

LITERARY.

HEINE'S niece, the Princess della Rocca, is about to publish in Italian a volume of "Souvenirs of the Private Life of Heinrich Heine."

It is stated that M. Maurel, the operatic singer, may shortly make his appearance as an author, giving an account of his adventures in England and various European countries.

DR. E. LOWENTHAL will edit a new fortnightly magazine, which is to be started this month in Paris. The magazine will be called *Die Weltbühne*, and will be in German.

VICTOR HUGO will publish, on the 15th of this month, a new poem entitled *L'Amc*, and of about the same length as his "Pape," "Pillé Supreme," and "Religion of Religions."

"YOUNG IRELAND," by Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, to be published shortly, is a memoir of the few stormy years in Ireland during which O'Connell was tried and convicted of conspiracy, and Smith O'Brien tried and convicted of high treason.

We are promised a highly interesting book by Mrs. Oliphant, entitled, "The Life of Her Majesty the Queen." The gifted authoress is probably above all others best able to do justice to a biography which will doubtless be of supreme interest.

It is said that Lord Beaconsfield intends to begin the preparation this winter of a final edition of his works, which will be at once select and *de luxe*. There will be prefixed to this edition an introduction, which will be to some extent a chapter of autography.

THE inscription on the Whyte-Melville Memorial Fountain in St. Andrews says: "His writings delighted, his conversation charmed, and instructed, his life was an example to all who enjoyed his friendship, and who now mourn his untimely end."

THE completion of the one hundredth year of its existence, in its present abode, of the Berlin Library was being feted at the end of last month. The library itself is 221 years old, having been founded in 1659. It contains now 700,000 volumes and more than 15,000 manuscripts.

WHILE England is the country of the largest papers, it is said that the smallest paper appears in Canada, viz. the *Madoc Star*, a weekly publication, the size of which is 3 inches by 2 1/2 inches. The annual subscription is 2s. The first page contains foreign news; the second, mining news; and the third and fourth, local news.

MR. CARLYLE has now so far recovered from his recent indisposition as to be able to superintend the preparation of the materials for the history of his life. The book will be in the main the joint work of Mr. Fronds and Mr. Carlyle's married niece, Mrs. Alexander Carlyle, but will be interspersed with characteristic chapters of autobiography.

MADAME DE REMUSAT'S Memoirs are to be completed by the publication of a collection of the letters of her husband, who as *Péfit du Palais* under Napoleon had daily intercourse with the Emperor and came into contact with all the principal members of the Imperial Court. The letters, like the memoirs, are edited by M. Paul de Remusat, the grandson of the writer.

"MEX Worth Remembering." A series of popular biographies, under the above general title, is announced by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, to be published in brief intervals in half-crown volumes. The series will include William Wilberforce, Richard Baxter, Philip Doddridge, John Wycliffe, Thomas Chalmers, Henry Martyn, &c., and will be written by Dr. Stoughton, the Dean of Salisbury, Dr. Stanford, Canon Fleming, Dr. Donald Fraser, Canon Bell, &c. The series will be published simultaneously in America.

THE GLEANER.

THE latest introduced decoration for felt hats is an imitation of a tiger's paw in striped and spotted plush with gilt claws. It is neither graceful nor becoming, but has the attraction of novelty.

THE newest gold bracelet imitates a stick of wood, and is anything but pretty. The beautifully-wrought serpent bracelet need not fear this rival, for it neither looks rich nor sets off a well-shaped arm.

ALEXANDRE DUMAS, faithful to his hobby—or his mania—writing dramas, pamphlets, and bulky volumes on the miseries of spouses, mistresses, and parsons, has brought out another work, "The Woman who Kills and the Woman who Votes," which, it is said, he wrote in a fortnight.

A VALUABLE addition to the Bibliothèque Nationale has just been completed, which consists of a photographic gallery and studio, in which all the rare and costly designs and other objects that it would not be possible to replace are to be reproduced in photography, to prevent their entire loss by fire or any other calamity. The room is 51 feet by 21, is essentially fire-proof, and lighted by a most ingenious method.

EX-EMPERE EUGENIE has just bought the Farborough estate, in Hampshire, close to the borders of the county of Surrey, for fifty thousand pounds. The estate was the property of the late Mr. Thomas Langman, the well-known publisher, and consists of about two hundred and fifty-seven acres, with very fine trees and grounds. The Empress will not go into possession of it until January. She intends to build on the property a memorial chapel to receive the bodies of the Emperor and the Prince Imperial. The Empress' lease of Camden Place, Chislehurst, expires in March next.

It is said that Alexandre Dumas, père, owed the first idea of the plot of "The Corsican Brothers" to a romantic incident in the history of those distinguished Frenchmen, Charles and Louis Blanc, veritable Corsican twins, "between whom," says the *London World*, "from earliest childhood, existed that mysterious sympathy which, wonderful though it undoubtedly is, demands reasonable credence. One of these notable Corsicans was engaged to fight a duel; and the brother, divining peril to his other self, travelled a long distance, without having received warning in any outward form."

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Many thanks. Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 295.

J. B., Hartford, Conn., U.S.—Have sent you a postal. E. H., Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem for Young Players, No. 294.

E. D. W., Sherbrooke, P. Q.—Correct solution received of Problems Nos. 297 and 298.

It seems from a letter written by Mr. Shaw, of Montreal, and published in the chess column of the *Toronto Globe* of the 9th inst., that another difficulty has occurred among Canadian Chess-players, but this time it is not in connection with a telegraphic match, but has arisen between two players in a tourney carried on by correspondence. We do not now intend to enter into the particular points of dispute in this matter, especially as we have only heard one side of the question. There will, no doubt, be an answer to the statements of Mr. Shaw, and then after the whole of the circumstances have been made public, we may feel inclined to give an opinion, if necessary. Inasmuch, however, as the meaning of the regulation limiting a player to fifty moves in order to finish a game of chess is mentioned in the affair, we consider ourselves at liberty to give our view on this point, as there seems to be no great difficulty in arriving at what we think has been so plainly laid down by chess authorities.

