

Victorian Puzzles and Riddles - May 2020

This is the third set of puzzles for you to have a go at. Remember they are all taken from a Victorian magazine for young people which was published around 1870.

However, you must always keep in mind that some of the puzzles were devised earlier in the century so words fall out of use and some 'facts' might change. Where I think either of these might cause a problem, I will give a hint that this is the case. I don't want to make things too easy for you, after all you have Mr Google or the chance 'to phone a friend'. Both of these were not available to our Victorian ancestors. Therefore, as you're struggling with a knotty problem just give a thought to what your great great grandparents were expected to know!

As with the previous puzzles the answers will be published at the end but do try and solve them before checking to see if you're right!

And if you're looking for things to do at this time why don't you check out Mrs Bird's page for some Victorian recipes you could make. They're all tried and tested. Just go to -

www.nottinghamindustrialmuseum.org.uk/victorian_world/

and you'll find lots of recipes with some information about each of them.

Now get your Puzzle head on and see how well you do with these.

Riddle

On a pillar stands a ball,
This ball a world contains.
'Tis free to move and free to love
And exercised with pains.
For twenty years this ball ascends
And then it standest still
It moves not when you'd have it move
But only when it will.

What is this 'ball'?

Geographical Burials

Hidden in these sentences are the names of some places around the world as well as in the U.K. They could be towns, cities, lakes, areas or even rivers. **Additional Hint** - Two of the places are names from olden days.

1. Too constant, I no pleasure will pursue
2. First say A, then say B.
3. The bride smiled at the disaster.
4. Don't go to sea with a mesmeriser
5. How do you spell cat? With a C or K?
6. Whenever I emigrate I will go to N America.
7. Then Lydia said, 'Spar takes a fine polish'.

Square Word -

Remember these were a favourite with the Victorians. If you're new to these an example of one, with the answers, is given in the March set of puzzles.

My first is part of a bird
My second is a road
My third is a female Christian name
My fourth a verb signifying to carry, or to use

Double Acrostic -

Yet another Victorian favourite. Solve the clues or questions and if correct the first letter and the last letter of the words will spell out **the name of a famous poet and where he lived**. To help you with this I have shown the number of letters required to solve each of the clues.

A word signifying something unusual (6)
A little word sometimes making a great difference (4)
Something that tells us of bygone days (6)
A heathen goddess (4)
Something we tread upon (4)
A creature generally disliked (4)
A large river (4)
A noted French statesman (9)
A place to live in (4)

One of Shakespeare's characters (6)

Hint - the poet's name is one word and where he lived two!