LOYAL WOMAN'S WORK

The Household, Conversation Club, Puzzles, etc.

The Happy Household.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.

HAPPY HOUSEHOLD: There are so many who wish to learn to make flowers. They are easy and nice to make. I will send plain directions, patterns and samples of 15 or 20 different flowers, to be made of tissue paper; also, directions and samples for making zephyr and tufted flowers, and plain directions for making wax fruit, all for $1. I will paint scraps for crazy work; if small, 10 cents; if large, 25 cents. Will paint anything you want on them, or will sell small painted scraps for 15 cents, and larger, 25 cents. A Kansas homesteader.—Mrs. E. C. Bowman, Tribune, Greeley Co., Kan.

DELICIOUS WALNUT COOKIES.

One cup of walnut meats, pounded fine; one cup of sugar; one egg, well beaten; two tablespoonfuls of milk; flour to roll thin as paper; one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake in a quick oven. Keep in a dry place, if the family will allow. Nice with lemonade or other iced drinks.

Editor's Chat.

Do not send any more old riddles and puzzles. All have gone the rounds of the C. C. long ago. Give us something original, or be content with the bright budget brought forward each week by the happy thinkers of the Club.

R. B. H.—The Conversation Club (or the C. C.) is for the amusement and edification of the hundreds of thousands of loyal families where THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is a welcome guest. Though particularly for the young people, a message from their elders is always welcome. Open to all who has a happy thought to bring, or can find one to take away.

James L. Roberts, Ironton, O. — Maj. Noah Thomas is Superintendent of the O. S. and S. Orphans' Home, Xenia, O., who will furnish blanks, on application, for admission of children. Application for pension no hindrance to admission. The 4th Mich. Cav. captured Jeff Davis.

Corrections: Jennie M. Shirk, daughter of 45th Ohio, Mt. Vernon, Kan. (not Iowa); Emmie A. Macurda, Lisbon, Me., daughter 1st battalion Me. Sharpshooters (not 1st Me. battery); Ford Howell, Milton, Iowa (not Mullion).

Prizes awarded: Delia Bixby, Mayfield, N. Y., to James W. Lauterman, for best postal autograph; Odell Cyclone, Odell, Ill., to J. F. Nash, Dannemor, N. Y., for answer to Prize Square.

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—Lucy E. Murray, Florida, N. Y. Second Honor—H. Meade Lewis, West Leroy, Mich.

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.

Nancy Beal, Grove Hill, Iowa; Guy Swafford, New Boston, Ill.; B. F. Webb, Elroy, Wis.; V. Minnie Dodge, Worthington, Minn.; Lillie C. Hack, Bolton Landing, N. Y., 5. By last number, 386; total, 491.

SEARCHERS AND SOLVERS.

G. W. Castle, Evansville, W. Va., 8; U. E. Curry, Hope, Dak., 8; Fred. A. Taylor, Chicago, Ill., 1; "Bummer," Union Mills, Ind., 4; James E. Alger, 4; Josie A. Stephens, Denver, Colo., 1; Sarah A. McMahon, Spring Bluff, Wis., 18; Lillie M. Mains, Chester Hill, O., 11; A. M. Prescott, Mapleton, Dak., 2; B. F. Webb, Elroy, Wis., 5; Alice M. Gilbert, Chester Hill, O., 4; Wm. B. Moringstone, 360 Halsey street, Newark, N. J., 17; Mary Dawn Petty, 15; Tillie Schaefer, Poe's Mills, Pa., 1; X. Y. Z., Crookstown, Minn., 3; Mrs. Mary McFadden, 4; Annie L. Marsh, 16; H. M. McCall, 9; Guy Swafford, New Boston, Ill., 2; Josie Stephens, Denver, Col., 4; Sarah Clark, Central City, Nev., 1; R. B. Huey, Star City, Ind., 8; Lizzie Moran, Rockton, Ill., 1; Winifred Feidler, Erie, Pa., 2; Anna Hummer, Wooster, O.; Rena M. Huber, veteran's daughter, Pine Grove, Pa.; Dora Edwards, Worthington, Minn.; Ben Braden, Box 25, Pine Creek, Mich.; Mrs. V. B. Johnson, Glover, Dak.; Maggie L. Roover, Madalin, N.Y.; Effie Harvey, Belle Center, O.; Ethan W. Pine (13), Spring Hill, O., father would hear from 95th Ohio veterans; Frances J. Robinson, Greenville, N. Y.; Lillie C. Hack, Bolton Landing, N. Y.; E. E. Hartley, Paris, Ill.; S. Ross, son 15th Wis. veteran, Sherburne, N. Y.; Robert R. Bancom, 1417 Madison avenue, Kansas City, Mo.; O. D. O'Neal, Fairfax, Mo., son of Andersonville prisoner, would hear from 12th Mo. Cav.; W. C. Dunlap, Pine Grove Mills, Pa.; Katie Sullivan, Charlton City, Mass. (13), daughter of a naval veteran who was in the fight of the Monitor and Merrimac; A. W. Hey, Bushnell, Ill.; Zoe E. Owen, Kent, O., daughter 7th Ohio.

