The Land of Puzzledom

No. 931.—Vehicle Charade.

Two vehicles in one, by an article united,
Making a conveyance still used in lands benighted.
That which joins these two is in each one contained;
The whole has therefore three, as need not be explained.
My first is what Americans have chosen as the word
To signify what Englishmen prefer to call my third.
Each came later than the whole, for they were not invented
When mankind with the whole was forced to be contented.
My second is the first thing that's used in preparation,
In giving little learners an English education.

No. 932.—Numerical Enigma.

I am composed of ten letters and mean comrades.

My 4-8-7-10-2-6 is a deadly substance.
My 1-8-3-7-1 means laughable.
My 9-5-4 means doze.

No. 933.—Hidden Name Puzzle.

The name of an English philosopher and statesman whose name has figured prominently in a certain spirited controversy of late years is hidden in the following five sentences. If the right one syllable words are chosen (one word from each sentence only) and written one below another their initial letters will spell the hidden name: (1) A busy bee makes plenty of honey. (2) To pursue the arts one must have plenty of money. (3) When the cat is away the mice behave badly. (4) Learn to grow old gracefully. (5) Many an old nag is worth more than a race horse.

No. 934.—Concealed Square Words.

I.

The auto lamps were all alight.
It raced downhill with all its might,

Then stopped with sudden bound and jerk.
It once more moved—refused to work.

Sam uses every tool he owns,
And o'er his ill success he groans.

Just try your Frisco sinews, Bart.
See if your strength can make us start.

I do believe nerves have their way
In motors as in mortals. Stay!

Our wits deserted us, indeed,
'Tis gasoline alone we need.

II.

Come in. This is the finest spot
To get your cocoa steaming hot.

Get out your broiler, landlord, say
What is the best you have today.

The very thing, a liver fine
And bacon sweet on which to dine.

You'll think, no matter what you name,
It's even better than its fame.

He has a knack that renders e'en
The simplest dishes fit for queen.
—Youth's Companion.

No. 935.—Missing Word Puzzle.

Here is a clever missing word puzzle wherein you are asked to place some word in the upper blank space and the same word in the lower space, so that both sentences read properly.

No. 936.—Hidden Fishes.

Four fishes in each sentence.

1. Last night said the bishop, "I keenly enjoy bathing, and I do not wish to disturb others in the same pleasure, but many boys in this parish err in going into the water when they are overheated. Now, I would say, swim in no water when you are warm."

2. Tell Job as soon as I saw the Hebrew psalm on the table I gave Elder Brown a copy, and he has had it translated.

3. Some boys terrified a Saco damsel who had been suffering from chronic lameness by dressing up outlandishly.

4. Do not risk a ten cent piece in lotteries, do not spend a cent foolishly, yet do not hold your money with too tight a grasp. Rather be charitable, and if you would prosper cheer the poor with needful articles.

Key to Puzzledom.

No. 923.—Decapitations: Steam, team; star, tar; stale, tale; stamp, tamp; steal, teal; store, tore; stone, tone; slap, lap; slave, lave; slump, lump.

No. 924.—Concealed Parts of a House: Garret, hearth, closet, veranda.

No. 925.—Charades: 1. Pan, try, pantry. 2. Horse, chest, nut, horsechestnut. 3. Car, pet, knight, carpet knight.

No. 926.—Diamond In a Diamond: 1. C. 2. Lob. 3. Laves. 4. Coverts. 5. Berry. 6. Sty. 7. S.

No. 927.—Eight Buried Poets: Gray, Moore, Byron, Pope, Dryden, Gay, Keats, Hemans.

No. 928.—Anatomical Letter Enigma: Finger.

No. 929.—Illustrated Rebus: Face, Pendulum, case, works.

No. 930.—Geographical Double Acrostic: Primals: Berlin, Madrid. Finals: London, Athens. Crosswords: 1. Brazil. 2. El Paso. 3. Razan. 4. Lizard. 5. Iloilo. 6. Nelson 7. Malaga. 8. Ararat. 9. Duluth. 10. Racine. 11. Indian. 12. Dallas.

A Girl's Peep At Fairyland

Dorothy awoke with a start. Everything and everywhere was snow, snow, snow. The fairies of snowland had been more than busy in the night. Dorothy thought they must have been rushed, for every little nook and corner was decorated. Even the place where her little piggies slept had not been neglected.

