

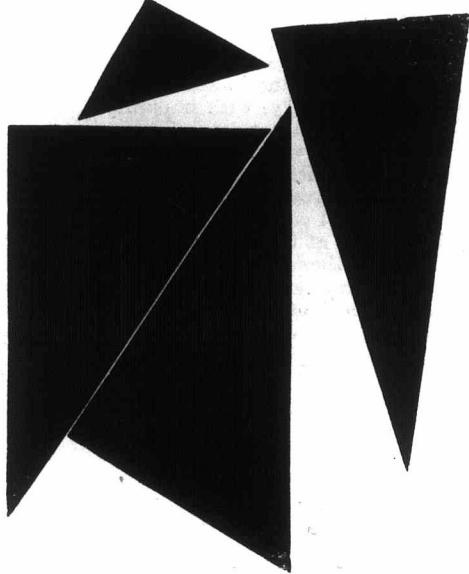
Uncle Tom's Department.

DEAR NEPHEWS,—I propose to have a lively time through 1876 with every good thing you can send in to make our columns interesting and useful. I want father, and mother, and Uncle John and Aunt Mary to join in to help the little ones. Grandfather will, of course. Send in your puzzles and I will do myself the pleasure of seasoning and dishing them to suit all parties. Perhaps you may think pleasing all parties is not the easiest thing in the world to do, but I am going to try it. Now for all the good things! and, boys and girls, I want all to send a puzzle, enigma, charade, conundrum, or something which has not appeared in our columns, and become a nephew or neice, which will afford us much pleasure.

UNCLE TOM.

N. B.—Contributions for the puzzles sent to Uncle Tom must always be accompanied by the answer, or we cannot insert it.

Puzzles.



Our Cousin, S. E., has sent us the above good puzzle. Cut four pieces of paper the exact shape of the above, and place them so as to form an exact square.

9.—RIDDLE.

"Though I'm often found for the most of my life,
And serve my master well;
Yet feel as free as the rustling leaves,
Which oft of my presence tell.
And whether obscure or widely known,
At home or a worthless rover,
Among the titled I'm ever found,
With my faults all under cover.

10.—CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

My first is in pudding, but is not in pie;
My next is in horizon, but not in the sky;
My third is in actor, but not in the play;
My fourth is in battle, but not in the fray;
My fifth is in kitten, but not in the cat;
My sixth is in bonnet, but not in a hat;
My seventh is in lion, but not in fox;
My eighth is in hamper, but not in box;
My ninth is in plater, but not in dish;
My tenth is in oyster, but not in fish;
And now what I tell you may greatly astound;
But my whole is a place where contentment is found.

11.—A man had three bushels of corn to grind by horse-power, and he had three horses; how could he arrange so that each horse would grind two bushels of corn?

12.—I am composed of 19 letters.

My 6, 5, 2 is a number;
My 9, 13, 16, 1, 11; 4 is a man's name;
My 19, 14, 17, 18, 15 is an English river,
My 12, 7, 15 is a domestic utensil;
My 3, 13, 6 is an animal;
My 4, 7, 18, 10, 7, 2 an English city;
My 8, 7, 2, 19, 14, 11, 13, 4 is a Canadian city;
My whole may be seen every month in the
FARMER'S ADVOCATE. H. J.

13.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

My 1st is a consonant,
My 2nd is a young animal,
My 3rd is an address to a woman,
My 4th is part of a store,
My 5th is a county in Ontario,
My 6th is a kind of pie,
My 8th is an inclosure,
My 9th is a consonant.

JAS. H.

14.—PUZZLES.

Around, around, around,
Above I'm ever to be found;
Before, behind, across,
I'm never at a loss;
Within, without, above,
I'm constant in my love;
Beside, beyond, between,
I'm felt but never seen;
Into, out of, under,
I aid the giant under;
Sooner, lat r, ever,
You can't kill me, never!
Master of life, don't doubt me;
No man exists without me.

KATIE C.

15.—Take fifty and five, place nothing between them and add a vowel. My whole means affection.

F. L.



The Naturalist.

THE HAWK—IV.

Of the falcon there are different varieties. The well-known American birds of this name are found generally in the eastern parts of temperate North America. The flight of the hawk is very rapid and near the ground. It is very bold, attacking birds larger than itself; the ruffed grouse, quail, pigeons, and hares are its favorite food. The young of all the hawks differ greatly from the adults, having generally a much lighter and white mixed plumage. The keenness of vision of the birds, sweeping with great rapidity, and often at a considerable height above their prey is remarkable. To have "a sight like a hawk," has become a proverb. They usually fly low, irregularly, and with sudden changes of course, for which their short wings and long tails are well adapted. Hawks are almost always shot at when they come within range of a gun, without any particular reason except that they are of a ferocious disposition. The great mischief they do in stealing chickens, hares grouse and pigeons, and their great slaughter of the smaller birds, deprive them of any sympathy they might have when they are unpitifully made the mark of the sportsman. They are, however, of positive advantage to the agriculturist, by destroying animals injurious to vegetation, and noxious reptiles.

