Our Sphinx.

By Uncle Ed.

Goderich, May 30.

WORD SQUARE.

1. A mineral, an image, a mineral, a confederate.

NOVEL PUZZLE.

1. A robber, the name of a country, a dog-house, a British statesman, a short poem, work like a net, an artificer, brave, a prop on which a lever moves, a kind of cake, a flower bed, a salt, an arbitrator.

2. A tree, a musical instrument, a poem, later, a valuable invention, a portion, flowry, a city in Europe, an attack, a period of time, an interjection, a tree. Lizzie.

DIAMOND PUZZLE.

A consonant, mineral in its natural state, places used for baking, something that we all do, a passage into a place, timid, a vowel. Soz.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

Primals and finals name the birds: A sort of poem, a creeping animal, a kind of carriage. Soz.

ANSWERS TO SPHINX.

May, 16.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC—Howard, Dunbar, thus: HanD, OrmolU, WiN, Arab, RegaliA, DoveR.

CROSS WORD ENIGMA—Eagle.

CHARADE—Glencoe.

METAGRAMS — 1. Slatters, latter, later, late, ate, at. 2. Scarable, parable, arable, spar, able, rape, Abe.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—Answers received from Sol, St. Mac and Lizzie.

Odds and Ends.

Why should the Russians be expected to take Kars when they are still in the early stage of the war?

None are so firesome as those who always agree with us; we might as well talk with echoes.

As the young lady remarked about the infant: "How sweet, but how bald for one so young!"

"No pains will be spared," as the quack said when he sawed off a patient's finger to cure a felon.

"There now," said a little girl, rummaging a drawer in her mother, "grandpa has gone to heaven without his spectacles."

When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war, we think; but when American meets American it's "What'll you have to drink."

When one sees a man standing out with an umbrella to keep the rain off from his potato patch we know that he is a book farmer.

Brigham Young has buried 27 mothers-in-law, and he wants the United States to understand that he's not afraid of a mountain howitzer loaded to the muzzle.

Such is the force of habit. It is said Mr. Tilden on arising even now goes to the open window to hear if his country calls, and then, with a smothered sigh, begins to pull his spirt on over his head.

A colored preacher in Barbados recently closed his sermon thus: "My obstinacious bredren, I find it no more use to preach to you dan it is for a grasshopper to wear knee-breeches."

"Susan," said the madame of a boarding school, "you say your young mistress wishes to absent herself from the classroom this afternoon; is the reason for her staying away very urgent?" "Yes, mum, it is very urgent."

A Kentucky dentist undertook to plug one of the back teeth of a favorite mule. He bored, and bored until the drill struck something that caused the hair in the animal's snout to fly in a fine way the coroner explained it, and since then a wild mule has been galloping up and down the country, seeking for fresh worlds to conquer.

A Townsentown man told a story about a flock of crows three miles long and so thick you could not see the sun through it. "Don't believe it," was the reply. "We'al," said the narrator, "you're a stanger, and I don't want to quarrel with you; so, to please you I'll take off a quarter of a mile in the thinnest part."

Sadyk Pasha, lately the Turkish Ambassador at Paris, hearing of "guarantees," told the following anecdote:—"A Jew at Rotschonk was bargaining with a poulterer for a pair of fowls. At last he said, 'Well, I will take them at your price, only I have not by my money with me.' 'Oh, then, said the dealer, 'there is an end of it.' 'Not at all. The bargain is struck. I will only take one of your fowls, and will leave you the other as a guarantee.'

A citizen entered a saloon and called for a cigar. The barkeeper handed out the box, and a cigar was selected but the customer did not appear to be very much pleased with it. "Where's the corned beef?" he inquired. "Corned beef!" the barkeeper repeated. "Why, what do you want with that?" "Well," was the response, "Corned beef and cabbage always go together. I've got the cabbage here," (indicating the cigar,) "and I ought to have the beef to match it!"

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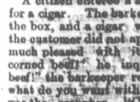

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Since Easter the Pope, by the advice of his doctor, has given up early rising, gives his daily mass sitting, and walks as little as possible.

The largest contributor to the revenue of England is said to be a brewing firm, which pays about $5,000 for every working day in the year.

The supply train of the Russian invading army consists of 14,600 waggons and a large number of locomotives and railroad cars.

A famous relic of Shakspeare, a carved oaken chair, was sold in London last week. The chair formerly belonged to one Paul Whitehead, who so prized it that he refused the use of it to Garrick, who was anxious to have it as his throne at the Stratford Jubilee in 1769.

Eight thousand pianos a year are made in Boston by 19 firms. They employ 2,000 persons, and the instruments aggregate in value about $2,500,000, an average of over $312 each. Three firms do over half the business.

The torpedoes used by Turkey consist of large iron cases cylindrical in shape, filled with some 1,000 pounds of large grain powder, and so arranged as to float within 35 feet of the surface of the water. They are intended to be fired by electricity from the shore.

The Duchess of Edinburgh attended on April 29, in the Russian Church, London, a special service, during which prayers were offered for the success of the Russian army. She was received at the church by Count Schouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador, and the members of the embassy in military uniform.—When the Te Deum was chanted, the priest presented the jewelled cross to the Duchess, who kissed it, as did nearly every one else in the church.

"Show your license before you can get drunk," will now be the cry of the Oregon publicans, whose collective legislative wisdom has just passed a law that no one shall be allowed to drink alcoholic liquors unless he has first paid five dollars for a license. This license he must show every time he wants a drink, and the bar keeper is forbidden under the heaviest penalties to supply any who cannot make this revelation.

Experiments, have recently been successfully made in Italy on a method of burning petroleum under steamboilers, which consists simply in pouring the oil over a thin layer of asbestos. The petroleum burns with intense heat, while the asbestos, being incombustible, is not effected, but serves as a means of retaining the oil and acting as a wick. During the experiments sheets of paper placed beneath the furnace were not injured, although the heat from the oil above was most intense.

A singular case of mistaken identity occurred recently in New York. Mrs. Margaret Alomsley met a man whom she claimed as her husband who had abandoned her two years ago. So vehement waxed the dispute that the parties were arrested, and the woman swore that the man was her fugitive husband, and two witnesses corroborated her statement. The man stated that his name was August Jaeger, and brought his employer to testify that he knew him for seven years past, and that he had a wife and five children. Both were discharged.

One Gerolamo Cavana, of Genoa, claims to have made a discovery whereby water-power may be substituted for steam in all application, even for locomotives and marine engines. He asserts that he is able to use liquids for the production of powerful mechanical effects, his invention resting (1) upon the utilization of the pressure from the bottom to the surface of any liquid mass, enabling him, with the outlay of but a small additional force, to elevate that mass; and, (2) upon his utilizing this mass as a heavy weight, the pressure of which is converted into a driving or other power.

There is a funny story told of the ophicleide. Some Arabs having surprised a detachment of French soldiers in Algiers, the band of the regiment fled in disorder. A fleet horseman pursued the unfortunate ophicleide player, who, encumbered by his instrument, gave himself up for lost. The Arab approached, fury in his eye, with a couched lance; when, just as the musician was on the point of receiving his quietus, terror inspired him with wit; he presented the instrument, like a gun, at his foe, and the Arab wheeled about, fancying it was a portable 10-pounder, and fled the field, leaving musico equally astonished with himself, and far better pleased by his ready *brass*.

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