

## Poetry.

## THE YEAR OF RELEASE.

When the bells rang their peal through the  
winter air,  
And startled the worshippers hushed as in prayer,  
When the people turned gladly to friends that were  
near,  
And whispered, "God give you a happy new year,"  
A fat vent forth from God's chamber of peace,  
To some there is dawning the year of release.

They knew not the sign that was put on their  
brow,  
These happy ones soon in his presence to bow,  
When the light came in and began a new day,  
They saw not the messenger placed in the way;  
They said, "Will the toil and sorrow increase?"  
Nor dreamed they had entered their year of release.

With courage they patiently turned to the task,  
For strength, not deliverance, dared they to ask;  
They sighed as they took up their burdens again  
Of sorrow and weariness, sickness and pain,  
Nor ventured to hope that their troubles would  
cease.

Or joy become theirs in this year of release.  
Oh, could they but know what the new year will  
bring,  
What glad songs of freedom and hope they would  
sing!

How willingly suffer and toil for awhile,  
Thinking away of their Lord and His welcoming  
smile;  
And "the patience of hope" would grow strong and  
increase,  
As they counted the days of their year of release.

For, ere it has passed, the King's face they shall  
see,  
And ever from sorrow and sighing be free;  
The things that perplex them shall all be made  
plain,  
And the evil of sin never touch them again,  
They will gain the bright country of pleasure and  
peace.

Three happy ones living their year of release.  
Who are they, thus near to the end of their way,  
With glad faces meeting that wonderful day?  
We know not, they know not, the Master alone  
Sees who shall have rest in the joy of His throne;  
We may say while our spirits grow strong in His  
peace,

"It may be—it may be—my year of release."  
Let us live with that hope in our hearts day by day,  
We can bear that which passes so swiftly away,  
There is work yet unfinished, tasks yet to fulfill,  
And lessons to learn of our Father's good will;  
Let us spend, as for Him, the time shortly to cease,  
And God make us meet for our year of release.

MARIANNE FARMINGHAM.

## LITTLE PEOPLE.

A dreary place would be this earth,  
Were there no little people in it;  
The song of life would lose its mirth,  
Were there no children to begin it;

No little ones, like buds to grow,  
And make the admiring heart surrender;  
No little hands on breast and brow,  
To keep the thrilling love-chorus tender.

The sturdy souls would grow more stern,  
Unfeeling nature more inhuman,  
And man to stoic coldness turn,  
And woman would be less than woman.

Life's song, indeed, would lose its charm,  
Were there no babies to begin it;  
A dreary place this world would be,  
Were there no little people in it.

J. G. WHITNEY.

## The Fireside.

## LITTLE BY LITTLE.

"Uncle," said Tom one day, "it seems to me  
your things don't look as well as they might."  
They were in the garden, and "the things" the boy  
had his eyes on were the current bushes.

"I don't expect they do," replied his uncle;  
"I'm no great hand at a garden. Well, sir, what  
can you improve?"

"I can try on the currants," said Tom. "They  
want to be trimmed out and new wood cut in,  
and the right suckers trained. Don't you ever dig  
around them, and put ashes on the roots?"

His uncle had never done these things; he did  
not know that they ought to be done. "He thought,  
he said, 'currants took care of themselves.'"

"But they can be cared for," said Tom, "and  
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In a Carolina forest of a thousand acres you can  
scarcely find a tree that is not dead and crumbling  
to decay. No fire has swept over it, no lightning  
scathed these naked, bleaching pines. This ruin  
was wrought by a little insect's larva, no larger  
than grains of rice. What a hundred acres  
could not accomplish by years of hard labor, this  
seemingly insignificant insect sent its feeble ef-  
forts to perform. One alone could have mar-  
shaled power, it is true. But millions were marshalled  
and all the skill of man could not stay their course.

So is the power of little sins. By performing  
the smallest duty, man forms a habit, and in suc-  
cession, the habit is formed, from the dominion  
of which it is hard to deliver one's self again.

