

being rather cold, they began to walk vigorously up and down to the very end of the terminus. It was quite dark at the far end, and they stood side by side, looking into the mouth of the great station with its mighty arch. Trains rushed past, or heavily moved away with a harsh, discordant whistle. Great red lamps loomed out of the darkness like dragon's eyes. George drew Edith hastily on one side that she might not be struck by the chain of a huge cart-horse which passed close by them, on its way to bring up a coal-truck. It was very cold and they stamped up and down, and George enjoyed a fragrant cigar.

"Take your seats!" shouted the porter. "Take your seats!" And they resumed their places.

"Them's a bride and bridegroom," said a stout country-woman to a friend; and the loud guttural "Lor!" with which the news was received reached the ears of the travellers.

A blazing lamp was in the carriage, and under its yellow light Edith tried to read.

"Don't read, Edith," said the young uncle, suddenly. "Talk instead."

She shut up her book.

"To tell you the truth, Uncle George," she said, "we are getting so near that I am beginning to feel ridiculously nervous."

He looked at his watch and suddenly started.

"So late," he said. "We shall be there in ten minutes."

"Oh!"

"And the fact is," he began, restlessly fidgeting; "the fact is—ah—I have got a confession to make to you."

"To me! Oh, Uncle George!"

"Hang Uncle George!"

Edith looked startled beyond measure.

"The fact is, Edith, I am not my father."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean I am my son."

"But he is dead."

"No, no; only, what was a fellow to say when you pressed me so hard? I am your cousin George!"

"Oh!"

"And we have been such friends, you won't be angry? Are you vexed, Edith?" and he took both her hands.

"No; only astonished. I think—on the whole, I am rather glad."

"That's all right; for do you know, Edith, I seem to have known you for years! You have shown to-day every good quality a woman can possibly possess."

"Don't spoil me by such sayings."

"And Edith, dear Edith, do you know—confound it! here we are—only this, I should like to go on travelling with you, like this, for ever and ever—and—"

"Hatten! Hatten! tickets, please. Hatten!"

"Here, Jones! take Miss Edith's bag. Is the carriage up?"

"And a cart? there is a heap of luggage."

"All right, sir."

"Come along, Edith! here we are, and my father is in the carriage."

BRELOQUES POUR DAMES.

WOMAN'S PROVINCE.—The Isle of Man.

A BABY, says a French writer, is an angel whose wings decrease as its legs increase.

BALTIMORE wants an Exhibition of Infants' That's right. Give the poor little things a show.

A HOTEL is advertised as "kept by the widow of Mr. Brown, who died last summer on a new and improved plan."

It is very natural for a fellow to appear oblivious of the presence of the girl who "jilted" him, especially if she has a new beau on her arm.

If in company with a dear, sweet creature of the weaker sex, never ask her to change a \$10 bill for you, should you want to buy ice cream for both.

Go to bed immediately after eating a hearty supper of fried clams, and you might dream that a bewitching mermaid was lavishing caresses upon you.

Never elevate your eyebrows in astonishment at the *maximum*, but rather compress them in perplexity with the *minimum* of your wife's shopping bills.

WHAT IS LOVE?—An American Johnson is ready with the definition: "A prodigal desire on the part of a young man to pay some young woman's board."

THERE are times in every married man's life when prudence dictates a policy of silence, and one of these is when his wife is trying to account for the cat tracks in the new mince pies.

SAID a faded belle to a fresh young rival. "You are having a great triumph to-night. I wonder what your enemies will say now?"—"I was just going to ask you!" was the keen retort.

"MIDNIGHT oil" is generally used as a practical assistant to the mind's studies; but it is often sadly, though necessarily consumed in anticipation of a husband's return to a wife's broomstick.

"MAMMA, have I any children?" asked a little creature six years old.—"Why, no; what put such a notion into your head?"—"Why, I

was reading to-day about children's children, but I s'pose it meant our dolls," replied the sage little one.

ROUND cornered collars will be worn by gentlemen this season, having superseded those with sharp points, and hereafter, a man will be able to call upon a girl to inquire after the health of her parents, without running the risk of putting out one of her eyes.

"I'm pleased to say, Mrs. Fitzbrown, that I shall now be able to vaccinate your baby from a very healthy child of your neighbour, Mrs. Jones."—"Oh, dear, doctor, I could not permit that! We do not care to be mixed up with the Joneses in any way."

