

I am pleased to see a revival of interest in the puzzle corner; it is principally in the original contributions. Very few send answers, which is the easier part. Our old friend Charlie Edwards very generously offers to withdraw from the competition for prizes, but promises to contribute regularly. Charlie does this to encourage new workers, and I hope many will manifest their appreciation by adding their contributions.

Yours lovingly, UNCLE TOM.

### Puzzles.

#### 1-NUMERICAL.

My whole is a fruit  
Let us divide out where  
123 a boy's name  
Not very rare.

4 32156 for the victor.  
Don't give it up;  
45 last you will win  
And take off the cup.

WM. S. BANKS.

#### 2-ANAGRAM.

As many a "path I ride" along  
Beneath an April sun,  
I breathe new life from the wild-wood song  
An' the squirrels' wild rush of fun.

Long past is the day I felt as gay,  
When hastening to the town;  
But now the foot has flown far away,  
I laugh the sadness down.

For who could be sad in the Springtime  
Of all the rolling year!  
Oh, who could be sad in the Springtime,  
No matter what the cheer!

CLARA ROBINSON.

#### 3-GEOGRAPHICAL PUZZLE.

DEAR COUSIN, — I again seek the (lake in N.-W. Territories) (lake in Pacific Ocean) of my cousin.  
I have become (a lake in Ontario) during my (lake in Assiniboia) absence from this (town in Australia) of Puzzles, and I now wish to join Uncle Tom's happy (lake in Manitoba) again.  
I see that Miss Lily Day and C. S. Edwards still work with (a bay in Newfoundland), and (lake in S. of Australia) all others. Their (lake in Pacific Ocean) faces inspire me with a (lake in Newfoundland) of (a town in U. S.).  
Let us therefore help the ADVOCATE with a true (river in U. S.) (lake in Pacific Ocean), remembering that there are many (lake in Australia) ways of puzzling, and that our puzzles, whether (lake in Canada) or (a river in Newfoundland) will help to (harbor in Newfoundland) our corner.

WM. S. BANKS.

#### 4-TRANSPPOSITION.

The farmer sows his field of grain  
And other crops in time,  
He cannot FIRST a leisure hour  
Till o'er is seeding time.

His wife is just as busy, too,  
With household cares on mind,  
She THREE her stock of juicy two  
Or crisp brown coffee grinds.

When harvest comes he FOUR his crop,  
Mid cheerful song and shout;  
He tells along from sun to sun  
Till stars come peeping out.

A PUZZLISTIC COUSIN.

#### 5-NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

My 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 is the bone in the back.  
My 6, 7, 8, 9 is to look like.  
My 12, 11, 10, 13 is mature.  
My total is a great empire.

#### 6-CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

My FIRST is in orate, but not in ekate;  
My SECOND is in air, and also in stair;  
My THIRD is in night, but not in dark;  
My FOURTH is in tired, but not in old;  
My FIFTH is in tired, but not in rest;  
My SIXTH is in aunt, but not in uncle;  
My SEVENTH is a country you all know well.

HATTIE MACDONALD.

### 7-SYNCOPIATIONS.

Take one letter from each word.  
To parboil—a cabbage.  
Something drawn out or extended—Peculiar skill.  
A circuit—Life.  
A small shoot—Active.  
Boisterous, empty declamation—An animal.  
The horn of the moon—Part of a flower.  
To spend—a youth.  
To play at ombre—To propose.  
Syncooped letters—A famous explorer.

CLARA ROBINSON.

### Answers to February 1st Puzzles.

#### 1-Olympic.

Right is right since God is God,  
And right the day must win;  
To doubt would be disloyalty,  
To falter would be sin.

#### 3-Now—Won.

In faith and hope the world will disagree,  
But all mankind's concern is charity.

#### 5-A light heart lives long.

### Answers to February 1st Puzzles.

Addison M. Snider, J. S. Crerar, Ada M. Jackson, Clara Robinson.  
The Illustrated Rebus in February 1st, credited to Lily Day, was the work of Charlie S. Edwards.

U. T.

## THE QUIET HOUR.

### Through the Flood on Foot.

The sun had sunk in the West  
For a little while,  
The clouds which gathered to see him die  
Had caught his dying smile.  
We sat in the door of the tent  
In the cool of the day,  
Towards the quiet meadow  
Where the misty shadows lay.

The great and terrible land  
Of wilderness and drought,  
Lies in the shadows behind us,  
For the Lord had brought us out.  
The great and terrible river,  
Though shrouded still from view,  
Lay in the shadows before us,  
But the Lord would bear us through.

In the stillness and the starlight,  
In sight of the blessed land,  
We thought of the bygone desert life,  
And the burning, blinding sand.  
We were talking about the King,  
And our Elder Brother.

As we used often to speak  
One to another,  
The Lord, standing quietly by,  
In the shadows dim,  
Smiling, perhaps, in the dark, to hear  
Our sweet, sweet talk of Him.

"I think in a little while,"  
I said at length,  
"We shall see His face in the city  
Of everlasting strength."  
And sit down under the shadow  
Of His smile.

With great delight and thanksgiving,  
To rest awhile,  
But the river—the awful river,  
In the drying light,  
And as he spoke, a murmur  
Of a river rose on the night.

And one came up through the meadow  
Where the mist lay dim;  
Till he stood by my friend in the starlight,  
And spoke to him:  
"I have come to call thee home,"  
Said our velvet guest.

