

[FOR THE CRITIC.]  
EPISTOLARY PUZZLE.

Dear A.—We were sailing from St. John. The — was merrily swinging us thro' the —. A motley crowd. One did — glo medicinal oils and — from other shores. Another is fudging his — for molsting a —. Some charlatan is professing to cure — with hot —. Here is a very thin man. He would surely — weigh a —. Another has brought a memento from the famous battle field of —, which he treats as he would an —. A learned-looking man is observing the —. He formerly did — the telegraph. The showman — to his horrid —. The Quaker — kept on his — suit persistently, and I believe would still do so if only a — from death's —. There was a man from the classic ground of — in old England who wanted to give a — for his passage.

On deck and at table the — intermingled freely. It is better for the — to do so at such times.

There was a fair — young girl who invariably came to dinner and —. For a while we could not understand what —, for that was her name. Then we saw that all the soul of Mr. —, for out to her, and that whenever she spoke the bald — on the — of at least two crowns would grow red, each in apprehension she was addressing the other.

II.

THE CRITIC will be sent free for one year to the person giving the only correct answer to above puzzle. When two correct answers are sent in, THE CRITIC will be sent free for six months to each of those answering correctly. Answers should arrive at Critic office before Wednesday, marked answer to puzzle.

Answer to Double Acrostic published last week :

MURDER  
URSINE  
RECORD  
DINNER  
ESAU  
REDRUM

TIT-BITS.

Seated in my arm chair musing  
Of the girls I used to know,  
And my memory backward turning  
To the days of long ago;  
In the clouds from out my Curls,  
Upward curling soft and slow,  
Seems to me I see the faces  
Of my girls of long ago.

There is Flo, her blue eyes beaming  
With the love she used to show  
For another, in my absence  
In the days of long ago,  
Ah, what charms those lips had for me,  
She will never, never know,  
For she bounced me in a passion,  
Bounced me, bounced me years ago.

And there's that other, fair and stately.  
Whom I often used to row  
On the river in the twilight,  
In the day of long ago;  
But she's wedded to another,  
For her mother thought me slow  
In coming to the vital question,  
In the days of long ago.

And there seemed a hundred others,  
Moving softly to and fro,  
Mid the clouds of smoke uprising —  
But their names, I do not know,  
So I've courted each, and loved her —  
But my memory's badgered to  
With the scores that I've been left by,  
Since the days of long ago!

M.

THE EVER-READY SMALL BOY.—Jonnie's teacher asked him to tell her what "he drinks" would be in the future tense.  
"He is drunk," said the boy.

A Kansas man "points with pride" to the fact that his wife has worn one bonnet for twenty-five years. The feeling with which the wife points to the husband has not been described.

We wake up and make up,  
We raze up and take up,  
And use the word "up" when we can;  
We drink up and think up,  
We kiuk up and thriuk up,  
And do up a shirt or a man.  
We slack up and back up,  
We stack up and whack up,  
And hold up a man or an ace;  
We beer up and cheer up,  
We steer up and clear up,  
And work up ourselves or a case.  
We walk up and talk up,  
We stalk up and cwalk up,  
And everywhere "up" is heard;  
We wet up and set up,  
But hanged if we let up,  
"u" the much overworked word.

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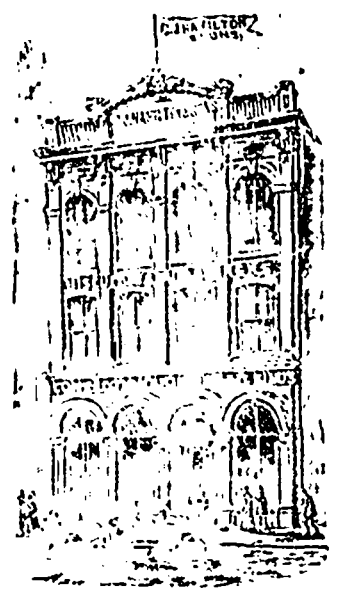
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