LOYAL WOMAN'S WORK

The Household---Conversation Club. Puzzles, etc.

The Happy Household.

HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: I wish some of the readers of THE TRIBUNE would send mamma a good recipe for canning peas. And now I will send the recipe of a cake for the girls of the Cooking Club. I make it for mamma, and would be glad to hear from the one who tries it.

Sponge Cake.—Four eggs, one cupful sugar, one small cupful flour, small teaspoonful baking powder. Beat the yolks of eggs and sugar for 10 minutes, then add flour, beat well, and then the whites of the eggs, beaten stiff. Last of all, add the baking powder.—Edith G. Brown, Cooperstown, Griggs Co., Dak.

HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: I know the girls will all like this delicious pie, when once they have tried it. Who will bake one and report?

Cream Pie.—Make the crust by mixing one cupful of butter, two cupfuls of granulated sugar, one cupful of milk, three and a half cupfuls of sifted flour, five eggs, and three teaspoonfuls of yeast powder. Bake in two jelly-cake pans. The filling for the cream pie: One and a half pints of milk, one cupful of sugar, three eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, and one heaping tablespoonful of butter. Boil the ingredients until as thick as starch. When the cake is cold, cut it open and spread the filling between. To be eaten when fresh, but better cold.—Maude Essex, New Haven, Conn.

Editor's Chat.

W. H. A. Brewer, Onondaga, Mich., says he is the author of the second charade in THE TRIBUNE, No. 51, and the answer is "grain-bag."

Julia P. Inge's questions have all been asked and answered in THE TRIBUNE.

Levi Goodell: All questions received have been inserted, from any source.

Thomas J. West, Woodside, Minn., should mail song direct to Herbie L. Davis, Sand Lake, Mich.

Benjamin Dyer, Westfield, Mass.: Letter too late, but well expressed. Come sooner next time.

Conversation Club.

Rules of the Club.—1. Write briefly. 2. Write on one side of the paper. 3. Write to the point. 4. Write on one subject. 5. Write your best. 6. Send answers to all puzzles for use of Editor. Each week the names of those writing the best letters—style, composition, spelling, penmanship and general merit considered—will be named at the head of this column on the Honor Roll. First honor will include all of these requirements. Second honor will include a deficiency in some one point. No others will be named.

HONOR ROLL—BEST LETTERS.

First Honor—Frank Welch, Wayne, Me.; Lydia E. Day, Franconia, Minn.; Wesley W. Rugg, Newark, O.

Second Honor—Annie M. Alchorn, Fall River, Mass.; Harry Davis, Englewood, Ill.; Lucretia M. Mericle, Box 62, Toledo, Iowa.

WHO WERE THE GREATEST PATRIOTS?

FRIENDS OF THE CLUB: Great and grand as were the achievements of men during that terrible crisis in the history of the American Republic, in my estimation they were no greater and no grander than the achievements of women. In the 13 Colonies there was hardly a dollar, and the whole number of men was hardly sufficient to cope with the armies of Great Britain.

Under these circumstances it is plain to see that much depended on woman's work. While many a woman went forth to engage in the battles of her country, others cared for the comforts of the home, and at the same time the comforts of the army.

It is true that woman could not carry the heavy implements of war, but she could and did, by her tender words and by her care, save the life of many a weary, weak, sick, wounded and dying soldier. She very often acted as a spy, and by carrying information in regard to the movements of the enemy many times saved the American army from ruin.

At home, woman was obliged to act as father and as mother. She cultivated the soil, raised products and defended the home from the cruel attacks of the red man. To her, mainly, the American army looked for supplies.

One afternoon during the Winter at Valley Forge the soldiers under Washington were on the point of open revolt. Nature could endure no more, and not from want of patriotism, but from want of food and clothes, the patriotic cause seemed likely to fail. Touched with cold and wasted with hunger the soldiers paced beside their dying campfires. Suddenly a shout was heard from the sentinels who paced the outer lines, and at the same time a cavalcade came slowly through the snow up the valley. Ten women in carts, each cart drawn by 10 pairs of oxen, and bearing tons of meal and other supplies, passed through the lines amid cheers that rent the air. Those devoted women had saved the army, and independence from that day was assured. Most certainly woman is one of the founders of our Republic! Grasp the pen, my friends, and defend your foremothers, who did their part so nobly in the great struggle for American independence.—Frank Welch, Wayne, Me.

FRIENDS OF THE CLUB: I would not claim, with F. Welch, that "the women did more than the men in laying the foundation of our Government," but think that E. R. does not give the women full credit for the part which they played in the War of the Revolution and that of 1812. "Staying at home and caring for the household and its interests" included a great deal at that time. Among other duties may be mentioned the tilling of the soil, caring for the animals, feeding British officers and soldiers with the bread for which their children hungered, and often hand-to-hand fights with the Indians. It was a woman who removed her shoes and listened at the keyhole, while her husband slept, and overheard an order read for all the British troops to march out and surprise Gen. Washington's army, then encamped at White Marsh unconscious of their plans, and hastened to bear the message to Gen. Washington, thus saving his army from capture or defeat.

