LOYAL WOMAN'S WORK

The Household, Conversation Club, Puzzles, etc.

The Happy Household.

CREAM CAKE LAYERS.

HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: I send a nice recipe for a cream cake. One bowl cream, two eggs, one cup sugar, one teaspoonful soda, one heaped teaspoonful cream tartar for each layer. Try and report. Any nice recipe will do for the cake.—T. L.

WANTED—RECIPE FOR RHUBARB JELLY.

HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: Will some of THE TRIBUNE readers please inform me how to make rhubarb jelly, so as to be a bright red and slice off. Send recipe through TRIBUNE.—A Soldier's Wife.

REMEDY FOR CABBAGE WORMS.

HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: To the lady asking for remedy for cabbage worms I would say, get 10 cents worth of cayenne pepper, put it in a tin pepper-box, and dust your cabbage early in the morning and just after a rain, and you will soon kill all the worms. Sure remedy. Two applications will be enough. I tried this last year, and had cabbage when all others failed.—Mrs. E. Gilbert, Marysville, Marshall Co., Kan.

Editor's Chat.

Prizes awarded: Florence Underhill and Belle Smith, Winooski, Wis., to K. C. S., 624 23d street N. W., Washington, D. C., story paper. Nellie E. Lord, Brattleboro, Vt., to Willard A. Knowls, Spencer, Iowa, for best postal autograph. Joseph H. Morton, North Robinson, O., to Miss Lizzie Gates, Princeton, Minn., prize for prettiest scrap picture. Chas. O. Henbest, Marshall, Ill., packet stamps to Will C. Allen, Box 86, Halstead, Kan; Herbert S. Ensign, Rutland, Ill.; G. A. Bettcher, North Liberty, Ind.; letters answered of all who inclose stamps, asking information in stamp collecting. Cora Mitchell, St. Paul, Minn., to Annie L. Marsh, prize best postal autograph; to Willard Knowles, Spencer, Iowa, second best.

Frank Wickham, 237 Calhoun street, Battle Creek, Mich., would like the address of the young lady in Illinois who will give instruction in the care of silk worms, and who has eggs to sell.

The request of the correspondent who asks each one to inclose stamps for payment of prizes where there is no probability of one in a hundred winning, cannot be inserted. There would soon be a corner on stamps were THE TRIBUNE to begin this sort of thing.

Conversation Club.

Rules of the Club.—1. Write briefly. 2. Write only 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—Mary V. Hall, DeWitt, Neb.
Second Honor—Clarence W. Bowers, Geneva, O.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE PLEDGE.

Believing that loyalty to the Union is fidelity to the cause of liberty, equal rights and the elevation of mankind, we do solemnly pledge ourselves to sacredly guard our free institutions and disseminate a knowledge of their great underlying principles in the communities in which we live. And that in all times of peril we will stand by our country and her flag, if need be with our lives.

Clara A. Bartow, New Cannan, Conn., soldier's daughter, 24; Annie J. Sheer Verieck, Kan.; C. W. Enyeart, Bellwood, Neb.; Robin Fletcher, Hubbell, Neb. Total, 380.

SEARCHERS AND SOLVERS.

James E. Alger, 16; Mrs. C. E. Petrie, Phillips, Wis., 3; Edith A. Cutting, Attleboro Falls, Mass., 1; Allen Harvie, Bloomfield, Iowa; John A. Lytle, Downs, Kan., 4; H. M. McCall, 14; William Pratt, Norwalk, O., 6; Annie L. Marsh, 15; Frank W. Coombs, Dallison, West Va., 6; C. W. Enyeart, Bellwood, Neb., 4.

OUR ROLL-CALL—GREETINGS.

Frank Curtis, Le Roy, N. Y.; E. B. Bowser, 12, Academy, Ind., son of Levi Bowser, 16th Ind. L. A.; Joseph H. Morton, North Robinson, O., son of an old soldier who needs a pension; Fannie Carpenter, Hommalonna, Iowa, soldier's daughter; Ity Bogert, Exeter, Fla., son 1st N. Y. Cav., liked "Tennessee Boy's" letter; Bertha Bendon, soldier's daughter, 17, Cape Charles City, Va., agrees with "Lillie," Altoona; Charles A. Kelhoun, Petosky, Mich., agrees with C. L. Hale, has tried working from 5 a. m. to 10 p. m., and washing dishes at that, for Summer boarders; Chattie Coleman, Selma, Cal.; Josie Kenney, 13, Chester, Ill., celebrated Gen. Logan's birthday with her little schoolmates, Feb. 9, will do so yearly; Theresa Lutz, Box 90, Kewaunee, Wis., soldier's daughter; Lavina Johnson, Ozark, Ark.; Marcia L. Cash, Pierceville, Kan., soldier father blind, served in 10th and 29th Me., has known all the vicissitudes of the sod shanty on the claim; Anna Parks, 7, daughter 126th Ohio veteran, Halloway, O.

