

It would appear from various items of British news that Mr. Gladstone is not taking a very active part in parliamentary debates, and there is talk of future leadership of the Liberal party, jointly or severally, by Mr. Morley and Sir William Harcourt.

Advices from Sydney state that the greatest flood in the history of Australia occurred April 18 at Bourke on the river Darling. The river broke through the embankment surrounding the town and submerged it to a depth of three feet. Bourke is now in the midst of an inland sea 40 miles wide, and many buildings are collapsing.

It is said a marriage has been arranged between Mr. Henry M. Stanley and Miss Dorothy Tennant, who is young, artistic and much admired. Miss Tennant is a daughter of the late Mr. Chas. Tennant, and has become well known through her clever pictures in the Academy and other galleries. The marriage will probably take place early in June.

There has been an irretrievable rupture of the business relations between Sir Arthur Sullivan and Mr. Gilbert, arising out of the objection of the latter to certain expenses in the mounting of "The Gondoliers." Mr. Gilbert has signed a partnership with Mr. Alfred Collier, and Sir Arthur will probably collaborate with Mr. George R. Sims.

General Mirabel, who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French army, enjoys a high reputation as an administrator and commander, and is devoted to the Republic, which seems to be now more solidly established than ever before, Boulangerism being practically dead and the pretenders, both Napoleonic and Bourbon, of little account.

The Master of the Rolls for Ireland has authorized a writ against Capt. O'Shea, who some time ago brought an action of divorce against his wife, naming Mr. Parnell as co-respondent, to enforce the provisions of Mrs. O'Shea's marriage settlement, and to compel Capt. O'Shea to transfer to her certain interests which are menaced by bankruptcy proceedings which have been brought against him.

On the occasion of the recent rising at Puerto Alegre, Brazil, the troops, after firing a volley and killing and wounding many, joined the citizens in deposing the Governor. Advices confirm the reports of disorders throughout the Provinces of Rio Grande do Sul. The populace, it is stated, will reject, by force of arms if necessary, the new banking laws of Dr. Barbosa, the Brazilian Minister of Finance.



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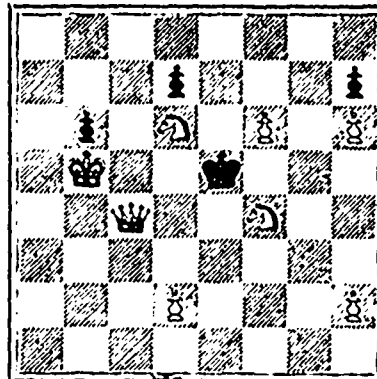
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Solution to Problem No. 20, R to
B3. Solved by C. W. L. and J. W.
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PROBLEM No. 22.

BLACK 4 pieces.



WHITE 8 pieces.

White mates in two moves.

GAME No. 23.

Played at Bradford, March 8th, in
the match Yorkshire vs. Lancashire.

GIUOCO PIANO.

H. H. Waight, E. Mitchell,
Yorkshire. Lancashire.

WHITE

BLACK

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 Kt to KB3 | Kt to QB3 |
| 3 B to B4 | B to B4 |
| 4 Castles | Kt to B3 |
| 5 P to Q3 | P to KR3 |
| 6 Kt to B3 | P to Q3 |
| 7 P to KR3 | B to K3 |
| 8 B takes B a | P takes B |
| 9 Kt to KR4 | Kt to K2 |
| 10 Kt to R4 | B to Kt3 |
| 11 Kt takes B b | RP takes Kt |
| 12 P to KKt3 c | P to KKt4 |
| 13 Kt to Kt2 | Kt to Kt3 |
| 14 P to KB4 | KtP takes P |
| 15 P takes P | P takes P |
| 16 Kt takes P | Kt takes Kt |
| 17 B takes Kt | P to K4 |
| 18 B to R2 | Q to K2 c |
| 19 Q to B3 | R to KB sq |
| 20 Q to B5 | Kt to R2 |
| 21 Q to R5 ch | K to Q2 |
| 22 Q takes RP | Kt to Kt4 |
| 23 R takes R | R takes R |
| 24 B to Kt3 | P to Kt4 g |
| 25 P to KR4 | Kt to B6 ch |
| 26 K to Kt2 | R to B3 |
| 27 Q to K3 | Q to Kt2 |
| 28 K to R3 | Kt to Q5 |
| 29 R to QB sq | R to B6 |
| 30 Q to Kt5 | Q takes Q |
| 31 P takes Q | R takes B ch h |
| 32 K takes R | Kt to K7 ch |
| 33 K to Kt4 | Kt takes R |
| 34 K to B5 | K to Kt2 i |
| 35 K to Kt6 | K to B sq |
| 36 K to R7, and wins. h. | |

NOTES.

(a) B to Kt 3 appears preferable.
The text move opens black's bishop's
file and strengthens his centre.

(b) Opening another file, and there-
fore of questionable merit.

(c) Risky, having castled behind
these pawns, and his opponent not
having castled K.

(d) Good, obtaining the lead, and
ultimately a winning position.

(e) We now prefer black's game,
which should have been successful.

(f) R to Kt sq ch, and if 23 K to
Rsq, then R to Kt 4, followed by Q R
to K Kt sq, appears a more effective
policy.

(g) A melancholy instance of mast-
erly inactivity. R to B 6 is our sug-
gestion.

(h) He thought he saw it all to the

end, and under ordinary circum-
stances he would have been quite
right. Kt to K7 is met by R to Ksq.

(i) Kt to K7 would draw at least,
either now or next move,

(k) Mr. Waight "pulled it out of
the fire" in charming style, and not
a moment too soon.—*Sheffield Weekly
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