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A GOLDEN RIDDLE.

The Indian Territory has given me
A white horse and dropped among the corn,
Beneath the summer's scorching spell
It turns me long the prairies wide,
And twirls the leaves back and forth
To make them up again.

Through longing days of heat and dust
Foot goes and starts the prairie grass,
And twists the mounds of sand up
For water to drink.

She flies like the birds from the sun,
Had strength a mighty driver,
And gives to the world a look
Fair as the golden moon.

The rocky gales against the road
Outdid the falcon's voice of gold.

Each day a riper has it gained,
And when the season had and was
Gained with glowing heart and soul
Gained with resolute heart and soul.

Through scorching heat and scorching dust
The sun has set from the sky,
And when the clouds gathered in
And gathered for the last time,

With wings of greater power were spread,
Than that which quickly moves about.

When glad eyes saw the barren land
"Round head and body and body thin,
And little and thin, from green to lead,
Had gathered for the last time.

All, rather than the recent wise,
The yellow fringes of the vine,
Transferred to the Indian's skill
To guide him to safety.

He failed from the hills before,
The hills before him, he had seen,
And gathered for the last time.

To him who gives the last name,
—Mary E. Stigle in Harper's Bazaar.

Deseret News Lock Events.

One despatch in fifty is enough, and the unwillingness of citizens to give information that will lead to their apprehension sometimes leads to curiosities. Some years ago a young graduate from West Point was sent to the west and detailed for special duty with a squad of Indian scouts. So long as he was with his party, he, of course, was able to keep his bearings, but one day, returning from an expedition into the mountains, they stopped for dinner, and after doing his duty, he lay down to sleep, while he would follow an hour or two later. Not accustomed to the mountains, he lost his way. The Indians came to the post without him and reported that he had not overtaken them, but as they were directed to go on they obeyed orders and did not return to search for him.

A day or two passed and as no news came of the missing officer his friends were sent to find him, highly sent out the Indians to track him down. They followed him for 20 miles and repeatedly had news of him, as he was seen by miners and prospectors, but could get no information from them as to the direction he had taken, for he was supposed to be a deserter from the army, and no one would add the soldiers to run him down. He was found at last after over a week's wandering, almost dead and out of his head with hunger, thirst and exposure, all of which he owed to the general sympathy for deserters, for had the Indians known he was a deserter, he might have been overtaken a few hours. —Interview with David Bayne.

Cost of a Society Dinner.

New York has become a city of extravagance in dinner giving, and most of these entertainments, with all the delicacies of the season and rare wines, cost from twenty to one hundred dollars a head. Of course the latter is the outside figure, but remember that one gives a dinner once a week to party of six fifteen at the first named figure, it will prove a sum sum at the end of the year. In order to render these dinners complete and perfect, the hostess must possess a dinner service more or less elaborate, and it is surely well, that the majority of outsiders stop to consider what those consist of and how much money is spent in this direction. In the old Roman days no greater magnificence could be exhibited in the way of table decoration, wine and service, than a millionaire New Yorker displays when his wife gives a large dinner.—Foster Coates in Ladies Home Journal.

Way of Buying Books.

An enterprising bookseller comes to my book club friend, "Sir, the one who wants to get out of purchasing a book by saying, 'Now if you only had this in such and such a style I would buy it,' mounting a style which he was sure we didn't have." Not long ago I bought one of the customer's books, for it so happened in his case that I had the very style he was so particular about having contained in my book. I said nothing about it till I had informed him by getting him to say that it was the only book that suited his taste, it in a minute. Then I bought it out, and his consternation was quite evident and very amusing. He didn't very well get out of the fix so he bought the book, but he never forgave me and always goes to some other bookseller.—Edward W. Stok in New York Commercial Advertiser.

A curious fact brought out recently is that the determined value of the languages of Berlin, Potsdam and Prague vary in a periodical manner throughout the year, the difference between the values as measured in millimeters, a millimeter being 0.033 cent. The same cause yet but has perturbed, and is being made a subject of scientific inquiry.

THE WOMAN AND THE TELEGRAM.

The Terrible Emergency Which Oligated Her to Face the Lightning Bolt.

The ways of "fairy women," when she calls to her aid the telegraph service, together with a glimpse into a scaled-down household, were both shown at the Twentieth Street Telegraph office. It was shown upon a night when a young woman, tall, well dressed and considerably agitated, appeared there and saying a black wrote rapidly to a friend before her, she stepped over to the man in charge.

"Won't you hurry that along as fast as possible, please?" she said, pushing the dispatch through.

It was addressed to an office in Nassau street, near Wall. The operator, used to the request, took the message and passed it to the automation.

"Two words come," he said, still pushing it with his pencil.

"How soon will it go?" asked the sender.

"At once."

"It ought to get there before half past 4," she hurried with a rider instruction.

"It ought," mused the operator.

"But will it, do you think?" she persisted.

"If there is no delay at the other end."

She passed in the act of putting down the instrument.

"I wonder if a message would be quicker," she said to herself.

The operator waited.

"It'll be back in a minute," she went on, and hurried to the messenger desk.

"What is your shortest time to Nassau street, near Wall?" she burst out, breathlessly.

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