

[FOR THE CRITIC.]  
DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

My Initials downward read declare  
The *non de plume* of a writer rare  
Who is known in Halifax very well.  
My initials downward read betray  
His place of worship—many a day  
Have I seen him there with rapture swell.  
His bright lit features alone would toll  
He loved the place tho' it was not gay.

My words have all a number even  
Of letters, and my words are seven.  
My first the farmer greatly prizes;  
My second in the law arises;  
My third rules Africa's desert plain;  
My fourth denotes his sweet refrain;  
My fifth depicts the ashly heart,  
Where love, volcanic, hath played a part;  
My sixth is a vessel no wise rare;  
My seventh some on their faces wear.

MAC.

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.

Answer to Double Acrostic, published last week, on next page.

## TIT-BITS.

FROM A NEW DICTIONARY.—Anger—The reaction of others' faults upon ourselves.

Army—A body of men kept one thousand days to be used on one.

Bachelor—A wild goose that tame geese envy.

Benevolence—A service that the receiver should remember, and the bestower forget.

Child—The future in the present.

Coquette—A mirror that receives all images, but preserves none.

Consistency—A church without a mortgage on it.

Conversation—The idle man's business, and the business man's recreation.

Crying—A woman's weakness and a child's strength.

Death—The dealer that sweeps in the bone chips.

Debt—The example set by a government to its people.

Family—Matrimony doing penance.

Fashion—A decree that enhances beauty, but makes homeliness the more conspicuous.

Heart—The abyss of reason.

Heiress—A capital wife!

Hope—The bridge between our longings and fruition, beneath which flow the waters of disappointment.

Inconsistency—A woman's prerogative; for which we never blame her unless we are its victims.

Ink—The black sea upon which thought rides at anchor.

Jealousy—The homage paid by inferiority to merit.

Justice—Truth in action.

Law—A trap baited with promise of profit or revenge.

Lawyers—The heirs of intestates.

Love—A frozen deep; before you venture, see if it will bear.

Lovers—The miss-guided.

Luxury—The labor of the wealthy.

Mankind—Pieces in a game of chess, played by destiny.

Marriage—The only lottery not put down.

Mirror—A shrine, before which the function of worshipper, priest and divinity are all enacted by the same party.

Miser—One who makes bricks that his heirs may build houses.

Money—To the wise a convenience, to the fool a necessity.

Old Maid—A woman who has missed the opportunity of making a man happy.

Pawnbroker—The man who holds your coat while you fight.

Poet—One who may bestow immortality upon others, yet finds it difficult himself even to live.

Poetry—Thought in blossom.

Prison—An oven into which society puts newly-made crime to harden.

Revenge—The only debt which it is wrong to pay.

River—A moving road, at once the highway and the conveyance.

Space—The statue of divinity.

Spoon—A hand without fingers.

Stars—Jeweled heads in the rosaries of heaven.

Success—A veneering that can hide all baseness.

Taxes—Periodical bleeding as prescribed by government.

Temptation—The test of soul.

Tenderness—Passion in repose.

Theater—Nature in the "house of correction."

Time—To the aged an atom; to the young a world.

Tongue—The boneless that can break bones.

Ugliness—The privilege in man, the unpardonable in woman.

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