

# THE BRAN TUB

## SOLD

A MOTORIST, in a very ancient car, drew up to a toll gate and stopped. The keeper approached him and said gruffly: "One shilling."

Said the motorist, climbing from his car: "It's yours."

## Riddle in rhyme

My first is a colour, bright and gay,  
My second is a tool.  
My whole, a pretty bird, is seen  
By hedgerow, field, and pool.

Answer next week

## Leap Year

AN agile young shepherd named Heap,  
Once made an astonishing leap.  
With the aid of his crook  
He sprang over a brook,  
Holding six lambs, a dog, and  
three sheep.

## OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mercury is low in the west, Mars and Saturn are low in the east, and Uranus is in the south. In the morning Venus is low in the south-east and Mars and Saturn are in the south-west. The picture shows the Moon at 8.30 on Wednesday evening, March 12.



## BEDTIME CORNER

### BILLY LEARNS THE ROPES

As Billy passed Jean's house he saw Jean skipping on the path. She had her back turned to him, and was concentrating on seeing how fast she could skip.

A little later, Billy confided to his friend Paul: "You know, I think skipping is silly—just jumping up and down over a rope." Paul agreed.

That afternoon Daddy took the family to the cinema; and the newsreel film contained pictures of a boxer training for a fight. He was running, shadow-boxing—and skipping!

As they were coming from the cinema, Billy asked Daddy why the boxer had been skipping.

"Oh, that's to strengthen his legs," replied Daddy. "It's a very good exercise."

Billy was thoughtful for a moment. Then he said: "Do you think that Jean can run faster than me because she skips?"

"I wouldn't be at all surprised," replied Daddy laughing.

Billy said nothing. But next morning he went over to Jean's house.

"Do you think I could have a go with your skipping rope?" he asked.

# NOW JACKO AND CHIMP WILL CATCH IT



Jacko knew that burglars often use a ladder to get in and out of houses.

## Umpteen ninety-nine

ALL aboard the rocket-ship, leaving very soon,  
Bound for Mars and Jupiter, first stop is the Moon.  
"You've missed the ship for Venus, miss, there are no more today.  
"That's right, sir, change at Neptune if you want the Milky Way."

Journey through the universe, on the Spaceway Line.  
Oh! to be a traveller, in umpteen ninety-nine.

## KNOW YOUR GAME

HE had been invited in for a game of snooker. "But the balls are so faded," he said, as he saw the table. "How can you tell what the colours are?"  
"That's easy," replied his host; "by their shapes."



So with the aid of Chimp he managed to make a neat capture.

## DEAD MAN'S HANDLE

A "DEAD MAN'S HANDLE" is a safety device on electric trains operated by lone drivers. It is the handle controlling the electric current, and is mounted on a spring. The handle only makes contact when pressed by the hand. Should the driver be taken ill suddenly and collapse, the handle is released and the current cut, bringing the train to a standstill.

## Cold comfort



WRAP the blanket round him;  
Don't let the patient freeze,  
Give him a nice hot bottle  
To warm his poor old knees.  
Give him a big clean hankie,  
And a mustard plaster, please.  
Now stand back, everybody,  
I think he's going to sneeze!

## CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked together, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second answer, and so on.

1. The chief town of Sicily, founded by the ancient Greeks and at one time held by the Carthaginians.

2. Scottish port from which a Scottish marquis took his title; the marquis fought first for the Covenanters against Charles I, then for Charles against the Covenanters.

3. Largest city in Washington State and one of the chief Pacific ports of the U.S.A.; Boeing aircraft are made there.

4. A dwarfish figure of Irish fairy-tales; usually the owner of buried gold; a human being trying to get the gold must keep his eyes on the dwarf, who will otherwise escape.

Answer next week



But the burglar was not a bit captivated by their efforts.

## He didn't wait to see

"So you saw a ghost last night, did you?" said Harry in unbelieving tones. "What was he doing?"

"He was falling behind rapidly when I last saw him," came the answer.

## MARCH THIRDS

THESE "thirds," properly matched, will spell the names of five famous people whose anniversaries (birth or death) fall this month. They are an Italian painter; an English painter, an Elizabethan dramatist, a woman who helped Bonnie Prince Charlie to escape, and a 19th-century politician.

COR	BOU	GER
MAC	STA	RNE
MEL	REG	ALD
CON	SIN	GIO
MAS	DON	BLE

Answer next week

## FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

STORKS AND HERONS. "We saw a stork by the river," announced Don to Farmer Gray.

"Probably a heron," replied the farmer. "The heron's plumage is mainly lavender-grey; that of the stork is white. A heron has a yellow bill and olive-green legs; a stork's bill and legs are red."

"We were too far away to see its colour," put in Ann. "When we drew near it flew off."

"Watch the flight next time," advised the farmer. "A heron carries its head drawn back, with legs stretched straight behind its body. A stork trails its legs behind, but thrusts its neck forward."

## PITHY PROVERB

IT is better to do a thing than wish it done.

## Riddle-my-town

FIRST's in pepper, not in curry;  
Next in haste but not in hurry;  
Third's in cloud but not in thunder;  
Last is in both join and sunder.  
Here, to shed the light of knowledge,  
Sixth King Henry built a college.

Answer next week

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Riddle in rhyme	LIVE BUMP
Chalk blue	A O M I O N I
Chain quiz	C O L D R I L E
Gresham, ambrosia, Iago, Gordon	K I T F I E T E S
Riddle-my-town	L B A D M
Douglas (anagram of "us a gold")	D E A R B U N
	E D I T H A R E
	N D O M O R E
	T H E N W E L D

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