Before having recourse to these authorities, we may say that we have always held the fifty move limit to refer to *end games*, or to the repetition of certain checks, or the same line, or course of play in any contest. We cannot find room here to give the rule from Staunton's Chess Praxis, but must ask the reader to look over it carefully, and, also, read the observations which the author has made on the rule in a subsequent part of the work. It is there stated that "the theory of the regulation is to fix a limit within which every *end game* can be forced if capable of being won at all."

In an excellent article on Chess in Knight's Cyclopedia of Arts and Sciences, in speaking of the fifty move limit, the writer says: "If a player remain at the end of the game," &c., &c., thus evidently restricting the rule to the close of a contest, and the same form of expression is found in Staunton's Hand-book.

In a treatise on the game of chess which was published by Sarratt many years ago, the fifty move rule reads as follows:—"At the end of a game, when a player remains with a Rook and Bishop against a Rook, &c., &c., if he cannot checkmate his adversary in fifty moves, the game will be considered a drawn game." We give here what we consider strong testimony in favour of our views on the subject and we must say that we have always seen in actual play the rule enforced in end games, or in order to avoid useless repetitions, but if there is any other theory, we suppose we shall now have an opportunity of seeing it expounded, and should it prove to be more correct than the one we uphold, we shall have much pleasure in being set right in the matter.

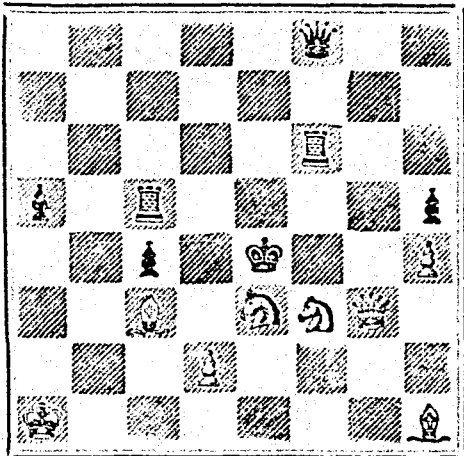
We learn from a paragraph in *Turf, Field and Farm* that the picture of the Wiesbaden Chess Congress which appeared in the *Illustrated Zeitung* of Leipzig, has been most eagerly sought for by the Chess-players of New York.

It should be borne in mind that an excellent copy of this engraving is to be found in the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS which appeared on the 15th of last month. It is scarcely necessary to say that it would be a valuable addition to the scrap book of every Canadian Chess-player.

A match to be conducted by telegraph, is arranged between the Clubs of Liverpool and Calcutta, all the difficulties suggestive of expense having been surmounted by a signal code framed to meet every conceivable emergency, and invented by an ingenious Liverpoolian. There was one word omitted from the code for which the inventor declined to provide an equivalent. It was "resigns," and when approached with the omission, he owned he had not thought of it. This looks promising. The Liverpool Chess Club, we are pleased to record, is in a highly flourishing condition. The members are provided with a spacious room, and a library superior in completeness to that of any other chess club in England, of which we have had any experience; it consists of 136 volumes, and comprises complete sets of the *Illustrated London News*, the old *Chessplayers' Chronicle*, (Staunton's, Brien's and Lowenthal's) the *Westminster Papers*, *Palamede*, an original Ruy Lopez, all modern works on the game, besides innumerable cuttings from newspaper chess columns.—*Illustrated London News*.

PROBLEM No. 299.

By S. H. Thomas. BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 428TH.

(From Land and Water.)

Being one of eight blindfold and simultaneous games played by Mr. J. H. Blackburne some time ago in London, England.

(Scotch Gambit.)

White. Black.

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

NOTES.

- (a) A novelty, and one that has a virtuous aspect.
(b) Black being reduced to this without having committed any slip, White's fifth move is fully justified.
(c) A better move is not apparent.
(d) Kt to B third is preferable.

(e) Evidently perplexed, and naturally so. 14 P to Q B fourth is his best, as he has to select among ill.
(f) Calmly strong. Black has no good reply to it.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 297.

- White. Black.
1. K to K B 7. 2. Any move
2. Mates acc.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 295.

- WHITE. BLACK.
1. Q to Q 5 (oh). 1. K to R sq
2. Kt to K B 7 (ch). 2. K to Kt sq
3. Kt takes R (ch, by dis). 3. K to R sq
4. Kt to K R 7 (oh). 4. K to Kt sq
5. Kt to K R 6 (dou. ch). 5. K to R sq
6. Q to K Kt 8 (ch). 6. R takes Q
7. Kt mates.

PROBLEM FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 296.

- White. Black.
K at K 2. K at K 4
Kt at K B 4. Pawns at K R 2,
Kt at Q 4. K B 4, Q 4, Q Kt 2.
Pawns at K Kt 5,
and Q B 5.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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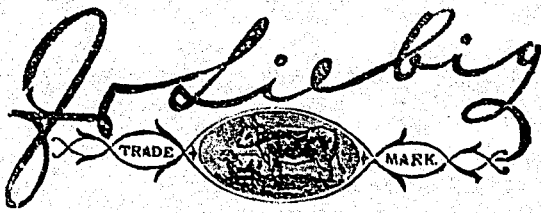
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