

ENIGMAS.

A word of one syllable, easy and short,
Read backward and forward the same;
It expresses the sentiments warm from the
heart.
And to beauty lays principal claim.
(The eye.)

Use me well and I'm everybody, scratch my
back and I'm nobody. (A looking-glass.)

Formed long ago, yet made to-day;
Employed when others sleep;
What few would like to give away,
And fewer still to keep.
(A bed.)

If you see three pigeons on a tree, and shoot
two how many will remain? None—the third
will fly away.

What word is that which contains all the
owels and in their proper order? Facetiously,
in the spring I look gay, dressed in handsome
array

But in summer more clothing I wear;
When colder it grows, I throw off my clothes
And in winter quite naked appear.
(A tree.)

What is that which goes up a hill, and down
the hill, and spite of all yet standeth still;
The road.

Round as an apple, deep as a cup, all the
king's oxen can't draw it up. Smoke.

A duck before two ducks; a duck behind two
ducks; and a duck between two ducks. How
many ducks in all? Three.

What three American coins will make a dollar?
Half a dollar and two quarters.

I have but one eye, and that eye without sight,
Yet it helps me whatever I do;
I'm sharp without wits, without senses I'm
bright,

the fortune of some, and of some the delight,
And I doubt not I'm useful to you.
(A needle.)

At what time of life may a man properly be
called a vegetable? When he is aged, because
experience makes him SAGE.

What is the difference between the House of
Commons and the House of Lords? One has
nobility, the other nobility.

Where did George Washington go when he
went out of his forty-ninth year? Into his fiftieth.

Why is a woman deformed when she is mending
her stockings? Her hands are where her
feet ought to be.

What shows that a clock is bashful? It
always holds its hands before its face.

Why do you suppose that tight rope dancers
are great favorites with the public? Their
performance is always ENCORED (on cord).

Why do men about to fight a duel generally
choose a field for the place of action? For the
purpose of allowing the ball to graze.

What animal has the most brains? The hog,
because he has a HOGS-HEAD full of them.

If a little thin man were to dress himself in a
large, fat man's clothes, what two cities of
France would he resemble? Toulon and Toulon
(too long and too loose).

Why are the poker, tongs and shovel like
members of nobility? They belong to the grate
(eat).

What burns to keep a secret? Sealing wax.

What great Scotchman would you name if a
stranger knocked at the door? John Knox.

Why is a student of theology like a merchant?
He studies the prophets (profits).

When is a soldier not half a soldier? When
he is in quarters.

Why is the horse the most miserable of animals?
His thoughts are always on the rack.

Why are chickens' necks like the door bells?
They are often wrung for company.

Why is old ocean so apt to lash himself into
a rage? Because he is so often crossed.

Why is a lucky gambler an agreeable fellow?
He has such winning ways.

RIDDLES.

Why is a blacksmith the most dissatisfied of
all mechanics? He is continually on the strike
for wages.

When is a chair like a lady's dress? When it
is sat-in.

Why is a man who beats his wife like a
thoroughbred horse? He is a perfect brute.

Why ought the stars to be the best astron-
omers? They have studded the heavens since
the creation of the world.

When is a pretty girl like a ship? When she
is attached to a buoy.

Why have domestic fowls no future state of
existence? They have their NEXT WORLD (necks
twirled) in this.

What is the worst fare a man can live on?
War-fare.

What is the foundation of a leg of mutton
like a great general? It is the bony-part (Bona-
parte).

When is a thief like his counsel? When he is
BROUGHT UP TO THE BAR.

Why is a melancholy young lady the pleas-
antest of all companions? She is always
A-MUSING.

Can a leopard change his spots? Yes; when
he gets tired of one spot he can go to another.

A Russian beggar's father died; what kin
was the Russian beggar to the man that died?
DAUGHTER.

In what does a tailor resemble a wood-cock?
In the length of his bill.

A man had a fox, a goose and a basket of
corn to carry across a river; he could carry
only one at a time; and if the fox and the goose
were left together, the fox would eat the goose,
and if the goose and corn were left together,
the goose would eat the corn. How could he
manage to get them safely over? First, he
could take the goose, leaving the fox with the
corn. Next, he could take the fox and bring
back the goose. Thirdly, he could carry the
basket of corn and leave it with the fox, and
go back and get the goose the second time.

In what color is a secret best kept? In violet.

Why is a hen on a fence like a cent? Its head
on one side and the tail on the other.

Why is it dangerous to go out in the spring
time? Because every flower carries a pistol—
the grass has blades, the trees shoot, and the
bull rush is out.

What is wiser than raining cats and dogs?
Hailing cabs and omnibuses.

Which is the strongest day in the week?
Sunday; all the rest are week days.

What do cats have that no other animals
have? Kittens.

What are the best fields to dance in? The
hop fields.

How can a man make his coat last? By making
his pants and vest first.

Why is a solar eclipse like a woman whipping
her boy? It is the hiding of the sun.

On what toe does a corn never come? The
mistletoe.

On what day in the year do women talk the
least? The shortest day.

Why is a fish hook like the letter f? It will
make an eel feel.

When does a cow become real estate? When
she is turned into a FIELD.

Why was Robinson Crusoe not alone on his
desert island before he found the man Friday?
Because there was a heavy SWELL on the beach.

What is the first thing a gardener sets in his
garden? His foot.

Why should potatoes grow better than any
other vegetable? Because they have eyes to see
what they are doing.

When was beef steak the highest? When the
cow jumped over the moon.

