

OUR PUZZLE POEM: "A COUNTRY WOMAN ON THE DIAMOND DAY."

SOLUTION.

A COUNTRY WOMAN ON THE DIAMOND DAY.

I cannot go to town to see
The Queen upon her jubilee,
For seats along the route, I hear,
Are most particularly dear;
And if I stood up in the street,
I might perchance disasters meet.
So tell Her Majesty the Queen
'Tis not disloyalty I mean;
For I would trudge all up to town,
All in my best alpaca gown,
If there were just the slightest chance
That I might catch her queenly glance;
For she I know would single out
Her poor old subject with the gout;
Ah! then the jealousy of all
On whom her greeting did not fall!
But, bah!—I must in homestead stay,
And keep it like a holy day;
So at my hearth all bright and trim
I'll sing with joy my little hymn.

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EXAMINERS' REPORT.

There is nothing very new to say about the Diamond Day puzzle. Some of the solutions were perfect and many more were not, though most of these were very good indeed. Doubtless, as usual, the hours of anxious thought bestowed upon the adjudication will be rewarded by the indignant complaints or sorrowful reproaches of unmentioned competitors who seem to think that prizes and commendations ought to be awarded by turn. What with the grumbling of the Editor at the mention of so many names and the wrath of solvers (to say nothing of their parents) at the mention of so few, we often wonder that we have the grace to remain alive. But after all, this grumbling is only an evidence of keen interest, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that eighteen hundred solutions of A Well Bred Girl are waiting to be read as soon as we have finished this report. So let us be brief.

"An Old Woman" was not an accurate description of the title picture, though many solvers deemed it to be good enough. After the title, we look in vain for any difficulty until we reach line 10. There we are constrained to remark that "alpaca" is not at all a good way of spelling the name of that disagreeable, scrubby stuff out of which summer gowns are made. We give this information quite gratuitously, and many competitors will do well to accept and profit by it. If you ever receive a bill for "alpaca," don't pay it.

Line 15 presented one of the greatest difficulties in the puzzle, and yet hundreds of solvers grasped the idea of envy or jealousy which the second picture was meant to convey.

"Jealousy," "envious look," "envious glance," and the like were all reckoned as equal.

In line 17 we found the one touch of humor which makes the reading of these solutions tolerable. What could the conjunction of a bath and a tin of mustard mean but a mustard bath? O what a happy, triumphant thought!

"But bathed in mustard instead stay
And keep it like a holiday."

Well, people's ideas of what constitutes a real holiday differ considerably, but for pure novelty it would surely be difficult to find a parallel with this beautiful suggestion. The curious thing is that it was not the creation of one mind alone. Several solvers evolved it, though all did not express it quite so rhythmically. Observe that to obtain the rhythm you must emphasize the first syllable of instead considerably.

In the next line, why "holiday"? H o l y spells holy. And there is really nothing more to remark upon.

One lady sixty years old sends her "first attempt," and a very good attempt it is too, though it naturally is not quite equal to the work of our more experienced solvers.

The "commended" lists include the names of competitors living abroad.

And now for "A Well Bred Girl."

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