

Uncle Tom's Department.

MY DEAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS.—Another month has all too quickly passed away, and again we find ourselves surrounded by the gorgeous tints of autumn, which in the press of October work we are apt to leave unappreciated. There are great patches of potatoes to be picked, acres of turnips and carrots to be gathered in, and bushels of rosy-cheeked apples to be stored away or marketed. I hope, however, you will find time to have a day's nutting at least—besides the famous fun of the day, you can lay up a store of nuts for winter, and many pleasant memories for the years to come. When the happy Christmastide comes you can crack the nuts and with merry song and laugh add your share to Christmas cheer. Those of you whose privilege it is to go to school, I trust have resumed work in right good earnest, when spring's sleepiness and summer's heat are over. Do not, as hundreds of others have done, waste the hours of school. Are you not the hope of this fair Dominion of yours? The boys and girls of to-day you know are the men and women of twenty years hence. Statistics from all colleges prove that a great percentage of the most successful students have been boys trained in country homes, and in country schools, being innured from childhood to rugged habits of life. The other day we heard a young lady (?) whose papa evidently had more money than she had brains, make the following remark. "Oh! Dr.—is very nice, but his people are just farmers." Just farmers, forsooth! Don't you feel like resenting the insult? And yet we know that the opinion is one that obtains largely with a certain class of people. Just farmers indeed! Farmers and farmers' sons fill positions of trust to-day which that insipid young woman's brothers (if they are like her) would be proud to hold. But position, desirable at it may be because of the influence it gives, is not the true aim in life.

"To live well is to live nobly," and we can live well by doing those duties which fall to our hand at the present time.

True worth is in being, not seeming,
In doing each day that goes by
Some little good, not in the dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.

UNCLE TOM.

Puzzles.

1—NUMERICAL.

If you want a color free,
Find what words my 1, 2, 3.

Not subdued by fire fix,
And you will have my 4, 5, 6.

A period of time now derive
From my letters 2, 4, 5.

To espouse is a guarantee
That we've agreed to 6, 2, 3.

A contest of might or power
Is made known in 6, 5, 4.

To have courage, I tell you,
Is pronounced in 3, 5, 4, 2.

To lift or raise is made known
By setting in place 4, 2, 5, 1.

To draft anew, and not transfix,
Is disclosed in my 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

For a Guardian with his gun,
Find him in 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

And with me you will agree,
To peruse is my 4, 2, 5, 3.

FAIR BROTHER.

- 2—STAR. Diagram.
1. A letter.
 2. Concerning.
 3. A subordinate in a school.
 4. An image.
 5. A loose garment.
 6. A bird.
 7. To repose.
 8. A prefix.
 9. A vowel.

FAIR BROTHER.

3—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



4—CHARADE.

FIRST after FIRST departs;
Who hath not lost a FIRST?
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here an end.

—MONTGOMERY.

Speed on the SECOND, but let her bear
No merchandise of sin,
No groaning cargo of despair
Her roomy hold within.

—WHITTIER.

TOTAL! peculiar boon of heaven,
The noble mind's delight and pride,
To men and angels only given,
To all the lower world denied.

—JOHNSON.

FAIR BROTHER.

5—HIDDEN ADJECTIVE.

I am composed of five letters, behold me and I
am mountains and river in the old world. My
whole is pertaining to the country.

LOUISA F. REDMOND.

6—My first is a hero who gave his word
And for Wallace and Scotland drew his sword;
A useful metal my second is found,
To obtain it men have to work underground;
My third is what the mariner dreads,
As upon his vessel's deck he treads;
My whole is what we all must need
When upon the back of a fiery steed.

WM. WEBSTER.

7—DOUBLE CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

In "Talent," beautiful and rare;
In "Birds," that warble everywhere;
In "Vanity," or idle show;
In "Winter," with its dazzling snow;
In "Herbs," the cure of many a pain;
In "Hours," which lost we'll never regain;
In "Fortune," oft a fickle friend;
In "Songs," which joyfully ascend;
In "Laughter," oft subdued, oft loud,
Now bursting from yon happy crowd;
The scenes of two exhibitions show,
They happened this summer you all may know.

