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UNCLE TOM'S DEPARTMENT.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES,-

I think old Sol must have had a double force of workmen on duty during the past month. Such heat!! The mere memory of it is enervating. You must have suffered severely from the "hot waves," especially if you were weeding or picking fruit. In the city one got the concentrated essence of it, for there everything combined to increase it—the walls, windows and pavements seemed to rival one another in attracting and returning to rival one another in attracting and returning to one fourfold the genial rays so prodigally dispensed by his majesty the sun. Many a poor workman, overcome with the heat, dropped his task, never to pick it up again; in crowded tenements and narrow alleys it was still more suffocating. There, no tree cast its friendly shade, no fresh breeze came to grant even a moment's respite to the suffering creatures trying to exist (one cannot call it living) in such misery. This is an everyday tale in large cities. The larger they are the more common are such cases—those great cities that foolish, discontented country youths regard as a sort of earthly paradise, into which one has but to enter to be happy.

They complain of the monotony of rural life. Do they suppose city sights never become wearisome to the eyes? The same streets and the same buildings, the same wealth on one side and the buildings, the same wealth on one side and the same poverty on the other, the continuous struggle of man against man, and the repeated "going under" of the weaker. Where, in all these, do you find the spice of life—variety? Your town and city cousins may call you "hayseeds," and even commiserate you for being caged in in the country; but you enjoy a greater share of freedom than they do, and worse things than "hayseeds" may cling to one in city life.

cling to one in city life. Your lack of variety in work cannot compare with that of the city worker, whatever his position and duties may be, for he must do the same thing every day throughout the year. Every season every month brings you a change of work; while nature, the greatest of all artists, is constantly laboring to place new pictures in her ever-open art gallery for your especial benefit. There may be more novelty in city life, but it often becomes drudgery, and I ask with George Eliot:

"What novelty can be compared with that sweet monotony where everything is known, and loved because it is known?" Many of you have been trying the entrance or higher examinations, and I trust you will prove that country brains are able at least to keep pace with their city kindred, if not to leave them in the rear.

I hope many of you will take an active interest in the competition announced in our last issue. It will prove both entertaining and profitable, and it will give me much pleasure to hear from a large number of old and new friends. The girls have kept ahead in the puzzles. Where are you going to be this time, how? Your loving to be this time, boys? UNCLE TOM.

Puzzles.

1-CHARADE. (As sung by the lover.)

I've a feeling in my heart, Daisy fair; And I love you more than art Can declare. Can declare.
Every moment of the day,
You among my thoughts do stay;
But your father answers "nay"
To my prayer.
When the sunset shadows steal
O'er the lea,
Haste, my love, and on your wheel
Fly with me.
Every star will shed its light
To disperse the gloom of night.

Every star will shed its light
To disperse the gloom of night,
And assist us in our flight
To be free.

Chorus (as sung by the father).

One, Two, Three, woe is me!
Pure and free, One, Two, Three,
I would give my life and all
Willingly.
But my daughter's base deceit,
Since they've run away COMPLETE,
Makes me falter to repeat,
"Chast. S.

CHAS. S. EDWARDS.

2-WORD SQUARE. My first are used in winter, and are made of iron strong.
My second is to soften, towards many who do you wrong.
My third, a lovely kind of cloth, so exquisite and fine.
My fourth is used at supper-time, and sometimes when you disc

dine.
When lovely Albani sang, my fifth was shouted many times.
My SIXTH is a very easy word, and with my first it rhymes.
MURIEL E. DAY.

3-CHARADE. My FIRST is in strong but not in weak. My SECOND is in love but not in hate. My THIRD is in most but not in least. My FOURTH is in true but not in false.

My FOURTH is in true but not in work.
My FIFTH is in virtue but not in work.
My SIXTH is in virtue but not in vice.
My SEVENTH is in sow but not in reap.
My TOTAL the founder of an illustrious ancient city.
THOS. GRAY PHELAN.

4-CHARADE. Of nothing can my FIRST be the WHOLE.
Of nothing is my SECOND the top;
My WHOLE is a bird quite often preferred
If hung till quite ready to drop.
THOS. GRAY PHELAN.

5-NUMERICAL FNIGMA.

My 1, 8, 9 is a fire-arm.
My 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 is not sober.
My 3, 4, 5 is a conjunction.
My 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 is a gift.
My 7, 8, 9 is to move quickly.
My WHOLE is a magnificent valise used by many travellers.
EDITH BROWN.

6-SQUARE. 1. A dramatic representation.

A dramatic representation.
 Of volcanic origin.
 To declare.
 A Mediterranean three-masted vessel.
 THOS. GRAY PHELAN.

Answers to July 1st Puzzles.

