CAN YOU ANSWER THEM? These Problems Seem Extremely Simple, but

Can You Solve Them? If a goose weighs ten pounds and half its own weight what is the weight of the goose? Who has not been tempted to reply on the instant fitteen pounds?-the correct answer being, of course, twenty pounds. It is as tonishing what a very simple query will sometimes catch a wise man napping. Even the following have been known to

How many days would it take to cut up a piece of cloth fifty yards long, one yard being cut off every day?

A snail climbing up a pole twenty feet high ascends five feet every day and slips down four feet every night. How long will the snail take to reach the top of the

A wise man having a window one yard high and one yard wide, requiring more light, enlarged his window to twice its former size, yet the window was still only one yard high and one yard wide. How was this done?

This was a catch question in geometry, as the preceding were catch questions in arithmetic. The window was diamondshaped at first, and was afterwards square.

As to the two former, perhaps it is scarcely necessary seriously to point out that the answer to the first is not fifty days, but forty-nine; and to the second not twenty days, but sixteen-since the snail who gains one foot each day for fitteen days climbs on the fourteenth day to the top of the pole and remains.

### The Red Hand of Ulster.

An open red hand figures in the arms of province of Ulster, of the O'Neills and of a number of the less Irish families. Tradition says that The O'Neill, a daring adventurer, having vowed to be first to touch the shores of Ireland, but finding that his boat was falling behind the others, cut off his hand and flung it on the shore to fulfil his vow. The O'Neills form one of the five ancient royal families of Ireland. In 1611, Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tryone, nicknamed "Red Hugh" and "The Red Hand of Ulster," was charged with conspiracy and attained of treason. His possessions, five hundred thousand acres in Ulster, escheated to the English crown, and on these lands was formed the so-called "plantation" of James I., who created two hundred baronets, on payment of one thousand pounds each, "for the amelioration of Ulster." These new baronets were allowed to place on their coat-armor the red hand of Ulster.

Odd Facts About the United States Seven states do not class Washington's

birthday as a legal holiday. All the signers of the Declaration of Independence had smooth faces.

Thd head of a man does not appear on any coin of the United States. Seven states have no mottoes-viz., New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina,

Ohio, Indiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Statisticians declare that the Indian population is nearly as large today as it was at the time of Columbus; consequently the North American Indian is not a "vanish-

The Dismal Swamp is not a swamp at all; neither is it dismal and unhealthy. It is a beautiful stretch of clear water and the healthiest place on the American continent, some people maintain.

## Rapid Transit,

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## A Distinction With a Difference.

The comic papers often contain paragraphs that may well start people on a most profitable train of thought. The following is from Truth, but is not at all inappropriate for Sunday reading: Jones-Will you put in a little something

to help along a contribution box? Brown-No sir; I don't believe in boning the public for missions and things. Religion should be self-supporting. Jones-Yes, but this isn't that kind of a box, you know; it's a little mill we're getting up between Billy the kid-

Brown-Ah, I see! Certainly I'll help. When does it take place?

## A Reasonable Explanation.

Leader Lynching Party— "It's been proved that this horse is Si Silo's and you was ridin' on 'im. Now, wot you got to say before we string yeh up? Horse Thief-The horse disappeared the night o' the cylcone, didn't he "Y-e-s."

"Well, I happened along about that time, and th' cyclone blew the horse out o' th' barn and blew me onto his back, and w'en I came to my sinses I was forty miles

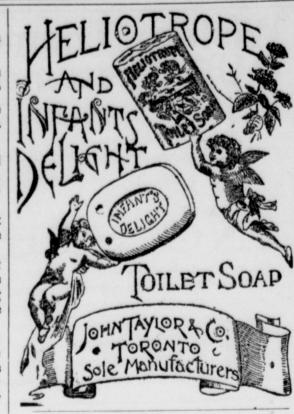
"Waal, that's reasonable. Beg pardon fer suspectin' yeh."

## "If Wine is Poison, so is Tea."

Experiments which have just been made by Prof. Schutzenstein show conclusively that both coffee and tea not only retard, but are detrimental to digestion. The ordinary gastric juice will digest 94 per cent. of egg albumen in eight hours. When tea is added only 66 per cent. was digested, and with coffee only 61 per cent. The digestion was invariably in proportion to the strength of the decoction. He also shows that tea just made is less injurious than tea which is made any length of time.

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A Few Definitions Which Differ Materially From Those of Blackstone.