A SWATE IRISH GIRL.

MR. EDITOR DARLINT:

Will ye's plaze give me space
To plade me poor cause,
Which is ne'er a disgrace,
Though I'm only a sarvint
That works by the day
For me bite an' me sup,
Wid a wee bit o' pay.
'Tis a home now I'm wanting,
Wid some square, darlin' man;
And if it's all honor bright,
I'll go quick as I can
To do up his cookin',
And clane up his house,
As quick as a flash
An' as still as a mouse.
I'm not quite a granchorn,
For thanks be to God,
'Tis over tin years
Since I left the ould sod,
Where the praties were scarce,
And the bit o' the green
Was owned by thim landlords,
The manest I've seen.
'Tis here in this country
I'll live till I die;
And maybaps I'll catch on
To some broth of a bye.
'Tis myself that's good lookin',
Wid me hair a bright red;
An' the swatest of teeth,
Like pearls set in me head;
An' me eyes like the sthars,
That are twinklin' wid light;
An' me mouth! O, 'twould slad ye
Clane wild wid delight.
Me heart is all Irish,
As ye see by this letther,
Wid Bridget me name,
For the want of a bether.
Now, who will be writing
To Bridget's poor name?
'Tis myself that will answer,
An' be proud of that same.
—Bridget E. McFunnigan, Deadwood, Dak.

THE C. C. POEM.

May I add my mite to the C. C. poem?
I'll begin my rhyme with a Cyclone airy;
In his wake comes Newcomer, Clark, Tibbens, each a Harry,
Newton and Bruce Pumphrey, Olive Race,
Arthur Kelley, Fred. Silliman and Grace,
Willard G. Knowles, our "Farmer Boy,"
Sim Swafford and Chas. Henbest, of Illinois,
Samuel Dickson, Ralph Plympton, too,
John Lytle, ready his part to do,
Ella Hull, Ruby Mattison and Tressie,
L. May Pigott, Ed. Randolph and Bessie,
"Tennessee Boy," "Hoosier School Girl," and X. Y. Z.,
(Will the three latter exchange auto's with me.)
Now, with J. H. Fisher, I'll bid you adieu,
Who will finish our poem? Echo answers "Who?"
—Annie L. Marsh, Saugus, Mass.

PATRIOTISM.

Members of the C. C.: Every age and every nation has its patriotic men—men who will protect their country's honor in every crisis, at the sacrifice, if needs be, of their lives. Patriotism is one of the noblest impulses of the heart, ranking next to religion, and founded upon principles of justice and virtue. Patriotism is courageous, honorable and self-sacrificing. In proof of this we refer you to Augustus, Junius Brutus, William Tell, George Washington. We, as Americans, will forever reverence the name of Washington. It was through his patriotism that we became a free Nation. Go back with me to the close of the Revolutionary war, when the 13 Colonies were without a ruler and wished to crown him king. He refused the crown; he showed them the folly of forming a kingdom, which in time would become as tyrannical as the one from which they had revolted, and urged them to establish a Government founded upon principles of liberty. To-day these great United States are the result of his wisdom and patriotism. He truly deserves to be called "The Father of his Country." Every American should be a true patriot, for our country is the only one where true freedom exists for all.—W. C. Dunlap, Pine Grove Mills, Pa.

TRY, TRY AGAIN.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: We are are very apt to take our failures too much to heart. If we make an honest effort, with the best of our ability, and do not succeed, we incline to sit down and fold our hands in despair. This is unmanly. It is not good sense, either. Why do we fail? We attempt too much, perhaps. We did what we did in the wrong way. Or, possibly, we tried the wrong thing—something for which we were not fitted. A good mechanic may make a bad salesman. A good salesman may make a poor sailor. A fine mathematical head may be all at sea in the dead languages. When one fails he should study into the cause of it, and take a fresh start, with more intelligence. His want of success ought to teach him a valuable lesson, if he will only study it out. It has been said Gen. Grant's failure as subaltern made him Commander-in-Chief. Many another man may gain as much as that from what seemed to him a disaster.—John A. Lytle, Downs, Kan.