Now, girls, I think we should all sympathize with a deserving fellow like Eugene Hale, and I do for one; and as for Archie, the battery boy, I feel sorry for him, but am not the right Grace. Grace of Nebraska, theory is good to preach but hard to practice; write again, Grace.—Lady Grace, Reedtown, O.

A failure to answer the following correctly and promptly is said to have prevented the promotion of an intelligent and competent Department clerk at Washington, D. C.: "Write eleven thousand eleven hundred and eleven. See it?—John A. Lytle, Downs, Kan.

I think Annie's idea a good one, in that of inquiring into the habits and character of ones you write to. I could scarcely bring myself to think there was one in the C. C. a fraud, but am sorry to say have found such, and ones I would almost have staked my life on as being honest and true. Why not all be just to our own true selves and nothing more. Fraud, like murder, will out.—Meda Plympton, West Decatur, Pa.

OUR GIRLS IN SUNNY FLORIDA.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: We live in "Sunny Florida," and have a fine young orange grove. Bananas are magnificent-looking trophical plants, with their long, broad leaves like green silk and their heavy bunches of green or yellow fruit. We are so used to seeing the long Spanish moss on the trees here that we think it no curiosity; but people in the North would prize it very highly. The beautiful clear-water lakes are a most attractive feature of Florida. Who would ask a more pleasant time than to take a boat and ride around the lakes and gather the lovely white water lilies, or to go fishing and catch a glistening string of the finest fish that ever swam the waters—trout. For those who delight in hunting there are deer, turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, sandhill cranes (almost as tall as a man), foxes, and once in a while a bear or wildcat, besides many birds that are killed for their plumage. All together we think Florida a very desirable place to live.—Vesta V. Ohlinger, daughter 13th W. Va. veteran, Winter Haven, Polk Co., Fla.

I, a veteran's daughter, knock for admittance to the C. C. Although I live in Florida, I am not a Cracker, as the Floridians are called. This is a nice country. It has the most refreshing showers, nicest lakes and largest alligators of almost any State. It has also large groves of oranges, lemons, grape-fruit and citrons that grow on trees, but pines are most plentiful. The mulberry, pomegranate, guava, banana and pineapples are also grown here.—Jersey Girl, Exeter, Fla.

CHANCE FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: As there was but a few answers to my prize offer for the first correct list of the 40 best naturalists submitted, and as several have objected to my selection of the best naturalists, I propose all persons interested in the natural sciences to take a postal and write the names of the three best naturalists that the world has ever known. Sign your name and send it to me. I will tabulate these lists and send the result to the C. C. To give zest to the balloting I will give $1 cash, or an prepared specimens from any selected department of natural history, to the one whose list compares with the standard one. Address cards to W. C. Winkley, Clearfield, Iowa.

HISTORY AND SCIENCE.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: I think E. C. Horn's suggestion most excellent, provided it be limited to American history. I would propose a debate on the following subject:

Resolved, That Columbus did not discover America.

I will take my stand on the negative side. What has the C. C. to say on this subject? I am greatly interested in American, and especially U. S., history, and also ornithology and zoology. I would like letters from the C. C. on any or all of these subjects, and especially on the latter, from the South and East. To increase my collection of birds' eggs, I will offer to send to the person sending me the best collection of fully identified and labeled eggs a dictionary of 380 pages, and for the best single specimen a collection of 40 foreign stamps, collections to be received on or before Aug. 30.—Will, Box 696, Macomb, Ill.

A BOY WHO KNOWS A GOOD NEWSPAPER.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: I wonder how many of you enjoy reading as much as I do? Reading is next to school, in my opinion. Ahead in some respects; for in reading books and papers one will learn about the everyday affairs, which he would never do in school.

A person who does not read the papers is generally afraid to go into society, for as soon as the topics of the day begin to be discussed, he is unable to have anything to say, and of course feels embarrassed.

I have always read a great many papers, and among them all there is none I look forward to as much as THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, which I have had the pleasure of reading for three years.

I would like the Club's opinion of J. Rider Haggard's stories. They interest me very much, because they are of a different style from most writers.

Will the C. C. exchange postal autographs with me? I would like Annie L. Marsh's and "Tennessee Boy's" particularly.—Clarence W. Bowers, Geneva, O.

