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A Few Words about "The Nut-Crackers' Monthly."

In introducing this little sheet to the notice of puzzle readers, we ask its careful examination, trusting that your search for something of interest to you may prove by no means its most difficult puzzle, but that its contents may be found entertaining and worthy of your study.

It has been our endeavor to present a pleasing variety of puzzles, and it is hoped that they are not so easy that there will be no merit in solving them, nor, on the other hand, so hard that no efforts will be made in that direction. As will be noticed elsewhere, we offer a prize for the largest list of answers, and all are invited to make an attempt to win it.

We also invite all to contribute original puzzles for publication in our columns. All kinds of puzzles will be acceptable.

We hope, before our next issue, to hear from many puzzle workers and puzzle makers, and this page will be set apart in future numbers as the place in which to publish extracts from their correspondence, and have familiar chats upon such subjects as their letters may suggest. We desire, in this way, to create a sort of acquaintance between our patrons and ourselves.

We shall strive in the future to make the paper pleasant and attractive, as we have tried to do in preparing the present number. Its general features will be the same as now, except as we see, from time to time, that changes can be made for the better. It must be remembered, however, that the character of the paper rests largely with you. We depend upon you for the puzzles which are to form the most important part of its contents; for material that will make the correspondents' page a pleasant feature; for the interest that may be added by a lively, good-natured competition for the prizes we offer for answers; and last but not least, we depend upon you to obtain for it a circulation that will repay us for its publication and enable us to make any improvements which time may tell us are required.

We present you with this, the first number of our puzzle sheet, with the wish that it may be in all respects the poorest number you will ever receive.

OUR CHROMO.—By doubling our subscription price we might be able to follow what has become almost the universal rule with publishers of periodicals, and offer "a magnificent oil chromo free to every subscriber." As any one can purchase chromos at the art stores, equaling the average "newspaper chromo," for about the sum we should be obliged to charge extra, we concluded that you might prefer to make your own selections, and therefore make no "unparalleled offers" in that line.

POSTAGE.—It will be remembered that a change in the United States postal law requires that all postage on newspapers and magazines shall be prepaid by the publishers after Jan. 1, 1875. The only expense to our patrons, therefore, will be the bare subscription price, and the twelve cents' postage that would have been required from each subscriber last year, will be so much saved to them.

This number is issued about a month in advance of date, that those who wish to make up clubs for the first volume may have ample time to do so before the beginning of the new year. Should any who take no interest in puzzles receive specimen copies, they will do us a kindness by handing them to some friend who they think will be pleased with them.
**Our Nut Basket.**

**ILLUSTRATED REBUS.**

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Mrs. Stowe.

J. G. Holland.

Bret Harte.

**PUBLISHERS.**

WORD REBUS.

No. 2.

**A GEOGRAPHICAL THANKSGIVING DINNER.**

No. 3.

Early on Thanksgiving morning, we set out on a (a) group of islands in the Pacific Ocean visit to the house of Mr. (b) County in Alabama, whose family consisted of himself, wife, two sons, (c) and, (d) two capes on the coast of Virginia, and a daughter, (e) a group of islands in Polynesia. They had been some time on the (f) cape on the coast of North Carolina for us, having a little (g) cape on the coast of South Carolina that we might not come; but we anticipated too much the pleasure of their (h) group of islands in the South Pacific to stay away. In due time we sat down to an appetizing dinner. First of all we discussed the usual (i) country in Europe, with a sauce of (j) an island off the coast of Maine, for the purpose of eating which, (k) another island off the coast of Maine was provided for each guest. Of wild meats, there were brought forward a (l) point in Kunox County, Maine, and a piece of a (m) lake in British America, which the sons' rifles had secured. For fish, we had (n) a cape in Massachusetts, and (o) a strait between Australia and Tasmania. There were also (p) islands off the coast of Africa for the older persons to drink—those not total abstainers—and (r) a river in Montana for the children. Everything indicated that the viands were prepared by a superior (s) mountain in New Zealand. At length we departed, with the sincere (t) point in Alaska that we might enjoy many such seasons.

Garnet.

**DECAPITATIONS.**

No. 4. Behead an interjection and leave a man's name.

No. 5. Behead a rogue and leave a shelter.

No. 6. Behead a stream of water and leave a bird.

Beck.

**CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.**

No. 7.

My first is in market, but not in store;
My second is in village, but not in town;
My third is in window, but not in door;
My fourth is in garment, but not in crown;
My fifth is in office, but not in hall;
My sixth is in city, but not in street;
My seventh is in visit, but not in call;
My eighth is in chair, but not in seat;
My ninth is in letter, but not in word;
My tenth is in barley, but not in wheat;
My whole is the name of a species of bird.

Its form is not handsome—its song is not sweet.

**WORD SQUARE.**

No. 8.

1. A fairy.
2. A field.
3. A fairy.

**ANAGRAMATICAL PROVERB.**

No. 9.

The child run past four holes. Tend K

**NUMERICAL ENIGMA.**

No. 10.