COLUMBUS ENTITLED TO THE CREDIT.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE family take more interest in argument than any family I have ever known, and a great many letters are both instructive and amusing. On the subject lately introduced, *Resolved*, That Columbus did not discover America, I take the affirmative. It is true that Columbus was not the first to discover America, but the first that was the means of any good; and an event, I think, should be weighed by the result. Every schoolboy 10 years of age, I doubt not, could tell something of Leif Ericson's discovery of America, A. D. 1001, nearly 500 years before Columbus; but what was the result? "The White Man's Land" was forgotten even by its explorers. The Cabots discovered several points in America previous to Columbus discovering South America, at the mouth of the Orinoco River in 1498; but what led to the Cabot discovery? Was it not after Columbus had discovered Jamaica, Hayti and Cuba that the European Kings who refused to aid him in his voyages hastened to send men to "Seize all land that they found to be inhabited by the infidels in the name of the King." Columbus was not the first to discover America, but his discovery was the only one that led to enlightening the American continent. So I think it may be rightly said, "Columbus discovered America."—Willie O. Johnson, daughter 49th Ind. veteran, Schooner Point, Ind.

CLUB WHISPERS.

The Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans are flourishing in this place. Our boys won the first prize at Peru last month—a lovely flag. We are proud of our boys, known as Col. G. B. Abbott Camp, No. 8.—Carrie L. Kribill, Englewood, Ill.

My home is in Northern Vermont, among the mountains and streams, which are very pleasant to me. Fishing and boating in Summer and coasting and skating in Winter afford great enjoyment. My home is at the junction of the streams, set in green mosses and trees. My town has 1,700 inhabitants.—F. G. Moore, Montgomery, Vt.

Michigan Sons of Veterans: Appointments are made to West Point Military Academy and Annapolis Naval Academy by the President on recommendation of local Congressmen. Candidates pass examinations when there is a District vacancy. Applicants must pass a good physical examination in either case. While in attendance at the Academies Cadets are under strict military discipline. Address the Secretary of State, Ohio and Michigan, for information as to vacancies in the Naval Academy for 1888; also for further particulars as to requirements.

I believe as Anna does, "To thine own self be true." If we be true to ourselves, how can we be untrue and deceptive to others? Ah! there stands Truth like a jeweled dewdrop in the morning sun, shedding its bright rays of reflection here, there, everywhere; making the whole world appear a fairy-like dream. The same as dew to the velvet-like verdure on yonder hillside and dale, so is Truth nourishment to the soul; it grows, blooms, and quietly, yet nobly, there ebbs away a well-spent life.—Lady Grace, Reedtown, O.

I hope it will not be long before the "Temperance Flag" shall wave over land and sea, and many a home will rejoice for freedom. Then the history of intemperance will be closed, and the era of "Peace on earth and good will toward men" will be ushered in.—Lucy E. Murray, Florida, Orange Co., N. Y.

The girl for me is
Just fair enough to be pretty,
Just gentle enough to be sweet,
Just saucy enough to be witty,
Just dainty enough to be neat.
—John A. Lytle, Downs, Kan.

Keep pushing; 'tis wiser than sitting aside,
And dreaming and sighing and waiting the tide.
In life's earnest battle they only prevail,
Who daily march onward and never say "fail."
—Lucile, Box 115, Fairfax, Mo.

I have read a great deal in the different histories of the war, but none bears the impress of the soldiers' statements like THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE; and then the stories are of the same lively nature as father often tells us boys, there are a great many things we can do without, (you will say, not a wife,) but not to take THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE would be considered by us as a breach of good conduct, and that we were most ready to join Jeff and his clans.—Frank Collier, son 30th Ill., Edinburg, Ill.

Many persons denounce any correspondence with strangers, but the basis and popularity of the C. C. ought to give it a strong foothold in the eyes of all soldiers and their friends. Yet, Miss Annie's suggestion could be worthily acted upon, since fraud has entered the doors of the C. C. I, for one, advocate it strongly, notwithstanding my experience with unknown correspondents has been entertaining and instructive; devoid of all fraud, or anything else reflecting on the C. C.—Margaret Preble, Humboldt, Iowa.

TO EXCHANGE—WANTED.