IN SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: In response to many requests I will say that Southwest Kansas is a rolling prairie, with water at a depth of from 10 to 40 feet. Most everything can be raised out here that is put in the ground and cultivated. Wood, as you all may know, if you stop to consider, is scarce, but coal can be purchased at the railroad at from $6 to $9 per ton. Most of the people out here live in sod houses, but some few can afford better, but sod houses are warm in Winter and cool in Summer. There is plenty of fine building rock here. There has been a great rush for this country in the last year, which makes land rather scarce, but there is a little vacant land yet. Deeded claims and relinquishments can be bought cheap. I will say that if a man wants a home of his own he could do no better than come to Kansas and take a claim, though there is a great deal of hard work attached to it. I hope that all who have written to me will come out and bring others with them, and get each a home, and help to settle up the country.—Ella Nolte, Candlish, Kan.

REPLY TO "WHY IS IT?"

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: I am fully aware the majority of girls are very thoughtless, but no more so than the boys. In our study of human nature we find many discouragements, but we should not wholly despair, for all is not chaff; the wheat may be found in the byways, among the briers and in the hedges. If our C. C. friend is a close observer he will find many true hearted girls—girls who will not shower flowers and love on those unworthy and undeserving—girls who think the noblest type of man, the true hero, is he who, amid the adversities of life triumphs over wrong and comes out the victor. Yes, he who with earnest endeavor is laying the foundation of a noble man is the true hero.

I appreciate and advocate the principles of those who are fighting against liquor, tobacco and other vices degrading to mankind.

Now, girls, may our light shine more bright, that this rugged pathway may be illuminated by the light of true womanhood.

Let us hear from others on this subject.—Mary V. Hall, veteran's daughter, DeWitt, Neb.

THE GRANDEUR OF NATURE.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: In regard to the question, "Resolved, That the works of art are more pleasing to the eye than the works of nature," I prefer the negative. Nature is an ever-pervading presence. It unfolds in the numberless flowers of Spring. How pleasing it is to look upon nature as she waves in the branches of trees and the green blades of grass! Nature haunts the depths of the earth and sea and gleams out in the hues of the shell and precious stones. The ocean, the mountains, the clouds, the heavens, the stars, the rising and setting sun, all overflow with nature's beauty. How pleasing to the eye, and what a grand sight is it to look upon these beautiful objects. Of all the statues, buildings and wonders of art made by men's hands, there are none so beautiful, so wonderful, as Niagara Falls. And think of Yosemite Valley, 10 miles long, and tapering to a mere gorge or canyon at either end, with walls of naked and perpendicular white granite from three to 5,000 feet high, so that looking out of it to the sky is like looking from unfathomable depths.—C. D. Smith, Dubois, Pa.

There is no imitation that can equal the original. We may see pictures of nature, great in art, and think they are beautiful, but when we can see the object itself the picture is laid aside and we turn to nature herself, speechless before all her glory. Some pleasant Summer day look out on the broad prairies; there, as far as the eye can see, are the waving grass and flowers, and grazing herds of cattle and sheep. See the orchards of fruit and the waving fields of corn; or the towering mountains filled with mineral wealth. Art is as nothing before such scenes as these.—F. Waymire, Wall Street, Kan.

ABOUT BADGES.

DEAR TRIBUNE: As a subscriber to your excellent paper I would like to be informed how C. C. badges are obtained. I am ever on the alert to see what the C. C. columns contain weekly, and am always visited.—J. W. Rodenbough, Gladstone, N. J.

DEAR TRIBUNE: I think that it would be an honor to an old soldier's daughter to wear a Conversation Club badge, and as I have never belonged to the Conversation Club I will now join it, so that I will have a right to wear the club badge, and I will assure you that after papa sees my first letter in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE that he will buy the badge for me. Papa was in the war for four years and six months; belonged to Co. C, 12th Ill. Cav.; draws no pension, but is a bad cripple, and if Mr. Cleveland hadn't vetoed the Dependent Pension Bill his chance would have been good for $12 a month. I am an only daughter, 12 years old, and love to read THE TRIBUNE.—Addie B. Taylor, St. Mary's, Kan.

TRIBUNE EXCHANGE—WANTED.

