



A SYNONYM.

ALFRED (reading from the latest romance)—“He seized her in his arms and kissed her with frantic abandon. She shivered and writhed in his close embrace, and her breath came in quick knickerbockers. Her eyes —”

ANGELINA—“One moment, please. Knickerbockers?”

ALFRED—“A little emendation of my own. The text says. ‘Her breath came in quick short pants.’”

PRIZE CONUNDRUMS.

FOR correct solutions to the following conundrums prizes are offered to the amount of \$95,000,275. To the first person sending us the right answers to all these, there will be awarded the GRAND PRIZE of \$50,000,000; the second will receive \$25,000,000, and the third \$15,000,000. All these must be filed in the office of GRIP before the 1st day of December, 1889. To the person finding the correct middle solutions will be awarded the sum of \$10,000,000, or a grand square piano and a washing-machine (Smith's Patent, took the 1st prize at the last township show in the village of Salem); and for the last correct answers that come in not later than July 1st, 1990, will be awarded the grand consolation prize of \$10,000,000, or a silver tea-service and a richly bound family Bible, full morocco, two clasps, embossed sides, bevelled edges, colored title page, marriage register, and leaves for twenty-five photographs.

CONUNDRUMS.

Where does the word “consistency” first appear in the Revised Statutes of Ontario?

In the same series of instructive and entertaining volumes where do we find the expression “Equal Rights” with reference to the sale of Crown Lands and Timber Limits?

Why may the most recent amendments to the statutes affecting separate schools be referred to as Lynch Law?

Who struck Billy Patterson?

When was GRIP known to say anything that was not perfectly good-natured?

On what occasion did the Honorable Arthur Sturgiss Hardy first merit the title of “Bully Boy?”

What was the “true inwardness” of the resignation of the Hon. Jas. Young from the Treasurership of the Province of Ontario?

Where do we find the first record that Col. J. M. Gibson, P. D. D. G. M., A. F. and A. M., M. A., LL.D.,

M. P. P., resented the imputation that he represented a rural constituency?

When did Leo XIII. first call the Hon. Mr. Mercier to order (the Order of St. Gregory)?

Where is it first mentioned in the Bible that church property, ministers' salaries, and the salaries of civil servants should be exempt from taxation?

“When Adam dived and Eve span, who was then the gentleman,” unless it was Adam himself?

Persons sending answers to the foregoing should remit \$2 to pay for twelve months subscription to GRIP. The awards will be published in the Christmas number of Canada's only comic paper (the *Globe* and *Mail* excepted), for Christmas, 1990.

MY NEWSPAPERS.

WHAT teaches me which way to go?
What toadies neither friend nor foe?
What would lay Jesuitism low?
My *Mail*.

What, like the earth, turns round and round,
So that each day some change is found,
And none can tell which way 'tis bound?
My *Globe*.

What proves black's white with wondrous skill?
What uses phrases fit to kill,
And swallows many a bitter pill?
My *Empire*.

What teaches me of blocks of cedar?
What prints light novels after Ovidar?
And of town gossip is the feedar?
My *Telegram*.

What sweats along at rapid pace?
What finds the poet Khan a place,
Where he can sling his ink with grace?
My *News*.

What tells me of “Sassiety,”
Soon giving me satiety,
Though saying so is impiety?
My *Saturday Night*.

What gently soothes my evening rest,
When by life's cares I'm sadly prest?
What aid to sleep is always best?
My *Week*.

What prays for Sunday locomotion,
And stabs each Sabbatarian notion,
Diluting reason with the ocean?
My *World*.

What hits the bulls-eyes every time?
What gives me art and prose and rhyme,
All for five cents (though worth a dime)?
My *Grip*!

DALTON H. GREY.

WHEN a man's business gets run down he generally winds it up.

MAUD S. can trot pretty fast, but she's not a marker on a \$5 bill that has once been broken.

A GOOD cure for neuralgia is to soak a blanket in nitric acid and wrap it around your head. Then insert your head in a hay-stack till death comes to your relief.

HOUSEKEEPER.—The simplest way to keep preserves from moulding on top is to leave them near a small boy for a few minutes. Subsequently you can put mould on top of the boy.