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THE AUTHORS;

ECLIPSES for the Year 1788.

THIS year will afford but two Eclipfes, and they both of the greater luminary, the Sun; the one happening before the Sun's apogeon, and the other after the Sun's apogeon, therefore, no full Moon Eclipfe this year. They will happen according to the following calculations from feveral correspondents:

The first is a visible Eclipse of the Sun, on Wednesday the 4th of June, in the morning.

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The fecond is an invisible Eclipse of the Sun, on Thursday, the 27th day of November, at ten minutes past six at night. The Sun will be centrally eclipsed, on the meridian, at 6h. 13' in long. 98° 16' west, and lat. 30° 31' fouth.

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New Enigmas to be answered in next Year's Diary.

I. ENIGMA (1.) By Mr. William Marsden.

Enigmatists, a while attend, Nor think me rude or vain, No doubt but I have been your friend. And may be fo again.

Tho' I to preach, ne'er had command.

Nor premium to pray,

Yet I, with arms, extended stand. Lest you should go astray.

Tho' I at college ne'er have been, To take out my degree, Nor school discipline have I seen.

As you will quickly fee.

Yet I, with blows, have been abus'd, Sure more than any rake, And otherways been sharply us'd, That I might learning take.

When with a stock of letters fraught, And words of learned lore, Besides some figures I have got,

I furely need no more.

Thus furnish'd, I, am carry'd out, Unto some proper place, Where my affistance oft is fought, To clear the dubious case.

Advice I give without a fee, To gentle, or to rude, Vet none, that ever thanketh me, Oh! base ingratitude.

Another hint, tho' very plain And obvious, I appear, Where first I'm fix'd, I do remain, And stand from year to year.

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II. Enigma (2.) By Mr. Joseph Clark, Alfreton. We hoast not our birth, but we're well educated, Two constant companions, and nearly related; One large flat and square, with this difference found In proportion, the other is flender and round. We've long been respected, for science and learning, Consulted alike by the dull and discerning; No doubt but you'll fay, when to you we are known, We've no more life and fente, than an image of stone. But none of your banter, 'tis certain and true, Our practice has puzzled as wife folk as you;

Many

Many children we have, nothing like us in feature. Scarce known, whether ours, by adoption, or nature. If you fay it is both, you will judge very right, Although we are black, and our children are white: They'll claim your esteem, each, according to merit. Likewise in proportion, to th' place they inherit. It may be suspected, in magic we deal, Such doubts we resolve, and such secrets reveal: You'll further observe, to confirm such conjectures. Our children is found, to be nothing but spectres, When our client applies, to his great fatisfaction, Our children appears, in support of his action. Soon by their affistance, he finds how the case is. Perhaps, to reward 'em, he'll spit in their faces. Another ill usage, is what they can't shun, By the person they serve most, they're mostly undone: In politic schemes, when our children divide, Affairs of importance, they often decide. Some virtues they have, and some qualities vicious, False, fraudulent, impudent, and avaricious: Tho' rashly we've censur'd, our race to defame, For fome black relations, that goes by their name. And those we allow, are of excellent use. And never dishonest, 'till forc'd by abuse.

III. ENIGMA (3.) By Mr. Ralph Dutton, Dublin, Ireland.

What fignifies this world, with all its pride. Its titles, honours, and its wealth befide! Such fancy'd pomp, but little comfort lends, When we are banish'd, from our dearest friends. Kings, queens, and emperors, my parents are. Yet foon as born, am banish'd from their care; Thence forth I iffue, 'midft the thronging crowd. Where, oftentimes, you'll hear me call aloud. Tho' impolite my language, yet you'll fee Laughter and mirth, where ever I make free; Mongit lords, and commons, I the chair may take, But often whisper, where I dare not speak. And fince I never spoke a word of sense, No wonder then, my speaking gives offence; But still, all earth born mortals once must die. And leave this transient world, as well as I. A short-liv'd child, I foon resign my breath, And, like a fwan, I fing before my death; Thence in a moment, quit the place I dwell, With crying groans, and breathe my last farewell. Yet not a tear falls from my nearest friend, But shouts, and laughs, my obsequies attend.

IV. ENIGMA (4.) By Mr. Thomas Manifold.

In fertile earth and frigid air, Oftentimes I do appear; In the meads, you may me view, In the flow'ry gardens too.
Sometimes enveloped by flames, Oft immerg'd in lucid ftreams; In the palace too am feen, But ne'er wait upon the queen. Philosophers I ne'er did know, Yet attend the apith beau; In mountainous Wales am found, But in Anglia abound.
Always with the jocund fwains, On the lawns, and flow'ry plains; Help them to compose their lays, In their lovely fair ones praise.

In fweet music ne'er delight, Never once appear'd in night; But in middle of the day, In fol's scorching beams I play; Often am all in a sweat, For I love the noon-tide heat; But, perhaps, a moment after, I'm immersed all in water. Constantly Pm with the fair, For I'm always in their care; In return I lend my aid, In the gales that cool each maid. Yet, ye fair ones, I can prove, That I never was in love; In the elysian shades I dwell, Yet never once appear'd in hell.

V. ENIGMA (5.) By the same.

In realms remov'd, far from these frigid climes, Long while before, these vile degen'rate times; All ranks of people, much did me esteem, From the crown'd monarch, to the peafant mean. Nay, I can boast of being honour'd higher, For heaven condescended me t'inspire; Thy fentence I then utter'd, word for word, If you will fearch, you'll find it on record. And when that bleft one, who from Satan's thrall, By his most glorious death, redeem'd us all; Into the thrice fam'd facred city rode. The place where David, once made his abode. I with him went, and ne'er did from him stray, And, willingly, did his commands obey; With Ifrael's fons, I went to purchase corn, In lands of Ham, and did with them return. A man, who regal honours did obtain, Did strive to find me long, but all in vain; But now, alas! those blissful days are o'er, And I shall never share, these honours more. Kings, and their nobles, with the learn'd and wife, Once my companions, now do me despise; The meanest people, now, my comrades are, And toil, and hunger, almost always bear. All people hold me, in fach low effeem. That a great blockhead, oft goes by my name; O! what a contrast, but fince 'tis my fate, I rest contented, with my wretched state.

VI. ENIGMA (6.) By Mr. W. Huddlestone, jun. Edingley.

Ye gents pray make room, for one that is come,
To crave your fincerest attention,
Don't censure I pray, disperse frowns away,
While I my great uses do mention.
I'm something so odd, that you can't form a word
Unless that I lend you my aid,
But if from you take, two letters, I make,
A promise, that's many betray'd.

VII. ENIGMA (7.) By Mr. Benjamin Kemp, Farnsfield.

I'm a member well known, yet my nature is fuch,
That I always grow thin, if you feed me o'er much;
If robb'd of a letter, there appears to your eyes,
A road, by the which, you may mount t'wards the skies.
But if twice I'm curtail'd, then beware how you pass,
Lest destruction dart forth, as you walk thro' the grass.

