

3. Jonathan drew his sword valiantly, and rushed into the midst of the enemy.
4. I have tried Garrick's piano; it is a very good one.
5. I found Paul in a room in which he keeps his books.
6. Will you tell Tamar I and Bernard are going to fetch some ferns?
7. I think of the amber; that deepest tint is a very pretty color.
8. I wish you would tell mamma Bella is a tire-some child.

M. E. L.

Answers to April Puzzles.

- 113—Cod.
114—Tiger.
115—Larkspur; Fox-glove
116—Matrimony.
117—Gingerbread.
118—Land, Aloe, Noon, Pens.

Names of Those Who Sent Correct Answers to April Puzzles.

W. H. Gould, Laura S. Ripley, Hannah Stevens, George W. McCreery, Sarah Fenwell, James F. Peck, Harold E. Barnum, Edith Lincoln, D. L. Vansicklen, Charlie M. French, M. A. Ketchen, James P. Miller, Harriet Brethour, Wm. Howell, Maggie Roberts, Mary Jane Dickson, Harry L. Lovering, J. Harvey Walton, Richard E. Osborne, Susie M. McIntosh, Charlie S. Husbahd, Ida L. Triller, Minnie G. Gibson, Robert Wilson, Clara A. Cassidy, George Ihman, Gertie Johnston, Jessie McKenzie, Ernest Cassils, Tom Scott, Ellis Gordon, T. D. Mulholland, Maggie Ellis Lucas

Letters.

Oakville, Ont., April 16th, 1881.

DEAR UNCLE TOM,—I am a little boy 13 years old next July. As I have never seen any letters in the ADVOCATE from this part of the country, I thought I would write you one. We live on a small fruit farm two miles east of Oakville, on the banks of the beautiful Lake Ontario. Pa has taken the ADVOCATE for eight years, and we all hail its coming with delight. I have answered all your puzzles for this month. I remain your nephew,
CHAS. S. HUSBAND.

Surry, N. H.

DEAR UNCLE TOM,—I live way up in New Hampshire among the blue, blue sky and white clouds and mountains. Just where I live travellers compare to a Swiss hamlet. There are six households of us clustered, and I live in an old tavern, part of it one hundred years old. You would think we should be lonely, but no. There is a piano in the long front room, and in these six houses are five violins, one bass-viol and one cornet, so we have a fine band, and mamma says we can never be lonely with so many grand mountains so near the stars in winter, and in summer just before a thunder storm, how they and the brooke seem to hush and shield us. Years ago our old woman lived here all alone, and one winter's night she was going home from a neighbor's when she met a big wolf face to face. Nothing daunted; the old lady not frightened one bit, began to clap her hands loudly, and soon Mr. Wolf scared, retreated.
LEE STILLINGS.

Kingston, Ont.

DEAR UNCLE TOM,—Our teacher gave us "hard times" as a subject for composition, and I wrote the one inclosed. He said it was a good one. I thought I would send it to you, and will feel proud if you will publish it:—

"HARD TIMES."

Hard times is a hard subject for a soft boy to write upon. I do not know what caused them, cannot tell what will cure them, and don't believe anybody that can. Still think not that we boys don't know what it means. Hard times, as I understand it, meant wearing your big brother's old clothes, going without ice-cream, and so on. When the bills for the last circus were posted, and I was told that owing to "hard times" it was doubtful if I could go, I thought I understood it a little more, and on the day of the circus, when was informed positively that owing to the hard times I could not go, and clown, witty sayings, songs, elephants, spotted horses, giants and dwarfs, and the only things that make a boy's life "in this world" bearable were blotted out. I realized that I understood it fully. If not, I prefer to remain in my ignorance rather than to receive any more knowledge in this line.
J. K. G.

Commercial.

FARMER'S ADVOCATE OFFICE,
London, April 29, 1881.

The warmth of the past few days, together with the few light showers, has had a telling effect on the remnants of ice and snow that have been laying about, and has given life-like appearance to the grass, trees, &c. The first 15 or 20 days of April were more like March, and in fact we have seen February with more mild weather.

WHEAT

Keeps about steady, in spite of the desperate efforts of the "bulls" to get up a crop scare in the west. No doubt some of the winter wheat is not looking as well as farmers would like, but then a few fine days and warm showers will bring to life and greenness what was supposed to be dead and lifeless during the cold frosty weather.

With us there is little change to note. There is very little wheat offering, and what little there is has been taken by the mills, considerably over export value. The flour trade with the Province is very good at present, and the requirements of the local trade also heavy. As the season advances, the remarks we made in the last number are being borne out. When we remember that the bulk of the wheat supply for the Dominion is drawn from Ontario, it will not be a matter of surprise that we have so little wheat for export, since January. In the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota & Dakota there is from 10 to 25 per cent. of spring wheat yet to thrash. This delay has been caused by the very early winter and deep snow. The bulk of this wheat goes out of that country in the shape of flour, a very large proportion of which is ground in the great mills at Minneapolis.

CATTLE.

Cable advices from England the past week regarding cattle have been of a rather discouraging character; the market on the other side having materially declined, and sales have been effected with great difficulty. Still we cannot think there will be any very serious decline; besides farmers must remember that prices have now got up to a pretty high figure, and they will do well to accept a good paying price and be content. This trade is like everything else, and will have its "ups and downs."

The loss of live stock in the west the past winter is said to be much heavier than was reported some time ago; Colorado is said to have suffered most.

CHEESE.

