No. 459.—Mathematically Described.

A triangle having three acute angles supported by elongated sides; a circle minus a slight arc; two right angles formed by a perpendicular and a horizontal; a line; an acute angle; a plumb; a horizontal bisected by a perpendicular, forming two rectangles, and an acute angle supported by an upright. The whole will represent a word applicable to the mental state of the solver of this problem.

No. 460.—Anagram—A Mystic Bird.

Many men of many minds,
Many birds of many kinds;
Some are dun and some are gay—
Which is this one? tell me, pray.
He is often seen where the river winds,
But seldom found among the "pines."

No. 461.—Enigma.

My first is in a can of "ale,"
My second is in every "dale,"
My third's in "egg,"
My fourth in "beg,"
And like an earwig in a "rail"
My fifth. My next is in the "mud,"
My seventh is found in King "Ehud,"
My eighth's in "ram,"
My ninth in "Cam,"
My tenth in sweet Miss "Maidenhood,"
My last in neither "bad" nor "good,"
Now for my whole. Conceive a crowded room,
Lit up with candles to expel the gloom—
A stage, on which our dazzled eyes we fix,
A clever man who shows diverting tricks—
And you will have a very curious skill,
That has been used for ends both good and ill.

No. 462.—Drop Letter Puzzle.

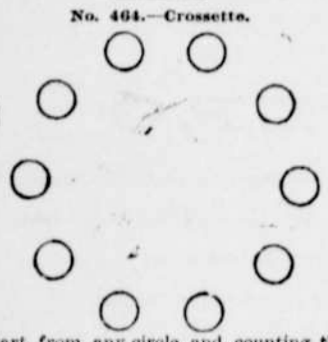
A-i-d-n-h-h-n-i-w-r-h-w-i-t-e-u-h.

Supply missing letters and find a very common proverb.

No. 463.—Charade.

As I went out among the men,
I saw a boy whose name was ——;
And while I stood and watched them hay,
I saw a bird, it was a ——;
I also saw a pretty wren
Come out and linger with the ——;
I turned my steps to the forest, where
Among the hazel I saw a ——;
And close to the border I did espy
A large and beautiful field of ——;
But night was coming, I had to run
To reach my home ere the setting ——,
Now put together all these things,
And a noted man before you springs.

No. 464.—Crossette.



Start from any circle, and, counting that circle "1," count the next "2," the next in the same direction "3," and the next "4."

Cross out the circle counted "4."

Start again from any circle not crossed out. Count as before either in the same or in the reverse direction, and cross out the circle counted "4."

Crossed circles, though not to be started from, are to be included in the count of four, and are not to be passed over because crossed out.

Continue to count four from any circle not *crossed out, and to cross out the fourth, until* all the circles but one are crossed out.

No. 465.—Transformations.

Change one letter at a move so that there will still remain a legitimate word. For example, hate may be changed to love in three moves: Hate—have—lave—love.

Change Hard to Easy in five moves.
Change Sin to Woe in three moves.
Change Neat to Prim in eight moves
Change Saxe to Pope in five moves.
Change Hand to Foot in six moves.
Change Blue to Pink in ten moves.

No. 466.—Riddles.

Why is the letter D like a squalling child?

What is the best plan to prevent crying when your tooth is extracted?

When is a young lady like an acrobat?

Why is a man who never lays a wager as bad as a regular gambler?

Nearly the Same.

A small child just home from Sunday school informed his father that he could name the first five books of the New Testament. They were, he said, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Hatchet," and then, thinking people looked queer, he hesitated and added, "Well, hatchet or ax; it's about the same thing.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 449.—A Puzzle of Sevenths:

C U R R A N T
R H U B A R B
A P R I C O T
P E A C H E S
Q U I N C E S
O R A N G E S
B A N A N A S

No. 450.—Crossing the River: An Englishman and a servant go over, the Englishman comes back with the canoe. Two servants go over, one servant comes back. Two Englishmen go over, an Englishman and a servant come back. Two Englishmen go over and a servant comes back. Two servants go over and a servant returns. Two servants then go over together. Other solutions are possible.

No. 451.—A Bird Puzzle: 1 Frigate bird. 2. Butcher bird. 3. Weaver bird. 4. Snake bird. 5. King bird. 6. Bell bird. 7. Cedar bird. 8. Cat bird. 9. Tailor bird.

No. 452.—Easy Charade: Dayton.

No. 453.—Letter Rebuses: (a) An M on E—Anemone. (b) I understand. (c) C on figure 8—Configurate.

