

A RIDDLE.

A noun there is of plural number,
A foe to peace and tranquil slumber.
Now, any other noun you take,
By adding "s" you plural make;
But if you add an "s" to this,
Strange is the metamorphosis
Plural is plural now no more
And sweet what bitter was before!

With the compliments of the season to The Conservative and its able and honored editor—the answer to the poetic riddle in the issue of the 26th ult. is the word "cares-s."

STEPTOE KINNEY.
San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1, 1902.

Editor Conservative:

The words that are impressed on my mind as answering all requirements for "Riddle" are *cares* and *caress*.

Yours truly,
GEO. E. HALSEY.
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1, 1901.

Answer to Mr. Channing's riddle published in The Conservative.

If *cares* invade our peace and murder sleep,
The soft *caress* of love shall soothe and cheer,
Defy malignant spirits of the deep,
And bitter change to sweet—a smile for tear.
—IGNOTUS.
426 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago.

"Cares" are the foes of peace and sleep;
"Cares" line the brow with furrows deep;

Yet to that noun but add an "s"
And lo! it blooms into "caress."
As countless cares produce affright,
So one caress will bring delight.
From "cares," "caress" extracts the sting,
And bitterness has taken wing.

E. F. WARREN.
Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 31, 1901.

ANOTHER ANSWER.

If to the bitter and plural of "cares"
we add an "s,"
We have that sweetest and singular
word, "caress";
This may not be the word
To which Canning referred,
But I think my presumption is fair
Beyond any question of doubt,
That with the "ss" left out
We have nothing left but our "care."
C. C. TURNEY.

Geneseo, Neb., Dec. 30, 1901.

THAT RIDDLE.

[To E. F. Warren and C. C. Turney.]
You juggled with *cares* 'til you got it
caress,
And the word seemed to highly delight
you,
But if by mishap you had prefixed
the *s*,
You would have had *scars* to affright
you.
And a very slight change would have
made you both "cuss,"
French *sacre*, don't let ladies hear you,
Now put *s* where it was when you
started this fuss
And broad *acres* you now have to cheer
you.
But this makes me tired, let's all "take
a rest,"
And our readers will take it most gra-
cious,
To make the world happy let's all do
our best,
Drop our *cares* and all go to the *aces*.
A. L. T.



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