...ELY ANNIVERSARIES.

Current Selections From History's Broad Page.

December 24.

...Columbus' vessel, the Santa Maria, wrecked on the coast of Hayti.

...Silas Deane, diplomatist of the Revolutionary era, born in Groton, Conn.; died 1789.

1745—Benjamin Rush, "signer" and eminent medical writer and abolitionist, born in Byberry, Pa.; died 1813.

1754—George Crabbe, English poet, born at Aldborough, Suffolk; died 1832.

1809—Kit Carson, famous Indian fighter, Mexican and Rocky mountain guide, born in Madison county, Ky.; died in 1868.

1811—The Richmond theater burned and many lives lost; first calamity of that nature in the United States.

1814—Treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain signed at Ghent.

1857—Part of the capitol at Washington and all the congressional library destroyed by fire.

1802—William Makepeace Thackeray, English author, died; born 1811.

1877—Robert P. Parrott, inventor of the parrott gun, died at Cold Spring, N. Y.; born 1803.

1887—Daniel Manning, secretary of the treasury, died in Albany; born 1831.

1891—Political revolt in Peru in favor of the ex-Dictator Pierola; 40 killed.

December 25.

...be settled upon in the fourth century for the birth of Jesus Christ and celebrated as Christmas since the reign of Constantine.

...Charlemagne crowned emperor of the West by the pope of Rome.

...Samuel de Champlain, founder of Quebec and first governor of New France, died; born 1567.

...Sir Isaac Newton born; died 1727.

...William Collins, English poet, born at Chicester; died there 1756.

1787—Daniel Shays broke up the supreme court at Worcester, Mass.; "Shays' insurrection."

1826—General Thomas William Sweeny, a distinguished regular army officer of the plains and the civil war, born in Cork; died at Astoria, N. Y., 1892.

1836—Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore, the noted American bandmaster, born in Ireland; died in St. Louis, September, 1892; he organized the mammoth peace jubilees in Boston in ... and 1872, and at his death held the appointment of musical director of the World's fair at Chicago.

1890—Right Rev. and Hon. William Thompson, D. D., archbishop of York, died; born 1819.

December 26.

1716—Thomas Gray, author of the famous elegy, born; died 1771.

1776—Battle of Trenton and defeat of British and Hessians by Washington's army.

1812—Joel Barlow, author and soldier, died near Cracow, Poland; born 1754.

1831—Stephen Girard, eccentric millionaire and philanthropist, died in Philadelphia; born in France 1750.

1834—Charles Lamb, English humorous writer, died in Edmonton; born in London 1775.

1852—Great fire in New York and famous clipper Great Republic destroyed.

1860—Major Anderson abandoned Fort Moultrie and occupied Fort Sumter.

1886—General John A. Logan died in Washington; born 1826.

December 27.

1571—Johann Kepler, famous astronomer, born at Magstatt, Wurtemberg; died 1630.

1602—Thomas Cartright, Puritan divine, died; born 1535.

1714—George Whitefield (pronounced Whitfield) born in Gloucester, England; died in Newburyport, Mass., 1770.

1786—William Wilson Corcoran, Washington philanthropist and banker, born in Georgetown, D. C.; died 1888.

1836—Texas formally ... to the Union.

...Tiber and great disaster at Rome.

...Schliemann, famous German archæologist and explorer of Troy, ... in Naples; born in 1820.

...burned in the China sea; about ...

...nd, agricultural journalist and ...died at Evanston, Ills.; born 1822.

December 28.

...England, ...Orange, ...born 1602.

...states-...Cent Lib-...1871.

...Keith Johnston, Scottish geographer, born in Middlethian; died 1871.

1878—General James Wilkinson, soldier, speculator and adventurer, died in the City of Mexico; born 1757; intimate with Benedict Arnold, Aaron Burr and the southwestern conspirators.

1837—Battle of United States officers and soldiers by Seminole Indians in Florida.

1860—Thomas Babington Macauley, celebrated English historian, died; born 1800.

1870—Marshal Juan Prim, the ruling spirit in Spain, shot down by an assassin; died on the 30th.

