the muscles of his face, he strengthens them by a powerful action of the abdominal muscles. Hence, he speaks by means of hie stomach, although the throat is the real source from whence the sound proceeds. Vocal imitations are much less striking and ingenious than the feats of ventriloquism. Extraordinary varieties of voice may be produced by speaking with a more acute or grave pitch than usual, and by different contractions of the mouth. Thus may be imitated the grinding of cutlery on a wheel, the sawing of wood, the frying of a pancake, the uncorking of a bottle, and the gurgling noise in emptying its contents.

J. H. F. in emptying its contents.

A Letter from Truro, N. S.

My Dear Cousins, - "A Happy New Year" to you all. Here we are on the threshold of another year. Soon we will write 1889 with as much familiarity as we now write "1888." I wonder if any of you regret saying "Good-bye" to old friends and scenes? There is something sad to me about the closing year. It is then we sit down, and as we review the past see where we failed often in our duty.

There are many spots in the past years we would each, no doubt, gladly have effaced, still there they stand. The opportunity past we can only profit by the experience, and try to do better in the next year, if spared.

Now, as we stand face to face with the New Year, I wonder how many good resolutions we are making, and how many of us will succeed in keeping one-half of those we do make?

In the words of a dear poet: "Life is real, life is earnest." And we must keep that thought constantly in mind.

Our happiness in after life depends greatly on our youthful habits, associations and training, and in a great measure we are what we make ourselves. If we aim at a pure and lofty ideal we will rise higher than if we only try to be ordinarily pleasant and comfortable. If we start out in youth to be kind, courteous and obliging, and above all to cultivate cheerfulness, we will reap the benefits in after life, and so will our friends.

Not long ago I heard some one remark that a friend of theirs was "such a comfortable person to have with one because they were always happy." Can we not weave that thought in with our good resolutions for the New Year? and help to make others more comfortable by our presence. "Lend a hand" would be one nice New Year's motto. Should we adopt it?

I suppose, no doubt, you each had a very merry Xmas, and only regretted at its close that it could not come again for twelve long months.

Would some of my young friends like to hear of how I spent "Xmas" two years ago, with a cousin on the Pacific coast. We were in the beautiful city of Oakland, and on Xmas morning we started for a long drive in an open buggy, no overcoats or wraps needed. We drove through the country, finding green fields and lovely flowers in bloom. Arriving at a beautiful lake, we saw dozens of young people out rowing or sailing, and enjoying themselves; then home to dinner, where we met our friends and had a profusion of flowers and fruit adorning the table. After dinner, my little cousin and I went to the garden and gathered a basket of roses, pansies, tube roses and daisies, to take to a friend. In the evening, we all gathered together and told Xmas stories. Now, wouldn't you think

that a funny way to spend Christmas? Of course, we missed "Jack Frost" and the snow. We are all alike, in one respect; we all start the New Year together, and will, perhaps, have some similar hopes, plans and good resolutions. You must now write and tell me some of your experiences, through the columns of the ADVO-CATE, if Uncle Tom has no objections.

A. P., Truro, N. S., Many thanks to Miss Alice for her good letter. I shall be very glad to insert letters of interest from any of the cousins.

Puzzles.

1-CHARADE.

My whole is a fireplace.

Curtail me and I am a fireplace in the body.

Curtail me again and I am to obey.

Behead me and I have the power to judge harmony.

Transpose, I am a verb.

2-NUMERICAL ENIGMA. My 5, 7, 10, 12, is a timid animal.

My 3, 4, 2, 7, 12, is a beverage.

My 8, 10, 1, 12, 9, is tired.

My 6, 7, 4, 12, 3, 9, is almost.

My whole, composed of 12 letters, is something all hone for

> FRANK RIDDLE. 3-ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



4-A LIGHT PUZZLE.

An insect; a verb; an interjection; a sharp-pointed instrument; to flow gently: a verge. pointed instrument; to flow gently; a vege-table; a picture; a river in Africa; a do-mestic animal; for shooting; a bereaved woman; a fowl; edg-ings; a town in Fing-land; a large island; land; a large island; to squeeze; idiotic; a kingdom in Europe; "the lightbouse of the Mediterranean;" a group of large islands. The sentence, indicated by the stars, tells what the diagram is intended to represent.

HARRY A. WOODWORTH. 5-CHARADE.

Merry Christmas now is past, And a new year has begun; All first prizes are awarded, To the winners, every one.

If you have not been successful, "Try again," says Uncle Tom; What we want is busy workers, In the cause of Puzzledom.

Uncle Tom still holds the last Of this grand enterprise; "Persevere till you succeed," Total, all the honor lies.

FAIRBROTHER. 6-Transposition.

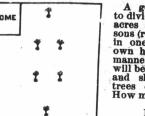
Het vaber nam si ton eh how selef on rafe, Rof htat ewre bthuris dan rrailation; Tub eh, hwose bleon lous ti sfrea bduesus, Dan ylbrvae rades eth nadgre turean sskrich rofm. HENRY REEVE.

7-SQUARE WORD,

An animal.
 Sharp.
 A kind of grain.
 An ancient garden.

SNOWBIRD.

8-FARM PUZZLE.



A gentleman wishes to divide his farm of 640 acres among his three sons (reserving 40 acres in one corner for his own home) in such a manner that each share will be of the same size and shape, with two trees on each share. How may he do it?

FAIRBROTHER.

9-CURTAILMENTS. Curtail a country and leave a coin.
Curtail a marine animal and leave a body of Curtail a flower and leave kitchen utensils. Curtail a gem and leave a fruit.

10-DROP VOWEL PUZZLE. ID-DROP VOWEL PUZZLE.

- h-pp- n- y-r t- th- -dv-c-t-,
-nd -ll th- g-rls -nd b- s;
G--db- --ght-n h-ndr-d -nd --ght---ght,
W-th -ll y-r sp-rts -nd j--s.
N-- p-zzl- -w- y- p-zzl-rs g--,
Th-t th- -dv-c-t- h-p-s t- h--r fr-m,
-nd -n th- n- y-r, d- y-r b-st t- ch--r
-r j-ll- -ld -ncl- T-m.

HARRY A. WOODWORTH.

11-CHARADE.

What is that which steals on my first? 'Tis a sound which my second explains; And my whole my good father gave me. 12-TRANSPOSITION.

Who linvay, rothing fintine boutler dan fiters, Het yamn retih balsour pemyol!
Cines lal taht si lurty ledtighufl ni file,
Si thaw lla, fi yeth sapeel yma jenyo-rynob.

Answers to December Puzzles.

BLINK LINK INK 2-Uncle Tom's Prizes. 3-Christmas Greetings. Oh use the precious hours to-day. To gather knowledge while you may; For quickly hasteth time away, Then never be "too late."

Little things should not be despised, for Many threads will bind an elephant, and Many drops will make a river.

7-Sometimes. 11—Satin finds some mischief still for idle hands to do. 12-Corkscrew R A N U L A Mississippi River. Mediterranean Sea.

Let all hearts with gladness bound, Let all hearts be good and true: "Peace on earth, good will around,"

Peace on earth, good will Be our motto ever true.

ABIDE BANE INN
CRUDE RISE 9-(1) Truse USE cock 9-(1) Turkey. (2) Wood-cock. (3) Partridge. (4) Venison. (5) Pota-toes. (6) Ox Tail Soup. (7) Pickles. (8) Coffee. (9) Pudding. (10) Pumpkin Pie.

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