

Nucle Tom's Department.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES,—Many kindly greetings have already reached us from the readers of our columns, while renewing their subscriptions for the new year. We here return them with compound interest, and tender to all our nephews and nieces, young and old, our heart-felt wishes for their prosperity and happiness during the new year now commenced. It warms our heart to look out in imagination upon the thousands of faces that meet us with a smile as our monthly visits are made. Some of them are long-tried friends, who write that they have taken the paper since the first year of publication, and would not do without it for five times its price. Such testimony as this encourages us to work faithfully in trying to interest and instruct. We cordially share the pleasure of the fortunate ones who are rejoicing in their holiday gifts, which speak of the affection and prosperity of their friends. But it will please us most to bring a smile to the face of some poor boy or girl left to neglect and perhaps suffering by the indifference, thoughtlessness, or avarice of others. Cheer up, little one. This world is made for you as much as for the proudest man you know. Sun-light, air, health, strong muscles, opportunities to work, to grow stronger and better, and to make the world better, are all yours. Work and wait. Take that for your motto and your good time will come; and you who need no such comforting assurance, who have never known the hardships of friendlessness and poverty, do your part to lighten the load and brighten the life of the less favored. Let your motto be "Help and Enjoy!" Thus all may enjoy a Happy New Year.

UNCLE TOM.

PUZZLES.

164.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

1. To burn, an event, an island in Lake Michigan, to decay, a plant, a sentiment. The initials and finals name two brothers in ancient history.
2. My first reversed is to scour; my second transposed is a conclusion; my whole is a load.

T. M. TAYLOR.

165.—GEOGRAPHICAL ENIGMA.

I am composed of 25 letters.

My 12, 3, 22, 5, 1, 15, 25 is a part of Europe which has been much contested for by several nations.

My 6, 3, 12, 8, 24, 13 is one of the territories.

My 14, 5, 10, 17, 3 is a river in France.

My 10, 1, 2, 23, 20, 21 is an island made famous by Homer; and also a town in New York.

My 19, 10, 4, 3 is a peninsular county in Scotland.

My 11, 18, 12, 25, 14, 20, 16, 1, 7, 13 is a province of British America.

My 12, 3, 9, 7, 20, 5 is a famous city in Italy.

My whole was designed to aid in the liberation of Ireland from the tyrannical Saxon, but was not quite so successful as its projectors could wish.

H. V. O.

166.—ANAGRAM.

Yht reeggnit limes saw deeplg dan dlppreen
Of reensoug eedds nad lykndi drsow;
In hyt gelra hater ewer arif usegt-bahmsce,
Neop ot ressuin dan eth risdb!

ITTWRHE.

167.—DOUBLE REBUS.

A game of cards.

A horse.

Not coarse.

A defamatory writing.

To turn upside down.

The initials and finals, read alternately, constitute the name of an American Poet.

168.—PALINDROMIC ENIGMA.

1. The very first thing find a feminine name. That backward and forward is always the same.
2. A quick, jerking motion, if rightly you name. Read backward and forward is always the same.
3. A cloth, worn at table by many a dame. Read backward and forward is always the same.
4. Now find a word that surprise doth proclaim. And that backward and forward is always the same.

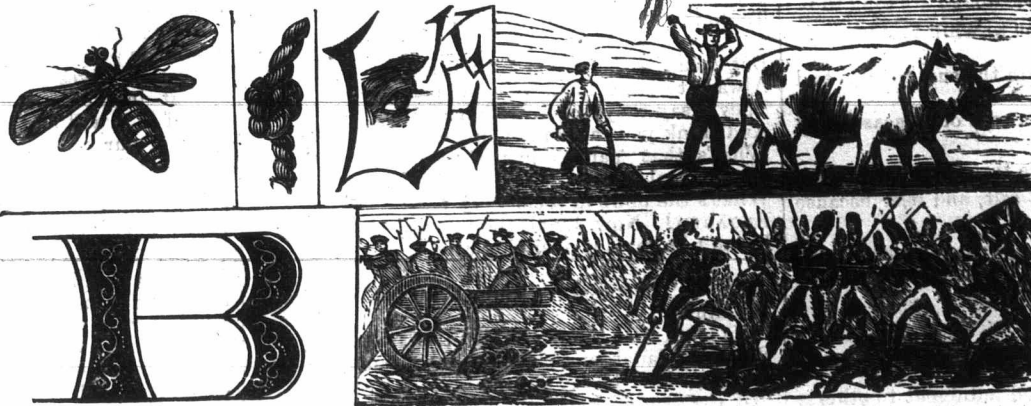
The initials connected, a title will frame,
Given to men of ecclesiastical fame,
Which backward and forward is always the same.

169.—A WORD PUZZLE.

I am a noun signifying the whole. Prefix nine different heads and I become (1,) an essential part of a house; (2,) a bitter substance; (3,) a public walk; (4,) a bullet; (5,) a cloth thrown over a corpse; (6,) a tumble; (7,) elevated in stature; (8,) a large room at the entrance of a house; (9,) a summons.

ALPHA.

170.—GOOD ADVICE REBUS.



171.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

1. An exclamation.
2. To call loudly.
3. A musical instrument.
4. A vegetable.
5. In transgression.

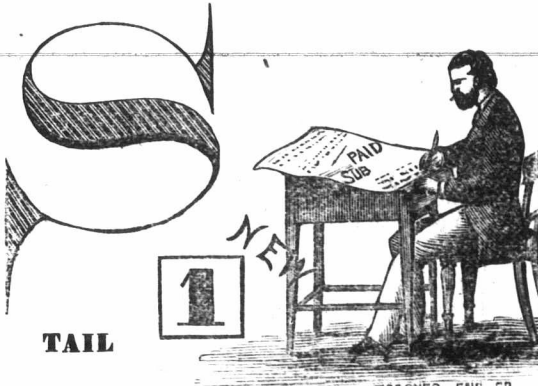
MINNIE BARGAR.

