

And yet the only answer was—"Guess again."
 "I shan't guess no more, for I know you're foolin', John."

"Well, mother, I've sold it for \$100,000!"

"Good gracious!" exclaimed the mother, when she could get her breath. "What terms did you make?"

"Half cash, and half yearly for five years."

Then human nature spoke out:

"You great fool, we shall never get the rest of the money in the world!"

The money, however, was all paid, and the tract is now owned by Union College, New York.

Publishers' Department.

FREE.—A sample copy of the *COMPANION AND TEACHER* will be mailed free to any Teacher or Trustee who has not already seen one. Teachers, send us the names of your trustees.

PICTURES.—As will be seen in another column, we are still offering these at cost price. Some of the styles are nearly used up, so that those intending to order should do so at once and secure copies of the cheapest pictures that are offered for sale in Canada.

MUSIC.—Our contribution this month will be found sprightly and interesting, and will no doubt prove very acceptable to a large majority of our readers. The plates have been furnished by W. W. Whitney, Toledo, Ohio, to whom we are indebted for them.

A REMINDER.—We refer those interested to the notices in last month's number under "A raid on Trustees," and "To City Subscribers," in this department. We have already heard from a considerable number in response to these, and hope yet to hear from many more.

CHROMOS.—Some of our styles of chromos will not last many weeks longer, as our stock is getting low. When it is too late, some will regret not having sent in their order sooner. We will promise to fill all orders received this month for any chromo on our list, as per rates in another column.

ON TRIAL.—Any one who has never been a subscriber, or to whom we have never sent a free sample copy, may receive the *COMPANION AND TEACHER* three months "on trial" for only fifteen cents. We hope our friends and subscribers will make this offer known, as we know we have only to introduce the *COMPANION AND TEACHER* to ensure its ready acceptance, and the subscriptions of most of those to whom it may be sent.

PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTORS.—We hope to be able at an early date to announce that we have made arrangements with responsible editors from each of the other Provinces outside of Ontario. We find it impossible to collect the latest and most reliable news without the aid of some one located at the points from which we desire to obtain news. Our circulation is increasing rapidly in the distant Provinces, and those of our subscribers who reside in these will have no reason to complain that the *COMPANION AND TEACHER* is a local organ, after we have completed our arrangements.

ALL SERENE.—We were considerably annoyed at the tone of letters received from several cor-

respondents who had thoughtlessly paid money to that agent, Wicks. All but one of these have been heard from, and we are satisfied because they are pleased. We said those were *hot-headed* who thought they could compel us to honor all orders given to Wicks. We knew it was natural for them to feel aggrieved, but heeded not their threats, knowing them to be harmless. One from whom we have just heard seems to be naturally impulsive, as he says: "I shall be more careful in future, and send money direct to 527. *I have certainly been a great blockhead.*" We have not yet sent premiums to all of Wicks' subscribers, but will do so this month, and hope that the lesson we have all received may prove beneficial to us in the end.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.—The following are the winners of the prizes offered in the January number: *First Division*—1st, Albert Walker, Toronto; 2nd, Janie E. Brebner, Sarnia; 3rd, Ettie Kaufman, Plattsville. *Second Division*—1st, Mary Allen, Hamilton; 2nd, Ernest Sliter, Lyn; 3rd, W. A. Cameron, Williamstown. In the third division none competed who observed the conditions we named, but we must make honorable mention of Bella Hammend, Askin, to whom we will send a crayon.

With this number we close this DEPARTMENT, as we have so many claims upon our space in every number that we cannot any longer spare the room. Perhaps when the *COMPANION AND TEACHER* is enlarged we will again introduce it. We believe it has been a source of profit as well as of pleasure to the young friends who have taken advantage of our offers, and regret that we are compelled to bid them good-bye.

The answer to the *Canada Star Puzzle*, which will close the department, is as follows:—

1 to 2, bugle; 2 to 3, eager; 3 to 4, relic; 4 to 5, catch; 5 to 6, heave; 6 to 7, edict; 7 to 8, taken; 8 to 9, never; 9 to 10, raven; 10 to 11, neigh; 11 to 12, haven; 12 to 1, nabob; 2 to 8, education; 4 to 10, COMPANION; and 6 to 12, em lation.

CONGRATULATORY.—Were we to reprint all the appreciatory notices that have been accorded to the *COMPANION AND TEACHER* by our brethren of the press this month, our readers would have not much else to read. In communications from subscribers, as well as in our exchanges, words of encouragement have been received, and it is conceded everywhere that our magazine is deserving of the support of all who are interested in education. One kind editor has been pleased to say that "it is destined to become the *Encyclopædia of Educational Matters* in Canada." That "its editorial and contributed articles on education are clever and interesting, and its selections the very best," seems to be a stereotyped expression. We are modest, but, as a maiden appreciates flattery, so we rather like to be extolled, and can assure our friends that, as in the past, every new number has been some improvement on the previous one, so also will it be in the future. "Onward and upward" is our motto, and there will be no retrogression on our part so long as the *COMPANION AND TEACHER* continues to be recognized as at present—as a journal in every way fitted to supply the want so long felt by the teachers of Canada. Reader, did it never enter your mind that you can help us to build up this magazine in which you as well as we are interested? Help, then, if you can, and you will be helped.