MINNIE MAY'S DEPARTMENT.

MY DEAR NIECES, -

I am sure many of you will take advantage of the generous offer made in this issue. I refer to the very valuable gifts to be presented to those who solve all or even part of the "Canadian Puzzle," if they send in the name of a new subscriber and \$1.00 for a year's subscription to the magazine with the list.

It is a contest which cannot fail to delight all our readers-young and old-for it is truly "instructive, amusing and profitable, and any one who spends a few hours in seeking answers to the questions will be amply repaid. The capital prize of \$50 is worth a good deal of hard work; the gold and silver watches are very handsome, and are excellent timekeepers, made by first-class manufacturers. The gentlemen's and ladies' pins are in the design of a Roman Knot, of exquisitely chased gold plate, and set with an emerald, opal or garnet, all equally beautiful. Winners of these prizes are allowed the privilege of stating which gem they would prefer in their pins. As they can be secured by any one who answers eight questions and forwards the name of a new subscriber, I expect many of my nieces will become the happy owners of these lovely pins. The FARMER'S ADVOCATE has so long been noted for its honorable dealings with its subscribers that you need not hesitate to join in a competition which I am confident will be conducted to the satisfaction of all contestants. MINNIE MAY.

Puzzles.

[This column is open to all who comply with the following rules: Puzzles must be original—that is, must not be copied from other papers; they must be written on one side only of paper, and sender's name signed to each puzzle; answers must accompany all original puzzles (preferably on separate paper). It is not necessary to write out puzzles to which you send answers—the number of puzzle and date of issue is sufficient. Partial answers will receive credit. Work intended for first issue of any month should reach Pakenham not later than the 18th of the month previous; that for second issue not later than the 5th of that month. Leave envelope open, mark "Printer's Copy" in one corner, and letter will come for one cent. Address all work to Miss Ada Armand, Pakenham, Ont.]

My 14, 11, 4, 10, 15 is a river in Europe.

My 6, 3, 2, 10 is a town in the United States.

My 8, 9, 13, 12 is a town in Massachusetts.

My 1, 16, 8, 4, 9, 10, 12 is a town in Florida.

My 5, 7, 2, 13, 5 is a river in the British Isles.

My whole is a large body of water.

MURIEL E, DAY.

2-CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

2-Cross-word anima.

In lost but not in found.
In dark but not in light,
In right but not in tight.
In gain but not in loss.
In wide but not in round.
In Adam but not in Kvo.
My whole is a town in Western Ontario.
"Madge."

3-BEHEADING.

I am composed of six letters.

My whole is a class, of dishonest men.

Take away my let and it leaves—an adjective.

Take away my 3rd and it leaves—a noun.

Take away my 3rd and it leaves—a verb, in the past tense.

The two remaining letters with a vowel at the end make a very common and pleasant drink."

PEARL CORRIGALL. PEARL CORRIGALL.

4-NUMERICAL ENIGMA. 1—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

12, 6, 17 is a human being.
4, 2, 11, 14, 10, 8, 17 is a county in Ontario.
13, 3, 4, 10 is to permit.
15, 17, 16, 1 is the past tense of a verb.
1, 10, 7, 20, 11 is the plural of a noun.
7, 2, 3, 8, 5, 10, 11 is a thousand thousand.
18, 13, 19, 7 is a Turkish leader.
14, 10, 9 is to allure.
1 to 20 is a prominent figure in Canadian history.
B. N.

5-DECAPITATION.

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(a) I mean farewell, behead, and I am another name for God(b) I mean quiet, behead, and I am a gift.

(c) I mean frightened, behead, and I mean to marry.

(d) I am a title of honor, behead, and I am darkness.

(e) I mean hatred, behead, and I am a proper name.

(f) I am a political party, behead, and I am a movement.

(g) Behead and curtail a place in Europe and I am a stopping place for ships.

place for ships.

(h) Behead and curtail a word meaning to detest and leave to blaspheme.

BLANCHE MACMURRAY. 6-CHARADE.

Once with force a sportful three
Threw a two against a tree,
Did its polished surface one,
Then did fly till set of sun.
If the total you would find
Bring the saddler's work to mind.
7—RIDDLE-ME-REE.

" KIT."

7-RIDDLE-ME-REE.

My first is in minute but not in hour.

My second is in flavor but not in flour.

My third is in sun but not in moon.

My fourth is in midday but not in noon.