1-Heart, earth, tear, rate. 2-Madrid. 3-LOVE. 4-QUITOVER UNDO 5-Shubenacadie. VEER IDEA ERRS

SOLVERS TO JULY 1ST PUZZLES. Maggie Scott, Mabel Ross, John S. Crerar, "Kit," Fdith

Brown. Answers were also received from Kincardine P. O., but no name accompanied work. D. W. Campbell sent answers to June 15th puzzles. Winners for solutions: 1st, \$1, Maggie Scott, Trent Valley Farm, Meyersburg, Ont.; 2nd, 75c., D. W. Campbell, Linton, Out.; 3rd, 50c., Clara Robinson, Markham, Ontario.

A COUSINLY CHAT.

M. W. S.—No, she lives in Renfrew Co. You have your hopes fulfilled.

T. G. P.—Very acceptable. Write puzzles in form in which they should be printed, number them and sign name to each. Give answers on a separate sheet.

M. R.—Glad to hear from you; come again.

M. E. D.—Where's Lily? Why not try solutions? "Kit" will attend to your request. Write often.

A. A.

A Song of the Farm.

President Harris, of the Maine State Codlege at Orono, in an address before the State Legislature, asked the question: "What are the farms its for, if not for raising boys!" His words were at first misunderstood, but afterwards applauded.

A word to the restless people—to the fast and feverish age:
A perfect manhood is better than any wealth or wage.
Some are for gold—some glitter: but tell me, tell me, when
Will we stand for the farm and the college, that go for the making of men?

Yea, what is the old farm fit for? The word is wisely said; There may be stumps in the pasture, and the house may be a shed;
But what if a Lincoln or a Garfield be here in this boy of ten?
And what should the farm be fit for, if not for the raising of

men? Tis a scanty soil for the seeding, but here we win our bread, And a stout heart may grow stronger where plow and harrow are sped; Then break up the bleak, high hillside, and trench the swamp

For what should the farm be fit for, if not the raising of men

The crop by the frost is blighted, a niggard the season seems; Yet the ready hand finds duties, and the heart of youth has dreams The bar and the senate, to-morrow; to morrow the sword or the pen; For what should the farm be fit for, if not the raising of men?

And what if our lot be humbler—if we on the farm abide? There is room for noble living, and the realm of thought is wide ; A mind enriched is a fortune,—and you will know it—when You see that the farm is fit for the rearing of noble men.

We tread the hills that the Holy, that the Beautiful has trod; We till the fields of the Infinite, we dress the gardens of God: The seer, the sage, and the poet—they utter the word again, And ask what the farm is fit for, if not the rearing of men. -Country Gentleman.

How to be Happy.

Keep your temper. Gain a little knowledge every day. Make few promises, and speak the truth. Give full measure and weigh with a just balance. Consent to common custom, but not to common folly. Be cautious of believing ill, but more cautious of reporting it. Have courage to wear your old clothes until you can pay for new ones. Think of heaven with hearty purpose and strong hope to get there. Do good to all, that thou mayst keep thy friends and gain thy enemies. Count your resources. Find out what you are not fit for and give up wishing for it.

GOSSIP.

To In writing to advertisers, mention the "Farmer's Advocate."

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The Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association has decided to hold a winter show from December 16th to 20th.

Mr. A. H. Warran, breeder, Ovid, Michigan, called at the FARMER'S ADVOCATE office a few days ago. He is taking home with him half a dozen good Lincoln ewes purchased from Gibson & Walker and Mr. R. W. Stevens.

A. W. BRANDOW'S TAMWORTHS. A. W. Brandow, Walsingham Centre, Ont. showed us some strong, useful Tamworths when we called upon him, the herd now consisting of some twenty animals, at the head of which is the highly-esteemed stock boar, Rob Roy 410, by Buffalo Bill 143, and out of Daisy 147, by Revell's boar (imp.) 106. He has been in service in the herd over two years, and has proven himself a sure and worthy sire, pos ess. ing much superiority of quality. The brood sow list now numbers four members: Susan 440, a four-year old sow, by Nimrod (imp.) 174, and out of Linnel Queen (imp.) 421. She has raised five litters; an animal possessing sufficient substance to weigh in condition over 600 lbs., and possessing true Tamworth conformation, having length and depth of body. She is at present suckling seven, the balance of the litter being sold. An unnamed yearling sow, by Rob Roy, and out of Belle 575, possesses much true Tamworth quality to recommend her as a matron and show sow; supposed to be safely in pig. There are also a pair of twoyear old sows by Jack and out of Susan, one having ten and the other twelve as their last litters, part of which are now on the farm, Mr. Brandow has been breeding Tamworths for over five years, and has succeeded in making the breed quite popular in his section, as he has been receiving ten cents per hundred over the market price in the market, dealers finding it to their advantage to ship the popular, deep-sided hogs now so much sought in the English market. Of late enquiries have been numerous, and the fall stock will equip this establishment with sufficient stock on hand to meet the increasing demand.

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