

CHARITY.

'Tis charity to think with love
Of every poor man's case ;
To feel our hearts with pity move
At sight of misery's face.

To help when need and deep distress
Are o'er our pathway thrown :
Then when the object's worthlessness
May be to us well known.

To give—not where we feel inclined
But where we see the need :
For all who seek will surely find
Some helpless poor to feed.

And yet true hearted charity
Neglecteth not her own :
Or yet remains content to see
The wants of them alone.

MENTAL RECREATIONS.

SOLUTIONS OF QUESTIONS IN LAST NO.

Riddle.—That the little finger is not so long as the middle finger.

Enigma.—A Hat.

Rebus.—Seat ; cat ; sea.

Arithmetical Question.—When the cat reaches the top on the last day she descends no more ; then $63 - 7 = 56$ feet to make good ; and $11 - 7 = 4$ feet made good every day ; also $56 \div 4 = 14$ days.

DRAWING-ROOM GAME.

A new drawing-room game has been introduced, which presents some novel and attractive features. It is called Squaring Words, and is described below. The apparatus consists of a few scraps of writing paper and a pencil for each player.

The game should be played with words of three, four, five, or six letters ; more than six will be too difficult. The words should be chosen either by a person who remains independent of the game, or at random, from a vocabulary. The game may be played either for a small pool, to which each player contributes, or for forfeits. If for a pool, a prize may be awarded to the player who first squares the word, and another to the second.

The operation of squaring a word may be best shown by example. It may, however, be described as follows :

WORDS OF THREE LETTERS.—*Example.*—To square the words

CAT DOG TEA PIG RAP
A O E I A
T G A G P

Having written down the word horizontally and perpendicularly, (as above,) you must find other letters to complete the

square, which will also read in words both horizontally and perpendicularly—thus :

CAT DOG TEA PIG RAP
ATE ONE EAT ICE ALE
TEA GET ATE GET PET

Words of three letters are generally very easily squared, and should only be used for the purpose of teaching the game.

WORDS OF FOUR LETTERS are more difficult. *Examples:* To square *Love, Milk, Lamp, Town* :—

LOVE MILK LAMP TOWN
OBEY IDEA AREA OBOE
VETO LEAN MEAT WONT
EYOT KANT PATS NETS

WORDS OF FIVE LETTERS are more difficult still. *Chair* may be squared with the help of *Haddo, Adieu, Ideas,* and *Rosce.*

With SIX LETTERS the difficulty increases progressively. Here, however, we may achieve the apparent impossibility of

Squaring the Circle.

CIRCLE
ICARUS
RAREST
CREATE
LUSTRE
ESTEEM

The six Words required to perform the feat, may suggest the following cognate reflections : 1. We have the *circle* to square, which is regarded as a mathematical impossibility. 2. A man who attempted an impossibility, and failed miserably. 3. That which the accomplishment of an impossibility would be. 4. That which only the Omnipotent can accomplish. 5. The physical expression of Glory. 6. The mental expression of the same

Sometimes in squaring six letters we may have recourse to two, or even more words, as in the word *Dominio* :—

DOMINO
ONE DAY
MERITS
IDI DIT
NATIVE
OYSTER

Here we have *One day* and *I did it*, for lines. The sequence of *Native* and *Oyster* is curious enough ; though very curious accidents of this kind are not uncommon in the game of SQUARING WORDS

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The R. M. steamer *Arabia* arrived this morning with English dates to 5th inst.

The harvest is safely secured. In a few districts crops still remain wholly or partially ungathered, but these are the exceptions. In the southern counties the "harvest homes" have commenced ; and in the midland and northern districts nearly all the wheat has been stored. Not only is the quantity abundant, but the quality is excellent.

It is again announced that agents of the Federal Government are actively recruiting in Ireland.

The success which has attended the cultivation of cotton in Italy is of the most gratifying character, and gives promise in future years of profitable investment of capital and an abundant supply of labour for the unemployed Italians.

It is almost impossible to close one's eyes to the indications of a coming struggle in Italy, the results of which will not be confined within the limits of that kingdom, but will be felt more or less the wide world over. An anti-Austrian spirit is spreading through all classes of the people, and a demonstration in favour of united Italy would be popular, but the difficulty is how to carry it out.

The King of Prussia on Monday paid a visit to the Queen of England at Roseman, and the Emperor of Austria paid a similar visit on Thursday.

A meeting of Hungarian notables will shortly assemble at Pesth, under the presidency of the Emperor of Austria, to discuss measures that may bring about the settlement of the Hungarian question.

The Frankfort Congress of German Princes, towards which the eyes of Europe have been turned for the past week, has concluded its sittings, and the kings and petty princes have returned to their respective dominions. Notwithstanding the opposition of some of the minor sovereigns and the absence of Prussia from the Congress, the Emperor of Austria appears delighted at what he terms "the complete fulfilment of his hopes of a direct co-operation on the part of the German Sovereigns."

The French recognition of the Southern Confederacy, it is said, rests with the Emperor, and there are therefore strong probabilities that his decision will be speedily promulgated.

The Assembly of Notables, which declared Mexico an empire and invited the Archduke Maximilian to ascend the throne, has completed its labours by confirming the appointment of a regency to conduct affairs till the new Emperor shall arrive.

By a letter from Vera Cruz it is ascertained that Juarez has been abandoned by all his followers of note, and with an escort of only a few hundred men he is now awaiting at Potosi the hour to leave his country.