

## Sad Ending of a Flirtation.

Neapolitan society has lately been much exercised by a terrible tragedy in high life. For some time past the Countess del Cigno a lady of extraordinary beauty, had been notoriously at odds with her husband, a gentleman to whom she had, at the urgent instance of her family, most unwillingly given her hand, her heart had already been bestowed upon a young Austrian artist, who quitted Europe for America on the day of her marriage, only returning thence to Naples a few weeks ago. He was a frequent guest at the Countess's evening receptions—a fact which reached the ears of Count del Cigno at his club, where he spent the most of his time by night as well as by day. One evening, just as the painter was issuing from the doorway of the Palazzo del Cigno, the Count drove up to the chief entrance, and, while alighting from his carriage, noticed his wife waving her hand in farewell to her old lover as he descended the stone steps leading to the street. Without a moment's hesitation the Count drew a stiletto from the breast pocket of his coat and buried it to the hilt in the bosom of his rival, who fell, mortally wounded to the ground. As Del Cigno was getting into his carriage, however, a bullet from the Austrian's revolver, fired, as it were, in extremis, passed through his head, killing him on the spot. Five minutes later the artist also breathed his last. This horrible encounter took place under the very eyes of the Countess, upon whom the spectacle of her husband's and lover's violent death inflicted so overwhelming a shock that she became a raving maniac, and is now under restraint in a lunatic asylum near Naples.

## A Legislator Accused of Larceny.

Raleigh, N. C., March 14.—The Legislature of North Carolina adjourned to-day having in sixty days passed nearly five hundred bills. They raised the school tax to twelve and one half cents on one hundred dollars worth of property. A. W. Simpson, member from Dare, a white republican, was arrested when about to leave, on a charge of larceny. A considerable quantity of stolen plunder was found in his carpet-bag and in a box in his room. He says two other white Republican members put up a job on him because he would not vote for a certain bill. The examination is not yet concluded.

## "Blasted Foreigners."

An English farmer who had resided several years in Canada recently returned to England, taking with him a number of Colorado beetles as a curiosity. Through some inadvertence, five of them escaped, and the fact coming to the knowledge of the authorities, the amateur naturalist was arrested and fined £5. The matter has been brought to the attention of the House of Commons; the people in the vicinity have formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of capturing the invaders, and every one is united in a war of extermination against the "blasted foreigners."

## Taking a Long Nap.

A singular case of the partial suspension of physical power in man is attracting the attention of medical men in Lehigh county. A young Hungarian, dropped into a heavy slumber or trance several weeks ago, and all efforts to restore him to consciousness have so far proven unavailing. He has a natural appearance and takes nourishment regularly, but the only evidences of life exhibited are a low breathing and an occasional yawn. He is believed to be partially conscious, but is utterly devoid of motive power.

## A Freak of the Law.

A woman fell on an icy sidewalk in Hartford and broke her leg. She recovered \$500 damages from the city. The owner of the premises in front of which she was hurt, was then sued by the city, on the ground that he had violated an ordinance by not clearing the walk of ice.—The Supreme Court has decided in this case that the city, and not the property owner is liable for injury to a person falling on an icy sidewalk.

## Brought in a Scalp.

The passengers on a train snowbound at Marengo, Iowa, saw wolves prowling about the cars at night. In the morning several men with revolvers set out to hunt the beasts. They soon returned triumphantly displaying a scalp; but it turned out to belong to the station masters good-natured dog, which they had slain by mistake for a fierce wolf.

## Infants With Pistols.

The citizens of Bethlehem were horrified the other day by the discovery that a number of boys attending the public schools were in the habit of carrying pistols. A thorough investigation is being made by the directors and teachers.

The ground in the town of Mahanoy Plane has settled within a few days to such an extent as to effect a number of the dwellings seriously. The yard of one house is reported to be full of small holes the bottom of which cannot be reached by an ordinary clothes prop. The people do not fear any serious result, as it is believed that the sinking is caused by the breaches which exist in the mountains on each side of the valley.

