

## PASTIMES.

## ENIGMA.

Where the great Turkish prophet lies,  
Entombed beneath Arabian skies,  
Where Darnley fell a sacrifice  
To his fair consort's ire;  
Where famed Erasmus first drew breath,  
Where Jones reposes now in death,  
Where Keppel gained the victor's wreath,  
I fain would now inquire.

Where Charles the Seventh at length was crowned,  
Though adverse fortune long had frowned;  
Where Constantine, a name renowned,  
Unconscious first saw light;

I also ask: for in our sphere  
A little planet does appear,  
Which these initials will make clear  
To your discerning sight.

- In the midst of peace and war alike  
My first is always seen;  
Without my next, the good or great,  
Would not be so, I ween.  
The eye and ear then claim my next,  
The first, too, in their way,  
My whole of time a period is;  
Now tell me what, I pray.

## DECAPITATIONS.

- Complete I am transparent; behead me I am frequently mischievous; again behead me and I am an animal.
- Complete I am a weapon; behead me I am a fruit; again behead and I am part of the body.
- Complete I am a weapon; behead me and I am what my whole is; transpose and the wise kiss me.
- Complete I am at a distance; behead me and I am near; again behead me and I am before.

## CHARADES.

- My first gives light and heat;  
My next 's oft used to cheat;  
My whole it means to cheer;  
Or "comfort" those most dear.
- The sportsman saunters out with gun and dog,  
And meets with famous sport upon the bog,  
Up starts a covey! takes his aim as erst,  
And fires! when presently falls my first.  
A bar or impediment is termed my second,  
My whole, an ornament, by the fair is reckon'd.
- Along the beach my whole is left,  
In mem'ry of the storm just past;  
But if of tail 'tis now bereft,  
And when transposed, you gain my last.  
Which by the singing waves were toss'd,  
Had struggled 'midst my whole, but lost.
- I am composed of nine letters.  
My 8, 9, 3, 2, 7, 8 was made for my whole.  
My 3, 6, 7 my whole is.  
My 8, 5, 9, 6, 8 my whole probably experiences.  
My 6, 8, 3, 4, 5, 2, 1 is a title in the navy.  
And my whole has been the subject of much recent controversy.

## ARITHMOERMS.

## BRITISH AUTHORS.

- 2,202 and take a leek war pay hate.
- 701 "H larks seen.
- 1,100 "We won yar butter.
- 1,000 "A hen, A horn.
- 500 "Ho toe, he rook.
- 1,601 "Earn ye.

## ARITHMETICAL QUESTION.

A merchant having some brandy at 22 shillings a gallon, and also at 15 shillings a gallon, wishes to make a mixture of 21 gallons, so that it shall be worth 18s. a gallon. How much of each must he take?

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## ANSWERS TO ARITHMOREMS, &amp;c., No. 60.

Arithmorems.—Birds.—1. Cockatoo. 2. Vulture. 3. Partridge. 4. Magpie. 5. Humming bird. 6. Pelican. Fishes.—1. Pilchard. 2. Mackrel. 3. Anchovy. 4. Haddock. 5. Flounder. 6. Dolphin. 7. John Dory.

## SQUARE WORDS.

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| 1. E A R L. | 2. W I N E. |
| A S I A.    | I O E S.    |
| R I O T.    | N E V A.    |
| L A T E.    | E S A U.    |

Enigma.—Smoke.

Charades.—1. Cur-rent. 2. Charles Dickens. 3. Knight-hood.

Arithmetical Question.—The 3rd lamp burns  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon per hour, the 2nd  $\frac{1}{4}$  gallon. The 1st requires to be filled 12 times; the 3rd twice, and the 2nd once.

We give the answer to Mathematical Problem in No. 59, omitted in our last. The ages were 10 and 6 years respectively.

## MISCELLANEA.

THE nominal total strength of the Papal army at the present date is 15,297 men.

IN the reign of James I, when a person was invited out to dinner, he took his own knife with him, and, on entering the house of his host, found a whetstone behind the door, on which to sharpen it.

A Mr. Paris who has been some time experimenting on the means for taking South American beef to England, declares the problem solved, and that it can now be supplied in perfect condition, and in unlimited quantities, at from 4d. to 5d. per lb.

IT is scarcely two months since the sale of horseflesh as food was officially authorised in Paris, and the consumption is now considerable. The establishments for the sale of the flesh are under the surveillance of the government veterinary inspector. A manufactory of horseflesh sausages has just been opened in the Avenue du Clichy.

TELEGRAPHIC OFFICES.—There are 1,000 telegraphic offices in Europe. Africa is connected with the continent by two lines. Egypt and India have each two routes. The latter contains 161 stations; the island of Ceylon has four more. Despatches for China pass through Russia, thence to the frontier towns of Tartary, where, received by horsemen, they are delivered through the empire, reaching Peking.

A STRANGE NURSERY.—An old stable, with one hundred little babes nestling in the horse-troughs, is something of a novelty, but the spectacle is daily to be seen in the locality of Union Street, Borough Road, London. The work has been somewhat recently undertaken by the Rev. George Aldington, who, at his own expense, secured the old stable to form a nursery, and fitted it up, for taking care of the babes of woman obliged to go to char or work, away from home. The hay cribs remain, and serve as cradles.

