

A Curious Trunk.

The following puzzle is said to have been composed by the Bishop of Oxford:—I have a trunk with two lids, two caps, two musical instruments, two established measures, and a great number of articles a carpenter cannot dispense with; then I have always about me two fine fish, and a great number of smaller ones, two lofty trees, fine flowers, and the fruit of an indigenous plant, two playful animals, and a number of smaller and less tame breed, a fine stag, some whips without handles, some weapons of warfare, and a number of weathercocks, the steps of a hotel, the House of Commons on the eve of a division, two students or scholars, and some Spanish grandees to wait upon me.

ANSWER.—The human body, eyelids, knee caps, drum of the ear, feet, nails, soles, muscles, palms, tulips, hips, calves, hair, heart, lashes, arms, blades, veins, insteps, eyes and nose, pupils, tendons.

Apple Curiosities.

The virtues of the apple as a fruit have been celebrated from time immemorial, and few fruits have so many legends associated with them. The garden of the Hesperides was the garden of the golden apple, just as our Avalon is the Isle of Apples. "Of all fruits," it has been written, "the apple seems to have had the widest and most mystical history. The myths concerning it meet us in every age and country. Aphrodite bears it in her hand, as well as Eve. The serpent guards it; the dragon watches it. It is celebrated by Solomon; is the healing fruit of Arabian tales. Ulysses longs for it in the gardens of Alcinoüs; Tantalus grasps vainly for it in Hades." In the prose Edda it is written: "Iduna keeps in a box apples, which the gods, when they feel old age approaching, have only to taste to become young again. It is in this manner that they will be kept in renovated youth until Ragnarok—the general destruction." Azrael, the Angel of Death, accomplished his mission by holding it to his nostrils; and in folk-lore Snowdrop is tempted to her death by an apple, half of which a crane has poisoned, but recovers life when the fruit falls from her lips. The Golden Bird seeks the Golden Apples of the King's garden in many a Norse story; and when the tree bears no more, Frau Bertha reveals to her favorite that it is because a mouse gnaws at the tree's root. Indeed, the kind mother goddess is sometimes personified as an apple tree, but oftener the apple is the tempter in northern mythology and sometimes makes the nose grow, so that the pear alone can bring it to a moderate size.

"Are you fond of Wagnerian opera, Mr. Flint?" "Yes; I never cared for music."

The softening effect of carbonate of soda in hard water is greatly increased if a half hour is allowed to elapse before the water is used. This gives time for the separation of the lime and the magnesia.

Persons who have had new windows to wash will be sure to recollect the botheration caused by the streaks of putty-oil and drops of paint. More than half the labor of removing these may be saved by taking a wet cloth, dipping it into ordinary baking soda, and rubbing the paste thus made thinly over the glass. After this has been suffered to remain about fifteen minutes, it can be easily removed by washing in warm soft water, without soap, bringing oil and stains with it. If the glass is then rubbed dry, and afterwards polished with dry whiting and chamois skin, the most fastidious eye can discover no blemish.

Puzzles.

1—RIDDLE.

1. In my recesses, dark and deep,
Are many treasures hid.
2. I'm good to eat, in fact a treat
Unto the average "kid".
Ere you thus far have read, my friends,
The answer will be known,
But pray do not cry "Total"
Or my puzzle I'll disown.

ADA ARMAND.

2—CHARADE.

To keep our puzzles, "Uncle Tom"
Has decided very wise;
For don't you FIRST we'd all feel lost
Without this exercise.

Now, puzzling doth give food for thought,
And thought expands the mind;
The mind expanded TOTAL gives,
As those who study find.

Within the *Advocate*, I hope
That "Uncle Tom" will try
And keep a LAST, whereon we can
Our puzzles always lie.

FAIR BROTHER.

3—DOUBLE ARCOSTIC.

First is a blossom as white as snow
With a pistil all of gold;
The second a covering by women worn
For keeping out the cold;
My third, if you are in a fright
Will overspread your face;
My fourth the laundress keeps in mind
While toiling every week;
A bird, a near relation to the crow,
My fifth and last will clearly show;
My initials and finals, if you not mistaken,
Will show a pretty wight and his weapon of
might.

HENRY REEVE.

4—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



5—RIDDLE.

Though small I seem I useful am, and many things
can do,
Don't think me egotistic if I mention here a few.
All injury by me is changed to delight and magic
power.
A man's name I can make into what we may all
devour:
Out of a float of timbers will spring dexterity;
Part of a whip a carriage is as soon as touched by
me;
A grain-box I will stand beside, a dwelling springs
to view,
But place me near a measure and a prison waits for
you.
The ragged urchin off the street by me is clothed;
but now
To tell you more would futile be, so I shall make
my bow.

ADA ARMAND.

Answers to January Puzzles.

- 5—CAPACCIO
- HYMNIAL
- RELEASED
- IDIOUSH
- SERAGLIO
- TEETOTUM
- MITIGATE
- ABSONOUS
- CHEMIST
- DIOPTRISE
- ACALEPHA
- YARDWARD
- Christmas Day.
- Old Homestead.

Names of those who have Sent Correct Answers to Jan. Puzzles.

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