#### The Two Words.

I. DIKENGA. One day a harsh word, rashly sail. Upon an evil journey sped, and, like a sharp and cruel dart, It pierced a fond and loving heart; It turned a friend into a foe, And everywhere brought pain and woe.

A kind word followed it one day, Flew swiftly on its blessed way: It healed the wound, it soothed the pain, And friends of old were friends again; It made the hate and anger cease, And everywhere brought joy and peace.

But yet the harsh word left a trace The kind word could not quite efface, And though the heart its leve regained It bore a scar that long remained: Friends could forgive, but not forget, Or lose the sense of keen regret.

O, if we would but learn to know How swift and sure one word can go. How would we weigh with utmost care Each thought before it sought the air, And only speak the words that move Like white-winged messengers of love! - Sunday-school Times.

#### A Boy Guest.

"Why, yes," said Mrs. Steuben, slowly, "you may invite Harry for a week, if you like. Be sure you say a week in your letter."

This was in answer to her son's urgent request. He wanted to see his old friend again whom he had known two years before in the city, and there was no way to do it unless Harry could visit him. Both the boys were fourteen years old, and had once been neighbors and friends, until the Steubens moved to a small town on the seashore. After that, the boys knew of each other only

Mrs. Steuben had her own housework to do; and it was midsummer, a time which tried all her strength and will-power. There would be another room to attend to, another person to cook for, besides the little extra niceties and the effort to entertain which would be due to a guest. But she loved her boy, and he wanted Harry. Papa was willing, grandpa made no objection, and little Lotty danced up and down with a child's love of com-

So Harry came. He had grown in the two years, and looked quite like a young man, Mrs. Steuben thought. as he walked up the path with his valise. This made her a little more nervous about her household arrangement, and there was the mercury already above ninety.

But Harry was only a boy yet, after all. He and Fred were soon running races in the yard, and trying to see which could jump farthest. Then they went off for a long walk around the town, and came back tired and dusty from their tramp. Harry went up to his room to wash, and presently Mrs. Steuben saw him refilling his pitcher at

"That's good," she thought. "] was just thinking Ishould have to take up more water before bedtime."

The next morning, Harry came early downstairs, before Fred had thought of stirring. Mrs. Steuben was busy in the kitchen. He said good-morning brightly, and sat down by the window, where it was cool. Presently there was a rap at the door.

"Oh dear," exclaimed Mrs. Steuben, "here are my hands all in the flour?" "I'll go," said Harry.

It was a neighbor bringing a fine head of lettuce. Harry received it in his hands, with the dirt clinging to the roots, and, instead of asking where he should put it, said .-

"I'll take this out to the well, and wash it for you, Mrs. Steuben." When he brought it back thoroughly

washed, with the roots and torn leaves all removed, Mrs. Steuben said impulsively :-

"What a helpful boy you are, Harry !" She was yet more impressed when,

during the forenoon, she went from room to room making beds, to find Harry's room looking as neat and orderly as if he had not slept in it. The bed was made, the bureau set in order; and the boy had hung his best suit carefully away in the closet.

"When would Fred ever think of such a thing?" Mrs. Steuben asked

Each day, Harry, without making any ado, found some way of helping. If anything were suddenly wanted from the store, Harry cheerfully offered to go. Sometimes he brought in wood, sometimes he got a pail of water. He seemed to enjoy every moment, whether in the house or off on some trip. Fred took him to every point of interest in the neighborhood and Mrs. Steuben was encouraged to propose rowing on the river, when she saw how strong and how capable Harry was in all he undertook. She Went rowing herself with the boys, and was not afraid to let Lottie go, too.

One day, as she was looking at an old splint-bottomed chair in the corner, Harry said :-

"My mother had a chair like that and she got some white paint and painted it all over white, with little gold bands around the legs and around parcs of the back. Then she made a peacock blue cushion for it, and set it in the parlor. You might do that, too, Mrs. Steuben. It if very pretty when it is done."

Mrs. Steuben decided on the instant that she would do it, and felt grateful to Harry for the suggestion. Another time, when the ice-man was bringing in ice, Harry mentioned that his mother always wrapped ice in old newspapers when she put it away; and this n.ade it last a great deal longer.

Harry's week was extended to two weeks by Mrs. Steuben's especial request, and she told her own boy privately the reason why.

"He makes so little trouble. Fred.

she said; "and he is so cheerful and

obliging. I fairly enjoy giving him a good time, and I am going to have a picnic for you all on the shore before Nabob. (e) His wife was Jael. (f) Gen. he goes. Now, if you ever visit any- | x. 25; xi. 14. St. John iii. 35. Judges where yourself, dear, remember and iv. ii, 17; v. 24, try to be like Harry. Then you will always be welcome, and find friends." She was a little touched the r.ext day, when she went to Fred's room, to find that her own boy had been making up his bed. He had begun already; and, in various little helpful ways, awkwardly at first, but very natur-

#### Short Lectures for Boys.

ally and deftly afterwards, he showed

his willingness to be of service to

others, even as his boy guest had been.

