

ANSWERS TO PUZZLERS IN DECEMBER.

1. Riches.
2. A lawsuit.
3. (1.) Browning. (2.) Edison.
- (3.) Gladstone. (4.) Stanley. (5.) Irving.

FOR THE PUZZLERS.

1. What relation is the door mat to the scraper?

Acrostic.

What Christian name is borne by all the following persons?

1. A warlike King of Scotland.
 2. A King of France, famed more for charity than for prudence.
 3. Eldest son of a King of England.
 4. Well-known Scottish poet.
 - 5-6. Two noblemen, favorites of a queen.
 7. Well-known English poet.
 8. An English statesman.
- Letters contained in—
1. Great Roman General.
 2. Latin poet.
 3. Town in Cork on bay of same name.
 4. First King of England.
 5. Ancient city of France, where its kings were crowned.
 6. River between England and Scotland.

FOR THE THINKERS.

1. When and where did the American flag first wave?
2. What man first wore trousers?
3. Who wore the first long coat?
4. Who is called the "Poet of the Lost Cause?"
5. Who is called the "Ideal Christian?"

When was Chicago Ill?
 Who calls Philadelphia Pa?
 Who will lend Nashville Tenn?
 How much does Cincinnati O?
 Who saw Seattle Wash?
 The only answer, perhaps, will be found in "Knox, Me."

A CHRISTMAS FLOWER.

ROSINA, "ENFANT DE MARIE."

Only a little "Child of Mary"—but the fragrance of her memory lingers still in her convent home. I had the happiness of instructing this sweet child previous to her First Communion, and of seeing with what fervor and piety she prepared for that day when Jesus was to take possession of her young heart.

It was also my privilege to prepare her for being consecrated to our Immaculate Mother, and as this was to take place on the Assumption, I remember saying to Rosina, that each feast of the Blessed Virgin had a special grace, and the feast of her glorious Assumption was, as it were, her promise to us of a happy death. Little did I think how soon it was to be fulfilled for Rosina.

"She faded like the fragrant flowers
 That glowing summer gave,
 And winter cast its garb of white
 Around her early grave."

She received Holy Communion on the nine first Fridays of each month to obtain the grace of a holy death, and on the last, or soon after, lay down, never to rise again, for rapid consumption, which Italians call, "the death of the predestined," set in. This was during the Novena to the Immaculate Conception, and when Christmas came, we knew it was her last on earth. What an example she gave during three weeks illness, of ardent piety, longing desire for Heaven, patience, cheerfulness, and grateful affection for all who attended her!

As death approached, her gladness increased, and she united her dying voice with one of the Religious in singing the *Adeste Fidelis*, and Litany of the Blessed Virgin, she even improvised a little song, "How happy I would