Our Sphinx.

Goderich, May 5.

Sharon Journal.

A novel, a girl's name, a valley noted in song, a month. Lorna.

Natives of a European country, active, a son of Mars, a month, a bird. Turkish.

NOVEL PUZZLE.

Without the, a fabled goddess, a book for house, the, the, the, a, a, a, encumbered.

Primals, name a battle, an book. Ensuit.

A correct transposition of the letters, a kind of food, a kind of wood, harness a horse's harness, a grain, a bird, a plant used for soup, a reflector, green, to educate. Dr. Nimble.

CHARADE.

My first is a gun, my second is a port, and my whole is a city in Scotland.

Pastor will please send answer to this, as he omitted to furnish it in his contribution.

ANSWERS TO SPHINX.

April 15.

WORD SQUARE—

IRAN
ROVE
ROVE
NEBO

NOVEL PUZZLE — Tartan, tandem, demas, Urim, Iman, angel, gelid, title, lever, verbal.

CHARADE—Cow-ardice, Cow-ward. Enigma—Elephant.

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Why is the letter B like a barrel? Because it makes our cheese taste better.

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Dr. Diogenes!

This singular man lived in Greece. He was celebrated for his eccentricities, and especially for his habit of going about with a lantern in the day time, when the sun was shining brightly and went out to search for an honest man, thereby insinuating that such persons were extraordinary scarce. When Alexander, a distinguished military gentleman, paid him a visit, and inquired what he could do for him, he bid the emperor stand a little from the sun's meridian. To cap the climax of his oddities, he dressed like a beggar and lived in a tub! He was a sour, crabbed, crusty old bachelor. We infer that he had no wife, first, because history does not mention her; second, because no woman would take kindly to one of his habits, dress, or manners, or aspire to become mistress of his mansion.—"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe," it is true, but the woman who would live in a tub, and especially with such a companion, has not been heard from. The misanthropic spirit which possessed this man was doubtless due to disordered digestion, and a billious habit, one of the prominent symptoms of which is a morose, faultfinding disposition.—The tongue is heavily coated, giving rise to a bad taste, the appetite is not good, and the patient feels dull, sleepy, or dizzy, and is apt to be fretful. Unfortunately, Mr. Diogenes lived several centuries before Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets were invented, a few doses of which would have relieved him of his "bile," and enabled him to find scores of "honest men" without the aid of his lantern. Under their magic influence, combined with that of the Golden Medical Discovery, to cleanse his blood, he might have been led to take a more cheerful view of life, to exchange his tub for a decent habitation, to "spruce up" in personal appearance, and at last have taken a wife to mend his clothes and his manners, both of which were in evident need of repairs. and become the happy sire of little Diogenes who would have handed down to posterity the name, not of a cynic philosopher, but of a cheerful, healthy, happy, virtuous man!!!

Our personal appearance is a matter in which our friends and acquaintances have a right to a choice whether we shall inflict upon them an exterior unattractive, a countenance marred by a neglected grizzled beard, or a crown glittering of covering, half covered, or the bished, with white hairs, as whether we shall in deference to our fellows, pay due regard to our own persons, and make them presentable and acceptable in society. There are many helps for those who desire to do this, and there are none among them more acceptable than Hall's Hair Renewer and Buckingham's Dye for the whiskers. Both these preparations are kept for sale at all our drug stores, and if any of our friends are looking a little the worse for wear, we advise them to make a note of it.—*North Star, Danville, Vt.*

St. Sardou, the French dramatist, intends to enter the "horse business" on the stage, by introducing a pack of live wolves in his Russian play. A pack has been sent for and is now undergoing training.

Lady: So you wish to leave, cook. May I ask why?—Cook: Certingly, Mim You see, there's only one p'liceman in this 'ole of a place—beggin' the parish's parding—and he's took up with the nupper housemaid. Which it's no concern of mine who takes up with who; but it's well known as the p'liceman is the cook's parkinite.

A little four-year-old boy who had been taught his letters at home and felt his importance, on going to school was called up by the teacher who asked: "Can you read, my boy?" The little fellow stood amazed for a moment at the impertinence of the question, and then exclaimed: "Haint you got cheek?"

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He held the glass up between his eyes and the light, and seeing it was more than half froth, he exclaimed: "And is this a schooner? and has it come to this in the blazing light of the nineteenth century?" He sat the glass on the counter, his manly bosom heaved with emotion, and with a husky voice he said: "Waiter, this is Hesitation!"

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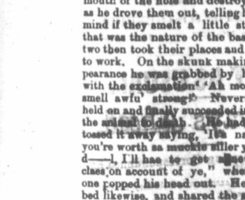

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The mysterious disappearances in New York and Brooklyn within the past three months, number 105, of whom 20 are yet unfound.

Immense Iron Works in Birmingham, England, employing 1,200 men, are to be closed because the miners insist upon the eight hour law.

A movement has been inaugurated to take steps to secure the organization of Dakota territory as a State of the Union.

The French lace trade, in which 30,000 persons in Normandy are engaged, is said to be in almost the bad condition as the silk trade.

Owing to the prevailing drought in the interior of Morocco grain has risen 30 per cent. During last year 470 vessels loaded grain at Morocco ports for England.