"The terrible journey of thy life is done;  
I will take thee into rest.  
Arise! thou shalt come to the palace,  
To rest thee forever."  
And he pointed across the meadow,  
And down to the river.

My friend rose up in the shadows,  
And turned to me,  
"Be of good cheer," I said faintly,  
"For He calleth Thee."  
For I knew by His loving voice,  
His kindly word,  
The veiled Guest in the starlight dim  
Was Christ the Lord.

So we three went slowly down  
To the riverside,  
Till we stood in the heavy shadows  
By the black, wild tide.  
I could hear that the Lord was speaking  
Deep words of grace;  
I could see their blessed reflection  
On my friend's pale face.

The strong and desolate tide  
Was hurrying wildly past,  
As he turned to take my hand once more,  
And say Farewell, at last.  
"Farewell! I cannot fear;  
Oh, seeest thou His grace?"  
And even as he spoke, he turned  
Again to the Master's face.

So they two went closer down  
To the river side,  
And stood in the heavy shadows  
By the black, wild tide.  
But when the feet of the Lord  
Were come to the waters dim,  
They rose to stand on either hand,  
And left a path for Him.

So they two passed over swiftly  
Towards the goal;  
But the wistful, longing gaze  
Of the passing soul  
Grew only more rapt and joyful  
As he clasped his Master's hand.  
I think, or ever he was aware,  
They were come to the Holy land.

Now I sit alone in my tent  
In the cool of the day,  
Towards the quiet meadow  
Where misty shadows play;  
The great and terrible land  
Of wilderness and drought  
Lies in the shadows behind me,  
For the Lord hath brought me out.

The great and terrible river,  
I stood that night to view,  
Lies in the shadows before me—  
But the Lord will bear me through.

—B. M.

### Asleep.

O gift of God! O perfect peace:  
Where angel hands touched cheek and brow,  
All pain and trace of trouble cease:  
No cares of earth vex our friend now.  
Rests on his lips a look most sweet,  
As if he smiling fell asleep;  
Then do you think, dear friends, 'tis meet,  
That we should henceforth grieve and weep!

We cannot wake him if we would,  
He heareth not our cries and tears,  
We dare not wake him if we could,  
To feel again earth's ills and fears.  
He toiled and suffered till life's close,  
How sweet the thought, he is at rest!  
In peaceful, undisturbed repose,  
We fold his hands upon his breast.

What better gift than this can be,  
He giveth his beloved sleep!  
O words of love and mystery!  
Blest fount of comfort, full and deep,  
The fringed lids veil tender eyes,  
Whose loving glance we thrilled to see,  
How bright the way behind us lies,  
The path we walked in company!

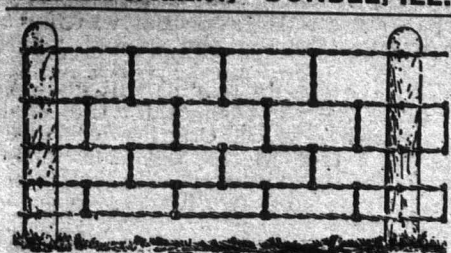
Yet how unreal, and strange it seems,  
That we should live while he is dead,  
We grope like one in mists of dreams,  
God grant we may be comforted;  
That while we miss from out our home  
The voices whose music death hath stilled,  
That we may say that it is well,  
For thus it was the Father willed.

—A. M. Barlow.

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## GOSSIP.

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## THE TORONTO SPRING HORSE SHOW.

We have received, from Secretary Wade, an advance draft of the prize list for the spring show too late for extended notice in this issue. The prize list is a liberal one, with the usual extended classification, and prizes running from \$20 to \$75. The date of the show is April 29th and 30th, and May 1st. Entries close April 17th. Prize lists can be secured by sending a post-card to Henry Wade, Parliament Building, Toronto.

## BOOK TABLE.

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Among the annual seed catalogues received is that of Harry N. Hammond, Decatur, Mich., U. S. A. This firm evidently pays special attention to the growing of potatoes for seed, as the extensive catalogue issued is largely good sorts. Oats, dent and sweet corn, peas, beans, buckwheat, and millet also receive attention, as well as the different clovers.

VEGETABLES ON THE FARM.  
Three years ago Prof. Samuel Green, Professor of Horticulture, in the University of Minnesota, published a little work called "Amateur Fruit Growing" as a help to his class-room work in the School of Agriculture. It was so favorably received that he has been encouraged to issue a more pretentious volume which we have received from the Webb Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn. While this book was written for the latitude of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., (45 degrees N. L.), being really applicable for the western States, it is certainly one of the most complete and useful volumes we have seen, nearly everything being serviceable for the farm garden. We are very much pleased with the volume, and

must congratulate Prof. Green upon it. The following list of contents will give our readers a good idea of the work:

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| Okra                            |  |          |
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The Spramator Co., of London, Ont., have issued their 1897 annual catalogue and treatise, which, as a book of reference to the methods of a successful battle with insects, surpasses anything of its sort we have noticed. Some 31 pages of the 64 are devoted exclusively to treatise, which, if carefully studied by fruit growers, should do them an extraordinary amount of good in fitting them to get crops that would fall through ignorance. The catalogue, which is profusely illustrated and alphabetically indexed, can be secured by sending a three-cent stamp, with your address, to the Spramator Co., London, Ont. Among the many testimonials are those of the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture; A. H. Pettit & Son, Grimsby; A. McNeil, Windsor, and other equally prominent fruit growers.

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