

If afterwards learned the following particulars of the deed that had led to this dismal catastrophe. Latif's rival and his beloved one were affianced; the festivals and rejoicings customary on such occasions had been the theme of universal conversation in the quarter; for the Imaum, elated by the dazzling prospects that seemed to be awaiting his daughter, had opened both his heart and his purse-strings, so that the fêtes had been on a scale of unwonted magnificence, and the poor had been surfeited with good things during "the three days" of feasting and pleasure. Barely a week had then to elapse before the bride was to be conducted to the harem of her lord at the termination of the marriage ceremonies. Meanwhile Latif, plunged into the depths of misery and despair, secluded in his solitary chamber, had refused to admit any one of the numerous friends and well-wishers who thronged his doors in the hope of being able to console him; alone he sat during several days and nights, not a sound escaping from the apartment to betoken the presence of a living being within. The Evil One appeared to have obtained the mastery over his soul. At last the unhappy man conquered his emotions so far as to enable him to resume his ordinary avocations, and on the morning preceding the one which was to have witnessed the bridal procession escorting the young wife to her future residence, he entered the mosque at the hour of morning prayer. By the dim twilight of the dawn, but faintly illuminating the interior of the edifice, he failed to perceive a figure prostrate before the *Mihrab* (altar), and thus he nearly stumbled over the suppliant at the throne of Divine mercy, in whom, at a second and closer glance, he recognised his supplanter—the cause of his bitter woe! Maddened at the sight, in the frenzy of the moment he drew the knife from his girdle, and buried it in the neck of his unresisting victim kneeling at his devotions. A second time Latif plunged the blade into the dying man, and fled from the mosque.

He directed his steps to the wharf whence sailed the passage boats for the Gulf of Nicomedia, the nearest point to his native village; and having embarked on board a packet just starting, he drew the folds of his turban over his features, and sat silent and immovable until the boat had reached her destination. The evening of the second day after the commission of the crime saw him clasped in his mother's arms; and his father was in the act of bestowing his blessing on his son as he welcomed him home, when two *Stamboul Cavasses* (policemen), rudely entering, seized Latif and bound him, with the words,—"Thou must come with us, for thou art the murderer!" Latif cast one look of speechless agony on his shrieking mother, and on his venerable father, who was dumb with horror and affright, then silently followed the officers of the law. Nor did he thenceforth open his lips to utter a single syllable until the hour of his death, remaining as one stupefied, his eyes fixed on the ground, regardless of aught that was said or done around him. It chanced, however, that his way to the place of execution lay through the street in which the bride—the widowed bride—lived; and, on passing the house, he threw a quick and sidelong glance at the harem windows, sighed, shuddered, and relapsed into his previous state of apathy.

O'er him who loves, or hates, or fears,
Such moment pours the grief of years!
What felt the then, at once oppress
By all that most distracts the breast?
That pause, which ponder'd o'er his fate,
Oh, who its dreary length shall date?
Though in Time's record nearly naught,
It was eternity to thought.

Four hours later I was gazing my last on the lifeless body of Latif—the young, the beautiful, the gifted, but, alas! the blood-stained Latif.

FAST AND LUXURIOUS.—The London and North-Western Railway Company are building sets of saloon carriages, in which a variety of desirable comforts will be provided. There will be smoking-rooms, coffee-rooms, etc. The express trains will not stop at any intermediate station, and the journey between London and Liverpool will thus be performed in four hours.

PASTIMES.

ANAGRAMS.

Streets of Montreal.

1. It it never is toast.
2. I let slut recover.
3. Steel spite crust.
4. See Tremont lie.

A. R. B.

DECAPITATIONS.

1. Complete, I am used by all industrious ladies; behead me, I am what ducks like; again behead and transpose, and I am a game many are found of.
2. Complete, I am what none of us like to have; behead me, I am what none of us like to be.
3. Complete, I am a Christian name; twice beheaded, I am deception; behead again, and I am generally seen in English farm yards.—HILDA.

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. ADDYWWTETTRROBELUN. Name of a celebrated English author.
2. HHHWWWOIITTAELLD. Name of one of his works.

CHARADES.

I am composed of 8 letters.

My 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, is an amusement.

My 2, 3, 4, 6, is difficult.

My 8, 2, 5, 4, 7, is an allotment.

My 6, 7, 3, 4, is a word expressing affection.

My 8, 2, 3, 6, 7, is pleasant in warm weather.

And my whole puzzle many. HILDA.

2. My first mankind is on with man; My second is a single letter; To guard you from my third, my whole is first rate, ladies—nothing better. A. H. B.

3. My first a single letter is; Sometimes an exclamation, My second a familiar term With people of low station.

My whole a gem most choice and rare,
A legend bears. Come guess,
'Tis said to pale before despair
And brighten at success. A. H. B.

CONUNDRUM.

When is a lady like a small bucket?

RITHMOREMS.

Names of authors.

