



No. 440.—A Puzzle of Sevenths.
One-seventh of currant, one-seventh of
Anubar, one-seventh of apricot, one-seventh
of peaches, one-seventh of quinces, one-
seventh of oranges, one-seventh of bananas,
combined, will yield the plural of a dried
fruit which is a general favorite, and adapted
to a variety of purposes.

No. 450.—Crossing the River.
Three Englishmen traveling in Africa with
three native servants come to a river which
must be crossed in a canoe that will hold but
two persons. The travelers suspect the fidel-
ity of their servants, who have secretly
agreed to kill them whenever there should
happen to be three natives alone with two
Englishmen, or two natives to one English-
man. How do they manage to cross without
giving the desired opportunity to the treacherous servants?



No. 451.—A Bird Puzzle.
Each little picture in the above represents
a kind of bird.

No. 452.—Easy Charade.
My first is the opposite of Ohio.
My second is a weight.
My whole is a city in Ohio.

No. 453.—Letter Rebus.
STAND
M (b) (c) s
No. 454.—Enigmatical Trees.
Tell the tree that will fight.
The tree that obeys you.
And the tree that never stands still.
The tree that got up.
The tree that was lazy.
And the tree neither up nor down hill.
The tree to be kissed.
The damkest tree.
And what guides the ship to go forth?
The unhealthiest tree.
The tree of the people.
And the tree whose wood faces the north.

No. 455.—Anagram.
If you wish to go by rail,
Hasten to the station,
With "Train on Time" you will not fail
To reach your destination.
No farther claw than this I lead;
You'll find the answer in the "end."

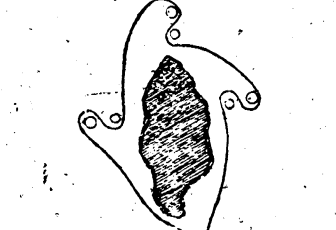
No. 456.—Double Acrostic.
Words of six letters:
1. A rascal. 2. An armed fleet. 3. A small
bird. 4. A voracious jumping insect. 5. To
smoke. 6. At a distance within view. 7. Uses
profane language.
Primals, low places; finals, rags.

No. 457.—Beholdings.
An English word, I mean to crush;
My head cut off, I am to bruise;
Cut off again, and then I'll be
A wood that carpenters much use.

No. 458.—Conundrums.
What musical instrument should always be
disturbed?
How can a tall man be made shorter?
Why is a dog biting his own tail like a good
manager?
Why does a sailor know there is a man in
the moon?
Why is a camel the most irascible animal in
the world?
Where can happiness always be found?
What belongs to yourself, but is used more
by your friends than by yourself?

The Magic of Numbers.
Ask a friend to open a book at random and
select and mark any word within the first ten
lines, and within the tenth word from the end
of the line. Now, letting your companion do
the figuring, proceed to discover the word
through "the magic of numbers." Ask him to
double the number of the page and multiply
the sum by 3, and then add 50.
Then to add the number of the line.
Then to add 5.
To multiply this sum by ten.
To add the number of the word in the line.
To subtract from this sum 250, and tell you
the result.
The remainder will indicate in the unit
column the number of the word; in the 10
column the number of the line, and the re-
sulting figure the number of page.
Though you may not be able to explain this
curious calculation, it will always come out
correctly.

Key to the Puzzler.
No. 441.—Enigma: Box.
No. 442.—Anagrams: (a) Senator, (b) Usurper,
(c) Plutocrat, (d) Gnatcatcher, (e)
Sparrowhawk, (f) Flatfishes.
No. 443.—Egg Problem: 30 goose eggs, 50
duck's eggs, and 70 hen's eggs.
No. 444.—A Unique Window: In the first
instance it is shaped like a diamond; then it
is changed to a square.
No. 445.—Easy Hour Glass: Centra, Con-
sent, Cross words: 1. die, 2. pond, 3. one,
4. A. S. 5. new, 6. can, 7. Con-
tent.
No. 446.—The Puzzle Wall.



No. 447.—Decapitated: Mad me, a dame,
a dam; dam: dam.
No. 448.—A Numerical Puzzle: Seven,
even, one; 512, 12; Three, two, Five, six;
Two, four; Four, four; Nine, nine; Ten, ten;
Eight, six.
Castle Thunder was a Confederate
prison at Richmond during the civil
war, in which civilians who were sus-
pected of being in opposition to the
insurgents were confined. The
building was originally a tobacco
factory, and was burned early in Septem-
ber, 1872.

HOW THE RANSOM WAS PAID.

