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Answers to last month's Puzzles.

1. Intaglio. 2. (1.) Bath, (2.) Portsmouth, (3.) Chatham, (4.) Plymouth, (5.) Chester, (6.) Rochester, (7.) Hull, (8.) Hull, (9.) London.

No. 3.—

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No. 6.— Atramentaceous.

No. 7.—

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No. 8.—

AZOTH  
ZAMIA  
OMBER  
TIERS  
HARSH

No. 9.—Heart: hear; ear: are.

No. 10.—

J  
GE  
LET  
CANT  
LABEE  
GENLRA  
JETTEAU

No. 11.— Aground; ground; round; bound; found; mound; hound; pound; sound; wound.

IN THE NICK OF TIME.



Jack—Hello, Tom!

Tom—Hello!

Jack—Say, since you have some money now, could you let me have that small amount you owe me?—N. Y. Herald.



—PUZZLES.—

TEN cents will be paid for each original puzzle, upon publication, that is sent us. At the end of every three months, all puzzles that have been published during that time will be paid for. No obsolete words allowed. All puzzles and their answers must be written upon a separate sheet of paper, with your "nom de plume" at the bottom of each sheet.

CONDITIONS.

1. All puzzles or answers must be in by January 20, 1893.
2. No one will be given first prize unless he (or she) sends a complete list of solutions.
3. ONLY subscribers of this paper and members of the MOLINE PUZZLE CLUB will be allowed to compete. If you are not a subscriber you can send in your subscription with your list.
5. No one will be allowed a prize if not more than half solved.

To the first person sending a complete list of answers to this month's puzzles, we will give a cash prize of \$5 00; to the next, a copy of the "Golden Manual"; to the next a stamp album, valued at \$2 50; to the next a copy of the "Life of Gen. Sherman"; to the next a nearly new book entitled "The Sword and the Pen"; to the next two, each a year's subscription to the largest and best monthly paper; to the next, a book entitled "In the Heart of Africa"; to the next a book entitled "Mike Fletcher"; to the next five, each a year's subscription to the best quarterly paper; to the next five, each a large novel; to the next twenty-five each a complete novel.

1.—Double Diamond.

FIRST DIAMOND:—A letter; a verb; a boast; also; a letter.

SECOND DIAMOND:—A letter; at all; a fruit; to use as means; a letter.

CROSS-WORD:—A species of berry-bearing heath.

Moline, Ill., "THE TOURIST."

2.—Transposition.

Lal ybos dna rilgs sdluho njo! het gnedlo rshuo pzleuz blue.

Milwaukee, Wis., "Number 10551"

3.—Numerical Enigma.

The whole eight letters is a curious vegetable.

1, 5, 3, 4 is a rope employed to pull the lower corner of a sail to studding boom.

6, 7, 8 is a farmer's instrument.

3, 2, 8 is a farthing.

Moline, Ill., "THE TOURIST."

4.—Hour Glass.

Lying down; verily; a goddess; a letter; to sprinkle; a measure; a title of respect;

CENTRAL DOWN:—A compound of quassia; cocculus; indiens, etc.

Moline, Ill., "THE TOURIST."

## 5.—Charade.

I sit on my throne 'mid the northern stars,  
 And hold in my grasp the earth, moon and Mars;  
 The sun I feed with my bolts of fire,  
 And drive the spheres in my awful ire.  
 I break the chains of a thousand worlds,  
 From star to planet my bolts I hurl —  
 And as you gaze at my northern sky,  
 You can see the flash of my vivid eye.  
 I trace the comet's elongated course  
 From farthest place to its primitive source,  
 And through endless space my message send,  
 From out of the beginning to past the end.  
 I fill the air, the earth and the sky,  
 And woe to those who my powers defy;  
 But let science extend her youthful hand,  
 And lo! I'm ever at her command.  
 Call me but once to your aid on earth,  
 And I'll fill the world with my excellent worth;  
 Your ships propel, your cars I'll speed,  
 With the powers of Jove on his thundering steed.  
 Your mills shall feel my thrilling nerve;  
 Your every want and need I'll serve,  
 Your fires shall burn with heat untold—  
 Your lights shall shine like burnished gold.  
 The earth, the seas, the air are mine—  
 All space and plant-worlds that shine—  
 My fervent heat, my lightning strokes,  
 Their homage and reverence provokes.  
 My arms, like Vulcaus, send afar,  
 The flashing sparks from the polar star—  
 They cleve the ocean's depths with glee,  
 And dance among the glaciers free.  
 The yawning chasms are my abode;  
 I visit the rocks in the silv'ry lode;  
 I climb the peaks of the mountains grand,  
 And leap o'er ocean past the farthest strand.  
 And on I bound through orbits wide,  
 And on! and on! like an endless tide;  
 With an instant flash, I speed me on,  
 Past time, through space, and on, and on — —

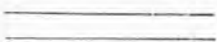
## 6—Charade.