VIII. ENIGMA (8.) By Mr. Matt. Huddlestone, Edingley. Ingenious bards, of fair Britannia's ifle, On whom the muses, all, spontaneous smile; Observe awhile, and strict attention lend. To the weak dictates of a well known friend. Centuries elapf'd, and ages roll'd away, Ere I, by man, was brought to open day; 'Till some mechanic, fam'd for curious arts, Contriv'd my form, and fashion'd all my parts. A nimble tongue did in my bowels place, And though no head, gave me a beauteous face : From humble ploughman, to the royal throne, I'm much esteem'd, and all my uses known: Yea, this I boaft, nor think my boafting vain, The royal fignet oft awaits my train; My hands ne'er stole, nor tongue e'er told a lie, Yet oft, with falshood, stigmatiz'd am I.

From these hints given, no doubt, you'll tell my name, Then, thro' the world, my epithet proclaim. . 2

IX. Enigma (9.) By Wm. Swift, of Stow, near Lincoln.

From the retirement of the dead, To regions where no mortal tread; I mount, then borne, I first on high, Become the object of the eye. But when defeended from my height, My robes are of the purest white. While I am hasting to my fate, Unfullied yet my virgin state, In British Diary, for next year, My name, in print, pray make appear.

X. ENIGMA

X. Enigma (10.) By Mr. Jonathan Cotes, Schoolmaster, South Narmanton.

Something I am, in which began, To be that various creature man; And when again, the fates decree, The place where he must cease to be. When sickness comes, to me you fly, To footh your pain, and close your eye; Where cares furround me, where I weep, Or lose them all in balmy sleep. When fore with labour, you me court, And to my downy breast resort, Where too extatic joys you find, When deigns fair Delia to be kind. And full of love, in all her charms, Then giv'st the fair one to my arms; The center am, where joy and pain, Disease and rest, alternate reign. Instructive emblem of mankind, In whom these opposites are join'd.

XI. ENIGMA (II.) By Mr. Cha. Featherstone, S. Wingfield.

Dear gents, behold a stranger come, To grace your Diary, pray make room; Great is my worth, great my renown, In city, country, and in town. I'm any colour, you must know, Sometimes I blush, like iris bow; And am as neat as Polly Stow. With gold and filver, often shine, And am a macaroni fine; Have many legs, as all must own, But yet to walk, was never known. Join'd to a skeleton, so lean, That he is scarcely to be seen; With you, ye gents, I often stray, O'er hills, and dales, and far away. And when you trip the flow'ry mead, You'll see me playing round your head; And on the rivers bubbles play, Like swallows, on a summer's day. Then rife aloft, and foar on wing, Swift as the arrow from the string; Tho' Emmerson and Simpson knew, Circles, and curves, and many drew.

Yes

Yet I've more curves, and curvets done,
Than they, and all beneath the fun;
Ge'metric lines I form with ease,
And circles too, whene'er you please.
With pointed steel, have thousands slain,
And thousands more shall slay again;
For there are divers, live by rapine,
Who murder do, some I've ta'en knapping.
But those will never murder more,
For they are slain, who slew before;
I would immortalize my fame,
Therefore, dear gents, disclose my name.

XII. Enigma (12.) Being the Prize Enigma, by Mr. George Upton, of Sanondale.

Ye fovereign monarch, that bear rule on earth. From your decree, I first deriv'd my birth ; And by your nobles, am in great esteem. The highest ranks do me an honour deem. Like gold immense, with gems, and costly pearl, I grace the marquis, duke, and noble earl; By me your titles and distinctions shone. By marks and colours I always am known. I am elated up to fuch a height, That I on kings and princes daily wait; Though I am valu'd by the rich and great, I'm oft abhor'd by men of meaner state. For though my pride do oft fo high extend. To th' meanest peasant I am forc'd to bend : Whose abject state, if 'tis to fraction bent. Abhors my presence, though no harm I meant, For though their arms I often do embrace. They 'ook on me, as to them a difgrace: For I'm oft found in such a wretched state. All with the orphiu, begging at your gate. Enough is faid, enigmatiffs of fame,

Enough is faid, enigmatifis of fame, The curtain's drawn, that fast did veil my name.

New REBUSES.

I. Rebus (1.) By Mr. Benjamin Kemp, Farnsfield.

If you add just two fives, to a carpenter's tool,

Names a thing that's well known, to the wife man and fool.

II. REBUS

H. REBUS (2.) By Mr. William Swift, of Stow. A two angled letter, to one if you please, Five hundred to nothing, you'll do it with eafe: If the head of my wife, you bring in as a boon, Will tell what she wish'd for—she minds not how soon.

III. REBUS (3.) By Mr. Thomas Manifold.

He who depriv'd Goliab great of breath. The first man who did never taste of death: Th' beaut'ous Paphian goddess, queen of love, A nymph transform'd into a cow, by Jove, The king of beafts, who thro' the woods do rove.

Connect th' initial letters, and I deem, They'll shew a person, not in much esteem. 6 6

IV. REBUS (4.) By Mr. Matthew Huddlestone, Edingley.

When fix and fifty's ta'en away, From him who rules with potent fway, In wretched finners hearts: A little tracture, next combine One, and two thirds of one, subjoin, See what the whole imparts. A fubtle, fierce, atrocious crime, From which no age, no fect, or time, Could e'er in freedom dwell ; Whence countless thousands lose their blood. Nor greatest champions e'er withstood, This fell born child of hell.

V. Rebus (5.) By Mr. William Huddlestone, jun. Take one half of a virgin, that trips o'er the green, And then a right angle connect, With a thing, that in winter, is commonly feen, Names an en'my t' love and respect. o.e.

VI. REBUS (6.) By Mr. Thomas Manifold. In the first place, two right lines take, And then into an angle make; Which shall contain ninety degrees, A perpendic'lar follows thefe. An acute angle here takes place, And then the last vowel in base; Next unto these there will be found, A letter, with a fnarling found. On one foot, half a circle feat, To these join two circles complete;

That

That letter must be here apply'd,
Which you, by the first lines, descry'd.
These connect orderly and true,
And they a sea-port town will shew.

VII. Rebus (7.) By Mr. John Langdale.
The top of a clock, and the third of an awl,
The head of a rat, and the end of a wall;
Next add twenty hundred, and then you may tell,
The name of a town, where at present I dwell.

VIII. REBUS (8.) By the same.

Three-fourths of a hand, with reverse of the same, Next add a sam'd title, and then they will name, A beautiful damsel, I vow and declare, That's entangled my heart, like a bird in a snare.

IX. Rebus (9.) By Mr. Thomas Manifold.

A Lycian king, who was at Troy's war flain,
And he who the fair Schaneian nymph did gain;
The man, whose wrath to Greece such woes did bring,
The fire of him, who first was Israel's king.
That garden where our parents first were plac'd,
The king, whose mind with wisdom most was grac'd;
She who for chastity, is much renown'd,
A nymph who pin'd away into a sound.
He who'd an hundred eyes, as poets seign;
That British king, who was at Bosworth stain;
A queen, who did o'er Albion long time reign.
Th' initials joined, be not in surprize,
If a great genius' name doth strike your eyes.

New CHARADES.

I. CHARADE (1.) By Mr. Benjamin Kemp.

All hail, my first, what language can express, Thy fost'ring power, in fickness or distress; Trackless, my second, speeds its destin'd way, None can its footsteps trace, or paths display.