Woman may never have "risen to the top of the oratorical ladder," but it was the eloquent appeals of a woman that caused the cold-hearted Tarleton to exclaim: "General, you have got into a hornet's nest!"

Woman may never have "traveled to France for troops," but she filled the husband's place and bravely guarded his post of duty while he was engaged in so doing.

Woman may not have "fought at Bunker Hill," but she killed her share of Indians at home (10 in number) and then, with a helpless child on each arm, walked seven miles to a place of safety, "traced by the blood which flowed from wounds" received in the fearful conflict.

The wife and sister of Maj. Buchanan molded their spoons and plates into bullets, while he and his brave men were firing their last bullets. And when the house servants and family were aroused from their slumbers by the war-whoop, the men, paralyzed with terror, exclaimed: "Oh, we shall all be murdered!" "Get up and fight them," Mrs. Buchanan said; "I'd be ashamed to sit crouching there when others are fighting;" and putting guns in their hands and her own she led the way to victory.

Hundreds of such incidents could be given, but space forbids. "Honor to whom honor is due." My husband and both of my brothers were in the Union army, and, although the sacrifices required of women in the late war were not those of the Revolution, it required no small courage to meet the trials and sorrows we endured.—M. H. Woolpert, Leetsville, Mich.

FARMER BERRY.

John Berry was a farmer, gay,
Who plowed and tilled his lands;
He had a pair of good strong arms,
And twenty-seven hands.

He was not like the Wall street men,
Who live by loss and gains,
But rather, put his change in stock,
And took no stock in 'change.

And then quite wealthy did he grow,
So that when he was old,
Although he'd gold at interest,
He'd no interest in gold.

Old farmer Berry had one son
He commonly called Bill,
And though he left Will when he died,
He died and left no will.

And all the people round about,
Both rich and poor, 'tis said,
Who had helped Berry when he lived,
Helped bury him when dead.
—E. W. Cooley, Marshalltown, Iowa.

TRIBUNE EXCHANGE—WANTED.

Special correspondence with members of the Club interested in raising poultry—Irvin G. Spencer, son of a 27th N. Y. veteran, Tunnel, Broome Co., N. Y.; with curiosity collectors in different States and Territories—M. Pendergrass, Malta, Ill.; with some one whose husband or father served on the U. S. Steamer Pawpaw, in 1863—Mrs. C. C. Little, Lemonia, Fla.; with young gentlemen East and young ladies West, of the Pacific coast, and with parties South—May Yorke, Smoky Valley, Carter Co., Ky.; with soldiers' sons and daughters, by one who had a father and seven uncles in the war—Cassius Mitchell, Bethany, Ill.; with all who desire to come to this part of the country and ladies under 25—Wm. Ross, King's River, Cal.; with boys living in Jacksonville, Fla.—Charles M. Gay, Hatfield, Mass.; with Eva Kilgore, Thayer, Kan.—Pearl Robinson, Ligonier, Ind.; soldiers' sons and daughters in California and the West—Lucretia M. Mericle, Box 62, Toledo, Iowa.

To exchange: Lace samples and leaders—Madge Miller, Washington C. H., Fayette Co., O.; a collection of 50 old songs for Forsyth Wilson's poem of "The Old Sergeant," L. P. Card, Co. F, 48th Conn., Poplar Grove, Boone Co., Ill.; visiting cards with the Club—Lavina A. Wilcox, Nile, N. Y.; "Just for Fun" for "Over the Hills to the Poorhouse"—Pearl Robinson, Ligonier, Ind.; lantern-view for photographs of soldiers' sons; would like California grass and Florida moss—A. Allie Gould, Hope Valley, R. I.; hat bands for photographs of young gentlemen, and seashells for photographs of young ladies—G. Estelle Gould, Hope Valley, R. I.; a gold pen for a young lady's photograph accompanied by a well-written letter—Wesley W. Rugg, Newark, O.; prizes for photographs, for particulars address E. F. McBriar, Box 184, New Lisbon, O.

Songs: "The Last Charge at Fredericksburg"—D. H. Harker, Tyner, Iowa; "There's Somebody Waiting for Me"—Louie M. Walker, Parkwood, Pa.; "The Cumberland Crew" and "Young Ellsworth"—Mrs. Minie M. Barton, West Clarksville, Alley Co., N. Y.; "Do They Think of Me at Home" and "Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still"—Will B. Connolly, Manchester, O.; the "Dying Soldier"—Harry Davis, Englewood, Ill.

