

THE STEPFATHER.

It was in vain that I protested, and told them that my business was still on its old footing. "Business is business," was the common answer. "Of course you did not take young Flukes into partnership for nothing; and of course we do not expect you to tell us how much he brought with him."

"Sixteen years old to-day!" I looked in the glass, half wondering if the tall, fair reflection were really Madeline Mar. I had bloomed out, as it were, all of a sudden. At fifteen I was freckled and awkward, with hands and feet too large for anything but to be perpetually in my way.

"Is Mr. Mar in?" I asked, with dignity assumed for the occasion. "I—I don't know whether he's got back yet." the man answered. "I'll ask Mrs. Parry."

My next is a lake in Scotia's fair land: My total for joy does invariably stand. 82. ANAGRAMS. 1. Quite a formal son; 2. Rose up on chief isles; 3. On he fought, killed ten; 4. O, then, stir real logic; 5. Go near, he stamps letter; 6. Girl, the war is real; 7. He brought in light, brother Jonah; 8. A diviner sky at noon; 9. Can Robert Strong, or I, be heir?

OUR PUZZLER.

78. SHORT CHARADES. I. My primal is upright, my final is cold; My total, equity; its name unfold. II. My first is worn upon the head, my second is a town; And both combined together give a title of renown.

79. TOWNS ENIGMATICALLY EXPRESSED. 1. Company, a useful article, a witch, and two-thirds of a fowl; 2. A female and a vowel; 3. A river in England and a prison (transposed); 4. A boy's name, a London theatre, and a vowel; 5. A color and a Scotch church; 6. A boy's name and a company; 7. A brook (transposed) and a female goat; 8. A kind of meat and an insect (transposed); 9. A tatter, you and me, and a vowel; 10. A consonant, a river in France, and a vowel; 11. Strife and ire; 12. A tree and a Scotch county (transposed).

80. DOUBLE ARITHMOREM. Grant and 102; abe, 1,000; a ton, 512 0; nafter, 2,001; eft, 152; be nearer, 2,100 r; be, 50; you; allure, 150; any hut, 1,001; a neat sue, 250; eat u, 51; lea, 1,100; reap, eat, 5 0; serpent and 102. If you read the initials and finals down, you will find the name of an English poet, and some metrical stories which he wrote.

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