My whole, let every free born foul adore, Sure bond of lasting peace, from shore to shore.

II. CHARADE (2.) By Mr. William Swift, of Stowe. Lilliputian's my first, a smart dapper fellow, Who pleases the ladies, and gents he makes mellow; My next, when friends meet, all good-natur'd and free, When fmiling I come, oh! how joyful are we. My whole makes all merry, when up to the brim, From beggar to prince, and from prince to the king.

III. CHARADE (3.) By Mr. Matthew Huddlestone.

Dread foe, my first, all human power evade;

Sweet rest, my next, all hail thy peaceful shade;

Repent, O man, ere thou possess my whole,

Lest then too late, to save thy seeting soul.

IV. CHARADE (4.) By Mr. William Swift, of Stow.

My first, the support of a dairy, you'll find,
Is found very useful to all christian kind!

My next's a false step, so ladies beware,
That blind archer Cupid, your hearts don't ensnare.

My whole will appear in the month of June,
A most pleasant nosegay it makes, I presume.

V. CHARADE (5.) By Mr. William Huddlestone, jun.
On yonder spray, my first behold,
My next secures your hall;
My whole ensures my hapless first,
And keeps it bound in thrall.

New PARADOX.

I. PARADOX (1.) By Mr. William Crane, of Quadring, near Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Three persons at play, in a tavern were seated, Where none other play'd, nor any one betted; Yet fortune prov'd kind, for each gain'd a guinea, Who tells me this paradox, I hold him no ninney.

New ANAGRAM.

I. Anagram (1.) By Mr. Matthew Huddleftone. Make a right transposition, kind gents, if you please, Of a thief that pursoins from the dairy-maid's cheese; Names a gem that's more precious than Indies produce, And your welfare, or doom, must depend on its use.

New QUERIES.

I. QUERY (1.) By Mr. William Swift, of Stow. In British Diary for next year, The mystery of greatness make appear.

II. QUERY (2.) By Mr. Benjamin Kemp.

Since true content and happiness, All men desire, all men carefs, Say, gents, what steps shall I pursue, To keep these heav'n-born guests in view.

III. QUERY (3.) By Mr. William Swift, of Stow.

Why doth bodies, lighted by fire, give a brighter luftre in the night, than by day?

IV. Query (4.) By Mr. Benjamin Kemp.

If you look on a polished razor, &c. why does your fimile, or likeness, appear head downwards?

V. Query (5.) By Mr. William Huddlestone, jun.

It has been a matter of doubt amongst the learned, whether the rainbow did exist from the creation, or was planted in the universe at the deluge, as a super-natural miracle, to confirm the divine covenant with Noah, to posterity. What reasons may be given for the above opinions, and which seems the most probable?

VI. QUERY (6.) By Mr. Richard Waugh, of Bushblades, near Lanchester, Durham.

What is the most scientific hypothesis, for explaining the rise of steam, under its various modifications, either from boiling water, or bodies subjected to chymical distillation?

VII. QUERY (7.) By Mr. John Dalton, of Kendal.

Whether has the invention of telescopes, or microscopes, contributed more to the advancement of science, and the improvement of natural knowledge?

VIII. QUERY (8.) By Mr. Richard Waugh.

The learned Dr. Woodward, in his theory of the deluge, supposes, that in the general subsidence of the chaos, when all terrestrial

terrestrial substances were suspended in consussion, all the strata descended, and took their present arrangement, according to their relative gravities. Now, in the COAL MINES, &c. we find the contrary to be fact. How then can the Doctor's hypothesis be true (which it very probably is) and how would the strata of coal take their stations below those of very dense shone, and of far greater specific gravity?

IX. Query (9.) By Mr. Mark Foster.

What probable reason can be given for Christ's cursing the barren fig-tree, since it was not a disposer of its own fruitfulness, and especially as it was not then time of its bearing figs? Mark, chap. ix. ver. 13 and 14.

X. QUERY (10.) By Mr. George Upton, Saxondale.

How is the following alarming passage in the second commandment to be understood: "I the Lord thy God am a "jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and sourth generation of them that "hate me." Now, provided a person has lived in persect obedience to the divine law, yet is such a descendant of unrighteous ancestors to be accountable for the iniquities of his sorestathers?

A Basket of Bread, by Mr. William Swift.

A baker living now at Stow,
Such bread he fells, fee as below;
Some to the poor he gives away;
A charitable deed, I fay.
"A town in Effex," first you take
A bread, which poor do often make;
"Four fixths of a liquor," makes complete
A bread, tho' not for ladies' treat.
"What sheepherds play on," furely tell
What pleases Yorkshire ladies well;
But Lincoln ladies all agree,
"Cora tall as rye," suits best for tea.

MISCELLANEOUS POETRY.

The Dying Rake's Soliloguy. In the fever of youth, ev'ry pulse in a flame. Regardless of fortune, of health, and of same; Gay pleasure my aim, and profusion my pride, No vice was untafted, no wish was deny'd. Grown headstrong and haughty, capricious and vain. No decency aw'd me, nor laws cou'd restrain; The vigils of Comus and Venus I kept, Tho' tir'd, not fatiated, in funshine I slept. My appetite's pall'd, I no pleasure enjoy'd, Excess made 'em tasteless, their frequency cloy'd; When my health, and my fortune, to riot gave way. And my parts, and my vigour, felt total decay; The doctors were fent for, who greedy of fees, Engag'd that their skill shou'd remove the disease; With looks most important, each symptom was weigh'd. And the farce of prescription full gravely was play'd: Reduc'd by their arts, and quite worn to a lath, My carcase was sent to the vultures of Bath; When drench'd, and well drain'd, by the faculty there. All the hope that remain'd, was to try native air; Scarce a doit in my purfe, or a drop in my veins, To my old mortgag'd house they convey'd my remains: No friend to affift, no relation to grieve, And scarcely a bed my bare bones to receive. With folitude curs'd, and tormented with pain. Distemper'd my body, distracted my brain; Thus, from folly to vice, and from vice to the grave. I fink of my passions, the victim and slave; No longer debauch, or companions deceive, But alarm'd at the vengeance I'd fain difbelieve; With horrors foreboding, desponding I lie, Tho' tir'd of living, yet dreading to die.

On Happiness.

O happines! where's thy resort, Amide the splendor of a court; Or dost thou more delight to dwell, With humble hermit in his cell, In search of truth? or dost thou rove Thro? Plato's academic grove? Or else with Epicurians gay, Laugh at the farces moreals play? Or with the Graces, doft thou lead
The foortive dance along the
mead?
Or in Bellona's bloody car,
Exult amidft the feenes of war?
No more I'll fearch, no more I'll
mind thee,
Vain fugitive--I cannot find thee.

On Innocence.

