

Now, girls, do not pretend to say Uncle Tom has forgotten you in this letter, for, feeble as my sight is becoming, I could see you romping with your brothers, as merry as they; so this applies to you as much as to them. And if you take my advice you will continue to enjoy yourselves, for you are all growing so rapidly that you will soon have to lay aside your short dresses and with them "the glad, wild ways of your school-girl days," so do not become young ladies too soon, but be girls as long as you can.

Dear me! How long I have talked, yet I have not even mentioned our most important subject—the puzzles. I was looking over some old ADVOCATES the other day and it made me almost sad to see my once numerous family grown so small. In '84 and '85 from fifty to one hundred and thirty sent answers, while quite a number contributed puzzles; and now, well I think it would puzzle us to count twenty names for any one month. This is not as it should be, so, among your resolutions for the New Year I hope you will give the following a place of honor: "We resolve to help Uncle Tom make our own department brighter and better than ever before, and to each do his share to swell the list of contributors." Hoping to receive an immense budget of letters, puzzles and answers for next number, I will conclude by wishing each and all of my dear nephews and nieces a happy and prosperous new year.

UNCLE TOM.

P. S.—I know my puzzlers will be disappointed if I do not give the names of the prize-winners in this number. I can do so for the best original puzzles, but for the best answers they must wait till the next issue, as I have not yet received the answers to Dec. 15th puzzles, and that competition is very close.

In the puzzle competition Henry Reeve carries off first prize, with Ada Smithson close after him, who gets second, while Geo. W. Blyth takes the third. Lily Day fourth, with several following close after them, some of whom I expect to see carrying off a prize this year, as, instead of the four prizes as last year, I shall give twenty-four, one for each issue. For February I will give a silver photograph frame (similar to the one offered as a premium in this number) for the best original puzzle, one for each issue. For the coming year, too, we shall divide the honors for the most and best answers, and will award two prizes every three months; the first will be sent out in April, so I advise all my nephews and nieces to get to work, for, with such chances, it will not be so hard to win something.

There's less of snow and less of cold,  
And less of Christmas cheer;  
The weary earth is growing old  
And duller every year.

And yet, the children sport and play,  
With laughter loud and clear;  
Perhaps—perhaps I'm growing grey,  
And duller every year.

### A Woman's Complaint.

I know that deep within your heart of hearts  
You hold me shined apart from common things.  
And that my step, my voice, can bring to you  
A gladness that no other presence brings.

And yet, dear love, through all the weary days  
You never speak one word of tenderness;  
Nor stroke my hair, nor softly clasp my hand  
Within your own, in loving, mute caress.

You think, perhaps, I should be all content  
To know so well the loving place I hold  
Within your life, and so you do not dream  
How much I long to hear the story told.

You cannot know, when we two sit alone  
And tranquil thoughts within your mind are stirred,  
My heart is crying, like a tired child,  
For one fond look, one gentle, loving word.

It may be when your eyes look into mine  
You only say, "how dear she is to me!"  
Oh! could I read it in your softened glance,  
How radiant this plain old world would be.

Perhaps, sometimes, you breathe a secret prayer  
That choicest blessings unto me be given,  
But if you said aloud, "God bless thee, dear,"  
I should not ask a greater boon from heaven.

I weary sometimes of the rugged way,  
But should you say, "through thee my life is sweet,"  
The dreariest desert that our path could cross  
Would suddenly grow green beneath my feet.

'Tis not the soundless waters ocean holds  
That give refreshment to the thirsty flowers,  
But just the drops that, rising to the skies,  
From thence descend in softly falling showers.

What matter that our granaries are filled  
With all the richest harvest's golden stores,  
If we, who own them, cannot enter in,  
But, famished, stand before the close-barred doors.

And so 'tis sad that those who should be rich  
In that true love that crowns our earthly lot,  
Go praying with white lips from day to day  
For love's sweet tokens, and receive them not.

THE ADVANCE.

