## A LONDON EAST END HEROINE.

Not long ago a lady called on a public officer in London, England, and informed him that a woman, the mother of four children, was dying of starvation at 3, Medway street, Bethnal-green. The street is not what is called, in the gruesome language of the East, a "pauper's street," and the house in question looks anything but poverty-stricken. But in it, in an upper room, the relieving officer and the parish doctor, when they entered it late at night after having overcome the landlord's remonstrances, found a woman lying on the only bed, in the corner of the room. She was surrounded by three pale-faced children, and was slowly dying. She had no pain. There was no disease; but she was gently sinking into her last sleep, the last stepping-stone to death by starvation. Benjamin Burrett, father of her four children, had left her; since Christmas they had not seen him.

The little lad, the eldest of the four children, earned *6s.* a week as a printer's boy, and it was out of his earnings that the family paid their *4s. 6d.* a week for their room, and spent the rest for food and light clothing. Morning after morning George, white and stunted and hungry, but never dismayed, walked to the City to his work, and when, at night, he got back, his mother made some pretence at sharing her little starvelings' meal of bread and margarine. This was the fare on which they had lived since Christmas. When George picked up a penny or two beside his weekly earnings, he brought some dainty home for his mother to tempt her failing appetite. But she was never hungry, and after a while she took to her bed, uncomplaining, but too weak to rise. George toiled on, and, obedient to his mother's words, told no one how ill she was, and how poor they were. When medical aid arrived, when blankets were sent, and food, and help, it was too late. A dazed "yes" or "no" was all the poor woman said in answer to the doctor's question, and three days later George, going to his mother's bed early at 6 A. M. before he went to work, found her dead.

The three younger children, aged respectively twelve, ten, and eight, were taken to the workhouse. Emma Burrett, like many another deserted and starving East-end mother, had died of hunger in order that her little ones might have a better chance of being kept alive.

## THE SEAL AT HOME.

Every spring the seals appear in droves from their unknown winter quarters, and settle down on the Pribylov Islands, some 200 miles away from the mainland of Alaska. The males come first, accompanied by the young seal pups born during the previous summer, and choose their respective homes on the rocks. The females follow three weeks later — meek little creatures, in steel gray garb, very different from the big brown male seals, with their fighting propensities. Often one seal possesses twenty wives, and he has hard task to defend his home and family from his neighbors. Indeed, the old seals fight like furies, becoming covered with scars and terrible wounds, and sometimes losing an eye or a part of a flipper in the fray. Most of the fighting is done by the mouth. The combatants approach each other with averted heads and sly looks, till suddenly they utter a shrill piping whistle, and engage with their sharp canine teeth. The hair flies and the blood flows amid much furious bellowing. The young bachelors — from one to five years old—herd together in their own quarters at a respectful distance, till they are strong enough to fight for wife and home.

## YOUNG CANADIAN TANGLES.

### ANSWERS TO TANGLES.

(No answer to No. 16.)

### TANGLE No. 17.

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C a n E
A z o V
N o s E
A d e N
D i r I
I r o N
A g o G
N u t S
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### TANGLE No. 18.

GEOGRAPHICAL "DIAMOND" PUZZLE.

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            X   X   X
          X     X     X
    2A  X X X A5 X X X A4
          X     X     X
            X   X   X
              X X X
                A
                3
              X X X
            X   X   X
          X     X     X
        X       X       X
    6A  X X X X A9 X X X X A8
        X       X       X
          X     X     X
            X   X   X
              X X X
                A
                7
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            X   X   X
          X     X     X
        X       X       X
      X         X         X
    X           X           X
10A X X X X X A13 X X X X X A12
    X           X           X
      X         X         X
        X       X       X
          X     X     X
            X   X   X
              X X X
                A
                11
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For the crosses substitute letters, so that 1 to 2 will read a town in Piedmont; 2—3 a port in Red Sea; 3—4 a port in Peru; 4—1 river in Ireland; 1—5 bay in South Africa; 5—2 port in Scotland; 5—3 river in Wallachia; 5—4 a town in Spain; 3—6 town in Sweden; 6—7 town in Albania; 7—8 town in Denmark; 8—3 country in Asia; 3—9 a town in Turkey-in-Asia; 9—6 a town in Delhi, Hindoostan; 9—7 town in Italy; 9—8 a territory of the United States; 7—10 a province of Turkey-in-Europe; 10—11 an American State; 11—12 a river in Siberia; 12—7 one of the Moluccas Islands; 7—13 town in Maine, U.S.; 13—10 a port and gulf in Sardinia, Italy; 13—11 a port and gulf in Morea, Greece; 13—12 one of the Leeward Islands in the West Indies.

(Answers in No. 25.)

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