The man, whose life is innocent and plain, Free from all vice, and free from ev'ry stain; Of just report, untouch'd by dread or shame, Fears not, tho' men his noble acts defame; He's like a rock, which in itself consides, And stands 'gainst all the rage of storms and tides; Strong in his virtue, fears no mortal arm, For gracious heav'n protects the good from harm ; No dire ambition broods within his heart, No envy stings him with its deadly smart : No av'rice, no desire of cursed ore, Torments his foul, or makes him wish for more: No sense of wilful crimes distracts his breast, No stings of conscience tear away his rest; Faithful and true, unalterably just, True to his king, his country, and his trust; No might can shake, no proffer'd gold controul, The noble purpose of his man-like soul; His faith's untainted, and unbroke his trust, His morals free from vice, his dealings just. Let perjur'd traitors, for their country fold, Pile up their wretched heaps of burnish'd gold; Wretched indeed, for conscience always finds, New torments, and fresh stings, for guilty minds; But virtue lays the troubled foul to rest, And with fair peace attended, makes us bleft.

Friar Philip's Geefe. A Tale from La Fontain.

An austere sage, in ancient days,
A Frenchman, as my author says,
On all mankind look'd with contempt,
Thought none from blackest crimes exempt;
But the fair sex, they had attracted,
Both his dread, his tear, and hatred;
He deem'd them angry, heaven's curse,
Of endless miseries the source.
Now anxious care his breast alarms,
Lest those seducers, semale charms,
In time shou'd tempt his infant son,
To tread the paths his sire had done,
T' involve himself in dire distress,
Or by wedlock, or a mistress.

What various ills furround man's life. Exclaim'd the fage—the worst a wife! What treach'ry lurks beneath a face, The curse and torment of our race; Yet how t' instruct, or warn my fon, T' avoid the rock I split upon; How t'escape the tempting fyren, Artful fnare each day environ; And vain is reason's proudest boast. Who fees must love, who loves is lost. But if not known, this fure protects Us from the false deceitful lex; 'Tis thus, no mortal art can shun That rock, where thousands are undone. Refolv'd, my boy shall never know, This fatal fource of human woe; In ign'rance an afvlum find, From the devil, and woman kind. Thus he inveigh'd, now firmly bent, To try the rash experiment: None, he thought, wou'd 'scape destruction, Within the reach of the infection: So purpos'd to retire from it. To educate his fon an hermit; Remove him far from human fight, Nor trust his fafety, but to flight. The haples innocent, then straight, Was feiz'd upon, untainted yet; And with him fole his course he bent, Through a wild forest's vast extent. Here a thick wood, through which ne'er yet, Had woman pass'd, or human feet, Attempted e'er to force a road, He pitch'd upon for his abode. In this recess his fon immur'd,

And from temptation's pow'r fecur'd, Friar Philip now remits his fears, Instruction to his growing years; Adopts and adds whate'er might feem Best to assist his fav'rite scheme; The courteous sire, at ten years old, Things more abstruse began t'unfold; Another world, the blest abode Of a supreme omniscient God; Who cou'd from nothing form this earth,

And gave to ev'ry creature birth;

But omits his lovelieft creature, Th' ornament and pride of nature. The fifteenth year being now attain'd, With nicest art the fage explain'd; Whate'er he chose to let him know, About the dang'rous world below; But never dropp'd a fingle hint, There was such things as women in't.

Within this lonely fad retreat, The harmless lad to man's estate At length arriv'd, and hoary age Had stole upon the rev'rend fage; Who grown infirm, wou'd fcarce endure, The toil of going to procure; What things their wood cou'd not afford, To furnish out the homely board; But now the precepts he had taught His fon, his fire by this time thought, Riveted firmly in his mind, Therefore at all events design'd, To take him with him to the town. However tears of grief stole down His aged cheeks, to think upon The dang'rous risque the lad must run.

But our two hermits are fet out, Towards the city take their rout; Which tho' far distant now appears, The fight augments the father's fears; Yet on he trudges, while his fon, In wild amazement gazes on The various objects that arife To please, astonish, and surprize. Behold him, with extended phiz, Enquiring what was that and this; All he fees excites his wonder, What's that father, look out yonder. A palace, lad—but what are those, With tails, and party-colour'd cleaths? They're courtiers-lemons-and what's that He goes upon ?-nay, God knows what, Cries Philip, whose timidity Ill brook'd his fon's curiofity: But fee the cause of all his care, Some sprightly girls divinely fair, Whose perfualive charms might move. The most obdurate heart to love,

Come titt'ring past, in jocund mood, At our poor numps, who gaping stood Transfix'd, and now, with strange furprize, Feels various unknown passions rife. Emotions never felt till now, Within his troubled bosom glow; Now all that he admir'd before. Fade in his eye, and please no more: Now these alone can yield delight, Quite charm'd with this enchanting fight. He cries, in raptures, what are these? Birds, fays the don, they call 'em geefe. Sweet charming birds, exclaims the lad. If I had one I shou'd be glad; Yet fee, they don't attempt to fly: I'll go catch one, father, shou'd I. We'll take it with us to our cell, And I'll be bound to keep it well.

Think you my tale is too abfurd, Yet shocking modern times afford, Ingrates who first the gift misuse, Then thus th' indulgent hand accuse: Had but too bounteous heav'n deny'd That bane of all our bliss, a bride; Man might have liv'd ferenely bless'd, Nor sigh'd for what he ne'er posses'd. So had we never seen the light, But all been one continu'd night; Had yon bright orb's esfulgent ray, Ne'er cheer'd this nether world with day, Content we might have liv'd in it, Nor, what we never knew, regret.

An Elogy, to Miss -, of -

'Three goddesses, on Ida, did contest, Which of the three the greatest charms possest; Blithe Paris, of the royal Trojan race, Was made the judge in this important case. When quite subdu'd by Venus' sparkling eyes, Unto her he decreed the golden prize.

O! had you, lovely nymph, on Ida been, When Paris gave the prize to beauty's queen, Venus had been rejected then, with scorn, And you away the golden prize had borne.

As THE BRITISH MISCELLANY, printed in 1780 was discontinued, by reason of which several ingenious correspondents were disappointed, in not having their Solutions inserted in the second number: we think it will be doing justice to those gentlemen in giving some of the *Questions* with their Solutions a place in our *British Diary*.

I. Question by Miss H. R. of S.

The breadth of a parallelogram is to the diagonal as $2 to \sqrt{10}$ required the fides, when the area is 864 ?

Answered by Mr. Thomas Keith, Winestead.

Put x = one of the fides, then will $\frac{864}{x} =$ the other; now per queft. 2: $\sqrt{10}$: $x: \frac{x\sqrt{10}}{2} =$ the diagonal, and by Euclid 47. 1. $\frac{x\sqrt{10}}{2}$; hence x = 26,561, and $\frac{864}{x} = 32,53$ w.w.R.

II. Question by Miss M. H. of H.

Required the fides, and area, of the greatest equilateral triangle that can be taken out of a square whose side is 84 chains?

Answered by Mr. Geo. Williamson, of Southwingfield.

Draw the diagonal of the given fquare DB, and DE; DF each making an angle of 30° with DB, then will DE=EF=FD be the fides of the greatest inferibed equilateral triangle; for 4°C being a right angle DE is greater than DC: in the triangle CDE is given DC=24, and 4°EDC=15° to find DE; hence by trig. DE=86.964; wherefore the area of DFE=3274.7635.

III. Question by Mr. Geo. Williamson, jun. of Southwing field.

The radius of two concentric circles are 6 and 10: required the fide of a square interibed between their peripheries?

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Answered

Answered by Mr. John Johnson.