The 19 9 6 12 5 17 10 8 3 7 11 20 15 is equivalent to the whole.

The 18 13 2 16 is a lady.

The whole (containing 21 letters) is only a part.

F. I. Sherman.

**DIAMOND PUZZLE.**

No. 11.

1. A vowel.
2. A kind of liquor.
3. A tree and its fruit.
4. A female name.
5. A vowel.

**CHARADE.**

No. 12.

My first is oft seen with my whole on the plain,
And used by my second, in sickness and pain;
My first and my whole, in the fall of the year,
On account of my second, are withered and sere.

Garnet.

**TRANSPOSITIONS.**

No. 13. Transpose a concave vessel, and make a calamity.

No. 14. Transpose a circle, and make a foolish smile.

No. 15. Transpose active, and make mean.

Wilson.
PROBLEM.
No. 16.
A log of uniform taper is thirty-six feet in length, the diameter of the ends being one foot and three feet, respectively. At what distance from each end must the log be cut, to be divided into three equal parts?

HIDDEN ANIMALS.
No. 17. This is the grammar mother studied.
No. 18. I can buy a pencil for ten cents.
No. 19. The man became laze and ill by overwork.
No. 20. A mob is on track of the robbers.
No. 21. Health is a blessing for which we should be very grateful.
No. 22. Sam bought a lottery ticket.
No. 23. A silver mine has lately been discovered.
No. 24. Clara speaks bad German and worse French.
No. 25. This is the coat I bought last autumn.
No. 27. Were we as eloquent as the th me demanded?
No. 28. Walter ate lab-ters for breakfast.
No. 29. Was it the word cap or cap in Ella's spelling lesson last Saturday afternoon?
No. 30. There will be a very excellent lecture at the hall this evening, at seven o'clock.
No. 31. It is cruel and wicked to torment dumb animals.
No. 32. What will a man not do for money?
No. 33. The rich are not always happier than the poor.
No. 34. Jim uses a large net for catching fish.

WORD SQUARE.
No. 35.
Read from left to right, —
1. An abbreviation.
2. A surname.
3. A tool.
Read from top to bottom, —
1. A period of time.
2. A liquid.
3. A girl's nickname.
Read diagonally, downward, —
1. A fish.
2. A body of water.

CONUNDRUMS.
No. 37. Why is the letter A degrading?
No. 38. In what way does th letter B remind us of our destiny?
No. 39. Why should the letter C be abolished?
No. 40. Why is the letter D like unwholesome food?
No. 41. Why is the letter E like a tomb-stone?
No. 42. Why is the letter F like the nose?
No. 43. Why is the letter G like two dollars in United States currency?
No. 44. Why is the letter H like the United States Capitol?
No. 45. Why is the letter I like the city of Providence?
No. 46. In what respect does the letter J resemble a prisoner's cell?
No. 47. Why is the letter K like medicine?
No. 48. Why is the letter L like the days of childhood?
No. 49. In what respect is the letter M like the hand?
No. 50. When may the letter N be said to be crazy?
No. 51. How does the letter O resemble a coin?
No. 52. Why should the letter P make an effort to reform?
No. 53. Why is the letter Q like the object at which you are looking?
No. 54. Why can the letter R justly be called a peace-maker?
No. 55. Why is the letter S like the ringing of the supper bell?
No. 56. Why is the letter T like a man that has been unsuccessful in business?
No. 57. What is the point of resemblance between the letter U and the tongue?
No. 58. When is it useless to search for the letter V?
No. 59. Why is the letter W like the Sabbath?
No. 60. Why can the letter X properly be called a preposition?
No. 61. Why is the letter Y like the Fourth of July?
No. 62. Why is the letter Z like the letter T?

WELLINGTON.

ABSENT VOWELS.
No. 63.
t d n r n n d n n ,
b l s s n g r t h e r v t h r m t ;
B t f s n v r t h n k
T s k b l s s n g n t h r d r n k .

NAMELESS PUZZLE.
No. 64.
Luc! Yha diit tel s nbi,
Tsf le cew a smhit, cessa owu ndov ;
Er ywb ereth at luu!
Ywe nth da twb asur etogo? 

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH.
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Prize for Answers.

To the person who shall be most successful in solving the puzzles in this month's issue, we offer a library-bound volume of "The Great Industries of the United States."

This work is intended to give a general insight into the various industrial pursuits in which the people of our country are engaged, together with a history of their origin and the different stages of growth through which they have passed in rising to their present magnitude and importance. The range of subjects is wide, as must necessarily be the case in a work of this kind. Over 150 chapters are devoted to as many different branches of industry and their products, of all grades of importance, from railroads, telegraphy, the steam engine and the printing press, to the manufacture of saws, files, nails and tacks; and from steel and wood engraving, lithography and coinage, to confectionery, paper collars and matches. The book contains 1300 pages, and is illustrated with over 300 engravings, about sixty of which are full-page.

