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THE BRAN TUB

A Motor-Car Trip

THE driver of a small car finds that he can do 45 miles on a gallon of petrol. A motor-coach uses up a gallon every six miles.

If the small car uses six gallons on the trip from London to Newcastle how much more would the motor-coach use? *Answer next week*

Short Commons

WHEN food is scarce we use the expression "to be put on short commons." This term no doubt originated at the universities, where the undergraduates dined in common, that is, all together, in what was usually known as the common room. The food was more often than not referred to as "commons."

Id On Parle Français



Le cimetière Le forçat Le coin

On enterre les morts au cimetière. Ce forçat sera libéré aujourd'hui. Il y a la borne au coin de la rue.

The Moon

THE diameter of the Moon is just over 2000 miles.

Its average distance from the Earth is 238,800 miles.

Its density is only three-fifths that of the Earth.

We always see the same face of the Moon because it rotates on its axis in the same time that it revolves round the Earth.

The temperature varies between 212 degrees Fahrenheit in the sunshine and minus 328 degrees in the dark.

The Moon has little or no atmosphere.

The highest mountain on the Moon is about 24,000 feet.

A Horticultural Shuffle

THE groups of letters below contain the names of three flowers, each of nine letters. Three letters from each are included in each of the groups, and these letters have been taken as they stand and then rearranged.

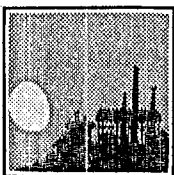
For example, supposing one of the words to be CARNATION, the letters CAR, NAT, and ION would appear together but not in that sequence.

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USS AND RAN
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Answer next week

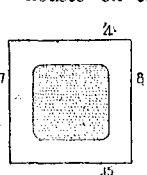
Other Worlds Next Week

IN the morning the planet Venus is in the South-East. In the evening Jupiter and Mars are in the East, and Uranus is in the South. The picture shows the Moon as it may be seen looking South at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9.



The Square

A SQUARE has the same number of houses on each side of it.



Number 4 is exactly opposite Number 15, and Number 8 is exactly opposite Number 27.

Number 1 is not necessarily at a corner of the square. What house is opposite Number 19?

Answer next week

Why Some Hollies Have No Berries

THIS is a wonderful year for holly and all over the country there are plenty of trees thickly covered with bright red berries.

Many people must have noticed that even in the best holly season there are some trees on which we cannot find a single berry. If we watched these trees from year to year we should find that they

never bear fruit. There is an interesting reason for this. In the typical holly the whitish flowers are quite perfect, with both stamens and pistil. Now and again, for no known cause, trees occur which bear abnormal flowers. In these, although the stamens are present, the pistil is not there or is only present in a very undeveloped state. It is impossible for holly trees with blossoms of this description to bear berries.

Where It Comes From

Emery. The sharp grains which coat emery paper and which are used for polishing are a form of mineral corundum, which is an oxide of aluminium. Deposits are found in several parts of the world, but the most important workings are in Asia Minor, Saxony, and the Greek Islands.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Boys and Girls

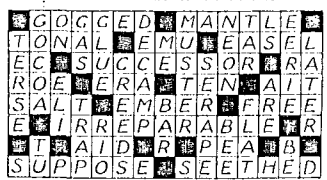
Boy £1 12s. Girl 18s 8d.

What Is It? Matterhorn.

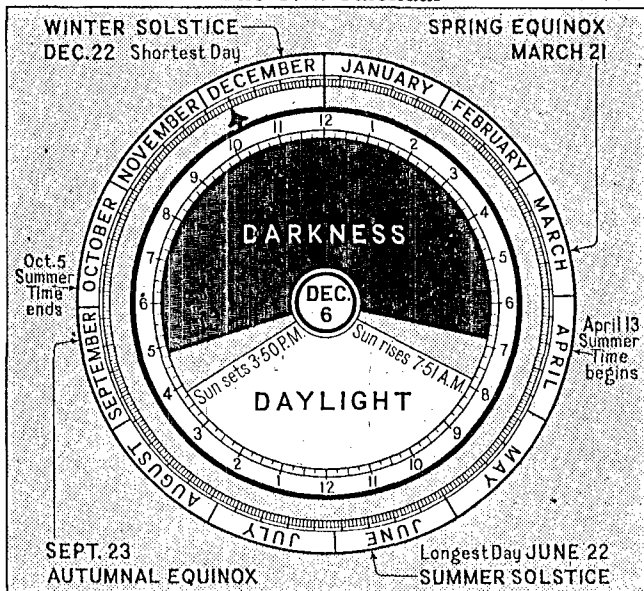
Jumbled Syllables

Newton, Wesley, Handel, Socrates, Napoleon, Lincoln, Dickens, Magellan, Alexander, Leonardo.