"Little by little," an scorn said,  
As it slowly sank in its mossy bed:  
"I am improving every day,  
Hidden deep in the earth away."

Little by little each day it grew;  
Little by little it tipped the sod;  
Downward it sent a thread-like root;  
Up in the air sprang a tiny shoot;

Day after day it grew and grew,  
Little by little the leaves spread far,  
And the tender branches year after year,  
Till the mighty oak is the forest's pride.

"Little by little," said a thoughtful boy,  
"Moment by moment I'll well employ,  
Learning a little every day,  
And not depending on my mind shall dwell."

Whatever I do, I'll do it well,  
The treasure of wisdom I'll learn to know;  
The treasure of wisdom I'll learn to know;  
And one of these days I'll see it grow.

And do you not think that this simple plan  
Made him a wise and useful man?  
—The King's Ferry Boat.

Pliny relates that in the time of Claudius Caesar,  
there was a man named Gubbins, brought by the  
Emperor from Arabia to Rome, who was nine feet  
four inches high, "the tallest man that has been  
seen in our times."

In the reign of Augustus Caesar, the tall forms  
of Rasia and Scandilla might have been seen,  
whose bodies were preserved in a museum, in the  
Sallustian Gardens, and each of whom measured  
foot three inches in height.

The Emperor Maximus was nine feet high, and  
was in the habit of using his wife's longer than that  
of any other man, and he could draw a carriage  
which two oxen could not move. He ate usually  
four pounds' weight of flesh, and drank six gallons  
of wine daily.

Josephus tells of Eleazar, a Jew, a giant over ten  
feet high, who was one of the Pharisees, and was  
the King of Persia said to have been ten feet  
high, and to have been the tallest man that has  
been seen in our times.

Gradually, in the Middle Ages, woman came  
from a state of barbarism, and the clergy and poets  
together helped her to win her proper place. The  
lady of the castle kept the keys and presided at the  
feasts, were beautiful robes of stuffs called samite  
and camelot, and gave medicine to the sick. She  
learned surgery too, and when the soldiers and  
knights came home from battle wounded and faint,  
she knew how to set the broken bones and bind up  
the bruised parts. So everywhere, in the East and  
West, the lady of the castle was the most useful  
and the most respected person in the household.

The Bible bids us to be courteous. Do you want  
to know the highest and loveliest style of courtesy,  
which you can practice at home, at school, and in  
the street? It is all wrapped up in one golden  
phrase, "In honor preferring one another." Sup-  
pose you try to live with those words for your motto,  
say for a whole week to come. —Christian Secretary.

"DUTY FIRST AND PLEASURE AFTERWARD."—A  
gentleman had a little pet-dog that always came  
to the moment he was called. One day this gentleman  
thought he would put the little dog's obedience to  
the test; so he told his servant to put a plate of  
meat on the floor for him. The servant did so,  
and the little dog came running to the plate, for he  
was very hungry. But just as soon as the poor  
thing was thinking what a fine treat it was going to  
have, and was about to help himself to the meat,  
his master called him away.

The dog heard the bell and looked wistfully  
at the meat. The meat was nice and fresh from the  
butcher's shop, and was very tempting to a  
hungry dog. But the little creature knew that the  
first thing was to obey his master. He, therefore,  
turned from the plate of meat without touching it,  
and ran to see what was wanted, wagging his tail  
so pleasantly that it just meant a smile.

The little dog, I think, was deservedly favorite;  
and it would be well if your solutions twenty  
years ago had been the same. For, as the dog  
on the Roll would have been yours. Puzzle no  
more.

MILLEY L., Long Reach. —We are pleased to find  
your name on the Roll. All your answers are  
right. Past issues will tell which of the others are  
correct.

DORA L., Long Reach. —The larger portion of  
your answers are accurate. The Biblical Questions  
you should have wanted, and will appear in due  
time. You should never make such a mistake.