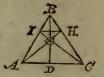
Let 2x = the fide of the square; then by the circles properly $16+2x \times 4-2x = x^2$; hence x = 1.9081, and the fide of the square 3.8162.

IV. Question by Miss M. H. of H.

A piece of land, in form of an equilateral triangle, at each corner of which stands a house; and at a certain point in the triangle is a well of very excellent water; from which if lines be drawn to three angles of the triangle, they will divide the area thereof into three parts, which will be to each other as 2, 3, and 4: how far does each inhabitant fetch their water; the side of the triangle being 300 yards?

Answered by Mr. Geo. Williamson, jun.

Let A, B, and C represent the houses, and \odot the well; now the sides of the triangle being each = 300 the area will be found = 38971.17, and since lines drawn from the houses to the well are to divide the area in the ratio of 2, 3, and 4; if the area be divided by 9 and the quotient multiplied by 2, 3, and 4 respectively, the products will be the areas



of each triangle; whence the perpendiculars are found $I \odot = 57.735$, $H \odot = 86.6026$, and $D \odot 115.47$: draw I H, then in the triangle $I \odot H$ there is given the fides $I \odot H \odot H \odot H$ and the $L \odot H = 120^\circ$; hence the $L \odot H = 36^\circ$ 35′ 11″ angle $\odot H = 23^\circ$ 24′ 49″ and I H = 125.8318; each of these angles being taken from 90° gives the angle $B I H = 53^\circ$ 24′ 49″ and $B H I = 66^\circ$ 35′ 11″. Now in the triangle B I H are given all the angles and the side I H; hence I = 133.3342, and I = 116.6683 therefore (by 47. 1.) I = 116.6683 therefore (

V. Question by Mr. John Hunter, of Ripley, Derbyshire.

Given the difference of the transverse, and conjugate diameters of an ellipsis, equal to 11; and the area of the inscribed square = 333.80546: quere the diameters of the ellipse?

Answered

Answered by Mr. Foseph Moulsdale, of London.

Put a = femi transverse, b = femi conjugate of the ellipsis, x = half side of the inscribed square; then by the property

of the curve $a^2 : b^2 :: a^2 - x^2 : x^2$, or $x_2 = \frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 + b}$, the property of an inscribed square: now to find the diameters, put 11 c, and y = femi conjugate; then if y + c be substituted for a and y for b in the first equation, we get $\frac{y+\epsilon^2\times y^2}{y}$ 83 451365 the fourth part of the square, bence y=11 = semi conjugate; and the diameters 22 and 23.

The same answered by Mr. John Fletcher, of Mapperly, Derby Shire.

Let ABC be the quadrant of an ellipse; EF=FB= half the fide of the inscribed square; join A, C, and make G B 1 thereto; then A B2: $BC^{2}: AB^{2} - BF^{2}: EF^{2} = BF^{2}$ and by comp. $AB^2 + BC^2 (AC^2)$: $BC^2:AB^2:EF^2$, that is A C:

BC:: AB: EF:: (by sim. \triangle) AB: BG hence BG= E F the fide of the given square.

Calcul. In the right angled \triangle A B C are given the 1 G B, the difference of the fides, and \angle A B C: hence (by Theo. to Prob. 78 Simp. Alg.) AB—BC:BD::tang. $\frac{1}{2}$ $\stackrel{?}{\cancel{=}}$ $\stackrel{?}{\cancel{=$

ellipse 22 and 23.

By Mr. Jos. Stone, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Given the transverse, and conjugate axes of an ellipse = 70, and 54, circumscribing two equal rectangles: required the diagonal of each rectangle; when the difference of the fides, parallel to the transverse axe is 12?

Answered by Mr. T. Thorp.

Let m=35 the femi transverse, n=27 the femi conjugate axe, and x= half the length of the shortest rectangle; then by the property of the ellipse $m^2:n^2:m^2-x^2:\frac{n^2-n^2-x^2}{m^2}$; therefore $\frac{n}{m}\sqrt{m^2-x^2}=$ half the breadth,

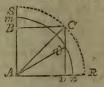
and $\frac{n x}{m} \sqrt{\frac{n^2 - x^2}{n^2 - x^2}} = \frac{1}{4}$ of the area; the same proportion for the other rectangle gives $6 + x\sqrt{1189 - 12x - x^2} = x\sqrt{1225 - x^2}$ when each side is multiplied by $\frac{m}{n}$; whence x = 2!.55; confequently the length and breadth of one rectangle is 43.1, and 42.6, its diagonal 62.22; the other length 55.1 breadth 33.29, and diagonal 64.37.

VII. Question by Mr. Geo. Gale, of Cottingham Free-School.

It is required to describe a circle, whose center shall be in the middle of the side of a square so as to divide the area of the square into two equal parts, the side of the square being 12 inches?

Answered by Mr. Mark Fisher.

ABCD is a quarter of the given fquare, ASCR a circular quadrant whose radius is AC; mvn a quadrant whose required circle: call DC=ADB=6=a; fegment DCR=b, vD=x; then as $a^2:b::x^2:bx^2:a^2$ =fegment Dvn, and $\sqrt{a^2+x^2}$ =Av;



therefore $a^2 + x^2 \times .$ 7854 = the quadrant m v n A; and $a^2 + x^2 \times .$ 7854 = $b x^2 \div a^2 = a^2$, whence x = 3.93, and the radius 7 inches nearly.

VIII. Question by Mr. Geo. Gale.

A sphere of dry oak, whose diameter is two inches, being put into a conical glass, the diameter and altitude of which is three

three and four inches: required how much rain water must be put therein, before the vertex of the sphere becomes level with the top of the glass?

Asswered by Mr. John Hunter.

The folidity of the globe is 4.1888 cubic inches; its weight 2.24578 oz. awir.; and as 1000 oz.: 1728 inches:: 2.24578 oz.: 3.8838 the quantity of water displaced by the immersion of the sphere, which is just the content of that part of the sphere within the surface of the water; its height = 1.6691 of the spheres diameter; therefore 2 - 1.6691 =, 3309 the height of the spheres axes which shows above the surface of the water; now by similar solids $4^3 : 9.4248$ (= the cones solidity):: $4 - .3309^3 : 7.2738$ the solidity of the cone to the height of the water; from which take 3.8838 and there remains 3.39 cubic inches of water to be put into the glass.

The same answered by Mr. Foseph Moulsdale.

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The folidity of the sphere is 4.1888 inches, its weight = 0.138649 of a pound = weight of the water displaced; and .138649 \div 0.03617 (the gravity of water) quotes 3.8326 the quantity of water displaced by the immersion of the sphere, which is just the bulk of the sphere within the surface of the water, and contained under 1.6365 of its diameter; therefore .3635 = a the altitude of the spheres axis which floats above the surface of the water; now by stereometry 4^3 : 9.4248 (= cones folidity):: $4 - a^3$: 7.082 the solidity of the cone to the height of the water; the difference of whose solidities is 2,3424 = the content of the cavity below the brim, which added to 3.8326 and taken from the whole cone leaves 3.249 cubic inches of water to be put into the glass, to answer the conditions of the question.

