

THE BOOK-KEEPER.

It was an ancient book-keeper,
And he was tall and slim;
Though his face was mild he rarely smiled;

He always hung his hat and coat
Upon the self-same hooks,
And laid his ruler, pen and ink
In their respective nooks;

Each day upon the self-same hour
He took his lofty seat,
And bent his body and his mind
His labors to complete;

The music of his pen was heard
From morn till eventide:
Up columns vast his eyes were cast,
Then down again with pride;

The cash that o'er his fingers came
Each day was something grand,
And yet no schemes to fear it off
By him were ever planned;

He had no wife, he made no friends,
His joys and cares were few;
And his dearest hope from day to day
Was to keep his balance true;

He never sighed when little ills
His way of life would cross;
And o'er the errors of his youth
He showed no vain remorse;

One day the creditor of all
Dropped in for his amount:
He found the old man at his post,
Though low ran nature's fount;

AN ANECDOTE OF GORDON GRANGER.

A few nights after this occurrence, I stumbled
on one still more ridiculous. Captain Gill,
Lieutenant McIntyre and myself had been at
the Louisville Theatre to see Maggie Mitchell
in her very charming play of "Fanchon."

Before returning to camp, after the close of
the performance, I proposed to go to Walker's restaurant
for refreshments. This proposition was
readily agreed to, and without delay we repaired
to the festive resort and ordered a fine bird supper.

Granger and his officers were very jolly that
night before we threw down the side of the stall
on their supper, and I am convinced that our
superiors were as much influenced by fumes
from Bacchus as we were.

It was about two o'clock when we got into
the street; and while we had been peremptorily
ordered to camp, three miles away, and in a
keen, frosty night, I proposed that as we had
to report to Granger at ten o'clock in the morning,

Promptly at the appointed hour we put in an
appearance at the Galt House. Granger was
not yet out of bed. We told his orderly our
mission, and asked him to inform the General.
While waiting it was agreed that I should do
the talking and pleading, and that "the boys"
should assent to every excuse I made for our
conduct of the previous night.

I replied that we never drank, and before we
left home we had each made a solemn pledge to
our sweethearts that for the period of three
years, or during the war, we would not taste,
smell or handle ardent spirits.

Granger looked astonished, and asked Gill
and McIntyre if my statement was true. They
held up their hands in earnest assent, and
testified firmly to the truth of what I had ut-
tered. The General arose immediately from the
bed, proceeded to the mantelpiece, took there-
from a half-filled bottle of Bourbon whisky and
glasses, and said: "Gentlemen, you are the
most magnificent liars it has ever been my lot
to behold. Your coolness and audacity deserve
a reward, and I shall take it as a great reward if
you will condescend to join me in a glass of old
Bourbon."

I replied that his request was equal to an
order; and, as we had sworn to obey all orders
of our superior officers, the pledge we gave our
sweethearts must give way to the rules of war;
and however reluctant we might be to violate
the obligations of love, we could not, with self-
respect, decline to comply with the promptings
of patriotism and duty.

We parted with mutual respect for each other.
I believe that the General who takes a social
glass with his staff is no worse than the soldier
who empties a canteen with his comrade on the
hot and dusty march. I shall never forget the
Pickwickian look and quizzical smile of Granger
on that occasion. He was certainly a generous
character, and had the philosophy and common
sense not to rebuke too severely the conduct in
another which characterized himself.

"The hand and heart will show the noble mind;
A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

HOW TO COOK AN OLD HEN.

Prof. Williams gives his experience upon this
subject in the columns of Knowledge, and in
view of the fact that this, of all seasons of the
year, the fowl-eating time, we give his direc-
tions: "I may mention an experiment that I
have made lately. I killed a superannated hen—
more than six years old, but otherwise in very
good condition. Cooked in the ordinary way
she would have been uneatably tough. Instead
of being thus cooked, she was gently stewed
about four hours. I cannot guarantee as to the
maintenance of the theoretical temperature,
having suspicion of some simmering. After this
she was left in the water until it cooled, and on
the following day was roasted in the usual man-
ner—in the roasting oven. The result was
excellent; as tender as a full-grown chicken
roasted in the ordinary way and of quite equal
flavor, in spite of the very good broth obtained
by the preliminary stewing. This surprised me.
I anticipated the softening of the tendons and
ligaments but supposed that the extraction of
juices would have spoiled the flavor. It must
have diluted it, and that so much remained was
probably due to the fact that an old fowl is more
fully flavoured than a young chicken. The usual
farm-house method of cooking old hens is to
stew them simply; the rule in the Midlands
being one hour in the pot for every year of age.
The feature of the above experiment was the
supplementary roasting."

