

"YOU BET!"

Miss Wanda Brown, residing at a fashionable boarding-house in Thirty-Ninth street, New York City, recently gave her landlady, Mrs. Beeble, in charge for assault and battery. Being requested by the magistrate to state the particulars of the assault, she deposed that upon three several occasions Mrs. Beeble had put a huge bull-frog into her bed.

"Is that so?" inquired his honor of the prisoner.

"Well, judge, I admit the frogs," replied Mrs. Beeble; "but what is one who is poor, though honest, to do with a boarder who will neither pay nor quit? That is how it was. I had lost enough money by her, and wasn't going to waste any more in getting her put out of my house by the strong arm of the law. But my husband supplies cold-blooded animals to the medical students for their experiments, and so it struck me one day, looking over his stock, that a likely way to persuade Miss Brown to pay up or, better still, to get rid of her, would be to administer a frog or two to her in bed."

"Did your expedient succeed?" asked the magistrate, with a smile.

"You bet!" answered Mrs. Beeble.

"Did she pay up then?"

"Not much, judge; but, after the third frog, she vacated the ranch."

"That was a good notion of yours, Mrs. Beeble," observed his honor, vainly striving to keep his countenance; "but duty compels me to fine you three dollars."

ECHOES FROM LONDON.

LONDON, November 4.

ANOTHER new hotel is to be built in the Northumberland avenue. Presumably it, too, will have its parasitical theatre.

A COMPANY with a capital of £50,000 has been projected to take over the Falsstaff Club. There ought to be no difficulty about carrying out the scheme, considering how many have taken a heavy interest in the original project.

PATRIOTIC papers complain of Frenchwomen for their patronage of Scotch and English goods in preference to French. That the English are selected is not so visible, but that the plaid is in the ascendant among ladies of fashion is apparent.

THE Americans propose to build a magnificent hotel near to the Houses of Parliament; a site in Whitehall-place has been mentioned, though there seems hardly room enough there for such an ambitious edifice as that which has been planned.

THE National Liberal Club has now been formally floated. A committee has been appointed to select a suitable site. Whitehall Gardens is spoken of as the probable locale of the new undertaking. The Earl of Roseberry will be the president.

THE Egyptian cornet captured at Tel-el-Kebir by Colonel the Hon. R. Talbot, 1st Life Guards, was used for a solo by Mr. Howard Reynolds on Thursday evening, on the occasion of the special promenade concert at Covent Garden Theatre, to celebrate the return of Lord Wolseley of Cairo.

THE Metropolitan Board of Works is determined to do its duty towards the public with regard to having perfect exits to theatre, so that the audience can escape in case of fire. It will be a great loss to the managers, but the safety of the public must be assured before all other considerations.

THE Queen, it is said, will, notwithstanding the contradiction, review the troops which have returned from Egypt. The date will most probably be about the time when the Queen opens the Courts of Justice. The troops, though dispersed, will be reassembled for the day in London. Of course, if volunteers can come a hundred miles or so regularly can do the same.

A LEATHER bonnet has just been produced; it seems a remarkable notion, but evidently patronized with a view to economy on account of the everlasting wear. Yet the effect of a round hat of a pronounced color—for it is more a hat than a bonnet—with a red feather and a steel buckle, is picturesque, even melodramatic—almost a little brigand-like.

THERE will be a grand concert at Brighton on the 18th of November; it will be given by the Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society. The Duke of Edinburgh will play a solo, and the concert, it is expected, will be honored by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Royal College of Music.

MR. E. CLARKE, Q.C., the energetic member for Plymouth, has hit upon what he considers to be an excellent plan for saving the time of the House now lost by the frequent counts. He proposes that when a count shall take place, and

not forty members be found to be present, the debate and not the House shall be counted out. Why not fine all the absentees, that is a brighter idea.

A POET named Rodd has been unfortunate enough to obtain an introduction to a volume of poems from the pen of Mr. Oscar Wilde. Mr. Wilde says that his friend's verses are "as exquisite and iridescent as a lovely fragment of Venetian glass," that they resemble in their fine workmanship an etching by Whistler, or "one of Carot's twilight passing into music." This kind of thing does not dispose the critics to spare the Rodd.

THE idea of unveiling, on the same day, the busts of Lord Beaconsfield and Mr. Gladstone, and making one event of it, seemed to be curious. The Lord Mayor blessed them both, in a very fair speech; but the missing link was still wanting after he had done, and the busts would not place them as one would, deign to look at each other. In life they were divided, and in marble they are not sympathetic.