1874—Hon. Gerrit Smith, abolitionist, died; born ...

...re Feuillet, popular French novelist and dramatist, author of "The Romance of a Young Man," died in Paris; born 1812.

December 29.

...Thomas a Becket assassinated in the cathedral at Canterbury; born about ...

...Archibald Alison, historian, born at ...ley, Shropshire; died 1867.

...harles Goodyear, inventor of vulcanized rubber and other forms of rubber, born ... Haven; died 1860.

...Johnson, seventeenth president ...

December 30.

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December 31.

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No. 320.—Charade.

My first is a boy's name.
My second is a metal.
My third is an open space.
My whole is the title of a book by Charles Dickens.

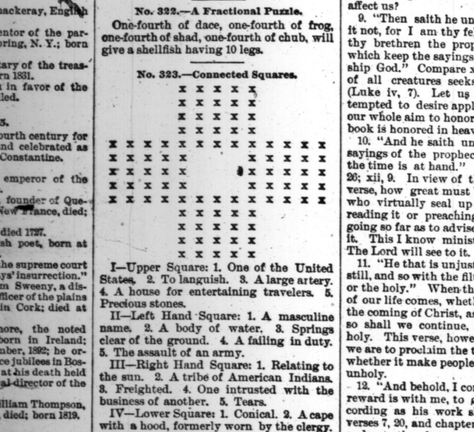
No. 321.—Pictured Word.



No. 322.—A Fractional Puzzle.

One-fourth of dace, one-fourth of frog, one-fourth of shad, one-fourth of chub, will give a shellfish having 10 legs.

No. 323.—Connected Squares.



I—Upper Square: 1. One of the United States. 2. To languish. 3. A large artery. 4. A house for entertaining travelers. 5. Precious stones.

II—Left Hand Square: 1. A masculine name. 2. A body of water. 3. Springs clear of the ground. 4. A failing in duty. 5. The assault of an army.

III—Right Hand Square: 1. Relating to the sun. 2. A tribe of American Indians. 3. Freighted. 4. One intrusted with the business of another. 5. Tears.

IV—Lower Square: 1. Conical. 2. A cape with a hood, formerly worn by the clergy. 3. Little balls of medicine. 4. Striking effect. 5. Desists from labor or exertion.

No. 324.—Diamonds.

1. A consonant. 2. A deep hole. 3. A common eatable for breakfast. 4. An ornament for the wall. 5. A girl's name. 6. The opposite of wet. 7. A vowel.

1. A consonant. 2. A wager. 3. Ablutions. 4. The name of a city. 5. A brier. 6. Wrongdoing. 7. A consonant.

No. 325.—Anagram.

I TO A DUNCE will bring much good,
Herein the nation's safety lies;
I am not for the rich alone,
But may be gained by each who tries.

No. 326.—Hidden Authors.

The cage in which those birds belong
fell, owing to the nail being too small.
The "Winter Palace" is in Moscow perhaps, instead of St. Petersburg.
Now, James, write "bow," "hit," "tis," "run" and "hop," on the blackboard.
Yes, the man sold fish.

No. 383.—The Coming of Santa Claus.

Coming with merry feet to young and old,
Where snow and ice would block his onward way;
Strive they in vain his eager step to stay.
For Santa Claus is curious as bold.
Why should he not know what the ovens hold?
Such odors tempt him, and he must obey.
Schoolboys and matrons, grandsires, maidens gay,
Forgive him if he warms his fingers cold.
While waiting. Arrows from his mystic pack—
Wise fellow, see him choose! "These (from my Bows)
With shaft of silver, tipped with jewel rare,
Aimed with the skill which love alone imparts,
Shall strike the center of the coyest hearts.
Lest Santa Claus be slighted, then beware!"
Take one letter from each line of this verse and you will find an acrostic which spells a Christmas greeting. The letters will be the same in distance from the beginning of each line.

No. 384.—A Coin Puzzle.



Insert the name of a United States coin wherever a coin is shown in the illustration. How will the sentence then read?—St. Nicholas.

No. 385.—Double Acrostic.