He will not visit her any more. The cat was asleep in a chair in the parlor, but he did not notice it until he sat down. The cat saw the mistake at the same time he did. The threads left in the cat's claws indicate that his pantaloons were all wool cloth, which must have cost \$2.50 per yard.

A NEW device in the use of flowers has just come into vogue in Paris. It is the wearing of a small bunch of natural flowers on the shoes, in place of the lace and ribbon rosettes of a few seasons ago. The favorites are primroses, yellow on one shoe, purple on the other, or mixed on both; violets are much worn, and daisies are just "coming in."

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HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

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HUMOROUS.

APT to run in families—The man who takes tickets at the theatre.

ALWAYS take a rope into your room at the hotel. It may enable you to slide out even if there is no fire. A big board bill is just as bad as a conflagration.

"Is that a friend of yours?" asked a gentleman, pointing to a party who was sailing rapidly down street.—"Can't tell till next Saturday," returned the individual addressed; "I've just lent him a sovereign."

WHEN a man leaves our side and goes to the other side he is a traitor, and we always felt that there was a subtle something wrong about him. But when a man leaves the other side and comes over to us, then he is a man of great moral courage, and we always felt that he had sterling stuff in him.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

All communications intended for this department to be addressed Chess Editor, Office of CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

H. G. Thorne, P. Q.—Letter and problem received. The latter shall receive early attention.

Stigma.—Correct solution of Problem No. 116 received.

J. W. S.—Letter received. Many thanks for the contents. The problem appears this week. Your solution of Problem No. 119 is correct.

C. H. B. Montreal.—Letter received. We will endeavour to find room for the games in our Column shortly.

M. J. M. Quebec.—Correct solution of Problem No. 119 received.

H. A. C. F. Montreal.—Correct solutions of Problems No. 118 and 119 received.

D. C. M. Quebec.—Letter received. Many thanks.

A Chess match between Messrs. Charron, Maher, O'Brien and Ferguson has recently been played in Montreal. The prize to be contested for was a set of Chessmen and Board, which were presented by two friends of the antagonists. The conditions of the match were that three games should be played by each player with every other player, the competitor scoring the largest number of games to be the victor. The result of the contest, after the playing of the prescribed number of games, was that Mr. Charron and Mr. Ferguson scored six games each, Mr. Maher five games, and Mr. O'Brien one game. The tie between Messrs. Charron and Ferguson, according to the terms of the matches, led to another contest between these two players of three games, out of which Mr. Charron succeeded in winning two, and secured the prize.

A Chess match has just been concluded between the members of the Quebec Chess Club living inside the gates, and those living outside the gates. The annexed results will be read with interest by Canadian players.

QUEBEC CHESS MATCH.

Inside the Gates.			Outside the Gates.		
W	L	D	W	L	D
E. Sanderson	1	0	F. Andrews	1	0
D. R. MacLeod	1	0	E. Holt	1	0
J. A. Green	1	0	E. T. Fletcher	1	0
R. Blakiston	1	0	E. Pope	1	0
A. J. Maxham	1	0	M. J. Murphy	1	0
E. H. Duval	1	0	W. R. Dean	1	0
E. Burke	1	0	D. C. McKelvie	1	0
J. O'Farrell	1	0	A. Frew	1	0
R. McLeod	1	0	A. Chouinard	1	0
J. White	0	0	C. P. Champion	0	0

REMARKS.—Drawn game: 1 Won by default: 1 Do: 5 Paired off.

From the above score it will be seen that the match resulted in a tie, though the outside men carried off most of the honours, having scored two games more in actual play.

Messrs. Chouinard and Frew having failed to put in an appearance, the games were scored to the credit of the inside men according to rule laid down in "Praxis."

No game was played by Messrs. Champion and White, they having "paired off" by agreement.

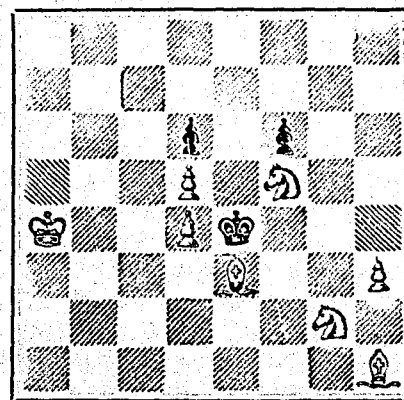
During the match the Club rooms were crowded with spectators, who displayed great interest in the various games. A return match will come off next Friday, when probably more players will take part in it. All interested in Chess are invited.