THE burglar season has commenced, and policemen are being shot like pheasants. It is proposed that our protectors in blue should be armed with revolvers in districts where burglars abound, with instructions to imitate the polite guards of the Marlborough epoch, not to use them till fired at, but then to make quite certain of their aim. In duelling the fact used never to be discovered of old whether the expert one did not shoot just a second before the other.

CONSIDERABLE attention has been paid to the article in the *Fortnightly* on "The State of the Opposition," and much speculation has taken place as to the names of the "Two Conservatives" who are said to be the authors. One report is that it is written by Lord Randolph Churchill and Sir Drummond Wolff. Conservatives do not admit the justness of the criticism, but the writers have certainly told some home truths.

WHEN the Prince of Wales saw a copy of Mr. G. Barnett Smith's portrait of Thomas Carlyle recently, he immediately became a subscriber to the work. The Earl of Derby and the Earl of Fife are also subscribers. This etching of the head of the great writer is almost life size, and those who knew Carlyle well regard it as a worthy memento of him. We understand that Carlyle's house is for sale; one of his admirers ought not to be alarmed at any price in order to become its owner.

THE rumor that the old courts at Westminster are to be retained by the grand committee Mr. Shaw Lefevre has indirectly shown to be altogether unfounded in his exhausting article in the *Nineteenth Century* on London improvements. He there reminds the public that it was practically a Parliamentary compact that, so soon as they were no longer necessary for judicial purposes, they should be removed to open up the historic walls of Westminster Hall. This is all extremely important and highly valuable reading.

SIR GARNET WOLSELEY's manner of arrival at Charing-cross on Saturday night was a funny one for a conquering hero. The victor of Tel-el-Kebir was dressed in a long ulster and a slouched hat—as unmilitary an outfit as could well be conceived. Such foreigners as happened to be there must have wondered at our insular preference for *muffs*. The crowd had no difficulty in recognizing Sir Garnet, but the word having gone round, they made sure their enthusiasm was not misdirected by cheering indifferently everybody bearing the least resemblance to him.

A PARCEL containing ten thousand photographs of Sir Garnet Wolseley left London for New York this week. They are ordered by a well-known dealer in such commodities in the States, and have been "invoiced" by an equally well-known dealer in London. These are genuine likenesses—not advertisements in disguise, and the order is based upon the assumption that Sir Garnet's accession to popularity will justify a considerable expenditure. Each card is to be sold at half-a-dollar, and in the "uptown" stores at a dollar. Mounters are still being employed upon Mrs. Langtry's portrait, in expectation of a demand for a further consignment to the United States.

THE Postmaster-General is believed to contemplate an increase in the number of female clerks employed in the post office, much to the dissatisfaction of the male officials. The ladies in the post office are subject to very strict regulations. They have an entrance to themselves; they are not allowed to come to the door attended by a gentleman; they are not allowed to leave the building during the day; they must be unmarried or widows; if they marry afterwards they have to resign. All ranks are represented. We were told the other day of two nieces of a late Foreign Secretary and near connections of an Indian Viceroy who had just passed the examination for clerkships in the post office.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

All communications intended for this Column should be addressed to the Chess Editor, CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 406.

From reports which have reached us, it is evident that the clubs of Quebec and Toronto are making good arrangements, in the shape of local contests, for practice, this season, in the royal game of chess. We suppose the same thing is taking place at Ottawa, where there is, we believe, a large and energetic club. It is to be hoped that these clubs, at least, will not fail to send representatives to the approaching Congress of the Canadian Chess Association, and that other players also, who may not be so fortunate as to be members of any one of these chess societies, may visit Montreal during the meeting, in order to take an active part in its proceedings.

The existence of an association in Canada for the advancement of such an intellectual game as chess has been more than once alluded to by our friends abroad, as, in many respects, highly creditable, and we may add that it is the duty of every chess-player amongst us to aid in maintaining such an association in an efficient condition. The annual meeting this year is to be in Montreal, and next year it will be in some other of our large cities, but, wherever it may be, it is to be anticipated that a large gathering of players will testify to the fact, that chess is not neglected in the Dominion of Canada.

The match of three games between Captain Mackenzie and Mr. Mason ended in a victory for the latter. The struggle, however, was a very close one, the score being Mason 1 and two draws.

Strenuous efforts are being made in London, Eng., in order that the proposed International Tournament may be a success.

The subject seems to attract the attention of players in every part of the country. Provincial clubs will not fail to aid in the matter.

