

## Puzzles.

## 1.—ANAGRAM.

Murder! Murder! Did you hear that cry?  
Hark! Listen! What is that?  
That man is ALMOST INSANE, you say;  
He's killing the old grey cat.

FAIR BROTHER.

## 2.—CHARADE.

Volume twenty-eight, of the dear old Advocate,  
Has its TOTAL life begun;  
And twice every month we'll greet its welcome face,  
So cheery and LAST of fun.  
And many new friends, we hope, will join our band,  
To gladden our old uncle's heart.  
Oh! once they have joined they'll like it so much,  
That from it they'll be loath to part.  
For much may be learned in our columns each day,  
That will be found of great PRIME.  
Then our family join and some puzzles send,  
Either in prose or rhyme.

ADA ARMAND.

## 3.—RIDDLE (Phonetic).

My first is a title you often may hear;  
My second we hope for at the close of each year;  
Though we hope for my second, if with it we should meet,  
It even then seems to be a COMPLETE.

ADA ARMAND.

## 4.—BEHEADING.

Oh! say! Miss Lily Day,  
You that live down by Chaleurs Bay,  
Do you think I'll leave the "Dom,"  
After getting such a hearty welcome from you.

And then, Mister Fair Brother  
Hopes I mean to stay;  
Of course I do, dear sir,  
Back forever, that is what I say.  
Now we get the Advocate,  
Shall we not have a time,  
Twice a month: oh! say!  
Making puzzles that do not rhyme.

In and out of season,  
We're guilty of no ALL;  
If we thus go struggling on,  
Though they have no rhyme or FINAL.

HENRY REEVE.

Happy New Year, hail to thee,  
Now the old year pass away,  
As thy smiling face we see;  
Shall we work or shall we play.  
Cousins all, for the sake of days of yore,  
Join our charmed circle once more;  
Lonely will be Uncle Tom, you know,  
If we all forsake him so.  
From puzzlement do not TOTAL,  
If a prize you do not LAST;  
Stay first Uncle Tom another year;  
Nail your color to the mast.

HENRY REEVE.

6.—CHARADE.  
My first a girl's name; my second a part of your body; my third a conjunction; my whole a clever personage.

HENRY REEVE.

7.—ENIGMA.  
They say I'm the gem of the ocean,  
A pearl both precious and rare;  
I shine like an emerald in darkness,  
But for daylight I have no care.

They say I'm the root of all evil,  
My delight is to be left alone;  
I ramble about in the evening;  
The forest I choose as my throne.  
They say that I sparkle with beauty,  
I'm worn on the head of our Queen;  
Though adorning the necks of fair ladies,  
I never a lady have seen.

They say that I bring with me sunshine,  
You'll find me in every home;  
You may pick me up on the seashore,  
For there in abundance I roam.

FAIR BROTHER.

## 8.—BURIED PROVERB.

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FRED. HALL.

## A Useful Article.

A very convenient receptacle for soiled clothes is made by covering a light barrel with chintz or furniture cotton. For this purpose an empty salt or sugar barrel will do. Line the inside with any kind of paper; paste it on. Then measure four pieces of pritor chintz the length of the barrel, allowing four inches extra for the hem at the top. Run a narrow hem along the bottom, gather the top, slip the cover on and tack it securely. Cover the lid, inside and out, and make a knob by fastening a spool on. These are very convenient for cast-off clothing, quilt patches, etc.

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## STOCK GOSSIP.

At a recent sale of street car horses in Montreal, the lowest price fetched was \$1.50, and a few were sold as high as \$33.

The extensive and well equipped stock ranch of Mr. N. Boyd M. P., situated about ten miles south of Carberry, and comprising some 23,000 acres, was recently visited by one of our staff. As we cannot give in detail at this writing all that would be of interest to our readers, we will confine ourselves to a few things from which something practical may be gleaned by those interested in stock raising. In Mr. Boyd's stud are some very fine horses, comprising standard-bred Thoroughbred and Clydesdales, and a careful inspection of the individuals will evidence the care that has been given in their selection, while their size and form gives the impression that utility has been fully considered. The number of horses at present is about 130, among which some fine heavy draft as well as Kentucky-bred mares are to be seen. The young stock were looking exceedingly well, which is largely due to the fine system of caring for the suckers, and proper attention during the first winter, thus giving them a start which is easily retained. The advantage of this was clearly demonstrated at the time of our visit by a band of yearlings, among which were standard-bred and Clydesdales, which came in for the first time this winter in excellent flesh and fine appearance. A special mention of the individuals would be interesting, and where such fine animals as Freeman D. 6339, and the thoroughbred Davidson are concerned, would afford pleasure to the writer as well as our readers, but this must be left for a future time. The horse has first place, but there is also a nice flock of sheep and some fine hickshires, as well as 125 head of cattle, which, by the way, cannot be called "horned," at least part of them, as Mr. Boyd has been disarming some of his herd, to his complete satisfaction. He informs us that milk of milk was perceptible, and that some of them that spent a good share of their time in using their horns to the annoyance and discomfort of the others, are now as quiet and peaceful as could be desired. The operation had been performed about three weeks prior to our visit, and in every instance they were doing well. Much might also be said in reference to the growing and preparing food for this large stock, in ways Mr. Boyd has found profitable, as well as preparations for adding a supply of roots. A visit to Mr. Boyd's ranch will be found profitable to those interested, and the genial proprietor will be found ready to communicate pointers from his experience, as well as make the time enjoyable.