The dairy business is again opening up, and the prospects are, that should the season prove favorable, we shall see a pretty heavy make. We hear of a good many new factories starting up, yet many of these will draw a large percentage from some neighboring factory or factories that have been in operation for some time. Other sections will have their make somewhat shortened from farrow cows, while other localities are more disposed to go into beef and mutton, along with a proportion of dairying. So that taking all things into consideration, we do not see that there can be any very great increase, unless the season should be unusually favorable, and it is not at all likely we shall have a more favorable one than the last. The early make will not be as heavy as last year, from two causes, one the lateness of the season, and the other the scarcity of hay in the New York dairy districts, from which cause the cows are said to be in poor condition for milking, and a decrease in the number of cows.

An English dealer writing to his New York correspondent says that if Americans send adulterated goods to England they will "kill the goose

that laid the golden egg." We hope the Canadian trade will give the adulteration of cheese and butter a wide berth, for we are just now getting a good reputation, and they can easily keep that, by being honest in the class of goods they make and send forward.

Little Falls and Utica markets have opened at 12 to 12½ cts. for new full cream cheese. This is a good fair price, and if our markets start at 10 to 11 cents, we think every one should be satisfied. Comparing prices to-day with two years ago, we find that there is a difference of 29 shillings, the cable then being only 41 shillings.

BUTTER

Is having a sorry wind up for the shippers of this article. Butter that was held at 90 to 100 shillings in January has been sold for 60 and even less. This illustrates pretty forcibly the folly of holding Canadian butter too long, and if farmers and dealers would only sell and ship as fast as the butter is made and comes forward, it would be much better for all concerned. It is yet too early to form an opinion as to how the market will shape, as the make at present is only sufficient to meet the wants of the home trade.

English Markets.

April 30th.

Beerbohm Telegram—Floating cargoes of wheat a turn dearer; corner quieter. Cargoes in passage, wheat very dull, corn do.; good cargoes of red winter wheat off the coast 47s 6d. London fair average, No. 2 Chicago wheat for shipment, 44s 6d to 45s. Liverpool, spot wheat inactive, corn do.

London Markets.

GRAIN			
	Per 100 lbs		Per 100 lbs
Deihl Wheat.....	\$1 85	to 1 90	Rye..... 80 to 90
Treadwell.....	1 85	to 1 90	Corn..... 95 to 1 00
Clawson.....	1 85	to 1 90	Peas..... 90 to 1 20
Red.....	1 85	to 1 90	Oats..... 1 00 to 1 15
Spring.....	1 56	to 1 80	Barley..... 1 46 to 1 65
			Medium..... 1 20
			Timothy Seed..... 0 00 to 0 00
FLOUR.			
Flour, fall wht.	3 25	to 00	Oatmeal fine..... 3 00 to
“ mixed..	3 00	to	“ coarse..... 3 50
“ spring..	3 00	to	Cornmeal..... 1 75 to
Bran, per ton	18 00	to 20 00	Bran, per ton..... 10 00 to 10 00
PRODUCE.			
Butter, crock.	18	to 20	Potatoes, bag.. 75 to 90
do roll..	18	to 20	Apples p bag, 40 to 60
do keg..	15	to 16	Turnips, p bu. 20 to 25
do store pkd	15	to 16	Cheese..... 12
Eggs.....	18	to 25	Beef, per qr.. 6 00 to 7 50
Carrots, p bu	18	to 25	Mutton, lb.. 7 to 8 50
Onions, bag..	0 00	to 1 00	Lamb..... 9 to 10 00
Beef, per qr.	6 00	to 7 50	Wool..... 0 00 to 28
Tallow re id..	4		Dressed hogs,
“ rough..	4		per 100 lbs, 7 75 to 8 00
Honey.....	20	to	Live hogs, do 5 00 to 5 50
Cordwood.....	3 00	to 4 00	Lard..... 0 to 10
Ducks.....	30	to 50	Geese, each.. 40 to 45
Chickens, pr.	25	to 40	Turkeys..... 75 to 1 25
Cheese, per lb	11	to	Milch cows.. 20 00 to 40 00
Beans.....	1 06	to	

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, April 30th.

Flour, 9s 6d to 11s; wheat, spring, 8s 6d to 9s; red winter 9s to 9s 8d; white, 9s 6d to 9s 8d; cal club, 9s 6d to 9s 10d; corn 5s 6d to 6s 3d; oats, 6s 2d; barley 5s 3d; peas 6s 10; pork 69s; lard 57s; bacon 45s; beef 75s; cheese 70s.

Montreal Market.

Montreal, April 30th.

Markets quiet and prices unchanged. Flour, superiors, \$5.35, ext a \$5.25, fancy, \$5.25 to \$5.30, superfine \$4.85, strong bakers \$4.6 to \$5.00, middlings \$3.5 to \$4, Ontario bags \$2.50 to \$2.65, city bags \$3.45; corn 57c to 58c; peas 90c; oats 57c to 58c; barley 65c to 75c; rye 90c; wheat nominal, oatmeal \$4.50; cornmeal \$3; butter western 13c to 14c; Brockville, Morrisburg and eastern townships 15c to 18c; cheese 12½ to 14c; bacon 10 to 11c; hams 13 to 14c.

Toronto Market.

Toronto, April 30th.

Fall wheat \$1.10 to \$1.15, spring do \$1.12 to \$1.20; barley No. 1 90c, No. 2 80c, No. 3 70 to 75c; peas 70c to 75c; oats 30c to 40c; corn 58c; flour superior \$5, strong bakers \$5.30, spring extra \$4.90; bran per ton \$14.50; hay \$7.50 to \$8; butter 15c to 20c per lb; oatmeal \$4.30 to \$4.50; cornmeal \$3.

Remarks.—Wheat and Flour dull and unchanged, Barley nominally low, Peas and Oats quiet and easier, Corn and Rye weaker.