X. L. C. R., Halifax, N. S. —The "Puzzle Pro-  
vider" is quite an original idea. We hope it  
will not be long before the majority of the excellent  
puzzles should flourish at the head. Our puzzling  
acquaintance with the gentleman you name has  
been very pleasant. None but the best and Bin-  
gine. Quite a while. I. e. about three. P. S.—You show  
evidence in an article way that should not be neglected.

A. M., Jerusalem. —Again on the Roll, you have  
done nicely. Of the others a large number are  
correctly written.

E. B., Cambridge. —A name is not placed on the  
Roll or Honor until the puzzle answers are  
correct. Had others been the same, a place  
on the Roll would have been yours. Puzzle no  
more.

ALICE, St. John. —Your very interesting letter  
reaching your writing quite well. We are glad to  
find you. We accept your puzzle, and find it  
very good. —Puzzle Provider.

FLORENCE E. C., Southampton. —You have done  
splendidly in placing your name on the R. of H.  
A great many puzzles are the same. —Puzzle Provider.

When little folks do this, they are pleasing them-  
selves instead of obeying mamma, and cannot ex-  
pect a blessing from God.

"Duty first and pleasure afterwards," children,  
that is the way to be truly happy.

STREET TALK. —Learn to talk like a gentleman,  
boy. Talk is a sorry to hear you talk 'street-  
talk.' Do it less.

"What is 'street-talk,' papa?"  
"What do you just now say to sister?"  
"I told her to be quiet."

"But you said, 'Hush up!' and said 'I'm very loud  
and rude.' And what did you, ten minutes ago,  
say to Martha?"

"I told her to go out of my way."  
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## HOME HINTS.

TOOTHACHE DROPS.—One ounce of alcohol, two  
drachms of Cayenne, one ounce of kerosene oil; let it  
stand twenty-four hours after mixing. It cures the  
worst case of toothache.

TO PUT UP HORSESHOES.—Grate the roof after  
having it thoroughly cleaned, and put in wide-  
mouthed half-pint bottles. When full, add two  
tablespoons of good, sharp vinegar, cork and seal  
air-tight with wax.

LEMONS may be kept sweet and fresh for weeks  
by placing them in a clean, tight case, and cover-  
ing with water. Keep in a cool place and change  
the water every other day. To those living where  
it is not always convenient to procure fresh lemons  
the above is worth remembering.

TOMATO CATCHER.—One gallon of tomatoes (that  
is, after they are boiled down), four tablespoons of  
salt, three tablespoons of pepper, three table-  
spoons of mustard, half a tablespoon of allspice,  
half a tablespoon of cayenne pepper, one pint of  
vinegar, to be simmered for an hour. Scald and  
strain the tomatoes first, and thoroughly boil them  
in the vinegar first, and then add the above ingredi-  
ents. When cold, put into pickle bottles and seal the  
corks.—Cassell's Household Guide.

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345.—CHARADE.  
My first is a color, subdued and bright;  
My second is a sound, more than a note;  
By the rocky coast, moon and night,  
My whole is a flower found in meadow and valley,  
Treasured alike in cottage, hall and alley.  
—Mrs. T. H. T.  
McAdams Junction.

346.—HITLER COMMAND.  
Orometo. 347.—APOCATAPE. 348.—HALF WORD SQUARE.  
A day; a vegetable; a river; an animal; an  
article; a letter. —ERNEST W. L.

349.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.  
My 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

350.—STAR DIAMOND.  
A consonant; the top; a Bible prophet; to re-  
vise; a consonant. —JANE B.

351.—GEOGRAPHICAL TRANSPORTATIONS.  
Ombudsman. 352.—GROSS-WORD ENIGMA.  
My first is in earl, but not in earl;  
My second is in flesh, but not in earl;  
My third is in world, but not in earl;  
My fourth is in soul, but not in earl;  
My fifth is in wig, but not in earl;  
My sixth is in cat, but not in earl;  
My seventh is in sour, but not in earl;  
My eighth is in tea, but not in earl;  
My ninth is in shade, but not in earl;  
My whole is a name familiar to the readers of this  
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