The teacher sat down on a chair,  
 Upon which SECOND FIRST had been placed.  
 Then how the teacher did swear,  
 As he felt of the spot, defaced.

The teacher did find the rascally boy,  
 That put SECOND FIRST on the chair,  
 And he shook him as if he were a toy,  
 Till he, worse than the teacher did fare.

The youngster made haste to decamp,  
 There THIRD discharging him was no need ;  
 His father a WHOLE made for the scamp,  
 To make him remember the deed.

Moline, Ill.                      "The Tourist."



## 7—Word Square.

An animal ; severity ; nutritious food ;  
 one of the nine honorable ordinaries.

Moline, Ill.                      "The Tourist."



## 8—Diamond.

A letter ; the second month of the Jewish  
 sacred year ; a disease ; property ; a letter.

Moline, Ill.                      "The Tourist."

## 9—Charade.

Well TOTAL with a dicer high,  
 Augustus went to see  
 His girl—the apple of his eye,  
 A beauty fair was she.

That night accepted was the youth.  
 This did not swell his head ;  
 His FIRST still fitted him in truth  
 As homeward then he sped.

No farmer was he, and no hay  
 Did he e'er have to LAST,  
 But married he will be some day  
 And be 'mongst martyrs classed.

Philadelphia, Pa.              "Arty Fishel."



## 10—Numerical.

3, 2, 1 is to fold ; 3, 4, 5, 6 is loose ; 6, 7, 8, 9 is  
 eager. The whole is a covered carriage.

Moline, Ill.                      "The Tourist."



## 11—Double Cross Word Enigma.

In "kite."

In "bite."

In "night."

The whole, when you perceive,  
 Is an animal that can deceive.

Moline, Ill.                      "The Tourist."

### General Rule.

No one will be allowed to win a prize in the Puzzle, Quotation and Word Contest departments more than once in every three months.

### Solvers.

The following sent solutions to the "Puzzle Column": John Williams, Charles Atkinson and A. J. Adams, Jr.; we also received a solution list from the Diamond Club, of Philadelphia, Pa., signed by the following members: "Ambassador," "Nypho," "Holly," "Faraway," "Joel H. Hint," "Brom Bones," "Fisco," "Flamy," "Nedmac," "Arty Fishel."

### Editorial and Review.

We are astonished that notwithstanding our liberal inducements to send in answers to our various contests, only some responded; those sent answers to the puzzles, but not one sent in an answer to our quotations.

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Although the time for sending in answers to our "Word Contest" does not expire before the middle of December, we have received ONE LIST NOW.

\* \* \*

We should think that the Diamond Club could realize more answers to our puzzles than they did, for the list they sent failed to substantiate their hitherto most excellent reputation.

By the way, news has reached us that they celebrated in great style on Columbus Day, but whether they were puzzled to know where to stow away the many good things there were to be eaten, or whether they were puzzled to know where to get the many good things to eat, is not stated.

\* \* \*

A son of our postmaster was in St. Louis last month and going into McKeel's establishment, bought a packet of stamps just in order "to see how C. H. looked," but he was nowhere to be seen, he probably being in an ante-room eagerly perusing a copy of our last number.

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In our next number we shall begin printing notes from Philadelphia and New York, but not knowing any efficient person in New York, would like to get some able member of the Conundrum Club. Please correspond. Name your own terms.

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We wish to state that "A Puzzler's Bride," which appeared in our last number, was expressly written for "PUZZLEDOM."

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"The North Star" has a pretty good puzzle column, its only fault in the October issue is that it announces that one of the answers had been lost!

# Supplement to "Puzzledom."

VOL. I.

No. 2

## An Apology.

I beg to offer an apology for not having issued this number earlier, but as we shall relate, you will see that we were not entirely at fault. We sent the manuscript to the printer, L. B. Stull, of Mazeppa, Minn., on the 12th of November. We hoped that the paper would be ready and have arrived at Moline about Thanksgiving, but in this we were doomed to disappointment. There seems there was something that Mr. Stull wished to consult me about, and accordingly wrote me a letter; this letter must have been missent or lost in some unaccountable way, for it never reached our office at Moline.