To Exchange: Novels and papers for the same.—Retta Harshman, Mesopotamia, Trumbull Co., O., daughter A. R. Harshman. Earth from the breastworks in front of Atlanta, songs, or lace pattern for form or pressed flowers from other States.—Julia P. Inge, Box 1078, Kenton, O. Hand-painted book-mark for best letter.—Clara St. John, New Genesee, Whiteside Co., Ill. Bracket saw, frame and designs for telephone or telegraph instruments.—Willie Hendricks, Carbondale, Kan. Tennyson's Poems for poems of Thomas Moore; also postal autographs with the C.C.—Sarah E. Dunkell, Garfield, Ky. Bound copies of popular newspapers, books, games, etc., for half dollars of the issue of 1877, or boy's books. Address, with stamps for particulars, 102 S. 6th St., Easton, Pa. First prize for best-worded autograph, second prize for best written, and third for first received.—Joseph H. Morton, North Robinson, Crawford Co., O. Lace for Mikado lace, with Katie Gessford, Fannie Carpenter, Hommalonna, Iowa. "Call Me Back Again," "Marching Through Georgia," and "The Last Charge of Fredericksburg," for "Oh, Wrap the Flag Around Me," "Old Kentucky Home," "Some Day I'll Wander Back Again."—Berta Bennett, Wilbur, Saline Co., Neb. Prizes for largest and most varied collection of tobacco tags by Aug. 30.—Wilmot Wright, Wolcott, Ind. Photograph for hat-band; postal autograph for same.—Alva E. Dowell, Box 12, Granger, Mo. Postal autographs and letters with C.C.—Moses Dollinger, Box 252, Covington, O., and E. S. Dollinger, (S. of V., R. B. Brown Camp, Piqua, O.,) Covington, O. Bunch of 11 petrified strawberries, original color, well preserved, found in blasting solid rock 35 feet below the surface, for a good Winchester repeating rifle. Address Box 23, Lansing, Kan. Crochet patterns for baskets, or scraps for crazy-work not less than three inches square, piece for piece. Two prizes for words formed from the sentence, "Better do it than wish it done." First, for most words; second, for the best writing, same letter not to be repeated more than twice in forming words.—E. Van C., Box 74, Oakland City, Ind.

Letters: With the C.C.—George W. Harrison, Elburn, Kane Co., Ill.; E. S. Leonard, Mexico, Mo., son of Adjutant, 33d Wis., thinks the cool mornings so eloquently described by Grace the best time to sleep this warm weather; Robin Fletcher, Hubbell, Neb. (not Indiana), hopes the girls will grant request and give "Tennessee Boy" a rest. With soldiers' dark-eyed sons South and West.—Maude, Box 141, Luther, Mich. With young ladies or gentlemen, 27 to 29, from every State in the Union, by a small, dark-eyed, dark-haired girl, who will answer.—J. P. Inge, Box 1078, Kenton, O. With boys and girls of 1st N. Y. Cav.—Ity Bogert, Exeter, Sumter Co., Florida. With soldiers' daughters, every State.—William Franklin, Box 99, Earlton, Kan. With soldiers' sons and daughters.—Minnie S. Davis, Alice Chase, both 15, Sunrise Postoffice, Minn. With Colorado boys and girls who know anyone by the name of Heineman.—Theresa Lutz, Box 90, Kewaunee, Wis.

Wanted: Plain directions in crocheting (in words, not characters), especially for clover-leaf lace and rose-leaf lace.—Ada Pulman, Protection, Kan. Address of dealer in old coins; prizes for all photographs of girls and boys between 16 and 25 by Aug. 10.—Gertrude McKay, Guy's Mills, Pa. "Faded Coat of Blue."—Phebe M. Lewis, Lovington, Ill. Contributor of Lace Pattern, July 7, to explain the terms "D C" and "S C."—Mrs. A. M. Jacobs (soldier's wife), Mifflin, Pa. To know where I can get a NATIONAL TRIBUNE binder, and some of father's comrades of the 85th Ind. L. A. to write him.—E. B. Bowser, Academy, Ind. Directions for removing tan and freckles.—Alva Dowell, Box 12, Granger, Mo. Remedy for "broken heart," from eating too much "taffy."—"Bartholomew," Glenwood, Kan., who agrees with "Tennessee Boy" and Ed. Hall.

Songs: "I Cannot Call Her Mother," "I Know That He Will Call Me Back Again," "Take This Letter to My Mother," "Take Me Back to Home and Mother."—Mabel Durfey, Fargo, Dak. "I Am Dying for Some One to Love Me," and "Guitar Song," for "Barney McCoy" and "Lips That Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine;" postal autographs exchanged.—Myrtle Robinson, Box 294, Andrews, Ind. "Annie Lee" and "I'll Remember You in My Prayers."—Annie, Box 99, Earlton, Kan. "Soldier's Last Hymn," "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," "Annie and Willie's Dream," by a soldier's orphans, whose dear ones are scattered and home is broken.—Minnie S. Davis, Sunrise Postoffice, Minn. "Nellie Gray" and letters from soldier children.—Alice L. Chase, Sunrise City, Minn., veteran's daughter.