It will be awarded to the person sending the largest list of answers to our puzzles, unless, by that offer, two or more persons sending the same number of answers should be equally entitled to it, in which case the award will be made to the person whose answers are first received. All answers must be sent in season to reach us by February 5.

Presents!

OF

GOLD & SILVER COINS,

To be given to those who are most successful in obtaining subscribers for this paper.

In addition to the regular club discounts, we offer the following presents to the persons who succeed in raising the largest clubs for us before our next issue:

To the person sending us the largest number of subscribers previous to February 5, we will present a sum in gold equal to the amount of subscription money that person sends.

To the person sending the second largest list of subscribers within the same time, we will present a sum in gold (the fractional part of a dollar, if necessary, in silver) equal to half the amount of subscription money sent.

To the person sending the third largest number of subscribers, we will present a sum in silver equal to one third of the amount of subscription money sent.

We also make the following offers, as an inducement to promptness in raising clubs:

For the first club of one hundred subscribers, we offer $5.00 in gold.
For the first club of fifty subscribers, we offer $2.00 in gold.
For the first club of twenty-five subscribers, we offer $1.00 in gold.
For the first club of ten subscribers, we offer 50 cts. in silver.

In competing for the above presents, it is not necessary that all the subscriptions be sent at the same time. If they are sent at different times, however, those who send them will please be careful to give their names and addresses in full with each list of names, and also state the number of subscriptions they have previously sent, together with the date of sending the last list. By these precautions it is thought that any possible mistakes may be prevented.

We make this reserve with reference to the presents offered above. Should two or more of them fall to the same person by our offer as it would stand without this exception, only the largest present will be awarded to that person, and the others will be given to those who are next entitled to them.
Correspondence, &c.

[From Rusty.]

I think your problem in the February number was purely mathematical, and correctly answered. If I buy one yard of cloth that is two yards wide, how long a piece do I buy? I enjoy a good joke or short cut just as well as any one, but am unable to see where the fun comes in this time. Such tricks will have a tendency to discourage many.

We will slightly modify your problem. If you purchase one thirty-sixth of a yard of the cloth you mention, how long a piece do you have? Length, we repeat, is distance the longest way. Length may also be defined as distance between the ends, and in some instances, as in the case of a house or, perhaps, a piece of cloth, it may be less than the width. But in the case of a plane figure there is no way of determining the ends except by the distance from corner to corner. We agree with you in the opinion that problems should usually be purely mathematical, but one who is discouraged because he occasionally fails to obtain the correct answer to a problem by reason of what was intended to sharpen the wits, does not deserve to succeed.

[From Nettie.]

We wish you could devise some new host of having a sort of spelling match through your columns. Spelling seems to be the most fashionable sort of puzzle just now.

We do not now see how we can use your idea. The following is a slight approach to it: To the person who, before May 3, sends us the longest list of pure English words (rejecting proper names and words obsolete) that can be formed from the letters of the word "Washington," using each letter but once, we will present a copy of "The Literary Echo" one year.

In Brief.

Ethereal. — Please send us the answer to your riddle.

April Fool. — Thanks for your autograph. Your letter was one day late.

Refrain. — Lack of the requisite cuts prevents our using your refuse at present.

Our Pathos. — The publication of this number has been unavoidably delayed to April 31.

EXPLANATION OF PROBLEM. — By adding the squares of the length, breadth and height of the cube, [144 inches] plus [144 inches], and extracting the square root, the distance from one lower corner through the center to the opposite upper corner, the extreme limits of the cube, is found to be 20.7 inches (nearly), and 21 inches must be the inside dimensions of the box, which can be made of inch boards of the following dimensions and contents:

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Reducing the inches to feet we find the contents to be 20 13-72 square feet. As the boards are one inch in thickness, the number of square feet will correspond with the number of feet, board measure.

THE CHAMPION TEN.—To the following contributors is due the credit of sending us the largest ten lists of answers to the March puzzles:

Snow Drift, Richmond Corner, Me., 93 per cent.

Norton, Bowdoinham, Me., 90

Marens, Bowdoinham, Me., 90

Rockingham, Portsmouth, N. H., 77

Rusty, Lewiston, Me., 70

Julia Cambell, Camb., Me., 70

Cyma, Lynn, Mass., 64

Mattie A. Davis, S. Norridgewock, Me., 63

Crossman, Readfield, Me., 67

Sparticus, Lewiston, Me., 66

LATE MONTH'S PRIZES.—The prizes offered last month are awarded as follows:

No. 1. [No one succeeded in solving all the puzzles.]

No. 2. "Snow Drift," Richmond Corner, Me.

No. 3. C. B. Gale, Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H.

No. 4, "Sparticus," Lewiston, Me. [The prizes commended will be published in our next issue.]

Please read the notice "To Subscribers" in our advertising department.
Our Nut Basket.

SINGLE-WORD REBUS.
No. 1.

RAF

F. I. Sherman.

REBUSGRAM.
No. 2.
There 5939
There 7 luck 3
There 8719

NEETIE.

