

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. D. R.—A decimal point should have been placed before the last five; the answer would then read $6\frac{1}{2} = 6 + .5 = 6\frac{1}{2}$

PETER.—Thanks. Similar suggestions will be always welcome.

NEKO.—It would have been better to have written "A son."

THEMISTOCLES.—You will see that we have availed ourselves of several of your contributions to our P. C. Will be glad to hear from you again.

G. C. G., Quebec.—Your proposal is under consideration, will write you respecting other translations in a few days.

E. H. A.—Much obliged to you for the information; should you recollect the date and source of the article referred to, please be good enough to write us, as we would willingly devote some attention to the subject.

A VOICE FROM THE CROWD.—We would rather "shake hands" than quarrel, at any time, especially with our friends, and will willingly consider the hatchet buried. Shall be glad to receive your proposed contribution, and doubt not it will prove of value to many of our readers.

P. A. B.—Please accept our thanks. Will reply to your last letter as requested, so soon as some pending arrangements are completed.

I. L., Hamilton.—The tale is fairly written, but we must decline it. The subject is hackneyed.

ENQUIRE.—Epping is a small village about twelve miles from London, situate on the borders of the celebrated Epping Forest. It seems strange that cholera should have broken out in this locality before visiting any of the large and overcrowded cities of England, but this dread visitant baffles all calculations, and sometimes strikes where least expected.

Q. E. D.—Thanks. Your contributions will appear in an early issue.

BESSIE.—Declined with thanks.

ARTIST.—We have quite a number of contributions on hand similar to those you forwarded. It would scarcely be in keeping with good taste for us to insert the second.

VIRGIL.—"Was I to go to town" is incorrect, the phrase should be "were I to go to town."

H. H. H.—Will hand your note respecting the copies per mail to the Publisher. Accept our thanks for the problems.

MYRA G.—The tale compares favourably with many we receive, but is not sufficiently well written to warrant its publication. If you intend to "try again," avoid such expressions as "gents," and pray be more careful in your orthography.

J. L.—We shall be happy to hear from you again.

SALVIA.—If accepted, will write you respecting future articles.

SOLO.—J. T. S.—To band, thanks!

CHESS.—According to the strict law of the game, while you hold your piece you may move it anywhere allowed by the rules; but when you quit your hold the move is completed, and must be abided by. You are not compelled to cry check when you attack the Queen.

LESTER.—Lord Byron was the author of the celebrated cockney enigma commencing, The Vido Vord you may search and my fellow not find,

I dwells in a Wacnum, deficient in Vind;
In the Wisage I'm seen, in the Voice I am heard,
And yet I'm invisible, gives went to no Vord, &c.

W. J. P.—THE READER has no interest in party politics: and cares but little whether Mr. Brown's or Mr. Macdonald's nominee proves successful in a controverted election.

Puoro.—We are unable to answer your question.

GEORGE.—Fools make feasts, and wise men eat them.

A GOOD-NATURED fellow, who was nearly eaten out of house and home by the constant visits of his friends, was one day complaining bitterly of his numerous visitors. "Shure, and I'll tell ye how to get rid of 'em," said an Irishman. "Pray, how?" "Lind money to the poor ones, and borrow money of the rich ones, and nather sort will ever trouble yo agiu."

HOUSEHOLD RECEIPTS.

PICKLE AND PRESERVE JARS.—Remember that pickle and preserve jars should always be washed in cold water, dried thoroughly, and kept in a dry place. If they are washed in hot water, it cracks their glazed surface, making them porous, and therefore unfit for use—since one of the great points in pickling and preserving is thoroughly to exclude the air.

SHREWSBURY CAKES.—Weigh one pound of flour, into which rub half a pound of butter and six ounces of sugar, make a hole in the centre, into which break a couple of eggs, and add sufficient milk to form a flexible paste, which roll out to the thickness of a penny-piece, and cut it into small cakes with a round cutter; bake them in a moderate oven. Ginger cakes are made precisely as the above, but adding half an ounce of ground ginger before mixing; and cinnamon cakes, by rubbing in an ounce and a half of ground cinnamon after the paste is mixed.

APPLE AND SAGO PUDDING.—Pare and core as many apples as will set into the dish in which the pudding is to be baked; fill the hole in the cored apple with ground cinnamon and sugar; take as many large spoonfuls of sago as you have apples; mix it with a little cold water; turn in as much boiling water as will fill the pudding-dish; stir it all the time till it begins to thicken; then cover it up, and let it stand about two hours, until the sago swells; then turn it into the dish, set it into a pretty hot oven, and bake it two hours. To be eaten with sugar and cream.

