

CURE-IOUS MISTAKE

A MAN went into a chemist's shop and said: "Give me a cure for hiccups, please."

His answer was a slap in the face.

"What's that for?" shouted the man.

The chemist smiled.

"Well, now you haven't got hiccups, have you?"

"No, and I never had, but my wife outside in the car has."

The real thing



No woolly toys for Christine Collins on her father's farm down in Somerset. She has the real thing—two of this season's lambs.

IN A MOMENT OF HEAT CRIED a snowman: "Now life has begun,

To walk would be excellent fun." Smiled the sun, coming out: "Just wait and, no doubt, In a very short time you will run!"

CHANGEABLE

MOTHER called to her young son to look in the hall to see what the barometer read.

"Oh, I shouldn't take any notice of that," came the reply. "It changes its mind every day."

CHAIN PUZZLE

Answers to these clues are linked together, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two letters of the next answer.

INSECTS which give us sweet liquid and sharp pain.

This takes us higher or lower.

Fruit which is round, juicy and good for us.

Soldier of high rank.

Warning.

WHO'S ZOO?

A Zoo "Who's Who" I'd like—would you?

To find the age of the kangaroo, The name of that bird whose wings are blue, The present address of the jaguar, too,

And whether the bear Has a son and heir,

And whether the mule Was clever at school,

And whether the rook Has written a book!

You must agree, I'm sure, with me How good 't would be To have a Zoo "Who's Who."

NAUTICAL

"WHY do you have knots at sea instead of miles an hour?" the old fisherman was asked.

"Well," replied he, with a twinkle in his eye, "if we didn't have knots we could not have the ocean tide."

SPOT THE . . .

WATER-VOLE as he dives from the stream's bank to the water below. Water-voles remain in their burrows when snow is about, but they do not hibernate. These rodents make long winding tunnels far into the banks of ponds, streams, and canals. Occasionally, their burrows cause the bank to collapse. Apart from this they do little damage. In fact, they are beneficial in some respects, eating harmful water plants, such as Canadian pond-weed. Unfortunately, water-voles are often confused with those pests, common brown rats.



BEING SILLY

"CAN February March?" "No, but April May in June."

BEGIN AND END

HAVE you noticed that the Duke of Edinburgh's first Christian name, Philip, begins and ends with the same letter. So do all these other boys' and girls' names indicated below. They are quite common. Can you guess what they are? The number of letters is shown by the x's:

Dxxxid, Hxxxxh, Exxx, Rxxxx, Mxxxxm, Lxxxxl, Axxxxa, Mxxxxm, Cxxxxc, Nxxxxn.

EVERYBODY LAUGHED EXCEPT JACKO



Jacko had got a slight cough, but he did not tell Mother for fear she would give him a dose of her cough mixture, which Jacko always said made him feel worse! Besides, everybody said he always pulled a funny face when he took medicine. But it was not long before Mother realised that he had a cough and insisted on him having some cough mixture. Jacko took his dose, stoutly claiming, "I don't pull a funny face." But unknown to him, Chimp had his camera ready and was able to get proof of Jacko's funny face. And the snapshot made everyone laugh—except Jacko.

BEDTIME TALE

BILLY GETS BUSY WITH A BROOM

ON Saturday morning when Billy took a look outside, he decided that his good deed for the day would be to sweep the snow away from the front path.

On Sunday morning, after more snow during the night, he swept it again. But by Monday morning the path was several inches deep once more.

"Don't bother about clearing the snow away this morning," said Daddy. "I'll do it before I go to work."

While they were having breakfast, however, he suddenly remembered an urgent appointment, hurriedly finished his cup of tea, and raced out, calling to Billy: "Just clear this path before you go to school, will you, son?"

So, with a sigh, Billy got to work again with the shovel and broom. He had just finished when Mummy

reminded him it was time to leave for school.

And in his classroom Billy could hardly believe his ears when the teacher announced that as the playground was under snow, everyone could get shovels and brooms and clear a path from the main door to the gate!

"Enjoying the snow, Billy?" asked Mummy when he got home. "No," said Billy. "I jolly well hope it thaws!"

WRONG LINE

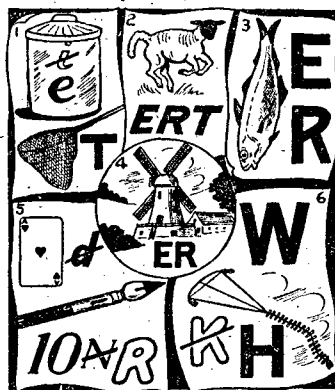
A MAN was making a telephone call when the lines became crossed, and he interrupted two ladies discussing clothes.

"What line do you think you're on?" demanded a female voice.

"It sounds like a clothes line," said the man as he rang off.

FIND THE NAMES

THE answer to each of these little puzzles is a well-known surname. Can you say what they are?



WHAT ARE WE?

"I HAVE a mouth," said Number One.

"But cannot shout or call." Said Number Two: "I have an eye, But I can't see at all."

"My ears, alas," said Number Three,

"I cannot use to hear."

What were these three unhappy things

Whose features were so queer?

FIND ME

There are two answers to this little verse, both of which sound the same.

CLOSE to the sea You will find me, Or else a lord I, too, may be.

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT'S in a castle, but not in a cot?

What's in a tittle, but not in a jot?

What's in a baronet, not in a lord?

What's in a cable, but not in a cord?

What's in the sceptre, but not in the crown?

What's in the columbine, not in the clown?

That which converts a Fast into a Feast,

And that which doth make the last Always the least?

STRANGE SUBSTANCE

USE it at bath-time, Pretend it's a boat.

Though it's a stone, Yet it will float.

What is it?

The answers to these puzzles are given in column 5

THESE ANIMALS NEED THEIR VOWELS



Starting at the white letter T are the names of seven animals without their vowels. Can you complete the names?

THE OLDEST TREE

THE Natural History Master said: "Can any boy tell me

(Now that you've visited the Park), Which is the oldest tree?"

Many thought it was an oak; Others said a yew,

But finally one boy got up And stated that he knew.

"If you look near the entrance gate,"

Said cheeky Billy Welder, "Undoubtedly you'll see a tree That's known to be the elder."

QUIZ CORNER ANSWERS

1. Because a daily guard has long been maintained there by the Royal Horse Guards.
2. Shoreditch, just outside the City of London. In 1576 James Burbage, a joiner turned actor, put up a rough wooden building there called The Theatre.
3. It comes from a Greek word meaning "brothers" and refers to the brothers Robert and James Adam; famous architects who in 1768 designed a fine block of buildings off the Strand.
4. On our coins by the inscription Fid. Def. or F.D., short for Fidei Defensor.
5. Tallies were strips of wood marked with various sized notches down one side to represent different sums of money and then split. The two portions then bore exactly the same notches and were said to tally. The person's name, paying or to be paid, was inscribed on the Tally. After paying, a man was given his half of the stick or "tally" and so held a good receipt which no one could dispute.
6. International Refugee Organisation.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Chain puzzle. Bees, escalator, orange, general, alarm

Begin and end. David, Hannah, Elsie, Roger, Malcolm, Lionel, Angela, Miriam, Cedric, Norman

Animals and their vowels. Tapir, panther, antelope, buffalo, camel, zebra,gnu

Find the names. Bennett, Lambert, Fisher, Miller, Carpenter, White

What are we? A river, a needle, a field of wheat, Find me. Pier, peer

What is it? The letter E Strange substance. Pumice-stone

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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