

## LITTLE ROSE;

OR, A CHILD'S PORTRAIT.

A bright contented little flower,  
Within our home's fair garden blows;  
She gladdens many a lonely hour,  
And bears the happy name of "Rose."

She opens to the radiant light,  
And thus each day more lovely grows;  
All that is pure, and true, and right,  
Is just like sunshine to our Rose.

By kind and winning words and ways,  
Sweet fragrance round our path she throws,  
Yet seeks not notice, asks not praise,  
Our modest, useful, little Rose.

Untouched by worldly pride, she blooms  
Alike for rich and poor; she shows  
Her smiles, and gives her soft perfumes  
To each, to all,—just like the Rose!

And when—far distant be the day!—  
Her charms must fade, her life must close,  
Fond memories long with us will stay,  
The treasured leaflets of our Rose!

## INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS.

**MINIATURE OAKS.**—If an acorn be suspended by a piece of cord within half an inch of the surface of some water contained in a glass, and permitted so to remain without disturbance for a few months, it will burst, send a root into the water, and shoot upward a straight tapering stem with beautiful little green leaves. In this way a young oak tree may be produced on the mantle-shelf of a room, and become an interesting object. The chestnut will also grow thus, and probably other nut-bearing trees. The water should be often changed when the plant has appeared.

**POTATOES** were first known in England about the year 1586. For nearly a century they were cultivated only in gardens as a curious exotic, furnishing an expensive luxury for the tables of none but the richest people in the kingdom. The plant which now supplies the poorest with a cheap and abundant article of food, was one time so rare that, as appears from an account of the household expenses of Anne, wife of James I., the price of potatoes was rated at one shilling per pound!

**COSTLINESS OF WAR.**—At the siege of Sebastopol there were 252,000 rounds of cannon ammunition expended. There were 266 guns and 100 mortars used in the siege, and after the fall of the city, only 41 of the whole number remained serviceable.

**ENGLAND.**—If we divide the globe into two hemispheres, according to the maximum extent of land and water in earth, we arrive at the curious result of designating England as the centre of the former (or *terrene*) half, and an antipodal point near New Zealand as the centre

of the aqueous hemisphere. The exact position in England is not far from the Land's End, so that if an observer were there raised to such a height as to discern at once the half of the globe, he would see the greatest possible extent of land; if similarly elevated in New Zealand, the greatest possible surface of water.

**A. M. AND P. M.**—We divide our days for common purposes into forenoon and afternoon. By noon, we mean that moment of time when the sun attains the highest point in the heavens, and the shadows begin to turn. This happens precisely at twelve o'clock. That part of the day between sunrise and noon we call *forenoon*; it is generally expressed by the letters *A. M.* prefixed to the hour. *A. M.* is an abbreviation of *ante meridiem*, two Latin words, signifying before the middle of the day, or before noon. The portion of the day between noon and sunset we call afternoon, and the letters denoting this are *P. M.*, for *post meridiem*, afternoon. *A. M.* is applied to all the hours between midnight and noon, and *P. M.* to all between noon and midnight.

**TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.**—Wish for them cautiously—ask for them submissively—want them contentedly—obtain them honestly—accept them humbly—manage them prudently—employ them lawfully—impart them liberally—esteem them moderately—increase them virtuously—use them subseviently—forego them easily—resign them willingly.

**BET ROOT SUGAR.**—The beet-root is now being extensively cultivated in the United States, for the purpose of extracting sugar from it. According to experiments made in Ohio, one thousand pounds of root yielded between seventy and eighty gallons of juice, and one acre yielded nineteen tons of juice. From the expressed juice a good brown sugar was manufactured at a cost of twopence per lb.

## VARIETIES.

If I give 2s. 9d. for a fire shovel, what will a ton of coals come to?—Ashes.

A schoolboy being asked by his teacher how he should flog him, replied, "If you please, sir, I should like to have it upon the Italian system of penmanship, the heavy strokes upwards, and the down ones light."

The following amusing bull was lately perpetrated at Bristol. A magistrate asked a prisoner if he were married. "No," replied the man. "Then," rejoined his worship, amid peals of laughter, "it's a good thing for your wife."

A Quaker, upon being asked why he did not venture to go to an election, at which the proceedings were very riotously conducted, and give his vote, replied, "Friend, I do not see why I should endanger my own poll to benefit another man's."

Which is the most dishonest of the vowels?—*B*, because it is always in debt.

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy: the first is a strong *will*, the last a strong *won't*.

Why is Madrid like the letter *S*?—Because it is the *capital* of Spain.

"Paws for a reply," as the cat said when she scratched the dog for barking at her.

When is a window like a star?—When it's a skylight.

The following result of the omission of a comma is rather ludicrous. In an article about the inauguration of a new hospital building in New York, the writer is made to state that an extensive view is presented from the *fourth story of the Hudson River*.

**AN AWKWARD SQUAD.**—In the days of the old volunteers, Mr. Ker commanded a company, which he duly drilled and paraded; but his recruits were particularly awkward squad—they never could draw up in a straight line, do what he might. "Oh!" he cried, one day, holding up his hands in horror as he looked along the front rank, "Oh what a bent row! just come out, lads, and look at yourselves."

## MENTAL RECREATIONS.

Answers to the following Questions will be given in next No. In the mean time we suggest to our young friends to exercise their ingenuity in solving them, so that they can compare the results of their efforts with the published Answers, when their papers are received. All communications in connection with this Department of the Weekly Miscellany should be sent post paid.

## CHARADE.

I am composed of 7 letters. My 1, 2, 5, 3 murdered his brother; my 7, 5, 4 is an intoxicating liquor; my 5, 3, 6 is a place of entertainment. My whole is the dwelling place of the writer. G.

## ENIGMA.

I'm whirl'd along on the railway car,  
And the wires through me bring news from far;  
When snug in your parlour you look to the street,

I'm the very first object your vision to greet;  
Yet tho' you see me, you notice me not,  
For I'm equally common in palace and cot;  
Without me astrologers could not obtain  
Their knowledge of stars or the coming of rain;  
If I wish'd with my uses a volume I'd fill;  
If you now try to guess me, I'm certain you will.

## SOLUTIONS OF QUESTIONS IN LAST NO.

*Rebus.*—Madeira; Aberdeen; Richmond; Roxburgh; Isar; Anspach; Guzerat; Edinburg; Owyhe; Fecamp; Tiber; Hasli; EacN; Pacific; Rhone; Invernes; Naples; Carthagen; Eapel; OtahcitE; FoiX; Wolga; Ascalon; Lapland; Exeter; SpA.

MARRIAGE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AND H. R. H. THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.

*Arithmetical Question.*—The Ladder must be 83 24 feet long; or nearly 83 feet and a quarter.

*Riddle.*—An Arrow.