The letters in each of the following 13 groups may be transposed so as to form one word. When these are rightly guessed they will answer to the following definitions:

1. Relating to color.
2. Half a poetic verse.
3. A name for buttercups, given them by Pliny, because the aquatic species grow where frogs abound.
4. Just.
5. Benumbed.
6. Shaped like a top.
7. The summer solstice, June 21.
8. Mineral pitch.
9. Layers of earth lying under other layers.
10. The more volatile parts of substances, separated by solvents.
11. Accused.
12. The goddess of discord.
13. The utmost point.

1. I match roc. 2. She bit mic. 3. I run clan U. 4. A limp rat, I. 5. Fed, I set up. 6. I run at Bet. 7. Rimm mused. 8. Put a sham L. 9. As tar tubs. 10. I rust cent. 11. Dime peach. 12. Cari is odd. 13. Extry time.

When the above letters have been rightly transposed and the words placed one below the other, the primals will spell a festal time, and the finals will spell an anniversary of the Church of England held on the 28th of December.

No. 386.—Something Nice.

Johnnie enjoyed his Christmas dinner greatly. Oh, yes; but there was something lacking, in his opinion, so he set about supplying the deficiency. First, he took a quarter of a mince pie, then a very small piece of chocolate, next a crumb of bread, and to these he added a bit of cranberry sauce and the last of the turkey. After combining these he had something so white and so deliciously crisp that he knew at once that the missing article of food had been supplied.

A Literary Curiosity.

A western paper is responsible for the following: A few days ago a supposed dead bull was seen lying by the side of the track on the Northern Pacific. The matter was promptly reported to the superintendent's office, and he in turn sent out an order instructing the section foreman to remove the dead animal. Shortly afterward a reply was received which distinguishes the foreman as a man of superior tact, although his rhetorical powers have doubtless been sadly neglected. The epistle runs thus:

"The Supt. Sir. The bull that was killed by the train, was not killed, but she died from eating too much buckeyes and ain't ded yet, but will bury him tomorrow. Answer if I shall skined him. Thos. O'Flaherty, Sec. Forman."

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 310.—Numerical Enigma: "Riches have wings, and grandeur is a dream."
No. 311.—Illustrated Metamorphosis: Goat, cost, cost, cast, cart.
No. 312.—Charade: Conjugally.
No. 313.—Missing Letter Puzzle:
Wicked the word and bootless the boast,
As cruel King Crocodile found to his cost,
And proper reward for ungrateful might.
He showed his teeth, but he missed his bite.
No. 314.—Triple Acrostic:

STADIUM	
TREACLE	
ABUTTED	
REPINED	
TRIVIAL	
STEEPLE	
C L O A K	U
L O A M	A N T
O A K	U N C A S
A M	T A N
K	S

No. 315.—Half-Square and Diamond:

S N O W	S W A N
N O N E	W A R E
N C E	A R E A
E E K	N E A T

No. 316.—Historical Characters: W. F. Harnden, General Lafayette, Dr. W. T. G. Morton, Elder William Brewster, George Bancroft, Charles Sumner, Ulysses S. Grant, General A. J. Myer, Charles B. Brown, General James Wolfe.

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Text of the Lesson, Rev. xxii, 8-21 (A Missionary Lesson)—Memory Verses, 16, 17. Golden Text, Rev. xxii, 17—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Impressed with the fact that in this so called missionary lesson we have also a grand Christmas lesson, bringing before us His coming again, which draweth near, we make choice of this.

8. "And I, John, saw these things and heard them." Then he tells us that he fell down to worship before the feet of the angel. He actually saw these wondrous sights and heard these faithful and true words. It was probably before this that he wrote, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us" (I John i, 3). How to the things of God which we see and hear affect us?

9. "Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not, for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book—worship God." Compare xix, 10. Only satan of all creatures seeks to be worshiped (Luke iv, 7). Let us remember it when tempted to desire applause, and may it be our whole aim to honor God. See how this book is honored in heaven.

10. "And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand." Contrast Dan. viii, 26; xii, 9. In view of the command of this verse, how great must be the sin of those who virtually seal up this book by never reading it or preaching from it, but even going so far as to advise people not to read it. This I know ministers to be guilty of. The Lord will see to it.

