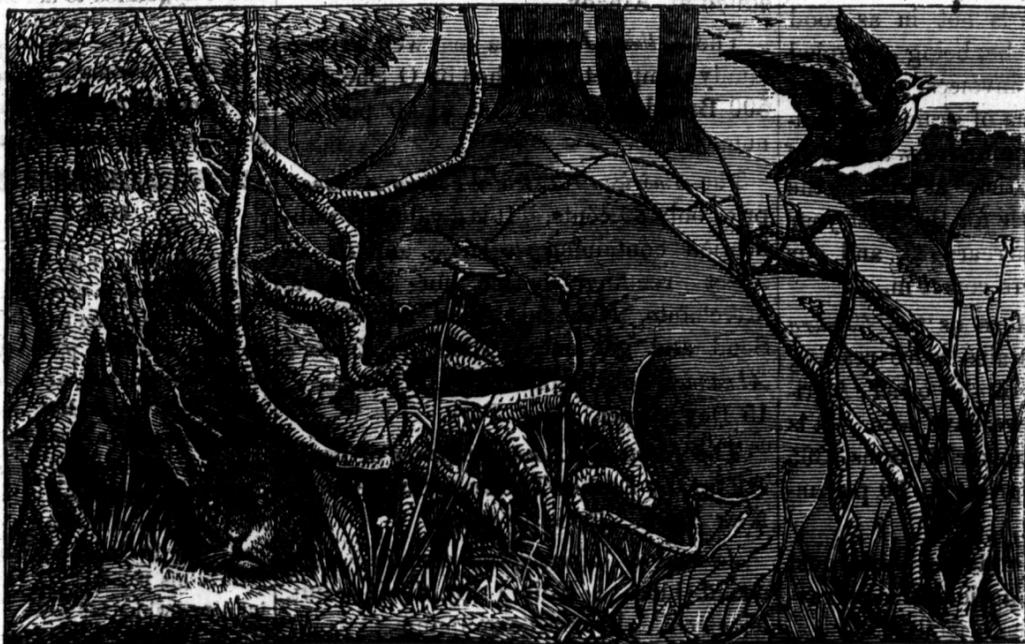


PRIZE PUZZLE

We have been endeavoring to make our paper useful and reliable as an Agricultural paper, and now as we are about increasing its dimensions, we shall try to make it attractive, by getting some of the best Engravings of Stock, Crops and Implements. We shall also try to make it amusing to young & old. Variety pleases. The mind does not desire to be always confined to one thing.

The Puzzle which we now present to our readers, we procured at considerable expense, and we have no doubt it will afford entertainment & amusement to those



that find it out. Do not give it up hastily. If you cannot discover it show it to some one that can. It may give you amusement at your Christmas and New Year's parties.

The Hare is evidently afraid to venture from its hole. Look carefully at the picture and discover where the danger lies. When you have found it out it will give you pleasure to see your friends look for it.

The designer deserves great credit for it is a most ingenious puzzle, and should not fail to please both lads and lasses.

We published a supplement in December, but our printer omitted printing as many as were required to put one in each paper. We therefore give the above Puzzle again, and also some of the reading matter contained in the supplement. See answer to the Puzzle below.

BOYS & GIRLS COLUMN.

FOR THE LADIES.

You wish to go to the parties, balls, soirees, &c., during the winter holidays. You want to jump in a sleigh, and go from two to twenty miles. Being accustomed to the warm rooms and light dresses, and not to the keen winter frosts and wind, your health is of the first importance. Colds and consumption carry off thousands of you. If you have not good flannel drawers, and good flannel waistcoats that come up to the throat, get them. If you have not time and means to do so when you go out, take two newspapers, place one close round your neck and over your back and shoulders, and the other in front of your chest under your outside wrapping. They will keep the heat in and the cold out, and may save your friends the expense of a coffin for fifty years to come. If you have been enjoying a dance and become warm wait by the fire half an hour before you go out. The fire heat is not so injurious to you as to go out in the cold air with the pores of the body open with moisture, and emitting heat from the system, and which by a sudden exposure to cold becomes chilled, and often causes disease.

If you mind these hints, many of you will thank us for them when we are gone.

Ladies dont forget the *Farmers Advocate*.

Henry Ward Beecher says of the "items columns" in the newspaper, that it is worth more than all the small fry of correspondents with an editor thrown in to boot! Like a caravan, it stretches along its columns with packages and parcels, spices and gems, bits of fragrance or cunningly wrought medals, gathered from the Orient and from the whole world besides. The items of the paper, like the stuffing of a Thanksgiving Day turkey, represents everything in the house, crusts of bread, crackers and all spices.

FOR THE BOYS.

Your father will let you have the horses and sleigh sometimes during the winter holidays, and will tell you not to let the horses stand out in the cold. Ask the girls when they will be ready to go home. If they say half past ten, tell them to be ready at that time. Bring the horses out at eleven o'clock, or half an hour afterwards to give them full time. If not ready then do not let the horses stand more than five minutes, but go home and tell your father the horses were more valuable than such girls, that must be more than half an hour behind time.

Answer to Prize Puzzle No. 1.

See the Fox formed by the roots of the tree, and the long leaning branch for its back, and the brake forming the eye and ear. Many of our readers have not found it out. Look at it again, and see if it looks like the Intercolonial Railroad.

PUZZLE PICTURE NO. 2.

What do you see in this picture? There is more than you can at first discover. The answer will appear in the next number.

PUZZLE NO. 3.

E E x x Matrimony, X X e e
Read the above, but dont tell your spark the editor published it.

A free copy of this paper for 1868 will be sent to the first boy or girl under 14 years of age that finds out and sends us correct answers to Puzzles Nos. 2 & 3.

PUZZLE NO. 2



A bashful young man escorted an equally bashful young lady. As they approached the dwelling of the damsel she said entreatingly, "Frank, don't tell anybody you beau'd me home." "Fanny," said he emphatically, "don't you mind. I am as much ashamed of it as you are."