

# CORRESPONDENTS' NEWS.

BY OUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS.

## TSILTCOOS.

### Hidden Name Items—A Puzzle for the Youngsters.

Now the holidays, the jolly days,  
Are surely drawing near.  
A little fun, if but a pun,  
Will help to make good cheer.

In each of the following items is hidden the name of a person about Florence or the lakes. The names are not all spelled right, but pronounce the syllables slowly and you will find them.

Will you believe it? I saw a robin Sunday.

To say that Florence is getting behind would be fallacy.

It seems the recent wedding at the hotel drew several people there.

When to matrimony you're inclined  
You'll ponder well what's on your mind

The hard frosts of late have put a blight on all things green and tender.

The wind blew with such terrible force I thought the house would go over.

During the recent storm some of the boats on Whoahink lake that were left "unhitched," drifted off and went to the other shore; then the boys were in a pickle when they wanted to go across.

Miss Belle Forsythe has taken up her residence in Florence. She will keep house for her cousins, while they seek an education in the temple of learning at that place. Perhaps Belle will educate her heart in the meantime.

To be frank will Sunday find  
Some action done by you that's kind?  
Some weary heart forget it's care,  
And breathe your name in thankful prayer?  
Then truly Christmas has not come in vain;  
'Twill be your own and another's gain.  
Methinks I faintly just now heard  
The old year sigh—  
"Ah me! the days are gliding by;  
The time for me is drawing nigh  
When I must say good-bye, good-bye!"

There are ten hidden names; any boy or girl sending in a correct list will have his or her name printed in THE WEST, and one year's subscription to this paper. The solution will appear in two weeks.

GAIL MAKER.

## AMUSING ITEMS.

### Her Compliment.

"Miss Sharp paid you a compliment the other day, Cholly."  
"Aw, indeed? Let me hear it me boy."  
"We were speaking about you, and, in answer to a remark she made, I said you were not so big a fool as you looked, and she said she hoped not."  
"Haw, haw, she said that, did she? She's a very agreeable girl, is Miss Sharp."

### Enforced Ablutions.

Lady (to house girl)—You should take a lesson from the cook. You are slovenly, whereas she washes her face three or four times a day.  
House Girl—No wonder. The fellow who comes here to court her is a chimney sweep.

### Up to His Neck That Way.

"I fell into the pond to-day, and it was up to my neck," said Walter.  
"Nonsense," said Jack. "The water in the pond isn't more than a foot deep."  
"Ah, but I went in head first," said Walter.

### Willing to Help Her.

Amateur Actress (who intends to adopt the stage as a profession)—No, Mr. Ker-smith, I cannot marry you, nor any man; it would interfere with my chosen career.

Mr. K.—But think how a divorce would boom you!

### An Illustration.

Totling—It's strange how vindictive

some women can be.  
Dimpling—It is.  
Totling—Here's a Kansas woman who married one of the men who lynched her first husband.

### Wallie and Jack.

"You and Jack sit next to each other in school, don't you, Wallie?"  
"Part of the time."  
"Only a part?"  
"Yes, sir. Jack's standing in the corner most of the time."  
"And what do you do then?"  
"Oh, I generally stand in another corner."

### For Change of Raiment.

He—Do you know, that as long as I have known you, I have never seen you dressed in white?  
She—Indeed! Are you then so partial to the color?  
He—Not exactly that; but whenever I see a girl dressed in white, I am always tempted to kiss her.  
She—Will you excuse me for fifteen minutes?

### How Could He Forget?

The little girl ran flying down the front steps and called out with an agonizing cry:  
"Papa! Papa!"  
Papa had started down town. He stopped and waited.  
"What is it, Bessie?"  
"I want to kiss you good-bye."  
"Well, dear, why don't you kiss me?"  
"I will," said the little girl, with trembling lip and quivering chin, "as soon as I can make the pucker!"

### Trouble beginning Early.

Happy Bride—Why, mamma, what are you crying for? Every thing is so lovely and everybody's been so good to me! Come and look at my presents, dear.  
"It's the presents I'm thinking of! Every family with a regiment of unmarried girls has sent you the most horribly expensive things, and now they'll all be getting married, and you and Charles will have to scrape and starve to give each of them something handsomer still! Oh, Angelina, why didn't you elope?"

### Shortening the Time.

Friend—Doesn't the ride back and forth to the country every-day seem very long?  
Mr. Suburb—Long? It's too short. I know I've got to pitch in and work like a horse the moment the train reaches the city. That makes the ride seem too short, doesn't it?  
"I presume it does. But how about the ride back?"  
"Well, I always remember after I start that I've forgotten something my wife wanted particularly, so that ride is over too quick."

### GEMS OF THOUGHT.

There is the literature of knowledge and there is the literature of power. The function of the first is to teach; the function of the second is to move. The first is a rudder, the second an oar or a sail. The first speaks to the mere discursive understanding; the second speaks, ultimately it may happen, to the higher understanding or reason, but always through affections of pleasure or sympathy.

Cultivate the friendly spirit. If one would have friends he must be worthy of them. Make friends early in life. Hold fast to your friends. It is one of the commonest regrets in after life that early friendships were not kept up. Make a point of having friends amongst your elders. Friendship between those of the same age is sweeter, but friendship with elders is more useful, or, rather, they supplement each other.

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