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.]

The United States began the war of the rebellion with 40 ships, and at the close had 264.

Nebraska was admitted as a State at the close of the war, March 1, 1867.

Quantrell, the noted guerrilla, massacred 140 persons at Lawrence, Kan., during the war.

Two distinguished Confederate Generals of the same name were Joseph E. and Albert Sidney Johnston.

The Alabama had captured over 60 Union vessels before her battle with the Kearsarge.

John March invented Lucofoco matches in 1834. Name from the Latin, *Loco*, to set, and *Focus*, fire.

The Chinese alphabet has over 50,000 characters.

1. What metropolis of a great Empire ceased to be the "Lady of Kingdoms" after it was taken by Cyrus?—Mrs. John Stitson.

2. When and by whom were thimbles invented, and what were their original names?—Meda Plympton.

3. Where and when was the last life sacrificed for freedom in the war of the Revolution? 4. What prompted the wanderings by sea and land of the famous Vikings?—Charlie Goodrich, Cairo, Neb.

5. What King was born a King? 6. Who was St. Valentine, and how, when and where did he die? 7. With what Indian tribes did William Penn make his treaties?—J. W. Ijams.

BIBLE BRIGADE.

The first mention of horse in the Bible is when Joseph gave the Egyptians bread in exchange for horses and flocks and so on. (Gen., 47:17.)

The horse was forbidden the Hebrews, as they were a pastoral people, and at that time horses were only used in war. (Deut., 17:16.)

A. J. Fenstet: The name of David's mother is unknown. Geneologies were kept in the male line.

1. Will some one give the meaning of the word "perish," John, 3:16, the verse that H. M. McCall defines as the finest in the Bible?—L. W. W.

2. How old was Moses when he died, where was he buried, and who attended the funeral?—Mrs. Stitson, Effingham, N. H.

3. By the touch of whose bones was another dead man restored to life?

4. What tribe had no inheritance in the Land of Promise, and how was it made up to them?

5. Where is blue lace mentioned in the Bible?—Frank Comb, Dallison, W. Va.

BRAIN-RACKERS.

[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 7.

Conundrums—1. Printers, for theirs are spelled with only two letters. 2. ——. 3. When he is in love. 4. The Adjutant. 5. One is a hatter and the other is her hat.

Geographical Double—Monday, partridge, Sabine, Mexico, Filimore City.

Dish of Fruit—Sickle pears, strawberry, watermelon, canteloupe, currant, banana, blackheart cherry.

Reversions—Pool, loop; May, yam; deem, meed; meet, teem; room, moor; net, ten; nib, bin.

Palindromes—Poop, pop, eye, Eve.

Star Puzzle—1 to 2, frigate; 1 to 3, freshen; 2 to 3, edition; 4 to 6, chariot; 5 to 6, atheist; 4 to 5, Chinese.

Geographical Enigma—Lake Minnetonka.

Governor's Enigma—Oliver P. Morton.

Diagonal Square—W, bag, earls, barrier, warranted, glinted, setee, red, d.

A Great Leader—The letter A.

CONUNDRUMS.

1. What tree is of the greatest importance in history?
2. Why is the letter C in Cicero like Arabia?
3. When is a piece of wood like a queen?
4. What is that of which we have two every hour, two every day, two every week and two every year?
5. What is that which every one needs, which every one gives, which every one asks and which very few take?—Maude, Box 141, Luther, Mich.

ANAGRAM.

Ha! lewl orf su lal, mose twese pohe silo,
Peedly rubied form nahun seey;
Dan ni het reehfater, nagles yam
Lorl eht noset rofm tis varge waay.
—Florence and Bell.

HIDDEN ANIMALS.

1. Island in Great Salt Lake. 2. Swamp in North Carolina. 3. City in Isle of Wight. 4. Bay of Africa. 5. Creek in New Jersey. 6. Island in Pacific. 7. Three lakes in Canada. 8. Three rivers in Canada. 9. River in Montana. 10. River in Utah. 11. Mountains in Colorado. 12. River in Dakota. 13. River in Wisconsin. 14. Lake in Wisconsin.—James F. Culler, Belle Vernon, Pa.

POETICAL TANGLE.

I tlaw nad thacw; rebeof ym seey
hintkmes het gltin worsg hint nad rayg;
I talw dna cawht eth sterane kiess
ot ese het ldenog pesras rispne
Ehtneae teh meortalfm fo ayd.
—D. T. Lyons, Spencer, Iowa.