On the helpless Flemish village
Cruel Alva swooped and fell,
And the peace of trade and tillage
Turned to martial clank and yell.
In the morning hours tall and handsome,
Stood the great duke, looking down
On the burghers proffering ransom
For the safety of the town.

Over his brow gray locks were twining,
For his casque was laid aside,
And his good sword carved and shining
From his sword belt was untied.
Prince he seemed of born commanders,
Pride and power each feature told,
As he cried, "Ye men of Flanders,
Bring me twenty casks of gold!"
Then upon them fell a sadness,
And a shadow like a pall;
While they murmured, "The rank madmen
Such a sum from us to call,
And the spokesman of the village
Murmured feebly, "Sure you jest."
Answered Alva, "Gold or pillage—
Choose! whichever may suit you best!"

Faint and stunned, they turned despairing,
When a laugh of joy
And their startled spring
In their faces a little boy,
On his curls the duke's helmet rested,
As he sang like a rooster:
And his good sword mailed and crested
Was great Alva's mighty sword!

Round about the room he gambled,
Peeping through the helmet bars;
Now he leaped and now he ambled—
Like a cupid mooded and dars.
Then he stayed his merry prancing
And of Alva's knees caught hold,
Where a ray of sunlight glancing
Turned his sunny curls to gold.
Swift the mother, sorely frightened,
Swooped to take the cherub wild,
But the duke's stern features lightened
As he kept her from the child,
And he dealt the pretty practice—
For the baby's head he held,
Till his eye, so fierce in battle,
Softened with a pearly tear.

For a baby rose before him
In fair Spain, ere war's alarms—
Thus his father's sword above him—
Alva caught the boy in arms,
And, the pretty forehead baring,
Cried "A kiss! the child obeyed."
Till the mother's breast he pressed,
Alva said: "Your ransom's paid."
—Savannah News.

Science of Digestion.
The fallacy of "plain living" is
shown by good authority, which
proves that the stomach never per-
forms its duty so effectually as when
called to act upon a variety of food,
provided, of course, that the food is
well cooked. The popular opinion
is that a dinner consisting of
three or four varieties of solid food is
more easily digested than the meal
which is confined to one sort only.
The old fashioned notion of a single
joint and a simply made pudding is
pronounced to be a fruitful source of
indigestion. Upon this subject Dr.
George H. Taylor says in the Stan-
ford: "The best digested and easily
digested foods are the abomination
of dietetics; they prevent normal
incitation of the digestive organs,
necessary for normal secretions;
they encourage a false notion that nu-
trition can be assured without refer-
ence to expenditure or to providing
any use for nutritive material, and
thus are liable to cause unnatural, ir-
regular, unmanageable increase of the
digestive secretions of the organism,
which react injuriously upon the di-
gestive secretions, especially those of
the liver. The prevalent recourse to
these presumably enforced methods of
nutrition are, in short, a violent and
abnormal reaction against the former
prevalent reign of physical depletions,
and so called alternatives. These old
methods actually provide modes of
disposing of unused nutritive supplies,
although they be morbid modes."—
Frank Leslie's Newspaper.

Amphibian of the Coal-Period.
Professor Bickmore, in a lecture on
"The Period of Reptiles and Mam-
mals," in the Museum of Natural His-
tory, New York city, presented on a
screen illustrations of the footprints
of the amphibians of the coal
period. The illustration was a drawing
from the great slab of bluestone
which belongs to the museum, and
was taken from the stone quarry at
Turner's Falls, Mass. The animal
itself, Mr. Bickmore explained, was
one of those which roamed in great
numbers along the Connecticut valley
during the carboniferous period. This
one had left its footprints in the mud,
and the impression having been sub-
sequently filled with sand, the cast
was preserved when the clay became
hardened into stone.
From fossils of the animal, which
have been obtained in other portions
of the valley, it appears to have had
an elongated body, about fourteen feet
long, on four legs. It moved mainly
on the hind feet, the fore legs being
shorter, and lived partly in the water
and partly on the banks of the stream.
—Scientific American.

On a "Fattie's" Back.
One of the old and popular denizens
of Fairfield is a river turtle who made
his first appearance there in 1847, ac-
cording to The Fairfield Journal. John
R. Joy discovered him and marked
him with his initials. This was a
mile from the river. In 1861 when the
war broke out, he came to the
front and Benton Brown met him and
marked him with his initials. In 1893
he was reapprehended and was again
marked.
He is in the habit of bobbing up near
the big boom, to make the acquaint-
ance of the river-drivers, about once
in four years. Early in 1889 he again
made his appearance. Another in-
scription was carved on his back and
he was voted among Iowa for exhibi-
tion and then liberated again. He is a
great pet among the hands at the
boom. —Lewiston Journal.