To Exchange: "Gulliver's Travels," 314 pages, illustrated, for good book on astronomy or C. C. badge.—E. F. Webb, Box 234, Elroy, Wis. Four of H. Rider Haggard's books and two of Munro's Library for best offer.—C. L. O. Lucken, Crookstown, Minn. Prize for best photograph by Dec. 1.—Delia Bixby, Box 16, Mayfield, N. Y. Foreign stamps, no two alike, for same. Chips from Washington Monument for curiosities.—Charles Taylor, son 104th Ohio, 1428 Fifth street northwest, Washington, D. C. Two Wilcox telephone instruments, with 200 yards brass wire, for best offer by Aug. 30; elegant gold brooch for best picture of young lady.—Lock Box 24, Greenwich, O. Prize for best collection crazy pieces.—Miss D. Yeomans, Surgry, Ind. "Answer to Gypsy's Warning" for "I'll Remember You, Love, in My Prayers."—V. Minnie Dodge, Worthington, Minn. A gold ring for best relic, or photo, postal autograph, or other souvenir by Sept. 15: silk handkerchief for second best.—James W. Lauterman, Williamsville, Ill. Prize for best postal autograph by Aug. 30.—Lizzie Gates, Princeton, Minn. Views on points of grammar.—Effie Harvey, Belle Center, O. Prize for best collection of tin tobacco tags.—Charlie Chandler, Plattville, Iowa.

Letters: With the C. C.—Minnie Lester, Box 21, Rock Lick, West Va.; Carrie L. Kribill, Englewood, Ill.; F. G. Moore, Montgomery, Vt.; Fred Howell, Milton, Iowa; Zoe E. Owen, Kent, O., daughter wounded veteran, 7th Ohio. With the C. C. Young lady—Peter Snoots, Wartrace, Tenn. With young ladies 16 and over—Albert Le Grande, Huntington, Ore. With girls of 12, my age—Lizzie Moran, Rockton, Ill. With young ladies—Will S. Jenkins, Iryen Davis, Samuel Costelo (references given), Evansville, West Va. With 15th Ohio children, especially Co. G.—Alice M. Gilbert, daughter Geo. R. Gilbert, 15th Ohio, Chester Hill, O. With 17th Ohio children; Co. H preferred—Lillie M. Mains, daughter R. G. Mains, 17th Ohio, Chester Hill, O. With gentlemen—Libby Buckles, Economy, Pa. With farmers' daughters—"Farmer's Boy," Box 125, Lynchburg, O. With young teachers—Ola Pennington, veteran's daughter, Bromley, Iowa. With girls 16—Charles A. Grant, Sherman Center, Kan. With young ladies under 21—H. Meade Lewis, West Le Roy, Mich.

Wanted: Recipe for good and cheap oil for bicycle lamp.—Charles Taylor, 1428 Fifth street northwest, Washington, D. C. Directions for making postal album, and to know why Clinton does not write me.—V. Minnie Dodge, Worthington, Minn. Some of the kind ladies to send reading matter to a little boy of 10, whose soldier father is sick and poor, and who can have hardly any books like some boys.—Guy Wilmot, Hildreth, Neb. To know where I can procure the song, "Why Did They Dig Ma's Grave So Deep," with price.—Margaret Preble, Humboldt, Iowa.

Wanted, songs: "Cumberland Crew."—R. F. Webb, Box 234, Elroy, Wis. "Lips That Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine," "Brother Green," "Soldier's Poor Little Boy," "Annie and Willie's Dream," "I Cannot Call Her Mother."—Onie Flanagan, Thompsonville, Ill. "Answer to Gypsy's Warning," "Old State of Arkansas," "Rosa Nell" and "A Handful of Grass." Will exchange others.—Anna A. Elsea, Dupont, Putnam Co., O. "Mary of the Wild Moor."—Dora Edwards, Worthington, Minn. "Lady Elgin," "Texas Ranger," "Cow Boy." Will exchange songs and letters.—Coloma Elgin, Pendleton, Ore.

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 the number answered.]

Babylon, Capital of the Chaldean Empire, ceased to be the "Lady of Kingdoms" after her overthrow by Cyrus of Persia.

Thimbles are said to have been found in the ruins of Herculaneum. John Lofting, from Amsterdam, introduced the art of making into England in 1695. They were first known as thumb-bells; in Germany a thimble is a *fingerhut* (finger-hat).

Capt. Wilmot, September, 1782, was the last life sacrificed in the war for freedom in the Revolution.

The famous Vikings were the younger sons of Scandinavia, driven from home by their fathers to seek their fortunes, in accordance with an ancient Scandinavian law to check over-population. The eldest son was excepted, as inheritor of estates.

Alfonso XIII of Spain was born a king.

St. Valentine was a Christian Bishop, who was put to death at Rome about the year 270 by Claudian.

William Penn made his treaties with the Delawares, Mingoes and other Susquehanna tribes. It was the only treaty, says Voltaire, "never sworn to and never broken."

1. Who was born in Virginia, appointed Captain of light artillery at Baton Rouge, but was suspended for having accused his General of complicity with the conspiracy of Aaron Burr; twice wounded at the battle of Lundy's Lane, raised to Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and was a candidate for the Presidency, but defeated?—M. H., North New Castle, Me.

