

## Uncle Tom's Department.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES,—Is it not strange that we do not know the reason why several of the months are called by the names we daily use for them? Some say June was named after Juno, one of the ancient goddesses, others that it was named in honor of Junius Brutus, the Roman Consul, but the best reason of all is that it is dedicated to the young men who in Latin are called juniors. But there is no good reason why it should mean young men and not young women; and then young men and women may be very young. Here's a discovery! June for juniors is the young folks' month! Hurrah for June, the youngster's month! It is the pleasantest of all; it is bright and fresh and gay, and full of life and sweetness, as I hope all my nephews and nieces are or should be. Yes, dear ones, be good natured if you can, for there is no attraction so great, no charm so admirable. A face that is full of expression of amiability is always beautiful. Therefore cultivate good nature; it is better than "apples of gold set in pictures of silver," for gold will take to itself wings and fly away. Silver will tarnish in time—and both when abundant lose their comparative value—but good nature never loses its worth, or its hold on the esteem of the world.

UNCLE TOM.

## PUZZLES.

## 55—CHARADE.

A well-known country in this you will view;  
A nation lately at war next 'tis true;  
A christian name this is surely, I'll own;  
A black liquid substance very well known;  
An American town now please to put down;  
And my last is a nation of great renown.  
The initials rightly read will show quite plain,  
A well-known sunny nation's name.

THOMAS ATKINSON.

## 56—

If you are but a boy, perhaps you'll live my whole to be,  
But before you have obtained it, you are cast upon life's sea,  
To struggle on with might and main, through the merciless world;  
And when my whole is reached the youthful standard is unfurled.  
Decapitate for me, and then a new head please return.  
And what it then explains no doubt you'll quickly learn;  
To the cook it's indispensable, and what I say is true,  
And when you've solved the subject, it will come before your view.  
Before my muse retires, my 'cute reader I implore,  
To strike off my present head, and return afresh once more,  
And I then shall name what the horse has done when the winning post is passed.  
And now, ingenious reader, I may say farewell at last.

T. ATKINSON.

## 57—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

A consonant: an implement used in fishing; essential; one who governs in place of a king; to reach too far; one of Marryatt's novels; coldness; that by which we learn to speak correctly; a tree; a fairy; a vowel or pronoun. The centrals, read downwards and across, give one of Captain Marryatt's novels.

F. POWELL.

## 58—

Beneath a green and bushy hedge  
Of early May my whole is found;  
You oft may see my homely first  
Strayed from the fields unto the pound.  
Often my first, my second does,  
Falling with speed upon the ground,  
Eager always the grass to eat.  
Near which my yellow whole is found,  
Good and pleasant is the wine which  
Lovely wholes have helped to make;  
And many a tippler likes it too well,  
Never refusing the cup to take.  
Dear riddling friends, my whole please tell.

## 59—

- 1—Syncopate a vehicle and leave a domestic pet.
- 2—Syncopate gloomy or sullen, and leave an animal of the deer kind.
- 3—Syncopate the voice of a rooster and leave a useful farm animal.
- 4—Syncopate a shepherd's staff, and leave a preparer of food for the table.
- 5—Syncopate smitten and leave gummed tightly together.

## 60—EASY REVERSALS.

- Reverse a circular band and get an expression of contempt.  
Reverse a part of a watch or clock, and get set down.  
Reverse clothing and get to boast.  
Reverse clubs and get a wound with a sharp-pointed weapon.  
Reverse a place defended from the wind, and get a fish.  
Reverse recompense and get part of a clothes press.  
Reverse eatable fruit and get a pleasant month.

## 61—DECAPITATIONS.

Complete I'm the home of black, brown or gray;  
Behold me, I'm seen in the house every day;  
Again, and I've power to obey.

Complete I may cause you to stumble and fall;  
Behold I am strength to the bodies of all;  
Again, I'm a number remarkably small.

As a whole I am said to keep off the foe;  
Behold, what that foe likes to do I now show;  
Again, and you're furnished with what brings him low.

T. M. T.

## 62—SQUARE WORDS.

- 1.—Black, a weapon, valient, an armor, pitchers.
- 2.—A Hebrew letter, a country in Europe, one who creates, a gum, instruments of music.

## Answers to May Puzzles.

- 45—1, Milk-maid. 2, Flint-shire. 3, Miss-take. 4, Snow-ball.  
46—1—Idea. 2—Rest. 3—Park. 4—Game.  
Dear. Echo. Alloc. Amen.  
Earn. Show. Rove. Mend.  
Arno. Town. Keen. Ends.

## 47—Granada.

48—All work and no play makes a dull boy.

- 49—1, Fibre, Fire. 2, Coast, Cost. 3, SoLon, Scon. 4, PeTal, Peal. 5, Noise, Nosc. 6, DoMe, Doe. 7, DrOp, Drop. 8, FaRce, Face. 9, NiEce, Nicc. Baltimore.

## 50—

M  
S I T  
B O S O M  
M I S L E A D  
G U E S T  
W A R  
D

51—As the old cock crows the young one learns.

- 52—B, oat; T, ale; B, room; B, ear; S, hark; B, ear; T, aught; F, ox.

