

## The Fireside.

## "CALL THE CHILDREN HOME."

The good man steps upon the porch:  
"The little ones have not yet come,"  
He says, "See, it is getting late;  
So, mother, call the children home."  
The mother's voice rings sweet and clear:  
"Come, Mary, John, and little Ted!  
Come, dearest, come; the sun has set,  
The time you all were safe in bed."  
"Yes, mother, see how fast we come?"  
They cry in answer to her call;  
And so she has them all at home,  
Before the evening shadows fall.  
But as the fleeting years go by,  
And on life's pathway far and wide  
The children go their separate ways,  
And wander from the mother's side—  
Will each one keep his child-like trust,  
Will each one reach heaven, no more to roam?  
Before sin's blighting shadows fall,  
O mother! call the children home!  
A mother's voice can reach so far!  
Who can reach heaven, no more to roam?  
Before sin's blighting shadows fall,  
O mother! call the children home!  
—Adelaide Preston, in *Evangelist*.

## LET US BE KIND.

"Come, Nell, run down to the post office and get the papers," said Mr. Watkins in a coaxing tone to his fourteen-year-old daughter, who was sitting in a hammock, deep in an interesting story.

Two little wrinkles gathered in the young girl's forehead as she said, poutingly, "Oh, dear, father, I don't want to now; I'm reading."

"Now, that's a good girl," coaxed the father. "Come I want to see the news. You're younger than I am."

"I should think you might wait till Uncle James goes, and he can get the mail," Nell argued fretfully.

"Perhaps Uncle James won't go to-day; and I want the papers," said Mr. Watkins, a shade of sternness in his voice.

"Well, I suppose I'll have to go," Nell declared, petulantly, rising from the hammock and closing her book reluctantly. She went into the house for her hat.

When she came out a moment later, ready to start for the office, Dr. Newhall, who had been calling on her invalid mother, said with a smile: "Going to the office, Miss Nell? Wait a minute and I'll give you a ride there."

Half ashamed for fear the doctor had heard her petulant replies to her father, Nell waited while the horse was brought around.

Soon the young girl was seated in the chaise, bowing merrily along beside the kind old doctor, laughing in spite of herself at his funny jokes. Dr. Newhall knew well how to entertain young people, and was much beloved by them. All the boys and girls thought it was a great treat to ride with the doctor.

After a short silence the doctor said gravely, "Nell, I've a little story to tell you." And then to the gray horse, "Whoa, Billy; slowly down the hill."

"One day when I was a boy of thirteen," the doctor began, "I was coming from school with the other lads of my age. For a week or more we had been planning to go swimming in the pond below my father's house the first warm day. And that was just the day for it at last—hot and muggy."

"We were hurrying along, so as to have our swim before supper. The school-house was about two miles from our house, on the outskirts of the village."

"When nearly home we met my father on the road into town carrying a bundle. He stopped me. 'I wish you could take this package to the village for me, Jim,' he said, hesitatingly."

"I'm sure I looked disappointed; and my first impulse was to refuse, and rather crossly. But father had not been quite well for a week, and if I didn't go he would; and he was a good, kind father."

"Something stopped the petulant word—one of God's good angels, I think."

"Of course, father, I'll take it," I said quite cheerfully. "Never mind, boys, I'll go swimming some other night."

"Father gave me the package. 'Thank you, Jim,' he said; 'I'm sorry to have you lose your pleasure. I was going to the village myself, but somehow I don't feel very strong to-day.'"

"He walked with me to the road that turned off to the town, giving me some directions about delivering the package. When he was turning away he put his hand on my arm, saying again, 'Thank you, my son. You've always been a good boy to me, Jim.'"

"I hurried into town, and back again. When I came near the house, I saw some of the neighbors standing about the door, and hurrying forms inside the house."

"One of the men came to me, the tears rolling down his face. 'Your father,' he said, 'fell dead just as he reached the house after he left you.'"

"I'm an old man now, Nell, but I've thanked God through all these years that I didn't refuse my father's last request, and that his last words to me were, 'You've always been a good boy to me.'"