In the meantime I was waiting for the papers and when, a few days before Thanksgiving, they had not arrived, I thought they would be here the next day. When Thanksgiving came and yet no papers, I began to wonder, thought that there was something the matter with the printer, in fact laid the blame all at his feet; looked at the route over which they would come and found that the rail-

way connection was very bad, in fact there would have to be two or three changes of trains along the route and thought that probably they had been delayed, so I waited until the 25th of November. During this time I had not written the printer and he also began wondering what was the matter with me; so he wrote and asked why I had not answered his former letter. Then I began to see through it all; he had waited for an answer to a letter which I had not received. When I found out this, it would be too late to call it the November number, so it was changed to the December number, and this supplement added. It looks rather funny to see a Thanksgiving story in a December paper but it could not be helped. The names of solvers to this month's puzzles and quotations will appear in our February number, as the time allotted for the answers does not expire before the 15th of January. Our January number will be printed on or about January 20th. Trusting that this will prove satisfactory, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
A. W. RUNDQUIST, Jr.

## PUZZLEDOM

The December number of the "MATERIA MYSTICA," Box 187, Bangor, Pa., will contain such a variety of puzzle matter that none will regret having sent ten cents for a copy. Subscription 50 cts. a year.

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THE GALAXY OF MUSIC for November has reached us, and we must state that its forty-eight pages of music contain very many gems indeed. Price 10 cts. or \$1.00 a year. F. Triplet, 408 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

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A copy of the "WEEKLY KICKER," 9 Air Hill St., Dubuque, Ia., has arrived; as announced, it is published by "A PAIR OF KIDS." It seems "SHORT STOPS IN GOOD NEWS" has been taken from, in order to help fill half their space.

\* \* \*

The "CHICAGO STAMP NEWS," with its November number, commences the first number of its second volume. A glance at the picture of Mr. A. P. Hosmer goes to show that not "all stamp collectors are boys" as some yet express themselves. It will be sent free. Mention this paper.

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The September and November numbers of the Home and Mast, have shown up. It is THE paper for ex-changers. East Boston, Mass.

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS has found another rival. Its name being THE WEEKLY PHILATELIST; though being only one-fourth as large as Mekeel's, we predict for it a successful career. All SONS OF PHILATELIA should help to support the paper, and should do as we have done. Send in a subscription. New Chester, Adams Co., Pa.

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MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS comes as regularly as clock work, its contents needs no comment, as they are always of the best, anyhow. 1007-1011 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

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"PLAIN TALK" 5 Beekman St., New York, N. Y., has at last arrived. It has not been published regularly for the last six months, but combines two months at the time.

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All philatelists should not forget to send for a catalogue of the first Auction Sale held under the auspices of the Western Philatelic Union. We have been favored with a copy, and find it complete with very scarce stamps and extreme rarities. B. S. Ross, 34 Wieland St., Chicago, Ill.

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Do not forget that we shall circulate 2250 copies of our next number, thus making a total of 5000 copies for the first three months. Good record, isn't it? Rates will soon be advanced.

"Ink Drops," of Fargo, N. D., comes to us printed on very fine paper, and consists of four pages. If it was printed on a little less finer paper and would consist of more pages it probably would be yet more appreciated.

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Advertisers! Do you not think that our paper is deserving of a small share of your patronage? Ponder over this and then let us know the result of your reflection in the shape of a small "ad."

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### Philatelic Phunnyism.

Small Boy—(in stamp dealer's office.) "Is not this Mexican stamp a counterfeit?"

Stamp Dealer:—"No. Why?"

S. B.:—"But isn't it an UN REAL stamp?"

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We heartily agree with P. M. Wolf-sieffer in McKeel's Weekly Stamp News, about forming an Illinois Philatelic Society, and should be glad to correspond with any philatelists in Illinois on the matter. Could it not be made a State Branch of the S. of P. or the A. P. A.?

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The Sons of Philatelia have now the most members of any stamp society in the United States, if not in the world. It is the society to join.

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**SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

We send a copy of our first number to all editors who did not receive one last month in order to let them have a complete file.

\* \*

It is not necessary for us to explain what our Christmas number will contain, but we will hint that many good little things, (large ones too,) will be found in it. We will also announce another contest.

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"One Dime" arrived this month containing only auction sales and poetry (?). We think its editor must have "auction sales" on the brain.