### Puzzles.

#### PRIZE PUZZLE.

##### 1-CHARADE.

I did meet a wondrous monster,  
'Twas something magical, enchanting;  
In my hand a bright sword glistened,  
In my heart envy possessed me.  
Swift I smote it, hewn asunder,  
In pieces five it scattered broadcast.  
But its magic had not left it,  
For on the battlefield before me,  
The Fifth appeared, a man historic  
In our English politics.  
Swift he caught the SECOND fragrant,  
Filled it full of sparkling water,  
Threw the THIRD into it bodily,  
Clapped it over a blazing fire:  
He did thus make a concoction,  
Which he drank, proclaiming loudly,  
That which I have here translated  
To the language of the puzzle.  
"FIRST, FOURTH, SECOND, FOURTH, FIFTH brewed,  
Some THIRD, which he, FIRST lightsome mood,  
Swears to be both strong and WHOLE,  
And SECOND delight a mournful soul."

A. B. PICKETT.

##### 2-CHARADE.

Foot prints on mystic sands made by a puzzler's run  
Gave courage to E. A. Fairbrother, and there was one—  
One lonely puzzler, but on a log in view  
A COMPLETE "Lady Armand" and there was two;  
Two happy puzzlers made sweet company,  
Sir Henry Reeve disturbed them, and then there was three;  
Three jolly puzzlers skirting long the shore,  
Saw "A Smith's son" making signs, and there was four;  
Four busy puzzlers in LAST way did contrive  
To snare a "Blyth" young laddie and there was five;  
Five earnest puzzlers up to naughty tricks,

Plucked a "Water Lily" and there was six;  
Six happy puzzlers, each of them a mate,  
Took the "Snider boys" in tow and there was eight;  
Eight noisy puzzlers the helm did resign,  
Ran against "T. W. Banks," and there was nine;  
Nine industrious puzzlers using each a pen,  
Took pity on a "Clarence boy" and there was ten;  
Ten wicked puzzlers, each one trying hard  
To FIRST from cousin puzzlers Uncle Tom's reward.

CHARLIE S. EDWARDS.

##### 3-CHARADE.

My FIRST is a boy's name,  
My SECOND is a vowel,  
My THIRD is to cry goods,  
My WHOLE is by some used,  
And by others abused.

A. SNIDER.

##### 4-CHARADE.

This is the list of the song we solvers sing  
As we puzzle away, puzzle away;  
"Oh! We're as happy as any king,  
And if anyone would joy to their bosom bring,  
Come and join our band and take a fling"  
At puzzling away, puzzling away.

No COMPETE you need to be  
To puzzle away, puzzle away;  
Nor have you to put up any fee,  
But you are welcome to come and see  
How awful enjoyable 'twill be to thee  
To puzzle away, puzzle away.

But I would also have you to know  
That to puzzle away, puzzle away;  
That of course a little learning you must know,  
But all ADVOCATE readers have that, SECOND vow;  
So come along and make your bow  
At puzzling away, puzzling away.

It makes no difference be you short or long,  
To puzzle away, puzzle away;  
You can give us your FIRST and help us along,  
Sure, in joining us you can't be wrong,  
So come and join us in our song  
Of puzzle away, puzzle away.

You'll never have any cause to regret,  
To puzzle away, puzzle away;  
When once in our boat you get,  
For of all the puzzling THIRD you ever met,  
We've got the best, you can't just bet,  
Now puzzle away, puzzle away.

When once you are with us afloat,  
Puzzling away, puzzling away;  
When once you are a LAST in our boat,  
Of course you must take off your coat,  
And work with a vim if you'd earn any groat,  
At puzzling away, puzzling away.

So this is the list of our puzzling song,  
"We'll puzzle away, puzzle away;  
For we are a happy, jolly band,  
With dear, kind Uncle Tom in command,  
His orders are pleasant, his rewards are grand,  
I'll wager we're the tip-top puzzling crew of the land,  
And so we still puzzle away.

HENRY REEVE.

### Answers to December 1st Puzzles.

1-E P O D E  
P A P E R  
O P E R A  
D E R M S  
E R A S E  
2-Some.  
3-The FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

4-R everen D  
O r m o l u  
B u n y a N  
I m l a C  
N y a n z A  
A v o N  
D o G  
A l e x a n d e r  
R o b R o y

Robin Adair, Duncan Gray.

### Names of Those Who Have Sent Correct Answers to December 1st Puzzles.

Geo. W. Blyth, A. R. Borrowman, Addison and Oliver Snider, Henry Reeve, Josie Sheehan, I. Irvine Devitt.

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