The voluntary contributions towards the military expenditure of Turkey up to the end of January show a total of 40,351,321 piastres, or about £365,000 sterling.

Mr. W. Aronsberg, a Manchester optician and Philanthropist, is supplying the aged inmates of British workhouses, hospitals, infirmaries, jails, asylums, &c., with spectacles free of cost.

Mrs. Davis, aged ninety years, who has shaken hands with every President from Washington down, called on President Hayes last week. She told him she had seen Washington lay the corner stone of the capitol.

A report recently made in the English Parliament shows that during the year ending March 3, 1876, the excise duty on alcoholic drinks in the kingdom was £26,612,192, and that on tobacco £7,744,980, making a total of £40,757,170.

At the close of 1876 the public debt of Spain stood at nearly £470,000,000. The manufacturing industries of the country are comparatively insignificant, its natural resources almost undeveloped and its population little more than 16,000,000.

During the celebration of the Pope's jubilee, a pamphlet will be published in Rome to give information about and to the pilgrims. It will be named *Peregrinus Catholicus*, and will appear in seven languages—Italian, French, German, English, Spanish, Portuguese and Polish.

A short time ago a lady residing at Clifton, England, having an income of £5,000 a year, was so struck by the devotion of a young crossing-sweeper to his mother that she proposed to him, placed him in the hands of a tutor for a couple of months, and when he had been intellectually veneered and polished, married him at Well's Cathedral. The experiment was not a success, and the lady is now suing for a divorce.

Atolls.

Thousands of miles away, in the Indian Ocean and that part of the Pacific called Polynesia, there are some of the most charming spots in the world for playing Robinson Crusoe. It would not be convenient, however, to be shipwrecked upon the wrong islands; for some of them are already inhabited, and the swarthy Malays who have built their huts there under the tall cocoanut trees might not welcome intruders. Indeed, the monarchs of these curious little islands in the midst of the ocean know little and care less for what may be beyond its waves. They spend their quiet monotonous lives in little worlds of their own, without desiring to explore lands out of sight. Neither do they care to understand the strange origin of their home in the sea.

These lovely little islands were formed in a very wonderful way. Ages ago there were myriads of little creatures, called coral polyps, or zoophytes, slowly building in the bottom of the ocean.—They had no intention of erecting a monument which would endure as long as the world itself; for they were merely growing in Nature's own way, the way in which the Creator designed they should.

Their tiny bodies were at first soft and jelly-like, with gaily-colored fringes at the top, like the petals of a flower. In the course of time little particles of lime began to accumulate in their sides, until at length they became so stiff and hard as to appear like stone. The young polyps had a very singular way of growing from the sides of their parents, like the buds and branches of a tree, and as the lower ones gradually grew solid and perished new ones were continually growing above. After many years a large and high ridge was formed out of the stony skeletons of these strange little animals. These ridges are called coral reefs or islands. Some of them extend for hundreds of miles in the ocean. Others are nearly circular in form and are of all sizes. After they have reached the surface of the sea the waves wash over them bits of sand, mud, shells, etc., until at length a low but solid and immovable island is formed. Various kinds of trees and vegetables grow upon these islands and some of them are inhabited by man. They are called atolls by the natives. They enclose a small sheet of quiet water, which seems like a peaceful lake set in a verdant ring of land and planted in the middle of the ocean. This inner lake is called a lagoon, and it is generally connected with the ocean by a narrow channel, through which ships sometimes enter and find a safe harbor, even when the breakers are beating the outer coast of the reef in great fury. The atolls or reefs are seldom more than a few hundred yards in width, and the highest portions are not over ten or twelve feet above. The natives are sometimes obliged to lash their huts to the cocoanut trees to prevent their being washed away in very severe storms. But the waves do not often molest them, and they pass lives of indolence and quietness, subsisting mostly upon cocoanuts and fish.

A few years ago a party of American explorers landed upon one of these atolls, and were greeted by the natives as the gods from the sun. They were supposed to have launched their ship direct from that bright orb upon the ocean, at sunset or sunrise, when the sun seems to sink beneath the water.

These explorers also landed at another island, not inhabited by human beings, where the birds had evidently never learned that man is an enemy to be feared; for they allowed themselves to be approached and captured, without appearing in the least afraid.

Such a quiet, lovely spot, with the beautiful lake within and the restless sea without, might possibly make a delightful summer resort; but even Robinson Crusoe would probably become weary of its perpetual solitude and long to hear again the sound of busy life in a larger world.

A young American prima donna, who took lessons in Milan a few years ago, and returned to this country disgusted with the tyranny of Italian music teachers, has engaged as a substitute for a steam whistle in a Massachusetts boot factory.

A Frenchman, having heard the word press made use of to signify persuasion—as "Press that gentleman to take something to eat"—took occasion at a party to use a term which he thought synonymous, and begged a friend to squeeze a young lady to stay.

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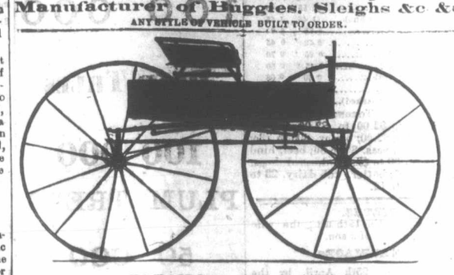

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