

Uncle Tom's Department.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES,—How often we hear boys and girls express a wish to have nothing to do! "Humanity is said to be constitutionally lazy," but the experience of some cannot but contradict the assertion. Nevertheless the youthful mind often acquires that disrelish for actual labor, which grows with its growth, unless some vigorous motive is brought to bear upon such. They become useless members of society, and miserable creatures when associated to put forth their dormant energies. Many young people who have wealthy parents have no ambition for themselves beyond a butterfly existence, and affect ignorance or contempt of the blessings of labor. To be idle is to be miserable. No one has a right to be idle though he be heir to millions of wealth. Man is born to work. The best safeguard against the many temptations which assail our youth of both sexes is a well-defined, systematic habit of industry according to circumstances, tastes and duty. Life is full of temptations to the indolent that the industrious know nothing about. Industrious habits bring many casual payments, among which are health, self-respect and the regard of those whose esteem we value. Dear nephews and nieces, have you some fair goal to which you aspire of wealth, culture, education? Improve, then, the moments, and fritter not away in idleness; dissipation or fruitless repining the valuable time. Set your heart and will on that to which you aspire, and make circumstances bend to your will, instead of being controlled by circumstances, and you will achieve a victory all the more complete and brilliant for conquering difficulties.

UNCLE TOM.

PUZZLES.

11—CHARADE.

1. My first is liked by most folks very hot;
My next, though personal, be not offended!
My last is harmless if you touch it not.
My whole is oft for cleanliness intended.
2. Enveloped in a solemn gleam my first is often seen,
And sometimes dressed in bright array reflects upon the green;
My second forms a sweet retreat where you and I might stray,
And while we walk with converse sweet enjoy the lovely day.
My whole is a vegetable fair
With flower of purple dye;
And fruits that hang in clusters thick,
Delightful to the eye.

FRED. WILSON.

12—PUZZLE.

- If to a vehicle you will but add
The period of time which each one lives;
You'll something see oft on the table laid—
To many an epicure it pleasure gives.

J. N. T.

13—CHARADE.

- To the animal kingdom my first doth belong,
My second belongs to the fruit;
My whole you will probably have to obey
If it is proper and happens to suit.

EMILY.

14—TRANSPPOSITIONS.

- Transpose a rent into a thicket; transpose part of a book into an insect; transpose an animal into a plant; transpose a river into a sting; transpose a fruit into a fish; transpose a mineral into valley.

15—RIDDLE.

- One day my master shut me up
And stamped me on the back;
Then sent me from before his face
On a venturesome track.

- I might have thought him cruel,
But he was, in fact, a friend;
And his own right hand safe guarded me
Unto my journey's end.

16—LOGOGRIPH.

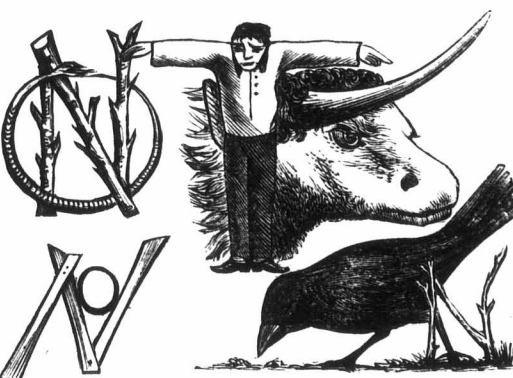
I am a word of ten letters:
My 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 is part of one's body.
My 4, 2, 8 is an animal.
My 8, 9, 2, 10 is a drop of salt water.
My 10, 2, 1 is an animal with horns.
My 5, 6, 2, 10, 8 is what I live by.
My 5, 6, 3 is a fowl.
The whole is the name of a large town in England.

17—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

My first is a bird with a very long bill,
If my second could catch him he'd eat him at will;
My third is a part of the human frame,
My fourth is a Jewish Christian name;
My fifth is brought from climes far away,
In my sixth some children are oft sent to play.
Initials read downwards a battle will name,
And finals a Prince who fought at the same.

NESSY HARRY.

18—PICTORIAL REBUS.



19—DIVISIONS.

1. Divide a piece of furniture and leave a district and garment. 2. Divide a weapon, and leave a boy's nickname and a bird. 3. Divide something discordant, and leave an ornament. 4. Divide a man of rank and leave a river.

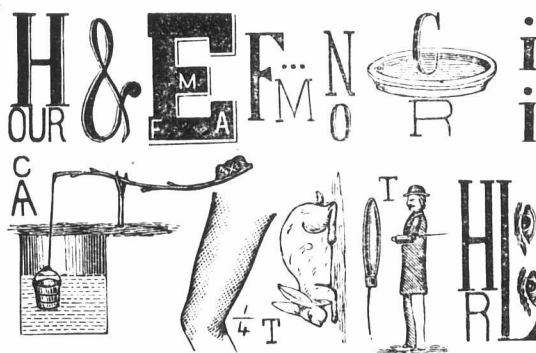
T. W. M.

20—SINGLE ACROSTIC.