The G.N. Cross Word Puzzle



The C.N. Calendar



THIS calendar shows daylight, twilight, and darkness on December 6. The arrow indicating the date shows at a glance how much of the year has elapsed.

DR. MERRYMAN

A Motorist

HOUSEKEEPING was quite a new experience for the young bride.

The greengrocer had called for orders, and after mentioning a number of things he asked, "And shall I send some horse-radish?"

"Oh, no, thank you," was the quiet reply. "You see, we keep a car."

A Zoorisity



The Fountainpenguin

THIS creature of the icy South On urgent errands trots, And as he waddles o'er the snow He leaves a trail of blots.

Blank

HE thought he could write poetry, and so he tried his latest effort on an editor friend.

"I've put my whole mind into this poem," he said, as he handed over the manuscript

The editor looked at it. "Ah! as I thought," said he. "Blank verse."

Very Annoying

BLACK: I suppose the Chief was annoyed when you reminded him that I leave next week?

Green: Yes, very much. He said he thought it was this week.

A Long Year

THE much-travelled man was talking, and when he paused to take breath one of his listeners seized the opportunity and spoke. "You say that in your particularly favourite South Sea isle you have each year 365 days of sunshine?" he asked.

"I do, sir," was the traveller's reply. "And I might add that that is a very conservative estimate."

Father's Homework

TEACHER: Who did these sums in your homework for you?

Boy: Father, sir.

Teacher: Did he do them altogether?

Boy: Well, I helped him, sir.

FIVE-MINUTE STORY

JIM ALINGTON was staying in Scotland with his uncle, who kept the inn at a place called Rollie Ferry.

Rollie is at the beginning of a long chain of lakes, and there is a ferry across an open bit of water about half a mile across. Motorists wishing to go north are obliged to cross this way, and Jim's uncle had had a strong wooden vessel constructed to take one car.

Jim delighted in hanging about the little quay. Often there was a car to go across, and he loved to help Mackintosh, the boatman, to swing round the platform of the wooden boat to receive it. He liked to cross over the smooth water, helping in all sorts of ways, while the brave little motor-engine thudded and the

occupants of the car exclaimed how lovely it was, looking at the high woods on the mountain sides, where the wild birds lurked and grouse might rise in the air.

It was Jim's ambition to ferry the boat across alone. He told his uncle so, but Mr Ross only said, "I wonder if you are capable, Jim?"

One morning, just before Mackintosh's dinner-hour, he got a wasp sting on his bare chest. It swelled up rather alarmingly and he said to the boy beside him, "It's ten minutes to twelve. I'll off home to the wife and she'll see to me, and I'll be back at ten minutes to one."

Off went poor Mackintosh, and Jim sat himself down on the low stone wall, and his

heart beat high, and he thought to himself, "Surely somebody will drive up." His chance might come.

Suddenly he saw a Daimler, its long beautiful body slipping noiselessly down the hill.

"We want to get across at once," shouted the driver. Beside him sat a lady whose face was very anxious.

"I'm afraid you can't just yet, sir," said Jim. "The ferryman has his dinner now. The ferry closes down for an hour at midday."

"But we must get to our boy," cried the lady. "We've had a telegram to say he has had an accident."

"Of course we must get across," said the man at the wheel. He had a scholarly face and a decided mouth.

JIM WORKS THE FERRY

"I'm afraid," began Jim.

"It's a case of life or death!" insisted the man.

"I'll run up and see what my uncle can do, then," said Jim, dashing away to the inn.

But Mr Ross had gone fishing.

"I'll take you myself," offered Jim.

"Oh, thank you!"

And Jim got that car on board and managed the boat and landed them safely.

"Oh, splendid!" said the lady, and her voice was full of relief. "Why were you so kind, boy?"

"I wanted to see if I could manage the boat—for one thing," said Jim truthfully. "But I'm glad I could help, and I hope your son will soon be well."

NOW... SHE IS HAPPY!



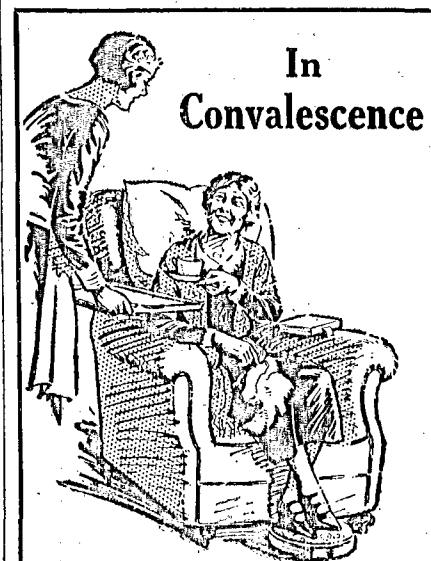
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