

ENIGMA.

I am composed of ten letters,
My 9, 8, 1, are an infinitesimal fraction of time.
My 3, 4, 5, 6, are a familiar name given to men.
My 2, 10, 7, are a Yankeeism for removal from position.

These three words are what a Yankee would likely have said to the British Cabinet after the late adverse vote in the Commons, and present in my whole a strange coincidence. What is my whole?

SEAFORTH.

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TIP-BITS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR A NOVEL.—A gentleman recently opened a letter addressed to his son containing suggestions from a friend to the latter for a novel which he (the son) was privately writing. The father was exceedingly surprised and frightened upon reading the following dreadful words:

"Dear Bob—You really must show more caution in constructing your plots, for the governor will be sure to discover the dead body of Geraldine in the cellar, and then your secret will be out. You consulted me about the strychnine, I certainly think you are giving it him in rather large doses. Let Emily put her mother in a madhouse. It will answer your purpose well to have the old girl out of the way. I think your forgery is for too small a sum. Make it for \$3,000. Leave the rest of your particularly nice family circle to me. I will finish them off, and send you back the 'fatal dagger' afterward by book post.

Yours, JACK."

Gonte, shouted a small boy, as he poked his head into a Fourth Avenue street car, did you mail that letter your wife gave you this morning? And six men simultaneously pulled the bell rope and hurriedly left the car.

You're a smart fellow, sneered a lawyer to a witness, the other day in a Brooklyn court. I'd return the compliment if I wasn't under oath, replied the witness.

The pupil of one's eye is made to attend to business by the lash that hangs over it.

Why is a bald-headed man like a hound. Because he makes a little hare go a great way.

A diamond-merchant may speak of his goods being of the purest water, but the milkman may not.

A wit being asked, on the failure of a bank, "Were you not upset?" replied. "No, I only lost my balance."

Joaquin Miller is spending the winter in Washington, engaged in literary work. He has an intense hatred of dogs. A visitor who recently called upon him was accompanied by a large English mastiff. "Take that beast out!" exclaimed Miller furiously, "There was but one nation (the Greeks) that knew how to properly treat a dog, and they put him at the gates of hell."

An old scotch lady was told that her minister used notes; she disbelieved it. Said one. "Go into the gallery and see." She did so, and saw the written sermon. After the luckless preacher had concluded his reading on the last page, he said: "But I will not enlarge." The old woman called out from her lofty position: "Ye canna, ye canna, for your paper's give out?"

HE WAS A DUDE.—Mary to departing young man—Adieu, adieu.
Mary's little brother—That fellow's adieu'd, ain't he?

Here is the way they do obituary business in Georgia. The Atlanta Constitution says:

The kingliest of Georgians is dead. The rich life, riotous in its affluence, is spent at last. The deeps through which it swept in thunderous majesty, and the shoals over which it tumbled noisily, are drained and bare. Bob Toombs is no more.

The Chinaman is not incapable of humor. Gin Fun, a Sacramento laundryman, has joined the Anti-Coolie League, and posts over the door of his washee house the sign: "The Chinese must go. Nono but Melican man employed here." There is fun in Gin Fun.

SOME CURIOUS MARRIAGE VOWS.—A graduate of the University of Matrimony has published in England a handbook of marriage in which he tells some amusing stories of marriage vows. He tells of a nervous bridegroom who, confusing the baptismal and marriage ceremonies, replied, when asked if he consented to take the bride for his wife: "I renounce them all;" of a Hampshire rustic, who, when giving the ring, said solemnly to the bride, "With my body I thee wash up, and with all my hurdle goods I thee and thou;" of another who, when asked whether he would take his partner to be his wedded wife, replied with shameful indecision, "Yes, I'm will'n"; but I'd a much sight rather have her sister;" and of a Scotch lady who, on the occasion of her daughter's wedding, when asked by an old friend whether she might congratulate her on the event, and answered, "Yes, yes, upon the whole it is very satisfactory; it is true Jennie hates her good man; but there's always a something."

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