WORD SQUARE.

1. A genus of marine mollusks (conch).
2. Made even.
3. Enlarged or dressed out.
4. A lodger.
5. To see saw.
6. Venomous serpents of the genus vipera.
—Odell Cyclone, Odell, Ill.

CRYPTOGRAM.

Shyq zmal n trz bs
cherlg enl frerar;
Gur qnex hasngubzrg
pnirf bs bprna orne,
Shyg zmal n sylpre vf obea
gb oyhfu hafrra;
Nag jnfgr vg byrrgarrf ba
gur qrdreg nve.

"Leisure Hour Library" for first and second correct solutions sent me. Prizes awarded by lot.—U. E. Curry, Hope, D. T.

INDIAN WARRIOR.

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The Indian name of a Chieftain who took part with the South in the rebellion. One dollar given for the first correct answer sent me, date of mailing on the envelope to be taken for time.—J. A. Sanders, Bath, Me.

A FABLE.

Once upon a time two rivers, one in Asia, the other in America, agreed to flow directly toward each other until they should meet. When they were about to meet a noble Scotch chieftain accidentally stepped between their mouths, preventing the proposed meeting. So all three were changed to a city and located in South America.—Samuel S. Dickson, Tyrone, Pa.

A RUDE RENEGADE.

In short, not in long;
In right, not in wrong;
In Sam, not in Will;
In John, not in Phil;
In man, not in boy;
In George, not in Roy;
In night, not in day;
In river, not in bay;
In pistol, not in gun;
In many, not in none.

My whole was as bloodthirsty renegade as ever lived.—Ed. Mack, Union, Ind.

CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

In yes, not in no;
In come, not in go;
In sport, not in play;
In month, not in day;
In pen, not in ink;
In dream, not in think;
In die, not in live;
In take, not in give;
In stay, not in last;
Whole is numbered with the past.

Prize for first correct answer.—John A. Lytle, Downs, Kan.

POET'S ENIGMA.

I am composed of 11 letters:
My 3, 7, 11 is an animal;
1, 5, 9 is a body of water;
1, 2, 9, 7, 8 is a form;
7, 5, 9 is a vegetable;
7, 5, 9, 10 is a kind of fruit;
1, 5, 8, 4 is to find;
5, 9, 10 is a part of the head.
—Myrtle and Eva, Clarksburg, Mo.

AUTHOR'S ENIGMA.

In high, not in low;
In sure, not in slow;
In long, not in short;
In hall, not in fort;
In cream, not in milk;
In cotton, not in silk;
In pudding, not in bread;
In wed, not in dread;
In pulpy, not in flint;
In day, not in night,

My whole is an author. Novel by the author for first correct answer to my address.—Maggie L. Hover, Madalin, N. Y.

BIBLE ENIGMA.

A scriptural quotation composed of 32 letters:
My 1, 23, 4, 3 is a narrative;
15, 27, 31, 19 is a lake;
29, 30, 32, 14, 18 is moisture;
2, 17, 6, 7 is a number of animals;
10, 8, 24, 25 is an important manufactory;
9, 16, 5, 20, 11, 21 is wet, rainy;
12, 13, 18, 16, 29, 19, sly, cunning;
29, 20, 21, 22, desire;
15, 27, 8, 26, 28 is a headland.
—Mrs. S. A. Goodwin, Emporiam, Pa.

THE QUESTION SQUAD.

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

[Comrades answering these inquiries are requested to write directly to the persons asking for the information, and not to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

