### OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.-Papers to hand. Thanks.

There are strong contrasts in the lives and characters of men in all conditions of human existence, and even among chessplayers we rurely find two to whom fortune equally distributes her favours. A striking avidence of this we saw a few days ago in the accounts given in Tarf, Field and Farm of two of the greatest chessplayers of recent times, the one being Kolisch of Germany, and the other the American player, Paul Morphy, and as the two sketches occupy the same page, they could not fall to attract the attention of those who take an interest in all that relates to the great chessists of the day.

These two men are almost equally renowned for skill in the game, but how differently circumstanced, as far as the enloyment of this world's happiness is concerned tof Kolisch, we read that he is a banker of Paris, that he has a splendid villa near Vienns, which is said to be so attractive that it is visited by the most illustrious personages of the land, who express their admiration of the aummer retreat of the fortunate chessplayer, and, to crown all, we are informed that last year he was made a Baron of the Austrian Empire by the Empero. We are also told that he spends his evenings for the most part in the rooms of the Vienna Chess Club, Well may the account of him terminate with the expression.

\*\*Lucky dog, that Kolisch!\*\*

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Lucky dog, that Kollach!"

But, as if to prevent the lovers of our game from reloicing too much over the good fortune falling to the lot
of one of their fraternity, another picture is presented,
revealing a state of things connected with the most renowned of chees champions which is painful and depressing in the extreme.

Paul Morthy is spoken of as suffering from one of the
heaviest calamities which can befall a human being. In

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tending what is said of him, we may, indeed, say-"Oh, what a noble mind is here c'erthrown!"

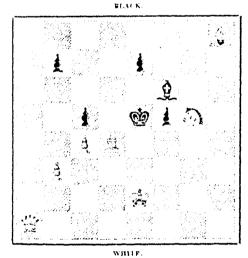
"Oh, what a noble mind is here electhrown!"

Nourabing a dislike for that takent, which a few years go gave him such fame in Europe and America, he appears to be a victim to a constant dread of financial ruin, and, as the result, he lives a lite of unceasing misery. Much as we were pleased to hear of the happy into fixelisch, we would willingly have left it onread if we had known that it was to be followed by so chilling a contrast as that which is presented to us in the unit relimate condition of Paul Morphy.

Mr. Blackburne's blindfold exhibition duly came of last Wednesday evening at the City of London Chess City, and attracted such a number of chessplayers that Mondet's Hotel was full of them. The number of speciator is estimated to have been at least 500. Annugst them were Mesers Steinitz, Mason, MacDonnell, Hoffer Maczuski, Hirschield, and numerous other chesawa of once, besides the well known officials and the frequenters of the cirb. The blindfold player's opponents were eight in number, viz. Mesers, Piper, Chappell, Stevens, Catter Gastineau, J. E. Watson, Hunnex, and Atkinson. As the daily papers have reported the exhibition in a very full and unusually correct manner, we need only mention that Mr. Blackburne defeated Mesers-Cutler, Gastineau, Watson, Hunnex, and Atkinson, lost to Mr. Piper, and drew with Mr. Stevens, leaving one game viz., Mr. Chappell's unfinished. Mr. F. W. Lord acted as teller — Land and Water.

The Chees AutoMaton.—The chess automaton "Meph sto" which has been on exhibition in the Metropelis during the past three years, gave a special zeroes on Saturday evening, the occasion being the henefit of the Guiding Spirit." There was a large assemblage of chess players, among them being Mr. Blackburne, of Manchester, winner of the first prize in the recent Herlin Chess Congress, Messra. Steinitz, Hoffer, Macdonnett and several of the best known amateur players. Several games were confessed by the automaton, the result in most instances being in its favour.—Glusgow Heruid.

PROBLEM No. 354 By F. C. Coffice.



White to play and mate in two moves

GAME 481st.

Consultation Game played at Berlin, 19th September

(Centre Gambit.)

Black White. Blackburge, Minck onis Paulsen. Riemann, and witz, and Schwarz. Schallop. 1. P to K 4

5 Son 1. P to K 4 2. P takes P 3. Kt to Q B 3 4. P to K K 13 5. B to K 12 6, P to Q 3 7. Kt to K 2 8. Castles 9. Kt takes K 1 1. P to K 1 2. P to Q 4 3. Q takes P 4. Q to K 3 5. Ki to Q B 3 6. Ki to Q 5 7. Ki to K 2 B to Q 2 Castles P takes K1 B to B 3 Q to Q 3 P to K K1 3 K to K1 sq P to R 4 9. Ki iakos Ki 10. Kt to K 2 11. Kt to B 4 11. Kt to B 4 12. Q to R 5 13. Q to Q R 5 14. P to B 4 15. P to B 5 16. B to R 3 Q to Q 2 Kt to B 4 P to K Kt 4 B takes Kt P Q takes B P takes Kt 17. P to Q Kt 4
18. P to K' 5
19. B takes Kt
20. Q takes B
21. R to Kt sq
22. B takes P Q to Q 4 B takes P 23, K R to B \*q 24, P to Q R 4 25, P o R 5

B to Kt 3 Q to B 6

27. R taken P 28. K to R sq 29. P takes B 30. Q to Q 4 31. R takes R 32. K to Kt rq 33. Q to Q sq 34. K to B 2

27. B takes P oh 22. B takes B 29. Q takes P 30. R to R sq 31. R takes R ch 32. R to R 5

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 352.

White. 1. Kt to Q 6 2. K to Q B 5 3. B mates

1 Any 2. Any

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 350 White, Black.

t. Q to K 6 ch 2. Kt to Q B 8 (disch) 3. R takes R mate

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS No. 351. White.

KatQRB QatKKtaq KintKB K at Q4 Pawas at Q3, Q B3 and 4 White to play and mate in two moves

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