A LITERARY PUZZLE.

From the New Holland, Pa., Clarion.

[The following poetic production was brought to our town by a gentleman, from Reading, and has been handed to us for publication, for a trial of the knowledge and intellectual skill of our readers, as very few persons have been able to solve the puzzle which it presents. It was written by a minister, we are informed, and in Reading a number of ministers, lawyers and other literary men have wrestled over it but only one lawyer solved it. It has been shown to a number of persons in our town but as yet no one has given a proper answer, we are told. Who will be the first to unravel the mystery?—Ed. Clarion.]

Come and commiserate.
One who is blind,
Helpless and desolate,
Void of a mind,
Guileless, deceiving,
Though unbelieving,
Free from all sin,
By mortals adored,
Still I ignored,
The world I was in.
Kings Ptolomy's, Ceasar's,
And Tiglath Pileser's
Birthdays are shown,
Wise men, astrologers,
All are acknowledgers,
Mine is unknown.
I ne'er had a father,
Nor mother, or rather
If I had either,
Then they were neither,
Alive at my birth.
Lodged in a palace
Hunted by malice,
I did not inherit,
By lineage or merit,
A spot on the earth.
Nursed among Pagans,
No one baptized me;
A sponsor I had
Who ne'er catechised me;
She gave me a name,
To heart that was dearest,
She gave me a place,
To her bosom was nearest,
But one look of kindness
She cast on me never,
Nor a word on my blindness
I heard from her ever.
Compassed by dangers,
Nothing could harm me,
By foemen and strangers,
Nought could alarm me.
I saved, I destroyed,
I blessed, I alloyed,
Kept a crown for a prince,
But had none of my own,
Filled the place of a king,
But never a throne.
Rescued a warrior,
Baffled a plot,
Was, what I seemed not,
Seemed, what I am not.
Devoted to slaughter,
A price on my head
A king's lovely daughter
Watched by my bed.
Though gently she dressed me,
Fainting with fear,
She never caressed me,
Nor wiped off a tear.
Ne'er moistened my lips
Though parching and dry,
What marvel a blight,
Should pursue till she die.
'Twas royalty nursed me,
Wretched an poor,
'Twas royalty cursed me,
In secret I'm sure.
I live not, I died not,
But tell you I must,
That ages have passed,
Since I first turned to dust.
This paredox whence?
This squalor, this splendor,
Say, was I a king,
Or a silly pretender?
Fathom the mystery,
Deep in my history.
Was I a man,
An angel supernal,
A demon infernal,?
Solve it who can.

What is Electricity?

That is a query often asked, but never answered with proof. Work says:

There are theories, many of them. It is evidently something of which we cannot take a part; we cannot cut a piece of it off and subject it to analysis; nor can we pour a little of it into a bottle, for future study and contemplation. It is like the wind, its effects can be measured; its force, strength, and quantity can now be calculated to a very nice degree. Still to liken it to the wind, it is a tremendous power, blowing, as it were, without moving, two ways at once along all parts of its path; giving off a halo of magnetism at right angles to that path everywhere. One of the nicest theories, perhaps, is the one that considers electricity a "condition" of atoms brought about by chemical action, as in a battery cell, or by what might be called a severe irritation of the magnetic halo, as in a dynamo; and by other means, such as heat and friction. What this condition is, is beyond us; it may be a violent rotation, or it may be an equally violent vibration of atoms; probably the arc light would prove it to be a vibration. But, as no man has seen an atom at any time, not even with the most powerful microscope, it is difficult to say. Friction in some form or other is present, as heat is produced before burning or destruction takes place. Even the filament of the best incandescent lamp falls to pieces; it can but work for a time.

A Warning to Fat People.

A Berlin professor has just discovered that for fat persons to employ any means whatever to reduce their flesh is likely to injure their health and shorten their lives. The Literary Digest quotes the abstract of the professor's article, with comment thereupon.

"Fat men, do not try to make yourselves thin. It is thus that Professor Eulenbourg, of Berlin, adjures you in one of the last numbers of the German Medical Weekly. It is not that he would advise you to persist in your obesity, but he has discovered that all the means that you may employ to be rid of it would have the effect of ruining your health, and even shortening your life. Against all these he would place you on guard. For example, he is indignant that permission should be given to German druggists to sell, without an order, to the first comer, tablets and potions which might perhaps cure obesity, but which injure the organism and produce grave troubles of the nerves and the blood, for all of them contain some poison, and it would be much better to be fat and healthy than lean valetudinarian. Among other examples of the disastrous effects of the cures of obesity, Dr. Eulenbourg cites the case of a well known dramatic artist, who, not content with the opulent form which nature had given him, became so thin that he died in consequence. But it is not the treatment alone that is dangerous. Scarcely has the man the opportunity to enjoy his diminishing obesity, before disquieting symptoms begin their appearance, his humor alters, he becomes nervous, impressionable, and from day to day he has no more the feeling of being in his natural state.