My fifth is in autumn but not in spring.

My sixth is in hand and also in ring.

My seventh is in faith but not in hope.

My eighth is in strand but not in rope.

And now if you study my riddle-me-ree.

The name of a British possession you'll see.

PEARL MOTHERSILL.

8.-IN THE DAIRY.

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Across the floor of smooth flat rocks
The water ripples around the xxxxxx;
Here pussy tiptoes, soft as silk,
And coxes for some warm new xxxx.
But further on a yellow gleam
Betokens thick and luscious xxxxx.
Now skim it at the proper turn
And pour it in the swinging xxxxx.
So to and fro with swish and sputter
That brings out golden grains of xxxxxx;

Next work it smooth with wooden spats
And mold it into dainty xxxx.
This other warm till at a word
It forms a mass of tempting xxxx;
For concentration, as I guess,
We put it in a mighty xxxxx.
Now turn and trim it by degrees
Until it hardens into xxxxxx.
The other part that ran away
O, that is only watery xxxx.

9_NUMBERICAL_ENIGMA. "OGMA." 9-NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

My 3, 4, 12 is a utensil.
My 2, 13, 14 is an affirmative.
My 6, 11, 9 is a part of the body.
My 1, 7, 3 is a climbing plant.
My 1, 7, 3 is a climbing plant.
My 8, 10, 11, 5 is to transport.
My whole is something you can get at a druggist's.
"Bell."

Two letters placed a mile apart Reveal the sunshine of the heart. 11-SQUARE. 1. One who charges exorbitant interest. 2. Sarcasm. 3. A see of ideal perfection. 4. Becomes mature. 5. Sea-holly. "Ogma."

10-RIDDLE.

place of luca 6. To argue. 12-DOUBLE ACROSTIC. 6. A beverage.
7. Pertains to the East.
8. A guif in the north of Asia.
9. A state capital. 1. A Fruit.
2. A parting word.
3. Intelligence.
4. A young fowl.
5. To deduce.
Initials spell the name of an animal; finals, the country in which it is found.

13. WORD SOLARE.

13-WORD SQUARE. My first means faculties. My second is asunder. My second is asunder. My third is rate. My fourth is a manœuvre. My fifth is to stir a fire.

MURIEL E. DAY.

HAZEL.

14.-TRANSPOSITION. Change artful into confusion. Change a Persian king into a mixture. Change a cutter into listeners. 4. Change a cheat into musicians 4. Change repaired into healed.

Answers to Feb. 1st Puzzles. 1—The stone that is rolling can gather no moss.

3-Rape, pear, reap, pare. 2-0 A S I S 4-The FARMER'S ADVOCATE. ARABY 5-Massachusetts. SAFER 6-Nelson. IBERI SYRIA

7-1, Uncle Tom; 2, Ada; 3, Helen; 4, Esther; 5, Irene; 6, Hope

SOLVERS TO FEB. 1ST PUZZLES. Mary Hampton, Blanche MacMurray, "Brownie, "Pearl Mothersill, "Madge," L. Moorhouse, "Hazel, Muriel E. Day, "B. N.," J. S. Crerar, Annie P. Hampton, Chris McKenzie, T. McKim, Lulu, Pearl Corrigall, Maggie W. Scott, "Kit." SOLVER TO JAN. 15TH PUZZLES.

T. McKim.

COUSINLY CHAT.

"Lulu."—I have always time to read the cousins' letters, no matter how long, but generally not much time to reply. "Practice makes perfect," and you already do very well.

"Muriel."—When is "it" to happen?

"Bell."—Am glad our Corner pleases you, and hope you will remain with us. Even part of an answer will count.

"May Boyne."—Come again, and often.
Pearl C.—You have not given full directions for that puzzle you spoke of; I have seen it before; but never saw a correct solution to it. It certainly "puzzled" me long enough. You are improving. Anywhere from ten years upwards, but I know very little about most of them. We have some boys in our Corner, but perhaps the others are too clever to netice us. What do you think?

"Mai."—You are late this time, little girl. I have heard from your chum but not from "Puss"; did I scare her, I wonder? If you have not yet received that address, you soon will.

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Maud J.—Your letter has been forwarded to me. Come, by all means.

W. S. B.—Contribution just came as work was ready to mail. Yes, come back. I receive so many presses now that it

inail. 168, come back. I receive so many puzzles now take it is difficult to give all a chance to appear, as our space is limited. Anything novel will always be acceptable. Contributors have a formidable rival in "Ogma," but perhaps some of our girls will be able to match him (f). No more space. Good-bye.