No. 454.—Enigmatical Trees: Box, Dogwood, Aspen, Rose, Sloe, Plane, Tulip, Spruce, Elm, Sycamore, Poplar, Southernwood.

No. 455.—Anagram: Termination.

No. 456.—Double Acrostic:

V a r i e T
A r m a d A
L i n n e T
L o c u s T
E v o l v E
Y o n d e R
S w e a r S

No. 457.—Beheadings: Smash—mash—ash.

No. 458.—Conundrums: Lyre. Try to borrow five dollars of him. Because he makes both ends meet. He has been to sea (see). It always has its back up. In the dictionary. Your name.

No. 439.—Geographical Pyramid.

O
O O O
O O O O O
O O O O O O O
O O O O O O O O O

The single ring represents the initial letter of a sea port in Georgia. The row of three, a cape at the southern extremity of New Jersey. The row of five, a bay in Florida. The row of seven, the capital city of Ontario. The row of nine, the Dutch name of the island on which New York city is located. The central vertical of five, a geographical name which is just now figuring extensively in the newspapers.

SMALL INVENTIONS.

Trifles Which Enriched Those Who First Recognized Their Utility.

The New Jersey man who hit upon the idea of attaching a rubber erasing tip to the end of lead pencils is worth $200,000.

The miner who invented a metal rivet or eyelet at each end of the mouth of coat and trousers pocket to resist the strain caused by the carriage of pieces of ore and heavy tools, has made more money from his letters patent than he would have made had he struck a good vein of gold-bearing quartz.

Every one has seen the metal plates that are used to protect the heels and soles of rough shoes, but every one doesn't know that within ten years the man who hit upon the idea has made $250,000.

As large a sum as was ever obtained for any invention was enjoyed by the Yankee who invented the inverted glass bell to hang over gas jets to protect ceilings from being blackened by smoke.

The inventor of the roller skate has made $1,000,000, notwithstanding the fact that his patent had nearly expired before the value of it was ascertained in the craze for roller skating that spread over the country a few years ago.

The gimlet-pointed screw has produced more wealth than most silver mines, and the Connecticut man who first thought of putting copper tips on the toes of children's shoes is as well off as if he had inherited $1,000,000, for that's the amount his idea has realized for him in cold, clammy coin.

The common needle threader, which every one has seen for sale, and which every woman owns, was a boon to needle users. The man who invented it has an income of $10,000 a year from his invention.

A minister in England made $50,000 by inventing an odd toy that danced by winding it with a string.

The man who invented the return ball, an ordinary wooden ball, with a rubber string attached to pull it back, made $1,000,000 from it.

The person who invented the most recent popular toy, "Pigs in Clover," will be rich before the leaves turn this autumn. He was poor last November.—Pittsburgh Press.

THE HOME BROKEN UP.

A Story That May Be Duplicated in Every Great City of the Land.

If you want to get an idea of the number of people who are at work down-town—men, women, boys and girls—take your stand any evening at the intersection of Washington and State streets, from which point more street cars pull out than any other in the city. The stream of humanity seems endless. Each hurrying home, and each apparently happy that the day's work is done. I stood there the other evening watching the hurrying throng, when a boy about fifteen years old, with his tin lunch-box, was passing. I thought I knew him, and spoke his name. He turned back and looked at me under the gas-light.

"You don't know me?" I asked. He said he didn't, but when I told him my name he said, "O, yes," in his boyish way, and offered his hand. I had not seen him for six years. When I last knew him he was one of a family of three children; his father was a prosperous merchant, and his mother was a woman of culture and devoted to her home, which was as pretty as a picture.

"Where is your father?" I asked.

"He's living out in the country; he is not doing any thing now."

"And your mother?"

"She's at her mother's in ——," mentioning another State.

"And your brother?"

"At school, with my aunt."

"And your little sister?"

"She is with mamma."

"And you are at work?"

"Yes, sir; in ——'s retail store. I live with some very kind people on the North Side, and am just out of the shop on my way home."

Then he turned away in the crowd, and was soon lost. I put the answers which he had given together, and I made out a story which left a lonely sort of feeling upon me—a feeling of regret. I thought of the home as I had seen it and known it, and wondered what combination of circumstances could have possibly broken it. But I know it is broken. And that is what I learned in watching the crowd in the evening at that corner. I hope it was the only story of that kind in the thousands who went by.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Strength of Wheats.

