

[FOR THE CRITIC.]
DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

The Initials spell a city in our Province which has stood,
Though not built of marble—several years since the flood.
The Finals put together in proper order form
What Haligonians imagine has kept them from harm,
And also has furnished a fine easy chair
For a class who consider themselves, "Aw! By jove! Irresistible," among
the sex fair.

1. A name given to rejectors of the Ruling Faith
In the time of the "Inquisition" they left nothing but a wrath.
2. Away down in Africa among the hot sands
There is death in *this* dart from a Zulu's hands.
3. A hospital to which gladness and hope never flies
Where the inmates go in despair to hide from all eyes.
4. A little girl of which the Royal House of Spain
Takes careful account upon commencement of a reign.
5. A kind of robber that in olden times
Prowled around on foot and lightened travellers of their dimes.
6. Is one trained in feats of strength, games, and sports,
Such as the "Wanderers," Acadia Cricketers, and all those sorts.
7. Brush the dust from your Chemistry if you would find why
A *short* prefix to alcohol is given your wits to try.

J. C. A.

THE CRITIC will be sent free for one year to the person giving the only correct answer to above puzzle. When two correct answers are sent in, THE CRITIC will be sent free for six months to each of those answering correctly. Answers should arrive at Critic office before Tuesday, P. M., marked answer to puzzle.

ANSWER TO EPISTOLARY PUZZLE, PUBLISHED LAST WEEK.

Dear John,—

I saw it was useless to try tar to keep the rat away; besides, the whole room was as black as the face of a moor from it. I tried to *repe*l that beast as I would a *leper*. Though I did *ban* I could not *nab* him. I was nearly *mad* and wanted to throw myself over the *dam* or into the *pool* with a *loop* round my neck. I would even *reel* and *leer* like one drunk. If I wanted a *nap* he would knock down a *pan*, and every *time*, as it seemed, *emit* a squeak of triumph, or the *delf* would be rattled as he *fled* along the shelf; he also made himself a *snug* bed among my *guns*. I got Hannah to make a *trap* with *part* of a *tub*, but neither she nor I, without an *iron* rod, could set it. Perhaps I did *snub* her, when she suggested we should bait it with *buns*; but, angry as I was, I did not *rail* or call her a *lair* as she told you. Will *nothing* on our part *stop* the *pots* from being invaded? I am as weak as a *reed* and as timid as a *deer*. So good-bye.

F. W. J.

TIT-BITS.

Schoolmistress (to little boy)—"Johnny, I'm ashamed of you! When I was your age I could read twice as well as you can." Johnny—"Yes'm, but you had a different teacher from what I've got."

Bobby (being the last of several knotty questions)—"Pa, can a camel go seven days without water?" "Yes." "Well, how many days could he go if he had water?" The next thing Bobby knew he was in bed.

At a dinner table a gentleman remarked that A—, who used to be given to sharp practice was getting more circumspect. "Yes," replied Judge Hoar, "he has reached the superlative of life. He began by seeking to get on, then he sought to get honor, and now he is trying to get honest."

A country girl coming from the field was told by her cousin that she looked as fresh as a daisy kissed by the dew. "No indeed," was the simple reply, "that wasn't his name."

A young woman in a country town has married her brother's wife's father. When last seen she was busy with a compass and a dictionary trying to study out what relation she was to herself.

A cynical old bachelor says that "lovers are like armies; they get along well enough till the engagement begins."

Miss Angelina (to Miss Belle, her rival, just now surrounded by a bevy of admirers)—"Oh, dear, do tell me how you do your hair up so charmingly? What do you do it up on? It looks so intellectual."

Miss Belle (who wears her hair high)—"Well, I'll tell you dear. I generally do it up over brains, and (sweetly) I don't think you can buy them at the hair stores."—*Boston Journal*.

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