The Curious Corner.

[Answers to questions will not be published within two or three weeks after questions appear. So all will have a chance to send replies, and receive honorable mention with number answered.]

Correct answers have been received from Charles Lynch, Box 536, Carroll, Iowa, 4; Cadwallander Z. Childs, Crookstown, Minn., 2; Carl Roberts, Washington, Iowa, 6; Annie R. Alchorn, Fall River, Mass., 7.

1. Who is the Mayor of New York? 2. Who was the inventor of street cars?—J. A. Phillips, Lundy's Lane, Pa.

1. When and where was the first book printed? 2. What does a million dollars in gold weigh (Troy weight)? 3. What was the census of the United States in 1790? 4. Which State furnished the largest number of regiments to the Federal army? 5. What incident in army life gave Gen. Jackson the title of "Old Hickory"?—Mary Garvin, Ogden, Iowa.

1. When was Mohammed born? 2. What does he teach? 3. Who are his followers?—M. G.

1. Who was Walter the Penniless? 2. What was the prediction of Regiomontanus? 3. What were the "Site Partidas"? 4. Who preferred his wife to immortality? 5. What was the myth of Pandora's box? 6. Which was the most important battle of the Revolutionary War? 7. Why was the "Omnibus Bill" so called? 8. What was the "Test Act"? 9. When was the "Habeas Corpus Act" passed?—Edgar Bowers, Bloomer, Wis.

DEAR TRIBUNE: In THE TRIBUNE of July 30 A. L. Tweedy, Lincolnville, Ind., asks what captive monarch proposed to fill the room in which he was imprisoned with golden vessels as high as he could reach, for his ransom. It was the Inca of Peru. He was captured by the Spaniards, under command of Francisco Pizzarro and Ferdinand De Soto. One day the Inca asked De Soto for what amount of ransom Pizarro would be willing to release him. De Soto said that if the Inca could fill the room in which he was standing with gold as high as he (De Soto) could reach with his sword, that Pizarro might accept that. The Inca said that he would have it done within a month. When this was done, Pizarro demanded that another room of the same size should be filled with silver, which was also done. Then, instead of releasing the Inca, they burned him to death. The rooms were 22 feet long and 17 feet wide. The value of the gold and silver was estimated at about $20,000,000.—Walter K. Palmer, Yellow Springs, O.

San Francisco is called the Golden Gate. Atlanta has been called the Gate City. Pittsburg is the Smoky City.

The Mississippi, the Amazon, and the Nile are the longest rivers in the world. The Nile is said to be the longest.

Grant was the tanner President.

There have been several "dark horses." Presidents Hayes was one, also Garfield. Jas. K. Polk was the first known as such.

Garfield was the Sage of Mentor, perhaps, but was not so called.

The British burned Washington city Aug. 24, 1814.

The first printing office was set up in the United States at Harvard College, 1639.

The first cargo of negroes were brought to Jamestown in 1619.

Col. Baker was killed Oct. 21, 1861.

Nero was made Emperor of Rome when 17. He was a great tyrant.

Antiochus invaded Greece 190 B. C.

Decoration Day was established by Gen. John A. Logan, when Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1867, in memory of the Union soldiers.

BIBLE BRIGADE.

Correct answers have been received from Mary Lamasney, La Fayette, Ind., 3; J. E. Smith, Barre, Mass., 15.

Solomon was born about B. C. 1034 and died about B. C. 980, and was not more than 60 when he died. He reigned 40 years.—R. L. Johnston, Central Falls, N. Y.

1. Who changed the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day in the week? 2. By what authority was it changed?—H. C. Hardnock, Greenwood, Neb.

Is there any Scripture to prove that man is in possession of an immortal soul? If so, will some one answer, with references from Scripture.—Archibald Parker (age 70 years), Co. D, 10th Mo., Ellensburg, Hittitas Co., Mo.

What was the total cost of Solomon's Temple?—M. G.

1. Who ate a meal and then traveled 40 days and 40 nights on the strength of it? 2. How long did the Israelites wear their clothes without their growing old? 3. What did Elisha receive as Elijah went up to Heaven? 4. Who put on his brother's clothes and deceived his blind old father, and made him think he was his brother?—Eliza J. Watts.

BRAIN-RACKERS

From Our Young Contributors.

[To CONTRIBUTORS: In sending answers name No. of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE in which the puzzle is found. Answers of guessers may be forwarded within a week after receiving this TRIBUNE. Do not make numerical enigmas of your own names. Answers must accompany all puzzles forwarded.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN TRIBUNE JULY 30.

Herdman's Puzzle: Total number of cattle, 28,657. Answered by Charles Smith, De Bois, Clearfield Co., Pa., and Clara S. Curtis, 46 Millmont St., Boston, Mass.

