

**The Three Nine's Puzzle.**

According to the London Tit-Bits there was a cranky arithmetician in Athens who worried the philosopher Plato by his propositions. But, Plato devised a way of getting rid of him. When the crank one day proposed to inflict on him a lengthy oration, the philosopher cut him short with the remark (*fide Tit-Bits*): "Look here old chappie" (that is the nearest translation of the original Greek term of familiarity), "when you can bring me the solution of this little mystery of the three nines I shall be happy to listen to your treatise, and, in fact, record it on my phonograph for the benefit of posterity."

Plato then showed that 3 nines may be arranged so as to represent the number 11, by putting them in the form of a fraction thus:

$$\frac{9 \times 9}{9} = 11$$

The puzzle he then propounded was, to so arrange the three nines that they would represent the number 20. It is said that the crank worked 9 years at it and then gave up the ghost. But it is easy enough provided you know how. Can any reader of the REVIEW find the solution and send it to us for the next number?

The province of the Dominion of Canada with their area and population are:—

	Area	Population.
Ontario . . . . .	260,862	2,182,947
Quebec . . . . .	351,873	1,648,898
Nova Scotia . . . . .	21,428	459,574
New Brunswick . . . . .	27,985	331,120
Manitoba . . . . .	73,732	255,211
British Columbia . . . . .	372,630	178,657
P. E. Island . . . . .	2,184	103,259
Saskatchewan . . . . .	250,650	91,460
Alberta . . . . .	253,540	72,841

The total population of the Dominion is now estimated at over 6,000,000.

**Anatomy in Rhyme.**

How many bones in the human face?  
Fourteen, when they are all in place.  
How many bones in the cranium?  
Eight, unless you've mislaid some.  
How many bones in the ear are found?  
Three in each, to catch the sound.  
How many bones are in the spine?  
Twenty-four, like a clustering vine.  
How many bones in the chest are found?  
Twenty-four ribs, to the sternum bound.  
How many bones in the shoulder bind?  
Two in each—one before, one behind.

How many bones are in the arm?  
The top has one; two in the forearm.  
How many bones are in the wrist?  
Eight, if none of them is missed.  
How many bones in the palm of the hand?  
Five in the palm, pray understand.  
How many bones in the fingers, then?  
Twelve bones, plus two and repeat again.  
How many bones are in the hip?  
One in each, where the femurs slip.  
With sacrum and cocyx, too, to brace  
And keep the pelvis all in place.  
How many bones are in the thigh?  
One in each, and deep they lie.  
How many bones are in the knee?  
One, the patella, plain to see.  
How many bones are in the shin?  
Two in each, and well bound in.  
How many bones in the ankle strong?  
Seven in each, but none is long.  
How many bones in the ball of the foot?  
Five in each, as the palms were put.  
How many bones in the toes, all told?  
Just twenty-eight, like the fingers hold.  
There's a bone at the root of the tongue to add,  
And sesamoids eight, to what you have.  
Now adding them all, 'tis plainly seen  
That the total number is 214;  
And in the mouth we clearly view  
Teeth, upper and under, thirty-two.

—Chicago Record.

**Current Events.**

The sudden death of the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, which occurred in Paris on Christmas day, has been made the occasion of remarkable demonstrations of sympathy and friendship. Representatives of the French, British and Canadian governments were present at the funeral ceremonies in Paris; and fifteen thousand French troops under arms took part in the ceremonies. At Cherbourg, the remains of the late minister were received on board the British battleship Dominion, sent by the British government to bring them to Canada. The selection of the Dominion, one of the newest and largest ships of the British navy, for this service, probably suggested by the fact that she was named in honor of Canada, was in itself a great honor. On her arrival at Halifax, a funeral train was waiting to convey the dead to Montreal, where the interment took place on the 25th, with full military honors.

The elections to parliament in the United Kingdom are going strongly in favor of the new government, Mr. Balfour, the late Prime Minister, being among the defeated candidates.

In connection with the present visit of the Prince of Wales to India, an event of much importance has been the reception of the Lama of Tibet in audience. When the Dalai Lama fled last year, at the approach