Yes; Dolly had made up her mind in the two minutes she had stood before the window. She was going to the woods to see if she could find the snow fairies.

Dorothy dressed hurriedly, put on her little gum boots and slipped quietly out of the front door.

On and on she trudged. Her boots were so very heavy that it made her tired. So she leaned wearily against a pine tree which was grumbling something every time the wind blew.

A rabbit had been playing in the snow, for his footprints betrayed his many caprices. Dorothy wondered how he worked all four feet at once and whether they would not get mixed, all wanting to go first, each forgetting when it was his turn.

"Well, Dorothy, you have come at last!"

Dorothy jumped and looked around in amazement, for it was a funny

ON A THRONE ABOVE HER SAT A QUEEN.

rolled leaf that was talking. The rabbit had probably brushed the snow from that one leaf, and it was standing straight and free.

It was a very obedient little girl who placed her finger in the leaf and closed her eyes when she was told to. Nor did she open them again, not even to peep, till she heard a voice far above her say, "Now see what is before you."

Was it really or was she dreaming? For 'twas fairyland, and on a throne above her sat a queen, clothed in the most lovely gown, which reflected her every mood. Sometimes it threw forth a rosy light, showing the queen's pleasure. Then again a cold blue light would take its place, and all the little fairies would tremblingly kneel before their queen, whose every wish was law.

Dorothy looked in amazement, for the ever changing lights continually cast a rainbow splendor over the place.

As the queen spoke all was darkness. Dorothy crouched against a marble pillar as though for protection.

"The leaf fairy has asked me many times for permission to show you this palace. At last I have consented. Show her all, leaf fairy."

So away they went so swiftly that Dorothy could not see half of the beautiful things around her. Soon the fairy opened a door on which funny little bells chimed out the name of the one entering.

In this room was a great spruce tree, so high that the top could not be seen. To the branches were attached by invisible wires large balls of different colors and so many that it reminded Dorothy of her own Christmas tree, only this was so much prettier.

The fairy leaf was saying, "Now I will show you yours," and she pointed to one of the balls.

Dorothy examined it and found, to her surprise, a little fairy with the letter D fastened on her dress, seated upon her colored ball. But there were black marks running through the many colors, and Dorothy noticed some were prettier than hers.

So she asked what it meant, and she was told that the fairy upon each ball on looking within could see reflected the good and naughty things each child did from day to day. If naughty a black line was drawn, but the fairy was always glad to paint the bright colors, for they were good deeds.

Two little salty tears ran down Dorothy's cheeks. She hoped no one noticed them, but she could not help crying, for her own ball had lots and lots of black lines in it.

The leaf fairy took Dorothy back to the queen, who asked her to come again in a few weeks to see the ball. Then she placed her finger in the leaf and was once more in the world of snow.

Had she gone to sleep and dreamed this?

Dorothy was sure that she had not. Anyway, she hurried home as fast as she could so as to help mamma with the dishes, for she must make her ball as lovely as the rest on that beautiful tree.—Philadelphia Record.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

Joy is always more joyous when underneath it is a foundation of thoughtfulness.—Rev. E. M. McGuffey, Episcopalian, Elmhurst, N. Y.

Power of the Little Sin.

A little sin is the thin edge of the wedge, and when once inserted it can be driven home till it splits and ruins the life.—Rev. Dr. A. H. C. Morse, Baptist, Brooklyn.

Easy to Convert.

The easiest person in the world to reach with the gospel is not a woman, not a girl, not a boy, but the man. To get a person to accept the gospel you must first make him think, and then think.—Rev. J. W. Chapman, Evangelist, Philadelphia.

Christianity's Real Test.

The real test of Christianity is in its uplifting power. It is solving social problems. It is providing the purest life we know. It is unselfishly bringing more tangible comfort to the human race than all the other means combined.—Rev. Johnston Myers, Baptist, Chicago.

Religion.

What the homing instinct is to the bird, religion ought to be to a man. Reason, guided if by no more than probability, dictates a degree of religiousness in a man. A little religiousness of the right kind always argues for more.—Rev. E. H. Pence, Presbyterian, Detroit, Mich.