Charade No. 1: Finger Ring. No. 2: Corn Sack.

Political Enigma: A man nowadays is at liberty to choose his political parentage.

PUZZLE SOLVERS AND THEIR NUMBERS.

Annie R. Alchorn, Fall River, Mass., 2; Cadwallan der Z. Childs, Crookstown, Minn., 4; Pearl Robinson, Ligonier, Ind., 1; Hattie L. Strong, Springfield, Pa.; David Daub, Burgoon, O., 1; Nellie Cole, Creston, Ill., 1; Frank Haskell, Cooperstown, Dak., 1; W. H. P. Brewer, Onondaga, Mich., 3; D. H. Harker, Tyner, Iowa, 3.

BIBLE ENIGMA.

My 1 is in Adonijah, not in Saul;
2 is in Egypt, not in Gaul;
3 is in Ruth, not in Mary;
4 is in swallow, not in canary;
5 is in King, not in Queen;
6 is in black, not in green;
7 is in cake, not in pie;
8 is in sing, not in cry;
9 is in Lamb, not in goat;
But cannot be found in vest or coat.
My whole is the name of a wicked King,
Who descended from another who loved to sing.
—Florence H. Blacker, St. Clair, Pa.

PUZZLE FOR THE YOUNG RECRUITS.

If four cats kill four rats in four minutes, how many cats will it take to kill 100 rats in 100 minutes.—Bertram Gruber, Amsterdam, O.

UNIVERSAL PUZZLE.

Before nothing fifty place,
Then advance with one-half of ten,
And with one-sixth of four score;
I'm the conqueror of all men.
—Frank Haskell, Cooperstown, Ind.

WHAT IS IT?

In Spring I look gay,
Decked in comely array,
In Summer more clothing I wear;
When colder it grows
I fling off my clothes,
And in Winter quite naked I appear.
—Nellie Cole, Creston, O.

AN OLD-FASHIONED RIDDLE.

As high as a house,
As low as a mouse,
As bitter as gall,
Yet sweet for all.
—David Daub, Burgoon, O.

CROSS-WORD ENIGMA—(original.)

My 1 in Moulton, not in Stowe;
2 in Halleck, not in Poe;
3 in Voltaire, not in Paine;
4 in Fields, not in Hayne;
5 in Chaucer, not in Bryant;
6 in Wallenstein, not in Grant.
My whole was a noted Roman.
—W. H. P. Brewer, Onondaga, Mich.

GUESS WHAT I AM.

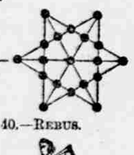
I am an animal of 12 letters.
My 1, 2, 3, is part of the body;
4, 5, is a river in Italy;
8, 7, 6, is a toy;
9, an adjective;
12, 11, 10, the whole amount.
—James Balcom, Lawn Hill, Iowa.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES.

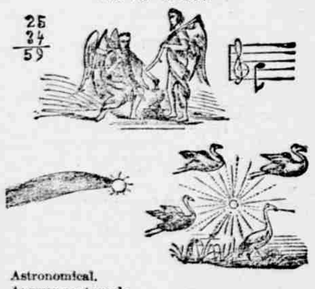
No. 38—Conundrum—Addition table (a dish-on-table).

No. 39—Puzzle—Lighthouse—From which word you can form—log, lotus, hut, hotel, sloe, lilt, shoe, lute, sloth, sole, hose.

Tree Puzzle—



No. 40.—REBUS.



Astronomical.
Answer next week.

No. 41.—REBUS.

Good advice.
Answer next week.

SUNDAY MEDITATION.

Practical Duties Taught by a Study of the International Sunday School Lesson Appointed for Aug. 23.—1 Ki., 19: 1-18.

[One reading these notes should first carefully study the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as indicated above.]

Elijah, Ahab and Jezebel are representative characters, and so become profitable studies. Though they lived 28 centuries ago, they play a part in the affairs of to-day.

Like a good husband Ahab, on reaching home, tells his wife the news of the day—how that a trial, as to whom is the true God, was made, by means of two altars, with sacrifices, the decision depending on which object of worship should answer by burning up the sacrifice; that Baal failed; that the 450 priests of the established religion were executed, and that Elijah prayed and rain descended. It would seem Ahab told the story with mal-prepense, making it harmful as possible to Elijah. No euphemisms were used. No effort was made to soften the impression it would have on the Queen's mind. In a blunt way he said Elijah killed the prophets. They were the pets of Jezebel. Phenician Juno comes down like night. What ire!

"A woman's anger burns with awful light,
When you are in the wrong, she in the right;
But, oh! what lightnings deadlier wrath prolong,
When you are in the right, she in the wrong!"

