

Questions.

Can you put the spider's web back in its place?
That once had been swept away?
Can you put the apple again on the bough?
Which fell at our feet to-day?
Can you put the lily-cup back on the stem,
And cause it to live and grow?
Can you mend the butterfly's broken wing?
That you crushed with a hasty blow?
Can you put the bloom again on the vine,
And the grape again on the vine?
Can you put the dewdrops back on the flowers,
And make them sparkle and shine?
Can you put the petals back on the rose?
If you could would it smell as sweet?
Can you put the flower again on the husk,
And show me the ripened wheat?
Can you put the kernel back in the nut,
Or the broken egg in the shell?
Can you put the honey back in the comb,
And cover with wax each cell?
Can you put the perfume back in the vase,
When once it has sped away?
Can you put the corn-silk back on the corn,
Or down on the catkins? say.
You think my questions are trifling, dear?
Let me ask another one:
Can a hasty word ever be unsaid,
Or a deed unkind undone?
—Wide Awake.

Some Homely Hints.

BY ANNA BREAETH.

"My grandmother used to say, 'Many a mickle makes a muckle.' Time and again I've heard her say that when she dropped a penny into the missionary mite box which always stood on the big mahogany bureau in her bedroom; and really it was astonishing to see how the pennies had grown into dollars when she opened the box every year on the Fourth of July and on New Year's Day. The first six months' money was sent out West, though out West then wasn't further than Ohio, and the other half went to China, though she always wrote to the Secretary of the Board that it was to be used to buy Chinese Johns and nothing else."

"Chinese Johns! what's that?"
"Why, John's Gospel turned into the Chinese language; she always said that was the most fillin' for the price, and the easiest and most comforting bit of Bible a heathen could have. Grandma was a smart woman, and knew how to turn everything to the best account."

"Your grandmother?" came the questioning voice again.

"Why, yes, child; do you think because my hair is gray now, I never had a grandmother? She brought me up; and bringing up in my time meant more than it does nowadays, and thankful I've been to her many a time after I settled at my own housekeeping, and had to do a great deal of stretchin' to make ends meet. 'Take care of the pennies, and the pounds will take care of themselves,' she used to say, and looking after the little does make all the difference in the world. You see, my dear, I've kept house forty years, and you're just beginning, so you must come right to me if you want any help; and be right neighborly and sociable. Now I must be off. The sun's getting low, and I always pick the strawberries for supper myself; I'd feel cheated out of a bit of June if I didn't,"—and the busy housewife began to descend the piazza steps, and then turned suddenly and went back to the figure standing in the doorway, went back to say—"If my little Mary had stayed in this world, she'd be something like you, and I seem to think"—and she left a kiss on the young wife's brow, hurried down the walk, and shut the gate with a sharp click, looking back as she did so with a cheery smile at her new neighbor.

The ice once broken by this most informal of first calls, it became very easy for the newcomer to run in next door to borrow a little milk for the baby, or to ask for the recipe for those delicious biscuits so kindly sent in for John's tea. John's salary was not a fortune, and John's wife found that the ripe experience of her neighbor could furnish her with many hints in the everyday journey which the elder had travelled so long ago. She taught her to make little flannel bags, large enough to grasp comfortably in the hand, and, when the cakes of soap wore down to slippery, eluding soap, to save the pieces until enough had accumulated to fill the bag, then, by sewing it across, it was used on the washstand until every morsel was consumed. John said it was better than a fresh cake, and delighted his wife by confessing that his mother had never thought of it. Another kink the old housewife taught the beginner one day, when she looked in just for the

pleasure of giving the baby a good hug, and found the baby's mother busily hemming sheets. "Now, my dear," said she, "if you'll only take a piece of narrow tape and face it against the end of that hem on the wrong side for about two inches, and as far down on the selvage, you'll save the corners

nicely! it does aggravate me to see sheets all flapped out at the four corners; and, no matter how strong they are; a brisk wind and a good clothes-pin can generally worry out a piece and then the whole end has to be rehemmed, and you lose time and good cloth. And, my dear," she went on, "I hope you'll excuse me, but if you have a spare thimble, I'll just hem these dish-cloths while I sit here with you."

"Oh, Mrs. Hathaway, is that worth while? I didn't mean to waste time hemming dish-rags."

"Never say dish-rags to me, my dear, nor wash-rags either. I've too much respect for anything I use for washing dishes or faces to call 'em rags.' Of course it's worth while! I see you've bought crash, which is all very well, only next time get it just the coarsest and looser; it's softer and takes hold better; then hem the two sides and sew a tape loop on the corner, else the nail will soon wear a hole through, or, more likely, it won't get hung up at all. Now, if your girl begins with a decent, self-respect dish-cloth, which shows it means to be washed out and hung up, she'll live up to it; and if you'll hem some squares of that burlap, which wrapped the new chair, in the same way, and hang one by the chimney side, you'll find she'll take it to open the oven door, and to push out and to push in the pans, and 'twill save your towels more than you think. Towels mostly go in the middle because of a scorch from a beginning."

