

Mrs. Spilkins, however, got to be so exasperated by the frequency of these meetings and the shaky condition of the grocer, that she undertook their suppression by depriving him of his night-key. Some nights after, this courageous woman, who, like all other married ladies, has been for years looking for a man under the bed, was awakened by some one breaking in the house over the kitchen shed, and arming herself hastily with a poker, she made the window just in time to meet a man's head coming in at this orifice of their edifice. Nothing but a thick felt hat saved Spilkins from an immediate and violent death. As it was, he went among his customers sporting a lump on the outer surface of his intellect that resembled in size and shape a goose-egg done in bas-relief.

Mrs. Spilkins, not wishing to murder the father of her innocent children, restored him his night key, with an address on the occasion that we regret we not reported, for it was a sweet bit of eloquent utterance that S. said after, took about an hour in passing any one point.

Our friend and neighbor continued his regular-irregular attendance upon the Meandering M.'s, a purely social and charitable institution, until one night, or rather one morning—for the iron tongue of time had told the witching hour when graves do yawn, according to Shakespeare, we suppose from being bored—this inestimable citizen and taxpayer worked his way into his own and his wife's sleeping apartment. This was no easy work, as he wished to seek his couch without disturbing the partner of his domestic joys and sorrows. Under these circumstances, the total depravity of inanimate things is really amazing. There was as there always is, the rocker of a chair waiting in grim silence for the fated shin. Spilkins collided on this, and, suddenly drawing up his wounded limb, uttered a profane expression. Mrs. Spilkins, now awake, heard in wrath that profanity in the presence of her innocent babe. She heard, immediately after, her liege lord working his way apparently over an exceedingly rough country in a northeasterly direction. He seemed to be going over tables and chairs, to a wardrobe, which he appeared to be assaulting with his head. From this supposed point, so far as latitude and longitude could be learned under the circumstances, the tumultuous creature appeared to be moving in a southerly direction. He seemed to be wrestling for a time with a dressing-bureau. After, he tried conclusions with a coal-scuttle and then followed a dead silence. Mrs. S. took this occasion to make a remark:

"You drunken brute," she said in enforced calmness, "are you going to break everything in the house?"

No response came.

"What's the matter with you—what's come of your jaw?"

This brought forth only a groan that alarmed Mrs. S. Had Spilkins, grocer, a fit?

"Why don't you answer!" she screamed at the risk of waking the baby.

"Anner Marier Spilkins," solemnly hiccoughed Spilkins, "I've gone and done it,"

"Done what?"

"Done murder."

"What!"

"I've gone (hic) and sot on the (hic) baby, and I can't (hic) get up," and Spilkins burst into tears.

Mrs. Spilkins, an extremely active woman, sprang from the bed as if an ounce of dynamite had been exploded under her somewhat substantial person; she landed on the floor with a bound. Her first impulse was to rush in the dark to the place from whence issued the sobs of Spilkins, but a wail from the infant Spilkins in another direction at that instant satisfied her that there was a mistake somewhere. With trembling hands she struck sixteen matches, breaking the lucifers and burning her fingers before she could start the gas. When that bad article of Washington manufacture flashed upon the scene Mrs. Spilkins was startled.

She saw, squirming and crying in his cradle, Rutherford B. H. Spilkins, entirely uninjured, and on the other side of the store the father of this promising infant calmly seated in the bread-tray.

What followed belongs to the sacred privacy of domestic life that we feel it would be sacrilege to dwell upon it. Suffice it to say that this frugal housewife, seizing Mr. S. by the nape of the neck, threw him, face downwards, upon the floor, and proceeded with a case knife to replace the damaged dough in a way to make her better and somewhat damaged half solemnly swear never to attend another lodge meeting of the Meandering Mohawks.

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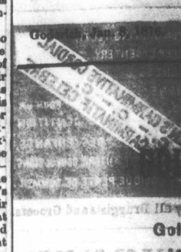

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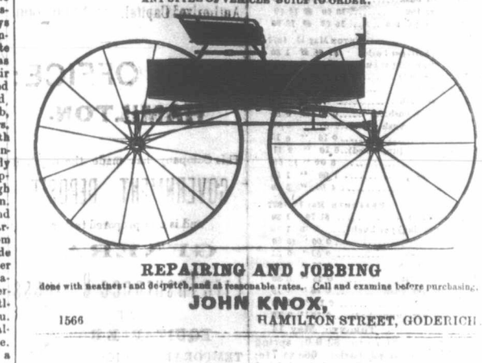

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