

Round the Evening Lamp.

No. 1.—Charade.

My *First* can be made in a knot or a bow,
Is a verb, or a noun, as you please.
My *Second* hums over the flowers in June,
Buz, buz-ing his gay little tune
In and out the sweet blossoms and trees.

My *Third* is a grain, very useful to man,
Or else something crooked to sight.
My *Fourth* is a pronoun, not singular, mind,
Or nominative, as you will find;
This on the charade may throw light.

My *Whole* is the name of a Roman who lived
Many centuries since, and whose life
Was filled with most dreadful and horrible crime.
One lived at the very same time
Who knew not sin, passion, nor strife.

No. 2.—Problem.

Two pals who did "pick it" duty (oakum) at Sing Sing prison evolved the following problem: "If you gave forty-seven cents for one hundred apples, and sold them for seventy cents, what per cent profit would you make on your investment?"

No. 3.—Decapitations.

Mr. Dibble, first of all, placed one of his worst garden foes on the block (1). After the axe fell it became an iron support (2). Cutting its head off again, it developed into a degree of sickness (3). Beheading it again made it very much worse (4); and at the last severance there was only a small measure left (5).

Left Diamond: 1. A vowel. 2. A serpent. 3. To attempt. 4. A river in Maine. 5. A tropical tree. 6. An evergreen tree. 7. A vowel.

Right Diamond: 1. A vowel. 2. A small vessel for liquors. 3. A county in Texas. 4. A town in Pottery County, Pa. 5. A lively dance. 6. A blast. 7. A vowel.

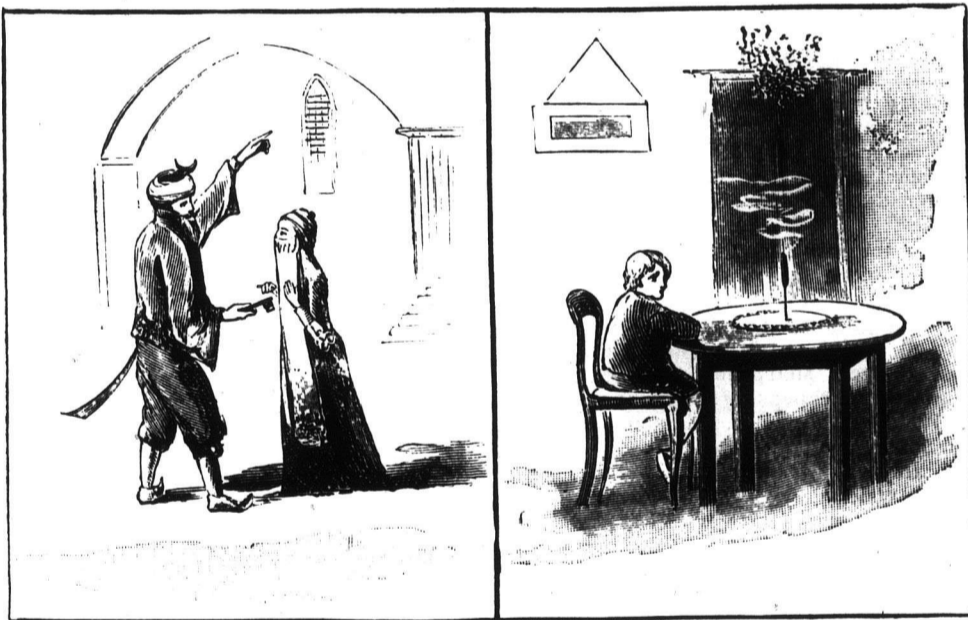
No. 7.—Ladder.

* Uprights:
* * * * * Left, a county in Mississippi.
* * * * * Right, a town in Schenectady County, N. Y.
* Rounds:
* * * * * 1st, a fixed salt. 2nd, a town in Missouri. 3rd, restless. 4th to urge forward.

No. 8.—Women of Poetry.

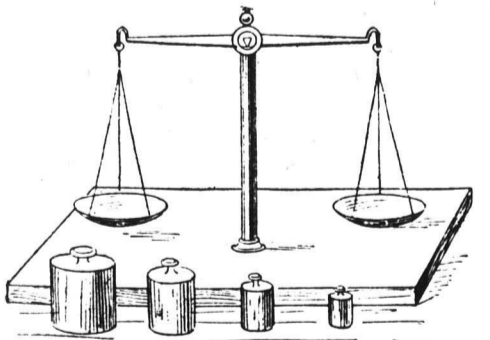
Find the characters to whom the quotations refer.
"Seventeen! O rose of grace!
Girl never breathed to rival such a rose."
"I calmed her fears and she was calm,
And told her love with virgin pride."
"With her small tablets in her hand
and her satchel on her arm,
Forth she went bounding to the school nor dreaded of shame or harm."
"Shoot, if you must, this old gray head,
But spare your country's flag," she said.
"A maid whom there were none to praise
And very few to love."
"Of spirit so still and quiet that her motion blushed at herself."
"Sweet to the sweet."
"Death lies on her like an untimely

No. 4.—Illustrated Rebus.



The picture on the left represents the name of a potentate who rules the civilized world at a certain time of the year. The picture on the right illustrates one of his followers.

No. 6.—Problem.



A man has four different weights which enable him to weigh any number of pounds (no fractions) from one pound up to forty pounds. Any weight may be placed in either of the scale pans. What are the four weights?

No. 5.—A Pair of Diamonds.

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frost upon the sweetest flower of all the field."
"Queen Rose of the rosebud garden of girls."
"Frailty, thy name is woman!"
"A Daniel come to judgment; yea, a Daniel!"
"She puts her tongue a little in her heart, and chides with thinking."
"It is an accustomed action with her to seem thus washing her hands."
"She prayed, her withered hand uprearing."
"A single act endears to high and low through the whole land."

No. 9.—An Ant Hill.

1. An ant exercising regal authority.
2. A plenteous ant.
3. An unfaithful ant.
4. A contending ant.
5. One who argues in opposition to another.
6. An ant destitute of knowledge.
7. An ant having agreeable perfume.
8. An ant having agreement.

9. An ant of decided taste.
10. An ant yielding to request.
11. An ant acutely painful.
12. An assaulting ant.

No. 10.—A First of July Puzzle.

Fill the blanks so that the endings of the lines of each verse will rhyme.

'Twas the First of July and the children were —
With cracker and banner, torpedo and —;
Jack marched with his gun, and Tom strutted —
With his drum, and the puppy dog joined in the —.
The girls were all gay in their red, white and —;
For daughters and sisters are patriots —;
They waved and cheered—that is what girls can —.
While the dolls were paraded in pretty —.
Fred sported a sword and delighted to —,
A proud little captain as ever you —;
The girls thought it grand, and the boys cried "—!"
For noise was in order, and fun was the —.
And then came the dinner of cookies and —,
When heroes were toasted and braves made—;
The girls sang a song and were cheered to the —;
Was ever so charming a First of—!
The sun set at last when the fireworks could —,
In wonderful shapes shooting up and —;
But nothing we know of will—,
And the dark settled down on the glorious —.

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