

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

Seven words are all I contain,
Their Initials and Finals are the same;
And downward and upward they spell my name,
Of a town and of rivers I am the name;
And backward and forward I am the same.

1. Of that which stops alarming words I'm the name,
And backward and forward I'm the same.
2. Of that which stops the river's flow I'm the name,
And backward and forward I'm the same.
3. Of that which was before all things I'm the name,
And backward and forward I'm the same.
4. Of that which no existence has I'm the name,
And backward and forward I'm the same.
5. Of that that's flush'd with mellow light I'm the name,
And backward and forward I'm the same.
6. Of a bustling city of France I'm the name,
And backward and forward I'm the same.
7. Of that which goes on land and sea I'm the name,
And backward and forward I'm the same.

The CRITIC will be sent free for one year to the person giving the only correct answer to above puzzle. When two correct answers are sent in, THE CRITIC will be sent free for six months to each of those answering correctly. Answers should arrive at CRITIC office before Tuesday, P. M., marked answer to puzzle.

Answer to Double Acrostic published last week:—

HERETIC
ASSAGAI
LAZARET
INFANT A
FOOT-PAD
ATHLET E
XYLYL

TIT-BITS.

"Is this the best sample of water you have in this country?" asked a man from Vermont to a real estate agent this morning. "Why, I never saw such yellow, dirty water."

"Why, my newly-arrived friend, it is not dirt that makes that water look so yellow."

"What is it?"

"That is the golden sunshine of the glorious climate of Southern California. All good water is like that here."—*Los Angeles Herald.*

VERY LIKE EACH OTHER.—There were formerly two persons of the name of Dr. John Thomas, who were not easily to be distinguished one from the other.

Somebody was speaking of Dr. Thomas, when it was asked, "Which Dr. Thomas do you mean?"

"Dr. John Thomas." "They are both named John."

"Dr. Thomas who has a living in the City." "They have both livings in the City." "Dr. Thomas who is Chaplain to the King." "They are both Chaplains to the King." "Dr. Thomas who is a very good preacher." "They are both very good preachers." "Dr. Thomas who squints." "They both squint."

Remarkable to relate, they both afterwards became bishops.—*London Exchange.*

When Eve brought woe to all mankind,
Old Adam called her woe-man;
But when she woo'd with love so kind,
He then pronounced it woo-man;
But now with folly and with pride
Their husband's pockets crimming,
The ladies are so full of whims,
That people call them whim-men.

America is called the land of the free because it is the only country in the world where a divorce can be procured in two hours for a ten dollar bill.

"Capital punishment!" said the boy, when the schoolmistress seated him between two girls.

In the Congress now convened at Washington there are two Adamses, two Allens, a pair of Andersons, a brace of Breckenridges, a trio of Browns, a quartet of Campbells, two Davidsons, two Gibsons, two Greens, three Hendersons, two Jones, two Johnsons and a Johnston, a pair of O'Neils, a Reed and a Reid, two Stones and four Taylors. The Thomases go in pairs, and so do the Wards, the Wearers, the Warners, and the Whites..

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