

NEW VERSION OF AN OLD STORY.—Another old friend is doomed. Another good story is denied. Everybody knows the incident of Lord Castlereagh appearing at the Congress of Vienna undecorated amid the blaze of decorations worn by his colleagues, and Talleyrand remarking, "Ma foi! c'est bien distingué."

LORDLY ETIQUETTE.—There is a curious rule in the House of Lords about naming a peer when referring to his speech. It is a serious offence to refer to a member except as the hon. member for this or that borough or county; but as the Lords have no constituents, you must, if you refer to them at all, use their title.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Problem and score of game received. They shall appear shortly. Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 185 received. Correct.

Chess, there is no doubt, is more a winter than a summer recreation, although, to the enthusiast in the game, all seasons are the same. We do, indeed, sometimes hear of gatherings "on the lawn," where, close to the hospitable mansion of some such lover of the noble game as Mr. Gastineau, Chess and Chess chat form the chief features of the entertainment.

Chess on the lawn beneath the leafy trees. When many roses flush the summer air, And with a cooling breath the morning breeze Comes up the valleys fair.

The leaves and blossoms fall upon the board, The golden insects through the branches gleam, While ivory Kings and Knights, with crown and sword, Move through the magic dream.

To the great majority of Chessplayers, however, the study of the checkered board is set aside now for lighter amusements, and fond, indeed, must be of the game, who, for the sake of improving his play, will at this season of the year, plod through all the intricacies of a contest of fifty or sixty moves, even though it may abound in the brilliant conceptions of a Steinitz or a Blackburne.

Knowing this to be the case, we, this week, present our Chess friends with several games, each of which may be played over in a few minutes, and afford some amusement if nothing more.

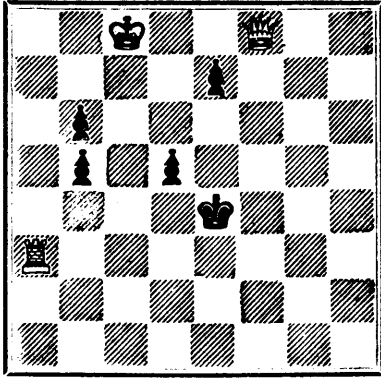
We would like, also, to call the attention of Chess amateurs to a position which we present this week in our Problem for Young Players. It is taken from a game played a short time since between two of the great players of the day, Dr. Zukertort and Professor Wayte, and which is inserted in our Column as Game 185th. What a melancholy satisfaction it must be to some amongst us who are in the habit of letting slip opportunities of winning games, to see genius of the highest order overlooking an obvious mate in three moves! If such an event had occurred to two players in an ordinary provincial club, it would, on the part of the other members, have given rise to a burst of virtuous indignation.

The Paris Tourney is over, and the following are the results: First prize, Zukertort; second, Winawer; third, Blackburne; fourth, Mackenzie; fifth, Bird; sixth, Andersen.

The whole of the games of this great contest are very interesting and instructive. The last games played between Zukertort and Winawer for the first prize have especial interest, from the fact that so much depended upon them. We hope to be able to find a place for them in our Column.

PROBLEM No. 188.

By J. MANZIER. BLACK.



WHITE White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 283RD.

(From Land and Water.)

Played some time ago at the Café International, New York, between Messrs. Brull and Arnstein.

- WHITE.—(Mr. Brull.) 1. P to Q 4 2. P to Q 5 3. P to K 4 4. P to K 5 5. B to Q 3 6. Q to R 5 (ch) 7. B takes P (ch) 8. Q takes P (mate)

GAME 284TH.

(From Land and Water.)

Played at London, Eng., between Miss Rudge and Mr. Thorold. The latter gives the odds of Q Kt.

- WHITE.—(Mr. Thorold.) 1. P to K 4 2. P to Q 4 3. K to K B 3 4. B to Q B 4 5. B to B 3 6. Q to Kt 3 7. B to K Kt 5 8. Castles (Q R) 9. K takes P 10. P to K 5 11. P takes P 12. Q takes Kt P

GAME 285TH.

Played at New York, between Mr. Mason and an Amateur, the former giving the Queen's Rook.

- WHITE.—(Mr. Mason.) 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 3. B to B 4 4. P takes P 5. Kt takes P 6. Castles 7. R to K 8. P to Q 4 9. Kt takes K B P 10. Q to K B 3 (ch) 11. R takes B 12. R to K 5 (ch) 13. B to K Kt 5 mate.

GAME 286TH.

Played at Cleveland, U.S., between Captain Mackenzie and Mr. Hoosmer.

- WHITE.—(Mackenzie.) 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 3. B to Q Kt 5 4. B to Q R 4 5. P to Q 4 6. Castles 7. P to K 5 8. Kt takes Q P 9. Q takes Kt 10. B to Q Kt 3 11. Q R P takes Kt. 12. P takes P 13. Q takes Kt P 14. B to K sq (ch) 15. B to K Kt 5 and wins.

GAME 287TH.

Played in England some years ago, between Messrs. Boden and Schulder.

- WHITE.—(Mr. Schulder.) 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 3. P to Q B 3 4. B to Q B 4 5. P to Q 4 6. P takes P 7. P takes Kt 8. P takes P 9. P to K B 4 10. B to K 3 11. Kt to Q 2 12. Q to K B 3 13. Castles Q R 14. B takes Q P 15. P takes Q

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 188.

- WHITE 1. Kt to Q 6 2. Kt to Kt 5 3. Mates

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 184.

- WHITE 1. Q to Q 5 (ch) 2. Mates accordingly.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 185.

- A position occurring in actual play. WHITE K at K R sq Q at Q Kt 5 R at K B 7 B at K Kt 5 Kt at Q R 8 Pawns at K 4, K R 4, K Kt 2, Q B 2, Q Kt 2 and Q R 2 BLACK K at K R sq Q at Q Kt 2 B at Q 2 B at Q 5 Kt at K R 4 Pawns K R 2, K Kt 5 Q R 2 and Q Kt 3

A COMMEMORATION of the centenary of the death of the Rev. Augustus Montague Toplady, which will occur on the 11th of August, is being advocated, and has already found many adherents amongst the clergy and ministers generally who share the theological sentiments of the author of the "Rock of Ages."

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