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Answers to July Puzzles.

1.—Warsaw.

2.—Civic.

3.—T E A M
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4.—Politics.

5.—Dollar, Franc, Lira, Mark.

6.—Glass, lass, ass.

7.—It seems funny to have a dear uncle,
One whom we never have seen,
Sometimes I think it is true,
But often it looks like a dream.

Names of those who sent Correct Answers to July Puzzles.

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HUMOROUS.

A Scotch minister was once busy catechising his young parishioners before the congregation, when he put the first question to a stout girl whose father kept a public house: "What is your name?" No reply. The question having been repeated, the girl replied, "None o' yer fun, Mr. Minister; ye ken my name weel enough. D'ye no say when ye come to our house on a night, 'Bet, bring me some ale?'"

A hen is a most inconsiderate and unaccountable creature. Now that she can lay eggs worth three cents apiece, she takes a vacation and refuses to have anything to do with the business. By-and-by, when chicken seed are down to fifteen cents a dozen, she will put on extra help, and even work nights to flood the market. The hen is no financier.

Extract from a young lady's letter: "And, do you know, Maud and I are quite sure Captain Popple had taken too much champagne at the ball, for he took out his watch and looked hard at the back of it, and then muttered, 'Blesh my shoul! I hadn't any idea it was that time 'o night.'"—[Boston Star.

Minnie May's Department.

MY DEAR NIECES.—What a pleasure it would be if I could step in and see each one of you, and know how you are enjoying your vacation; but my dear girls are too numerous and scattered for such a thing to be possible, therefore I must content myself with writing.

Perhaps it might be of interest to you to know how some of my young days were spent. When in the country we had a great liking for improvised entertainments, they being advantageous in many ways, for when invited in the morning for the same evening, or at early breakfast time for a country outing, people do not expect so much of a spread. On a fine pleasant morning we would ask some friends to join us in a ramble to some picturesque lake or valley, within a reasonable distance; and

in less than an hour, enough would be found at liberty and willing to make the expedition a social success, and with such simple provisions as could be collected amongst us at a short notice, we set out for the day. We chatted gaily on the road, ate our meal and rested under the trees, played outdoor games and botanized, thus enjoying the day intensely, and in the cool of the evening set out for home much refreshed. Sometimes we arranged for picnics at a distance, either by rail or by boat; in such cases we were obliged to make our preparations beforehand. At night we collected all the articles requisite for such an expedition, and when morning came it was only a few moments' work to pack the baskets. We avoided taking more dishes or heavy articles than were actually necessary for comfort; a plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon for each, a table cloth and whatever eatables were thought proper and most convenient for carrying, only not an expensive or elaborate "spread." How thoroughly primitive and enjoyable it seemed to sit around that snowy cloth, laden with tempting viands, while the soft, velvety grass furnished us with seats, far surpassing those of our dining-room. Who could help enjoying such a scene, while the fresh breezes from the lake or river seemed to make our appetites more ravenous. After our repast we would stroll by the water's edge, gathering shells and stones, or trying our hand at fishing. Many very happy days have I spent in this way; even now I am not too old to enjoy these youthful pleasures.

PICKLED WALNUTS.—Select full-grown green walnuts or butternuts when they are soft enough to be easily pierced through with a needle. They are usually in fit condition in July. Pick one hundred nuts well through and lay them into a brine made of four pounds of salt to each gallon of vinegar; let them remain nine days, and at the end of the third and sixth days change the brine for fresh. On the ninth day lay them in the sun. After they are well drained place them in the sun till they turn black; they will need to remain several days. Boil one gallon of vinegar, two ounces of black pepper, half an ounce of cloves, one ounce of mace, one ounce of allspice and one ounce of root ginger sliced, ten minutes, and pour it over the walnuts, which have been packed in jars three-quarters full. When the vinegar cools cover them up tight. They will be ready to use in a month, but they are better in a year, and will keep ten years. This pickle is an excellent accompaniment of fish.