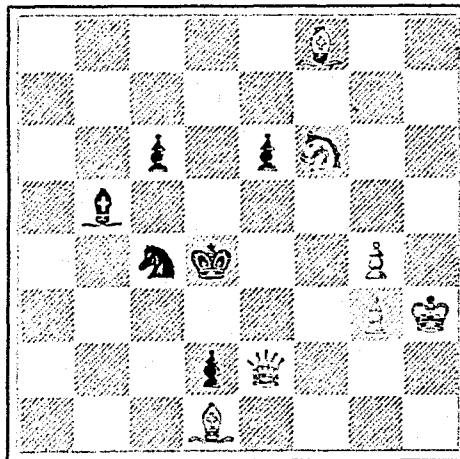
Mr. Steinitz left London on the 25th of October by the steamer "State of Indiana," for Philadelphia direct, and arrived on Tuesday last. His match with Martinez will begin on Monday in that city. Captain Mackenzie could not complete his arrangements in time to accompany Mr. Steinitz, nor could the latter keep his engagements with the Philadelphians and delay his departure in order to have the companionship of Mackenzie on the voyage, for he had promised to leave within ten days after receipt of advice. Captain Mackenzie had arranged to sail on the steamer of the 1st of November, and will undoubtedly reach New York within two or three days, when he will at once enter upon his engagement at the Manhattan Chess Club.—*Turf, Field and Farm*, Nov. 16.

The match between Mr. Steinitz and Mr. Martinez began on Monday, the 13th inst., and up to date three games have been played, which have been won by the former.

PROBLEM No. 406.

By H. D. W. Clark, of Siberia.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 406.

White. Black.
1 R to K Kt 5 1 Any.
2 Mates.

GAME XXIII.

Played during the late meeting of the Counties' Chess Association at Manchester, England.

(From the *British Chess Magazine*.)

(Irregular Opening.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Thorold.)	BLACK.—(Mr. Ranken.)
1 P to K R 4	1 P to K Kt 3 (a)
2 P to K 3	2 B to Kt 2
3 Kt to K R 3	3 P to Q 4
4 P to Q 4 (b)	4 Kt to K B 3
5 P to K R 4	5 P to K 3
6 Kt to B 3	6 P to Q Kt 3
7 Kt to K 5	7 Castles
8 P to Q Kt 3 (c)	8 B to Kt 2
9 B to Q R 3	9 R to K 5
10 P to Q B 5	10 P to Q R 3
11 B to K 2	11 Kt to B 3
12 P to K R 4 (d)	12 P to Q Kt 4
13 P to Q Kt 4	13 Kt takes Kt
14 B takes Kt	14 Kt to K 5
15 Kt takes Kt	15 P takes Kt
16 Q to B 4	16 R to Q 4
17 P to B 3 (e)	17 Kt to Kt 4
18 K to Q 2	18 Q to Q sq
19 P takes P	19 R takes P
20 R to B 3 (f)	20 B takes K P
21 K to B 3	21 B to Kt 2
22 R to Q sq (g)	22 Q takes P

23 Q R to K R sq	23 P to K 4
24 K to Kt 2 (h)	24 P takes P
25 P takes P	25 B to K 3
26 K R to R 2	26 R takes P
27 R takes Q (i)	27 R to Q 5 dis cha
28 Q to B 3	28 R takes R
29 Q takes B ch	29 K takes Q
30 K to B 2	30 P to K B 4
31 B to Kt 2 ch	31 K to B 2
32 B to K 5	32 P to B 3
33 K to Kt 2	33 K R to Q sq
34 B to Q 6	34 K R to K R sq
35 P to Q R 4	35 P to K Kt 4
36 K to B 3	36 P to B 5 and Black won.

NOTES BY C. E. RANKEN.

(a) Not a bad defence in this opening, as it prevents White from adopting with any profit the Q's Fianchetto attack.

(b) If this be necessary, as sooner or later it seems to be, it shows the vicious character of the *début*; White's K P is now weak, and his position resembles Mr. Ware's celebrated "Stonewall" game.

(c) An ingenious plan to hinder the development of Black's Q's pieces; yet it seems better to exchange Pawns and bring out the K B, with a view to Castling.

(d) A tempting line of attack, but the next few moves go far to prove its unsoundness. White should rather have Castled.

(e) Letting in the adverse Queen with powerful effect. Castles Q R was now the best play.

(f) Had he moved his Q, Black could still have taken the K P.

(g) Self-preservation dictates P to Kt 4, which Pawn Black might have captured also at his last move.

(h) The Q P cannot be saved.

(i) This costs the exchange, but K to Kt sq would be little better, as White's game is clearly lost.

HUMOROUS.

VANDERBILT'S new coat of arms is a dollar rampant on a field of ore with the legend "Res publica damnanda est" inscribed beneath.

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