

Victorian Puzzles and Riddles - July 2020

This is another 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 if you are new to this page, then there are a few things you need to know. Many apologies to people who are frequent visitors.

These puzzles appeared around 1870/80 but may have been compiled earlier in the century. So remember words fall out of use and 'facts' change. Where I think there's likely to be confusion I do give you a clue or a hint. The puzzles may be 'cruel'; I'm not! And when you're battling with a knotty problem, trying to resist the siren call of Mr Google, just remember your Victorian ancestors didn't have this resource at their fingertips.

Answers will be published on a separate page so have a go at these Puzzles and Riddles before taking a crafty peek!

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

This was devised by a Bishop of Winchester. It is a much more complicated riddle than usual! Clues will be given. These are your first two -

Everybody possesses all of these!

There are 19 answers to find altogether.

I have a large box, two lids, two caps, two musical instruments, two established measurers and a great many articles a carpenter cannot do without.

Clue - 6 answers to find in the above section

Then I have always about me a couple of good fish, and a good number of smaller size and tribe, two lofty trees, fine flowers and the fruit of an indigenous tree.

Clue - 5 answers in the above. There's a play on words and ideas with these.

Two playful animals, and a great many of a smaller and less team tribe. Two halls or places of worship, some weapons of warfare, and the steps of an hotel.

Clue - 5 answers and more play on words. By now you should have worked out the theme or body of the riddle!

The House of Commons on the eve of division, two students or rather scholars, some Spanish grandees to wait upon me.

Final clue - 3 answers waiting to be given and even more of a play on words.

All pronounce me a wonderful mechanism but few have numbered up the strange medley of things which make up my whole.

Double Diamond Acrostic

The centre lines top to bottom and from left to right will give the name of a well-known London suburb. This really is in the shape of a diamond so each of the answers becomes longer and then reduces - 7 answers in total.

My first in Cork is to be seen,
A little letter 'tis I mean.
A measure long my next will be,
In trains by ladies warn you see.
A little word without delay,

Is opposite to strong, you say.
My fourth will name a district well,
To those who in the south do dwell.
The pallid cheek my fifth describes,
Alike of scholars and of scribes.
An animal, my sixth you'll say
With reel or cotton oft will play.
A letter in the word muzzle
Will conclude this word puzzle.

My central down word spells in full the name
And my fourth across will do the same

Square Word

Puzzlers should by now be familiar with this type. This one is a little more difficult as the clues are minimal. And there are two possible answers! See if you can be super clever and find both! All will be revealed in the answers!

My first, third and fourth are female Christian names
My second a Christian name of a man