On which side of a pitcher is the handle?
The outside.

DESTINY.

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Three roses, wan as moonlight and weighted
down.

Each with a loveliness as with a crown,
Drooped in a Roubert's window in a town.

The first a lover bought. It lay at rest,
Like flower on flower, that night, on Beauty's
breast.

The second rose, as virginal and fair,
Shrunk in the tangles of a harlot's hair.

The third, a widow, with new grief made wild,
Shut in the icy palm of her dead child.

CONFEDERATES AT WEST POINT.

How They Ranked in Their Respective
Classes.

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It will doubtless interest many of our
readers to let them see how some of our best-
known Confederate Generals ranked when
cadets at the United States Military Academy
at West Point. We begin with 1829:

Name	Year	Rank	Class
A. S. Johnston, Kentucky	1829	8	41
Leonidas Polk, North Carolina	1827	8	38
Jefferson Davis, Mississippi	1828	23	33
Robert E. Lee, Virginia	1829	2	46
J. E. Johnston, Virginia	1829	13	45
B. S. Ewell, Virginia	1829	3	45
R. S. Gathin, North Carolina	1832	35	45
Braxton Bragg, North Carolina	1837	5	50
Jubal A. Early, Virginia	1837	18	50
J. C. Pemberton, Pennsylvania	1837	27	50
W. H. T. Walker, Georgia	1837	45	50
P. G. T. Beauregard, Louisiana	1838	2	45
J. T. Gilmer, North Carolina	1839	3	31
R. S. Ewell, Virginia	1840	13	41
J. G. Martin, North Carolina	1840	14	41
Thomas Jordan, Virginia	1840	41	41
R. S. Garnet, Virginia	1841	27	52
R. B. Garnet, Virginia	1841	29	52
G. W. Rains, Alabama	1842	3	56
G. W. Smith, Kentucky	1842	8	56
Mansfield Lovell, Dist. of Col.	1842	9	56
D. H. Hill, South Carolina	1842	28	56
E. H. Anderson, South Carolina	1842	40	56
Earl Van Dorn, Mississippi	1842	52	56
James Longstreet, Alabama	1842	54	56
R. S. Ripley, New York	1843	7	39
S. B. Buckner, Kentucky	1844	7	25
W. H. C. Whiting, Mississippi	1845	1	45
Bernard E. Bee, South Carolina	1845	32	41
T. J. Jackson, Virginia	1846	17	59
George B. Pickett, Illinois	1846	59	59
A. P. Hill, Virginia	1847	15	58
Henry Heth, Virginia	1847	38	58
Robert Ransom, North Carolina	1850	18	44
Charles S. Winder, Maryland	1850	22	44
Junius Daniel, North Carolina	1851	23	42
L. S. Baker, North Carolina	1851	42	42
J. E. B. Stuart, Virginia	1854	13	46

We have not the standing of the Confederates who were at West Point later than 1854. By examining the list you will find that our greatest military successes stood well. Lee, the two Johnstons, Beauregard, R. S. Ewell, Jackson, A. P. Hill, Job Stuart, all ranked well—some very near the highest. Then there were soldiers who made more or less reputation, like Early, Bragg, Gustavus Smith, D. H. Hill, Polk, Ripley, Buckner, and Whiting, who stood either high or very respectable. Gen. Whiting was the only Confederate General who was graduated first in his class. His nickname at West Point was "Solomon," because of very remarkable intellectual promise. There were some few men who made reputations who stood very low in their classes. Among them were Walker, E. H. Anderson, Van Dorn, Longstreet, Bee, Pickett, and Heth. In a future article we will give the names of the more prominent Federal officers and their standing at graduation. Lee and Beauregard stood highest in their classes among Confederates after Whiting.

RELAXATION.

Who says there's no oasis
In matrimony dear,
Makes not the truth his basis;
He's prejudiced, I fear.

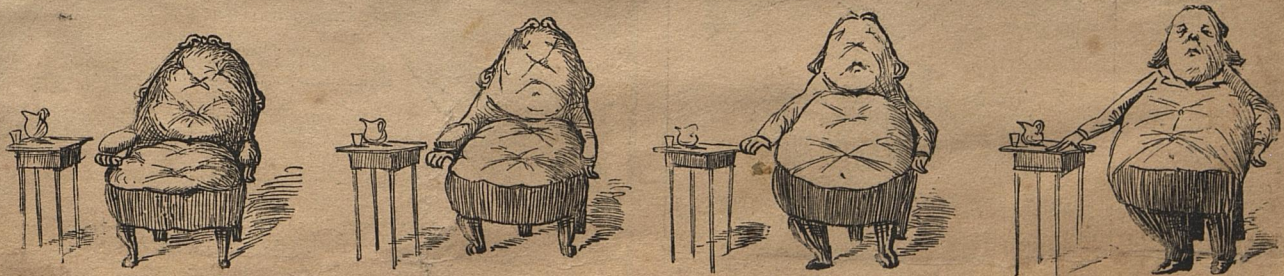
For when the glad summer
Is fairly heated up,
The husband is a hummer,
And happy as a pup.

The lecture season over,
And wife all gone away,
The husband lives in clover—
You'd smile to see him play.

He stays up late on pay day,
Then sleeps far in the morn,
Unheeding "Taters, lady?"
And the ice-cream's horn.

The poker rests serenely,
The mop is in the shed;
No broomstick whistles keenly
O'er his devoted head.

O rest thee, happy sleeper!
The hours are gliding by,
And time will bring thy keeper—
This life can't all be pie.



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