

SINGLE ACROSTIC.

Two words, of letters ten I am composed  
When written out in full;  
But oftener I'm a mystic sign  
Made of use in college and school.  
When I'm before and in the digits  
I stand for what's easily lost;  
But that I represent a power  
You will find no idle boast.

1. A party sent out.
2. In the manner of a prophet.
3. One that now manages the Steel Co. of Canada.
4. An officer in the army.
5. An associate.
6. A little buttockcup.
7. A prophet.
8. Cruelty.
9. A sanguinary instrument.
10. Naming one's choice politically.

J. C. A.

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Answer to Double Acrostic published last week:—

RUBAR B  
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USEFUL  
MORNING  
EUREKA  
LIVER  
ICEBERG  
ARENA

TIT-BITS.

THE THREE DEGREES.

When a man takes a loaf of bread,  
There's no appealing  
Can make it anything  
But simple, stealing.

When some fat bank becomes the aim  
Of thieves assaulting,  
And loaded down the cashier skips,  
Then it's defaulting.

But when a higher genius comes  
To do the shearing,  
And yank a railroad or a mine  
Its financing.

In the cemetery at Bennington, Vermont, is to be seen the following epitaph:—

Here lies two babes, as  
dead as nits. They died  
between twoague fits. God  
thought they were too good for  
me, so he took them up to He.

and also,

Am she dead and be she gone?  
And lah I living all alone?  
Ah! cruel fate, thou is unkind  
To take she fore and leave I hind.

The money lender never neglects his business. He takes all the interest he can in it.

A Russian proverb—Before you go to war, pray once; before you go to sea, pray twice; before you take a wife, pray thrice.

On the door plate of a St. Louis residence may be read: "Mrs. Gibbs, Elocutionist, Poetess, Washer and Ironer." The ornamental and the useful are here beautifully blended.

"Have you any kids?" inquired a young lady of a new clerk in a glove store. "Not yet," said the clerk with a blush; "I have been married but three weeks."—*Georgia Independent.*

Learning makes young men temperate, is the comfort of old age, standing for wealth with poverty, and serving as an ornament to riches.

Woman is a delusion, madam, exclaimed a crusty old bachelor to a witty young lady. "And a man is always hugging some delusion or another," was the quick retort.

If rich, it is easy enough to conceal our wealth; but if poor, it is not quite so easy to conceal poverty. We shall find that it is less difficult to hide a thousand guineas than one hole in our coat.

THE BUSY BEE.—AN EXAMPLE FOR THE HEN.—A queen bee lays from 2000 to 3000 eggs in twenty-four hours. It is not necessary to ask "How doth the little busy bee?" She doth well, and should be a shining example to the lazy hen that can only be induced to lay one egg in twenty-four hours, and then only when eggs are cheap.

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