ADA ARMAND.

8—DROP VOWEL PUZZLE.

Th-w-rld-s-l-k-ng gl-ss; fr-w-n-t-t-nd-t
w-l fr-w-n-t-y-, sm-le-t-t-nd-t-w-l g-v-y-u
sm-le-s-n-r-t-n.

ADA ARMAND.

9—TRANSPPOSITION.

O elwl orf hte hisermfan's oby.
Hatt eh housst tiwh ish steris ta layp;
O lew orf hte rolals ald.
Htta eh ngiss ni ish oath no eth ayb.

WM. BOYNTON.

10—BURIED TOWNS.

a—Yonder by the Avon stood Shakespeare's
cottage.
b—We cannot long remain here, for darkness will
soon set in.
c—Our visit we will still prolong, for dear papa is
getting strong.

E. MANNING.

11—SYNCOPATIONS.

To cut=a den.
To levy=to erase.
A play=food.
Grandeur=to satisfy.
The original=to putrefy.
Region=to satisfy.
Disposition=a class.
To shout=to leap.
A dwelling=stockings.
Part of a ship=to entangle.
Syncopeated letters make: What each competitor
in a contest wishes to be.

Answers to September Puzzles.

- 1—A fault confessed is half mended.
- 2—A clean house and smiling face will bring good luck to any place.
- 3—Carpet.
- 4—STAR
TARE
AREA
REAR
- 5—Ash, Cedar, Larch, Peach, Pine, Willow.
- 7—An idler is a watch that wants both hands;
As useless if it goes as if it stands.
N. B.—Read backwards a letter from each line alternately.
- 8—Of your gladness lend a gleam
Into souls that shiver;
Show them how dark sorrow's stream
Blends with hope's bright river.
- 9—Example is better than precept.
- 10—"Rank is but the guinea-stamp;
A man's the gowd for a' that."

Names of those who have sent Correct Answers to September Puzzles.

Chas. E. Smith, Ada Armand, Drusilla A. Fairbrother, Emma Dennee, D. A. Moore, May G. Monk, Mary Morrison, Robert J. Rist, William Webster, Robert Wilson, E. Manning, Louisa F. Redmond, Alice Moran, George S. Smith, Thomas Moorehead, Minnie Cousins.

Sleeping Positions.

A medical paper has a new health-preserving racket,—that of sleeping with the face downward. These plans and specifications for sleeping are getting a little too numerous. We always try to live up to them. When some old medical authority, who has got his cemetery full and retired from active slaughter, shouts that a person should sleep with his head toward the north, so that the electric currents will pass through the body on the proper route, we sleep that way. If another moss-grown practitioner, with as good a record for fatality, solemnly asserts that the only authorized and fully guaranteed way to slumber is with the head toward the south, and gives the same reason as the other, we just move the pillow aft and turn in. When still another rival of the pale rider, with his back broken by lifting on the rate of mortality, announces that the only way to get along peacefully with the electric currents is to sleep with the head to the east or west, so that they will slide over the body and butt against the head-board of the bedstead, we promptly, even gladly, comply. Every time the word comes along the line for a change it finds us a ready and willing victim. They are coming rather too fast, however. It begins to look as if we could not get through a whole night without veering around to some new direction or position. It will soon be necessary to get up three or four times a night and go down and get the mail and see what the latest chart on sleeping is. Some genius will have to bring out a bedstead with clockwork attached that will keep it continually moving around, and make it occasionally get up on its hind casters and turn a couple of handsprings.

Dress for Little Girls.

Dr. J. H. Ripley says in *Babyland*: To get the full benefit of the summer vacation, little girls should not be dressed every day as though on a Sunday-school picnic or in training as embryo belles, but their wardrobe should be simple and comfortable, permitting the freest action of lungs and limbs. It is not enough that when they return they be "as brown as berries," but digestion should be improved, endurance increased and muscles hardened,