

PUZZLEDOM.

ANSWERS FOR LAST NUMBER.

I. DIAMOND.—

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N

II. HIDDEN TREES.—1. Plum, 2. Damson; 3. Fig.

III. ABSENT CONSONANTS.—
Changing, fading, falling, flying,
From the home that gave them birth,
Autumn leaves in beauty dying,
Seek the mother breast of earth.

IV. DOUBLE ACROSTIC.—

D e a R
E l s E
A b b A
R a p S
T r i O
H o r N

NEW PUZZLES.

I. BIBLE RIDDLE.

Beneath Philistia's sunny skies
They roamed o'er hill and dell;
They quenched their thirst at morn or eve
At Beersheba's well.

Within a rich sojourner's tent
They helped a woman's plan,
To have her will and circumvent
A blind and aged man.

She placed the two on willing hands
Of her beloved son,
Who bore them to the old man's couch,
And, by their presence, won

The treasure that he coveted.
Now let it be understood,
These two, though they helped on a fraud
From first to last were "good."

II. DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

1. A lake in Switzerland.
2. A river in northern Asia.
3. A city in New York.
4. A bay on the coast of Newfoundland.
5. An island of the West Indies,

land.
The initials form a European city,
the finals an African river.

III. CHARADES.

1. My first is an iron pin, my second is first, my whole is a glass vessel.
2. My first is a urion; my second is a period; my whole is a slavery.
3. My first is to deprive of bones; my second is finery; my whole is a kind of lace.
4. My first is to supply with bones; my second is a row, my whole is a plant.
5. My first is a large bird; my second is a small house, my whole is a kind of sleigh.

HOUR GLASS.

1. A multitude.
 2. Ranking.
 3. A musical instrument.
 4. A bird.
 5. In America.
 6. An animal.
 7. A fowl.
 8. To frolic.
 9. With wicked intent.
- Centrals name a poet.

LITTLE SINS.

DO you know how the Suspension Bridge below the Niagara Falls was built? It is a light, airy structure to look at, but weighs many tons. Over it heavily-loaded cars pass and repass each day. How were those huge wire cables, each of them as big round as a man's arm, carried across the stream? The span is some 750 feet. The height of the bridge above the water is 238 feet—higher than the Bunker Hill Monument—higher than our loftiest spires. How deep the water is below has never been ascertained. The current is so swift, and the pressure of the water between the banks so great, that the lead is thrown to the surface before it reaches the bottom. Now, how were those cables on which the bridge is suspended stretched across this rushing, foaming flood? No boat could cross, of course. But the engineers resorted to a novel expedient. A boy's kite was sent up on one side of the river, and carried by the wind across to the other side. There it was suffered to fall. To the string of the kite was attached a cord, and to the cord a rope. Thus a communication was established, and a single cable suspended. On this the daring inventor, in his iron basket, crossed and re-crossed, until all the wires were stretched from bluff to bluff, and the whole structure was complete.

So a single sin, even a small sin, may draw after it the most weighty consequences. The only safety is in avoiding, if possible, the first sin. It is the first false step, in many cases, that ruins. Beware, then, of the first sin, the first oath, the first glass of strong drink, the first falsehood, the first petty dishonesty.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

A. D. 29.] LESSON I. [July 2.

A LESSON ON HOME.

Mark 10. 1-16 Commit to memory v. 13-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. Psa. 101. 2.

OUTLINE.

1. On Marriage, v. 1-12.
2. On Childhood, v. 13-16.

TIME.—A. D. 29, during Christ's ministry in Perea, about a month after the crucifixion.

PLACE.—Perea, east of Jordan.
PARALLEL PASSAGES.—Matt. 19. 3-15; Luke 18. 15-17.