THE MENAGERIE.
No. 3.

In my menagerie are ten animals, represented by the following combinations. Their initials form the name of a great friend to animals.
(a) A part of the body, a river, a kitchen utensil, a verb, a personal pronoun.
(b) A vowel, earth.
(c) A country, an animal.
(d) A learned Jew, a consonant.
(e) Found in Central Asia.
(f) A sign, a consonant.
(g) A vowel, a consonant, a nickname, an insect.
(h) A note in music, a consonant, an abbreviation, a preposition.
(i) A verb, a small stream, a vowel.
(j) A fence, a domestic animal.

PARADISE LOST.

CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.
No. 4.

My first is in night, but not in day;
My second is in stop, but not in stay;
My third is in pear, but not in peach;
My fourth is in know, but not in teach;
My fifth is in fire, but not in heat;
My sixth is in chair, but not in seat;
My seventh is in cherry, but not in date;
My whole is a city in the Nutmeg State.

WILSON.

AMPUTATIONS.
No. 9. Behead and curtail: a part of a coat, and leave an animal.
No. 10. Behead and curtail: conceit, and leave to clear.
No. 11. Behead and curtail: a gate, and leave a conjunction.
No. 12. Behead and curtail: to mistake, and leave a verb.

ANON.

NUMERICAL ENIGMA.
No. 6.

I am composed of 38 letters.
My 15 11 2 is a woman's name.
My 14 10 16 is a domestic animal.
My 12 8 13 is a public house.
My 9 9 7 is termination.
My 6 12 1 is a liquid.
My 3 4 are in trouble.
The above is a Latin sentence; the following, its signification in English:
My 30 17 32 is the whole.
My 19 18 28 is to fasten.
My 23 21 27 is metal.
My 34 20 33 is violent.
My 51 35 24 37 is a kind of fish.
My 28 26 36 is a luminous body.
My 22 25 29 are in conquest.

F. W. Freeeman.

HOUR-GLASS PUZZLE.
No. 7.

1. A people.
2. An oil.
3. A part of the body.
4. A number.
5. A woman's name.
6. A town in Maine.
7. A trinket.

Arrange the words having the above significations to the form of an hour-glass, so that a boy's name may be read from the centre to each corner, also from each corner to the centre.

Rochingham.

TRIPLE ACROSTIC.
No. 8.

The initials name a riddle; the centrals, a design; the finals, substance.
1. Equilibrit.
2. Act of attending (read backward).
3. Not temperate.
4. To accost.
5. A personage.
6. A noted man of wealth.

LEOPOLD.
DOUBLE ACROSTIC.
No. 14.
1. One who warns or advises.
2. A small flower.
3. Succor or remedy.
5. To injure or weaken.
6. A Bible prophet.
7. A small plant.
8. A European city.
10. A boy's name.
11. A banner or standard.
12. A kind of dried fruit (plural).
The initials spell the name of a man who was instrumenttal in bringing about many of the
finals.
GARRETT.

PROBLEM.
No. 15.
[See list of prizes.]
Two men, X and Y, start from the same point,
X going 40 rods north and Y going 90 rods southeast. How far west will Y have to travel to
be south-west of X?
CHARLEY.

DIAMOND PUZZLE.
No. 16.
1. A consonant.
2. A plant.
3. A numeral
4. An answer.
5. A consonant.
GREENLEY SNOW.

TRANSPOSITIONS.
No. 17. Transpose a river in Africa, and form a
course.
No. 18. Transpose a river in Europe, and form a
fish.
No. 19. Transpose a city in Denmark, and form
an approach.
No. 20. Transpose a city in Italy, and form
again.
ELROY.

HIDDEN WESTERN TOWNS.
No. 21. He was driven from a haven of rest.
No. 22. Filthy heroes.
No. 23. "All games should be played fair,"
Montgomery said.
No. 24. How fast Daniel's dog ran! D. is land
owner and a great sportsman.
TELLIE GRAFFE.

ABSENT VOWELS.
No. 25.
Th l s t j l w l l w s b j l ; b t t h n w
h b s l s t t , — w l l m h w p.

POETICAL ANAGRAM.
No. 28.
Ebroef ehl lish ni glide odsot,
Ro arute sriovide cil estur.
Mrlo isgerviti uitorin Ogbl,—
Ot disnce crays eth ames.
MATTIE A. DAVIS.

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH.

Answers to Puzzles in the March Number.

1. To err is human. [Two errors, manus ere, eye,
shoe, man.]
2. Oriole—Robin—Nightingale—Ibis—Thrush—Her-
on—Oprey—Lapwing—Owl—Goldfinch—Yellow ham-
mer. ORNITHOLOGY.
3. Pandemonium.
5. S-hvp-e-e.
7. S-had-e.
8. Read every other word, beginning with the first
word; then commence with the second word and read
the same way.
Thou art the firm, unshaken rock
On which we rest.
And, rising from thy hardy stock,
Thy sons the tyrants' crown shall mock,
And slavery's galling chains unlock,
And free the oppressed.
—J. O. Percival.