"It takes a Western man to be original," said Representative Mercer, of Nebraska, recently. "I received a letter the other day regarding a pension case. In it was enclosed the card of a citizen of Auburn who announced himself upon it as 'a good one-horse lawyer.' On the other side of the card he had printed a number of definitions, which, I think, are good enough to reproduce."

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"I thought a man who was as honest as this lawyer seemed to be ought to be helped," said Mr. Mercer, "and I hunted up the status of his pension the very next day."

Why Murray is The Best.

How apt we are to estimate the character of a man according to his estimate of ours, and when we discover that the other man has dropped us down a peg or two, what a foolish unworthy fellow he is, anyhow! A writer in the 'Westminster Gazette' tells a story which exemplifies this characteristic to a dot: 'I was sitting one day nnder the shade of the Sphinx, turning for some petry point of detail to my Baedeker. The sheikh of the pyramids looked at me sadly, and shook his head. 'Murray good,' he said, in a solemn voice of warning. Baedeker no good. What for you use Baedeker?' Now I don't wish to disparage

Mr. Murray's excellent handbook for Egypt-one of the best of his series; but being thus put upon my mettle, I answered off hand, 'No, no, Baedeker is best. Why do you object to Baedeker?' The sheikh crossed his hands and looked down on me with the pitying eyes of Islam. 'Baedeker bad book,' he repeated; 'Murray very good. Murray say: "Give the sheikh half a crown." Baedeker say: "Give the sheikh a shilling.",

The Great Key Trick.

I was pushing my way in a great crowd one day to an entertainment given by a celebrated conjurer, when I felt somebody behind at my coat pocket. Hastily putting my hand in, I tound a key there. I took it out and put it in the pocket of a friend of mine who was near. In the course of the entertainment the conjurer was performing with a key, which he made vanish and appear again. "There! it's gone again! There it goes! Don't you see it? It's gone into the pocket of that gentleman over there. You've got it, haven't you, sir?" and he pointed to me. I put my hand in my pocket, and said, . Oh, yes, here it is; I feel it. It's gone again! It's gone into the pocket of that gentleman." I pointed to the man in whose pocket I had put it, and there, of course, it was found. The conjurer came quietly to me afterwards, and offered me five dollars to show him the trick. Needless to say, I accepted the

Mike Took the Direct Line.

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Equal to the Occasion.

A man at a Glasgow hotel in a loud tone of voice called his triend back just as he was leaving the dining room, and then whispered to him. 'How tar would you have got if I hadn't called you back?' The other straightening himself up, replied in a tone loud enough for all to hear: 'No, sir. I won't lend you five pounds. I haven't got it on me, and it I had I would not let you have it until you paid me what you borrowed two months ago.' His friend will never call him back again in a public dining room.

A Young Mathematican. "Gold is a precious metal," explained the professor, "because of its scarcity. All the gold now in use in the world," he added, referring to a memorandum on the fly-leaf of the text book he was using. 'according to careful and trustworthy estimates, could be put within the walls of a room 14 feet square. "So could all the silver in the world," suggested a little redheaded boy in the class, "if you made the ceiling of the room high enough."

Her Face Was Familiar. Teddie Thoughtless-Am I mistaken, Miss-aw-Vanderwhack, in thinkingaw-that we have met before? Miss Vanderwhack-Why, yes, we have met. We had the last waltz together, you know. Teddie Thoughtless, (triumphantly)—Aw
—I thought so, haw, haw! I was pawsitive we had met before. I nevah forget a face, Miss Vanderwhack.

Young Saphead-Do you know, Miss Vassar, I've a gweat mind to fwighten you by wocking the boat! an)— A young man like you tried that Connors HOTEL,

with me once, and the boat upset. 'Did it, weally ? What did you do ?' 'I swam ashore and notified the coroner.'

Napoleon was a very awkward dancer On one occasion he danced with a countess, who could not conceal her blushes at his ridiculous postures. On leading her to her seat he remarked, "The fact is, madam, my forte is not so much in dancing myself as in making others dance."

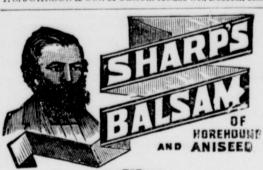
The Arabs have no "Hullo!" in their language. The nearest they come to it is to throw a stone and hit a man in the back, and then ask him, as he turns round, "Does it please Heaven to give you good health this morning ?"