Memory Gems Contest.

CONTRIBUTED BY H. MILLS, MALAKOFF P. O., ONT.

He that calls a man ungrateful sums up all the evil that a man can be guilty of -Swift. II.

> Happy is he who wisely knows
> To use the gifts that Heaven bestows;
> Or if it please the Powers Divine,
> Can suffer want and not repine. -Dean Swift.

"Weakness never need be falseness: Truth is truth in each degree, Thunderpealed by God to Nature, Whispered by my soul to me."

IV. Get but the truth once uttered, and 'tis like A star new born, that drops into its place, And which, ence circling in its placid round, Not all the tumult of the earth can shake. -James Russell Lowell.

v. Habit is a cable; we weave a thread for it each day, and it becomes so strong we cannot break it.—Mann.

VI. Is happiness thine utmost bent ! Why search afar for many a year.
When thou mayst find it new and near
If thou but find content?

VII.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever: Its loveliness increases; it will never Pass into nothingness; but still will keep A bower quiet for us, and a sleep Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet breathing.

VIII.

It would be better to prove ungrateful than to commit a crime to oblige your benefactor.

IX. Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act,—act in the living Present!
Heart within and God o'erhead!

Look for gladness, look for gladness.
You will meet them all the while;
If you bring a smiling visage
To the glass you meet a smile. -Alice Cary.

XI. Politeness is to do and say The kindest thing in the kindest way. XII.

If by easy work you beat, Who the more will prize you? Gaining victory from defeat, That's the test that tries you! Phoebe Cary.

XIII. Solitude is as a genial balm to the mind.—Goethe.

XIV. One may conquer a thousand men in battle, but he who quers himself alone is the greatest victor.—Buddha. XV.

B it plasures are like popples spread,
You seize the flower, its bloom is shed;
Or like the snowfall in the river,
A moment white—them melts forever.
—Robert Burns.

SENT BY O. H. BROWN, NEEPAWA, MAN.

The soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul. -Bushnell

II. A talent is perfected in solitude, a character in the stream of the world. -Goethe. III.

It is better to be nobly remembered than nobly born

IV.

It is a high, solemn, almost awful thought for every individual man that his earthly influence which has had a commencement, will never through all ages, were he the very meanest of us, have an end.

—Thos. Carlyle. V.

Careless seems the great avenger; history's pages but record One death grapple in the darkness twixt old system and the Word, word, Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne, Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim un-

known
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his
-J. R. Lowell.

Be thou the first true merit to befriend: His praise is lost who waits till all commend.

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Only the actions of the just Smell sweet and blossom in the dust. —Sherley. VIII.

When men of infamy and grandeur soar They light a torch to show their shame the more

IX.

When midnight darkness reigns we do not see That the sad night is mother of the morn; We cannot think our own sharp agony May be the birth-pang of a joy unborn.

One loving word from tongue or pen,
To lift our lives above their sighing,
Is worth a world of weeping when
Our lips are hushed beyond replying.

—Charles H. Crandell.

Strong Son of God, immortal Love, Whom we, that have not seen Thy face. By faith and faith alone embrace, Believing who we cannot prove. -Tennyson. XII.

Faint not and falter not, nor plead
Your weakness. Truth itself is strong;
The lion's strength, the eagle's speed,
Are not alone vouchsafed to wrong. -Whittier. XIII.

A smile is as cheap as a frown, my dear,
And it's better a thousand fold;
A frown is at best but a leaden weight,
While a smile is a crown of gold.
Be sensible, dear, as you journey on;
Drop the weight, wear the golden crown.
Remember, wherever life's path may lead,
A smile is as cheap as a frown.—Ida Reed Smith. XIV.

Aim high, dear youth !—a lofty aim E'er stirs the soul to lofty deeds; A thousand fail of noble fame Because intent on minor deeds Philip B. Strong. XV.

AV.

How oft 'mid the scenes of life's great commotion
And myst'ries so strange that I often explore,
I drift in my heart to the home of my childhood,
And softly I open the latch of the door.
I stand for a moment with heart love consuming,
For oh! there's a scene that I ne'er can forget:
My mother, dear mother, so prayerful communing—
The text of her Bible she's pondering yet.

—Mrs. M. O. Pag.

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