

**[FOR THE CRITIC.]
CHARADE.**

My First's a mineral breeding guile ;
To do my Second makes us smile ;
My Third the heated metal smites ;
My Whole sham, hum, and treason fights ;
Decipher hence a writer's name
Writ clear on Britain's scoll of fame.

C.

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Answer to Diamond Puzzle published last week :—

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TIT-BITS.

A young lady who worked in a factory in Hartford, Conn., was caught in the machinery, and scalped. She was taken to a hospital, and her friends contributed pieces of skin from their own heads to graft on her skull. When the new scalp was ready for business, she noticed that the doctor had carelessly grafted chestnut, gray, red and black hair on her, and her head looked like a crazy quilt. She angrily twitched her new scalp, and it came off. Her friends had been skinned all they could stand, and the surgeons are now re-grafting her with rabbit pelt.

A WONDERFUL RAILWAY STATION.—Waterloo Station, in London, was recently declared complete, having for a long time been at one end under the hands of carpenters and masons. Imagine twenty acres roofed in, and the building covering this area containing fifteen platforms, and nineteen distinct lines of rails, making an aggregate length of four miles. Imagine also a single box containing 180 levers! During the building, extending over very many years, of this enormous station, 800 houses have been demolished, and a population of 3,000 displaced.

A Chicago physician undertook to explain to his little daughter the difference between the two schools of medicine. He reflected for some time as to how he should express it in the simplest and most intelligible way. Finally, he informed her that the difference consisted in this—that "homeopathy" meant small quantities, and "allopathy" meant large quantities. His daughter, catching the idea, promptly exclaimed, "Then I know what old Mrs. Parker meant when she said sister Mary was out of proportion! She's got a homeopathic nose and allopathic feet!"

A certain great lady whose absence of mind is proverbial, happening to meet in society a young widow who had lately lost her husband, consoled with her sympathetically on her bereavement; then, after a pause, during which she lapsed into her accustomed forgetfulness, she inquired, to the stupefaction of the mourner, "Was he the only one you had?"

A German critic thus distinguishes between ridicule, wit, irony and humor:—"Ridicule is the wit of a stupid or vulgar person; wit, the ridicule of a superior intellect or a man of the world; irony, the wit of a thinker; and humor, the irony of a poet. Ridicule is like a blow with the fist; wit, like the prick of a needle; irony, like the sting of a thorn; and, humor, the plaster which heals these wounds.

In a recent lecture on leprosy—a disease which has been widely discussed of late—Prof. Hutchinson, of the London Hospital, stated that it is not contagious, nor is it an hereditary disease, though it may, of course, be transmitted. He believed leprosy to be caused by eating fish which has been somewhat decomposed, or has been salted. Healthy fish in any quantity will not cause it, but a small quantity so poisoned will. When leprosy prevailed in England, the inland consumption of fish was very large. He cites two cases of cure of the disease, one of which was treated by himself.

Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland is getting a reputation for bon mots, such as this:—A Western visitor remarking, in his free and easy way, "You hail from Buffalo, I believe?" She replied, "Yes, we hail from Buffalo, but we reign here!"

"What is the difference," asks young W. H. V., "between the Prince of Wales and a fountain?" "One is heir to the throne and the other is thrown to the air."

A small schoolboy says that he is not going to learn any more geography lessons until the world is fully discovered. He read in a paper that the geography of over half the globe would be changed by future explorations, and he is going to wait.

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