RHUBARB WINE.—Prepare and stew the large juicy stalks of the rhubarb plant the same as for sauce, using just water enough to cover the rhubarb. When cold, strain out the juice, and to every three pints of juice add three pounds of sugar and a sufficient amount of water to make a gallon of liquor. Place in uncorked jugs or a sweet, clean keg, with the bung out, for ten or twelve days. Remove any scum that may rise to the surface. Add a little brandy, say one gill to each gallon of wine. Replace corks or bung, as the case may be, for a day or two, or until all signs of fermentation have ceased. The wine may now be racked off into bottles and sealed up.

RASPBERRY VINEGAR.—To one quart of raspberries, add one quart of vinegar, let it stand thirty-six hours, then strain; then to one pint of juice, add one pound of sugar, scald it slightly, strain and bottle it. It is a good summer drink.

Answers to Inquirers.

ENGLISH VIOLET.—I want to ask you if it is against rules of etiquette for a young boy of fifteen to correspond with a lady of twenty-one, they having never met? The correspondence began in a business way, and now there is some chance of its being continued in a friendly way. **ANS.**—A young woman of twenty-one

may certainly write to a boy of fifteen if she care to do so. The correspondence would probably be improving to him, and if she be a good, sensible young woman, she may do the lad much good. Of course there should be no sentimental nonsense in such letters; they should be simply sensible, friendly interchanges of thought.

EDNA writes a long letter telling her miseries brought on by bashfulness, especially bashfulness when gentlemen are present, and asks for advice as to how to overcome this timidity. The only way is to go into society more, and while among strangers try to forget herself as much as possible, and be pleasant and considerate towards others. As "Edna" says she has many girl friends, she might always keep one by her while talking with gentlemen, until this feeling wears away. Bashfulness is generally the result of too much self-consciousness, and too great anxiety to appear well before others. One should try to talk naturally and not trouble about making a good impression, or displaying great power of conversation, and bashfulness will soon wear off. It is generally the most conceited people who are most bashful, and shy people are often easily offended.

INQUIRER asks for a remedy for scurf in the head, also something to prevent the hair from falling, and that will make it grow thicker. **ANS.**—Bathing the head frequently in water in which some borax has been dissolved, is considered by many an excellent thing for cleansing the head. Another remedy is, 1 pint of good bay-rum, ½ ounce glycerine, 1 tablespoonful fine salt, 1 ounce tincture of cantharides. The above we can recommend, it being used in our family after scarlet fever to prevent the hair falling; it also keeps the head nice and clean. Use two or three times a week by rubbing well into the scalp with a small sponge. We certainly do recommend Carboline; it is excellent for the hair in every way, particularly for scurf.



ILLUSTRATED REBUS.—Won by Miss Annie Hammond, of Delaware, Ont.

Now let me make a few suggestions to my country nieces about the entertainment of town guests at home. Do not put yourselves out by trying to provide them with what they are accustomed to at home, for nothing is so agreeable as a change in food as well as surroundings. Depend on it, the country milk, cream, fruit, vegetables, home-made bread, new-laid eggs, and country ham, will commend themselves to the improving appetites of town-bred guests. And by all means let them have the real pleasure of gathering their own desert.

Next, a word about the arrangement of the table, in order to render it attractive. Let the table cloth be snowy and uncreased, everything in glass, china, or metal be bright and sparkling. Nothing will add so much to the beauty of the simplest table as a few flowers prettily arranged. If you have not nice cultivated flowers, take a soup-plate, fill with moss and wild flowers, place a tall glass in the centre with some vines trailing round the stem, and in the top put some pretty green spray with a cluster of scarlet geraniums. This makes a truly beautiful ornament for the table, and will not fail to please the eye of your guests.

I trust, dear nieces, that my few remarks may be of some benefit in helping you to enjoy your vacation and making your friends happy.

MINNIE MAY.

Recipes.

CANNED CURRANTS.—Use four pounds of sugar to nine pounds of currants, and heat them gradually till they come to a boil. Black currants canned the same way make an excellent sauce without further cooking and are very nice for pies and tart