2. In what month and year did Capt. Hall make his second visit to the Polar Seas? 3. When did the last Revolutionary soldier die, and what was his name? 4. Who was the first woman physician in the United States, and when did she die?—J. M. Moran, jr., Rockton, Ill.

5. Where is the largest clock in the world building? What is the weight of bells and size of glass dials?—Guy Swafford.

BIBLE BRIGADE.

The words "shalt not perish," in John, 3:16, is the same promise as in 1 John 4:9, life in Christ.

Moses was 120 years old when he died. The Lord buried him, and no man knoweth his sepulcher. (Deut., 34:6.)

A dead man was restored to life by touching the bones of the prophet Elisha. (2 Kings, 13:21.)

The Levites were given no landed inheritance, but were appointed to be the spiritual guides of the people. (Deut., 18:1-8.)

Blue lace is mentioned in connection with the garments of Aaron as High Priest. (Ex., 28:28.)

1. What was Abraham's wife's name? 2. How old was Noah when he entered the ark?—Lewis Ohlweine, Cromwell, Ind.

3. Where is perfume mentioned in the Bible?—Guy Swafford, New Boston, Ill.

Who are the only three persons mentioned in the Bible whose names commence with the letter F?—Anon.

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 28.

Conundrums—1. Date. 2. Between two seas (two C's). 3. When a ruler. 4. Vowels. 5. Advice.

Anagram—

Ah, well for us all some sweet hope lies
Deeply buried from human eyes,
And in the hereafter angels may
Roll the stone from the grave away.

Hidden Animals—Antelope, alligator, elephant, cows, raccoon, zebra, bear, reindeer, buffalo, seal, elk, mouse, fox, beaver.

Poetical Tangle—

I wait and watch; before my eyes
Methinks the night grows thin and gray.
I wait and watch the Eastern skies
To see the golden sun uprise
Beneath the oriflamme of day.

Word Square—Merita, evened, reamed, inmate, teeter, adders.

Cryptogram—

Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

Indian Warrior—Kooeskoee, the Indian name of John Ross, Chief of the Cherokees.

A Fable—Paramaribo.
A Rude Renegade—Simon Girty.
Cross-word Enigma—Yesterday.
Poet's Enigma—Shakspere.
Author's Enigma—Hugh Conway.
Bible Enigma—The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

CONUNDRUMS.

Shoemakers make shoes without any leather,
With these four elements put together:
Fire, water, earth and air.
Every customer takes two pair.
What are they?

HIDDEN CHILDREN.

1. Island in Pacific. 2. County in Texas. 3. Valley in Nevada. 4. River in Oregon. 5. County in Illinois. 6. City in Italy. 7. Bay in Canada. 8. Town in Dakota.—Clara F. Wedge, Painesville, O.

DOUBLETS.

1. Country in Europe and a fowl.
2. Town in British Columbia and a college.
3. River in Canada and a Saint.
4. Island in the Atlantic and a bird.
5. Mountains in Jamaica and a color.

ANOTHER DISH OF FRUIT—SQUARE WORD.

My first will come as soon as Spring
Her first glad opening day shall bring;
My next is prompt and sprightly, too;
My third our Summer fruits will do;
My fourth our hearts and hands should be;
My fifth a paste from bonny tree.
—Frank W. Combs, Dallson, W. Va.

DIAMOND.

1. A letter. 2. An abbreviation. 3. A complete assortment of type. 4. To hide. 5. Hidden. 6. Cooked by hot vapor. 7. The dried root of a species of orchis. 8. Conducted. 9. A letter.
—Odell Cyclone.

OBLIQUE PUZZLE.

1. The name of a famous strait. 2. A trespasser. 3. Resentful. 4. A musical performer. 5. To remain. 6. The speaker. 7. Apt. 8. An English title. 9. A negative adverb. 10. A Latin conjunction. 11. A sibilent. The initials from the name of an ancient orator.—A. W. Prescott, Mapleton, Dak.

DISSECTED STATES.

I send some dissected States, and to the first one who picks up the pieces and puts them together in their several places, I will send prize.

1, A body. To repot. To ruminate. What the sun does daily.
2. To unite. A pronoun. To sever.
3. Mistake. Girl's nickname. Small draught. Mixed type.
4. To know. To fold. A vowel.
5. Part of body. A method. A chariot.
6. Nothing. Elevated. An exclamation.
7. To stain. Tumult.
8. Disordered. Part of head or face. Hubbub.
9. Girl's name. A nation or people.
10. Girl's name. Pronoun. Girl's name.
—Annie L. Marsh, Saugus, Mass.

A RIDDLE.

Two little brothers the livelong day
Chasing each other, but not for play.

The tall one far outruns the other,
Yet oft is caught by the slower brother.

They never speak an angry word,
Though at day long their voice is heard.

