

## Puzzles.

## 1—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

My 10, 23, 4, 22, 5, is a cutting instrument.  
My 9, 24, 15, 11, 20, is a fishing net.  
My 19, 1, 8, 16, is principle.  
My 13, 21, 3, 26, is tidings.  
My 2, 18, 14, 7, is to discover.  
My 6, 12, 17, 25, is to notice closely.  
My whole is a well known axiom.

ED. A. FAIRBROTHER.

## 2—JANUARY, 1890.

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- Across—1. The progenitor of the human race.  
2. A problem difficult to be resolved.  
3. A friar licensed to beg within certain bounds.  
4. That which nourishes.  
5. To impede.  
Down—1. Pertaining to or having wings.  
2. An edifice.  
3. To leave out.  
4. The demon of the Persians.  
5. To discourage by fear.  
6. To alter for the better.  
7. A place of traffic.

FAIRBROTHER.

## 3—CRYPTOGRAM.

1. Avive ghwtw Z cvebfaf  
Xszexgve yl V-Kgveazo zccozeaxof.  
2. Avive eswrxhov fxzevw gsrati, be  
Jszg bgsvef nzl vfgvon gb  
Yo fhsa, shjvive Zythew  
Gsol Zccozr Gb yr.

A. T. REEVE.

## 4—CHARADE.

Dear Cousin Harry, you're very kind  
To ask us all to come  
And spend our Christmas Day with you,  
Down in your TOTAL home.  
I'd like to, oh! so much accept  
The invitation too,  
But have no one to escort me,  
And so it would not do.  
And, then, if we should all accept,  
There such a crowd would be,  
You'd be so busy shaking hands  
You'd forget to get the tea.  
I pity your dear sister,  
(Or sisters, if there's two),  
If they'd to do all the work alone  
Of preparing that menu.  
Say! Did you catch the turkeys,  
The chickens and the geese?  
And did you help your sisters  
To rob each of its fleece?  
Did you help to stone the raisins,  
And the lemon peel chop fine,  
For the plum-pudding which you say  
You give us when we dine?  
I fear, dear Cousin Harry,  
Your conscience will give you smite,  
For when you think it over  
You've done nothing but invite.  
I fear your sister's patience  
Will the utmost bounds have passed,  
And she'll give you the FIRST and go to live  
With some other lad in the LAST.

ADA ARMAND.

## 5—ANAGRAM.

He lived in a tub! He lived in a tub!  
And about him the world made a great hub bub.  
His means of egress I've been thinking upon,  
And concluded there must have been one "side gone."

## 6—CHARADE.

Our friend H. A. W.'s up to some trick;  
FIRST, he invited us all down to (sea);  
What a jolly old dinner, so slick,  
He would get up for you and for me.

Let's see, there was to be pudding and pie,  
Turkeys, ducks, chickens, and geese;  
With roast beef cooked on the sly,  
And bacon fried in the grease.

He even inferred that his sister's delight,  
I think that he has lots of cheek;  
Would be making me wash the dishes 'til bright,  
I hope he LASTS the job for a week.

Snowbird, he says, may have all the crumbs,  
As they fall from the table so fine;  
I think that our cousin surely COMPLETES  
That his him asking us down to dine.

## 7—CHARADE.

On my first you may find  
Many a juicy seed,  
On which man and beast  
With equal pleasure feed.  
My second is a fabric, and  
It may be coarse or fine;  
Besides, it is a deadly snare,  
Contrived with fell design,  
My whole a mark of disgrace,  
'Tis thought by careful folk,  
And tho' as fine as flimsy lace,  
Was never wrought by hand.

HENRY REEVE.

## 8—CHARADE.

I once more call on all the girls, FIRST the LAST of days of yore,  
To join the charmed circle of puzzlement once more.  
See! Uncle Tom looks lonely, and really do you know,  
I fear his kind old heart will break if you COMPLETE him so.

ADA ARMAND.

## 9—CURTAILMENT.

Happy New Year, hail to thee,  
As thy smiling face we see;  
Now, LAST old year's past away,  
Shall we work or shall we play.

It matters not our rank or station,  
We need a little recreation;  
So here goes a puzzle or two,  
Solve, FIRST friends, 'tis play for you.

Though your efforts with success  
Have not been crowned, says little Bess;  
"Try again" and let there be,  
"No such word as fail" for thee.

The WHOLE of these few words you'll find,  
Is to promote the puzzling mind;  
So puzzle away, ye puzzlers gay,  
Until another New Year's day.

FAIRBROTHER.

## 10—PUZZLE TO HARRY WOODWORTH.

## Diagram—

53	55	72	73	105	104	99	98
54	56	71	74	106	103	100	97
57	70			102	101		
58	69	75	76	77	78	79	
59	68	84	83	82	81	80	
60	67			91	92		
61	66	85	87	90	88	86	
62	65	86	88	89	94	96	

14	13	1	28	40	41
15	12	2	27	39	42
16	11	3	26	38	43
17	10	4	25	37	44
18	9	5	24	36	45
19	8	6	23	35	46
20	7	22		34	
21				33	

## A.—(From 1 to 6) my

(33 to 39) (8 to 13) for  
your kind (55 to 64),  
and allow me to wish  
you the (84, 7, 85, 86,  
17, 34, 53, 40, 15, 61, 91,  
98, 48, 101, 88, 54, 13,  
96, 74, 33, 91, 92).  
Family ties (65 to 73),  
me from coming for  
that (21 to 26), and I  
would have (48 to 27),  
the (75 to 83) (40 to 47)  
in the pleasure I

would have derived from being with you and your company. I, (88 to 96), you will still continue to work for (14 to 19, 6 to 20), (73, 72, 64, 10, 38, 42, 102, 76, 56, 8), in the (105, 104, 99, 98, 106, 103, 100, 97), and give us some more of your (87 to 95), (23, 29, 30, 31, 32, 45, 33) to solve. I am, as ever, yours,

HENRY REEVE.

## 11—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



## Answers to December Puzzles.

- 1—FOG 2—Loves—solve.  
3—DUCKS 4—Within.  
5—PARTAKE 6—Good intentions.  
7—OCTAGON 8—Facetious.  
9—IMAGINE 10—Capacity.  
11—GROAN 12—Willow.  
13—END 14—Wintry.

- 3—APPLE C  
FARMS IOU  
ER ROLL  
ISOW GRUNT  
ENDS ADIEU  
NI NE FA IRE RE  
DP AT ON C HEAD

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- 6—(1) Love cannot enter the heart without bringing with it a train of other virtues.  
(2) Thou shalt always have joy in the evening if thou hast spent the day well.  
7—"Small cheer and great welcome make a merry feast."  
8—Merry Christmas, Glad New Year.

Key: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z M L K J I H G F E D C B A

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