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HERBERT.

GINGER NUTS.—One pint of molasses, one egg, four ounces of brown sugar, one-half ounce of ginger, one-quarter ounce various spices, one nutmeg, coriander and caraway seeds to taste, one pound of butter. Make the mixture stiff enough to drop on tins with a teaspoon. Bake in a quick oven.

REMEDY FOR CUTS.—The leaves of geranium are an excellent application for cuts, where the skin is rubbed off, and other wounds of that kind. One or two leaves must be bruised and applied to the part, and the wound will be cicatrized in a short time.

GINGER DROP CAKES .- Three eggs, 1 cup lard, 1 of molasses, 1 of brown sugar, 1 large tablespoon of ginger, 1 of soda dissolved in a cup of boiling water, 5 cups of flour. Drop tablespoons of this mixture into a slightly greased dripping-pan about three inches apart.

The usefulness of rosemary may not be generally known. For rheumatism it has been proved an effectual cure; taken every second day on sugar as follows: First two drops,

next four, so doubling the dose each time until sixteen drops have been taken, then decrease in the same manner. A few drops sprinkled in a room will prevent it being infested with flies, and by rubbing the hands and arms with it when working about bees there will be no danger of being stung.

The teacher asked the composition class to make a rhyming couplet containing the words

nose, toes, two, kettle, boil, and ear. A boy responded:

A boil in the kettle is worth two on your nose; And a corn on the ear is worth two on your toes.

Ladies, skip this paragraph! It is really unfit for publication. It got into my letters by mistake, and I ask the printer to destroy it or set it wrong side up.

It she had to stand on her head We knew she'd get at it somehow, If she gets the least kind of a show. Now we'll wager ten cents to a farthing, This poem she's already read— It's something she ought not to know;

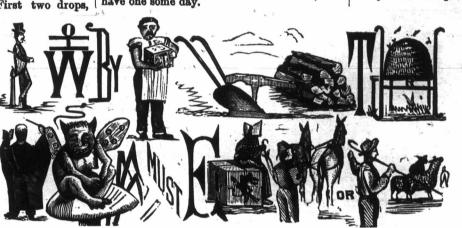
But you bet she'll find it anyhow, If there's anything worries a woman

To the milkman sounding his horn, the customer says: "No thank you, your milk was too thin yesterday." Milkman: "Indeed, madam, I assure you it was right from the cow, and not a drop of water in it." Customer: "How came that little fish in it?" Milkman: "I don't know, madam; guess the cow must have drank it !"

Where's the skule-mastur? A station agent on a New England railroad has put up this: "Notels. Awl pussons ar furBiddun tresspasm rounde this er Stasioun, under Penalty of Law. ther's bin dammig dun here an we knough who did it,"

## Uncle Tom's Department.

My DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES.—Swelling buds, green fields, singing birds, and warm rains, lead us up to the beginning of another cycle in the round of nature. The thermometer is rising and soon your flowers and vegetables will be peeping above ground, though if you have not planted there is plenty of time, as most of the seeds do not want to be sown until the ground is nice and warm. The puzzles were not so good this month, either in number or variety. I wonder why I have to be constantly reminding you to make better puzzles; I am sure that nearly every one of my clever children could make up a good puzzle if they only tried. You can all make them out very easily after someone else has composed them for you. Many thanks for all the kind and encouraging letters; it does my heart good to receive so many newsy and interesting letters from my young nephews and nieces. Now I shall give you something about a bicyclist; perhaps some of you have or hope to have one some day.



ILLUSTRATED REBUS, No. 1.

Twenty years ago the bicycle was unknown, yet it has made such progress that to day these graceful steeds are numbered by tens of thousands in America, and by hundreds of thousands in England.

On the morning of April 22nd, 1884, Thomas Stevens mounted his bicycle at San Francisco, and began his successful tour across the American continent, arriving at Boston about three months from the time of starting, having spent considerable of that time in visiting the principal towns and cities along the route. Mr. Stevens now proposes to complete the land circumrotation of the globe, and with that end in view, sailed from New York City early in April of this year for Liverpool.

This intrepid wheelman expects to propel his bicycle through France, Germany, Austria, Turkey, Prussia, Turkestan, and the Chinese Empire, and will sail from Japan for San Francisco, and on arrival at that city will have made the journey from San Francisco to San Francisco, always travelling toward the east, and covering the entire land portions of the journey upon the bicycle.

UNCLE TOM.

## Puzzles.

2-SYNCOPATIONS.

Example: -A number, viewed; ans., seven, seen. The syncopated letter is v.

To cut off, a prophet. To fancy, g of an os. Extent, wrath. Aches, vessels used in a house. Profit, to allure. An untamable enemy, to discover.

The syncopated letters give the name of a ty in Italy.

J. ELMER STINSON. city in Italy. 3-BEHEADINGS.

My whole is near the fire found, Behead, you'll see I'm pretty round,
Transposed, I keep life in the body, 'tis said,
Behead and curtail, and leave part of your head.
WILL THIRLWALL. 4-TRANSPOSITION.

Baolr thwi awth alze ew lilw, Tenoihsmg litsl manries odunen Ghintomes petdloumeen llits Tisaw teh girnsi fo eht nus. WILL THIRLWALL

No. 5. My 1st is in fuel, but not in fire.
My 2nd is in lend, but not in hire.
My 3rd is in cushion, but not in pad.
My 4th is in lonely, but not in sad.
My 5th is in comely, but not in fair.
My 6th is in portion, but not in share.
My 7th is in home, but not in hearth.
My 8th is in money, but not in worth.
My whole is a person well known to y My whole is a person well known to you all. Wm. A. LAIDMAN.

6-CHARADE.

Two-fifths of a melon, a quarter of beet, One-third of a turnip, two-fifths of a peach; To tell any more would, I think, be invalid, But the whole is very useful in making a salad ADA ARMAND.

No. 7-NUMERICAL EN-IGMA.

I am composed of 22 letters:

My 21, 16, 11, 6, 7, 8, 20, 2 is a town in Germany. My 22, 12, 17, is a cave. My 13, 3, 5, 9 is a price.

My 10, 15, 18, 19 is to melt. My 4, 1, 14 is a small animal. My whole is a proverb. ANNIE M. SCOTT.

No. 8.-DROP VOWEL PUZZLE, AN AFRICAN PROVERB.

Th-d-st-n th-w-s-m-n's sk-rt-s b-tt-r th-n th-gld-n-f- - l's g-rdl-ADA ARMAND.

No. 9-DIAMOND.

A consonant, to regret, poetry, to change, a noted Canadian volunteer regiment, a part in grammar, to attack, fear, a consonant, ROBT. J. RISK.

No. 10.—ANAGRAM.

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MARY MARSHALL.

## Answers to April Puzzles.

DEAD EASE ASEA DEAR

2-Bare, care, dare, fare, hare, pare, rare,

2-Sum, summer; be, bee; bit, bitter; bet, better; home, Homer; Ham, hammer; mast, master.

4-Khartoum.

5-The road.