And sometimes in the night,
When I am wrong they set me right.

Can you their names and dwelling tell?
I'm sure you know them very well;

For all their doors are made of glass,
And you may see them as you pass.
—John A. Lytle, Downs, Kan.

RHYMING CHARADE.

[To Annie L. Marsh.]

First.

On England's seagirt isle,
This thrifty city stands;
Her famous docks are open
To ships from other lands.

Second.

In the old State of Maine,
On the mountains by the brook,
Most surely you may see me,
Where'er you chance to look.

Total.

On New England's rockbound shore,
Where the ocean meets the land,
There stands the famous total,
That welcomed a hardy band.
—M. H., North New Castle, Me.

PATRIOTIC TANGLE.

Rof su yeht deid eht barve het eurt,
Nehw eltsab dedoole het lal dnal;
Rof meht ron derates skthna ear edu,
Ewihl yibteir dan nouin dstan.

Novel for first answer.—F. M. Danforth, Newton's Corners, N. Y.

HISTORIC ENIGMA.

Composed of 11 letters and name in history.

My 8, 2, 4, 4 is a medicine;
1, 6, 3, 3 is a partition;
5, 3, 4 is unwell;
7, 6, 8 is an illustration;
4, 6, 1, 10 is part of a yard;
9, 3, 4, 9, 11 is girl's name.
—Ethel Lane, Newton, Kan.

LINCOLN PRIZE ENIGMA.

I am composed of 37 letters.

My 10, 15, 22, 36 is a city in Pennsylvania.
23, 28, 12, 31 is a city in New York.
34, 2, 35, 16 is a city in Arabia.
1, 4, 20, 6, 30 is a kind of grain.
32, 33, 36, 37, 18, 13 is to pursue.
9, 14, 17 is a vessel for holding fluid.
5, 8, 7, 3, 12, 19 is a boy's name.
24, 29, 30, 25, 26 is to hook.
21, 27, 29, 11 is to expect.

My whole is a quotation taken from the second inaugural address of President Lincoln.

Cuff button to the first correct answer.—Chas. D. Smith, DuBois, Pa.

WE ALL SHOULD DO.

I am composed of 14 letters.

My 4, 8, 14 is a spike of corn.
12, 13, 14 is a personal pronoun.
11, 12, 14, 13, 4 is a number.
8, 9, 11 is an insect.
4, 3, 7 is the name of a person spoken of in the Bible.
6, 5 is a word of denial.
8, 1, 2, 6, 7 is without company.
10, 12 is an interjection.

My whole is something we all should do.—Gussie W. Mendum, Kennebunk, Me.

ANOTHER DISH OF FRUIT.

Annie's dessert, after Fred's vegetables, were very good, with the exception of the Sekle pears and the canteloupe, which I found quite hard to digest. Hope the Brain Rackers will be pleased with my contribution. A prize and a complimentary line for first answer. Please give age.

1. A kind of fish, and a place for prisoners.
2. Often used in school, and an excursion.
3. A married man, and handy for dogs.
4. The least possible thing, and a mound.
5. A product of the East Indies, and not quite a name.
6. Used in contempt, and bolsterous.
7. A pure mute, and something some soldiers have lost the use of.
8. A musical prefix, and fruit plucked from the cluster.
9. Indispensible in spelling pepper, and a distributive, adjective pronoun.
10. To decay, and a fruit of the tree Pyrus malus of Linnæus.
11. To develop, and a hard substance if spelled with an I.
—R. Van Winkle, West Coxsackie, N. Y. Box 130.

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.

Isaac N. Harper, of Kinder, Johnson Co., Ind., late of Co. I, 70th Ind., wishes to find some of the comrades who were in No. 1 Hospital, Ward 3, Evansville, Ind., from February to May, 1865, and recollect of his having sore eyes, the result of smallpox.——John Knurr, late Co. I, 183d Ohio, No. 827 South Meridean street, Indianapolis, Ind., wishes to find some of the late officers and comrades of his company, especially Lieut. Jackson, Serg't Flack, Adolph Hillery, and Henry Moses.——Granville Lucas, Stewart, Athens Co., O., requests the name and address of any of the officers or crew of the gunboat called Undine during the war of the rebellion.——Wm. H. Burns, Co. C, 16th Ill., Steubenville, O., wishes to let his old comrades know that he is still living, and would like to hear from any of them, and Co. C especially.——Marl Juengst, 382 W. Town street, Columbus, O., would like to hear from any comrade of Co. F, 185th Ohio, who remembers the circumstances of her husband, Henry Juengst, being thrown from a mule and ruptured.——Alex. Agus, Sharpsville, Pa., would like the addresses of some of the members of Co. K, 107th Pa.——A. G. Heath, Co. C, 45th Ohio, East Liberty, O., would like to hear from some of his comrades.

