

Puzzle Column

For Boys and Girls.

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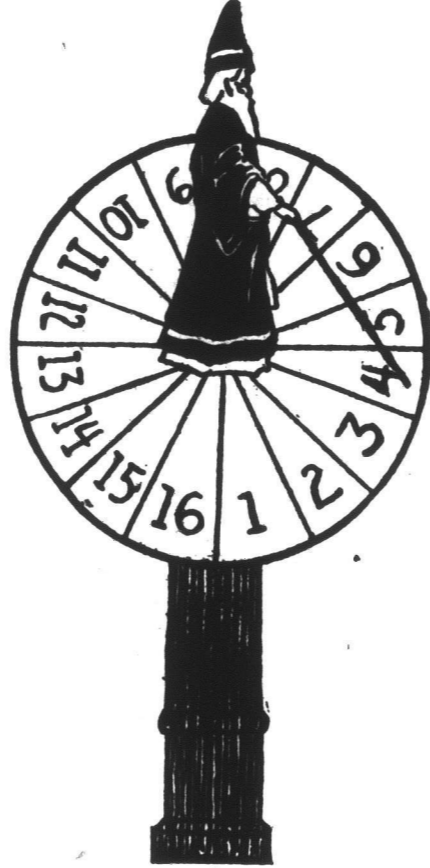
- 1. Word square— A man who filled an imperial throne; A number though it is but one; A man of old of wondrous strength; A thing with neither breadth or length. 2. What stands on one leg and has its heart in its head? 3. Why is a mouse like straw? 4. Name the largest room; also the smallest room in the world. 5. My first is in shoot but not in fire; My second is in harp, but not in lyre; My third is in rain, but not in sleet; My fourth is in nice, but not in sweet; My fifth is in ink, but not in led; My sixth is in auburn, but not in red; My seventh is in peace, but not in strife; My last is in lance, but not in knife; My whole is the name of a great general who fought against Rome. 6. Charade— I've wandered in the western land, And saw my firsts in thousands there; They flourished there on either hand, There's nothing they would not to dare. My second farmers use; and oft I'm used in ships and trains; I make things light and make things soft, By using the machine man gains. Oh! childish scenes come back to me, When mother me the whole did make to take each day. And held me when I took it, on her knee, And gave me sweets and cake to take the taste away. 7. How may 100 be expressed with four nines. 8. Name the words designated by the B's, C's and O's in the following sentence: In 1812 Captain B B B B sent his C C C C into the backwoods of Canada to plant pot O O O O O O O. 9. My 5, 2, 1, 7, 3, is the name of a people; My 6, 7, 5, is a certain port of man; My 8, 7, 1, 6, 3, 4, means to weep; My whole is a city in Canada. 10. What is it that is of no use to a waggon, still it cannot go without it?

Answers to January Puzzles.

- 1. Word diamond— P A R C A G O R A P R O M I S E C R I S P A S P E 2. To get to the other side. 3. Square— F A T E A C I D T I D E E D E N 4. Because it springs from the eyes. 5. Its sure to come every month. 6. Six cents. He takes one piece of chain and cuts each link and with each link he joins the other four pieces together, making three cuts and three welds. 7. Because the woodpecker would peck her. 8. A woman sitting milking a cow, and a calf standing beside her. 9. Eight cuts. 10. It is out of the head. 11. Because they both are always behind. 12. The sun. 13. Three.

The Game of Prophet.

Have you ever played a game called prophet? If not you will find it very entertaining, and we will tell you how to make the prophet. First cut a piece of pasteboard perfectly round; divide with pencil marks this circle into about twenty or more equal parts like the spokes of a wheel. Place this piece of pasteboard on a standard a few inches high, then either make or buy a small wooden doll, which must be dressed like a monk or prophet. Place this figure in the centre of the



circle on a wire or pivot so that it will turn freely. The prophet must have a wand in his right hand, which points to the figures on the disk. Now prepare a lot of cards, upon each of which you must write some prophecy bearing the numbers on the disk, such as No. 15, "You will be successful in business;" No. 10, "You will have a long life and a merry one." The person

whose fortune is to be told must start the prophet revolving on the pivot, and when he stops his wand will point to one of the numbers. Then the card bearing that number must be given to the player. On this card he reads his future or part of it, and can, if he wishes, try it again. Several sets of cards with the same numbers make the action quicker. This pastime affords much amusement as a parlor game.

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