

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

In hair not in eye,
In crawl not in dio,
In pork not in veal,
In hand not in fool,
In air not in ice,
In box not in vico,
In fine not in bad,
In true not in glad,
My whole contains eight common letters;
And mean all these and o'on their bettors.

MAC.

THE CRITIC will be sent free for one year to the person giving the only correct answer to above puzzle. When two correct answers are sent in, THE CRITIC will be sent free for six months to each of those answering correctly. Answers should arrive at CRITIC office before Tuesday, P. M., marked answer to puzzle.

Answer to Enigma published last week.

My 9, 8, 1, are NOW
My 3, 4, 5, 6, are LADS
My 2, 10, 7, are GET

and the strange coincidence is that "Now Lads Got," and "W. Gladstone," are composed of the same letters.

TIT-BITS.

The wealth of our language is shown by the fact that "hang it up" and "chalk it down" mean precisely the same thing.—*San Francisco News Letter.*

A Rochester hairdresser has this startling announcement in his shop: "Ladies' short comings [combings] made up and arranged."—*Religious Exchange.*

Some people are willing to be good if they are well-paid for it. Others prefer to be good for nothing.

"Button parties" are becoming popular in the West. We don't know whence they derive their name, unless it is because they're almost sure to come off.—*Shoe and Leather Reporter.*

Doting mother: "Yes, I shall be happy to give you the wages you ask; but I shall expect you to love the children." Nurse: "I shall be very happy to do so, ma'am; but, of course, that would be an extra."

Hotel des Invalides in Paris, was founded for old soldiers. A man must be sixty years of age to have the right of admission into this asylum, and they must be men who served their country on the field. There are nearly 40,000 men lodged and fed at the public expense daily.

The Dog-star Sirius is the most splendid in the heavens.

The general post-office in London is a large and elegant building, with a hall sixty or eighty feet in the centre of it, and several apartments adjoining. The building is of Ionic architecture, 400 feet long and eighty feet deep, the largest postal establishment in the world. The number of letters passing through the British Post Office is nearly four hundred millions in a single year. The revenue of which is five million of dollars.—*Prime.*

Hong Kong is one of the islands in Japan, and is about twenty-five miles in circumference. It is an English possession taken as an indemnity in one of the wars, and ceded to Great Britain in 1841, from which time it grew rapidly in commercial importance, until its rival Shanghai diverted a large part of the China trade. Victoria is the name of the principal town, although abroad it is invariably spoken of as Hong Kong. It is one of the two chief foreign cities on the coast, and is visited by more ships than any other.

A "notice" worded as follows is said to appear on the door of a well known business office: "The hours of attendance in this office are: To canvassers for church subscriptions, ten to two; book and insurance agents, two to four; commercial travelers, beggars and advertising men, all day. We attend to our own business at night."

"And so the Romans once invaded Great Britain," said Miss Gilligan, to whom her Uncle Charles had been reading of Cæsar's conquest. "That accounts for it, then!" "Accounts for what?" asked Uncle Charles. "For there being so many Latin words which resemble our English ones. The Romans very naturally picked up a good many of our expressions while in England. Wonder I never thought of that before."

Mother: "You brought this on yourself, Charlie, I told you that all that apple-pie you ate last night would throw your digestion out of order." Charlie: "Taint out of order, ma; it's in order." Mother: "Charlie! when you are suffering so, how can you say your digestion is in order?" Charlie: "Well, it is, ma--in apple-pie order."

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