"Now you don't think me a meddling old woman, do you? Good-by, baby. I'll send in some gems for papa's tea."

One day, soon after this interview, as John's wife was proudly wheeling John's baby down the street, for the very first time, in his shining new carriage, she caught a glimpse of "our standby," as she was beginning to call her friend, busy among the flowers she loved so well; at the same moment the friendly, familiar voice called out, "Stop a minute, my dear, and have some roses for the boy; they'll look pretty on that new afghan, and 'twill be nice for him to take his first trip into the world covered with flowers—if the world just now is only our little village; but what's the matter with the clock?" she exclaimed, as she reached the handful of roses over the fence.

"Oh, I suppose it wants cleaning, John says so, answers John's wife, 'And I do begrudge the dollar it will cost. You see, it's one John had in college, and we found it just the thing for the kitchen, but I suppose the oil has gummed, and that and the dust together have clogged the works. So many dollars have to go for such odds and ends, which we didn't allow for when we planned out our income to fit the outgo.'"

A little chuckle prefaced "our standby's" answer, but she said in the most matter-of-fact tone, "Take home your clock, my dear, put it on to boil, and save your dollar."

"What!" exclaimed John's wife, looking as though her ears had deceived her. "What?"

"Boil the clock, child. I've boiled them often. Just look about till you find how it is fastened in the case, and then, when you have the hands off and the works clear from the frame, put them in a saucepan with enough water to cover, drop in a bit of washing soda, and let it boil ten minutes or so; then set the works on a plate; and, leave them in the oven till every cranny is dry; then oil it and put it back in the case, and I'll venture to say your boiling will answer every bit as well as the jeweler's cleaning; you'll save a dollar, and won't have to wait a week either."

"Use your machine oil; just touch the places (your gumption will show you where). You only want the least mite, so it's best to put it on with a feather, or a match whittled to a point."

"I've boiled many a clock, though I can't remember now where I picked up the notion. I'd offer to do it for you, but I know it will please you to tell about it when your husband comes home. But I won't keep you standing here any longer, and the boy's fidgeting. Don't forget, when you can your tomatoes tomorrow, that you can pour them scalding hot into the glass if you only set the jars on a wringing wet towel. Good-by; I must get back to my wedding. We're both busy folks, and it's wicked to waste minutes than it is pennies. 'Spare moments are the gold dust of time,' my grandmother used to say, so it behooves us to take care of 'em."

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The Mystery Solved.

(No. 13.)

No. 57.—1. 2 Kings 6:6.
2. Zech. 12:6.
3. Joel 3:3.

No. 58.—(1) Joshua in Jordan as a memorial of God's deliverance.—Josh. 3:5. (2) David.—1 Chron. 29:1, 5.

No. 59.—1. V
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The Mystery.—No. 16.

N. B.—Contributions gladly received.

No. 70.—BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. Where is "writing" first mentioned as a means of communication?
2. What tree did our Lord name as a sign of the approach of summer?
3. Who killed a lion in a pit, on a snowy day?

"Appleblossom."

Carleton, Yr., N. S.

No. 71.—BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. Where are "forks" mentioned?
2. Where is "organ" mentioned?
3. Where is "mouse" found?
4. Where is the first mention made of money?
5. Find a mention of "cucumber."
6. Find a mention of "bees."
7. Find where "wafer" is mentioned.

A Friend.

Deer Island, N. B.

No. 72.—ANAGRAM (ONE WORD.)

A ROOM CAN.

"Greeley."

Johnston, Queens.

No. 73.—DROP-LETTER PUZZLE.

L-t-l-t-i-g-b-d-n
d-c-u-l-n-n-i-o-d-r.

"Kit."

Woodstock.

No. 74.—TRANSPPOSITION.

Sa hte altert hah vldoe em os vhea
I doelv oy, notecuni ey ni ym oevl.

Geo. A. Riecker.

Belleisle Bay, Kings.

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No. 9.—BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1. Who was emperor in Rome when Christ was born?
2. Who was king of the Jews at that time?
3. Under what emperor was Christ crucified?
4. Who was governor in Judea then?
5. What people after being besieged and defeated were cut with saws, harrows of iron, and axes?

No. 10.—BIBLE STUDY.

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(a) What is the name?
(b) Who was the son of the first mentioned?
(c) How old was his father at the time of his birth, and to what age did he attain?
(d) From whom was the other descended?
(e) Who was his wife.
(f) Give the Bible references.