OUR RURAL TOPICS.

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

SMALL COMPOST HEAPS.

All farmers know the value of "compost" and how to prepare it. Many farmers manufacture hundreds of loads of the best manure in this way. They gather on the premises forest leaves, cornstalks, including the roots, weeds, vines, offal from fence corners, muck from ponds and ditches, occasional sprinklings of lime through the mass, layers of barnyard manure, and thus build up oblong squares and let it remain over Winter. When April arrives the mass has gone through fermentation and comminution, and presents a mound of fertilizing matter better than a small gold mine would be to the proprietor of the farm. But we want to see these compost heaps in the garden, and there is no reason why they should not be there as well as upon the farm. There is rubbish enough in the garden, with the assistance of leaves, some mold from the woods, if attainable; if not, from portions of the premises where it can be spared; scrapings from the turnpike; manure from the stable, and every attainable substance that will decay through the Winter. A little slaked lime will be a good assistance. A half dozen to a dozen loads of excellent manure will be manufactured by the time it is wanted in the Spring, without incurring scarcely any expense.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

THE SEASONS CHANGING.

It is quite evident that the seasons are changing somewhat in this particular: that so far as relates to farming operations they cannot commence as early and are more lengthened out in the Fall. As a general rule it was expected that all hoed crops would receive full attention and be, so to speak, out of the way before haying commenced. But in these times it is not an unusual thing for haying to commence after the first hoeing, and frequently is pressing even at that time. Even now, with haying at hand and some pieces cut, we know of cornfields only prepared for hoeing. The reason seems to be that work cannot commence at Spring as early as formerly, and at the same time the growth of grass remains, in season, about the same time. This condition of things suggests the advantage of underdraining, whereby the soil is fitted for much earlier working than is the case if left to the removal of surface water by the mere natural method of surface evaporation.—*Exchange.*

COLD STORAGE OF FRUITS.

The employment of refrigerator buildings for the storage of some of the more delicate and perishable fruits, is likely to work quite a change in the fruit market and in furnishing fruits out of the season. It is believed that cold-storage houses will keep fruit perfect one-half a year, by which means it can be put upon the market out of its season, bringing it under the class of luxuries, for which a slight additional charge will more than pay for the houses. A chief advantage will come from keeping of bananas and the citrus fruits, that are quickly perishable. In Boston alone, the trade of bananas amounts to $250,000, and with a lengthening of the season, this may be considerably increased. If the cold storage could be made available in the case of strawberries it would afford an opening for greatly increased production, and so of other small fruits. The advance of science and scientific appliances will soon enable consumers to have all kinds of products fresh the year round.

SPREAD THE ASHES.

In farmers' families that use wood for fuel, there is a constant accummulation of ashes that possess a high fertilizing value and should be spread from time to time, so as to get the benefit of their virtues, rather than allow them to accumulate and deteriorate in quantity by being stored in the cellar or other places. They are especially valuable for spreading about fruit trees of all kinds or small-fruits, and their use for this purpose is probably as valuable as any that they can be put to. Do not waste the ashes, even if they are coal ashes.

NOTES.

—Keep the cream in a temperature not higher than 50 until just before churning, when it should be raised to 62 or 64.

—Clean up the places where early peas, potatoes and other early crops have been grown, and set out with late cabbage, a little sweet corn, a few turnips, or other crop; tending these will keep down the weeds, and thus prevent them from going to seed and causing a deal of trouble the following year. Stake up the tomato vines, that they may ripen their fruit without getting in the dirt.

—The growth of a calf that is intended for raising should be pushed from the time it is weaned until a year or so old. Such treatment not only predisposes the calf to take on flesh, but the longer it is continued the sooner the animal will reach maturity. A few nubbins of corn or a handful or two of oats given daily in addition to their grass is the best possible food to hasten their growth, and it is just such a combination as will form flesh and fat.

—Almost every month in the year there is something to be done in the orchard, and now is the time to be looking after the borers. Examine the trunk of each tree near the ground—especially the younger ones—for any little sawdust-like chippings and the hole in the tree, made by the borer, may be easily found just above them. Then, after enlarging the entrance a little with your penknife, insert a wire about the size of a fine knitting-needle. This will easily follow him to his retreat, and with a slight thrust will put an end to him.

—Never use a check-rein upon a horse at work, it being calculated to worry and injure the animal more than the work. If a man has a heavy load to draw he lowers his head by bending forward and throwing the whole weight of his body against it. So does a horse, if he is permitted to do so. But if the man's head were so tied back that he could not bend forward, he would lose the advantage of his weight; just so with the horse. By taking off or loosening the check-rein on a horse at work, you not only increase his muscular power, but abandon a fashion which is both cruel and foolish.