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

J. W. S., Montreal.—Letter and paper to hand.
Thanks. Have posted a letter to your address. Solu-
tion of Problem No. 462. Correct.

The death of Mon. Delannoy will excite the atten-
tion of chess-players in all parts of the world. Having
had the good fortune to meet during a long life with
many of the great masters of the game his active
mind became stored with many interesting facts
connected with their characters, as men and players,
and these facts he embodied in sketches which are
well known to all acquainted with the chess litera-
ture of the day.

His "Essay on Chess," which gained the prize at
the Paris Literary Tournament, and his article on
"the Chess-players of London," and another entitled
"A Gallery of the Great Masters of the Renesance"
will be still in the memory of most of our readers, as
the whole, or copious extracts from them, have ap-
peared in most of the chess magazines or chess
columns of the day.

A chess enthusiast himself, he never failed as a
writer to rivet the attention of the amateur, and
from all accounts his kindly disposition made him
beloved by all who had the privilege of knowing him
personally.

The idea that the pursuit of the royal game not
only sweetened life, but also conduced to lengthen it,
was a favorite one with him, and his death at a ripe
old age goes a good way to prove the truth of his
opinion.

The Chess Clubs of London (Eng.) appear to have
charms which retain a strong hold on their members
in spite of extreme old age and its infirmities. It is
not long since that the City of London Chess Club in
the late Mr. Charles Mutton had a member to whom,
about three years ago, they could give a complimentary
dinner on his attaining his 90th birthday, and
now we read in the November number of the British
Chess Magazine that "the St. George's Chess Club
can boast of a similar evergreen in the Rev. Wilson
Beckett, born Sept. 19th, 1793." It adds:—"Mr.
Beckett, who is a country member of the club, comes
up to town during part of the season, and shows a
keen enjoyment both of chess and of society. He was
often to be seen at the Criterion during the earlier
stages of the late Tournament, and has by no means
given up playing; he informed us, indeed, some
little time ago, that he found he could play as strong
a game as ever. We have received Mr. Beckett's
permission to publish the particulars of his age."

The late National Italian Chess Tournament which
began on the 25th of August is one of the chess events
of the year 1883. There were ten combatants, and
four money prizes, besides two special prizes, one
being an object of art given by King Humbert of
Italy. This latter prize was obtained by Signor Gus-
tavo Maluta of Padua.

From all accounts, Mr. Zukertort is winning the
good opinions of the chessplayers of the United
States, and his manners which are said to be pleasing
and affable are gaining him many friends. He ap-
pears to be ready to play on invitation with any of
the leading members of the chess fraternity, and
does not insist upon the customary fee which at one
time was so much spoken about by those objecting
to professional chessplaying.

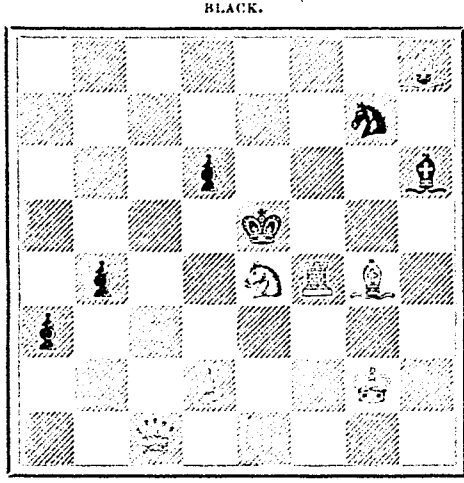
On Saturday evening last Mr. Zukertort gave a
blindfold exhibition at the Manhattan Chess Club,
playing twelve games simultaneously blindfolded.

Mr. Zukertort is undoubtedly a very remarkable and
brilliant exponent of this kind of play, but on this
occasion he did not meet with the success which has
usually attended him in like exhibitions. Of the
twelve games he lost six, drew two and won four.
Mr. Zukertort remarked after the play was over,
which by the way lasted until nearly four o'clock in
the morning, that he had been annoyed during the
evening by the boisterous talk of a crowd of people
in an adjoining room, which had somewhat interfered
with his mental composure. This was doubtless true,
and had the proper arrangements for the exhibition
been made by the Manhattan Chess Club doubtless
Mr. Zukertort's score would have been more credit-
able to him.—Turf, Field and Farm.

The late distinguished Russian novelist, Ivan
Tourgenieff, was a fervent disciple of chess, and,
before his health became impaired, played daily in
Paris at the Cafe de la Regence. His game was seri-
ous and cautious, with no effort to be brilliant, and
his strength was hardly Pawn and two below that of
the first French amateurs.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PROBLEM NO. 463.

By Sergt.-Instructor Woods.



