

TWO ENIGMAS.

I am composed of eight letters:—

- My 1, 2, 3, is a nickname.
- My 6, 4, 7, 8, is a common adjective.
- My 6, is the beginning of everything.
- My whole is what doctors desire.

I embrace nine letters:—

- My 7, 6, 4, tells of time.
- My 1, 8, 9, is the same.
- My 2, 3, 6, is a pronoun.
- My whole is a name which is becoming widely known

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Answer to Diagonal Puzzle published last week:—

NEW FERRY
EEL
WOW
FORFEIT
EMBLEM
RECTORY
REFINERY
FROMANRY

TIT-BITS.

The evil consequence of smoking are illustrated by Mt. Vesuvius, which constantly suffers from eruptions.

Why was Prince Bismarck like an always hungry boy? Because he had hardly commenced trying to gobble up the Caroline Islands when he cried for Samoa (some more).

A PROFESSIONAL RETALIATION.—Two actors at a certain theatre (call them A and B) were always quarreling. At a dinner, where both were present, A took special pains to annoy B by uncomplimentary remarks. "Now look here said B, "I've put up with this sort of thing long enough. If you say another word, something will happen that has never happened to you before."

"I'd like to know what that is!" said A.

B got up and left the room. A few minutes later, A was called out by a message that B wished to see him; and he got up and went into the hall, expecting to have a fight on his hands. The rest of the company filed out to see the fun. B was outside.

"What do you mean by calling me out here?" asked A, in a rage.

"I told you something would happen that has never happened to you before, and it has. You have been called out for the first time."—*Texas Siftings.*

SAFETY IN WEAKNESS.—A dinner at a cheap restaurant displays signs of irritation just because the waiter happens to have spilled a plate of soup over his coat. "Don't worry, sir, don't worry," says the head waiter: "it is 7 o'clock." "What in thunder has that got to do with it?" yells the victim. "After 6.30, sir, our soup doesn't grease."

A dude in one of the new cape coats looks like a perambulating pen-wiper.

A New York firm advertises "Amateur painting fired." We don't blame them; we would fire it ourselves.

It is curious how much faster a street car goes when you are running for it than it does when you are riding on it.

Parson Downs confesses that he "don't know in advance what God is going to do." If he did, he probably wouldn't feel so chipper.

In the Art Museum.—Mrs. Fishwacker to friend, pointing to statues of Apollo and Diana. "This, my dear, is the Apollo, and that female there, the Apolonaris!"

"O Arthur, how happy I should be alone with you on a quiet island in the distant ocean!"—"Have you any other wish, dearest Ella?"—"Oh, yes, do get me a season ticket for the opera."

In the ante-room of a Minister of State.—"Is the Under-Secretary of State in his office?"—"Yes, sir, but when he is in he doesn't receive anybody."—"All right, I'll come some day when he isn't in."—*French Joke.*

An extraordinary accident occurred in Yonkers recently. A young gentleman just in fun pointed and snapped an unloaded revolver at his fiancee, and the weapon did not go off. This is the first time this has occurred since the war.

"Is Washington's birthday observed in Texas?" asked a New Yorker who was visiting San Antonio. "Observed!" exclaimed the astonished native, "why, it's venerated. It takes four car-loads of beer to fill the demand on that sacred day."

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