

DIAMOND PUZZLE.

I am an Alma Mater proud,
All Scotia sings my praises;
I perpendicularly road,
But cross at angles right, indeed,
Another word whose name recalls,
A science taught within my halls;
Of letters nine we each consist;
These hints to find our names assist.

1. Five hundred.
2. Indispensable to cricketers.
3. A favorite dance.
4. Nova Scotia's chief industry.
5. The study of languages.
6. A small stream.
7. Sweet sounds.
8. Humor.
9. A letter of the alphabet.

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Answer to Cross-Word Enigma, published last week—ALPHABET.

TIT-BITS.

Groom: "What are you doing, my love?" Bride: "Making out a list of flower-seeds, which I want you to order for our little garden." "Oh! yes, so I see. But my love you want the flowers to bloom this summer; don't you?" "Why, of course." "Well, those you have put down do not bloom until the second season." "Oh! that is all right." "All right?" "Yes, I am getting the list from a last year's catalogue."

Definition: "Mother," said a little Rockland girl, looking up from her book, "what does transatlantic mean?" "Oh! across the Atlantic, of course. Don't bother me, you made me forget my count." "Does trans always mean across?" "I suppose it does. If you don't stop bothering me with your questions you'll go to bed." "Then does transparent mean a cross parent?" Ten minutes later she was resting in her little couch.

"How is your sister this morning, Bobby?" inquired Featherly. "I don't know how she is this morning," said Bobby, "cos I ain't seen her, but she was sick las' night." "That's strange!" exclaimed Featherly in sad alarm. "It must have been very sudden. She was feeling well when I left." "Well," said Bobby, indifferently, "all I know about it is she told me that she had suffered from martyrdom all the evening."—*New York Times*.

The Scotch are an exceedingly musical people," says an exchange. Perhaps this is because they live principally upon a *note meal* diet.

Up and down his store he strode
With a sad and sorry face,
On his mind there lay a load,
For no buyer ever showed
Himself within the place.

Then he found a simple way
To sell off his large supplies,
And thus to make his business pay,
Now if you question him, he'll say
"I always advertise."

A professor who got very angry at the interruption of a man while he was explaining the operation of a machine in a factory, strolled away in a huff, and asked another man: "Who is that fellow that pretends to know more than I do about that instrument?" "Oh! he is the man that invented it," was the answer.

Fogg crossed the ferry the other day. In speaking of it he said, "I had just time to catch the boat, so I tossed two cents to the toll man, and ran down the drop at full speed." "But," said Brown, "three cents is the fare; so the ferry folks were out a cent." "And I," replied Fogg, "was innocent."

A farmer writing to a friend, to whom he felt under obligations for introducing a variety of swine, thus unbosomed himself: "Respected sir, I went to the fair at Monson. I found several pigs of our species. There was a great variety of beasts, and I was astonished at not seeing you there."

Lines dedicated to the ancient maiden lady who lives next door.

Is it anybody's business, when a young man goes to call
If he seats him in the parlor, or the kitchen, or the hall?
Is it anybody's business but the girl he goes to see
What that young man's mind and station may now or after be?
Is it anybody's business if he stays till it is late?
Or anybody's business if she follows to the gate?
If he kisses her at parting, and she does not seem to grieve,
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