

TO PUZZLE CONTRIBUTORS.

We have no more puzzles on hand. We hope to hear from some of our contributors before next issue.

Answer to Double Acrostic published last week.

S O I L  
N I S I  
A R A B  
R O A R  
L A R A  
E W E R  
R U B Y

TIT-BITS.

Read the following illustrations of the importance of punctuation ; and if you ever feel unkindly towards a printer who had dropped a comma from your article, just grasp him gently by the hand and thank him for not having done worse and made you appear an out and-out idiot. The illustrations are old but not generally known.

1. "Every lady in this land  
Hath twenty nails upon each hand ;  
Five and twenty on hands and feet,  
And this is true without deceit."

In the same, not in other, words :—

"Every lady in this land  
Hath twenty nails ; upon each hand  
Five ; and twenty on hands and feet,  
And this is true without deceit."

2. A barber's sign, as understood by the customer :—

"What do you think ?  
I'll shave you for nothing,  
And give you some drink."

How different, when explained by the barber as follows :—

"What ! Do you think  
I'll shave you for nothing,  
And give you some drink ?"

Here is something to please the spelling reformer :—

If an S and an i and an o and a u, with an x at the end, spell "Su,"  
And an o and a y and an e spell "i," pray what is a speller to do ?  
Then if also an s and an i and a g and an h o d spell "side,"  
There's nothing much left for a speller to do but to go and commit Siouxeve  
sighed. —Chicago News.

KEEPING HIS PLACE.—Sir George : "Look here, John ; my lady complains that when you see her in the street you never salute her. What do you mean by it?" John : "Beggin' your pardin', Sir George, but in a book on ettykotty which I possess, it is set down the lady ought to bow first."—Judy.

"I see that the emperar of Germany has conferred the order of the red eagle upon General Wolseley," observed Ebenezer Jones to Zebedee Smith.

"Yes, so I noticed. Is that the principal German order?" asked Smith.  
"Oh, no."  
"What?"  
"The principal German order is 'Zwei Beer.'"

An exchange says: "Last week a stranger came to our town with a turned up nose and run down boots." A town with a turned up nose and run down boots cannot hope to become a great commercial center.

A country boy applied to an editor for a position. "Have you ever done any newspaper work?" the editor asked. "Naw," the boy replied, "but I ken do it," then, noticing the editor tearing wrappers from exchanges, he said: "I ken do that sorter work better'n the next man, fur I allus wuz a boss hand at shuckin' co'n."

It has been arranged that a sum of £100,000 is to be taken yearly from the King of Bavaria's civil list for the payment of his Majesty's private debts.

Benjamin Fish, secretary of Barnum's big show, has handled over \$10,000,000 during the past ten years without making, so far as known, a single error.

London pays \$7,000,000 annually for milk, and possibly ten times as much for beer.

In Paris the dress-making trade represents the movement of \$50,000,000 a year, and gives employment to 30,000 women. Some of the society women spend as much as \$20,000 a year on their costumes.

Cars made of compressed paper are to be used on a New York street railway.

Lord Wolseley is writing a history of Marlborough's campaigns.

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