The initials will form a proverb: 1—A boy's name; 2—a fruit tree; 3—a quadruped; 4—a verb; 5—a fluid often used; 6—a part of speech; 7—a measure; 8—a vowel; 9—a short sleep; 10—a little flower; 11—what soldiers do; 12—a public conveyance; 13—a dried fruit; 14—a color; 15—a bird; 16—a well-known fish.

21—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

I am composed of 22 letters: My 4, 14, 6 is what many long to hear when 10, 19, 3, 14, makes them ask a question. My 22, 7, 5, 8, 18, 2, 6, is something nice to eat either raw or cooked. My 11, 1, 20 is a marsh. My 9, 13, 21, 15, 16, 17, 12 is to finish; and my whole is an adage.



Answer to Illustrated Rebus.

"Honor and fame from no condition rise;
Act well thy part—there all the honor lies."

Thus: H on our (honor) & fame f row m no c on dish on (condition) R II's (rise); act well thigh (thy) 4 (part)—T hare (there) awl (all) T he (the) H on R (honor) L eyes (lies).

An M. P. I. sends the following as the answer, which is not quite according to the illustration. Others have also failed in answering rebuses on very small points. An answer must be right or wrong:

"Honor and fame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, for there all the honor lies."
We re-insert this rebus, as some of our readers do not fully understand how to make them out.

We insert some for amusement, and some we hope may bear good fruit. There are some people now so firmly fixed in their ideas that nothing can change them. Habits grow like grain or weeds; some tend to honor, some to dishonor. The mothers of the rising generation would like good morals implanted in their children. Is there any easier and more pleasing manner than to have a little girl or boy pore over such a rebus as this for a few minutes to find out a little, then throw it aside and take it up again; then say—"Oh! mamma, I have found it out." That's a good girl; now remember it all your life, and act on it. Little boys, ask papa if this is true; show it to your school master—yes, your Sunday-school teacher, too, if you choose. It is a good and lasting principle; if you always follow it you will live and die happy, and you will make others happy.

Temporary advantages may be apparently obtained by deviation from the above maxim, but wealth and power fluctuate. When wrongfully obtained they do not bring happiness. There may be a great display; the ball and the dance may proceed; the wine may be consumed; fine mansions may be erected, and all the luxuries that wealth can purchase may be procured. Yet the possessor may be and often is a more miserable being than the hungry beggar who asks a piece of bread at his door.

Pictorial Rebus.

Any subscriber sending us the correct answer to the pictorial rebus in this issue, accompanied by the name of new paid subscriber, will receive fifty cents.

Answers to January Puzzles.

- 1—Stockholm, Colorado, Ohio, Timer, Terrier.
2—Veni, vidi, vici.
3—1, CaP, AnnO, EIM, SaP, AnniE, Rugby; 2, BelloW, LeaH, AlkalI, CrypT, KalE; 3, SuN, OhIO, UndeR, TomTIT, HannalH.
4—Longfellow, Evangeline—Lillie, Olav, Nina, GoslieN, FiG, ElaineE, LaureL, Levi, OteroN, WinE.
5—THE SPASM CHARLES SILENT
6—ICE COG ARC SOLEMNIZE CORMORANT INSURGENT VAN ANTE
7—Honor and fame from no condition rise;
Act well thy part—there all the honor lies!
8—Tablecloth—Sandringham—Table, able, bale, ale, la; 2, Capitulate.
9—Ashton, Swansea, Carlisle, Maidstone, Liverpool, Scarborough, Westmorland, Buckingham, Castleton, Dartmouth, Harrowgate, Ramsgate.
10—K-ircher, N-elson, O-thman, W-ellington, L-eonidas, E-dward, D-arius, G-regory, E-manuel, I-rene, S-olomon, P-ope, O-ates, W-ickliffe, E-ugenie, R-omulus—Knowledge is power.

Names of Those Who Sent Correct Answers to January Puzzles.

H Westlake, R D Watson, George Hoover, Hon N B Troop, M P P, Hattie Haviland, John Spencer, Mrs T A Rothwell, Thomas Phillips, Moses Pierce, Rebecca H German, Royal Grafton, Wm Van Blaricorn, Wilhelmina Mercer, W Wallace, Fred Ray, Jane Lutz, L A Clinton, C N Dury, James Carr, Jos Plummer, C L Clayton, Mary McKnight, H T Harris, Annie Cole, Lillie Morgan, Harry Anderson, T W Craig, M Summers, George White, Leonard Phillips, Nelson Adams, Wallace Cruickshank, Emily Wise, J W Brown Edmund Willis, Samuel Scott, John Adams, Eva Parnell, Josephine Auld, Clara Baldwin, Mary Bridge, Jonathan Frank, E Turner.
Credit is due Wilhelmina Mercer for having answered the greatest number of puzzles correctly.

An Apology.—"But, Freddy, how could you ever think of calling aunty stupid? Immediately go to her and tell her that you are sorry." Freddy goes to aunty and says: "Aunty, I am sorry that you are stupid."

"The only jokes women like to read are those which reflect ridicule upon men." "Yes," says a contemporary, "on taking up a paper a women invariably turns to the marriage column."