EXPLANATIONS.—*From thence*—From Galilee, probably stopping at Jerusalem on his way. *Farther side of Jordan*—The province of Perea, east of Jordan, a region which he had never before visited. *Resort . . . again*—For some months Jesus had been in retirement with his disciples. He now meets with crowds of people once more, only a month before his death. *To put away his wife*—In the ancient world the wife was the property of her husband, and could be set aside at his will. *Tempting him*—Trying to lead him into some mistake or wrong teaching. *What did Moses command?*—By this he showed respect for the word of God as given by Moses. *A bill of divorcement*—By Moses' law a man who divorced his wife was required to give her a writing stating the reason why she was divorced. This was much better than among other nations, where the husband could do as he pleased, with or without reason. *The hardness of your heart*—The law was made as the best that could be given to a people who were tending to wickedness. A stricter law would have been neglected; and this law was very loosely interpreted by the scribes. *God made them*—Thus God established the relation of marriage. *Put away . . . marry . . . adultery*—Christ's law is, therefore, much more strict and high than that of

Moses. *Touch them*—To give the children a blessing. *Of such*—Those who enter Christ's kingdom must come in the submissive spirit of children.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

How are we here taught—

1. The duty of love at home?
2. The duty of bringing children to Christ?
3. The duty of seeking salvation as little children?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Where did Jesus teach during the last month of his life? In Perea, east of Jordan.
2. What did he there teach concerning marriage? That God established marriage.
3. Who were brought to Christ for his blessing? Little children.
4. What did Jesus say of children? "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The family relation.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

44. What were their peculiar laws, considered as a nation?

The laws which God gave the children of Israel, and which were peculiar to them as a nation, were such as related to their peace and wars, to their houses and lands, to their wives and servants, to their lives and limbs.

A. D. 29.] LESSON II. [July 9.

THE RICH YOUNG MAN.

Mark 10. 17-31. Commit to memory v. 21-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.

One thing thou lackest, v. 21.

OUTLINE.

1. The Cross Required, v. 17-21.
2. The Cross Rejected, v. 22-27.
3. The Cross Rewarded, v. 28-31.

TIME.—A. D. 29, while Christ was in Perea, immediately after the events of the last lesson.

PLACE.—Perea, east of Jordan.

PARALLEL PASSAGES.—Matt. 19. 16-30; Luke 18. 18-30.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Kneeling*—Showing reverence for Christ as a teacher. *Why callest thou me good?*—Christ wanted to find whether he meant what he said. *None good*—Showing that Jesus was God, if he was good.

Defraud not—Here in place of "Thou shalt not covet," as coveting leads to fraud. *Loved him*—Because of his sincerity, earnestness, and noble purpose. *Sell . . . and give*—The apostles had thus left all their possessions, and Christ offered him a place among them. *The cross*—The burdens of being a disciple. *Went away*—Preferring his riches to the honors of a disciple. *How hardly*—With what difficulty. *Astonished*—Supposing that the rich were fortunate, while Christ counted them unfortunate. *Trust in riches*—That is, make the things of the world their chief aim in life. *Easier for a camel*—An Oriental manner of speech, meaning "exceedingly difficult," but not to be understood literally. *All things are possible*—For God can change even the heart that trusts in riches. *Left house, etc*—As many disciples of Christ have done, giving up all for his service. *Shall receive*—That is, shall find in the service of Christ that which will more than repay for all losses, even in the midst of persecutions. *First . . . last*—Many rich here shall be poor hereafter, and so on the other side.

TRACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in the lesson do we find—

1. That we must obey God's law?
2. That we must submit wholly to Christ?
3. That we must give up all that keeps us from our duty?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What did a young man ask of Christ? How to find eternal life. 2. What did Jesus tell him to do? To keep the commandments. 3. What did the young man say to this? "All these have I kept." 4. What did Jesus then command him? To sell all and follow him. 5. How did he receive this? He went away sad. 6. Who did Jesus say find it hard to enter God's kingdom? Those who trust in riches.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Eternal life.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

45. Why did God himself give them such particular rules about these common things? God gave the children of Israel many particular rules about common things, to distinguish them from all other nations as God's own people, and to show that he was their King as well as their God.

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