

Uncle Tom's Department.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NEICES.—How often we notice our little folks, and some "big folks" too, who feel awkward and embarrassed when in society, owing greatly to the reason of not accustoming themselves, and practising politeness in their every day life at home. This fact is so old that it is new, and the following remarks the same, but like a mirror will stand looking at. How grating to the ear of a refined person to hear a tablefull of people supping soup; it is just as easy to take it noiselessly. When you get to the table wait until the others come before you begin, and if possible, do not get up before the others do. Do not pile everything on your plate at once, and then "eat" till there is nothing left. Take plenty of time to eat even in the busiest season. Keep your elbows to yourselves, and do not insert in you neighbors' ribs. Be very particular to hold your knife and fork properly, and always endeavor to accustom yourselves to good language and interesting conversation at the table. Never use any slang or you will find yourself using it when you do not want to. And now my little nephews when your mother, sister or any lady friend enter, see that they have the most comfortable seats, if you have it to offer. By paying attention to all these and many similar hints when at home they will not only be made to make you an agreeable companion there, but in other society. The most obliging will make the best man or best woman. UNCLE TOM.

PUZZLES.

23—BURIED GIRLS' NAMES.

1. He lent a horse and away he galloped.
2. Over the rugged hills the little vagabond ran.
3. A franc is a piece of money used in France.
4. Queen Mab elects her people—so fairy stories say.
5. How Flora dare do such a thing is a marvel to me.

From your nephew,
CHARLIE.

24—HEAD CHANGE.

Complete I am a word meaning to discover; change my head and I am the will; again and I become a female deer; again and I am the skin of fruit; again and I become human; again and I am a current of air; once more and I am to confirm.
NELLY WESTLAND.

25—A PROVERB AMONG PROVERBS.

One word taken from each sentence in succession will form the answer.

1. "Likeness begets love, yet proud men hate one another."
2. "They that hide can find."
3. "Trade knows neither friends nor kindred."
4. "It is better to be happy than wise."
5. "Gold may be bought too dear."
6. "If you would have a good servant, take neither a kinsman nor a friend."
7. "A gift long waited for is sold, not given."
8. "It is time to sit when the oven comes to dough."
9. "Truly that which is honestly got is gain."
10. "Prudent people always ask the price of things ere they purchase."
11. "Good advice is never out of place."
12. "Friendship is the perfection of love."

26—CHARADE.

To make out my first each good lawyer will try,
And endeavor my second to make it;
Of my whole I am sensible when you are by,
And heartily wish you'd partake it. W. B.

27—CONUNDRUMS.

1. Why is whispering a breach of good manners?
2. Which are the laziest fish in the sea?
3. Which of the reptiles is a mathematician?
4. Why is a newspaper like an army?
5. Why are fowls the most economical things farmers keep?
6. What is the difference between a good oyster and a bad one?
7. Whose best works are most tramped upon?

28—AN OLD MAXIM BEHEADED AND CURTAILED.
Ich-are-pea-re-a-re-e-um.

29—CROSS-WORDS.

1. Two brothers ever keeping side by side, The closer they are pressed the more do they divide.
2. Brothers again unite their ponderous strength, Toiling all day throughout its tedious length.
3. I never met my sister while she flies; I can but follow calling out replies.

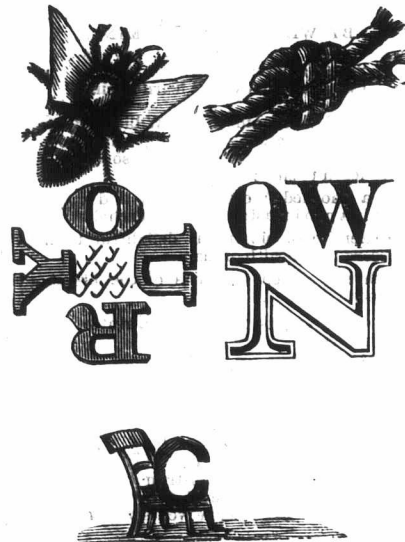
30—CHARADE.

One day I trod a London street,
Though thick the first lay at my feet,
In temper far from good;
What horrid weather this, I thought,
As against the wet and wind I fought,
All drenched my cape and hood.

While grumbling thus a song I heard—
The piping of some little bird,
A second loudly singing;
God's weather, this, it seemed to say,
Why grumble at the rainy day?
Shame and reproach thus bringing.

This lesson firmly to impress,
A whole I saw in raggedness,
Deep paddling by the river;
I gave some coppers to the lad,
And hurried home ashamed and sad.
Now guess my whole, folks clever.
ANNIE STANTON.

31—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



GOOD ADVICE.

Answers to March Puzzles.

- 1—The roof of the mouth.
- 2—Because it should be ground.
- 3—Because what is done can't be helped.
- 4—Because the water is always lean.
- 5—He got Hungary and wanted Turkey.
- 6—Your word.
- 7—Because it always takes knights to play the game.
- 11—Hay.
- 12—1, Gilt, Gilt; 2, Gate, Gait; 3, Hire, Higher; 4, Nose, Knows; 5, Fane, Pain; 6, Rest, Wrest; 7, Ring, Wring.
- 13—Scratch.
- 14—Clandian.
- 15—Let your motto be onward.
- 16—Ellipses.
- 17—1, Pace, cape; 2, Care, race; 3, Time, mite; 4, Page, gape; 5, Tale, late; 6, Live, vile; 7, Lure, rule.
- 18—1, Milton; 2, Wordsworth; 3, Cornwall; 4, Bulwer; 5, Randolph; 6, Rogers; 7, Parker; 8, Woods; 9, Cobb; 10, Petrarck; 11, Chambers; 12, Franklin; 13, Tasso; 14, Humphrey; 15, Sheridan; 16, Hemans; 17, Victor Hugo; 18, Abbot; 19, Trollope.

