

## Victorian Puzzles and Riddles - April 2020

The following puzzles were all taken from a Victorian Magazine specially compiled for young people. They were originally published around 1870.

This is the second set of puzzles taken from this magazine and like the ones published in March, because of the situation with the Coronavirus, will have the answers given at the end. Do try to solve them first before resorting to having a 'quick peek'.

Some of the puzzles are easier than others, so solving them can be an exercise for the whole family. Also remember that these are Victorian Puzzles and are at least 150 years old. Words fall out of fashion and at times change their meaning, sometimes places have changed their names. When this is the case I shall indicate that a bit of historical research might be needed! So be prepared to have to do some hard thinking!

**Square Word** - These were a real favourite with the Victorians. If you haven't come across this type of puzzle before then have a look at the March Puzzles where an example is given. Put simply you need to find four, four

letter words, one for each of the clues. Each word is written down as well as across the square.

In crowded city, country, town, my first is ever found.  
My second signifies a space unlimited around.  
My third a well known word to all is never far from you.  
My fourth the farmers on their fields with fiery anger view.\*

**\*Hint about the last word. This is a rather archaic term!**

**Buried Countries** - take into account that this puzzle is from 1881. Not all countries then are classed as such today!

1. It was painful to hear his groans.
2. Would you like a rabbit, a lynx or a fox?
3. The Laird of Blair Athol landed at midnight.
4. He was in great danger many times.
5. The nurse gave both an overdose of medicine.

**Double Acrostics** - these were another Victorian favourite. Solve the clues or questions and if correct the first letter and the last letter of the words will spell out a name or names. You will be given a hint at the bottom as to the nature of the names you're looking for. To help you with this I have shown the number of letters required to solve each of the clues

A flower - 9

A female relative - 4

A road to walk in - 4  
A numeral adjective - 4  
A slanderous report - 5  
A medium of sight - 3  
A collection of water - 5  
An Inflammable liquid - 7

The initials form the name of a famous emperor and the name of the place in which he died.

### Riddle

Here's a riddle - it's new to thee:  
What is that we often see,  
Called neither It, nor He, nor She  
And parted before united to be?

