Watching the Tongue,

Keep a watch on your words, my children,-For words are wonderful things; They are sweet like the bees' fresh honey-Like bees', they have terrible stings; They can bless like the warm, glad sun-

And brighten the lonely life; They can cut in the strife of anger -Yes, cut like a two-edged knife.

Let them pass through your lips unchal-If their errand betrue and kind;

If they come to support the weary, To comfort and help the blind; If a bitter, revengeful spirit Prompt the words, let them be unsaid; They may flash through the brain like

Or fall on the heart like lead.

Keep them back, if they're cold and cruel, Under bar, and lock and seal; The wounds they make, my children, Are always slow to heal. May Christ guard your lips, and ever, From the time of your early youth, May the words that you daily utter

Be the words of the beautiful truth

On Being Pleasant.

boy, Clive Newcome, "I don't know that Clive was especially brilliant, but | ravens have frequently reached the he was pleasant." Occasionally we age of 100; swans have been known to meet people to whom it seems to come live to the age of 300. Mr. Masterton natural to be pleasant; such are as has the skeleton of a swan that attainin May, and the most charming thing lived. A tortoise has been known to about them is that they help to make | live to the age of 107 years. other people pleasant too. Their pleasantness is contagious.

The other morning we were in the midst of a three days' rain. The fire smoked, the dining-room was chilly and when we assembled for breakfast, papa looked rather grim, and mamma tired, for the baby had been restless all night. Polly was plainly inclined to fretfulness, and Bridget was undeniably cross, when Jack came in with the breakfast rolls from the baker's. He had taken off his rubber coat and boots in the entry, and he came in rosy and smiling.

"Here's the paper, sir," said he to his father with such a cheerful tone that his father's brow relaxed, and he said, "Ah, Jack, thank you," quite pleasantly.

His mother looked up at him smiling, and he just touched her cheek gently as he passed.

"The top of the morning to you Pollwog," he said to his little sister, and delivered the rolls to Bridget, with a "Here you are, Bridget. Aren't you sorry you didn't go your-

self this beautiful day?" He gave the fire a poke and opened a damper. The smoke ceased and presently the coals began to glow, and five minutes after Jack came in, we had gathered around the table and were eating our oatmeal as cheerily as possible. This seems very simple in the telling, and Jack never knew he had done anything at all, but he had in fact changed the whole moral atmosphere of the room, and had started a

gloomy day pleasantly for five people. "He is always so," said his mother when I spoke to her about it afterwards, "just so sunny and kind and ready all the time. I suppose there are more brilliant boys in the world than mine, but none with a kinder heart or a sweeter temper, I am sure of that."

And I thought, Why isn't a disposition worth cultivating? Isn't it one's duty to be pleasant, just as well as to be honest, or truthful, or industrious or generous? And yet, while there are a good many honest, truthful, industrious, generous souls in the world, and people who are unselfish too, after a fashion, a person who is habitually pleasant is rather a rarity. I suppose the reason is because it is such hard work to act pleasant when one feels cross. Very few people have the courage of that cheeriest of men, Mr. Mark Tapley, who made it a point of honor to "keep jolly" under the most depressing circumstances.

People whose dispositions are naturally irritable or unhappy, think it is no use trying to be otherwise; but ently and perseveringly try to keep stringed instrument. pleasant, after a while they will get in the habit of smiling instead of frowning, of looking bright instead of surly, and of giving a kind word instead of a cross one. And the beauty of it is, as I said before, that pleasantness is catching, and before long they will find themselves in the midst of a world full of bright and happy people, where every one is as good-natured and contented as they are. - Christian at Work.

BE TIDY .- "Now my son," said a kind mother to her little boy, "be tidy, fold up your night-gown again; I must have it done neatly."

That little boy has grown up to be a man. A friend said to him one day. "How is it that you get through so much work as you do?"

"Method, Method," was the reply "I am now reaping the fruits of my mother's lesson-' Be tidy.'"

The Average Age Of Animals.

