

Puzzle Column

For Boys and Girls.

Publisher's Note.—We will send The Western Home Monthly for one year to the person sending us one original puzzle eligible for publication, or any subscriber who sends the best solution to the puzzles in this number of The Monthly. Answers will appear in the January issue.

Puzzle.

1. My first is in comb, but not in brush.
My second is in cuckoo, but not in thrush;
My third is in red, but not in blue;
My fourth is in neighbor, but not in you;
My fifth is in timber, but not in wood;
My sixth is in right, but not in rude;
My whole is a musical instrument.
2. I always am the same, no matter how you look,
Whether I am on land, or printed in a book;
You may turn me end for end, or put me out to sea—
I always am the same, there is no change in me.
3. Why is the letter S like a furnace?
4. What are we all doing at the same time?
5. My whole, consisting of 34 let-



LLOYDMINSTER HOMESTEADS.

On this page we give two views of the homestead of W. H. Holland, at Lloydminster, Sask., Mr. Holland arrived on his land in June, 1903, and was therefore too late for a crop, except two acres of oats, for green feed, and a few vegetables. He came from London, Eng., with the British colony, and is well satisfied with the country. At time the photos were mailed he had 12 head of cattle, a promising crop of oats and plenty of hay.

- P. B. T. Toews, Steinbach, Man.
- Hannah Nesbitt, Swan River, Man.
- J. W. Devol, Nanton, Alta.

West Indian Superstitions.

The negroes of the British West Indies have many curious superstitions. They believe it is unlucky to praise a baby or to say it is like its father or its mother. If you say to a Jamaica negress, "What a beautiful child!" you are apt to incur her bitter enmity.

To give the baby good luck, they mark it on the forehead with a cross in washing blue, or tie a blue ribbon on its arm. They will never, on any account, measure or weigh a baby, for that means the worst of bad luck.

If a cock crows at the door, a gentleman is going to visit the house; if a hen crows, some member of the family will die.

If you carry a tree pepper in your pocket, you will become poor.

If you give a thing away and take it back again, you will have a sty.

If you roll your eyes when the moon changes, they will stay crooked.

If you kill a spider, you will soon break a plate.

If a lizard jumps into a tub in which

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clothes are being washed, the washerwoman must not touch them for four hours, or they will tear in her hands.

the cork. Stick two forks into this cork with the handles sloping down on each side of the half-dollar. Balance the edge of the coin on the needle and spin it.

Prize Winners.

- A. L. Baery, Hochstadt, Man.
- Lillian Ellis, Arcola, Man.
- W. C. Follitt, Winnipeg.
- Bessie McGhan, Strathcona, Alta.
- A. C. Browne, Innisfail, Alta.
- Miss E. Wilson, Wellwood, Man.
- Edna Jacobs, Mayton, Alta.
- Pearl Arnott, Wellwood, Man.
- Miss C. Eastham, Pincher Creek, Alta.
- Edwin Magee, Kenmay, Man.
- J. Dann, Minto, Man.
- George Lee, Mather, Man.
- Leslie A. Oris, Dryden, Ont.
- Jean Smith, Rothbury, Assa.



OF COURSE THE CAT CAME BACK.

The Game of "Pie."

The game of "pie" is great fun for the young. Take a tub or basin and fill it with sawdust. Bury in the sawdust a number of slips of paper, each slip having written upon it a line of doggerel verse, somewhat on the following order:
"Curly hair; eyes blue; Roman nose; tall and true."
"Small; blond; merry eyes; inclined

- ters is the beginning of a familiar scng.
- My 24-2-3 is concealed.
- My 10-25-7-14 is a color.
- My 30-17-28 is a plant.
- My 5-11-32 is a sign of the Zodiac.
- My 26-27-15 is to espouse.
- My 33-8-23-6-31 is a flower.
- My 22-9-1 is a total.
- My 18-13-4 something we all have.
- My 34-29-16-12 are geographical drawings.
- My 19-20-21 is a playing card.
- 6. Word square:—(a) To scorch. (b) The color of the sky. (c) A report. (d) A throng. (e) Doves of animals.
- 7. Why is Athens like the wick of a candle?
- 8. Why is a hotel waiter like a race horse?
- 9. Half square:—(a) More fitted. (b) A little perforated ball. (c) A youth. (d) A shortened form of a name by which several English kings have been known. (e) A consonant.

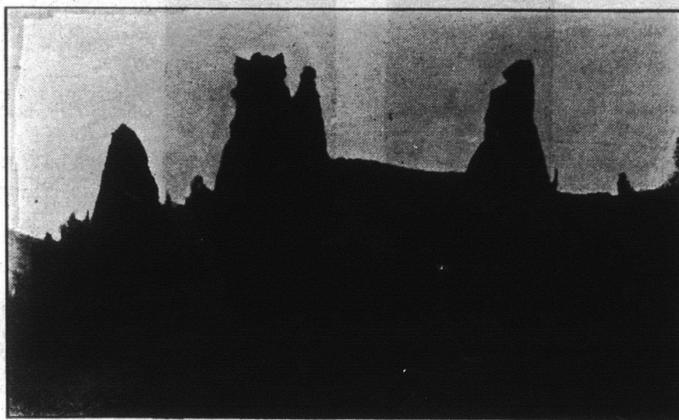
Answers to October Puzzles.

1. The mother.
2. Man.
3. A man sitting on a three-legged stool, with a leg of lamb on his lap; the dog ran away with the leg of lamb; the man jumped up and threw the stool after the dog and made the dog bring the leg of lamb back.
4. (a) Crow; (b) swan; (c) gull; (d) owl; (e) heron.
5. A football.
6. A "bay bee" (baby).
7. A ditch.
8. When it is a little reddish (radish).
10. When you have her photo.

to plumpness; witty; wise."
"Tall; dark; somewhat sedate; lovely lashes; true life mate."
There should be just as many slips in the pie as there are guests, and all rhymes should be equally applicable to either sex. The pan is covered with a shelving pasteboard crust, tinted to make it resemble nicely browned pastry. Each guest in turn dips out for himself a huge spoonful of the pie. The description found in it is that of the future mate.

To Spin a Half-Dollar on the End of a Needle.

Insert a needle upright in the cork of a bottle. Take another cork and cut a slit in it so that the edge of a half-dollar may be pressed firmly into



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