53—Promise little and do much.

54—In the looking glass. 2, Trees. 3, The letter M.

## Names of Those Who Sent Correct Answers to May Puzzles.

John West, Herbert Kitchen, G. L. O'Callaghan, Minnie Gould, Ellen Burroughs, Henry Thomas, Rosie Shore, Sarah J. Dutton, Alex. McKay, Octavius Crane, Minnie Flood, J. C. Cowan, Theo. Summers, Noah Bayly, Geo. Trevail, Lucie Hammond, Jessie Garden, Wm. Cummings, David Paterson, Alley Mercer, John Scott, Mary Weekes, Thomas M. A. Lyons, Edwin West, Henry Marling, Frank Ellis, Edward Curtis, Mary J. C. Carter, T. W. Weston, Emily Ball, J. Taylor, Eliza Leach, Robert Reid, Jas. Anderson, Jane Sharman, C. W. Roberts, R. Birrell, Carrie Flemming, John Malone, Elizabeth Elliott, Kate A. M. Lamprior.

Honorable mention is made of Minnie Hyde, having answered all the puzzles correctly.

Science is a good piece of furniture for a man to have in an upper chamber, provided he has common sense on the ground floor.

A woman may not be able to sharpen a pencil or throw a stone at a hen, but she can pack more articles into a trunk than a man can in a one-horse wagon.

Patrick—"And, Biddy, darlint, they've been tellin' me there's too many of us in the world. Now, if you and me get the praste to make us two wan, troth won't there be wan the less?"

## Stock Notes.

Mr. C. T. Todd, of Milltown, New Brunswick, a breeder of Hereford cattle, recently shipped several head to Ontario.

The London Oil Refining Co. shipped for Liverpool on the 26th ult., via the Grand Trunk, 15 car loads of cattle—13 from London and 2 from Mitchell—a total of 250 head.

Cattle to the number of seventy head, bought around Sackville, N. B., have been forwarded to Quebec for shipment to Great Britain. Several of them weighed 2,200 lbs. each.

Lt.-Col. Tyrwhitt, of Bradford, has purchased from Messrs. J. & R. Watt, of Salem, the prize Shorthorn bull, Bramton Senator, by imp. Royal Bramton; dam, Queen of Beauty, imp.; he weighed 1,600 lbs. at 2 yrs. old.

Mr. Edward Jeffs, Bond Head, has sold seven young Shorthorn bulls since last October at fair prices, considering the hard times.

HEREFORD IMPORTATION.—Mr. F. W. Stone, of Guelph, has imported about 40 head more of this fine class of beef animals. From accounts we hear of the demand for Herefords, there is at present much more profit in them for breeders than in the Shorthorns. Americans have been making large importations of this breed, and the highest prize was awarded this class at the last Royal Exhibition in England. Mr. Stone's name as a breeder of stock stands high in the estimation of Canadians and Americans.

An order for 64,000 bushels of Canada white wheat has been received from Antwerp, Belgium, per cable.

Forty-two thousand pounds of eggs passed through Ottawa on Tuesday last for the Montreal market.

The Toronto Reaper & Mower Co. have orders for eight car loads of their Whitely reapers and mowers to go to Prince Edward Island and to Nova Scotia.

The Thomson & Williams Manufacturing Co., of Stratford, Ont., last week filled an order for a car load of their wrought-iron harvesters, to go to New Westminster, British Columbia.

Our Australian correspondents inform us that they have had a hot dry summer—three months without rain. Wheat will only yield about five bushels per acre. It is now the winter season with them.

ON THE WING.—We hope to be in Manitoba the latter part of this month. We go untrammelled, and shall attempt to give you information about that country from an untrammelled and disinterested standpoint.

John Elliot & Son, of the Phoenix Foundry, city, have shipped this season 292 reaping and mowing machines to localities outside of Ontario. The largest number go to France; some to Scotland, some to Australia, and others to British Columbia. Mr. Elliot makes a good machine, and we hope these may be only the pioneers for a large business in our country.

BEE NOTES.—Dodd's circular and price list giving full particulars regarding Bee Hives, Italian Queens, and other apian matter is received, and is deserving of attention by all engaged in that most delightful and profitable occupation—bee keeping. Mr. C. F. Dodd is an enterprising young man, and enthusiastic on bees. See advertisement.

"PLYMOUTH ROCKS."—Though a recent breed of fowls, the Plymouth Rocks have already attained sufficient importance to have a work devoted to their history, characteristics, etc. Mr. F. A. Corbin, of Newington, Ct., tells the story in a neat volume of nearly 100 pages, which also gives designs for poultry-houses, and useful hints upon poultry management in general.

Kansas must be a pleasant place for Canadians to settle in. Negroes are swarming to that state. Tornados are plentiful. They have commenced early this year. In May numerous houses were blown to atoms, and over 20 people killed. Drouth, insect pests, and a lawless, demoralized population, with laws that are winked at, are among the attractions. Dissatisfied and ignorant Canadians may go there, but even those that can return will do so as sick of Kansas as did —, whose description appeared in this journal years ago.