

DIAGONAL PUZZLE.

1. The town talk.
2. A fish.
3. The last syllable of a canine exclamation.
4. A sine.
5. A painted enigma.
6. A parsonage.
7. A sweet morsel.
8. Country cousins.

The initials read downward and the same letters read diagonally will elucidate the burning question of the day.

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Answer to Diamond Puzzle published last week:—

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TIT-BITS.

"I beg your pardon, sir; but is not your name Smith?" No, sir; my name is Montrose." "Excuse me. My mistake." "Certainly. Don't mention it. It's not very flattering to one's pride and self-respect," Mr. Montrose added, with a smile. "to be classed among the great plebeian army of Smiths; but such mistakes will occur. Er—will you favor me with your name, sir?" "Yes. My name is Smith."

Aunt—"Has any one been at these preserves?" (dead silence) "Have you touched them, Jemmy?" Jemmy—"Pa never 'lows me to talk at the table."

A wasp went buzzing to his work,
And various things did tackle
He stung a boy and then a dog
And made a roo-ter cackle.

Then on a commercial agent's cheek,
He settled down to drill!
He prodded there for half an hour,
And then he broke his bill.

A WELCOME INVENTION.—The time will never come when the head office of a railroad will not receive at least one visit per week from the man with a patent car-coupler. During the last fifteen years he has called about four times a week, and that average is being maintained in a way to wear out hall carpets as fast as manufacturers can desire. The couplers are not all alike, but the inventors are. The programme is as regular as if it had been adopted by a large majority. The inventor asks for the president of the road, and is shown to the office.

"Good morning. Is the president in?"

"No, sir; he won't be in until after dinner. Anything special?"

"Well, rather special. I have invented—"

"Ah! a patent car-coupler. You must go to the general superintendent."

"It's the biggest thing of the kind ever heard of."

"Yes, I know, but you'll find him four doors down the hall."

The inventor opens the fourth door, and a clerk inquires, "What is your business?"

"Well, I had a lame foot last summer, and couldn't do much of any work, and so I set about it and—"

"Invented a car-coupler, of course. The general superintendent is not in. The third door to the left for the assistant."

The third door opens to reveal an attendant ready to inquire what is wanted.

"Well, being I had got to come to town to buy myself some hickory shirting, I thought I might as well bring along—"

"Your patent car-coupler. We were expecting you. Go down to the yardmaster."

"Everybody in our town says this is the biggest thing ever invented, and I reckon—"

"Right this way to the yardmaster's office."

The yardmaster isn't in. The train dispatcher won't listen. The gate-keeper has no time. The depot policeman may look at the invention some other day. When he entered the depot with that patent coupler under his arm, his mind was made up to let the Michigau Central or Lake Shore put it on their cars for \$50,000 cash down. Two hours have done the business for him, and as he starts up-town the coupler is recklessly thrown under a seat in the waiting-room, and he hopes from the tops of his boots that somebody will steal it before he gets back.

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