

indulged in when with the children of the farm. Are our children of less consequence than our cattle, our farm produce, our implements? Those children, those growing up young girls and boys—the future hope and stay of our great country—are they, I say, of less consequence? I surely hear the emphatic answer, "NO," from every true man. Then look to it, fathers on the farm; do not risk so precious a thing as your child's soul, and pause before passing blame in the wrong direction, for the evil may have happened "within your own gates," unsuspected.

I would not have it supposed that I make any sweeping assertion regarding farm hands. There are scores of worthy, upright men and boys who have exercised a most beneficial influence, and who have been held in the greatest esteem by their employers, but this only goes to prove that such are obtainable? I would venture to say that if those farmers who have the welfare of the young folks depending on them were to insist in a body upon clean language about their farm, they would, before long, find that men would become more careful, and that a prolific source of harm-doing would be largely ameliorated. If any farm hands read this, and *the cap happens to fit*, may it be of service to them, and let them be very sure that it is written in the most earnest spirit of good will. Another word: Let the farmer himself guard his speech!

### Puzzles.

[The following prizes are offered every quarter, beginning with months of April, July and October: For answers to puzzles during each quarter—1st prize, \$1.50; 2nd, \$1.00; 3rd, 75c. For original puzzles—1st, \$1.00; 2nd, 75c; 3rd, 50c. This column is open to all who comply with the following rules: Puzzles must be original—that is, must not be copied from other papers; they must be written on one side only of paper, and sender's name signed to each puzzle; answers must accompany all original puzzles (preferably on separate paper). It is not necessary to write out puzzles to which you send answers—the number of puzzle and date of issue is sufficient. Partial answers will receive credit. Work intended for first issue of any month should reach Pakenham not later than the 15th of the month previous; that for second issue not later than the 5th of that month. Leave envelope open, mark "Printer's Copy" in one corner, and letter will come for one cent. Address all work to Miss Ada Armand, Pakenham, Ont.]

#### 1—TURN-ABOUT ENIGMA.

Stand me on my head, keep up my feet,  
Now read me backwards, until all complete;  
Then set me right, and still some words I spell,  
Which I shall leave for you to try and tell.  
When all is settled my WHOLE to you appears—  
Oft used as potent sign in ancient years.

An abdicated potentate,  
Fond of war and regal state,  
Lived in my FIRST—when dire defeat  
At last overthrew him from his seat.  
He reigned again—but for a while,  
And died in pain and sad exile.  
This FIRST's a curious sort of thing—  
For three whole changes can it ring.  
Reverse it—I hope you're fit to do  
Of any good which lies in you.  
And now exchange two letters' place,  
A man appears of ancient race.  
My SECOND can be soft or hard  
(From this last I would be debarred),  
But soft, it feels of no account,  
Though sometimes causing an amount  
Of mischief. Also joy it brings;  
In fact, announces many things.  
You can reverse this little word,  
And really it seems quite absurd;  
For, though it looks so very small,  
It equals everything and all! SIMPLE SIMON.

#### 2—SQUARE.

1. A mountain mentioned in Scripture.
2. To venerate.
3. An incarnation of a deity.
4. To retreat.
5. A mountain in Persia.
6. Long and round.

"Boz."

#### 3—CHARADE.

"Here, Dick and Tom, give me a boost  
Up in this shell-bark hickory tree;  
If I ONE reach that loaded limb  
I'll get some nuts for you and me."  
But Jack two not reward the friends  
Who helped him reach his wish-for seat;  
He THREE the nuts all up himself,  
Like a political COMPLETE.

"Boz."

#### 4—ONE-WORD PUZZLE.

I am so many different things that I get myself all mixed up and don't remember which I am! Will someone help me?  
I am very good-natured, for I can make myself at home almost anywhere. I travel by land and water, am used to the railway, and am sometimes on people's clothes. In spite of these accommodating qualities I am seldom made a pet of—perhaps because I haven't a pretty voice—still some people are very fond of part of me. I will confess that I come of an obstinate race, for it is said that a far-off ancestor actually went to pay court to a young lady, against his lady mother's express desire—which was certainly most reprehensible!

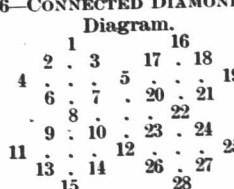
SIMPLE SIMON.

#### 5—RHOMBUS.

Across—(1) To smear; (2) a plowing of land; (3) children sport; (4) instruments used by gold-wire-drawers; (5) issues from; (6) cases for pocket instruments.  
Down—(1) In England; (2) back or again; (3) to devour; (4) a plain surface; (5) a continued endeavor to gain possession; (6) to subdue; (7) to reach; (8) a bird (trans.); (9) to decry; (10) a ruin in Scotland; (11) in Russia.

ARRY 'AWKINS.