The old doctor wiped his eyes at the recollection. Nell had been crying softly during the last of the story, and now, as she dried her eyes, she said, "Oh, doctor! and I was so cross to my dear father to-night. I never will be again."

It was a very thoughtful girl that walked from the post-office that night with the papers. It was with a thrill of pleasure that she saw her father sitting on the piazza awaiting her coming.

She went straight up to him, put her arms about his neck, and kissed him, as she said, softly and penitently, "I'm sorry I was cross to-night. Please forgive me, father."

"Of course I will, my daughter," and he returned her kiss, thanking her for the papers.

Nell kept her resolution pretty well, though she often had a struggle with herself to keep back the petulant word. She wrote on a slip of paper, "Remember the doctor's story," and pinned it on her cushion on the bureau, where her eyes fell on it a dozen times a day.

And who of us ought not to remember the doctor's story?

There is no pang of remorse so keen as the bitter regret with which we remember neglect or unkindness which we have shown to loved ones who are dead.

And, after all, it is such a brief little while we can be with our friends on earth. Let us be kind. —*Children's Friend*.

## SOME BIG THINGS.

The greatest wall in the world is the Chinese wall, built by the first emperor of the Tsin dynasty, about 220 B. C., as a protection against the Tartars. It traverses the northern boundary of China, and is carried over the highest hills, through the deepest valleys, across rivers and every other natural object. Its length is 1,250 miles.

Among the most remarkable natural echoes is that of Eagle's Nest on the banks of Killarney, in Ireland, which repeats a bugle call until it seems to be sounded from a hundred instruments, and that of the banks of the Naha, between Bingen and Coblenz, which repeats a sound seventeen times.

The most remarkable artificial echo known is that of the castle of Simonetta, about two miles from Milan. It is occasioned by the existence of two parallel walls of considerable length. It repeats the report of a pistol sixty times.

The most remarkable whirlpool is the Maelstrom of the northwest coast of Norway and southwest of Moskenesod, the most southerly of the Lofoden Isles. It was once supposed to be unfathomable, but the depth has been shown not to exceed twenty fathoms.

The greatest cataract in the world is that of Niagara. The Horseshoe Fall on the Canadian side, has a perpendicular descent of 158 feet. The height of the American Fall is 167 feet. The Horseshoe Fall, which carries a larger volume of water than the American Fall, is about six hundred yards wide and extends from the Canadian shore to Goat Island.

The biggest diamond in the world, if indeed it is a diamond, is the Brezanza, which forms part of the Portuguese crown jewels. It weighs 1,860 carats. However, not a little doubt exists of it being a diamond, as the government has never allowed it to be tested. It was found in Brazil in 1741.

The largest tested but uncut diamond is the Mattam, belonging to the Rajah of Mattam, in Borneo. It is of pure water, weighs 367 carats, and is of pear shape, indented at the thick end. It was found about 1760 at Landark, in Borneo. It has been the cause of sanguinary war. Before it was cut the Kohinoor, which is one of the English crown jewels, was the largest tested diamond. It then weighed 793 carats. When in possession of the Emperor Aurengzeb it was reduced by unskillful cutting to 186 carats. During the Sikh mutiny it was captured by British troops and presented to Queen Victoria. It was recut and now weighs 106½ carats. —*Philadelphia News*.

## CURIOUS EFFECT OF ARCTIC COLD.

A person who has never been in the polar regions can probably have no idea of what cold really is; but by reading the terrible experiences of arctic travellers in that icy region some notion can be formed of the extreme cold that prevails there.

When we have the temperature down to zero out-of-doors we think it bitterly cold, and if our houses were not as warm as, at least, sixty degrees above zero, we should begin to talk of freezing to death. Think, then, of living where the thermometer goes down to thirty-five degrees below zero in the house in spite of the stove. Of course, in such a case, the fur garments are piled on until a man looks like a great bundle of skins.