Full many a jun, of parent ray serene,
The dark, unfathomed waves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.
—Gray.

2. 30. 13-72 r. (See note on first page.)
10. The Moonstone—Wilkie Collins.
11. Success.
12. Tire.
13. Proof.
17. Host of friends.

8.-
N M A D
C A P E R
N A P H T H A S A T A N
T H E A

18. Many men of many minds.
Many birds of many kinds.
Many fishes in the sea,
Many men that don't agree.

90.-
K I T E
T O A B
E N D S

22. Friendship.
23. Abbott.
24. It is written with greater ease [E's].

25.-
W a m B
A e n c h E
B r u s e d S
A r a r a T
S c r i v e T
H o r N

27. Drum.
28. Fife.
29. Jewsharp.
30. Organ.

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Those who receive the present number with this paragraph marked, are thereby informed that the Nut-Crackers’ Monthly has been presented to them two months by the editor of some puzzle department with which they are connected. If it has been acceptable, we should be pleased to receive your subscription.

Prizes.

No. 1. A stereoscope and one dozen stereoscopic views. The first person answering all the puzzles will win this prize. Due allowance will be made for distance. Competitors should state the length of time between the receipt of their paper and the time of writing.

No. 2. A selected assortment of choice flower seeds (price $1.00). Offered for the best list of answers except the one (if any) that takes the first prize. Of two equal lists, the first received will have the preference.

No. 3. A Moisture-proof Tablet List (six pages, 6 x 9½ inches). This useful and convenient little article will be presented to the person sending the best solution and explanation of Problem No. 15.

No. 4. Our new game. “The Yankee Pen.” We offer this for the best five original puzzles sent by one person.

No. 5. A case open for competition until May 5, the others till May 10.

We hope our new feature, an advertising column, will not be entirely void of interest. We have, until the present month, rejected all applications for the insertion of advertisements, but have determined to accommodate as many as possible in a single column by giving them the space heretofore occupied for our premium lists, etc.

To Subscribers.

We wish to double the circulation of the Nut-Crackers’ Monthly during the present month. Each subscriber will obtain one new subscriber, the desired result will be accomplished.

The result will be the same if every fifth subscriber obtains a club of five. Upto one in ten obtains ten subscribers. Please send for list of premiums if you have not received our March number, and use your best efforts in our behalf, thereby benefitting yourselves and
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The Nut- Crackers' Monthly

Correspondence, &c.

[From Snow Drift]

I find the nuts very hard this month, and being a farmer's son and father not being able to work, I do not have much time to study puzzles. Accept my thanks for the two prizes I have received from you.

You appear to have made a good use of the time you have for puzzle-solving, however. You should have waited till after this issue and thanked us for three prizes instead of two. We fear your fellow nut-crackers will enter complaint against you if you take the prizes every month.

[From Ate.]

You can make but three words of Washington without using the vowels more than once, and those any one can read without changing a letter. I am much pleased with the N-C-M. and wish it prosperity.

Using no letter twice in the same word was the meaning we intended to convey. Of course the number of words could not exceed the number of vowels if each letter was used but once in all. We are sorry if the misapprehension prevented you from competing for the prize.

[From Roseltha B. Sandborn.]

I hardly think there is a way of solving Problem No. 15. I see no way of getting at it. Is it correctly stated or is there a catch? If I had more time to spare I think I could send in more answers. I enjoy studying the puzzles very much.

You see that there is a way to solve No. 15. Try the problem this month.

[From Rockingham.]

I send the answers to all the nuts I have been able to crack this month,—hardly worth sending. There is a satisfaction in knowing we have done what we could. I will try and do better when the shells are not quite so tough.

Perhaps they are not so tough this month. Time will tell.

The error in the construction of the Hourglass Puzzle last month was not noticed until after our edition was sent off. The increase and decrease in the length of the words is not regular, in one case a word of four letters being placed against one of five.

Lack of space prevents our publishing the names of the most successful ten puzzlers.

The Prize Problem.—By glancing at the accompanying diagram, in which A represents the starting point and E & B the respective positions of X and Y after traveling their 40 and 60 rods, it is at once seen that Y must walk the hypothenuse, BC, of a right-angle triangle, ABC, the perpendicular and base of which are each 60 rods, also the distance CD, which, corresponding with the distance EA, must be the same length as the line AE, which we know to be 40 rods. Hence the following formula:

\[ \sqrt{60^2 \times 2 + 40^2} = 124.8 \] (nearly)

The Prize-Takers.—We dispose of the prizes offered in the April number as follows:

No. 1. We reserve this prize ourselves, as no one sent us answers to all the puzzles.

No. 2. “Snow Drift,” Richmond Cor., Me., 85 per cent. answered. We neglected to state last month that the flower seeds which constituted this prize were from the well-known seed establishment of James Vick, Rochester, N. Y. We have purchased seeds of him for our own use, and consider them at least as good as any in the market.