—The *Calistogian* gives this prescription its warmest indorsement: If you have a horse that is in the habit of kicking, put him in a narrow stall that has both sides thickly padded. Suspend a sack filled with hay or straw so that it will strike his heels, and let horse and sack fight it out. Belsure to have things arranged so that the horse cannot hurt himself. The sack will be victorious every time, and in the end the horse will absolutely refuse to kick the sack or anything else.

—Calves can be successfully dehorned without much pain. It should be done as soon as the "button," or the beginning of the horn, is grown out enough to be plainly felt. The skin should be cut around it, and the knife inserted underneath, close down to the skull. If it is not cut down as close as possible, a little stub of a horn will grow, but if all of the incipient horn is removed, there will be none. The wound may be dressed with a little warm tar and a patch of cloth put over it.

—The profits in feeding animals are graduated by age. There is more growth in proportion to the food consumed the first year than the second; more the second than the third; more the third than the fourth. When an animal gets its growth, profit in feeding ceases, except to fill it up. This is limited and only takes a short time. After this period food only repairs waste, and there is no profit in this unless an animal is at work. The repair of waste, or restoring it in its kind, is repaid only in the fertilizing material it affords. When there is growth with food, there is double profit. This is the farmer's placer.—*Farm Journal.*

Usurping the Place of Liquor.

The physicians are still testing the Moxie Nerve Food plant, which is creating so much stir. It is believed now that it will make the liquor trade unprofitable by usurping its place. It is satisfying the drinker better, and leaving only the best results. Its power to recover nervous exhaustion is said to be the most remarkable, and leaves no more reaction than food. It is said to be curing old drinkers of the liquor habit by the thousand. Nervous, tired-out people take to it like mad, as, unlike stimulants, it leaves people solid and strong permanently.

SUNDAY MEDITATION.

Practical Duties Taught by a Study of the International Sunday-school Lesson Appointed for Aug. 28. St. Matt., 6:1-15.

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

SUBJECT: HOW TO PRAY. THE LORD'S PRAYER THE MODEL.

The present lesson relates mainly to the Lord's Prayer, and we shall hence give it special study.

1. AUTHOR OF THE PRAYER.

It is called the Lord's Prayer. It is not his because he used it when he prayed. He could not offer such a petition. No perfectly holy being could use it. It has petitions inapplicable to him; *e. g.*, "Forgive us." He never sinned. He could be our Exemplar in the acts of prayer, but not in the items of petition. He prayed much, but never in the words of the Lord's Prayer. It is the Lord's (Christ's) Prayer in the sense of his being its Author. The expression the "Lord's Prayer" is ambiguous. One would think the meaning to be that the Prayer is one which Christ held as his own favorite form of petition. The Lord's Prayer is the Lord's because he taught it to his followers; because he framed it, and so has ownership of it by authorship.

St. Luke tells us (11:1) how Christ came to give the world this form of prayer. It is said one of his Disciples of a time spoke thus to him: "Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his Disciples." In response to this request our Savior taught his followers what has since been known as the Lord's Prayer.

2. ORIGIN OF THE PRAYER.

Whence did Christ get it? Was it original with him? Did he borrow it, or any portion of it, from anybody, book, tradition? We now reach very disputed territory.

We cannot suppose that, when the Disciples wanted Christ to furnish them a prayer, he picked up some prayer already in form and told them to adopt that outright. We think, on the contrary, he proceeded to frame a prayer which can be said to be substantially his own composition.

It has been thought Christ gathered it from the Old Testament. This is possible. We can show how easily he could thus have collated it. On "Our Father," see Isa., 64:8. On "Which art in Heaven," see Eec., 5:2. On "Hallowed be thy Name," see Ps., 48:10. On "Thy Kingdom come," see Ps., 22:28. On "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven," see Ps., 40:8 and 103:20. On "Give us this day our daily bread," see Prov., 30:8. On "Forgive us our debts," see Ex., 34:9. On "As we forgive our debtors," see Lev., 19:18. On "Lead us not into temptation," see Gen., 22:1. On "Deliver us from evil," see Ps., 50:15. On "For thine is the Kingdom," etc., see 1 Ch., 29:11. But this is not a very satisfactory accounting for the Prayer. In the same way in which we can pick out the Lord's Prayer from the Old Testament, taking a word here and another there, we could collate almost any brief form of words from the Jewish Bible. It is possible our Savior had in mind the verses in the Old Testament which we have grouped opposite the parts of the Lord's Prayer, but only possible. It is, however, beautiful to notice the harmony of expression which prevails in both Testaments.

Others have believed our Savior gathered the Prayer from the Service Books used by the