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The reason we have combined the October and November numbers was, that our September number did not come out before the middle of October, leaving us no time to prepare another number in that month.

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Where are our exchanges? We sent out a lot of our last numbers to amateur publishers, in exchange, but have not received more than five or six of their publications. This month we take courage to send to our superior contemporaries.

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Philatelic Readers! We have found that some of our readers are stamp collectors and in order to please all we shall start a "philatelic column" in our December or January numbers in which the latest stamp news will be published.

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**Subscribe! Subscribe!**

**Dubill Diamond's Determination.**

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Dubill came in and receiving his papers, sprang lightly up the stairs to his room, and after tearing off the wrapper, rapturously turned over page after page, gazing eagerly at the prizes offered, but gloomily thinking of his present situation, his lack of work, lack of money, and last, of course, lack of food and clothing. It was now nearly the first of November, lacking only eight days, and as it was getting pretty cold, and he was not getting any work, it was doubtful when he could get some warmer clothing, and then Thanksgiving not so far away, with no prospect of getting a turkey not even a chick—"Eh! What's this!" Dubill murmured, as bewildered, startled and confused he gazed at one of the pages of the lately arrived puzzle journals on which was printed in large letters:

THE LARGEST SINGLE PRIZE EVER OFFERED  
FOR SOLVING PUZZLES.

**\$100.00 FIRST PRIZE!**

The above amount will be given to the first one sending us a correct solution of the following puzzles.

"And only ten puzzles altogether," he ejaculated. But upon further in-

vestigation it proved that every puzzle was as hard to solve as any ten ordinary puzzles, and not very ordinary ones at that.

During the time that was not spent in hunting for work and the time spent in working at what he could get, he was laboring at those wonderful puzzles, firmly resolved to get that, to him, astounding amount of money.

"Just think if I should get it," he was thinking to himself, on the evening of the first of November, as he sat working at the seventh puzzle, having already gotten the correct answers to the first six; it was getting to be nearly twelve o'clock and he had only completed the seventh and part of the eighth puzzle, when he began to get tired and laying down his pencil, he quit work. Upon going to bed he found it impossible to sleep; again as he was dozing off, he kept thinking "if I should get it, if I should get it," meanwhile visions of turkey and all the necessary articles of a rousing Thanksgiving dinner were fitting in the wildest disorder through his brain until he fell asleep. This sleep proved to be the most eventful and the best paying of any sleep ever indulged in before by any puzzleistic individual.

After an hour's sleep, Dubill became aware of the fact that another occupied the same room that he was in and turning quickly around, saw the

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## Authors of Last Month's Quotations.

1. Horace.
2. Ovid.
3. Plautus.
4. Seneca.
5. Young.
6. Longfellow.
7. Shakespeare.
8. Xenophon.
9. Voltaire.
10. J. C. and A. W. Hare.
11. Longfellow.
12. Richter.
13. Churchill.
14. Franklin.
15. Jeremy Taylor.
16. Froude.
17. C. C. Colton.
18. A'Kempis.
19. Carlyle.

### Quotations.

To the first person sending us a COMPLETE list of AUTHORS of the following quotations, we will give a cash prize of \$5.00; to the second, a book entitled "The Golden Manual;" to the next a book entitled "Life of P. T. Barnum;" to the next two, each a year's subscription to the largest and best monthly paper; to the next, a book entitled "Twenty Years After;" to the next, a book entitled "Science in Short Chapters;" to the next ten, each a year's subscription to a large quarterly paper; to the next ten, each a large novel; to the next twenty-five, each a complete novel; a total of \$16.05.

## Conditions.

1. No one will be given first prize unless a complete list of the authors' names is sent us.
  2. No one will be given any other prize if his or her list does not contain the names of one-half of the authors.
  3. Only members of BRANCH 223, GOLDEN HOURS CLUB, can compete.
  4. If you are not a member, you can send in the dues with the list.
  5. All lists received after Jan. 1st, 1893, will be void.
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1. Things forbidden have a secret charm.
  2. As we advance in life, we learn the limits of our abilities.
  3. Beautiful in form and feature,  
Lovely as the day;  
Can there be so fair a creature  
Formed of common clay?
  4. Handsome is that handsome does.
  5. Let our object be, our country,  
our whole country, and nothing but  
our country.
  6. Simple duty hath no place for  
fear.
  7. The eyes are the pioneers that  
first announce the soft tale of love.
  8. The only way to have a friend is  
to be one.
  9. Genius can never despise labor.
  10. The more we know of any one  
ground of knowledge, the farther we  
see into the general domain of intellect.
  11. There is a sweet joy which  
comes to us through sorrow.