"It seems to be clearly proved that we cannot make ourselves thin with impunity. Nature creates the fat and the lean, and it is the part of wisdom for one and the other to resign themselves to their condition. But just here humanity seems to fail, and it is to be feared that the most serious discoveries, as well as the most dangerous advertisements, will fail to prevent people who are too fat from making themselves thin, no matter how. Why did not Professor Eulenbourg, instead of discovering the dangerous chemical properties of the remedies for obesity, try to discover that obesity was graceful, and more beautiful than the opposite state? Upon this condition alone would his advice be heeded. And after all, who can prove the æsthetic superiority of the thin over the fat? That's but a matter of fashion, the result of a new taste, that may change from one year to another. Is it not time to honor the ancient ideal of fat beauty? Would it not prevent the disastrous effects of all the remedies for obesity?"

Estimates have placed the cost of one dozen eggs at as high a figure as 12 cents, but some experiments find the cost to be 6 cents. At the experiment stations, where every pound of food is weighed, and but little waste material can be used, the cost is greater than the average on the farms. It has long been accepted among poultrymen that five pecks of corn or wheat, or the equivalent thereof, will maintain a layer one year. At present prices this would be about 65 cents a year. We do not believe that the cost is so much when hens are on ranges, as they need little or no food in summer. The prices of all kinds of grain of course regulate the cost of eggs, but in our experience, the cost of a dozen eggs at present prices for feed, provided (and that is the main point) the hens are good layers, should not exceed 6 cents.

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Prof. Woodrow Wilson will contribute six papers on George Washington and his times, with illustrations by Howard Pyle. Poultney Bigelow's history of The German Struggle for Liberty, illustrated by R. Caton Woodville, will be continued through the winter. Two papers on St. Clair's defeat and Mad Anthony Wayne's victory, by Theodore Roosevelt, with graphic illustrations will be printed during the year.
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TRAINS WEST.

LEAVE	1. AM *	11. AM. †	15. AM. †	23. PM †	29. PM †	53. AM. ‡	55 PM. ‡
New York Philadelphia							
Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.11	10.17	4.08	6.05	9.8	2.35
Arlington		8.26	10.29	4.31	6.35	9.52	2. 9
Mt. Hope		8.39	10.42	4.34	6.38	9.57	3.03
Pikesville		8.46	10.49	4.44	6.46	10.06	[illegible]
Owings Mills		8.57	11.02	4.54	7.00	10.15	3 21
Glyndon	5.11	9.10	11.14	5.07	7.14	10.2	3.31
Emory Grove		9.11	11.17		7.15	10.29	3.35
Finksburg		9.20	11.25	5.16	7.25	10.41	[illegible]
Carrollton		9 37	11.38	5.28	7.39	10.56	4.00
Westminster	5.40	9.52	11 53	5.42	7.58	11.12	4.16
Avondale		9.59	12.00	5.48	8.06	11.20	4.26
New Windsor	5.53	10.10	12.11	6.00	8.18	11.33	4. 8
Linwood		10.15	12.16	6.05	8.25	11.40	4.45
Union Bridge	6.00	10.20	12 21	6.11	8 30	11.45	4.50
Middleburg		10.27	P M.	6 18	P M	AM.	P M.
Bruceville	6.07	10.29		6.22			
D. P. Creek		10.33		6 26			
Rocky Ridge		10.40		6.34			
Thurmont	6.25	10.53		6 46			
Edgemont	7.04	11.45		7 34			
Waynesboro	†7.27	12.02		7.51			
Chambersb'g	†8.05	12.39		8 30			
Shippensburg	†8.33	1.06		8.58			
Hagerstown Williamsport	7.30	12 15		8.00			
	AM.	P M		P M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22. PM *	4. AM. †	8. AM. †	12. PM †	18. PM. †	52 AM ‡	5. PM. ‡
Williamsport Hagerstown	4 20		7.02		2.00		
Shippensburg			6.00		1.09		
Chamb'rsburg			6.31		1.29		
Waynesboro			7.08		2.13		
Edgemont	4.44		7.36		2.35		
Thurmont	5.16		8.10		3.20		
Rocky Ridge			8.20		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8 33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.38		8 37		3.44	6 3	
Middleburg			8.39		3.46	6.37	
Union Bridge	5.42	6.05	8.45	12.47	3.55	6.46	4 05
Linwood		6.11	8.49	12.51	3 59	6.52	4.09
New Windsor	5.51	6.20	8.54	12.57	4.05	6.59	4 15
Avondale		6 35		1.07	4.16	7.13	4.26
Westminster	6.04	6.47	9.11	1.14	4.23	7.22	4 31
Carrollton		7.05	9.25	1.29	4.39	7 4	4.49
Finksburg		7.20	9.35	1.40	4.51	7.58	5 3
Emory Grove		7.32		1.49	5.00	8.06	5.15
Glyndon	6.35	7.40	9.43	1 50	5.01	8 10	5.16
Owings Mills	6.43	7.52	9.52	2.01	5.13	8.22	5.29
Pikesville		8.03	10.00	2.11	5 23	8.33	5.40
Mt. Hope		8.10	10.05	2.18	5 30	8.41	5. 8
Arlington		8.14	10.08	2.21	5.33	8.45	5. 1
Baltimore	7.17	8.40	10.27	2.42	5 54	9.10	6. 5
Washington							
Philadelphia New York							
	P M.	AM.	A M.	P M.	P M	AM	

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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