E. C. Nason, Blodgett Mills, Cortland Co., N. Y., wishes the address of any one who was with Chas. W. Nason, Co. E, 101st N. Y., when he was taken prisoner in the battle before Richmond the 1st of July, 1862. Also, the address of any one acquainted with Origen Simpson, Co. H, 5th N. Y., or the address of the officers of the latter company and regiment.—Alex. Carpenter, Co. E, 63d Ohio, Little Sioux, Iowa, would like the address of any one or all of the following comrades of Co. E, 63d Ohio: Frank Ling, Joseph Watson and John Mills; also, John McDar, Co. K, 63d Ohio.——Isaac Roman, Fairbury, Neb., would like the address of C. B. Williams, Co. G, 63d Ohio.—Mrs. M. Stonehouse, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, wants the name and address of any soldier who was a prisoner at Salisbury, N. C., in 1864, who knew Adam Stonehouse, Co. A, 17th U. S. Inf., and what became of him while in said prison.——Mrs. Bush, North Shrewsbury, Vt., would like the whereabouts of Dr. Henry S. Plympton, who was stationed at David's Island, N. Y., in the Winter of 1863. He had charge of Pavilion No. 22.——Mrs. Lucy A. Coleman, Garrison, Pottawatomie Co., Kan., would be glad of any information concerning her son, Geo. Edwin Coleman, whom she has not seen for 20 years.——Chas. Sylvester, Booneville, Iowa, would like the address of Lieut. R. B. Kelley or any member of Co. G, 13th Mo. Cav.; also, Dr. Cundiff, Surgeon of the 13th Mo.——William L. Patterson, 27 Loudoun avenue, Baltimore, Md., desires the address of Dr. H. F. Conrad, who was Assistant Surgeon of the 111th Pa. during November and December, 1862, and promoted to Surgeon of the 174th Pa. in January, 1863.——Geo. W. Murdock, Co. I, 93d Ill., Garrett, Kan., wishes to find some of his old comrades.——Chas. Healy, 176 East 87th street, New York city, wants the address of any of the comrades of Co. C, 14th Conn. State Vols.——Jacob Pearce, Earleton, Kan., wishes the address of the Assistant Sergeant of the 9th Ind. Cav. who was in the last year's service of the war, or who knew of the disability of John L. Edwards, Co. E of said regiment.——J. M. Beelman, Portland, Jay Co., Ind., wants the addresses of all surviving members of the 12th Ohio independent battery.——Jacob A. Loop, Sergeant, Co. F, 75th Ohio, Smithfield, Mo., wants to inquire the whereabouts of any who were captured at Winchester under Gen. Milroy, and who remember him and his disability in Libby Prison and Belle Island.——J. S. Tindall, Graves, Kan., wants the addresses of James Strong, J. W. Jones, and W. R. Chambers, or any comrades of the 33d Iowa who were prisoners at Tyler, Tex., in 1864-'65.——A. H. Buffington, Wetmore, Kan., wants the address of Lieut. McClay, Co. B, 47th Ill.——R. M. Gentry, Maplewood, Ind., wants the address of Capt. L. L. Drown, Co. G, 3d Ky. Cav.——Wm. D. Harris, McLeansboro, Ill., would like the addresses of Capt. A. Geer and First Lieut. C. Bennett, both of Co. A, 42d Ill.——Frank M. Oswalt, Kentland, Ind., wants the addresses of Capt. Judson W. Reed, and Orderly Sergt David Mower, both of Co. D, 67th Ill.——V. A. Menuez, Lansing, Kan., wants the addresses of Lieut. Geo. Moore, Co. C, 2d Ill. Cav., and Lieut. James Bennett, 25th Ind.; also, the State and regiment to which Capt. Thos. M. Gibson belonged during the war.

OUR RURAL TOPICS.

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

THE TURNIP CROP.

In this part of the Republic the 1st to 15th of August is the great turnip-sowing time, and it is a crop so easily grown and a root so useful, both in the kitchen and on the farm, that both the garden and field should have its turnip patch. The first essential to a good crop of turnips and a crop of good turnips is rich soil, and yet it is a necessity that the manure should be thoroughly decomposed. Some of the best successes follow a sowing on a piece of ground that has been highly manured for potatoes. The latter crop rather prefers high loose manure. By the time they are mature the manure has become rotten enough to suit the turnip exactly. The early crop of potatoes being generally all dug by the 15th of August, the turnip can then well follow. If the ground is in excellent condition, very good results often follow when the seed is sown so late as the first week in September; but this is contingent in a great measure on good rains falling soon after the seed is sown. If the potato crop has been kept well worked it is not necessary to plow it over again for turnips. As soon as the potatoes are taken out the rubbish can be harrowed off and the seed at once sown. It is possible that with more labor the result might be a trifle better, but we have seen such results follow from this practice that it is well to know it is so near perfection, as it often happens that in view of a sudden shower being probable the seed may be put in at once, for certainly a shower on the seeds as soon as sown will be more good than an extra working of the ground.

