

THE PRESS.

BY BOWRING.

— Mightiest of the mighty means,
On which the arm of Progress leans—
Man's noblest mission to advance,
His woes assuage, his weal enhance,
His rights enforce, his wrongs redress—
Mightiest of the mighty is the Press!

Be firm and be faithful,
Desert not the right;
The brave become bolder,
The darker the night;
Then up, and be doing,
Tho' cowards may fail:
Thy duty pursuing,
Dare ALL—and prevail!

What is the lightest ship that man ever
embarked in? Courtship.

PEGGY GREEN.

Miss Peggy Green a seamstress was,
In person tall and lean;
Though forty-five and driving fast,
She still e'er remained a *Green*!

ONE BY ONE.

One by one thy duties wait thee,
Let thy whole strength go to each;
Let no future dream elate thee,
Learn thou first what these can teach.

One by one (bright gifts from Heaven)
Joys are sent thee here below;
Take them readily when given,
Ready, too, to let them go.

One by one thy griefs shall meet thee,
Do not fear an armed band;
One will fade as others greet thee,
Shadows passing through the land.

ENERGY AND PRUDENCE.

"If hindrances obstruct thy way
Thy magnanimity display,
And let thy strength be seen;
But oh! if fortune fills thy sail
With more than a propitious gale,
Take half thy canvas in."

THE IDLER.

The idler is a watch that wants both hands,
As useless when it goes as when it stands.
Want of occupation is not rest;
A mind unoccupied is a mind distressed.

A PARADOX.

I know a word of letters five—
The third, fourth, fifth, forbids to live;
The first, third, second, and the fourth
Is seen to rise from off the earth.
Second, third, first, all men possess—
But Adam lost, I must confess;
First, second, fifth, and fourth combined,
Instruction gives. We often find
First, fifth, and fourth a place of rest,
When the last four has as oppressed.
The same, transposed, our minds distress,
If third, second, fifth's used to excess.
Second, fifth, and fourth some much admire—
First, third, and fourth makes prices higher.
My *whole* is priceless, when obtained—
By man oft sought for—often gained.

Ans—*Bride.*

CONUNDRUMS.

1. Why is a man who is frequently too late for the cars like the clock at fifty minutes past nine?
2. Why is the toast-master at a public dinner like a highwayman?
3. Why are free bridges like the golden treasures of California?
4. Why is a dog's tail like the heart of a tree?
5. Why is the fence around a park like an habitual scold?
6. If you buy four apples for a penny, and give one away, why are you like a telescope?
7. Why are two pints of strawberries after they are eaten like four persons singing?
8. How does the transposition of the parts of a word express the difference between a welcome and a wish for your departure?
9. What relation does a door-mat bear to the scraper?
10. Why is a vegetable like swine?
11. When is a criminal's life like wood or bark?
12. When are a merchant and a murderer synonymous?
13. Why is a certain class of children like the rail-cars?
14. Where does rain fall the heaviest?

ANSWERS TO CONUNDRUMS.

1. Both want ten minutes of ten.
2. He makes his victim stand and deliver.
3. They are untol(le)d.
4. Because it is farthest from the bark.
5. Always a railing.
6. You make a far-thing present.
7. They are a quart-ette (eat).
8. Wel-fare and fare-well.
9. It is a step-fa(r)ther.
10. Because it roots.
11. When it is taken by the cord.
12. When they are suspended.
13. They have to be switch'd at times.
14. Where it falls farthest.