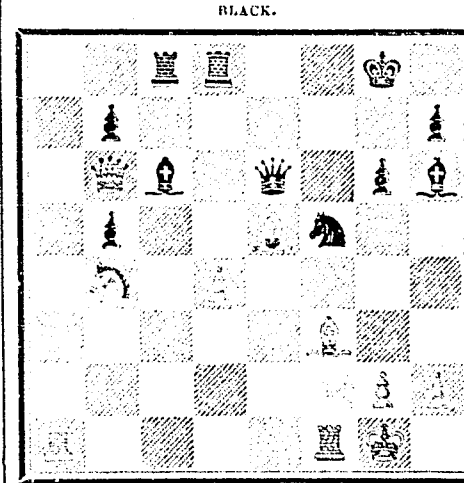
White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 463.
White. Black.
1 Q to R8. 1 Any
2 Mates acc.

GAME 389th.

Played recently between Mr. Thorold and a strong
amateur, Mr. T. giving the odds of the Q Kt.
(Green's Count's Gambit.)
(Remove White's Q Knight.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Thorold.) BLACK.—(Mr. M.)
1 P to K4. 1 P to K4
2 Kt to K B3. 2 P to K B4
3 Kt takes P. 3 Q to K B3
4 P to Q4. 4 P to Q3
5 Kt to B4. 5 P takes P
6 Kt to K3 (a). 6 P to B3
7 P to Q B4. 7 P to K Kt3
8 B to K2. 8 B to Kt2
9 Kt to B2 (b). 9 Kt to K2
10 Castles. 10 Castles
11 P to B3 (c). 11 P to K6
12 B takes P. 12 Kt to B4
13 B to B2. 13 Q Kt to R3
14 P to Q2. 14 B to B3
15 P to B4. 15 Kt to K2
16 B to K3. 16 B to Q2
17 P to K4. 17 Q R to Q B sq
18 P to K5. 18 Kt to B2
19 P to Q R4. 19 P to Q4
20 Q to R5. 20 P to R3
21 P to K B5 (d). 21 Kt takes R P
22 B takes Kt. 22 R P takes P
23 B to K5. 23 P to K3
24 R P takes P. 24 B P takes P
25 P takes Q P. 25 Q takes P
26 Kt to Kt4. 26 Q to K3
27 B to B3. 27 B to B3
28 Q to Kt6. 28 K R to Q sq (e)



WHITE. BLACK.
29 Kt takes B. 29 P takes Kt
30 Q to Kt7. 30 Q to Q2
31 Q to Kt6. 31 B to K6 ch
32 K to R sq. 32 B takes P
33 B takes P. 33 Q takes B
34 Q to Kt7 (f). 34 Q to Q2
35 Q to Kt6. 35 Q to Q B2 (g)
36 Q to K B2. 36 P to B4
37 R to R6. 37 P to Q3
38 Q to R2 ch. 38 P to B5
39 R to R7. 39 Q to R4
40 R to K sq. 40 P to Kt5 (h)
41 Q to R4. 41 R to Kt3 (i)
42 R to K8 ch.
And White wins (j)

NOTES.

(a) The ordinary continuation here is Q Kt to B3.
Mr. Thorold, of course, giving the odds of the Q's

Kt is unable to proceed in this way. The move in
the text is as good a move as can be made in the cir-
cumstances. When the game is played on even terms
it is considered that White's reply to Black's advanc-
ing the K B P—namely, Kt takes P—gives White the
superior position.

(b) The only move to prevent the disintegration of
White's Pawn.

(c) This move wins Black's K P as the game was
played, but we are not sure that Black could not with
safety have played P takes P.

(d) Black apparently thought it advisable to capture
the Pawn and give up the piece rather than open his
position to White's attack.

(e) We give a diagram of the position. Mr. Thorold
points out that Black overlooked the move B to K6
ch. On the White King's moving to R sq Black
would have won a piece by Q takes R.

(f) Although White is now a piece up, Black's
passed Pawns are formidable, and Mr. Thorold
deems it advisable not to exchange Queens.

(g) Black persistently challenges the exchange,
which White as persistently refuses to accept.

(h) Black calculates upon the strength of the Pawns
without sufficiently weighing White's power of at-
tack.

(i) This, of course, was weak. R to K B3 would at
least have prolonged the game.

(j) For R takes R, Q takes R ch, Queen interposes
B to Q5, and mate follows immediately.—Glasgow
Herald.

THE marriage of Mlle. Viennay with the
Comte de Cornulier-Luciniere was celebrated re-
cently in Paris with great splendor, a grand ball
being given on the evening before the wedding,
at which more than two hundred guests were
present. The corbeille de noces was exhibited
and admired by every one. An immense dis-
play of fireworks terminated the fete. Both the
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the church.

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