The Mystical Circle.

"SNOWFLAKE," Avonport, N. S., your solutions to 1st and 2nd let have been received, noted and filed. Thanks.

"KIT," Woodstock, will please accept thanks for the nice puzzles sent. You have correct solution to Nos. 53, 54 (1), 55 and 56 in No. 12 Mystery; and No. 57 in 13. Good.

"A FRIEND," Deer Island, has our

sincere thanks for the Bible Questions. Send us more good original puzzles.

A. B. J., Gordonville, will please notice that all work sent in has been correctly and carefully executed. You must have patience. It takes two weeks from time our MS. is mailed until publication.

G. A. RIECKER, Belleisle Bay, has correctly answered Nos. 52(1), 54(1,2), 56 in No. 12 and Nos. 57 (1,2) and 59 in No. 13. Receive our hearty thanks for the nice puzzles.

HATTIE STEEVES, Sussex, correctly answers No. 57 in No. 13. Send more solutions to The Mystery.

The following have sent solutions to the puzzles in the "Prize Bible Competition."

THIRD Instalment: "Kit," Woodstock; Dora M. Barker, Bath, C. Co.; Della M. Haney, Deer Island; Melissa Pinkney, Melbourne, N. S.; Helen S. Briggs, Bloomfield, C. Co.; Azalea B. Jones, Gordonville.

FOURTH: Azalea B. Jones; Lottie Morine, Port Medway, N. S.; Hattie Steeves, Sussex Vale; Gertrude Hammond, Lockeport, N. S.; Dora M. Barker; Flora E. Hart, Jacksonville, C. Co.; E. L. Hammond, Lockeport, N. S.; Orie A. Snow, Port La Tour, N. S.; Melissa Pinkney; Nannie Durkee, Carleton, Yr., N. S.; Geo. A. Riecker, Belleisle Bay; Eddie V. Smith, Port La Tour, N. S.; Chas. A. Patterson, Patterson Settlt.

SECOND: Geo. N. Brewer, San Francisco, Cal., U. S.

"HE" was wounded for our transgressions; was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and

WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED."—Isa. 53:5.

"Notes and Queries" held over this issue.

U. N.

Our Letter Box.

MELBOURNE, N. S.

Mar. 24th, 1888.

"Dear Uncle Ned,—I think the Y. F. C. very interesting. Will you please inform me whether I have answered the questions right, according to the rules. If not, please give me the advice you think I need."

M. P.

[Your work is very carefully and correctly executed. Always give references, as you have done, when it is necessary. It is unnecessary to re-write the question, the number and answer is sufficient. Yours, &c.,

UNCLE NED.

Belleisle Bay,

March 31st, 1888.

Dear Uncle Ned,—I was glad to hear that you received my letter all right, and that you were glad to receive my puzzles. I will try and send you a few more puzzles this time. I am glad that so many are taking such an interest in the Y. F. C., and I hope they will stick to you and help you all they can.

From your sincere friend,

Geo. A. RIECKER.

Dear Uncle Ned,—I am very much interested in the Y. F. C. and the Bible Competition. I have found out and sent all the questions so far. I send you some Bible Questions with answers, hoping they will be acceptable. Hoping the good work of the Y. F. C. will go on, and that many more may become interested in it.

I remain as ever,

"A FRIEND."

DEER ISLAND, N. B.

Mar. 27th, 1888.

SAN FRANCISCO, U. S.

Mar. 27, 1888.

Dear Uncle Ned,—I did not have time to answer your puzzles this issue but I made time to continue the "Bible Competition."

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Your nephew,

Geo. N. BREWER.

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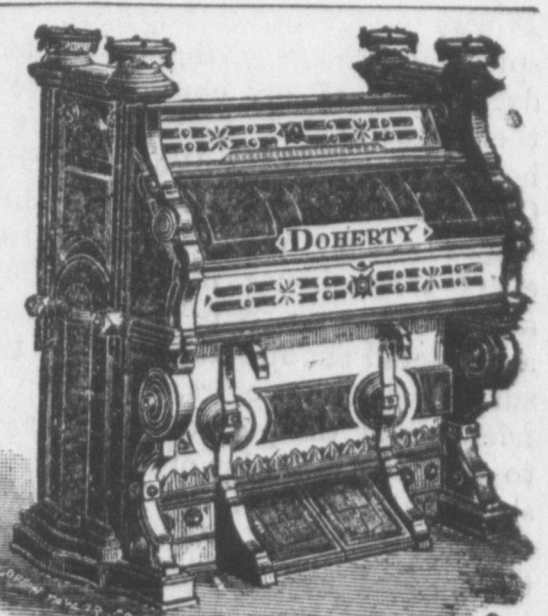
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