The strongest wheats are of spring growth; Duluth and other spring wheats of the United States and Canada, with Saxonka, Kubanka and Ghirka from Russia. These grew in latitudes where winter is long and severe, and spring and summer almost together, and where the seasons are regular in these characteristics—precisely the opposite of those obtaining in England, where spring wheats rarely do well. It might be supposed that winter wheats, which are so much longer on the ground, would make the "strongest" flours, but they do not, and this fact has attracted the attention of German chemists, who have shown from a large number of analyses that the highest percentage of gluten is found in small-grained wheats which are on the ground less than 130 days. So that the more rapidly the wheat plant is matured the larger the proportion of gluten, while the longer it is on the ground the more starch the wheats contain. * * * I saw some very beautiful Hungarian wheats on the market last week, and if the general character of those grown in that country is any thing like equal to what I saw, I don't wonder at the quality of Hungarian flour. But I am told that our millers can not make Hungarian flour out of Hungarian wheats.—London Agricultural Gazette.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—They have a jail in Missouri which a grand jury has condemned thirteen different times, and out of which every prisoner who wanted to escape has gone, but the county won't make repairs. The supervisors argue that jails are relics of barbarism.

—In one corner of a church at Rock Springs, Ga., a flying squirrel has his nest, and on Sundays, every time the congregation begins to sing, the squirrel comes out to the edge of his nest and listens, returning when the singing ceases.

CURRENT SUPERSTITIONS.

Information Obtained from Old Women in Countries Near and Far.

The funeral procession must not cross a river.

The last name a dying person calls is the next to follow.

A dish-cloth hung on a door-knob is a sign of death in a family.

The corpse must not pass twice over any part of the same road.

To dance on the ground indicates disaster or death within a year.

Whoever works on a sick person's dress he or she will die within a year.

If a hoe be carried through a house some one will die before the year is out.

If thirteen sit at a table the one who rises first will not live through the year.

The person on whom the eyes of a dying person last rest will be the first to die.

Whoever counts the carriages at a passing funeral will die within the year.

To break a looking-glass is a sign of death in the family before the year closes.

If three persons look at the same time into a mirror one will die within the year.

The clock should be stopped at the time of death, as its running will bring ill luck.

If one dies, and no rigor mortis ensues, it indicates a speedy second death in the family.

If a hearse is drawn by two white horses death in the neighborhood will occur in a month.

It is unlucky in a funeral for those present to repass the house where death has occurred.

If rain falls on a new-made grave there will be another death in the family within the year.

If the grave is left open over Sunday another death will occur before the Sunday following.

To keep the corpse in the house over Sunday will bring death in the family before the year is out.

It is unlucky to pass through a funeral, either between the carriages or the files of mourners on foot.

If rain falls into an open grave another burial in the cemetery will occur within three days.

At a funeral entering a church before the mourners means death to some of the entering party.

To put on a bonnet or hat of one in mourning is the sign that you will wear one before the year is out.

If any one comes to a funeral after the procession starts another death will occur in the same house.

In Switzerland, if a grave is left open over Sunday, it is said that within four weeks one of the village will die.

If, during sickness, a pair of shears be dropped in such a manner that the point sticks into the floor, it indicates the death of the sick person.

When a woman who has been sewing puts her thimble on the table as she sits down to eat, it is a sign that she will be left a widow if she marries.

A common saying in England is: "Happy is the corpse the rain falls on." This belief exists also in the United States. Thus it is said that if *rain falls at the time of the funeral* it is a sign that the dead has gone to Heaven.—Chicago Mail.

THE CARPET MOTH.

Several Methods of Attacking and Destroying This Household Pest.

Where carpets are used and only taken up once a year at "house-cleaning," the conditions are very favorable for the carpet bug's increase, particularly where the house-cleaning is hurriedly done. When a house has once become infested, nothing but the most energetic measures will completely rid it of the pest, and in complete riddance is the only hope, as in a year a very few individuals will so increase as to do great damage. At house-cleaning time then, as many rooms should be bared at once as possible, and the house-keeper should go carefully over the rooms, removing all dust, and with a hand-atomizer charged with benzine should puff the liquid into all the floor cracks and under the base-boards until every crevice has been reached. The carpets themselves, after thorough beating, should be lightly sprayed with the same substance, which will quickly evaporate, leaving no odor after a short time. The inflammability of benzine should be remembered, however, and no light should be brought near it. This done, before relaying the carpets, it will be well to pour into the cracks a moderately thick mixture of plaster of Paris and water, which soon sets and fills them with a solid substance into which the insects will not enter. Then lay around the borders of the room a width of tarred roofing-paper, and afterward relay the carpets. This thorough treatment should answer in the very worst cases, and in a house so cleaned the insect will probably not regain a foothold during the ensuing year. Cloth-covered furniture which may have also become infested should be steamed or also treated with benzine, and chests or drawers in which infested clothing has been stored should be thoroughly sprayed.

