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it is comparatively smooth, and on the parts that descend we go very rapidly.

Enigmatical.

Some weeks since, in an editorial article under this head, we mentioned that, with a proper method, it would be easy to decipher any piece of writing in which arbitrary signs were made use of in place of proper alphabetical characters—pledging ourselves, at the same time, to read any thing which should be sent to us thus written. In consequence, we have received the following letter:—

To the Editors of Alexander's Messenger.

DEAR SIR:—Having noticed in a late number of the Messenger, an article headed "Enigmatical and Conundrumical" in which there is a very curious riddle, unriddled by you, and in which you say that you pledge yourself to read any hieroglyphical writing, I have been induced to send you the following specimen of a puzzle, and beg you to give a translation in the Messenger.

Yours, very respectfully, H.

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Our correspondent will know by the date of his communication, that we could only have received it on the morning when we go to press (Tuesday)—consequently we must have read his puzzle *instantly*. We assure him that it gave us *no trouble whatever*. He will observe, however, that he has committed several errors in his alphabet. For example "implement" is divided into two words, and "wise" is written "wite"—nor has he made any punctuation. The difficulty of deciphering is, of course, increased. We not only translate his enigma, but give its solution. It is as follows:—

ENIGMA.

I am a word of ten letters. My first, second, seventh and third is useful to farmers; my sixth, seventh, and first is a mischievous animal; my ninth, seventh, and first is the latter's enemy; my tenth, seventh, and first supports life; my fourth, fifth, seventh and sixth is a fruit; my fourth, fifth and eighth is a powerful implement; my whole indicates a wise man.

The answer is "Temperance."

FROM CANTON.

The ship Splendid, from Canton, which arrived at New York on Sunday, sailed on the 10th

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