There seems to be no doubt now that a match between Messrs. Blackburne and Zukertort will take place in a very short time. A contest between two such Chess magnates will be of a most interesting character, and the results very anxiously looked for. Mr. Blackburne, after his late defeat by Steinitz, will be very desirous in the match with Zukertort to retrieve some of his laurels; but his opponent on the present occasion will compel him to play to the full extent of his powers.

We were sorry to see a mistake in the printing of Problem No. 119. The White King on the Queen's eighth square must be replaced by the White Queen.

PROBLEM No. 120.

By A. TOWNSEND, Newport.



White to play and mate in two moves.

CHESS IN ENGLAND.

GAME 174TH.

(From the Chess Player's Chronicle.)
Played at Oxford in Match—old versus present members—February 21, 1877.

(Scotch Gambit.)

WHITE.—(Rev. J. Coker.)

1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. P to Q 4
4. Kt takes P
5. Kt to K B 3
6. B to K 2
7. Kt to Q B 3 (b)
8. Castles
9. Kt to Q 5
10. P to K B 4
11. R to K sq
12. B to K B 4
13. P takes B
14. Q to Kt 3
15. Q R to Q B sq
16. B takes P
17. B to K 5 (g)
18. B takes Kt
19. B to R 6
20. Kt takes Q
21. R takes P (ch)
22. Q to Kt 7 (ch) and wins (h)

BLACK.—(Mr. Oswald.)

1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. P takes P
4. Kt to K 5
5. Q takes P (ch)
6. K to K sq (a)
7. Q to K sq (c)
8. P to Q 3
9. B to K 3
10. P to Kt 3 (d)
11. P to K R 3
12. B takes Kt (e)
13. Q R to K 2
14. K to B sq
15. Kt to K B 3
16. Q Kt takes P (f)
17. P to Q B 3
18. K takes B
19. Q takes R (ch)
20. P takes B
21. K to Q 2

NOTES.

(a) A variation not noticed by Mr. Fraser in his analysis of this opening, but not, we believe, a commendable line of defence.

(b) Castling at once looks better, for White then threatens several dangerous attacks.

(c) He ought rather to have pinned the Kt, and on White's interposing his Q B, to have taken it off, and played P to K B 3.

(d) P to K R 3 seems a more serviceable move.

(e) This was playing White's game; but he appears to have no good move at his command.

(f) Had he taken P with the other Kt, White could answer with B to Q B 4.

(g) Too tame in such a position; B to Q R 6 was the right course.

(h) The attack in this game is well played by Mr. Coker.

CHESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

GAME 175TH.

(From Land and Water.)

A game played at the American Centennial Congress last year. The notes appended are by Mr. A. M. Neill, one of the best players in the States.

(Irregular Opening.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Judd.)

1. P to K 4
2. P takes P
3. Kt to Q B 3
4. P to Q 4
5. Kt to K B 3
6. B to B 4
7. Castles
8. Kt to K R 4 (b)
9. Q B to Kt 5
10. P to K B 4 (c)
11. Q to Q 2
12. P to B 5 (e)
13. Q R to K sq
14. Kt takes P
15. R takes B
16. B to Q Kt 3
17. B to Q B 2
18. Q to Q 3
19. K R to B sq
20. B to Q Kt 3
21. R takes R (ch)
22. P to K Kt 4
23. B takes B
24. P to Kt 5
25. R takes B P
26. R to B sq
27. Q takes Q
28. R to B 7
29. K to B 2
30. B takes R
31. B to K 6
32. B takes Kt
33. K to B 3
34. P to K R 4
35. Kt to K 2
36. Kt to B 4 (ch)
37. P to R 5
38. Kt to Q 3
39. Kt to Kt 4
40. Kt takes P
41. P to Q 5 (ch) (g)
42. P to Kt 6
43. P to R 6 and wins.

NOTES.

(a) An inferior move, containing the seeds of defeat.

(b) We prefer Kt to K 2.

(c) No doubt an oversight, but in any case we prefer Black's game.

(d) P to K R 3 gives Black a superiority.

(e) The proper style.

(f) In order to force the withdrawal of White's R from its present strong position.

(g) Mr. Judd plays the ending admirably.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 118.

WHITE. BLACK.

1. B to Q 6
2. Kt to K B 4 (ch)
3. Q mates

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 116.

WHITE. BLACK.

1. Q to K 4
2. Q mates at K sq

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 117.

WHITE. BLACK.

1. K at Q Kt 6
2. R at Q R 4
3. Kt at Q R 5
4. Pawns at Q B 6 and Q Kt 3

White to play and mate in two moves.

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