Another method of treatment consists in laying a damp cloth (an old towel or a folded sheet will do) smoothly over the suspected part of the carpet, and ironing it with a hot iron. The steam thus generated will pass through the carpet and kill all the insects immediately beneath. If not too laborious, an entire room could be treated to advantage in this way.—Good Housekeeping.

—First citizen—"What was the last measure passed by the Legislature; do you know?" Second citizen—"Yes, I do. Happened to be in the gallery at the time. It was a quart measure filled with beer."—Burlington Free Press.

—Every bicyclist should use his personal influence to secure good roads, but his duty does not require him to get off his wheel over the handles and smooth the highway down with the back of his neck.—Somerville Journal.

—The new constitution of Japan is described as "a government of the Emperor, for the Emperor, and by the Emperor." It no more resembles Magna Charta than a bat does an elephant, and makes the government of Japan in reality a government of "I am."

—The climate of Afghanistan is so very dry that without irrigation nothing can be grown below an elevation of 3,500 feet, at which point dew first begins to form. During the summer season the people live chiefly on melons, which are grown in such quantities that sirup is made from them.

—The London pavements, which strike every visitor from this side of the water as so perfect, are receiving a tremendous amount of local abuse now. Wood and asphalt are too slippery; macadam can't stand the heavy wear. The opinion is freely heard that London "has not yet solved the problem of street pavements, and seems as far off from it as ever."

—At an old homestead near Grimsby, Ont., there is a Greening apple tree one hundred years old, the branches of which cover an area of forty feet, and which has frequently yielded from seventeen to twenty barrels of marketable fruit.

—In a number of tests applied to masonry, according to Prof. Baker, of Illinois University, piers of ordinary brick and common lime mortar stood a pressure of a little over 1,500 pounds per square inch, which is equal to the weight of a column of brick 2,000 feet high, with ordinary Portland cement mortar the strength was somewhat more than 2,500 pounds per square inch, or the weight of a column of brick masonry 3,600 feet high.

—A German living in Weehawken sent a letter to the superintendent of Castle Garden offering him $1 if he would find a wife for him who would come up to the specifications given in the letter. He said: "she must be a rosy-cheeked, golden-haired Dutch girl, twenty years old, five feet tall, weighing not over 125 pounds, plump, and 'with a waist tapering gently from the head and feet.' She must be of a modest, retiring disposition and very industrious."

—Denmark has a new and unique society. It is called the "Celibacy Assurance Society," its object being to provide for women who can't or won't marry. Premiums begin at the age of thirteen and end at forty. At the latter age an unmarried woman receives an annuity for life. If she marries at any time after taking out a policy she forfeits all claims on the society. The profits of the society are expected to be enough to provide well for members who never marry.

—It is said that in the Southern part of Russia the peasants use a coin of such small value that it would take 250,000 of them to buy an American dollar, and these coins are so scarce that a man who has a hundred is looked upon as rich, and one who has a thousand is considered very wealthy. It is strange to think a person wealthy who owns two-fifths of a cent, and comfortably well off on one twenty-fifth of a cent.

A Sign That Never Fails.

"William," said Mrs. Trembly, "hear that horrid dog. Isn't it awful?"

"Is that the same dog that kept us awake last night?"

"I think so. It sounds unlucky, doesn't it?"

"Didn't you ever hear that the howling of a dog was a sure sign of death in the family?"

"No. Whose family?"

"The dog's," said Trembly, in a firm voice, as he stepped out of bed and reached for his revolver.—Merchant Traveler.

Climate for Consuptives.

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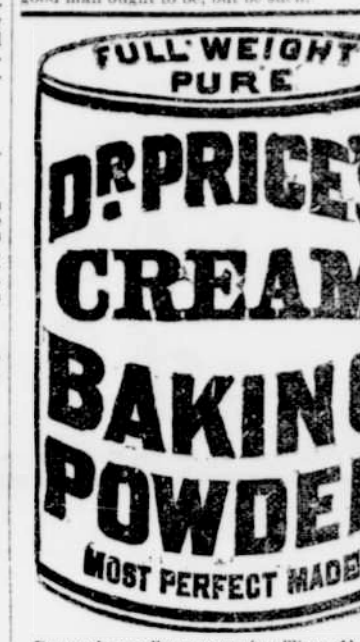

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