## OUR PUZZLE DRAWER.

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VOL. II. NO. 1.

Answers to these puzzles will be given in Vol. 2, No. 3.

## 1. Numerical.

The whole of 9 letters means maze-like.  
The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, is skillful.  
The 8, 7, 0, is a place for weary travelers.  
Philadelphia, Pa. "MISS FITZ."

## 2. Rhomboid.

Across:—1. A coin.  
2. A plant.  
3. A city.  
4. A plant.  
5. A bronze.  
6. A fisher.  
Down:—1. A letter.  
2. A prefix.  
3. An instrument.  
4. A genus of birds.  
5. A duct.  
6. A genus of plants.  
7. A southern city.  
8. A Greek preposition.  
9. Even.  
10. Not.  
11. A letter.  
New Orleans, La. "X. ZACTLY."

## 3. Cross Words.

In hamper, tamper and pamper;  
In sparkle, not in glister;  
In parter, tarter and martier;  
In hearken, not in listen;  
In castor, pastor, and master;  
In corneak, not in parrot;  
In hatcher, catcher and butcher;  
In turnip, not in carrot;  
In dunner, runner and gunner;  
In oranges, not in berries.  
The whole is a delicate spirit,  
Being distilled from ripe cherries.  
Philadelphia, Pa. "PRIL A. DELPHY."

## 4. Diamond.

Head and tail are just the same,  
Center is an animal's name.  
Before and behind,  
An insect and to endeavor find.  
Newburgh, N. Y. "BEECH NUT."

## 5. Fractional Enigma.

Two-eighths of historic,  
Two-eighths of meteoric,  
Now add two-sixths of saloon,  
Two-sevenths of promote,  
Two-sixths of remote,  
And two-sixths of maroon.  
Be just as quick as you can sir  
And quickly you'll find the answer.  
Philadelphia, Pa. "MRS. SIPPY."

## 6. Half Square.

1. Difficult.  
2. Nymphs.  
3. To fasten a rope.  
4. A male nickname.  
5. A fish.  
6. Like.  
7. A letter.  
New York City. "JULIAN."

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"MRS. SIPPY":—We were very glad to hear from you. All were accepted except the "Rebuses." Don't forget your promise and keep us well supplied. "Plats" preferred.  
"BEECH NUT":—We would like very much to receive a "batch" of puzzles from your pen. Why this silence?

"X. ZACTLY":—A large batch of puzzleistic contributions from you is "X. Zactly" what we wish. We will not X cuse you either, so take the hint.

"JULIAN":—Puzzles and answers wanted. This is a standing invitation.

"MYSTIC":—Are you waiting for those "Cross Words?" Well if you don't hurry up with those contributions, we will be tempted to give you real cross words, and double ones at that, so beware—or rather send those promised contributions.

"WILLIE WILDWAVE":—We haven't heard the "wildwaves" for a long time, so

Let some of the spray  
Dash right this way,  
And let some puzzles drop down;  
The puzzles that fall,  
We'll gobble up all,  
And they will in this column be found.

"ASIAN":—A few of your poetical puzzles would find a hearty welcome this way.  
That every puzzler who received a copy of THE TIMES, will send us answers and contributions is the sincere wish of

PENN LYNN.

## Answers to Puzzles in Vol. I. No. II.

Ans. to No. 1.—Rampage.

Ans. to No. 2.

JAR  
BASED  
JACAMAR  
ASARONE  
REMOVED  
DANES  
RED

Ans. to No. 3.—Overlay.

Ans. to No. 4.

COMPASS  
FORCES  
PITCOAL  
MOTTLES  
ROTATES  
REOGAD  
REENDOW

Ans. to No. 5.—Pyroligneous.

Ans. to No. 6.

HEATH  
ELITE  
MINIM  
ESTOP  
RHODA  
OWING  
CEDAR  
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LABUM  
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