Dean Stanley's Waiting.
Phillips Brooks told an interesting
and amusing anecdote of Dean Stanley
recently. The dean sent a note to a
shoemaker regarding some work which
that artisan was doing for him. The
writing was so difficult to decipher that
the shoemaker returned it to the dean
with a note saying, innocently, that
he was "brought to the door" by the
copy of the higher classes," and asked
for a translation. "Just as if," said
the dean, laughing, in relating the
anecdote to the Boston divine, "I am
to be held responsible for the hand-
writing of the entire British aristoc-
racy." —St. Louis Republic.

His Good-Turns Chance to Choose.
From Brownsburg, Ind., comes the
story (true, of course) that a young
lady sent a note to a discarded lover
requesting the return of a lock of hair
which, in the whilom hours of court-
ship, he had clipped from her dainty
tresses. Rummaging his trunk he col-
lected a number of locks, culled from
various "best girls" during his love
making career, and forwarded them in
a bundle to the girl, inclosing a note
to the effect that he had ready for her
ten which was hers, but she might
select it from those forwarded and re-
turn the rest at her convenience. —
Pittsburgh Dispatch.

JESUS' FIRST TRIAL.

LESSON X, SECOND QUARTER, IN-
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Text of the Lesson, Mark xiv, 55, 65—Com-
mit Verses 55, 56—Golden Text, John
xv, 23—Commentary by the Rev. D. M.
Stearns.

(Compiled from Lesson Helper Quarterly by per-
mission of H. S. Hoffman, publisher, Philadel-
phia.)
55. "And the chief priests and all the coun-
cil sought for witness against Jesus to put
Him to death; and found none. After the
arrest they bound Him and led Him away to
Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the
high priest, and there he accepted the R. V. of
John xviii, 24, it would seem that the con-
versation and smiting of Jesus recorded in John
xviii, 19-23, took place before Annas, after
which he sent Him bound to Caiaphas, where
we now find Him in the presence of the
priests and council who are seeking evidence
against Him that they may have some plausi-
ble reason for putting Him to death. A good
while before this they had determined to kill
Him (Matt. xii, 14; John xi, 53), but lacked
opportunity because His hour had not come
(John vii, 30; viii, 20), but now that His
hour had come (John xiii, 1; xvii, 1) and He
had suffered them to take Him, they felt that
they must have some semblance of right in
what they were about to do. To find some
real evidence of guilt on His part was the
hardest work they ever undertook, for He
was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate
from sinners; His life and teaching had been
open to all, and nothing inconsistent with His
public teaching had ever been said in secret
(Heb. vii, 26; John xviii, 20). Every sacri-
fice had to be without blemish, and as He
was to become a sacrifice for that nation,
according to the very words of Caiaphas, un-
wittingly spoken (John xi, 49-52), they are,
without knowing it, proving Him to be the
Lamb of God without blemish and without
spot, and a sacrifice for their sins and for the
sins of the world.

56. "Many have false witness against Him,
but their witness agreed not together." This
also was foretold concerning Him, for it is
written in the Psalms, "False witnesses
rose up against me, and such as breathe out
cruelty; and again, "False witnesses did
rise up; they laid to my charge things that I
knew not." (Ps. xxvii, 12; xxxv, 11.)

57. "And there arose certain and bare
false witness against Him." Matt. xxv,
62, says, "At that time came two false wit-
nesses," who remind us of the two men, sons
of Belial, whom Jezabel caused, to testify
against Naboth that he might be put to death
(I Kings xxi, 7-10). It is the same principle
all through the Bible from the days of A-
dam to the days of John, and inasmuch as the
devil is the author of it, and he is still at
large, we may expect to find it prevailing till
the Lord come and the devil is shut up and
sealed in the bottomless pit. "The wicked
watcheth the righteous and seeketh to slay
him; the Lord will not leave him in his hand,
nor condemn him when he is judged." (Ps.
xxxvii, 32, 33.)