No. 3. “L,” Sweden, Me. There are several methods of obtaining the same result, but we consider the explanation by “L” as the simplest and most ingenious.

No. 4. “Leopold,” Laconia, N. H.

The additional prize offered for the largest list of words from the letters of the word Washington falls to R. T. Albertson, Vienna, N. J., who sends a list of 268 words answering all the conditions.
Our Nut Basket.

ILLUSTRATED REBUS.
No. 1.

TALE

REBUSGRAM.
No. 2.

ME E L L

RUSTY.

CONUNDRUMS.
[See list of prizes.]
No. 3. Why is the Nut-Crackers' Monthly like the moon (as it appears to u?)?
No. 4. Why is the foot like death?
No. 5. Why is the letter R like the isthmus of Panama?
No. 6. What is the difference between a fisherman and a boy who dislikes to study?
No. 7. What is the difference between a stone and sixteen ounces avoirdupois?
No. 8. Why is the ankle like thirteen inches?
No. 9. Why is a promise like a soap-bubble?
No. 10. Why is the picture of a horse with his head to your right like a map of the United States?
No. 11. Why is the letter X like the number two?
No. 12. Why is a very violent toothache like a tribe of nomads at night?

CENTRAL ACROSTIC.
No. 13.
1. Sorrow.
2. To exert power.
3. A fish.
4. An insect.
5. An opponent.
6. The goadless of mischief.
Each word contains three letters; the centrals name an animal found in tropical America.

LEOPOLD.

DROP-LETTER PUZZLE.
No. 14.
(Every other letter of each line is omitted.)
S c e e t h s i t e e f ,
T m m r a u k r .
M y t e l v t b t e h e
O e e y o t t a k r .

ATE.

CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.
No. 15.
My first is in wise, but not in good;
My second is in meat, but not in food;
My third is in love, but not in fear;
My fourth is in cheap, but not in dear;
My fifth is in lash, but not in eye;
My sixth is in live, but not in die;
My seventh is in kite, but not in toy;
My eighth is in girl, but not in boy;
My ninth is in gld, but not in money;
My tenth is in wise, but not in funny.
When the answer you obtain,
You'll have a village in the State of Maine.

WILSON.

COMBINATIONS OF METALS AND MINERALS.
No. 16. One-sixth of silver, one-sixth of nickel, one-fifth of brass and one-fourth of gold compose what metal?
No. 17. Equal parts of zinc, iron, lead and gold make what mineral?
No. 18. Two-fifths of brass, one-fourth of lead and one-fifth of steel make what kind of rock?
No. 19. Two-sixths of silver, one-sixth of copper and one-sixth of nickel compose what metal?

PANSIE.

NUMERICAL ENIGMA.
No. 20.
I am composed of 10 letters.
My 4 1 9 is to inquire.
My 2 5 3 1 4 is a title.
My 10 0 1 5 is an instrument.
My 7 1 6 13 11 is a building.
My 8 and 12 are consonants.
Of my whole you all have heard.

SNOW DRIFT.

CURTAILMENTS.
No. 21. Curtail a church, and leave an article used in the summer.
No. 22. Curtail a drink, and leave to obtain.

CYMA.

TOWNS IN MAINE.
No. 23. A nickname and a weight.
No. 24. Humble and a measure.
No. 25. A color and a shrub.
No. 26. A conjunction and a preposition.

JULIA.

CHARADES.
No. 27. My first is a body of water; my second is a kind of cabbage; my whole is a plant.
No. 28. My first is a part of the body; my second is a fine texture; my whole is a lady's ornament.

MISER.
PROBLEM.
No. 39.  [See list of prices.]
A boy and his sister study arithmetic, and the boy is several pages in advance. Were he to wait for his sister to catch up with him, they would be together when she had recited eight lessons. As it is, both continue their studies, and he recites six lessons to her five, but one of her lessons is fifty per cent longer than one of his. How many lessons will she have to recite to catch up with her brother?

CHARLEY.

DOUBLE DIAMOND PUZZLE.
No. 30.
Read across.
1. A consonant.
2. An animal.
3. A weight.
4. A plant.
5. To ensure.
6. A word of respect.
7. A consonant.

Read down ward.
1. A consonant.
2. A coin.
3. Viands.
4. A vegetable.
5. Conical.
6. Robe.
7. A consonant.

ANAGRAMS.
No. 39. A RARE STYLE. I DID.
No. 40. We join Galen.
No. 41. A year, Cecil.
No. 42. Cry pen of Rebec.
No. 43. Light on a mail.
No. 44. O reach her sweet tribe.

PARADISE LOST.

Answers to Puzzles in the April Number.

