

Uncle Tom's Department.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES,—When shall we cease to hear the remark from parents, viz.: "I do not see why my boys and girls cannot work at home as willingly as they can for others!" Now we think if parents were to allow their children a little sum per week, even though the amount be trifling, and with the understanding that they have to buy their own clothes with their wages, they would have less cause to complain of negligence and discontent. The children could get little comforts and necessities when needed, and learn the value of money and how to spend it judiciously; and be as independent as the girl or boy who leaves home for wages. It was always mysterious to me how some farmers had cash in hand or could get it at some specified time to pay hired help; but when the son or daughter asked for a few shillings, they must wait some indefinite time, or not get it, even though the money might be used to purchase some useful garment, or some tool wherewith the boys might work on the farm more expeditiously. To be sure, all the hard work and close economy may go for improvements on the farm, and most likely the children will possess the farm and appurtenances, or a share of it. But what do these young, fiery specimens of humanity care for heaping up wealth now? Is it not better to teach them self-reliance by earning their necessities and laying out their earnings to the best advantage for present and future enjoyments, keeping their own accounts, and giving them privileges and pleasures in youth?

UNCLE TOM.

PUZZLES.

50—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

1. A close consonant. 2. A plural verb. 3. Part of the human frame. 4. To turn from the truth. 5. An emigrant. 6. Often a pitiable result. 7. A passage. 8. A mineral. 9. A liquid consonant. The perpendicular letters are the same as the fifth item.

AGNES CAROLINE SMITH.

51—TOWNS ENIGMATICALLY EXPRESSED.

1. A tree and a weight.
2. A bird and a sheet of water.
3. A man's name and a piece of land surrounded by water.
4. A young girl and a mineral.
5. To exist, a consonant and a piece of water.
6. A mark and a corporate town.
7. One of the cardinal points, an adverb, and a part of the earth.
8. A male deer, a preposition, a consonant, and one of Noah's sons.
9. A building and a weight.
10. A weapon and a part of the face.
11. An implement of husbandry and an entrance.
12. Animals and an entrance.

HELENA STEVENS.

52—BLANKS.

Fill the following blanks with words pronounced alike, but spelled differently:

1. Will you—me a—?
2. The—sang a plaintive—.
3. —the men saw the—.
4. —will read—.
5. They gave—a—to read.
6. —will—the tree.
7. His—was that of a—man.

H. H. THOMAS.

53—CROSS WORD ENIGMA.

My first is in shadow, but not in storm;
My second in substance, but not in form;
My third is in rain, but not in snow;
My fourth is in reap, but not in mow;

My fifth is in pipe, but not in bowl;
My sixth is in mouse, but not in mole;
My seventh is in bird, but not in cage;
My eighth is in sulky, but not in stage;
My ninth is in bran, but not in meal;
My tenth is in grouse, but not in teal.
And now, if you're patient and clever and witty,
My whole you will discover the name of a city.

JAS. MANN.

54—CHARADA.

My first is a bird whose beautiful voice
Bids all who hear it be glad and rejoice;
As soon as the sun appears in the skies,
Away up towards heaven this little bird flies.
My second the battle steed well doth know,
For oft he is urged by it on towards the foe;
And the poor jaded steed who is longing for rest,
By this little reminder onwards is pressed.
My whole is a flower, its color is blue,
It may be a novelty, reader, to you;
It came from China, 'tis rich and rare,
To flourish well, it needs great care.

JAS. MURRAY.

55—LETTER SYNCOPATIONS.

(To syncopate is to shorten a word by taking away from the middle of it a letter, letters, or a syllable.)

1. Syncopate kingly, to leave genuine.
2. " a soldier's reward, and leave a necessary part of every day's living.
3. Syncopate firm, and leave old.
4. " speedy, and leave an invasion.
5. " grim, and leave a substance that oozes out of trees.



WHICH IS THE FASTEST?

[Our recent rebus was too hard, although the motto was a good one, and will bear looking up and impressing on the memory of young and old. Above we reproduce an old question that has not yet been satisfactorily answered.]

56—PUZZLE.

My first is in desk, but not in seat,
My second is in bone, but not in meat;
My third is in cry, but not in laugh,
My fourth is in whole, but not in half;
My fifth is in bud, but not in rose,
My sixth is in friends, but not in foes;
My seventh is in dog, but not in cat,
My eighth is in mouse, but not in rat;
My ninth is in turnip, but not in beet,
My tenth is in barley, but not in wheat.
My whole is good advice.