11. "He that is unjust let him be unjust still, and so with the filthy or the righteous or the holy." When the end of this stage of our life comes, whether it be death or the coming of Christ, as we are then found so shall we continue, whether unjust or holy. This verse, however, may teach that we are to proclaim the truths of this book whether it make people more holy or more unholy.

12. "And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Compare verses 7, 20, and chapters i, 7; ii, 25; iii, 11, and note the oft repeated "I come" and the admonitions. Salvation is all of grace, but reward is according to work. See I Cor. iii, 8, 9; Luke xix, 16-19. These rewards are not given at death, but at resurrection, when Jesus shall come (Luke, xiv, 14; I Pet. v, 4; II Tim. iv, 8).

13. "I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." When our souls can say, Lord, Thou art all this to me, first and last in everything, beginning and end of everything, then all is well.

14. "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city." The R. V. says, "Blessed are they that wash their robes." Well, we cannot keep His commandments till we have washed in His blood and received the new heart which only can do His will. If we, like Abram, are looking for the city (Heb. xi, 10), we will delight to be found doing His will.

16. "For without are dogs," etc. Compare chapter xxi, 8, 27. And if you are glad that your name is in the book of life, and that by His grace you are neither fearful nor untruthful, then seek those without.

16. "I, Jesus, have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David and the bright and morning star." The first clause of this verse, taken in connection with verse 6, seems to us one of the clearest proofs that the Lord God of the holy prophets and Jesus are one and the same. The root and offspring of David, taken with Isa. xi, 1, 10, show Him to be both God and man, David's Lord and David's Son. As the bright and morning star He promises himself to the overcomer in chapter ii, 28. The watchers all this dark night will see and meet Him as the morning star and come back with Him as the sun of righteousness (Mal. iv, 2) when He appears for Israel.

17. "And the Spirit and the bride say come, and let him that heareth say come. And let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." The first clause seems to be the cry of the church to her Lord to come in response to his "Behold, I come quickly." The others—or at least the last two—are invitations to the sinner to take the water of life freely. They remind us of Isa. lv, 1; John vii, 37; Rom. iii, 24. There is nothing to hinder those who hear but their own will.

18, 19. "If any man shall add. If any man shall take away." Now comes a most solemn warning to any one who would dare to add to or take from the words of this book. Read the same warning in Deut. iv, 2; xii, 32; Prov. xxx, 6; Jer. xxvi, 2; xxiii, 28, 36, and say how it is that men dare in these days, in spite of these warnings, to commit both of these sins. Is it because, turning from the truth, God has sent them delusion (II Thess. ii; 10, 11).

20. "He which testifieth these things saith: Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." How could He say "quickly" when He knew that almost 2,000 years must pass first? One thousand years is with the Lord as one day (I Pet. iii, 8), and according to that reckoning He has been gone scarcely two days yet. We must look at things from His standpoint. Do our hearts say, "Come, Lord Jesus?" If we understand that things will grow worse and worse both in the world and in the professing church till He come; that we cannot have our glorified bodies till He come; that we are to occupy and show forth His death till He come; that satan and antichrist and Babylon will rage till He come, then we will surely pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." Otherwise not.

21. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." What a precious ending to a most precious book—yea, to the whole book of books—for we are saved by grace, we stand in grace, and there is more grace to be revealed (Eph. ii, 8; Rom. v, 2; I Pet. 1-13). It is favor for the undeserving from first to last.

A Wise Answer.

A shah once asked a group of his courtiers whom they thought the greater man—himself or his father? At first he could get no reply to so dangerous a question, the answer to which might cost the courtiers their heads. At last a wily old courtier said, "Your father, sire, for though you are equal to your father in all other respects, in this he is superior to you—that he had a greater son than you have."

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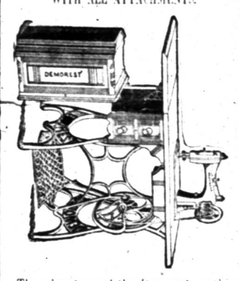
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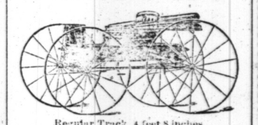
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