172.—PUZZLE BOUQUET.

1. A cunning animal and a covering for the head.
2. A voracious bird of prey and a useless plant.
3. A pipe and a flower.
4. A sweetmeat and a bunch of hair.
5. A noun meaning a quick breaking and a winged serpent.
6. A stone fence and the blossom of a plant.
7. Fragrant and a vegetable.
8. An entertainment of dancing and a boy's nickname.
9. Vapor frozen in flakes and to let fall.
10. To enter into the conjugal state, and a precious metal.

G. CHINN.

172.—A HINT TO FOLLOW.



TAIL

We give our beautiful lithograph, "The Offer," or its companion picture "Accepted," or chromo, "Life's Voyage," to any one who will send us the correct answer with the hint fulfilled. These pictures will be mailed to any post-office address in Canada. You can take your choice of the three. If you are not satisfied with the pictures, we will give you fifty cents apiece for them, if returned within three days.

173.—BEHEADINGS AND CURTAILINGS.

1. Curtail a disgrace, leave an imposture. Behead, and leave one of Noah's sons. Curtail, and leave an exclamation denoting surprise, joy or grief. Behead again, and leave a vowel.
2. Curtail a color and leave a very small part. Behead, and leave a verb signifying "to strike." Behead again, and leave a pronoun. Curtail, and leave a simple, personal pronoun.

3. Curtail a sweet juice collected by bees, and leave a stone for sharpening razors. Behead, and leave a number. Curtail and leave a preposition. Curtail, and leave an invocation.

N. T. M.

174.—ENIGMA.

I am composed of 43 letters.

My 4, 41, 15, 29, was a famous archer.

My 1, 10, 22, 16, 14, 27, 8, 39, 32, is a quality which sentinels ought to possess.

My 5, 43, 18, 28, 36, 42, 31 is what they are if they do not possess it.

My 26, 7, 12, 37 are troublesome vermin.

My 17, 38, 4, 12, 21, 35 is a channel for water.

My 31, 6, 12, 4, 25, 13 is a long seat with a back.

My 30, 23, 7, 37, 12 is something used in making bread.

My 3, 41, 17, 32, 11, 20, 30 is a vicarious government.

My 2, 9, 18, 24, 4, 16, 12, 30 is sameness.

My 15, 34, 33, 14, 41, 5, 42 is a part of a comet.

My 49, 27, 31, 20, 7, 9, 23 is a waterfall.

My whole is a principle worth remembering when entering life.

H. V. O.

"England Expects that Every Man this Day will do his Duty."

Answer to rebus, 150 in last issue—turn to it.

The above was signalled with flags, by the order of Lord Nelson, from the man-of-war ship Victory, at the battle of Trafalgar, which resulted in a victory to the British Navy in the

greatest naval battle ever fought. We wish to instil into the minds of our readers a loyal feeling. Children, ask your parents or school-teachers to give you an account of this battle. We offered a prize to all who would answer this rebus correctly by the 15th of last month, receiving many correct answers, and a few that were not quite correct. We have sent, to all who came near the answer, our handsome picture, "The Offer," and to those who have sent correct answers a very pleasing colored chromo, "Life's Voyage." We know that all recipients will be pleased. You should now get good frames, and have the pictures hung up. You will not regret that small expense. We hope it will be a lasting memento that you will always act upon—do your duty. We trust all Canadians will remember this, and daily try to fulfill the command.

Answers to December Puzzles.

149. Switzerland.
140. Instruction.
150. England expects that every man this day will do his duty.
151. Switzerland.

ANAGRAMS.

- 152.—Out of the bosom of the air,
Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken,
Over the woodlands brown and bare,
Over the harvest fields forsaken,
Silent and soft and slow
Descends the snow. BY LONGFELLOW
- Under Mount Etna he lies,
It is slumber, it is not death,
For he struggles at times to arise;
And above him the lurid skies
Are hot with his fiery breath. LODGEFELLOW.

153. Rest.
154. Dictionary.
155. Hollyhock, golden rod, jonquil, heartsease, monkshood, buttercup.
156. A good anvil does not fear the hammer.
157. A pianoforte maker says that of all manufactured things, pianos bear the noblest character, since they are classified as being grand, upright and square.
158. A kiss.
159. Pearl, ruby, coral.
160. Halibut, arenas, leach, inch, bah, its.
161. Tune, port, wait, spot.
162. Par-all-ell.
163. Imp-are-shall.

The word slave should have been rise, in anagram No. 2, and county should have been country.

Names of those who have sent Correct Answers to Dec. Puzzles.

Mrs. M. A. Hepworth, Charles E. Wright, Lilly Wood, John Savage, Eddie Head, Hettie Macdonell, W. Broughton, Maggie L. Smith, Susan Bunstan, John Bungenman, G. L. Littlejohn, Daggie George, E. F. P., Fred C. Baker, Edith Willson, James MacGillivray, Alexander Summer, Wm. Armstrong, Geo. E. Fisher, Yickie S. McCollum, Maggie M. Clapton, Jennie E. Slaght, T. M. Taylor, F. M. Ladell, F. R. Julian, Anne Paskley, Maggie Caven, Mr. Edwin Morrison, David James, Martha A. Johnston, Mary Kirkconnell, George M. Parsons, G. T. Sudgrom, R. Paterson, Wm. Whitney, Mag-