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ed by the Empress. Napoleon forbade the use of cotton or of foreign wood for the furniture of the imperial palaces; he desired that the people who were invited to the drawing rooms at court should dress only in silk, so as to encourage the Lyons manufacturies. He declared war on Indian cashmeres, but his power was impotent against the tyranny of fashion, and against routine. The emperor threatened the empress in vain that he would throw her cashmere shawls into the fire. The empress used to answer him that as soon as they could give her stuffs as light and warm as the cashmere woolens

she would be very glad to wear them. The emperor encouraged the manufacturers of French shawls, and commissioned Isabey to make the designs of a magnificent woollen stuff like cashmere, on a white ground, with which a shawl and a dress were made. Marie Louise wore them with some reluctance; these stuffs had not the softness which they have since acquired. The empress used to complain with reason that her dress "griped" whenener she went near the fire.

Sensitive Senators.

There has been no lack of evidence of late that United States senators are becoming painfully sensitive. The latest illustration of the thinness of their epidermis is rather pointed and ridiculous. A bill passed the House a tew days ago providing new penalties for embezzelment from national banks and for counterfeiting. A dozen senators were asked to propose an amendment to this bill, debarring any person who had been guilty of embezzlement from a national bank from holding a seat in the Senate. Not one could be found to father the proposition, and the reason given was that some of their number might take such a suggestion as a personal allusion.

Oil on Troubled Waters.

That oil will still troubled waters is not a recent discovery, but the explanations of the phenomenon are varied. The fact that animal and vegetable oils are more efficient than mineral oils has led to the discovery that the active agent oleic acid. A drop of this acid weighing 5-100 of a grain thrown on water has the power of moving a five pound board floating on the surface, and its spreading capacity is so great that it will instantly thin out into a sheet one-millionth of an inch in thickness. It is the element in oils which prevents the frictional action of air.

Not the Old Racket.

The susceptible young man had asked the girl to be his wite. 'I am very sorry,' she said, 'very, very sorry; but it can never be. I can be a sis—' His face grew hard. 'Let up on that, will you please?' he growled, 'it's bad enough for a tellow to be rejected, without having that sister racket fired at him.' 'I beg pardon,' she smiled coldly; 'I had not intended anything of the sort. What I was about to say was that I would be a sister-in-law to you. For further particulars, consult your good-looking brother. Good morning.'

His Rule. A well-known lawyer on circuit in the north of England, surious to know how a certain juryman arrived at hls verdict, meeting him one day, ventured to ask. 'Well,' replied he, 'I'm a plain man, and I like to be fair to everyone. I don't go by what the witnesses say, and I don't go by what the lawyers say, and I don't go by what the judge says; but I looks at the man in the dock, and I says: 'He' must have done something or he wouldn't be there,' so I brings 'em all in guilty.'

Their Pedigrees.

"Yes," boasted an Englishman in the west, "I have Tudor blood in my veins from my mother's side of the family, and Plantagenet blood on my father's." "Is that so?" said a citizen. "My blood is a little mixed, too. My grandfather was a Jersey tenderfoot an' my grandmother a Nigger Indian squaw. We are both halfbreeds, stranger. Shake!"

A Child's Vocabulary. The statement that a child five and a half years of age would not have more than 150 words in its vocabulary that it was able to use understandingly, led a careful mother to note for a month the number of words used by her child. All the parts of speech used were recorded, with the result that in this case the child appeared to have a vocabulary of 1,528 words.

Did Her Best. Husband-Our bills for household expenses are as large as ever. I told you to reduce them.' Wife-'I did. I took from ten to twenty dollars off of each one of them, but the tradesmen acted so about it I thought you'd better go around and re-

duce them yourself.'

Tommy's Example. "Can any little boy here," asked the viaitor, "give me an example of the expansion of substances by heat?" "I can," said Tommy; "our dog's tongue is twice as long now as it was last winter."

Nat Goodwin denies vociterously that he has bought a country place in England. "Fiddlesticks!" he says, "I've had enough of England to last me for at least 10 seasons. There's nothing but water there. It rained, or drizzled, or oozed all the time I was away. So I'm glad to get back to America, where there is less water and more good whiskey.'

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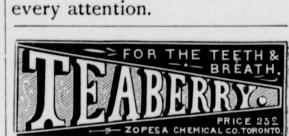
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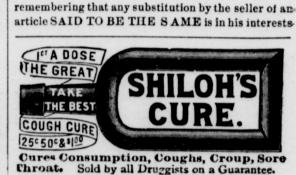


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