

[FOR THE CRITIC.]
DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

1. An ornamental flower.
2. What is not within our view.
3. A degree of suffering.
4. Name of an ancient people in Great Britain.
5. A conversation.

When love fills the breast of a certain fair dame—
The initials give the cause and the finals the name.

C. H. W.

THE CRITIC will be sent free for one year to the person giving the only correct answer to above puzzle. When two correct answers are sent in, THE CRITIC will be sent free for six months to each of those answering correctly. Answers should arrive at CRITIC Office before Tuesday P. M., marked answer to puzzle.

Answer to single acrostic published last week:—

DELEGATION.
ORACULARLY.
LIQUIDATOR.
LIEUTENANT.
ACCOMPLICE.
RANUCULUS.

SOOTHSAVER.
INHUMANITY.
GUILLOTINE.
NOMINATING.

Dollar Sign (\$).

TIT-BITS.

The bookstores and several other stores in the city, are displaying assortments of Christmas cards that cannot fail to tempt the affectionate and the sentimental. If you are sending your distant friends a card apiece don't forget to send also a copy of THE CRITIC CHRISTMAS EXTRA; nothing like it was ever before produced in this Province, and it is to be had for *only five cents*.

Always use your own brains rather than those of others.

He that gains well and spends well needs no account book.

The following verse, which was written in England nearly fifty years ago, was lately given as original, in a P. E. Island paper:—

"What is a communist? One who has yearnings
For the equal division of unequal earnings—
Idler or bungler, or both, he is willing
To fork out his penny and pocket your shilling."

Herd of elephants usually consist of from thirty to forty individuals; but much larger numbers, even upwards of one hundred, are by no means uncommon. A herd is always led by a female, never by a male. In localities where fodder is scarce, a large herd usually divides into parties of from ten to twenty. These remain at some little distance from each other, but all take part in a common movement, such as a march to another tract of forest. These separate parties are family groups, consisting of old elephants with their children and grandchildren.

More than half a century ago, a good New Hampshire deacon, by the name of Day, living not far from the White Mountains, had seven children—six daughters and one son. They were known as his six weak Days and one son Day.

A REMINDER.—Old Lady 'Now, porter, you're quite surd you've put all my luggage in?—the big portmanteau and:—'—Porter: "All right mum."
—Old Lady: "And you're certain I've not left anything behind—"
—Porter: "No, mum, not even a copper!"—Punch.

A prominent clergymen calls the face "the playground of the soul." Then a book agent's cheek must be a prairie.

If one wishes to avoid the restful pleasures and comforts of a home, he must travel.—*New Orleans Picayune*.

A manufacturer of Breslau, Germany, is said to have built a chimney over fifty feet in height, entirely of paper. The blocks used in its construction, instead of being brick or stone, were made of compressed paper, jointed with silicious cement. The chimney is said to be very elastic, and also fire-proof. Picture frames are now made of paper on the continent. Paper pulp, glue, linseed oil, and carbonate of lime or whiting, are mixed together and heated into a thick cream, which, on being allowed to cool, is run into moulds and hardened. The frames are then gilt, or bronzed in the usual way.

"Let me see," said a minister who was filling out a marriage certificate, and had forgotten the date. "this is the fifth, is it not?" "No, sir," replied the bride with indignation, "this is only my second."

So deadly is the climate of Central America, that it is said that under every sleeper on the Panama railroad, lies the form of a Chinaman in his last sleep.

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