ELIZA AND JOSIE.

57—A word of one syllable—easy and short,
Reads backward and forward the same;
Expresses the sentiment felt by the heart,
And to beauty lays principal claim.

58—PUZZLE.

My first is in work, but not in play,
My second is in river, but not in bay;
My third is in knot, but not in tie,
My fourth is in story, but not in lie;
My fifth is in veal, but not in meat,
My sixth is in hair, but not in feet;
My seventh is in lion, but not in bear,
My eighth is in pistol, but not in spear;
My ninth is in dress, but not in gown,
My whole is a Nova Scotia town.

H. A. W.

Answers to May Puzzles.

- 41—Loan.
42—Miss-take.
43—Tomato.
44—Love one another.
45—(1.) Theirs, I, it, its, he, her, hers, his, their.
45—(2.) Masters. Grace.
Ashen. Roman.
Share. Amend.
Tense. Cance.
Sneer. Ended.

- 46—Idleness is the sepulchre of a living man.
47—Kingfisher, raspberry, pineapple, bakappa'e, rattlesnake.
48—Ignore, region, brush, shrub, deform, formed, thing, night, three, there.
49—A fault confest is half mended.

Names of Those Who Sent Correct Answers to May Puzzles.

Horace C Wetmore, Eliza and Josie Clarkson, Wm. Morley Adams, Joseph Winner, Jonis Franks, Emily Ferguson, Percy Turner, J. L. Muir, Mary Beantalk, Levi Simpson, A. C. Evans, John Edmunds, Philip McArthur, Joan Freeland, Susan Nellis, Henry Johnson, E. A. Stevens, Chas. Emery, Alex. McIntosh, Wm. A. Shoebottom, Leonard Marnard, Jessie Anderson, Jacob Jacobs, Eliza Millman, Frank Trieman, Jos. Webster, Sarah Walker, Ellen W. Mercer, V. N. Norwood, M. D. Davidson, Paul Smyth, L. V. Orwood, Francis Orr, Saml. Scott, A. O. Jell, May Beasus, Jane Combs, L. E. I. Netherwood, Arthur Springer, Lucy Cottingham, Emily Woods, S. V. Yarrow, Polly Brown, Harry A. Woodworth.

HUMOROUS.

Apropos of names. First swell: "I never did like 'May' not nearly so pretty as 'Mary'; wonder they don't change the name of the month to 'Mary.'" Second swell: "Clevah ideaw, bah Jove! make awystaws good to June, you know!"

"Polly, dear," said a loving husband to his spouse, who was several years his junior, "what do you say to settling at the Cape?" "Oh, I'm delighted with the idea! You recollect when Morgan went out there he was as poor as we are, and he died in three years worth two thou and pounds!"

A RED-DY ANSWER.—Very red-haired Passenger. "I say, Guard, why on earth don't the train go on?" Guard: "Good gracious, Sir! put your head in; how can you expect it to go on while that danger signal is out."—[Fun.]

"Conductor, why didn't you wake me up, as I asked you? Here I am miles beyond my station." "I did try, sir, but all I could get you to say was, 'All right, Maria; get the children their breakfast, and I'll be down in a minute.'"

After a telegraph pole had fallen on a Savannah negro's head he threw his hands and shouted: Don't hit me again wid your club, Mr. Policeman. It wasn't me that stole der chickens. It was Deacon Henry." Then he looked, saw what hit him and walked off, saying: "Golley, I'ae in luck 'dis morning. I spected dat de policeman had me shuah dat time."

"You must not play with that little girl, my dear," said an injudicious parent. "But, ma, I like her; she is a good little girl, and I am sure she dresses as pretty as I do, and she has lots of toys." "I can not help that, my dear," replied the foolish mother; "her father is a shoemaker." "But I don't play with her father, I play with her; she ain't a shoemaker."

"Another old settler gone!" exclaimed the cook when she tossed the egg-shell out of the coffee-pot.

A bright little three-year-old, while her mother was trying to get her to sleep, became interested in some outside noise. She was told it was caused by a cricket when she sagely observed; "Mamma I think it ought to be oiled."

CONUNDRUM.—My first is at every one's door; my second is a kind of grain; my third every one wants, but few have; my whole is one of the united states.—Matrimony.

NO, INDEED, IT'S ALL TOO TRUE.—When an aged father wills all his property to a son, the boy never gets up in court and swears that the old man did not know what he was doing. It is only when the will goes against the good son that the youth feels compelled to prove how weak-minded and idiotic the old man has always been.