four, answering to the four seasons. Their emblems formerly were, and still are in Spain: for the heart, a cup, the emblem of Winter—the spade, an acorn, the emblem of Autumn-a club, the trefoil, the emblem of Summer-the diamond, a rose, the emblem of Spring. The twelve court eards answer to the twelve months, and were formerly depicted as the signs of the Zodiac. fifty-two cards answer to the fifty-two weeks of the year. The thirteen eards in each suite to the number of weeks in a lunar quarter. The aggregate of the pips calculated in the following manner, amount to the number of days in a year :-

55 Amount in each suite.

4 Suites.

220

120 Court cards multiplied by 10.

12 Number of court cards.13 Number of each suite.

Total, 365

THE questions and problems proposed in the Young Folks Corner, must be answered monthly as they appear. All inquiries and answers for this Corner, must be addressed to the Editor of THE HARP, prepaid.

## QUESTIONS.

- In how many points does the Catholic Church differ from all the other so-called Churches?
- 2. Give in a diagram the derivation of the word News?
- 3. Who wrote the "Pursuits of Literature?"
- 4. Who was "Junius," the author of the celebrated letters under that name?
- 5. What do you understand by the "Second Estate?"
- 6. What by the "Fourth Estate?"
- 7. The sum of two lines is 26 inches, and the difference 8 inches, find the lines?
- 8. If the sides of a triangle be 6, 8 and 12 feet, calculate the segments into which the perpendicular divides the side, whose length is 12 feet?
- 9. What was the National debt of Ireland at the Union. Give the percentage of increase to 1880?

## REVIEWS.

The Western Home Journal.—This well known Catholic paper published at Detroit, Mich., is, we are glad to notice, meeting with great success, so much so that the proprietor has found it necessary to enlarge it to make room for the increased advertising patronage bestowed upon him. We are very glad that the Journal is meeting with such well-merited success. It is now, with one exception, the largest Catholic paper published in the United States.

The Even Faithful Island.—By Rt. Rev. John Hennessy, D. D., Bishop of Dubuque, Iowa.

THE SORROWS OF THE OLD LAND.—By Rt. Rev. John J. Hogan, D. D., Bishop of St. Joseph, Mo.

ENGLAND'S CRIME.—By Rt. Rev. J. L. Spalding, D. D., Bishop of Peoria, Ill.

Three lectures delivered in Chicago, St. Patrick's Day, 1880, by request of the Irish-American Council of Chicago in aid of the Irish Relief Fund.

Great praise is due to the enterprising publisher, Mr. P. T. Sherlock, 115 Randolph Street, Chicago, for being instrumental in rescuing these noble discoures from oblivion, and presentig them to the people in a shape that they can preserve and hand their children to study as grand lessons in Irish history.

## FACETLE.

Every donkey thinks itself worthy to stand with the king's horses; every girl thinks she could keep house better than her mother; but thoughts are not facts, for the sprat thought himself a herring, when the fisherman knew he was not.

A Glasgow minister was recently called in to see a man who was very ill. After finishing his visit, as he was leaving the house, he said to the man's wife, "My good woman, do you not go to any church at all?" "Oh, yes, Sir; we gang to the Barony Kirk." "Then why in the world did you send for me? Why didn't you send for Doctor Macleod?" "Na, na, 'deed na; we wadna risk him. Do ye ken it's a dangerous case of typhus?"