IX. Question by Mr. Thomas Barker of Holton.

Required the dimensions of the greatest biquadratic paraboloid that can be inscribed in a geometrical spheroid, when the restangle of the latus-restum into the difference of the diameters are 55.6 inches?

Answered by Mr. Tim. Simpson, of Papplewick-works, Nottinghamshire.

Let a=55.6, $b=.756^*$, d=3.1416 and x= the transverse diameter of the spheroid; then will b x express the conjugate, and $b^2 x$ the latus-restum; hence (per quest.) $x-bx \times b^2 x=a$, and $x=\sqrt{\frac{a}{1-b}} \div b=19.967$, for which put t; confequently $\sqrt{\frac{a}{1-b}}$ is the conjugate = 15.095, for which put c, and x= the axis of the paraboloid; then by the property of the ellipse $t^2: c^2: tx-x^2: \frac{c^2 tx-c^2 x^2}{t^2}$ = the square of half

the base of the paraboloid, for which put y^2 ; then $p \times 3 = y^4$; hence the solidity of the paraboloid is $\frac{2}{3} d^2 p^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \frac{3}{2}$; but $p^{\frac{1}{2}} = y^2 \times \frac{3}{2}$, which substituted for $p^{\frac{1}{2}}$ gives $\frac{2}{5} dxy^2$ for the solidity; now if instead of y^2 we substitute $\frac{c^2 t \times - c^2 \times x^2}{t^2}$ we have

 $\frac{2c^2 dt x^2 - 2c^2 d x^3}{5t^2}$, which or its proportional $tx^2 - x^3$ must be

a maximum; in fluxions $z t \times x - 3 x^2 x = 0$; hence $x = \frac{2}{3}t$; which value of x being substituted in $\frac{2c^2 dt x^2 - 2c^2 d x^3}{5t^2}$, gives

 $\frac{8e^2dt}{135}$, a general expression for the solidity of the greatest biquadratic paraboloids, that can be inscribed in given spheroids, which in this question is = 847 inches nearly.

X. Question

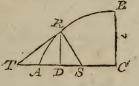
^{*} The fixed number .756 is nearly the conjugate of a right ellipsis (or one that is constructed by two circles whose circumferences pass through cach others centered whose transfers is 1; for except cither this or some other condition be added to the data; neither the spheroid, nor consequently its inscribed paraboloid can have any maximum: for as there is but one condition given in the question with respect to the spheroid, it may be augmented ad infinitum, and yet the difference of its diameters multiplied by its latus resum on the positive given number.

X. Question by Mr. Cupid.

A gentleman has a garden in form of the quadrant of an ellipse, whose two semiaxis are 25, and 20 poles, in which he has ordered his gardener to make a pond, at the extremity of the transverse axe, in such fort, that the rectangle of the tangent, and subnormal may exceed the product of the subnangent, and normal by a maximum: required the garden's area?

Answered by Mr. Jos. Moulfdale.

Let ABC be the quadrant of an ellipsis, and draw the tangent TR, and normal RS prependicular thereto; as also RD to AC; then is DS × TR to exceed RS × TD by a maximum: now DS × TR is always equal to RS × TD by sim. Δ^s , for DS: DR:



RS:RT; therefore $RS \times DR$:

RSXTD::DR:TD; hence the question is solved when

RD - TD is a maximum.

Put A C = 25 = a, B C = 20 = b, A D = x, then is R D = $\frac{b}{a}\sqrt{2ax-x^2}$ by the property of the curve; and a-x:x::

 $2a-x: \frac{2ax-x^2}{a-x} = T$ D the subtangent; therefore (putting $c = \frac{b}{a}$) $c \sqrt{\frac{2ax-x^2}{2ax-x^2}} = \frac{2ax-x^2}{a-x} = a$ maximum, in fluxions

 $\frac{a-x}{c \times \frac{2ax-2xx}{2\sqrt{2ax-x^2}}} = \frac{2a^2x-2axx+x^2x}{a-x^2} = 0, \text{ reduced}$

 $\frac{ca-cx}{\sqrt{2ax-x^2}} = 1 + \frac{a^2}{a-x^2}$, folved x = 1.58302; RD =

7.003763, and the area of the pond AR D=7.8869; therefore the area of DRCB=384.81307 the remaining part of the garden.

XI. Question by Mr. Jos. Moulsdale, of London.

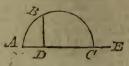
Given two right lines, to find a third geometrically, so that the rectangle of the former may be to the square of the latter, in the given ratio of m to n?

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Answered

Answered by Mr. Joseph White.

Let AD and DE be the lines given; in ED take CD to DE as m to n, and on AC describe a semi-circle, and erect DB perpendicular to AC, and it is done, for ED



 \times AD: CD \times AD (= DB²):: m: n by construction.

XII. Question by Mr. Jos. Stone, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

What distance must a ship sail S. S. W. (on a great circle of the sphere) from a point in the latitude of 52° N. before her latitude becomes equal to her distance sailed?

· Answered by Mr. Joseph White.

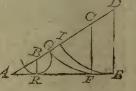
Put c = .9238795 = co-fine of the angle of the course, n = 1.2799416 = tangent of the given latitude, and x = tangent of the distance sailed, as also of the latitude come to; then 1:c::x:cx = tangent of the latitude made good; and $1 - cx^2: 1^2::cx+x:n$, hence $x^2 + \frac{c+1}{nc}x = \frac{n}{nc}$ solved x = .50725 = tangent of $25^\circ 53'$ 44" the distance sailed.

XIII. Question by Mr. Nathan Parnel, of Nuneaton.

Given $a = \sqrt{a^2 + x^2} = b + \sqrt{b^2 - y^2}$, and xy a maximum: quere x and y?

Answered by Mr. Joseph Moulsdale.

It is evident from the fimilarity of the variable quantities under the vinculum, that the fluents of their fluxions will be fimilar when a max, or a:x:b:y; kenes this construction; draw AD = fum of a and b in which take AC = a, AB = b and DC = AB; with the radius BC = difference of a



and b and center D, describe a circle IE; draw AE a tangent to the same, and let sall the perpendiculars DE, CF, BR; then is AF = x, and AR = y as required; for AD = AC

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+ AB, and DI = DE = BC by construction: also AC: AB::CF:BR::AB+AC (= AD):CF+BR= DE = BC; bence AB+BR=(b+ $\sqrt{b^2-y^2}$ =AC-CF= $a-\sqrt{a^2-x^2}$ Q.E.D.

XIV. Question by Mr. Nathan Parnel.

Given the sun's declination 20°, and the latitude of two places 40°, and 46° (all north) and their difference in longitude 77° 31′ 13″; to find the sun's altitude at each place, when their sum is the greatest possible?

Answered by Mr. Jos. Moulsdale.

Let A P B be the angle at the pole, equal the given difference of longitude, \odot P the fun's co-declination, A P and B P the co-latitudes of the places; now when the fum of the altitudes are a maximum the fum of their complements will be a minimum; therefore to find A \odot + \odot B \odot the leaft, let A B (which is known from having A P, B P and 4 A P B given)



be bisected in D which will determine the angles DPB, DPA which the sun's meridian makes with the meridians of the places; bence by having OP, AP and angle DPA given, AO is found = 42° 23′: also BO 37° 1′ the co-altitudes of the sun; therefore the altitude at the lesser latitude = 52° 53′, at the greater 47° 37′ whose sum is 100° 36′ a max. required.