58. "We heard Him say, I will destroy this
temple that is made with hands, and within
three days I will build another without
hands."—But what He did say was, "Destroy
this temple and in three days I will raise it
up" (John ii, 19), and John says that He
spoke of the temple of His body; but they
make Him say that He Himself would de-
stroy the temple, which he did not do.
He has been forty years in building, and in three
days build another. They cast the same
thing at Him as He hung upon the cross
(Mark xv, 29), not knowing that they were
then destroying the temple, and that in
three days it would be raised up. Observe
two things here: If we are members
of His body, let us not think it strange if our
words are oftentimes perverted and we are
made to say things which we never said nor
intended to say, but rather let us count it
another privilege of fellowship with Him, if
His sufferings then consider the members of
His body the resurrection which awaits that
body, when perhaps we may see in an actually
restored temple at Jerusalem some new light
upon Hos. vi, 3, "After two days will He re-
vive us; on the third day He will raise us up,
and we shall live in His sight." We shall
know if we follow on to know the Lord.

59. "Neither so did their witness agree to-
gether." The law said that a man could not
be condemned nor put to death at the mouth
of one witness, but that he must be by the
testimony of at least two or three witnesses
(Deut. xvii, 6; xix, 15); and yet up to this
time they cannot get two witnesses to agree,
so they had no case.

60. "And the high priest stood up in the
midst and asked Jesus, "Answerest thou
nothing? What is it which these witness-
es testify against Thee?" The high priest thus
gives evidence of his feelings against the one
on trial, which he has now allowed to over-
come him and cause him to act and speak in
this unjust way, he is being led according to
their own law there was no case against the
prisoner, for nothing had been really testified,
inasmuch as no two of the witnesses agreed.
61. "But He held His peace and answered
nothing." Nothing being confirmed against
Him, there was nothing for Him to reply for
the law and in the presence
of these furious, murderous hypocrites, He
majestically holds His peace.

62. "And Jesus said, I am." To keep sil-
ence in the face of such a question would be
to deny that He was the Son of God, and
to deny that He was the Christ, the Son of
the living bread—I am the light of the
world—I am the door—I am the good shep-
herd—I am the resurrection and the life," etc.
There are at least twelve such titles in John
and seven in Revelation; and often where
you read "I am He," it is simply "I am" for
"the" is in italics, which means that it is
not in the original. See John viii, 24, 28; xii,
26; xviii, 6, 8.

"And ye shall see the Son of Man
sitting on the right hand of power,
and coming in the clouds of
heaven." What a contrast this will be. See
Him in this lesson standing apparently help-
less and friendless before an unjust judge,
and think of Him when He shall come in His
glory, and sit upon the throne of His glory,
and before Him shall be gathered all nations.
(Matt. xxv, 31, 32.)

63. "Then the high priest rent his clothes,
and said, What need we any further wit-
nesses? Apparently Jesus is guilty of blas-
phemy and this holy (?) high priest is full of
righteous indignation, but in the eyes of the
god of Israel, Jesus the Christ, the Son of
the Blessed, the Son of Man, has spoken the
truth, and this rending of garments and ap-
parently holy wrath is all of the devil.
64. "Ye have heard the blasphemy?—what
think ye? And they all condemned Him to be
guilty of death." Just as He Himself had
foretold and as God had before determined.
(Matt. xx, 18; Acts iv, 27, 28); but that does
not in any way excuse them.

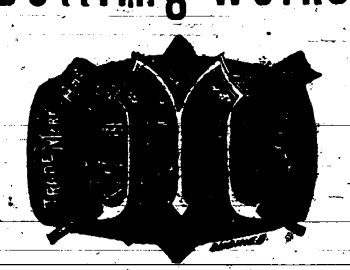
Dispersed by Their Creditors.
A fearful riot of the students arises
in a German town, and no one, not
even the best liked Mayor, is able to
pacify them, till a professor, hiring a
parouche, takes in all the master tailors
of the city and drives them
through the campus, when the mob
disperses as by magic. —Fliegende
Blaetter.
Remember—You should take a lesson
from your sisters, you naughty boy.
Girls don't fight.
Little Jolumie—They does when they
gets as old as ma. —The Epoch.

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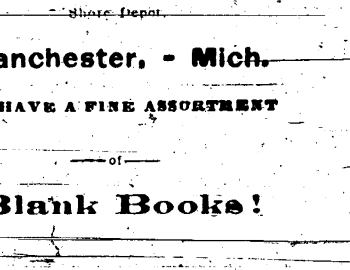


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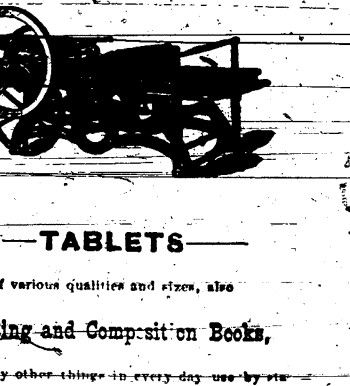
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