The average age of cats is 15 years; of squirrels and hares 7 to 8 years; rabbits 7; a bear rarely exceeds 20 years; a dog lives 20 years; a walf, 20; a fox, 14 to 16. Lions are long-lived, the one by the name of Pompey living to the age of 70. Elephants have been known to live to the age of 400 years. When Alexander the Great had conquered Porus, King of India, he took a great elephant which had fought valiantly for the king, and dedicated him to the sun, and let him go with this inscription: "Alexander, the son of Jupiter, dedicated Ajax to the sun." The elephant was found with the inscription 350 years after. Pigs have been been known to live to the age of 20, and the rhinocerous to 29. A horse has been known to live to the age of 62. but averages 25 or 30 Camels sometimes live to the age of 100; stags are very long-lived; sheep seldom exceed the age of ten; cows live about fifteen years. Cuvier considers it probable that whales sometimes live 1,600 years. The dolphin 22, 23 and 24 (1, 4, 5) correctly solved. Says Mr. Thackeray about that nice and porpoise attain the age of 30; an eagle died at Vienna at the age of 104; welcome wherever they go as flowers ed the age of 200. Pelicans are long-

Young Kolks' Column.

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33" Attempt the end, never stand in doubt Nothing's so hard but search'll find it out.

The Mystery Solved.

(No. 9.) No. 36.—1. Ohio. 2. Cork. 3. Canada. 4. Canso. 5. Asia.

> No. 37.—1. 2 Samuel 14:30. 2. Ezekiel 5:1. 3. Daniel 3:2, 3.

No. 38.—Spain, pain, ain, in, n.

4. Amos 2:6.

No. 39.—Psalms 118:26. No. 40. - REUBENITES

HithermosT A a m A Kn E a d R HORNBLENDE

No. 41.—Psalins 109:8.

The Mystery.-No. 12.

N. B. - CONTRIBUTIONS AND SOLU-TIONS THANKFULLY RECEIVED.

No. 52. - WORDS SQUARE. (FROM "GREELY," JOHNSTON, Q. C.) l. - An ancient king of Europe; quick-

ly; a fuel; merely. 2.-A city of England; an open surface; an animal. 3.—A bird; a bird; to shun; a tendon; to enrol.

No. 53.—QUOTATION PUZZLE. (FROM "SNOWFLAKE," AVONPORT, N. S). "Build me straight, O worthy master, Staunch and strong, a goodly That shall laugh at all disaster,

And with wave and whirlwind

-Longfellow. No. 54.—PIED CITIES.

(FROM C. N. BREWER, SAN FRANCISCO). 1. Notenpolestnac. 2. Nibler. 3. Ladahalba.

No. 55.—Rомвоір.

(FROM "VAN," YORK.) that is a mistake. If they will pati- sign of sorrow; part of a clock; a two very important things are lacking !

> Down: - A consonant; a proposition; to marry; a measure; gleam; half of lore; a vowel.

No. 56. - Cross Word Enigma. (FROM "EUGENIE," YARMOUTH, N. S.

In sing, but not in play; In man but not in boy; In March, and also in May; In puzzle, but not in toy;

In laugh, but not in joy. My whole is one whom God did call.

In year but not in day;

NEW PRIZE COMPETITION.

The Mystery solved in three weeks.

competitions it is better to send them | which we wish to be kept, and we as soon as made out so that we may be | have a friend in whom we have true

Third lot of Puzzles.

No. 4.—BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. Where is "brick-kiln" mentioned? 2. Where is the ancient proverb Wickedness proceedeth from the Wicked?

3. Where is "kerchief" found? 4. Where is the prophecy of a mo ther weeping because of the loss of her children?

5. What plant in the parable of Jotham is represented as challenging the cedars of Lebanon?

The Mystical Circle.

"Eugenie," Yarmouth, N. S., has our sincere thanks for the puzzles sent. They are quite acceptable. Write again; try for one of the prizes, and send solutions to "The Mystery.

G. N. BREWER, San Francisco, U. S., has our hearty thanks for another nice batch of puzzles. You are a very earnest and painstaking worker, and will, without doubt, succeed in life. Uncle Ned wishes you well. Nos. 21,

"VAN," Lower Prince William, York, sends us that promised batch of puzzles, and an excellent one it is too. Thank you kindly, Van. May we hear from you often.

"NED," Port La Tour, Shelburne, N. S., writes to Uncle Ned, sending two nice puzzles and solutions to Nos. 31, 32, 34 and 35 in The Mystery, No. 8. Thank you, my nephew; but please to send answers to your puzzles when you write them, as your old Uncle has not the time at his disposal to solve puzzles, and the solutions are always needed to insure insertion.

"HARNEY," Deer Island, sends us answers to Nos. 26, 29, 34 and 35. He also sends us puzzles without the answers to the same. We thank you for your kindness. Remember to send the solutions to your puzzles. See advice to "Ned," given above.

"NICK," Milleville, York, acknowl edges with thanks the receipt of prize for essay writing.