XV. Question by Mr. Geo. Eyre, of Castleton, Derbyshire.

Success to the persons, who think and take pain, More for good of mankind, than lucre or gain; If th' fill not their purses, yet honour they'll get, Men in ages to come will remain in their debt. Then why shou'd the vulgar, sound learning despise, By learning we're taught to be happy and wise; Had J----son of Lichsield, ne'er rambl'd in thought, A God made of matter, he ne'er had sound out. And how such a God, could more matter create, To more than myself, may appear intricate; In deep obstruse learning, so tar he has gone, He has almost found out th' philosopher's stone*.

^{*} See chap. 2. 8, 9, and 10. of his Sentimental Ramble.

How this may go down, with the bishop of Cloyne, A great virtuoso; I cannot divine, That matter or body, did ever exist, He flatly denies, and believes it a jelt, And boldly maintains, it's no other esse, Then what he is pleas'd, for to call it percipe. Some people may think, such a tale appears odd, But if it be true, where is Will J fon's God. Th' learn'd bishop Burnet, condemns his creator. And fays, he's n't wifely dispos'd of his matter; And thinks that if he had the architect been, A world more commodious, we foon should have feen*. A learned divine, called Triftram Shandy, Has written good books, for t' read on a Sunday; By these with th' assistance of Priestley and Hume, A short way to Heaven, is found I presume. Keil fays, that the earth on its axis turns round, And W-hurit, clock-maker, has been under ground, To fee if the wheels it moves by, could be found. He there has discover'd, how islands were made, And stratas of different matter are laid; How mountains were rais'd by the heat of a fire, And had it been hotter, they'd risen much higher. He grants, by projection, earth moves round the fun, But fays not, why round on its axis does run, I humbly beg leave, I a thing may propose, Which he, or some other, I hope will disclose. Let the earth be as round as a globe, and suppose Its diameter in miles* as the margin here shows; * 8050 What time must it take, just once round to revolve, On its axis ye skilful be pleas'd i' resolve, Its force centrifugal, at th' equinox line, To attraction as one t' five score may n't decline; Also, in the latitude+, here set below, The proportion they bear to each other pray show. And in the same latitude, please to disclose, What five fcore pounds weight, by fuch whirling would lofe?

Answered by Mr. Joseph White.

Let d = 42504000 feet the supposed diameter of the earth, and $s = 16\frac{1}{12}$: then by Art. 1189 of Martin's Institutions we have $\sqrt{\frac{d \times s}{100}} = 2614.58$ feet the velosity per second, when the

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^{*} See Derham's Physico-Theology, page 47.

[†] Latitude 53° 20'.

centrifugal force is $=\frac{1}{100}$ part of gravity; and by uniform motion 2614.58: 1":: 133530566.4 feet the earth's circumference: 51071 feconds = 14b. 11'11" the time of one revolution: now as the centrifugal force is to gravity as 1 to 100, and the fame force being every where as the distance from the earth's axis; it follows that 99 pounds under the equinoctial will be 99.4028 in latitude 53° 20', and under the pole 100 pounds w. w. R.

The same answered by Mr. Fos. French, of Hull.

Let $d=16\frac{7}{12}$ feet, r=4025 the radius of the earth, m=3.14159: then by Simfon's Fluctions the periodic time when gravity and centrifugal force are equal will be express'd by m

 $\times \sqrt{\frac{2r}{d}} = 5107.1$ feconds. And fince the forces are reciprocally as the squares of the times we have $\sqrt{1} : \sqrt{100} :: 5107.1$: 51071 = 146.11' 11'' the periodic time when the centrifugal force is to gravity as one to an hundred; consequently under the equinoctial 100 pounds absolute weight would lose by such a

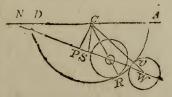
force is to gravity as one to an hundred; confequently under the equinoctial 100 pounds abfolute weight would lose by such a rotation one pound, the weights being as the forces: also the forces are as the radii when the times are equal; therefore, rad. 1:0.5971586 (the co-s of the given latitude):: the force under the equinoctial: the force in the given latitude; whence it would lose by such a rotation .5971586 of a pound.

XVI. Question by Mr. Thomas Barker, of Holton, near Halesworth.

Suppose in a total eclipse of the moon, the whole duration he 3h. 54' 50", and the time of total darkness 1h. 24' 28", the moon's semidiameter = 14' 56", and semidiameter of the earth's shadow = 39' 10"; quere the moon's latitude, and her hourly motion from the sun?

Answered by Mr. Joseph Moulsdale, of London.

With a radius equal the femidiameter of the earth's shadow describe the circle DRA; through the center draw NA to represent the ecliptic, and WN for the moon's path; also with the radius = moon's given semi-diameter describe the circles



W v and O R touching the circuit of the shadow in v and R; then is W the place of the moon's center at the beginning of the eclipse, and O its place at the beginning of total darkness;

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let fall CP to WN which put = x, CW = Cv + v W = $39' \cdot 10'' + 14' \cdot 56'' = 3246'' = a$, $C \odot = 39' \cdot 10'' - 14' \cdot 56'' =$ 1454" = b; then is $P \odot = \sqrt{b^2 - x^2} PW = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ now as the motion is uniform the spaces will be as the times; therefore as P is the middle of the eclipse; P W is described in half the time of duration, viz. 1b. 52' 55'' = T, and $P \odot$ in half the time of total darkness, viz. 42' 14'' = t; bence $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$: $\sqrt{b^2 - x^2}$: : T: t reduced $x = \sqrt{\frac{T^2 b^2 - t^2 a^2}{T^2 - t^2}}$

= 862'' = 14'22'' = PC; therefore PW = 52'8'', and $P \odot = 19'30''$; from hence $\mathcal{T}: 52'8'': : t: 19'30'': : tb.: 27'42''$ = the moon's true hourly motion from the fun, for the latitude make the 4 PCS = 5°, then is CS = 14' 25" the latitude

required nearly.

Note. As the moon's latitude is intirely dependent on her distance from the nodes, and the inclination of her orbit to the ecliptic, it is impossible to determine the latitude from the data given in question; without assuming the 4 PCS as above; for PC is not the latitude, but a line CS perpendicular to N A at the center C; and though the prefent error of 3" is inconfiderable, yet in a partial eclipse, it would have been much more.

Question by Mr. Ralph Dutton, of Northwich, XVII. Cheshire.

Given the inclination of the plane of a theodolite with the horizon = 5°: required the greatest error that can happen in taking an angle?

Answered by Mr. 7of. Moulfdale.