#### 6—CONNECTED DIAMONDS.



I.—1, A letter; 2 to 3, the grampus; 4 to 5, a Dutch boat; 6 to 7, an eastern chief; 8, a letter.  
II.—3, A letter; 9 to 10, a speck; 11 to 12, virtuous; 13 to 14, a game; 15, a letter.  
III.—16, A letter; 17 to 18, a snare; 5 to 19, one of a large class of elements; 20 to 21, an Indian pony; 22, a letter.  
IV.—22, A letter; 23 to 24, fresh; 12 to 25, a fruit; 26 to 27, got; 28, a letter.  
V.—5, A letter; 7 to 20, expressing denial; 8 to 22, a standard; 10 to 23, a sum; 12, a letter.  
"OGMA."

#### 7—RIDDLE.

There's a queer little thing and it lives in a hole,  
It is neither a rabbit, a squirrel, nor a mole.  
It sleeps in the Winter, but starts in the Spring  
To its task again, to dance and sing.  
It has a black body and six crooked legs;  
Riddle me this, of you I beg.

ESTHER CRAIG.

#### 8—CHARADE.

My first our hearts all long to see,  
The birds and children love her;  
The grass is green, the flowers bloom,  
The blue sky smiles above her.  
My second makes the earth look bright,  
We all love to behold it;  
It waves and nods with all its might  
Till night comes to enfold it.  
My whole is loved by bee and bird,  
And when talking of summer's often heard.

C. B. M.

#### 9—

Trapezoid.

Across—(1) A moslem;

(2) aids;

(3) to hold;

(4) to part with.

Down—(1) A consonant; (2) expressing an alternative; (3) a possessive pronoun; (4) malt liquors; (5) a crumb; (6) ground grain; (7) wicked; (8) the lair of a beast; (9) so; (10) a consonant.

M. N.

#### 10—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

My 16, 4, 10, 11, 22, 5, belongs to the mail service.  
My 25, 20, 7, 13, 14, is to gaze.  
My 3, 12, 25, 8, 19, 23, is a place of rest.  
My 15, 9, 17, 6, 28, 30, should always be young.  
My 1, 21, 2, 18, 29, is everything.  
My whole is a much-abused quotation.

ARRY 'AWKINS.

#### 11—PROVERBS.

The following contains all the words of eight familiar proverbs. See if you can reconstruct them.

Turn your coat according to the tide and you will wish too late to mend your way. The cloth deserves a good time; where there's haste send a cut alone, if not a thing more! Go! let no man wait for another one, it is never well done if there is less speed.

#### 12—FLOWERS TRANSPOSED.

Aidsunh, ruaspk, eennitgmo, uutsmiran, acieupn, sss-  
lliogpa, ssilloapi, tdyauafu, aerynimunhels.

PETER HYDE.

#### 13—ENIGMA.

I am a bright little thing,  
Tho' of brains, white or gray, have I none;  
Yet when I enter you sing  
As if you were shot from a gun.

"DICKENS."

### Answers to February 1st Puzzles.

1—Amherstburg, Ashburnham, Beaumont, Stellarton, Summerside, Esquimalt, Carbonear, Heart's Content.

2—Sea-boat. 3—Whole-hole-Leo.

4—Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream.  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they seem.

5—Mandeville, Cabot, Marco Polo, Verazano, Columbus, Cortereal, Cartier, Champlain.  
6—Eagle, bluejay, vulture, thrush, barn-owl, canary.  
7—Moult, aroma, divan, alpha, groin, arena, sober, cadji, activ, ratio—Madagascar=Tanamarin.

8—Canadian teacher.

9—S (Dutch S). Because they are in "constant." E, sam-e, hat-o, cap-e. H, s(hot). T-all. A me(a)n, a-men.

#### 10—FISTULOUS

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11—Beached—ache=bed, beholder—hold=beer, bellow—ell=bow, mustard—star=mud, remissly—miss=rely, arrant—ran=ant.

12—Ashes—she=as, routs—us=rot, department—part=de-ment, sending—end=sing, protean—rote=pan, limped—imp=led, honesty—nest=holy, martinet—tint=mare, heighlon—nip=hen, maniple—nip=male, addend—den=add, pleasant—east=plan, infancy—fancy=in, botany—tan=boy. Superintendent.

#### 13—WATER

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#### SOLVERS TO FEBRUARY 1ST PUZZLES.

"Arry 'Awkins," Dickens, Lily B. Pelton, Viola Cook, Dick, G. E. K., A. E. J.

#### ADDITIONAL SOLVERS TO JANUARY 16TH PUZZLES.

Geo. Lawson, A. E. J., J. McLean, Lizzie Conner, "Toledo," "Dickens," C. B. M., Esther Craig, Ethel, Jessie and Peter Hyde, R. H. Clarke. ("Ethel" and Esther C. to Jan. 2nd.)

