

## A NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

My 3, 11, 6, 12, 8.—A character described in Uncle Tom's Cabin.  
 My 5, 2, 3, 13, 7.—A people who very recently were much discussed.  
 My 9, 8, 14, 3.—A medical term.  
 My 10, 11, 1, 4.—A name and place too often deserted and uncared for.  
 My 6, 10, 8, 14, 9, 11, 7.—A town of Caria.  
 My whole is the name of a belief or doctrine strongly held by the ancient Egyptians and the Buddhists.

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Answer to Cross-Word Puzzle published last week:—

WORKWOMAN  
 ESSENTIAL  
 AGRIKER  
 PARISIANS  
 MISTLETOE  
 TRILOBITE  
 TRUCULENT  
 ASPERSER  
 ASSISTANT

## TIT-BITS.

Jack—"Grandma, have you good teeth?" Grandma—"No, dear; unfortunately I have not." Jack—"Then I'll give you my walnuts to keep till I come back."—*Doston Beacon*.

Johnny (just after Sunday-School)—"Say, Jack, what is a sockdolager?" Jack—"Why, don't you know? That's what they sing in church when they get ready to go home. The minister gets up and says: 'Let us now sing the sockdolager.'"—*Doston Beacon*.

Jeems knocks a cup off the mantel, shivering it into a thousand fragments. His mistress, hearing the noise, rushes in and stands a moment stupefied by the result of her servant's awkwardness. "O," she cries with tears in her eyes, "my beautiful, old Sevres!" "O," exclaims Jeems, in a joyous tone, a seraphic smile spreading all over his face, "I was so frightened at first, I thought it was something new."—*Paris Figaro*.

A baby does not dissemble. He always hollers when he feels holler.

A misplaced switch—When the wrong boy is whipped.

A horse that every European traveller ought to see this summer—the Mer de Glace.

Auctioneers have a nod way of receiving bids.

The man who ought to "give you fits"—Your tailor.

"Really," confided Angelina to her dearest friend, "I'm getting worried about John. Before we were married, a year ago, he used to pick me up in his arms as if I weighed 10 pounds instead of 136, and now he says it tires him to hold the baby."

JUMBO MARCHING AGAIN.—The little folks may be glad to hear something about the great elephant. You all remember the story of his being brought from the Zoological Garden in London to the United States, and that he was killed last September by the cars at St. Thomas, Ont. Well, Jumbo has been reconstructed, made over, built up, stuffed, set on his feet, and looks almost as good as new. In fact two Jumbos have been made out of one. The skin and the skeleton were sent to Rochester to Professor Ward, the naturalist, who has been four months in getting the restored Jumbo, and the skeleton Jumbo, ready to trail and move. Now this work has been done so well, that you would almost think him alive. His skin weighed 15 hundred pounds. When alive Jumbo weighed seven tons, and stuffed he weighs three tons.

The skeleton will be to many the more interesting of the two Jumbos. The skin was badly demolished by the freight train that killed Jumbo, yet the restoration has been so perfectly done that a critical examination has to be made to discover any indications of the smash-up. Every bone of the huge mammal has been carefully fastened in its proper place and they are as firmly secured ready for travelling.

Scientific young lady to young editor: "What a wonderful thing is space, stretching away beyond the reach of thought! Do you contemplate its immensity?" Young editor—"Indeed I do. I have to fill seven columns of it first rate every week or the boss is after me."

A well-known playwright and wit, having taken a new house, said to a friend: "Well, all will go on now like clockwork." "Ay," said the friend. "Tick, tick!"

Mr. Startup—"I see that Richard Wagner's gondola is offered for sale in Venice."

Mrs. Startup—"Wagner? Wagner? Is that the sleeping-car man?"

Mr. Startup—"No; the musician fellow, you know. The gondola was his favorite instrument."

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