Everybody smiles at the fib told by Baron Munchausen about the cold weather he experienced when

he said he could not make a sound on his hunting horn, because the sounds froze before they could get out; but that when he returned home and hung up his horn by the fire-place the warmth thawed out the sounds, and the horn played of its own accord all the tunes the Baron had blown into it. Of course the writer of the book was only trying to be as absurd as he could, and he was absurd enough; but, after all, some of the effects of cold are so extraordinary that there is no need to exaggerate.

Dr. Moss, of the English polar expedition of 1875 and 1876, among other odd things, tells of the effect of cold on a wax candle which he burned there. The temperature was thirty-five degrees below zero, and the doctor must have been considerably discouraged when, upon looking at his candle, he discovered that the flame had all it could do to keep warm.

It was so cold that the flame could not melt all the wax of the candle, but was forced to eat its way down the candle, leaving a sort of skeleton of the candle standing. There was heat enough, however, to melt oddly-shaped holes in the thin walls of wax, and the result was a beautiful lace-like cylinder of white, with a tongue of yellow flame burning inside it and sending out into the darkness many streaks of light.

This is not only a curious effect of extreme cold, but it shows how difficult it must be to find anything like warmth in a place where even fire itself almost gets cold. The wonder is that any man can have the courage to willingly return to such a bitter region after having once got safely away from it, and yet the truth is that the spirit of adventure is so strong in some men that it is the very hardship and danger which attract them. —*Harper's Young People*.

## MINUTE MECHANISM.

There is a cherry stone in the Salem (Mass.) Museum, which contains one dozen silver spoons. The stone itself is of the ordinary size; but the spoons are so small that their shape and finish can only well be distinguished by the microscope.

Dr. Oliver gives an account of a cherry stone on which were carved one hundred and twenty-four heads, so distinctly that the naked eye could distinguish those belonging to popes and kings by their mitres and crowns. It was bought in Prussia for fifteen thousand dollars and thence conveyed to England, where it was considered an object of so much value that its possession was disputed and it became the subject of a suit in chancery. One of the Nuremberg toy-makers enclosed in a cherry stone, which was exhibited at the French Crystal Palace, a plan of Sevastopol, a railway station and the "Messiah" of Klopstock. In more remote times an account is given of an ivory chariot constructed by Mermecides, which was so small that a fly could cover it with his wing; also a ship of the same material, which could be hidden under the wing of a bee. Pliny, too, tells us that Homer's Iliad, with its fifteen thousand verses, was written in so small a space as to be contained in a nutshell; while Elian mentions an artist who wrote a distich in letters of gold, which he enclosed in a kernel of corn.

## CAN A CAT COUNT?

A cat had six kittens and brought them into the house, and her master destroyed three of them. The next year she had six more, and brought them into the house, and three of them were destroyed. The next year she had six more and brought only three of them into the house. Some days after, while the man of the house was in the garden, he saw the cat go through a hole into the haymow, and there he found three kittens which the cat had not brought to the house. The reader can draw his own conclusions. —*Ex.*

## HOME HINTS.

APPLE BATTER PUDDING.—One quart of milk, four eggs, one pint of flour, one small tea-spoonful salt, three or four large tart apples cut fine and stirred into the batter last. Boil or bake it one hour. Eat with sauce.

Here is recipe for harness dressing which is recommended by several farmers: One gallon of neat's-foot oil, two pounds of bees wax, four pounds of beef tallow. Put in a pan over a moderate fire. When thoroughly dissolved add two quarts of castor oil; then, while on the fire, stir in one ounce of lamp-black. Mix well, strain through a fine cloth to remove the sediment, and let cool.

BREAD PUDDING.—Three slices stale bread soaked in three cups of milk, beat fine and add three beaten eggs, three tablespoonfuls sugar and one teaspoonful extract, and three more cups milk. Butter three very thin slices of bread, cut in strips and put over the top, bake till brown or about forty minutes. Eat hot with a little hard sauce, made

with a tablespoonful of butter and a cup of powdered sugar beaten together flavored with grated nutmeg and lemon.

## Young Folks' Column.

Conducted by C. E. BLACK, Case Settlement, Kings Co., N. B.

## PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

## The Mystery.

No. 78.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA. (FROM "AMERICA," QUEENS.)  
My whole, composed of 12 letters, is a Book of the Bible.

My 3, 5, 4, 11, 6, 10, 7, 8, 4 is a heavenly body.

My 12, 1, 2, 10, 9 is denominations.

No. 79.—SQUARE WORD. (FROM H. COLWELL, ST. JOHN.)  
A girl's name; an open space; to bring up; a tale.

No. 80.—PI PUZZLE. (FROM EMMIE AND IDA, QUEENS.)  
Ti si na rhonou of a nua of sacae rimo festir: utb yever lofo lilw eb gildnedm.

No. 81.—DIAMOND PUZZLE. (FROM IDA BURNETT, KINGS.)  
A letter; a pronoun; a king; a measure; a consonant.

No. 82.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA. (FROM R. L. BLACK, KINGS.)  
My whole, composed of 11 letters, is a people mentioned in the Bible.

My 1, 3, 6, 7, 5, 4 is a part of a flower.

My 11, 2, 8, 9, 10 is to glitter.

No. 83.—CROSS-WORD ENIGMA. (FROM "VAN," YORK.)  
My 1st is in Kings, but not in Ruth;  
My 2nd is in veracity, but not in truth;  
My 3rd is in John, but not in Luke;  
My 4th is in war, but not in rebuke;  
My 5th is in Ezra, but not in Psalms;  
My 6th is in pines, but not in palms.

My whole to your minds may soon be clear,  
As a servant a prophet doth in this appear.

No. 84.—ENIGMA. (FROM MAMIE CLARKE, WOODSTOCK.)  
In cat, not in dog;  
In wheel, not in cog;  
In bow, not in arrow;  
In long, not in narrow;  
In map, not in book;  
In glance, not in look;  
Not in shepherd, but in crook.

My whole is a name familiar to guessers of the MYSTERY.

No. 85.—ANAGRAMMATICAL REBUS. (Scripture Proper Names.)  
(FROM L. R. STEEVES, ST. JOHN.)

A M A D N A M R Y A  
O E R E M H  
R U H T C A S E M H  
A O S O  
N H A O H S L A U

(The Mystery solved in three weeks.)

The Mystery Solved. (No. 10.)

No. 53.—Southeys.  
No. 54.—Psalms xix. 7.  
No. 55.—"Thou shalt not kill."  
Ex xx 13.

No. 56.—Isaiah lxii. 6.  
No. 57.—Corinthians.  
No. 58.—M E N  
E V E  
N E T

No. 59.—Adam.  
No. 60.—John iii. 7.  
No. 61.—In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Prov. iii. 6.

## CHAT.

We are pleased to note more new names this week. And yet there is room. Let all the lovers of the INTELLIGENCER write us and tell us how they like the good old paper, and its Y. F. C. Many names were enrolled when the COLUMN began that have since been silent. Write us once more. Come one, come all!

PRIZE COMPETITION.—The competition for the prize begins next issue. The time includes the months of April, May and June. Each competitor must send at least 10 original puzzles. The solution to any puzzler's own puzzle will not count. Mark all MS. "Prize Competition."

HARRY C., Indiantown, St. John, sends correct solutions to the puzzles in issue No. 10, and also a fine batch of puzzles. Thanks, Harry.

"PRAIRIE," Canning, N. S., has sent us correct answers to Nos. 39, 41, 42, 43, 44 and (4) of 45. The same envelope contains some nice puzzles. Thank you. Forward more.

"AMERICA," Queens, brightens our COLUMN again with his presence. Accept our thanks for the puzzles. He has correctly solved all the puzzles in issues No. 9 and 10.

"YOUNG STUDENT," Sussex, Kings, sends correct solutions to Nos. 54, 55 and 60.

J. E. G., Campobello, sends us a beautiful piece of poetry entitled "Workers," which we will try to utilize soon. Come anon.

"MINA," Kings, has our hearty thanks for the excellent batch of puzzles. Write again, and send some more.

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