- Youth's Companion.

Most boys and girls do not like lectures-they say they are too long for their highnesses. Perhaps they may like these short lectures. They will give food to think over, and must not be read too hastily.

A Swedish boy fell out of a window and was badly hurt, but, with clenched lips, he kept back the cry of pain. The king, Gustavus Adolphus, who saw him fall, prophesied that that boy would make a man for an emergency. And so he did, for he became the famous General Brurer.

A boy used to crush the flowers to get their colour, and painted the white side of his father's house in Tyrol with all sorts of pictures, which the mountaineers gazed at as wonderful. He was the great artist, Titian.

An old painter watched a little fellow who amused himself making drawings on his pots and brushes, easeland stool, and said: "That boy will beat me one day." So he did, for he was Michael Angelo.

A German boy was reading a bloodand-thunder novel. Right in the midst of it he said to himself: "Now this will never do. I get too much excited over it. I can't study so well after it. So here it goes!" and he flung the book into the river. He was Fichte, the great German philosopher.

Do you know what these little lectures mean? Why, simply this, that in boyhood and girlhood are shown the traits for good or evil that make the man or woman good or not.

### Joung Lolks' Column.

Conducted by C. E. BLACK, CASE SETTLEMENT, KINGS Co., N. B.

PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

\*Attempt the end, never stand in doubt Nothing's so hard, but search'll find it out." The Mystery Solved.

(No. 29.)

N- B .- Solntions to second batch of 1.-Mariatheresunstadt. [In Austria.]

2. - Wheat-stone. - Wheatstone.

3. - Verbena

4.—A— rie— S D-eat-H V - oic - E0-rlo-P C-atc-H A - gil -E

T-ibe-R E- lan D ADVOCATE-1 John 2:1.

SHEPHERD-St. John 10:11. A THE TRADE AHAZIAH EDI CT EAT

We inadvertently omitted the continuation of the solutions to the late Prize Contest. We hope you will pardon us. We give another batch this issue.

Sixth Instalment. No.7 .- Samaria.

Kings 15:23.

2. 1 Chron. 20:2:2 Sam. 12:30.

3. Zech. 5: 1-4.

4. Lam. 3:25.

Seventh Instalment. No. 9. -1. Caesar Augustus. Luke 2:1.

> 2. Herod the Great, who held the sceptre of Judea merely by the courtesy of the Roman Emperor. Luke 1:5. 3. Tiberius Caesar, Luke

3:1. 4. Pontius Pilate, Luke 3 1. Matt. 27:2. 5. 1 Chron. 20:1-3;2

Sam. xii. 31.

No. 10. - BIBLE STUDY—(a) Heber. (b) Peleg. (c) 34 years old, and he lived to be 464. (d) A decendant of

Eighth Instalment.

No. 11.-F-elix..... Acts 23:24. E-lizabeth....Luke 1:13. A-rarat......Gen. 8:4. R-ighteousness Ephes. 6:14

N-azereth....Matt. 2:23. 0--il.....1 Kings 17:14. T-imothy.....2 Tim. 3:15. L-ebanon...... 1 Kings 5:6. I—srael.......Gen. 35:10. T-homas.....Jehn 20:24,25. T—abor.....Judges 4:12. L-azarus .....John 11:43,44

E-lisha...... 2 Kings 2:15. F-aith (the faith)2 Tim. 4:7. L-evite..... Luke 10:32. O—livet . . . . . . Acts 1 : 12. C-ornelius...... Acts 10:1-5. 

Ninth Instalment.

No. 12.—1. Because of his conduct at the waters of Meribal. Num. 20 12; &c.

> 2. At Antioch in Syria. Acts 11; 26. 3. (a) Of Moab. Ruth 1

> 4. (b) Great GrandmotherRuth4:21,22

4. 1 Sam. 20: 35-41. 5. Exod. 38:8.

No. 13.—1. Stones, precious gems, and marbles.

2, 3. Building, paving, &c., &c.

4. Houses and tombs.

5. Crowns and hovels. 6. Idols and God's com-

mandments. 7. (a) Ex. 31:18; 34:1 (b) Gen. 18:32; 35, 14 (c) 1 Sam. 17:49, 50. (d) 1 Kings 6:7.

(e) Psa. 91:12; St. Matt. 21:42; Rev. 2:17.

(f) Dan. 2:34. (g) Acts 7:58; 14:19. (h) Rev. 21:11, 19. St. John 2:6. St

Mark 15: 46. St. John 8:7; 11 38, 39. St. Luke 20:17.

