

Alliance Journal, we find that Geo. M. Sweet, better known to the puzzle fraternity as "Dick Shunary," was the pioneer of Puzzledom in Nova Scotia, he being the first to originate and edit a puzzle column, which appeared in the *Journal* of Feb'y 9th, 1876.

The first puzzle is from the pen and brain of one who signs himself "By Jimminy," but as no place of residence is given it is impossible to give it.

We also notice the *noms de plume* of "Reclab" and "Templar." The former was one of Scotia's best puzzlers, as Dick Shunary remarks in his "Chat" to him, "you must be a born puzzler."

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Whittier's Review.

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—As this page of the *BLUENOSE* goes to press. (July 19.) we learn that Wm. T. Hall of Chicago was elected President of the National Amateur Press Association, and A. J. Huss, Vice President. It seems very strange that Hall secured the Presidency, for he had about the poorest paper support of any candidate. As Kendall had business to attend to that detained him at Boston, this gentleman was surely defeated, and taking this fact in consideration, we thought that Hancock, positively, would rule the day.

THE EGYPTIAN STAR, CAIRO, ILL.—Some several months since the City of Cairo was known to have half a dozen papers published within her borders, but alas, only

the *Star* visits our domicile now, the Post Office Officials having banished the remainder from the city. The number before us—April—consists of fourteen pages. "The Flower," a poem by Nameless, is grand, noble, and the sketch, "Light-houses", by Rere, does credit to its author. "Mardi Gras" is a humorous sketch which we enjoyed reading. The *Star* has nearly five pages of good editorial matter, which at once places the paper as a leading amateur journal.

THE PHOENIX, BROOKLYN, N. Y.—We gladly welcome the *Phoenix* into our sanctum, for, with its eight, large pages of excellent original matter, it certainly holds the enviable position as being one of the best papers in amateurdom. "Queenie," a bright, young lady of Halifax, contributes an "Ode to the Sea," which is excellent and is deserving of more than a passing thought. Richard Gerner's sketch is good, as is also Buckley's serial. The editor occupies two pages describing a visit to his native land,—Halifax. The editorial in question is splendidly written, conciseness being the beauty of it. The *Phoenix* is Official Organ of the Metropolitan Amateur Journalists' Club, a body recently organized at New York City. The Club assembled at a hall on the evening of July 17th, a despatch from the Chicago convention being a notable feature of the meeting. The *New York Sun* says that one hundred youthful journalists were present.

INDEPENDENT TIMES, NEWARK, N. J.—This journal enlarged with its July issue and is now New Jersey's representative. The printing is executed in colors, in honor of the "Glorious Fourth." "Lottie" is an excellent sketch,

written by that far-famed author Richard Gerner. The leading editorial is splendid, and by the items which follow, we presume that Frank is a rather humorous fellow. By the report of the New Jersey Amateur Press Association, which appears in the *Times*, we come to the conclusion that the convention far surpassed the late convention of the New England Amateur Journalists' Association.

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