1. Horzardesh.
2. There's luck in odd numbers.
4. Norwich.
5. — B A R E T
   A L I C E
   R I L L S
   F O L A T
   T E S T Y
7. — N A T I O N
   O T O
   E V E
   L
   E V E
   O R O N O
   N O T I O N
8. — E quill I bryn M
   N o t t N e t t A
   L o w n T h e n T
   G r e e T
   M a N s E
   A s T o R
9. I - ape - l
10. P - rid - e
11. P - or - t -
14. — M o n t o R
   A n e m o n e
   R e l i e F
   T o r n o l O
   I m p o a R
   N a h u M
   L o b b i A
   U t r e c h t T
   T i s r I
   H o r a t i O
   F o s s a N
   R a s s e n S
15. 121.8 rods (nearly). [See first page.]
16. — T E A
   B E R Y L
   A L
17. Nile — line —
18. Lee — el —
19. Kiel — like —
20. Rome — more —
25. The lost jewel will always be a jewel; but the one who has lost it, well may be weep.

26. — Before the hills in order stood,
   Or earth received her frame,
   From everlasting Thou art God,
   To endless years the same.
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Prizes.

We wish our friends much success in the study of the puzzles in this number, and hope the following prizes will be a sufficient inducement to cause them to send us the result of their study.

No. 1. Longfellow's Poems, Diamond edition,—for the first complete list of answers (making due allowance for distance).

No. 2. A folding wall bracket, of black walnut, carved,—for the best list except as in our first offer.

No. 3. A combined ink and pencil eraser, paper cutter and letter opener,—for the first and most complete list of answers to Command, Nos. 3 to 12.

No. 4. "The Yankee Poet,"—for the first correct answer to Problem, No. 29.

All answers must reach us by June 5.

As was noticed on the first page, we have not room this month for the names of the "Champion Ten," and we find a similar lack of room in other parts of the paper. We don't like to talk of enlargement before we have been in existence a half-year, and yet an increase in the size of our little sheet would better suit us, however the change might be received by our patrons. Give us a rousing increase in our circulation and we will try the experiment.

Should this number fall into the hands of any persons not subscribers, they are requested to examine it and see if it will not be for their interest to subscribe.

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[From Xia.] I concluded to take your advice and try, try again, though I have not much hope of succeeding. We quote once more, "Once or twice though you should fall," etc.

[From Snow Drift.] Thanks for the third, and wish for the fourth. (Pigish.) And because he was unable to read the anagrams, he closes his letter with the monosyllables "Boo hoo hoo!" Poor Snow Drift!

[From Pansie.] I shall try to answer all the puzzles next time, for I think it is full time for "Snow Drift" to withdraw and "Pansie" to take his place. Snow Drifts are rather out of season now.

Yes, the Snow Drift has gone (from the list of prize-takers, though, we are pleased to say, not from the ranks of puzzlers) and the Pansie has made an appearance, with the hope, we think it not improbable, of remaining as long as did her predecessor. (The other matter you mentioned in your letter is all right—no inconvenience to us.)

[From Tellie Grable.] Please arrange it so that I, and others who do not live in "America," can have a chance of sending you answers to obtain the prizes. The past month I did not receive the Monthly (the April number) until May 1, and then it was too late.

We intend to issue our paper regularly the middle of each month and send it immediately to our subscribers, giving all the longest time possible for solving the puzzles. We cannot, of course, control the mails so that your paper will reach you in your Nebraska home at the same time that our Maine subscribers receive theirs, but it should reach you in season to allow you about one week for puzzling and send your answers in time for the prize. Owing to a delay, unavoidable on our part, our April number was over a week behind time, causing us as well as our subscribers much annoyance, and depriving some of our distant subscribers of a chance for the prizes. We hope no such unlooked-for delays will occur in the future.

[From Hex.] I have been trying to crack a few of the nuts this month, and I find them rather hard. I think I shall have to wait till the shells are softer or get something heavier than a shoe hammer to use before I can crack many.

[From Becky.] The shells are so tough this month that I have not been able to crack many of them. I think Snow Drift ought to be expelled, nor is there use for any of us to think of winning the prize as long as he remains. If he wins every prize this year (and it seems that he will) I think he ought to divide among his poorer neighbors.

Snow Drift has concluded to do better this month, therefore we do not deem it advisable to expel him at present. Let others take warning, and indulge in prize-taking with moderation.

[From C. H. Van Name.] A few days ago your little paper fell into my hands. I am very fond of working out puzzles, and as it is a sheet devoted to nothing else but puzzles, I felt in love with it at once. You can put me down as one of your list of nut-crackers.

We receive many letters similar to the above, and it of course gives us pleasure to know that our paper is well received by the members of puzzledom. Perhaps we may here as well as anywhere thank all our friends for the hosts of good wishes that their letters bring us.

We were unaware of the many points of similarity between our Monthly and the lunar orb until we were made acquainted with the fact by the receipt of such answers as the following to the conundrum, "Why is the Nut-Crackers' Monthly like the moon (as it appears to us)?": "Because it appears full once a month;" "Because there is a new one every month;" "It is small but bright;" "It is sometimes very obscure;" "It comes round, bright and full, every month." We almost think we ought to change the name of our paper to The Satellite.