Naturally excitable and cruel, all her rage is inflamed. Had she been present at Mt. Carmel and seen all the particulars, she might have been more mollified. And, then, Elijah, after such a day's deeds, presumed to enter the city of Jezreel and to put up near the palace! In her petulance she sends word that very evening to Elijah that before eight next day she would treat him as he had her priests. Elijah takes advantage of the darkness and flees for his life. Reaching Beer-sheba, about 100 miles off, he leaves his servant and passes on about 30 miles south. He is now in the same wilderness where the children of Israel spent 40 years. He sits down under the branches of a juniper tree thoroughly discouraged, preferring to die. Falling into a sleep an angel visits him with food, wakening him. Then he sleeps again till the angel rouses him, furnishing food a second time. He sets out for Horeb, about 140 miles off. Arrived, he extemporises a lodging-place in a cave. Now God himself appears, asking this question: "What doest thou here, Elijah?" The Prophet sets forth the idolatry of the Kingdom of Israel; tells how grieved he is at their condition; how jealous for the honor of the true God; what murderous feelings prevail against him; and how single-handed he was in his struggle against the wickedness of his country. But what of all this? God is not dead. If Elijah have Omnipotence on his side, why despond? To revive the Prophet God exhibits his power in wind, earth and fire. Why should one fear when he has the help of the Being who commands all the elements? Elijah is quite overwhelmed by the fearful manifestations. What if all this power were used against him? He had left his work—had run away from duty. He needs reassurance. Now comes "a still small voice," repeating the question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" The same answer is given. "Well," says God, "never mind. People so wicked as you say they are of the Kingdom of Israel, should be punished. Hazael shall become King of Syria, and, as such, shall destroy the idolatrous Israelites in fearful battles. (2 Ki., 8: 28, 29; 10: 32, 33; 13: 3.) Jehu shall put to death Joram, son and successor of Ahab, Jezebel, the widowed Queen, and all the priests of Baal (2 Ki., Chaps. 9 and 10); and Elisha, after aiding you for a time and becoming your successor, shall go among the people, slaying them by dreadful comminations and fearful prophecies, using the sword of his mouth. (Isa., 11: 4; 49: 2; Hos., 6: 5; Rev., 1: 16; 2 Thes., 2: 8.) And, Elijah, do not imagine you are alone. There are at least 7,000 others in the Kingdom of Israel who have not paid devotions to Baal."

Let us now see what practical thoughts are deducible from the facts before us:

1. Husbands should be communicative with wives, telling them occurrences that may interest. As a rule, women are quite retired and will appreciate news. If husbands were careful in this matter, wives would be more content with their home life. But it is not well to inform wives of facts which would disquiet, annoy, or anger them.

2. Swearing should be avoided. Says Jezebel, "So let the gods to me, etc., if, etc." Such expressions as "May I die if, etc."; "I hope I may die, etc., if, etc."; "May God strike me dead if, etc." should be shunned. Jezebel's oath called for her death by sword when unable to slay Elijah. Had the gods taken her at her word she would have been a corpse in 24 hours.

3. Do not wish to die. Elijah lived 12 years longer. Even then, he did not die. (2 Ki., 2: 11.) God does not always answer our prayers. Mrs. Harriet Winslow, in a letter to the sister of Rev. Samuel Nott, missionary to Bombay, says:

"If we are dissatisfied with God's requirements to take up our daily cross and follow him, and long too much for the termination of our pilgrimage that we may undress and be with God, are we suitably affected with the reflection that our Savior left realms of bliss for more than 33 years and condescended to suffer for us infinitely more than we can suffer for Him? Surely such love demands [deserves] a life [a full, long, life] of praise [and work, too]."

Some say the shade of the juniper tree is noxious, and that Elijah would thus commit suicide.

4. Do not be discouraged. Ward off despondency. Elijah lost heart. Yes, he was a man of like passions with the rest of humanity. (Jas., 5: 17.) We find him in a fit of dejection. He thought at first the great facts on Mt. Carmel would settle the question of God's supremacy and leave him a sort of hero with nothing to do save wear laurels. The strong must take heed lest they fall. Jezebel's threat to take his life completely unnerves him. We cannot now think him the same man who faced and braved Ahab. What is the matter? Elijah's experience was quite characteristic of greatness in the religious realm. As soon as heroes let go God and look to self, they become cowards. Hear Luther:

"At one time I was sorely vexed and tried by my own sinfulness, by the wickedness of the world, and by the dangers that beset the Church. One morning I saw my wife dressed in mourning. Surprised, I asked her who had died. 'Do you not know?' she replied; 'God is dead.' 'How can you talk such nonsense?' I said. 'How can God die?' 'Is that really true?' she asked. 'Of course, I said, not perceiving her aim; 'how can you doubt it?' 'And yet,' she said, 'though you do not doubt that, yet you are so hopeless and discouraged.'"