WE are really delighted to have so many contributors names to chronicle this issue. It seems to make our work less irksome, if irksome it be, when we find our young readers taking such an active part with us. May the good work go on. Success and happiness to all our dear nephews and nieces. Our India chat, etc., crowded out.

UNCLE NED.

Our Literary Circle.

An excellent essay on "Faithfulness" has been received. We publish it this issue. The writer should always remember in writing for the press to the answers to some of the puzzles in utilize one side of the paper only. By the Y. F. C. I never tried to get any so doing you gave the editor a great puzzles in the INTELLIGENCER before. amount of unnecessary copying and I will send you two puzzles. Yours prevent errors. Your MS. was sent &c. to the Ed. INTELLIGENCER, thence forwarded to us. Please bear in mind that all matter for the Y. F. C. should be addressed "C. E. Black," etc., as you see under the headline. We are pleased to hear you write as you do. Continue in His love. - C. E. B.

ESSAY WRITING.

12TH SUBJECT. - Industry. FAITHFULNESS.

BY PATIENCE N. DOUGHTY, AGED 17, FAIR HAVEN, N. B.

This word, faithfulness, means, or signifies, a firm adherence to truth or trust. Before I proceed further, I adherence so that the youngest reader of the INTELLIGENCER may understand it. The word adherence means to stick to, or remain firm. When we have a dear friend in whom we trust, or have great faith, we trust them with most anything we have to say. The same with the mother or father in whom we have the greatest faith possible. But what a contrast between the home where there is true faith, Across:-A young wild animal; a and love, and the home where these If we profess faith in God and do not do his will, or perform his works, we do not do our duty; for we read in God's Holy Scripture that faith without works is dead; and, also, if we have not the faithfulness to believe that Christ died in order that sinners might be saved, we who are sinners now more hair than ever before. - J. W. Edwards, Coldwater, Miss. can never be saved. We read in Timothy i. 15 a proof of this: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of al acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief." Without faith in God or man this life would be very dreary indeed. How small is the faith of man | will restore physical force and elasticity compared with that of God. The friends in whom we have such implicit faith may fail us, but if we have true faith in God he will never leave us In sending solutions to the prize nor forsake us. If we have a secret of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and was cured. able to file at once. See Rules, etc. | faith, we tell it to him. We have

faith to believe that he will keep it but perhaps he will not. Is this the way with God? No, assuredly not. As we sing the words of the beautiful hymn,-"Through faith we shall conquer though often cast down," -we have a foretaste of God's love, if we only have faith to believe in Him. Look at the many instances in the Bible, of God's Love to those who had faith in Him. For instance, Matt. 8:26; 9:22; 14:31. These few, compared with the many others in the Bible, prove to us that if we go steadily on never doubting God's word and always having true faith in Him we shall come off "more than conqueror," and in that Great Day when He cometh to make up his jewels we shall be among those to whom He shall say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Our Letter Box.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Feb. 22, 1888. Dear Uncle Ned :- I am glad you thought my puzzles worthy of publishing. I am also surprised to see that I was the only contributor. The Y. F. C. used to have several regular contributors, Where have they all gone I do wish more would take an interest in the COLUMN. At best now there are only two or three. [More now! -U. N.] I send a few more puzzles hoping they will be acceptable.

Where are the bakers who used to send all their "pi(es)" to the Y.F. C G. N. B.

> FAIR HAVEN, DEER ISLAND, N. B. Mar. 1, 1888.

Uncle Ned :- I have recently be come a reader of the INTELLIGENCER, and have become quite interested in the Y. F. C. I send you solutions, and enigmas. If they are worthy, please publish. I do not know as I have written according to the printer's | Cor. Queen St. and Wilmot's Alley. aw or not. If not please excuse, and give me what information you think I want. More anon.

[Printer's MS. should be written on one side of the paper only. Rest good. UNCLE NED.

> MILLVILLE, YORK, N. B. Feb. 22nd, 1888.

DEAR SIR, -I received the prize in safety yesterday, and thank you very much for it. I will write again soon. " NICK."

Dear Uncle Ned :- I will send you

" NED." PORT LA TOUR, N. S.

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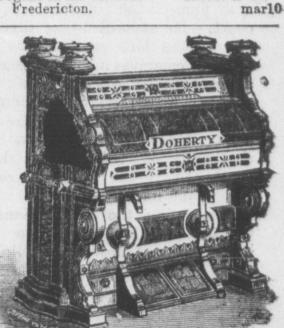
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