12. Men's thoughts are much according to their inclination.

13. Thought once awakened does not again slumber.

14. The most beautiful object in the world, it will be allowed, is a beautiful woman.

15. Words are women, deeds are men.

16. The remedy is worse than the disease.

17. Excess of wealth is the cause of covetousness.

18. I would rather excel others in knowledge than in power.

19. No sadder proof can be given by a man of his own littleness than disbelief in great men.

20. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

21. On their own merits modest men are dumb.

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**Dubill Diamond's Determination.**

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most comical little man in the world, in fact it was a regular dwarf, standing at the foot of his bed. He paled a little on seeing the dwarf beckoning, as if wanting him to follow.

Tremblingly creeping out of bed, he followed that little individual, mystified, thinking that he was walking in Wonderland, as he saw the little dwarf apparently walking in the air, and upon trying to do it himself found that it was not very difficult after all. But serious doubts began to assail him. "Whoever heard of people walking in the air?" he thought. "I guess I am about going crazy," was the only conclusion he could get at, until the dwarf opened the door to the room in which he had been puzzling on the previous evening, and advanced to the table upon which were lying the answers to the puzzles he had solved.

"Can dwarfs have an interest in puzzling?" he soliloquized to himself, but was interrupted by the dwarf, who smilingly remarked: "Do you really want to get the answers to the last three puzzles?"

Before Dubill could reply, he again said "Of course you do." "If you do as I tell you, you shall have the answers," he remarked. "Now bring me a sheet of paper, and write down the

answers as I give them to you," he said, at the same time tearing the paper Dubill had given him, into bits, and telling Dubill the answers to each definition, one word for each bit of paper that he tore off, until he had given Dubill the answers to the three puzzles wanted. Mrs. Diamond could be heard at the bottom of the stairs, calling wildly for Dubill to "get up." Dubill opened his eyes and saw that he was standing in the room where, on the evening before, he had tried to solve those puzzles; before him on the carpet, instead of seeing the dwarf, what was his amazement to see his pet dog vainly endeavoring to chew up the paper on which were his solutions, and before him on the table lay the answers to the **THREE LAST PUZZLES.**

"Answers to seven puzzles lost and three gained," he ruefully remarked, as he proceeded to pick up the papers on the floor. "Hold on!" he exclaimed, and running joyfully to a bureau in the room, he dived into one of the drawers and extracted therefrom another sheet of paper, on which were written the answers to the **FIRST SEVEN PUZZLES.**

He had rewritten them on account of the first not being written clearly enough. All this had not taken more

than five minutes, but Dubill was improving the time by thumping the floor with his bare feet, at the same time yelling at the top of his voice, of course it was all for joy. Happening to stop a second for more breath he heard a racket and a terrible din at the foot of the stairs, which upon investigation proved to come from Mrs. Diamond, who was shouting herself hoarse wishing to know if Dubill was ever going "to get up and come to breakfast?"

Hastily dressing himself, he quickly wrote to the puzzle editor of the paper which had offered the \$100.00 prize, and enclosed the answers to all the ten puzzles; then merrily running off to the post-office, mailed the letter, caring neither for breakfast nor anything else. After having mailed the letter, he thought a moment for himself and then exclaimed, "What a fool I have been anyway, to think that no one else could solve those puzzles and win the prize!"

These reflections caused him to become gloomy and thinking that if he did not win the prize how much he had done for nothing, and then the breakfast. "Well, I'll have to work on

an empty stomach, I suppose," he remarked.

During the time that intervened before Thanksgiving day Dubill did his work as if in a daze, sometimes imagining that he would get the prize, but more often he felt like kicking himself for his stupidity in supposing that he would get the prize; when he did not send the list before the last moment and when there were so many other puzzlers of greater experience. At last that memorable Thanksgiving morning arrived. Dubill was up rather early, but why being up early would bring the mail carrier earlier, he did not state. When the carrier did come around, he received a letter which made him wild with excitement. Tearing it hastily open, he grasped the enclosed check, and electrified Mrs. Diamond by screaming in at the door "I've got it! I've got it!" then dashing off to the bank, cashed the check, and depositing \$75.00, he rushed off and ordered so many things for dinner that they did not get dinner before two o'clock. You may be sure that that dinner was the most enjoyed in that far off country. Alaska.

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