The Mystery.-No. 32.

WHO WILL TAKE THE PRIZE.

Off we go for another prize contest This time we make the competition a short, smart one, and will cover four weeks only. Each contestant must send with the first lot of solutions at least five (5) original puzzles with their future. solutions. All answers must be mailed within two weeks from the receipt of the paper by the contestant, and no answers will be accepted after the 15th of September. Give name. age, and full post office address to ensure a prize. The competition is open to all. If the puzzles are Biblecal, always give the Bible references. Be sure you have your answers as you want them before mailing them, as all supplementary answers will be thrown out Alternative answers will not be allowed; that is, contestants will not be credited when they say an answer is this orthat. Neatness and legibility of writing, together with the age of the contestant will be taken into account. After the first lot of solutions, subsequent answering may be sent on a post card, using mark or nom de plume, if desired. There will be a handsome book given to the one who sends the best list of answers, providing he or she complies with the rules, as given above. Address all correspondence to C. E. BLACK, Case Settlement, Kings Co., N. B. Please preserve these rules.

PRIZE PUZZLE CONTEST.

First Instalment of Prize Puzzles. | sex.

No. 8.-1. 2 Chron. 16:12, 13 1 1.-Drop-Letter Puzzle. (One word. -E-M-T-L-G-C-L

2. - NAGRAM. (One word.)

3.—DECAPITATIONS.

Behead an instrument of punishment and leave a hag; behead again and leave an unpleasant disease.

4. - WORD PUZZLE. The first two letters are male; the first three female; the first four male; the whole female.

5. -- CHARADE.

My first is an enclosure; my second is feared by children; my whole may seem strange to you, as it has three

Our Letter Box.

UNCLE NED CONTEMPLATES.

CASE SETTLEMENT, N. B., July 30th, 1888.

Dear Nephews and Nieces: Again we greet you all with cheerful tone and merry heart. Another week has gone since our, or rather your, Column last appeared, and the holiday

season is fast drawing to a close. This week we come to you in a somewhat different guise, trusting that you will look at us more carefully and give an effort to secure a handsome prize. Who will be the first to re-

We hope ere long to give particulars concerning a prize Word-Hunt, and other interesting features which we feel sure will be enjoyed by all our nephews and nieces. Watch the Column, and be on the alert for something new. Also, kindly send us new would like to have more interestshown every week. Remember it is your department. Come, then, let us hear Fancy Vestings & Trowserings. from you one and all at once.

All being well we shall endeavor to start a Band of Kindness among our readers and friends, and their friends. Of this we shall give further particulars next issue-nothing preventing.

Let us seek for the bright side in everything. Let us seek good in all we have; in all we do, so to us there may come that inward sense of true happiness, which illumines with its charful glow the human face, and fills the world with sweet songs of joy and

"It is not just as we take it, This mystical world of ours: Life's field will yield as we make it, A harvest of thorns or flowers."

God grantthat your young lives may be made worth the living, and that this world will know that worth ere the chill winter's breath frosts the hair of manhood and womanhood. You were not made in vain! God has a noble purpose in view for each and all. Do not waste nor trifle with the present, nor disobey God's holy laws and commands. May you be as bright and shining lights ir. the world.

Yours for good,

"UNCLE NED." CARLETON, N. S. July 25th, 1888. DEAR UNCLE, -I was very much

pleased with the nice book you sent me, and also a little surprised at receiving one of the prizes, for, although I did the best I could owing to sickness in our home, I did not have as much time for the study of the puzzles as I should otherwise have done. I am not sure whether I should send this to you or the Editor of the Intelligencer. Please accept my warmest thanks. I shall not forget the Y. F. C. in the

Yours truly, "APPLE BLOSSOM."

[Uncle is glad you are pleased with your book. You did exceedingly well in the prize contest, and more so when we take in the facts above stated. All Make your answers as short as possible matter for this Column should be adwhile stating them clearly. Solutions dressed to Uncle and not the paper and like details will not be required. Editor. We hope you will not forget the Y. F. C., and will write often. Success to you.]

> Few men respect girls who are ready to be wooed. The custom prevalent among a certain class of young ladies asking, directly or indirectly, the attentions of young gentleman, is not an admirable custom. "My son," said a lady, not long since, "is much prejudiced against a young girl, whom I admire, because she is constantly sending him notes, inviting him to be her escorthere and there, and planning to have him with her." A modest, dignified reserve, which is neither prudery nor affectation, should distinguish your manner to gentlemen. Too great familiarity and too evident pleasure in the society of young men are errors into which no delicate and pure minded girl should fall, if she desire to retain the respect of the opposite

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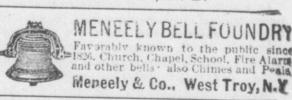
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