Do not think you are alone. You do not know all who serve God. Elijah imagined he was alone as a follower of God in Ahab's Kingdom. But there were 7,000 other devotees. (Rom., 11: 4, 5.) Many of these were probably led to the correct faith through this very Elijah. They who love God should speak and be known. (Isa., 43: 21.) They can thus inspire each other's courage. Perhaps Elijah would not have run away had he been aware seven regiments of true soldiers were in the land. A hidden church may do much in a preservative way, but little in aggressive movements. Other Prophets were in the land. (Ch., 20: 13, 28, 35.)

Notice the utility of company. Elijah felt cheered by the presence of Elisha. God sent Elijah to secure an associate. Seek the company of Christians.

Do not grow lonely and out of heart.

"When Elijah sat despairing
Under the juniper tree,
Little he knew that thousands
Were loving and brave as he,
Little he knew the angels
Watched every step he trod,
And the lonely path in the desert
Would lead to the Mount of God."

The eminent commentator, Henry, wrote:

"When we come to Heaven we shall miss a great many whom we expected to have met there, so shall we meet a great many whom we little thought to have met there."

No man should be so egotistic as to think he alone is true and acceptable to God.

5. If off duty as Christians, and reason be sought from you, do not refer to past fidelity. (V. 10.) That will not excuse present neglect.

6. God gives his beloved sleep, as in the case of Elijah under the tree and then in the cave. (Ps., 127: 2.) Elijah had suffered a fearful physical strain. He needed rest.

7. Bow to God and give him your hearts. Heathen worshipers bent knees and threw kisses to Baal and Astarte. We should love God and adore him. (Ps., 2: 12.)

8. Be earnest in God's service, jealous of his interests (V. 10), zealous against his foes.

9. When conscience, spurred by the Holy Spirit, chides you for quitting duty, do not lay your sin on others. (V. 10.) True, the Israelites were guilty, but so was Elijah. (2 Cor., 10: 12.) He even implies, God himself is quite at fault.

10. Where are you? One should frequently ask himself this question. The proper place for Elijah was at Jezreel just then. So God asked Adam where he was when he sinned. Happy man, if you be where God wants and at what he wishes!

11. Trust God always, everywhere, for everything. "He, that appoints what the voyage shall be, will victual the ship accordingly." Angels twice minister to Elijah. By his command, you can go without provisions.

No one can fight against God and succeed. He saved Elijah from all his foes. Had Jezebel not sent word of her purpose to slay Elijah, God would have protected him in some way.

Then God causes Hazael and Jehu to do service, and makes Elisha as a sword against evil.

11. Do not put special confidence in noisy demonstrations. The most effective men are not the clamorous. Keep cool. Contrast the prophets of Baal with Elijah. God did not appear in the hurricane, earthquake, nor conflagration or lightning, but rather in the still small voice. The silent forces of nature are the most effective. Blusterers do not accomplish most. Says Fenelon:

"We must lend an attentive ear, for God's voice is soft and still, and is only heard of those who hear nothing else. Ah, how rare it is to find a soul still enough to hear God speak!"

12. We see how to treat the erring. How tender God was to Elijah, and that when the Prophet had left his post and was 300 miles away from duty! He gave him sleep. He sent angels with food. God did not meet him under the juniper tree in vengeance. He did not slay him, and that even when he covcted death. Then, at the cave, how considerate God was of his weak, wearied, frightened, wandering, wayward child! He did not berate him. The question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" has doubtless something of rebuke, (Ecc'us, 48: 7,) but the voice is that of a Father. Notice, he calls the Prophet by name. (John, 10: 3, 14.) He did not speak out of the tornado, earthquake nor fire, but in a still, small, quieting voice as of a mother stilling her child. (Ps., 103: 13, 14; Mt., 12: 20; 11: 28.)

13. Pray. Elijah addressed God beneath the juniper tree. But let your prayer be indeed a petition and not a dictation. Submit your wishes to God. Do not order him what to do, but rather say, "Thy will be done." Often God does well to deny our requests, as in the case of Elijah.

"We ignorant of ourselves,
Beg often our own harms, which the wise powers
Deny us for our good; so find we profit,
By losing of our prayers."

If in great strait or trial seek the tree,—not the juniper, but the tree of Calvary. Hide under the shadow of the cross. You feel worn out—that you cannot longer bear the burdens of life—and you cry out, "It is enough!" Go then to Christ. A tradition says no serpent ever coils beneath a juniper tree; be this is it may, you will always be safe under the cross—the tree of Calvary.

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ON THE DEATH OF AN INVINCIBLE SOLDIER.

BY E. C. STEDMAN.

O, what a sore campaign,
Of which men long shall tell,
Ended when he was slain—
When this our greatest fell.

