

Some New Geography.

[Detroit Free Press.]

- "Of what is the surface of the earth composed?"
 "Of corner lots, mighty poor roads, railroad tracks, base ball grounds, cricket fields, and skating rinks."
 "What portion of the globe is water?"
 "About three-fourths. Sometimes they add a little gin and nutmeg to it."
 "What is a town?"
 "A town is a considerable collection of houses and inhabitants, with four or five men who, "run the party" and lend money at fifteen per cent. interest."
 "What is a city?"
 "A city is an incorporated town, with a Mayor who believes the whole world shakes when he happens to fall flat on a cross-walk."
 "What is commerce?"
 "Borrowing \$5 for a day or two and dodging the lender for a year or two."
 "Name the different races?"
 "Horse race, boat race, bicycle race and racing around to find a man to indorse your note."
 "Into how many classes is mankind divided?"
 "Six; being enlightened, civilized, half civilized, savage, too utter, not-worth-a-cent and Indian agents."
 "What nations are called enlightened?"
 "Those which have the most wars, the worst laws, and produce the worst criminals."
 "How many motions has the earth?"
 "That's according to how you mix your drinks and which way you go home."
 "What is the earth's axis?"
 "The lines passing between New York and Chicago."
 "What causes day and night?"
 "Day is caused by night getting tired out. Night is caused by everybody taking the street car and going home to supper."
 "What is a map?"
 "A map is a drawing to show the jury where Smith stood when Jones gave him a lift under the eye."
 "What is a mariner's compass?"
 "A jug holding four gallons."

By Way of Explanation.

This term appeared in *The Transcript*: "A \$1,000 cow with a pedigree as long as an Italian count, inclosed in a water tight bag and attached to the forehead just below the horns, was a passenger on a steamer at New York this week." Some people might be misled by it. They might say that the pedigree was enclosed in the bag and attached to the count's forehead, just below the horns; others might construe it to mean that the count was inclosed in the bag and attached to the cow's forehead just below the horns; others might think that the count was put in the bag and attached to the forehead of the pedigree. All this is wrong. The idea is this: The cow had had a pedigree as long as that of an Italian count. Inclosed in a water-tight bag and attached to the forehead (probably the cow's forehead), just below the horns, was a passenger. Must have been a mighty uncomfortable position for him, too.—*Star*.

WHY SHE DOESN'T COUNT THE YEARS.—In the green room of a Parisian theatre the conversation turned upon the delicate subject of age. Presently a gentleman visitor ventured upon the indiscreet query: "Now, what age are you, my dear friend?" addressing his remarks to Mlle. X., who certainly can no longer be considered in her first youth. "What a question, indeed!" said the lady; "how can that possibly interest you?" "Simple curiosity," responded the visitor. "Well, then, I will be frank with you. Really, I do not know. One counts one's money, one's jewels and one's deeds of value, because it may happen they could be lost or stolen, but as I am absolutely certain that no one will take a year from my age, and that I shall never lose one, why, where is the use of counting.—*London Era*.

A temperance lecturer exclaimed, "Why men drink is what staggers me!" at which a toper in the audience responded, "What we drink is what staggers us, old fellow!"

THE YOUNG FOLKS.

OUR PUZZLE PRIZE.

The young folk's interest in our puzzle department increases greatly. Several have answered all the puzzles, and the prize this month had to be awarded to the one writing us the neatest and best letter. Some, however, mistake the nature of a diamond puzzle; it is not necessary that any but the central word read both ways. Mary L. Sheppard, Berlin, Ontario, has been awarded the prize, though others are almost as deserving.

Correct answers have been received from Laura Tretheway, Stratford; Jennie Gill, London; Lizzie Kinuisten, Parkhill; Delie Sawyer, Kentley; James Wilson, Walkertown; Hartley J. Doane, Thornton; Charlie West, Toronto; Jennie Smith, Ottawa; George H., Woodstock; James Edmunds, Montreal; W. Cunningham, London East; Lillie Mary McRae, Glencoe; Rosilina Salter and Walter Cope, London East.

This month a prize will also be given for the best set of answers, and in writing our young friends will remember:

1. To write only on one side of the paper.
2. To send their letters before the 5th of June.
3. To address Puzzle Editor, Family Circle Office, London East.

MAY PUZZLES.

1

SQUARE WORD.

My first could never mean to team,
 My next an English river's name,
 My third's a little bay or stream,
 My fourth full oft' denoteth tame

2

DECAPITATIONS.

I

I am a place of abode; behead me, and I am a river in England; behead me again, and I to am employ.

II

I am an auxiliary verb; behead me, and I am the entrance to a house; behead me again, and I am the whole.

LAURA TRETHEWAY.

3.

DIAMOND PUZZLE.

A consonant.
 A drunkard.
 To walk leisurely.
 A city in Ontario.
 Holes in cloth.
 Part of the verb to eat.
 A vowel.

4.

If 'fore a solid mass you place
 A monarch with a crown,
 You'll easily find that you can trace
 A large Canadian town.

5.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of ten letters.
 My 7, 6, 4 is a part of the body,
 My 10, 2, 3 is having conquered,
 My 1, 9, 10 is not high,
 My 5, 2, 4 is a mist,
 My whole is a late American poet.

ANSWERS TO APRIL PUZZLES.

I. Square Word:—W E S T
 E V E R
 S E R E
 T R E E

2. Diamond Puzzle:— A
 A P E
 A P R I L
 L I E
 L

3. Letter Charade:—Family Circle.

4. Decapitation:—Start, tart, art.

5. Charade:—Table-Cloth.