Let the circle AGBH represent a theodolite in a horizontal position, and suppose A B to revolve about the diameter G H till A B is inclined to the horizon in any given angle AEL (5° per quest.) then will the diameter AB = FL be projected into KF = A D C the conjugate diameter; hence the whole circle is projected into an ellipsis GDHC: now as the ordi- I nates EB, RP revolves about GH in a direction perpendicular thereto; it consequently follows, that B will



always be feen in the line E B, as at C, P at e, and d at S, &c.

by the eye at E the place of observation: hence there is the same number of degrees in the elliptic arch e H as in the circular arch Pb H, now suppose the eye at E to observe an object R P, which will appear under the angle H E P in the horizontal position; but in the inclined position a line drawn from P to E will cut the limb of the theodolite in S making an error in the angle by the quantity of the arch Pb = Pd = eS; now when the error eS is a maximum eP will appear the greatest to an eye at E, and that will happen when R E is a mean proportional between Re, and R P.

Demonstration. Draw AI perpendicular to AB and FK,

and join FK1; then is $AI^2 = IK \times IF$ by the property of the circle; bence AI is a mean proportional to IK and IF when the angle KAF is greater than any other, that can be made by lines drawn from KF to any other point in the line AI continued; because no other point can touch the circle: therefore put EB = a, EC = b, RE = x; then is $RP = \frac{b}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{b}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2$

, $\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$, and $Re = \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$; also $RP \times Re =$

R E² = $\frac{b}{a} \times a^2 - x^2 = x^2$; therefore $x = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 b}{a + b}}$; hence

Re, RP, eE, and eb becomes known, also the degrees in the arch bP the maximum error required = 7' 12" when the angle AEL is 5° .

NEW QUESTIONS to be answered in next Year's DIARY.

I. QUESTION (1) by Mr. Richard Waugh, of Bushblades, near Lanchester, Durham.

Supposing a young heir, on coming to his estate, has an inclination to plant a quantity of waste ground; on advice being taken he is informed that if he plants the same with willow, or poplar, that the timber will be worth fix pence a solid foot at the end of twenty years growth; but if the same is planted with oak it will be worth eighteen-pence a solid foot at the end of sifty years; now supposing the quantities of timber of each fort would be equal at the respective periods, he is desirous of knowing which is the most advantageous scheme to adopt, allowing 5%, per cent. per ann. compound interest for the money?

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II. Question (2) by Mr. William Crane, of Quadring, near Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Suppose an hay-rick which represents the frustum of a cone (whose extreme diameters are 20 and 30 feet, and perpendicular height 45 feet) hath a ladder placed slat against the rick equal in length to the side of the frustum; if the foot of the ladder be drawn out 12 feet from the bottom of the rick, how far will it slip down from the top? then suppose a line was drawn from the top of the ladder through the rick parallel to its base, so as to divide the frustum into two parts, what will be the content of the top part in solid feet, and how many trusses of hay (11 solid feet each) will it take to top up the rick so as to make it a complete cone?

III. QUESTION (3) by Mr. Jonathan Cotes, School-master, of South-Normanton, Derbyshire.

IV. QUESTION (4) by Mr. Will. Swift, of Stow.

A large piece of ground, the plan below fee,
As by letters annexed, A, B, C, and D;
Dimensions are given, fee* as below,
In chains and in links, by Will. Swift of Stow,
The sum of the angles (that is) B and D,
Equal to what in the margin †you fee;
Into three equal inclosures, this land pray divide,
By lines perpendic. to the longest fidet,
Length of the dividing lines, are required
In your British Diary, the worth is desired?

* A B = 15 60, B C = 13 20, C D = 10; and A D = 26 chains.



V. QUESTION (5) by Mechanics Frozzen.

Given the diameters of two concentric circles 8 and 12, and ratio of the length to the breadth, of a rectangle inscribed between their peripheries, as two to one; required the fides of the rectangle geometrically?

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VI. QUESTION (6) by Mr. Tim. Simpson of Papplewick.

Of all cones of a given folidity (a) to find that down the flant fide of which, a heavy body will descend in the least time?

II. QUESTION (7) by Mr. Rich. Waugh.

Supposing FGIH to be a section of the cylinder of the common steam or fire-engine for draining mines, ABE or ACDE the injection-pipe; now the engineer has his option, either to introduce the injection-water through the fide of the cylinder by the pipe ABE, or through its bottom in the pipe ACDE (E being the place of the cap



in each case) allowing the height of the cistern at A, 30 seet above the level of E, and the branch E D to be two seet a now if the perfection of the vacum, and consequently, of the engine be supposed to depend on the initial velocity of the water spouting through the cap E; this engineer defires to know, whether position of the pipe he must adopt, in order to obtain the greater velocity of the jet-d'eau?

VIII. QUESTION (8) by Mr. Fof. Moulfdale, of London.

One day as I was amufing myfelf in contemplating the works of nature, and fitting in a room, where the window opens to the North, I had the curiofity to observe the motion of a little cloud, which happened to cut a perpendicular window-bar (in the meridian from the eye) at one foot from the bottom; 40 minutes afterwards, I saw the same cloud to go off the window at the upper east corner two feet distant from the bar at right angles to the meridian, the whole height of the window, or bar, was fix feet, the bottom of the bar was in the horizontal point from the eye at 12 feet distance, from what point did the wind blow, and what its velocity, supposing the earth a sphere of 8000 miles diameter, the cloud to be carried one mile above its surface, and both to move together?

IX. QUESTION (9) by Mr. Richard Waugh.

Walking along the fea shore, I observed an empty cask floating on the waves, and keeping equal pace therewith, in twenty minutes from my first perceiving it, I found it thrown on shore; I likewise observed, that the hollow of the wave formed the segment of a circle, the length of the chord or distance between the summits of the waves being 12 feet, and that on applying my eye level with the sea, I found the bung diameter of the cask just to disappear when at the lowest part of the wave; now, on examining the cask, I found its diameter to be 30 inches, and that when associated his inches thereof was immersed

immerfed in the water, from this data, I want to know how far the cask was distant in a right line when first observed, and the space it describes on the undulatory surface of the water?

X. Question (10) by the same.

Required the fluent of $\frac{\dot{z}}{\sqrt{\log_2 \frac{z}{b}}}$?

XI. QUESTION (11) by Mr. John Dalton, of Kendal.

Given the latitude of a fixed flar 60°, and its annual paralax one fecond, to find its distance from the fun, and the time requisite for the passage of its light to the same, supposing the earth's orbit a circle with the sun in the center, and that light takes up eight minutes in passing from the sun to the earth?*

XII. QUESTION (12) by Mechanics Frozzen.

Suppose a cylinderic vessel whose diameter is 12, and depth 20 inches, was filled with water, and connected to a cord hanging over a pulley kept in equilibrio by a weight appended at the other end of the cord, and that an hole of one inch diameter was instantly made in the bottom, required the space through which the vessel will be drawn by the weight, when half the water is run out; the vessel and cord being considered as without weight, and to move freely?

XIII. PRIZE QUESTION (13) by Mr. John Dalton.

Suppose that a ball was projected from an eminence in an horizontal direction, required the initial velocity requisite to throw it to the antipodes; and also the time of descept neglecting the resistance of the air, and supposing the earth a sphere of 4000 miles radius?

There will be four Prizes given by lot, viz. fix diaries for an answer to the prize enigma; ten diaries for a general answer to all the enigmas; fix diaries for a general answer to all the rebuses, and characts; and eight diaries for the solution to the mathematical prize question.

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^{*} The parallactic angle is here supposed to be that subtended by the whole diameter, and not by the radius of the magnus-orbis.