The most troublesome question to decide is how thick to sow the seed. Turnip seed many years old will grow tolerably well, yet new seed is the best, as all grow; while the older the seed the more are bad. It seems that seeds are endowed with different degrees of vitality, as individuals are. They do not all die at one age. At 10 years old turnip seed has been found to grow, but only about 50 in every hundred. The quantity that should be sown will then depend in some measure on the age of the seed. But many dread the turnip-fly, the great enemy of this crop, which destroys large numbers of young plants, and many sow much more thickly than is needed in order to allow for this trimming by the little black insect; but the difficulty about this is when the plants from this thick-sown seed all escape they are too many for the permanent crop, and thus much labor is to be spent on thinning, or else much on topping a large number of small roots, taking double time to get in the crop that large roots require. Indeed, when this extra labor of topping is considered, it will pay to hoe out the thick-sown plants rather than let them grow. Those do best generally who sow rather thin and depend on the chance of getting clear of the fly. The best of precautions against this is good rich soil. Then the plant grows faster than the fly can injure it to any great extent, and is thus saved. Few persons ever lose their turnip crop from the fly who have real good turnip lands. Besides, turnips from suitable soil are always tender and good, no matter how large they may be, and this is a great gain.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

BONE DUST.

Many a poor fellow has worn out his bones trying to work a piece of poor ground; but such bone application has seldom resulted in large profits. Our English friends have discovered that it is much better to use other people's in these cases than their own, and the bone trade of England has assumed gigantic proportions. All the old battlefields have been ransacked, and unless report do them an injustice, many an old fellow whose bones were supposed to rest in peace in some grassy, daisy-flowered churchyard, would have to hunt some modern turnipfield to find all that remains of them. Foreign countries have not only to pay tribute to England of their wealth during life, but even their bones have to follow, in order to enrich British soil, as while living they worked to fill British pockets. Australia sends an enormous quantity of bones to England. It has become such a heavy trade that the article itself was found too light for profit. Science has been called in to enable the ship owner to take the same weight in less bulk. The bones are first ground, then the dust mixed with some substance which will give it just enough adhesiveness to make the particles stick together. Then the material is put under heavy pressure in molds about six inches square, so that it can be packed in the hold without any loss of space. One ton of this bone-cake measures only 26 cubic feet. Of course these bones are all of wild or domestic animals, but still "silence is golden."

NOTES.

—It has been demonstrated that roup in fowls and diphtheria in children are identical, hence care should be taken when roup appears in a flock of fowls.

—It is folly to require the hired man and the boys to "put the tools in their places," unless you have provided a place, and a suitable and convenient one at that.

—Sorghum seed is excellent for poultry, and as it thrives well on sandy soil it may be grown for poultry food, not as a general crop, but to supply a small proportion to feed as a variety.

—Beans are rich in nitrogen and are good food for any sort of animals. Hogs may be fattened on them. There is nothing better for sheep, and they are just the thing for cows in milk.

—The best labels for marking plants are made from zinc, and only a common lead pencil is needed to mark them. The writing is at first faint, but becomes distinct when exposed to the weather.

—The onion crop must have nitrogen. Ashes have been frequently applied where the same plot was planted year after year, but they are lacking in nitrogen, and sooner or later the bottom will go out of the land.

—Calves must be kept thrifty from the first with no set-back, if they are to become fully developed early, and this is the only way to get satisfactory profits from raising them, whether for the dairy or shambles.

—Near a good market where celery can be sold easily, it is a good crop to grow with onions. The constant tillage of the land in Fall for banking celery leaves the land free from seeds of weeds, and in fine order for next year's work.

—Where the yards are so constructed that it is difficult to give the fowls a run upon the green, they should be furnished with green food in some form. If the fowls cannot be permitted to run, keep the lawn-mower moving.

—Now bait the hens with tender blades of grass which are everywhere clothing the earth with a carpet of green. If they can be given a run for an hour a day it will do them much good, and they will amply repay the extra trouble which this involves.

—When chickens are fed and cared for just so as to keep them at a standstill, the food given is actually thrown away. This is the most wasteful and extravagant method of feeding ever pursued. The poultryman gets no return from his investment.

—Keep the young chickens growing. This oft-repeated advice is ever in order. Truth needs to be constantly kept before the mind. That clergyman who preached the same sermon three Sabbaths in succession, and, when remonstrated with for doing so, replied that his advice had not yet been followed, and he intended to keep repeating it until it was, was a wise man, and would appreciate the needs of an editor of a poultry paper.

—How to tell a horse's age: At two years old, colt sheds two center nippers; at three years old, colt sheds the adjoining teeth; at four years old, colt sheds outer or corner teeth; at five years old, bridle tooth is up, and six years cups leave two center teeth below; at seven years old, cups leave adjoining teeth; at eight years old, cups leave outer or corner teeth; at nine years old, cups leave two center nippers above; at 10 years old, cups leave adjoining teeth; at 11 years old, cups leave corner upper teeth; at 12 years or past, groove in inside of the bridle tooth disappears in horse. Mares very seldom have them. When they do, no criterion to be guided by.—*Farm Journal.*

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