A Town's Valuable Assets.

Good men and good women are the most valuable assets in any community. We must drive out all agencies which destroy manhood and cultivate all forces which make for the moral training of our citizenship. People make the town, and no town is good whose bad people run it.—Rev. Dr. Charles Bayard Mitchell, Methodist, Chicago.

Reward For Duty Doers.

No man need fear death in doing his duty, because when the time comes for him to be taken away the Master will see to it. The man who is filling his place in this world fully will burst through into better things, for it is impossible for a man who is doing his level best to remain in the same position forever. — Rev. Robert Watson, Presbyterian, Cincinnati.

Danger of Prosperity.

What we want today is that our public men, our business and professional men, shall be not less but more religious than ever before. They should be not less, but more intellectual, more earnest and more honest. The greater our material prosperity the greater the danger that stares us in the face if we ignore the higher and better and nobler things.—Rev. John G. Scott, Episcopalian, Hot Springs, Va.

A Thinker's Duty.

You have not done your duty as a thinker if you have left unexamined and unconsidered the great Christ problem of the world.—Rev. J. W. Francis, Presbyterian, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Our Share In God's Out of Doors.

It is a beautiful garden into which God has introduced us. The fresh air and the sunshine, the quiet and refreshing resting places, the flowers and the birds, the waving corn and the silver moonlight, the rippling rivers and the mountain stillnesses—it is God's out of doors and ours. It is ours, but in it God has a share. We are to dress and keep it for him. When God's sunlight and fresh air are denied the children in tenement or sweatshop, office or factory; when the crystal streams of cities and towns are made channels of filth and fountains of impurity, breeding places for disease; when children are asked to play on cobblestones or in blind alleys instead of in fields of living green; when schools have their playgrounds in cellars; when disgraceful billboards scar the face of nature and vice is segregated upon the streets of a great Christian city, we are false to our trust.—Rev. Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, Presbyterian, Chicago.

The Immortal Hope.

Crowning all other gifts is man's instinctive hope of immortality. Man is the only animal who ever lifts a gravestone and publishes his convictions that the soul lives forever. The vastness of this physical universe with its myriad worlds makes it unthinkable that our earth alone is inhabited. There must be other realms where men live and love and invent and sing, pray and aspire. But the truth and the beautiful and the good are the same in all worlds. All souls when they meet will be brothers. Man's love of life, the overequipment for his little arena of threescore years, his revolt from death, his uncompleted sciences and arts and tools, his half wrought laws, his imperfect liberties, all ask another life. Death finds every worker with his task half done. Something whispers to death approaching: "Too short! The time is too short!" Reason building cities is a tall angel, but Imagination hath wings and forehead that brush against the sky. Looking down on Reason, Faith and Love whisper encouragement and point toward the stars. What weight of character and beauty shall be wrought in the soul when time and those that dwell beyond have completed their ministry doth not yet appear. What we do know encourages the hope that all that is the seed here shall be the sheaf there; that the portico shall give way to the temple. The star fades because the sun rises in full splendor. The morning shall pass because high noon hath come.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

True Religious Worship.

It is eminently fitting that our worship of Almighty God should be carried on under conditions as rich and splendid as we can well afford to make them. Man has always felt that the most magnificent building should not be his bank nor his theater nor his parliament house, but his cathedral. Therefore the architecture of our greatest churches is "frozen music," the windows are all glorious with sacred pictures by the greatest artists, the mellow organ under the touch of a master gives support and enrichment to the human voice divine in music which gives one visions of the celestial city, the sermon is a sacred oration touching all the chords of reverence and devotion in the human heart. This is as it should be if man is to lay his best on the altar of God. There is danger, however, that men may mistake this kind of religious "service" for the real service which Jesus defines as ministering to the unfortunate and needy. Worship which is an aesthetic treat, a sweet emotion, in which the senses are lulled and charmed and which finds no expression in benevolent action is selfishness disguised as religion. The flabby, indolent type of piety, which loves velvet cushions and regards religion as a flowery bed of ease, has nothing in common with the Man of Sorrows who had not where to lay his head. We may be well assured that God is better pleased with deeds of kindness and humanity than with stately rituals which are meant to be complimentary to him.—Rev. William B. Millard, Congregationalist, Chicago.

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