For him no mold had cast
A bullet surely sped;
No falchion, wielded fast,
His iron blood had shed.

Death on the hundredth field
Had failed to bring him low;
He was not born to yield
To might of mortal foe.

Even to himself unknown,
He bore the fated sword,
Forged somewhere near His throne,
Of battles still the Lord.

That weapon when he threw,
Back rolled the wrath of men—
Their onset feebler grew,
The Nation rose again.

The splendor and the fame—
Whisper of these alone,
Nor say that round his name
A moment's shade was thrown.

Count not each satellite
'Twixt him and glory's sun,
The circling things of night—
Number his battles won.

Where then to choose his grave,
From mountain unto sea,
The land he fought to save
His sepulchre shall be.

Yet to its fruitful earth
His quickening ashes lend,
That chieftains may have birth,
And patriots without end.

His carven scroll shall read:
Here rests the valiant heart
Whose duty was his creed—
Whose choice, the warrior's part.

Who, when the fight was done,
The grim last foe defied,
Naught knew save victory won—
Surrendered not—but died.
—*New York Tribune.*

THE QUESTION SQUAD.

Comrades' Queries and Replies—Odds and Ends of Information.

Noah W. Coffman, Beloit, Kan., wants the addresses of Capt. James E. Greer and Lieuts. Wm. Y. Drew and James J. Chaney, all of Co. I, 11th Kan. Cav.——George W. Hurley, Mound City, Kan., would like the address of comrades employed in Mason's old Government Bakery, Knoxville, Tenn., in November, 1863.——Gideon M. Adams, Buena Vista, Colo., wants to know the whereabouts of Mr. Snotgrass, who was a prisoner at Libby Prison, Va., in February, 1863, and had his bunk on a pile of tobacco stems in one corner of the room.——John Turner, Wilmington, Wabaunsee Co., Kan., wants the addresses of Capt. John W. Tuttle and Lieut. John Acres, of Co. C, 30th Iowa.——H. A. Tripp, Blinehill, Me., wants the address of Capt. Jacob Baier, Co. D, 11th Pa. Reserves.——John B. Wiles, Manton, Mich., wants the address of Lieut. Newell, of Battery G, 1st Ohio L. A.——William Bailey, Selma, Ind., would like the address of William S. Fosdick, Co. B, 124th Ind.——N. L. Oakley, Seattle, Wash. Ter., would like to hear from any member of Co. C, 4th N. Y. Art.——Thomas H. Kear, Cora, Kan., would like the address of Dr. O. M. Smith, 97th Ill.——James Bowie, Co. A, 157th Pa., Harrison, Mich., would like to hear from Mark Lewis, who served on board a United States sloop-of-war on the west coast of Africa in 1861.——Missing from his home, near Naperville, Ill., since July 9, 1865, Edmond E. Page, six feet two inches in hight, light complexion, eyes blue-gray, hair brown with streaks of gray, somewhat bald on top of head; long white whiskers and mustache; small white scar, high on forehead; middle finger on right hand crooked at first joint, with scar; somewhat bent over. When he left home was dressed in Navy blue pants, gray vest, brown sack coat with small stripe, black-felt hat, white shirt, and all under clothing white; buckle shoes, and with rubber overcoat with checked lining, under his arm. Is 60 years of age. Any information in regard to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by the comrades of Post No. 356, of Naperville.——A. M. Douns, Co. I, 57th N. Y., Bennington, Vt., would like to hear from the members of his company.——Andrew Dougherty, Co. A, 55th Pa., Salem, Ore., would like to hear from some of his old comrades through THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.——A. D. Beedle, Co. D, 97th Ill., Kansas City, Mo., writes in response to an inquiry from T. R. Hancock, President, 97th Illinois Volunteer Association, that Col. Victor Vifquain's address is Lincoln, Neb.——James A. Jones, Rockport, Spencer County, Ind., wants the address of Wm. S. Holthouser, 5th Kan. Cav.——James Weeks, Iowa Falls, Iowa, wishes the address of Capt. Thomas H. Bates, Lieut. E. H. Underhill and Lieut. Isaac Hall, all of Battery A, 1st N. Y. L. A.——Anthony Lombard, Bellaire, O., would like to know the whereabouts of Walter H. Leighton, Surgeon of the 188th Pa.——John F. Donovan, Lomira, Dodge County, Wis., would like to hear from some of his old comrades of Co. A, 3d Wis., who participated in the battle of Gettysburg on the morning of the 3d day, and who remember when he was wounded out on the skirmish-line.——H. C. Bradley, Wyanet, Ill., would like to hear from either Geo. Hill or Austin P. Rood, Co. I, 9th Ohio.——Wm. Tengate, Co. D, 81st N. Y., Cedar Creek, Mich., would like to hear from any of his comrades who can testify to his sickness while encamped at Oswego, N. Y., or who knew of his being put off the cars and put in a hospital in New York city while on his way to the front with the rest of his regiment.——Geo. F. Potts, Colesburg, Iowa, would like to hear from any of the members who served in the 12th U. S. Inf. during the war.——Comrade Wm. T. Codding, Opolis, Kan., wants the address of W. R. Townsend, Lieutenant, and L. R. Norton, Serg't, Co. E, 42d Ill.

