

## Puzzles for Pastime.

### Charades.

I.

In two great men, but timid, people say,  
That France and England sent to the  
Crimea,

My 1st and 6th in each of them is plain,  
My fifth and second's seen to grace the  
game

That Austria plays just now, \* or seems to  
play ;

My 3rd and 4th in Turkey ever stay,  
All folks delight in me, because I fill  
The farmers' purse, stores, ships and mer-  
chants till.

Sorel.

R. H.

\* Austria was playing the part of umpire  
20th January.

II.

Alas! and welladay! Ah woe is me!  
My first in each expression you may see.  
Libertine, lifeless, lounging, lubber, lost,  
Behold my second in that worthless host,  
Enthralled, entangled in eternal woe  
You see my 3rd—Now take me or say—no.

Sorel.

R. H.

III.

Look for my 1st in the sweet scraph's  
song ;

My 2nd seek in pearls rich and bright ;  
Religion guards my 3rd from sin and  
wrong ;

My 4 industry treasures as light.  
My 5th is seen in nature's fancy robe ;  
My 6th delights to guide and give you joy ;  
And where I am, all creatures on this  
globe,

In ocean, air, and earth may find employ.  
Sorel.

R. H.

IV.

My first supports you where you stay ;  
Two-thirds of wandering from your way ;  
My second—be my whole I pray,  
And from your path you will not stray.

A. R.

V.

My first is a fowl of very good eating,  
Though not at all times of the year.  
My second, without any treating,  
Is found in the hedge that is near.  
My whole is a fruit, that is seen  
To flourish in gardens, near bowers  
'Tis red, it is yellow, or green,  
And you like it much better than flowers.

T. S.

### Enigmas.

I.

I am composed of 11 letters.

My 1, 9, 4, 7, 11, I meet often in my ram-  
bles through Montreal.

My 8, 3, 11, is what one of two parties  
must lose.

My 2, 10, 8, 5, 1, when once acquired it is  
hard to dispense with.

My 6, 7, 4, 11, is used to make hats.

My whole, though little and unassuming,  
attracts attention.

Montreal.

C. F. FRASER.

II.

I am composed of 11 letters.

My 1, 6, 2, 8, never lingers a moment.

My 5, 7, 1, is an insect.

My 4, 10, 7, 3, is found on an animal

My 11, 2, 5, 9, is found in "the deep blue  
sea."

My whole has done much good.

Montreal.

C. F. FRASER.

III.

I am great, I am small, I am near, I am far,  
And the glance of my beam is an evening  
star ;

I move, I am still, in my wanderings free,  
And the source of my brightness known  
only to me.

Though earth-born I am, yet the star of my  
light

Has pointed to Hope in the dark gloom of  
night ;

Wildly, freely I live, though I rest with  
the dead,

And to Death as my bride, my beloved,  
am wed!

The lamp which I hold man cannot ob-  
tain,

Though beneath his proud feet, his proud  
grasp I disdain!

I am bright, I am beautiful, leader and  
snare—

Loved, hated, sought, dreaded, man's hope  
and despair!

T. E. W

IV.

I'm a very funny word,  
And admit a funny change ;  
Yet I vow it's very true,  
Tho' it may seem very strange :  
If shorter you should make me,  
I would have you bear in mind ;  
My nature would forsake me,  
And much longer you'd me find :  
So ye wits I'd have you try,  
This mystery to explain ;  
If you find it out, then I,  
With pleasure shall try again.

L. J. G. D.