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Our readers will please notice that Mr. J. Kennedy, Orillia, Ont., will sell by public auction a number of Cheviot sheep, on Wednesday, the 15th of February, not Thursday, as announced in last issue.

Mr. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont., makes a change in his advertisement from which it will be seen that he has some fine young Berkshire sows for sale, in farrow to imported boars, also some fine young boars and sows, two and three months old, and some nice young Jersey heifers and calves. Mr. Snell also has a special advertisement of a high class young Jersey bull for sale.

Peter Farney, of Manitowish, informs us that his Shropshire sheep are doing well, especially the two lambs that captured first prize at the Winnipeg Industrial and Dyer 108, his late importation from the flock of the Hon. John Dryden.

According to Breeders' Gazette the dispersion sale of the "Shropshire Park Flock," at Allerton, Ill., on Dec. 15th and 16th, was a remarkably successful sale, the total realized for 420 head of pure-bred Shropshires being \$16,000, an average of \$38 a head. One home-bred yearling ram brought \$25, 12 rams over one shear averaged \$80 apiece, 91 ram lambs averaged \$29.75, 280 ewes sold in pens of three averaged \$41.75 per head, the highest priced pen bringing an average of \$85 per head.

Mr. Leslie Smith, of Wawanessa, called at our office the other day, and he informs us that his three-year-old Clydesdale stallion, Chas. Buchanan, is developing into a big, stylish horse, with lots of quality and magnificent action. He is doubtless one of the best bred Clydes ever imported into Manitoba, being a son of Sir Everard—three champion of Glasgow stallion show—and a grandson of that wonderful horse Prince of Wales. Chas. Buchanan was imported in March, 1892, by Stewart Robinson, of Wawanessa, and was bred by William Taylor, Park Mains, Paisley, Scotland.

A wonderful Polled-Angus heifer was shown by Mr. Clement Stevenson at the great Smithfield show. This was Bridesmaid of Benton, got by Jovial Sontar, the 300 gs. Jilt bull, now at the head of the Laughton Polled herd. The North British Agriculturist describes her thus: "She was all but perfect in figure, her only fault, and it was a slight one, being a slight weakness in the thighs. She had a broad and beautifully level back and well-sprung ribs, and she carried a marvellous cover of beautifully even and moist flesh. Though only a yearling of 31 months and one week, she girthed 7 feet 8 inches, and scaled no less than 13 cwt. 18 lbs., an extraordinary weight for an animal of her age. She was, by general consent, admitted to be the best heifer of her age ever exhibited at Smithfield."

Mr. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont., writes us that his Berkshire pigs, Cotswold sheep and Jersey cattle have been good friends to him in the past year. The demand for all these breeds was better during the closing month of the old year and the first month of the new year than has been known in the last decade. The demand for pigs has reached fever heat, and everybody in the trade feels the influence of it. The mutton breeds of sheep are wanted in large numbers for the Western States and Territories as well as in our own provinces and the great Northwest. Our sales of Cotswolds were never so large or covering so large a territory as last year. Jerseys, which were somewhat dull of sale last year, are again looking up, and the demand is now very active and good prices prevail. An advertisement in the Advocate for November led to correspondence which resulted in the sale of five heifers to different parties. The following is a list of sales made by Mr. Snell since last report: Berkshires to Wm. Douglas, Caledonia; J. J. Grover, Newfield, Pa.; H. T. Hudson, Rootstown, Ohio; Geo. L. Raymond, Newington, Ont.; Jos. Greathead, Saugeen, Ont.; Caleb Brown, Colpa's Bay; I. P. Enal, Beebe, Arkansas; Metcalfe Bros., Elma, N. Y.; E. V. Miller & Co., Morley, Iowa; Edward Gough, Ponassan, Ont.; J. B. Phillips, Terminus, Ont.; M. B. Palmer, Mendoza, Ill.; David Heaslip, Bullington, Ont.; Cotswolds to W. E. Lee Tremont, Nebraska; D. E. Graham, Egg Harbor, Wis.; A. Frank, Grange, Ont.; H. H. Prince, Catharine, N. Y.; Peter Rawlin, Ravenna, Ont.; Jas. Law, Ridgetown, Ont.; Geo. Harding & Son, Waukesha, Wis.; S. H. Anderson, Oxford, Ind.; H. W. Harlow, Marathan, Ohio. Jerseys to R. C. Scott, Highgate, Ont.; Rev. I. F. Snowden, Kincaidline; G. A. Deadman, Brussels, Ont.; H. Plumsted, Clinton, Ont.; J. W. Ney, Bracebridge, Ont.