A NEW GUILLOTINE.—Amongst the curiosities which are to figure in the Exhibition of 1867, the *Evening* mentions a guillotine on a new model, invented by a Prussian, capable of cutting off six heads, and even eight on an emergency, simultaneously. The blade is put in motion by a beam adapted to a powerful steam-engine, and is suspended so as not to fall vertically on the neck, but to cut off the head by a circular and rotatory motion.

EXHIBITION OF HOPS AND BEER.—We hear that an international exhibition of hops and beer is to take place at Dijon, in France, the centre of the Burgundy vineyards, in the middle of October. Gold and silver medals, and other rewards, are offered as prizes, which will also be given for meritorious instruments and apparatus, as well as for papers on the subject. England, the favourite abode of "John Barley-corn," will surely take high honours in this competition.

## WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

WANTED—a lifeboat that will float on a "sea of troubles."

"MESSAGES carefully delivered," as the ear-trumpet said to the old maid.

WHICH is the most intelligent, the man who knows most, or the one who has most nose?

WHAT is the companion game to parlour croquet?—Cricket on the hearth.

WHEN does a man treat a friend most like water?—When he bails him out.

"JOHN did you ever bet on a horse-race?"—"No; but I've seen my sister Bet on an old mare!"

WHY is the circulation of the blood sometimes suspended?—Because it attempts to circulate in vein.

SOME persons seem to obey literally the injunction, "Hold fast the truth;" they never allow it to escape them.

LET any lady paint who chooses. If she raises a hue on her cheek, that's no reason you should raise a hue and cry.

"SHOOT Folly as she flies—Pope," was set up by a stupid printer, "Shoot Polly as she flies—Pop."

A servant girl applied to a druggist a few days since for six pennyworth of the "glory of rhyme" (chloride of lime).

WHAT a suspicious monster the man must have been who first invented a lock; but what a trusting creature the woman who first allowed a latch-key!

WHAT is the difference between an honest and a dishonest laundress? The former irons your linen, and the latter steels (steals) it.

SPODGER says he came across a man the other day who is so conservative that he refuses to take a particular medicine because it promises to work a radical cure.

A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE.—A man tried for larceny called witnesses to character, one of whom said "he had never heard anything against his character, as he was hard of hearing."

A PROMISING PUPIL.—Lady Harley, writing to a friend in 1636, speaks of Ned Smith, Lord Conway's little son, as a fine child, very strong and witty. "Learns apace, and forgets as fast."

SONS AND PARENTS.—"Tommy, my boy, run to the shop and get some sugar."—"Excuse me, ma; I am somewhat indisposed this morning. Send father, and tell him to bring me a plug of tobacco!"

KNOWLEDGE.—"Pompey," said a good-natured gentleman to his coloured man, "I did not know till to-day that you had been whipped last week."—"Didn't you, massa?" replied Pompey; "I know'd it at the time!"

NOTICE.—The following was found posted on the wall of a country post-office:—"Lost—a red kaf. He had a white spot on 1 of his behind leggs. He was a she kaf. I will give three shillins to evriboddi wot will bring hym hom."

"IS THIS so?"—For Notes and Queries. The uncomfortable limp of a lame sheep dog in the North first suggested the expressive word *Colly-wabble* (?)

BACK AND NOSE.—"What's the matter, Cæsar?"—"Dat nigger, datlib down Cat-alley, hit me on do mou' wid his fist."—"Well, didn't you strike him back, Cæsar?"—"No, massa, but I strike him nose."

SO NICE.—One of the very latest styles of ladies' hats now worn is called the "butter-dish." They are a cross between a turtle's shell and a wash-pan. They are so nice.

OCULAR.—Taylor says, "my best pun was that which I made to Sheridan, who married a Miss Ogle. We were supping together at the Shakspeare, when the conversation turned on Garrick. I asked him which of his performances he thought the best."—"Oh," said he, "the *Lear*, the *Lear*."—"No wonder," said I. "You were fond of a Lear when you married an Ogle."

The following is recommended as an excellent recipe for a summer drink:—Take one pint of whisky; stir in a spoonful of whisky; then add one pint of whisky, and beat well with a spoon. Take one gallon of water, and let a servant carry it away beyond your reach; then put two spoonfuls of water in a glass, immediately throw it out and fill the glass with whisky. Flavour with whisky to suit your taste. When it is to be kept long in warm climates, add sufficient whisky to prevent souring.

CURIOSITIES WANTED.—A bunch of blossoms from a railway plant; the topmost bough of an axle-tree; a twig from a branch of trade; a crust from the roll of the ocean; a feather from the crest of a wave; some quills from the wings of the wind; a lock of hair from the head of a column; a hoop from the pale of society; the knife used by ringers when peeling bells; a broom for sweeping assertions; a collar for a neck of land; a quizzing-glass for an eye to business; a rocker from the cradle of the deep; a few tears from a weeping willow; and some down from the bosom of a lake.