

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

Of letters have in every line,  
An equal number every time.  
My initials spell a poet's name  
You'll find my finals spell the same.

1. A place where a ship rides.
2. A city in Japan.
3. A kingdom.
4. A tree and its fruit.
5. A river.

THE CRITIC will be sent free for one year to the person giving the only correct answer to above puzzle. When two correct answers are sent in, THE CRITIC will be sent free for six months to each of those answering correctly. Answers should arrive at CRITIC office before Tuesday, P. M., marked answer to puzzle.

The following is the correct solution of the Enigma published last week:—

- My 5, 14, 7, 2, 11 is snort.
- My 13, 4, 12, 7, 14 is onion.
- My 5, 13, 1, 3, 9, 7 is potato.
- My 5, 6, 10, 8 is spar.
- My whole is TRANSPORTATION.

TIT-BITS.

The question is asked us if there is anything that will bring youth to women. Yes, there is. An income of say \$2,000 will bring any number of them.

Women and eternity are incomprehensible.

A seamstress exclamation—"A hem!"

Money is called "brass" in England. In this country brass is required to make money.

A girl baby in Knoxville has three thumbs. If she ever gets a husband the poor fellow will be thoroughly kept under subjection.

"What are clouds?" asks the *Popular Science Monthly*. Well, one kind is when you call to see your girl and find that the other fellow is in the parlor with her.

A popular actress down South has been sending as presents a large number of young alligators to her gentlemen friends up North. These gentlemen friends deny the allegations, but they can't defy the alligator.

Nothing seems to be private to a private secretary.

A heavy gold watch is something that will stand a loan.

To tell the age of a horse never look in the mouth of a jockey.

"Jim," said an honest coal-dealer to one of his drivers; "Jim, make that ton of coal two hundred pounds short. It is for a poor delicate widow, and as she will have to carry all of it up two flights of stairs, I don't want to overtax her strength."

Milton was asked by his friend whether he would instruct his daughters in the different languages, to which he replied: "No, sir; one tongue is enough for a woman."

THE DIRGE OF THE DEFEATED.

Mr. Childers sings:—

Out in the cold world, out of the house,  
Spite of my talent for figures and 'nouns';  
Seatless I wander about in the cold,  
Wishing in vain that more votes I had poll'd;  
No one to help me; no welcome line  
Saying a member for me will resign;  
Seatless and hopeless most sadly I roam,  
Driven, alas; from my Westminster home—

Chorus of defeated M. P.'S:—

No one to help us; not one safe seat  
Offers to save our disastrous defeat.  
No! we much fear that for long we must roam,  
Barred out, alas! from our Westminster home.

—London Figaro.

Time passed on. She sat in a rocking-chair looking over the luscious fruit, when all of a sudden she turned pale and began breathing hard. It was not a case of heart disease or spinal meningitis, nor had a new wrinkle suddenly developed itself on her forehead. She had simply figured—

"Eight cents per quart—three quarts for twenty-five cents—three times eight is twenty-four!"

Her son came in just as she had slipped a revolver into her pocket and tied her bonnet strings into a square knot, and when he asked her where she was going, she solemnly replied:

"Harry, I am going out to kill a strawberry pedler—a seven-story hypocrite and deceiver who gave me wholesale rates on these berries! Tell your father to engage three lawyers, and be at the Central Station in half an hour!"—*Detroit Free Press*.

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