the turning point in Eileen's quiet life has come. Arthur joins his regiment after an emotional parting from his mother, whom he commends to Eileen's charge as he kisses her in farewell. He is accompanied by his tenant and godson, Jacques. Great anxiety is felt on the estate as the war progresses. The "Times" is ordered from England and Eileen reads about

the accounts of the numerous battles so disastrous to the French. Arthur writes, describing the gory fight at Wörth in which Jacques saves his life. The Countess awakes to renewed sympathy with her tenants and, to interced for André Moreau (who is in undeserved trouble with his officers), she and Eileen drive to Tours, the seat of the Provisional Government.

The horrors of war meet them at every turn and the Countess generously throws open her Dower-House to the sick and wounded. Soon, German soldiers are billeted upon "Les Tourettes" and its tenants. General von cities and his nephew Eugen are Eugen in the Eugen are Eugen Euge Lucy I. Armstrong.

OUR NEW PUZZLE POEM.

APUZZLESOLVER.



*Prizes to the amount of six guineas (one of which will be reserved for competitors living abroad) are offered for the best solutions of the above Puzzle Poem. The following conditions must be observed.

1. Solutions to be written on one side of the paper only.

2. Each paper to be headed with the name and address of the competitor.

3. Attention must be paid to spelling, punctuation, and neatness.

4. Send by post to Editor, Girl.? Own Papers, 5.6, Paternoster Row, London. "Puzzle Poem" to be written on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

5. The last day for receiving solutions from Great Britain and Ireland will be October 17, 1898; from Abroad, December 16, 1898.

The competition is open to all without any restrictions as to sex or age. No competitor will be awarded more than one First Prize during the year (November 1897 to October 1898), but the winner of a Second Prize may still compete for a first. Not more than one First and one Second Prize will be sent to any one address during the year.

A Consolation Prize of one guinea will be awarded to the competitor, not a prize-winner, who shall receive the highest number of marks during the year for Mention. Very Highly Commended to count to marks; Highly Commended to count; marks; Honourable Mention to count; S marks. This will be an encouragement to all who take an interest in the puzzles and who cannot quite find their way into the front rank of solvers.

OUR NEXT STORY COM-PETITION.

STORIES IN MINIATURE.

Subject:—"THE G. O. P. SUPPLEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER."

THE BACK OF BEYOND.

By Frederick Langbridge, Author of "The Calling of the Weir," etc.

We offer three prizes of Two GUINEAS, ONE GUINEA, and HALF-A-GUINEA for the three best papers on our "Story Supplement" for this month. The essays are to give a brief account of the plot and action of the story in the Competitor's own words; in fact, each paper should be a carefully-con-structed Story in Miniature, telling the reader in a few bright words what THE GIRL'S OWN STORY SUPPLEMENT for the month is all about.

One page (that is a quarter of a full sheet which consists of four pages) of foolscap only is to be written upon, and is to be signed by the writer, followed by her full address, and posted to The Editor, GIRL'S OWN PAPER, in an unsealed envelope with the words "Stories in Miniature," written on the left-hand top

The last day for receiving the papers is September 20th; and no papers can in any case be returned.

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ANSWERS TO CORRE-SPONDENTS

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RENA.—The very best book on gardening for the price is Robinson's English Flower-Garden. It is a delightful and useful work. There is also a cheap little book and very practical called Hardy Perennials, by Mr. Wood, published by Upcott Gill.

A SUBSKHBER.—Wash the shelves with a solution of alum and water, and try sprinkling some "insecticide" over them, such as is employed for black-beetles and crickets.

Christina—We have nothing to recommend for taking away the smell of a new tapestry carpet. Only exposure to the air will remove it in course of time.

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Monica.—To make a simel cake, called by you a "Mid-Lent cake," beat one pound of butter to a cream, add the whites of six eggs beaten to a froth, likewise beat-up and add the yolks; then take ten ounces of powdered sugar, and add to the cream, with one pound and a half of currants, one pound of flour, five ounces of candied citron, three ounces of candied lemon-peel (cut in thinnish pieces), five ounces of almonds, blanched and pounded, and a little cinnamon, allspice, grated nutmeg, and salt; beat in all these ingredients separately; then roll out a paste of flour and water, fill with the mixture, tie up in a pudding-cloth, and boil for three hours; remove the cloth, brush over the surface with egg, and bake in a slow oven till the crust be hard. The process is a long one.