18.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

S U P E R B
C O U N T R Y
O T H E R
T O R O N T O
T O W N

19.—WORD SQUARES.

I.
H O R S E
O P I U M
R I D G E
S U G A R
E M E R Y

II.
J U N E
U R A L
N A I L
E L L A

20.—WORD SQUARES.

I.
L A K E
A B E T
K E N T
E T T A

II.
S I N K
I R O N
N O T E
K N E W

21.—Coral, Cora, Tra, Or, R.
22.—Spine, Pine, Pin, In, I.
We are happy to credit our niece Minnie Burton with answering the greatest number of puzzles last month.

Names of Those Who Sent Correct Answers to March Puzzles.

Catharine Jane Walker, James M. Jackson, Wm. H. Walker, Amelia Stranbel, Peter S. McLaren, Maggie Blair, Minnie Barber, Minnie B. Fraser, Thomas M. Taylor, W. Broughton, Rhoda G. McKay, Lizzie M. Reid, Jane Thompson, Eva Granger, Emily West, Thomas Muir, Francis McNamane, Jennie McNaughton, Frank Nelson, Eleanor Shore, James McCrae, Harry Johnson, Charlie Main, Jennie Fraser, William Housir, Sarah J. Sutton, Edwin Francis, Samuel Brown, Jane McBet, Carson Nesbit, Joshua Bally, Thomas Mercer, James McDermitt, C. Leach, Maria Summers, Sarah Duffield, G. Lockwood, Edith Williamson, Adeline Chase, Eddie H. Orr.

HUMOROUS.

"Is he a good horse to go?" "Thee would be pleased to see him go," said the conscientious Quaker. A bargain was struck, and a balky horse changed owners. His purchaser in high dudgeon went back upon the Quaker. He defined his position: "I have not lied to thee, friend. I told thee, thee would be pleased to see him go. Now, would'n't thee be pleased to see him go?"

Some confounded idiot has put that pen where I can't find it!" growled a man the other day as he searched about the desk. "Ah um! yes! I thought so!" he exclaimed in a lower key, as he took the article from behind his ear.

There is a man somewhere whose memory is so short that it only reaches to his knees, therefore he never pays for his boots.

Lady (to a little girl of four years)—"What are you going to call you new doll?" Girl, heaving a deep sigh, like some anxious mother—"I shall call it Rosa—if it lives."

"Is you master at home?" inquired a gentleman of the servant of the house at which he was calling. "No, sir," replied the man, "When will he be back?" asked the visitor. "Can't say, sir," said the man; "when he sends me down to say he's out I can never be sure."

Americans are never tired of descanting on the immensity of their institution. Not long ago an Englishman travelling in the State met a Yankee who proudly stated that he knew England well. "I guess," said he, "that I saw pretty well the whole of your country; I was there five days last fall." "And you saw London?" asked the entranced Saxon, "Certainly, I did, sir, and it air a tarntaion big village I do confess; but we have a fall, sir, that would sweep the whole place to Gehenna in a matter of about three minutes." "And where is the fall?" demanded the Englishman, who was geographically knowing. "I mean, sir, the Falls of Niagara." "Then, my good man," said the Saxon, "you are mistaken. All the water that goes over the American side of the Falls would not clean the teeth of half the people in London." And such is almost the fact, for the part of the Falls that comes over in all its force and grandeur belongs to Britain, and not to the States.

A young lady in Wisconsin refused an offer of marriage on the ground that her father was not able to support a larger family.

CHILDISH FREAKS.—"What are you after, my dear?" said a grandmother to a little boy, who was sliding along a room, and casting furtive glances at a gentleman who was paying a visit. "I am trying, grandma, to steal papa's hat out of the room without letting the gentleman know it; he wants him to think he's out."

A grate want—Coal.

Joint affair—Rheumatism.

Policeman's motto—"Give us arrest."

Matters of interest—Government bonds.

Potographer:—"Now, sir, if you'll look a little less as though you had a bill to meet, and a little more as though you'd been left a legacy, you'll be a picture."

They were at a county fair. In one of the booths as a small stand for the sale of watch charms. "Oh, George," she said, "buy me a charm." "Sarah," answered he, "you have too many already."

A gentleman gave a letter of introduction to a student of music about to visit Leipsic, who wished to put himself under the instructions of Professor X., a famous teacher in that city. Upon the student's return home the gentleman asked, "How do you like the professor?" "Oh, wonderfully! He gave me fine lessons; but he is a very singular man. He kept praying all the time he was teaching me." "Praying! What do you mean?" "Well, while I was playing he clasped his hands, lifted his eyes to the ceiling, and kept saying—'Great Heaven, what sin have I committed to deserve this punishment?'"