CHANCELLOR'S PUDDING.—Take a tin mould, or a small tin pan; butter it well. Split and stone some large raisins; place them on the sides of the buttered tin about two inches apart; slice a stale brick-loaf, and place it around the pan. Have ready twelve eggs well beaten, and seasoned with lemon or peach-water, and one cup of cream. Set the pan or mould into boiling-water; turn in the eggs and cover it up, and let it boil two hours. When it is done, turn the mould over into the dish, and let it stand about ten minutes before removing it, for fear the pudding should break. Serve it with a rich wine sauce.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

A WOMAN said in a police-court the other day, that before marriage her husband pretended to be much struck with her, but now she was every day struck by him.

WHAT is the difference between a woodman and a toilet mug?—One is a *hewer* of wood and the other a *ever* of water.

DIFFICULT YET EASY.—If a police officer is after you, the best thing you can do is to lock the door, and then *bolt* yourself.

A MORNING PAPER tells us of the sad case of a man who was shipwrecked and cast upon an uninhabited island, *without a shilling in his pocket.*

CROSS-BREED.—"Is that dog of yours a cross breed?" asked a gentleman of a canine vendor. "No, zur; his mother was a very gentle and affectionate creature."

POSSIBLY.—A lady, playfully condemning the wearing of whiskers and moustaches, declared:—"It is one of the fashions I invariably set my face against."

WANTED TO KNOW.

WHETHER the medium of the city papers is a spiritual one?

OF what kind of resin the pitch of the voice is composed?

BY whom the sign of the Times was painted.

BY whom the march of improvement now going on in Montreal was composed?

MUSEUM CONTRIBUTIONS.

ONE of the rockers from the cradle of the deep.

A KEY to a lock of hair.

PART of the hem of the val of Cashmere.

A PAIRING of the nail of the finger of scorn.

DEFINITIONS.

CAR-GO.—Motion of a car.

CANTICLE.—A lie to tickle.

CHILD-HOOD.—A bonnet for a child.

CHAR-LET.—A married man.

CUR-TAIL.—A dog's narrative.

DE-CALOUSE.—To dress a stick.

AN Irish lawyer addressed the court as "gentlemen" instead of "your honours." After he had concluded, a brother of the bar reminded him of his error. He immediately rose to apologise, thus:—"May it please the court—in the hate of debate I called your honours gentlemen. I made a mistake, your honours."

A MAN named John Bunyan was recently summoned before a magistrate because he would not "move on." The magistrate remarked that he was surprised a man bearing the name of Bunyan should be wanting in "progress."

TRIED AND ACQUITTED.—A person looking over the catalogue of professional gentlemen of the bar, with his pencil wrote against the name of one who was of the bustling order, "Has been accused of possessing talents." Another seeing it, immediately wrote under, "Has been tried and acquitted."

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.—"I don't so much care about the high price of meat now, as I am going to effect a tremendous saving in other respects; I am resolved that henceforth my children's washing shall not cost more than fourpence a week."—"Fourpence a week! Why, do you know that you have got two boys and two girls?"—"Precisely, but I have seen a very respectable place where they advertise, 'Kids cleaned at twopence a pair,' and I intend sending them there for the future."—*Punch.*

VICES AND NOSES.—Many persons are led by their vices as there are many who are led by their noses: but there are a far greater number who follow both without any leading at all.

PICKING AND CHOOSING, NOT PICKING AND STEALING.—A young thief, who was charged with picking pockets, demurred to the indictment, saying that he had never picked pockets, but had always taken them just as they came.

A CAUTIOUS BET.—An old and most respectable tradesman at Quebec, on being asked if he ever speculated at a race, replied—"I never bet more than a halfpenny bun in my life, and then I made a stipulation that if I lost I was to have the first bite."

A STUDENT declaiming vigorously and eloquently on "The Language of Man," burst forth with "The indispensable contributions of the inferior members of the animal kingdom to our noble language, and—" but here his tutor stopped him, and requested an explanation of the "indispensable contributions" referred to; whereupon the student, without being at all abashed, replied, "They may be found, sir, in such words as *dog-matism, cat-echism, cro-nology, pus-illanious, duc-tility, hen-pecked, ox-ygen, cow-slip, pigment, ass-teroid, and rat-ification.*"

REMEDIAL.—"I claim, may it please the court, that there is no wrong, there can be no wrong, without a remedy!" grandiloquently exclaimed a young lawyer the other day, while arguing a case.—"Well, now, let us see about that," quietly replied his opponent. "Suppose that distance lends enchantment to the view, and the view refuse to return it, what remedy will distance have in that case?"

HOW TO CURE TIMEING.—"They have a singular way of punishing robbery in China," said a missionary, who had just returned from the Celestial Empire, to a number of friends who had called in to hear his account of things in that land of marvels.—"Does it cure the offender of his unfortunate propensities?" eagerly inquired a "philanthropist," whose interest in human beings was in exact ratio with their villainousness.—"Well," replied the missionary, "I never saw the punishment inflicted but once. I will tell you how it was done, and then you can judge for yourself as to its reclaiming and converting powers. They put the culprit in a large mortar, and then fired him head foremost against a stone wall."