THE story is told of a wonderful result that was accomplished by the simple means of an exchange. A pale, sickly woman residing in Chicago was induced by a friend to go into a drug store and exchange one dollar and fifty cents for a bottle containing Graefenberg Catholicon. Ere long she went again and procured another bottle, and her step has become lighter, and already the flush of returning health mantles her cheek and brow.

OUR RURAL TOPICS.

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

THE CULTIVATION OF ORCHARDS.

A speaker at a recent meeting of the California State Horticultural Society is reported to have said that an orchard that had been cultivated for 10 years had not borne, and where there ought to have been a thousand boxes of apples there would not be a hatful, while another orchard that had never had any care whatever, and had never been plowed, had a fine crop of healthy, fine apples.

With regard to cultivation, it must be judicious if at all. It will not do to cultivate in such a manner as to injure the bodies of the trees, nor destroy the roots by the use of the plow, for then the energies of Nature would be put forth in an effort to repair the injury, and there would be no energy employed in the production of fruit. There is nothing especially remarkable in the fact of a good crop of fruit in an uncultivated orchard. If there is sufficient soil food to satisfy the demands of growing grass and also a fruiting crop, then the two will be fully developed; but unless such a condition exists one or the other must suffer, and it is more likely to be the fruit.

A very good way, and which we have noticed in the fruit-growing regions of Western New York, is to pasture orchards by sheep or hogs. Perhaps the latter are preferable, because of their disposition to stir the soil about the trees. In this way good fruit is obtained, a fact that should be considered by fruit growers who are troubled with insects, and especially the codling moth, which is especially destructive to fruit. If an orchard is pastured by sheep or swine, the fruit that is attacked and in consequence falls to the ground with the apple worm at its core is devoured by the animals, and in a little time the moth will be no more. It is for this reason that fruit becomes fair and smooth rather than because the soil is so firmly trodden by the animals so as prevent the entrance of the larvæ into the soil for the purpose of transformation. We have seen orchards side by side, one with swine and bearing a plentiful and smooth crop, the other not pastured with a poor crop of very poor fruit. This shows what can be done to improve fruit.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

KINDNESS TO HORSES.

The value of our noblest animal, the horse, depends much more upon kind treatment than is supposed. If we go upon our busiest streets in cities, or upon the most traveled road in the country, we shall soon see such treatment of this faithful servant as shows how utterly ignorant many of the drivers are of his nature and how to best profit by his labor. They have no more comprehension of the horse than to suppose that his best effort can only be obtained by the whip. In this respect the horse is much wiser than his driver. One who has studied this animal can see at once that the horse only makes a pretense of doing his best. He knows he is abused, and takes his own way to get even with his ignorant, brutal driver. The horse is capable of strong attachment, and will always do his best for the driver that has gained his confidence by kindness. The whip is seldom used by such a driver. His word is all his horses need. Balky and unreliable horses are nearly always made so by bad and vicious drivers. We have owned horses that would draw the last pound for a kind driver, but who would not draw the empty wagon for one who had abused them.—*Nat. Live Stock Journal.*

SHOEING HORSES.

On light soils that are free from stones, horses may generally go unshod without injury. It is probably too sudden an innovation to stop shoeing horses under all circumstances at present, but no doubt a colt which has run without shoes for two years, might still go on without them and not suffer. A light shoe without calks, to protect the crust of the hoof from breaking, and put on without ever cutting the frog, leaving that to wear naturally, would answer every desirable purpose where shoes are necessary. There are light steel shoes, made with projecting blunt spurs, that give a secure foothold, and are better for the horse than the common roughly made, heavy iron ones, which are often ignorantly set.

NOTELETS.

—If your blacksmith insists upon burning your horses' feet, says the *National Stockman*, in order to make the shoes fit, hunt another farrier at once. The horseshoer who will do such a thing is either an ignoramus or is too lazy to do his work as it should be done.

—The grain is not all of the corn crop. The fodder is one of the most valuable portions, and should always be considered in estimating the value of the crop.

—Choose for hatching the largest and best-shaped eggs from the best layers.

—Few realize that grass is one of the most important of farm crops.

—In all cases cows should be milked regularly and stripped clean.

—Grow a variety of crops, and not put all your eggs in one basket.

—When you get a good cow keep her and raise her heifer calves.

—Horses that cough should never be given dry and dusty food.

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