We hope the labyrinth puzzle, which was designed and engraved expressly for our use, will be pleasing to our readers, as it occupies much more space than we should be willing to give to one puzzle which we thought would be otherwise.
A man who was conveyed by a secret underground passage to the centre of the labyrinth represented above, sought to travel all the paths of the labyrinth, hoping to find a means of exit. The puzzle consists in discovering if it was possible for him to do this without traveling any path the second time, and, if not, how large a portion of them he could pass through without retraveling any part of his course. Every path is numbered, and the figures will serve as guides in ascertaining and writing the solution of the puzzle.

**Prizes.**

In connection with this puzzle the following prizes are offered for the four answers that are in all respects first and best:

1. The poems of either of the following authors: Longfellow; Whittier; Tennyson; Saxe; Burns; Scott; Mrs. Browning.
2. A present with which we think you will be pleased (not a chromo).
3. That game, "The Yankee Poet."
4. The "Presto Change Puzzle."

**Conditions.**—1. Open for competition to subscribers only. 2. Answers must reach this office on or before July 3.
NUMERICAL ENIGMA.
No. 2.
I am composed of 12 letters.
My 12 7 10 is a pronoun.
My 8 2 4 5 is a strong place.
My 1 17 2 8 4 is used for culinary purposes.
My 6 7 5 is very warm.
My whole will have passed before the next issue of the Nut-Cracker Monthly.
C. B. ROGERS.

DIAMOND PUZZLE.
No. 3.
1. A consonant.
2. A metal.
3. A wild beast.
4. A boy’s nickname.
5. A consonant.

CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.
No. 4.
My first is in parent, but not in child;
My second is in name, but not in wild;
My third is in roof, but not in house;
My fourth is in cat, but not in mouse;
My fifth is in hard, but not in soft;
My sixth is high, but not in loft;
My seventh is in rise, but not in fall;
My eighth is in creep, but not in crawl.
Entry, I am a place of rest,
Where dwell the happy and the blest.
F. W. FREEMAN.

ANAGRAMS.
No. 5. Not in vine.
No. 6. Pen on top.
No. 7. Ten more rats.
No. 8. I count mobs.
No. 9. Cars did not.

AMPUTATIONS.
No. 19. Behead and curtail a part of the body, and leave to utter a low sound.
No. 11. Behead and curtail a string, and leave a phlegm from.
No. 12. Behead and curtail an oily substance, and leave a surname.

DECAPITATIONS.
No. 13. Behead entire, and leave an opening.
No. 15. Behead a sentinel, and leave a passage.
No. 16. Behead a fissure, and leave a national rule.

WORD SQUARE.
No. 17.
1. A Hindoo goddess.
2. A Greek god.
3. An Anglo Saxon god.
4. Goddess of the rainbow.

DROP-LETTER PUZZLE.
No. 18.
I n t n h o i y u u t i.

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH.

Answers to Puzzles in the May Number.

1. Longfellow’s “Tales of a Wayside Inn.”
3. It gets round about once a month.
4. It is the end of the body.
5. It is the central part of America.
7. Thirteen pounds.
8. It is a little over a foot.
9. It is more easily made than kept.
10. The man (Minos) is represented near the upper right-hand corner.
11. It is one third of six.
12. It is intense (in tents).

13.— w o e
     a C t
     e E f
     r L y
     x O e
     a T e

14.— Success attend this little leaf,
     To memory a backer.
     May it yet live to be the chief
     Of every monthly cracker.

17. Coal.
19. Fan-e.
20. Wis-e.
22. Lowell.
23. Forty lessons.
24. Crab.
25. Greenbush.
27. Sea kale.
29. The dawn of day has gold in its mouth.
30.— F
     C A R A T
     H O T S P E R
     B E N T
     S P K

31. C-crust.
32. Lead.
33. Ease.
34. Asia.
35. Deal.
36. H-old.
37. C-orb.
38. S-able.
39. Literary Ladies.
40. Jean Ingelow.
41. Alice Cary.
42. Florence Percy.
43. Gail Hamilton.
44. Harriet Beecher Stowe.
Prizes.

Our readers will notice the prizes offered for solutions of the Labyrinth Puzzle, No. 1.

For the first, largest and best list of answers to the puzzles, exclusive of No. 1, we offer the interesting game of "Portrait Authors." Answers must reach us by July 5.

Prize Awards.

No one sent us the answers to all the puzzles, thereby gaining the first prize. The remaining prizes are awarded as follows:

No. 3. "Paradise Lost," Baldwin, Maine.
No. 4. "Pansie," South Berwick, Me.

The presents which we shall award July 1 are the last that we shall offer for the largest lists of new subscribers until further notice, although we shall continue our offers of premiums for specified numbers of new names. All who think the presents worth winning will therefore make the most of the present chances.

Subscribers who receive two copies of this number will please consider it as a special request to send us, if possible, at least one new subscriber. We have particular reasons for wishing to largely increase our subscription list within the next few weeks—reasons of importance to our subscribers as well as ourselves.

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