1. 2060 no rate.
2. 153 knew Sol 50.
3. 155 L. E's hearer.
4. 650 Joel or guards.
5. 751 Seen shark.

ARITHMETICAL PUZZLES.

1. I divided 6s 0½d equally among a number of persons who applied to me for relief. How many were there and how much did each get.
2. How could I pay a bill amounting to £1 1s 0d with 21 English coins without using silver?

ANSWERS TO ARITHMOREM &c., No. 36.

Arithmorems.—Wellington. 1. Welland. 2. Elgin. 3. Limoges. 4. Lisbon. 5. Iceland. 6. Nice. 7. Gibraltar. 8. Texas. 9. Oakville. 10. Newfoundland.

Arithmetical Puzzles.—1. 12111. 2. 12345679 and 24691358.

Charades.—1. Tobacco. 2. Nightshade.

Decapitations.—1. Crash-rash-ash. 2. Skate-kate-tea. 3. Box-ox. 4. Chide-hide-die.

Anagrams.—1. Great St. James. 2. St. Antoine. 3. Notre Dame. 4. Sherbrooke. 5. Dorchester.

Square Words.—K I N G.

I D O L.
N O T E.
G L E N.

Transposition.—Pick Wick Papers.

Arithmetical Problem.—\$160.

The following answers have been received:

Arithmorem.—Meales, Polly, Nellie, S. J. C., H. H. V., Argus, Festus, Camp.

Arithmetical Puzzles.—S. J. C., Polly, Argus, Festus, Cloud, Geo. B.

Charades.—Irene De Forest, Nellie, H. H. V., S. J. C., Argus, Geo. B.

Decapitations.—Nellie, Irene De Forest, S. J. C., Argus, H. H. V., Camp.

Anagrams.—S. J. C., Nellie, Polly, H. H. V., Argus, Irene De Forest.

Square Words.—Argus, H. H. V.
Transpositions.—Polly, Nellie, Camp, Irene De Forest, Geo. B., Argus.
Arithmetical Problem.—Camp, Geo. B., Argus, H. H. V.

CHESS

BRITISH CHESS ASSOCIATION.

A most influential and important meeting of the members of this organization took place at the rooms of the St. George's Club, London, on Tuesday, the 6th March, when it was unanimously resolved that a Congress should be held in London this year—proceedings to commence on the 18th of June. The Committee have not yet published a detailed programme of the Congress; but one of the note-worthy features will be the establishment of a Grand Challenge Cup, to be contended for by British players only, and to be the guerdon of British Championship in Chess.

"BREVITY AND BRILLIANCY."

This work is to be embellished with an unique historical frontispiece representing Messrs. Stanley and Turner in their great match in Washington about twenty years ago, with Herr Lowenthal as spectator at the side of the Board.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PROBLEM No. 23.—Correct solutions received too late for acknowledgement last week from H. K. C., Quebec; and Alma, Brantford.

I. R. M. B., HAMILTON.—Contributions for our column, either in games or problems are always welcome, and could we spare the space, it should be headed with a standing invitation to that effect.

ST. URBAIN ST.—Much obliged. It will appear in an early issue.

ONTARIO, COBourg, C.W.—Thanks for your prompt response; we shall avail ourselves of your kindness shortly.

F. H. O., DUNDAS, C.W.—We have seen substantially the same position before; as, however, it may be new to many of our readers, we will make room for it shortly.

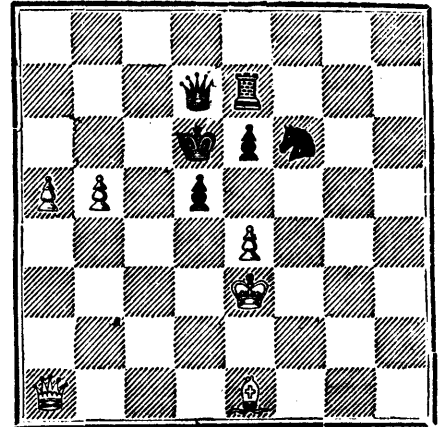
H. K. C., QUEBEC.—The problem appears to be a good one. Please give the author when you write again.

J. G. C., ARNPRIOR, C.W.—Your letter must have been mislaid, or the solution would certainly have been acknowledged.

PROBLEM No. 23.

By H. R. A.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and Mate in four moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 24.

WHITE.

BLACK.

1. K to Q 3rd. K to K 3rd or (a.)
2. R to K 4th (dbl. ch.) K to K 4th.
3. B Mates.

- (a) 1. K to K 3rd. K to K B 3rd.
2. K to K 4th. K to K 3rd.
3. R to Kt 6th dbl ch and Mate.

ENIGMA No. 5.

(From Stamm's Work.)



White to play and mate in three moves

SOLUTION OF ENIGMA No. 3.

WHITE.

BLACK.

1. Kt to K B 3rd. K takes Kt.
2. Q to Q B 6th Mate.