Answers to January Puzzles.

1.—Washing [gin] ton. 2.—Waterloo. 3.—A happy new year. 4.—Elbe, Rhone, Shannon, Nile, Eze, Morsey, Trent, Tyne, Thames, Severn, Volga, Lena. 5.—Postal Cards. 7.—James Thompson, William Shakespeare, Robert Souther, Samuel Taylor, Coleridge, Thomas Campbell, Alfred Tennyson.

6.—GROA. BLEST. ERASE.
ROUSE. LOVER. REPEL.
OUNCE. EVADE. APRIL.
ASCOT. SEDAN. SEIZE.
TEETH. TRENT. ELLEN.

8.—Let A B and C be but for the three men, and A B and C for their wives respectively. Then A A, B B, C C are all on this side.

Parties on this side Jordan.		Beyond Jordan
Bn, Cc	[1] AA crosses	AA
A, Bn, Cc	[2] A returns	A
A, B, C	[3] B C cross	A, B, C
AA, B C	[4] A recrosses	B, C
AA	[5] B C cross	Bn, Cc
AA, Bn	[6] B B recross	Cc
A, B	[7] A B cross	A, B, Cc
A, B, C	[8] c recrosses	A, B, C
A	[9] B C cross	A, Bn, Cc
AA	[10] A recrosses	Bn, Cc
	[11] AA cross	AA, Bn, Cc

Names of those who sent correct answers to puzzles:—S. Erb, Mary E. McO., Trueman Thomas Frank Lawson, J. U. Cross, Tom Ruston, M. McDonnell, James B. Towgood, Eliza Sherlock.

HE DIDN'T ASK SO MUCH.—"I wouldn't be a cook for the whole world," said a fashionable young lady to her betrothed husband. "Of course not," he replied. "If you were to cook for the whole world you would never get through your work, but you'll be able to manage it nicely for our little family."

"When travelling in Massachusetts some twenty years ago," said a traveller, I had a seat with the driver, who, on stopping at the Post Office, saluted an ill-looking fellow on the step with:

"Good morning, Judge Sanders; I hope you're well, sir."

"After leaving the office I asked the driver if the man he spoke to was really a judge."

"Certainly, sir," he replied. "We had a cock fight last week, and he was made a judge on that occasion."

A milk peddler named Drew was yesterday at the police station to secure aid in tracing the whereabouts of a family who had changed locations between two days, owing him three dollars. "Well, I suppose there was twelve shillings' worth of water in that three dollar milk account," remarked the chief. "That's where it galls me—that's where it hurts!" replied the dealer. "They were new customers, and I hadn't commenced to water the milk yet!"

We heard a good story the other night of two persons engaged in a duel. After the first fire, one of the seconds proposed that they should shake hands and make up. The other second said he saw no particular necessity for that, for their hands had been shaking ever since they began!

A thick-headed squire being worsted by Sidney Smith in an argument, took his revenge by exclaiming: "If I had a son that was an idiot, by Jove, I'd make him a parson!" "Very probable," replied Sidney; "but I see your father was of a very different mind."

When a couple of young folks, writes an American critic, get so that they want to waltz all the time at a ball, and have no quadrilles, that's a sign that they are never going to stop until some man with furniture is made happy.

FUN AS PHYSIC.—Fun is the cheapest phizik that hez biff discovered yet, and the easiest to take. Fun pills are sugar coated, and no change ov diet is necessary while taking them. A little fun will sometimes go a grate ways. I have known men to live to a good old age on one joke, which they manage to tell az often az once a day, and do all the laffing themselves besides, that waz dun. But there is lots of pholks who kant see any fun in anything; yu couldn't fire a joke into them with a double barrel gun, ten paces off, they go through life az solemn az a kow. Menny people think it iz beneath their dignity to relish a joke; sutch people are simply fools, and don't seem to know it. The Billings family are alwass on the lookout for fun; it iz sed of Dexter Billings, that he had to be kept under \$500 bonds all the time, to keep him from laffing in church. According to all accounts, this Dexter Billings was a cuss. Fun is the pepper and salt of life, and all the really wise men who have ever lived hev used it freely for seasoning. — Josh Billings.