#### COUSINLY CHAT.

"Boz"—I am pleased to hear that you find our circle interesting, and hope you may long continue to occupy a place within it. Are you the same person who used to solve several years ago? The name is similar, and your success denotes practice. Yes, you are somewhat late in starting for this quarter.

"Simple Simon."—Like "Boz," your work was too late for more than a word last issue, but I extend you a hearty welcome, as your contributions are a great addition to our column. Several puzzles can be sent together or two or three for each issue, as desired. In the latter case it is not much trouble to send solutions too, and "the more the merrier," you know.

Lizzie Conner.—Some of the puzzles you mentioned are the ones which aroused my suspicions. They looked familiar, and several others were rejected because I felt certain of them. I think we shall have no further trouble from that source!

Viola and Lily are two new solvers whom we are pleased to welcome.

R. H. C.—I am not sure whether I acknowledged the receipt of your card or not, but I hope you will come again.

Geo. L.—Your work was too late for name to appear in proper issue.

## THE QUIET HOUR.

### A Word to Parents.

Fathers and mothers, do you realize what a responsible position you fill? Do you grasp the fact that the happiness and holiness of your children's lives—and of their children, too—depends largely on you? You are anxious to give them a good start in life, with a good education to enable them to work their way up in this world. What about the next? Are you trying as hard to fit them for that? Let us look for a moment at the first parents. Think how their disobedience to God's law dragged down their children after them.

If it is true that no man sinneth to himself, much more is that true when he is a father with little children growing up to imitate him. Think how children almost invariably imitate, consciously or unconsciously, the habits of those about them. If a mother or father speaks sharply or complainingly, how quickly the children mimic the very tones of the voice.

If you should find that your child is untruthful, look very closely at yourself and see if you have not often failed to keep your word in little things. Do you never promise to do little kindnesses, and put off from day to day the performance of them? Do you never threaten punishments which you know—and they know—you don't intend to inflict?

Your children's faults are, far more often than you suspect, simply the reflection of your own far greater sins. Be sure that you take the beam out of your own eye that you may see clearly how to take the mote out of theirs.

If you drive hard bargains, cheat a little about the value of a horse you desire to sell, for instance, and are not particular to give a customer always the full value of his money, can you wonder that the children, who listen eagerly to your triumphant account of the good bargain you have made, grow up with the determination that they too will get as much as possible for themselves, with no thought of the rights or feelings of others? How will you like it if this fixed idea, which you have fostered, grows and grows until the sharp boy becomes a thief, a cheat, a swindler?

It will be his sin certainly, not yours, but have not you sown the seeds of dishonesty when his character was most impressionable and almost any seed was sure to take firm root?

If you are rude in speech or manner at home, do not be surprised if your children are rough, quarrelsome, and almost unbearable. If you are untidy, or slatternly in your dress and work, the children will always be in a muddle. If you are careless about going to church, the children will soon make excuses to stay at home too. Your boys will grow up to lounge about on Sunday "as father does," and, being young and energetic, will find plenty of mischief for their "idle hands to do," instead of just taking a well-earned rest as you feel you are doing. *Be careful!*

God has given the children into your hands to be trained for His service. Great will be your reward, even in this world, if you fulfill this duty wisely, prayerfully and patiently. What terrible sorrow may you have to bear if you carelessly neglect it. *Now* is the time while the children are young and innocent. They may be a blessing and an honor to your home, or they may bring disgrace and misery on you and your respectable name. They may, which is far worse than that, sink their own immortal souls in degradation and crime. Much of the responsibility rests on you. Be very careful, then, both in training and precept, and in your example most of all, for it is far more powerful for good or evil. You root out noxious weeds in your fields, do not suffer them to grow unnoticed in the hearts and lives of your children. You cultivate the soil and plant good seed. Do you fill their young minds with desires and aspirations after "the good, the true and the beautiful?" Do you hold up before them noble and heroic lives to copy? Do you always speak and act—yes, and think—as in God's sight? Do you make it very plain to the whole family that "as for me and my house we will serve the Lord?" Are you careful never to use words or expressions which would shock you coming from the innocent lips of your sons or daughters.

Some households seem to be almost heathen from Monday morning to Saturday night. God is never thought of the whole week through. Is it any wonder if children brought up in such an atmosphere lose all practical belief in Him. In homes where there is no family prayer, and where even private prayer is careless, hurried, or often neglected altogether; where the thought of God, and the homage due unto Him, is crowded out as being of less importance than the smallest matter connected with this world, of necessity the children imbibe the opinion that He is not to be considered in anything. At least that would be the almost certain result, only, happily for us all, God loves His children, and sometimes directs outsiders to root out the weeds and plant the good seed, taking that great and important work out of the hands which have proved so careless and neglectful. Sometimes He repairs the ruin parents have wrought, but can you be sure that He will in your case? Are the sins of the parents never visited on the children?

No matter how busy you may be then, be sure you find time for this, which is probably the greatest and most important work you can do, remembering the command: "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."