

THE WARNING.

BY A. MACFIE.

Thus said Dame Shipton long ago,
(And who can doubt it will be so)
"The world unto an end shall come
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one."
Why then do legislators prate
So much about the Syndicate?

Old Zadkiel then and others too,
Said Mother Shipton's words are true—
Her other prophecies on mass
Have to the letter come to pass;
This very year the dame contended
Our earthly troubles should be ended.

Yet pious shepherds day by day,
Forewarn their flocks for better pay,
And slyly leave to wolves the fold
Wherever there's a lack of gold;
Such hypocrites have need to mend
If time is coming to an end.

The Esclapian modern school
Adopt the quack's pernicious rule,
And advertise a wondrous pill
That cures every human ill;
There's ample room for them to mend
If time is coming to an end.

And lawyers too, who make the law,
As they profess, without a flaw,
Construe each clause so very pliant
As to bamboozle every client,
They need their crooked ways to mend,
If time is coming to an end.

The usurer with money lent
At nothing less than ten per cent,
With thoughts too greedy to be pure,
Aye ready to oppress the poor;
His evil ways he needs to mend
If time is coming to an end.

And he who would aspire to fame,
And gain in politics a name,
Who cried free trade or cried protection
Simply to gain a re-election,
He needeth very much to mend
If time is coming to an end.

The pawky grocer who so bland
Commends the sugar mixed with sand,
And who can ever find a plea
To sell a spurious kind of tea,
Should change his ways and quickly mend
If time is coming to an end.

And they who sell the softer ware,
And praise each article with care;
Who talk of wool to sell the shoddy,
And live by cheating everybody;
The shoddy men had better mend
If time is coming to an end.

But Editors and they who rhyme,
As free as babies are from crime;
Nay—ever lean to virtue's side
As on through life in peace they glide;
They're perfect and have naught to mend
If time is coming to an end.

The end of time no doubt is near,
I'm not a prophet nor a seer—
I simply guess the end will come
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one;
To guess is all a man can do—
Guessers are legion—prophets few.

ECHOES FROM PARIS.

New experiments with wood pavements in the streets of Paris are soon to be made.

PARABOLS made to resemble a large sunflower have broken out into fashion in Paris.

It is hinted that Paris intends to hold an International Exhibition in 1889, when the centenary of the "great and terrible year" will be celebrated all over France with great enthusiasm.

FELIX PYAT sees in the French national flag a fragment of a blouse sewn on to a blood-stained shirt. Others have seen in the tricolor the triple symbol of the French character; generous and brave like the red colour boldly hoisted; honest and pure as the white snow; ideal, like the corner of blue sky that completes the French standard.

A CURIOUS monopoly will be offered for tender on the 23rd. It is the right of selling rolls at the principal entrance to the dividend offices of the Treasury in Paris, where the delay is at times so great that the public require to purchase refreshments. This privilege will be put up at the price of 50fr., and the bids must not be less than 10fr.

THE Paris tribunal has annulled the marriage, by a London registrar, of Musurus Bey, son of the Turkish Ambassador at London, and himself now Ambassador at Rome, to Mlle. d'Imecourt. On her mother disapproving the attachment she escaped to England, but shortly after the ceremony was induced to return home, and has since been in a convent, Musurus Bey being refused all communication with her. The marriage was declared void on account of her being only sixteen years old, and of the absence of the mother's consent.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Thanks.
Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 3.6.

It appears from a statement made recently in the Field that the challenge from the Philadelphia players to play a chess match by the Atlantic cable has been received by the St. George's Club, London, that no formal decision has yet been come to, but that there is every reason to believe that the offer will be accepted, and the contest commenced at an early date after the conclusion of the match between Dr. Zukertort and Mr. Blackburne.

It appears, also, from other sources that the Philadelphia Chess Club will soon have another contest of a similar character on hand, as a challenge has been received from the Union Club of Havana. Contests of this nature, likely to take place shortly among amateurs, lead us to enquire as to the condition of the International Correspondence Tourney which has now been so long in obscurity that it is almost forgotten. We hope to be able to revert to this in a future Column.

TWO MOVE PROBLEMS.

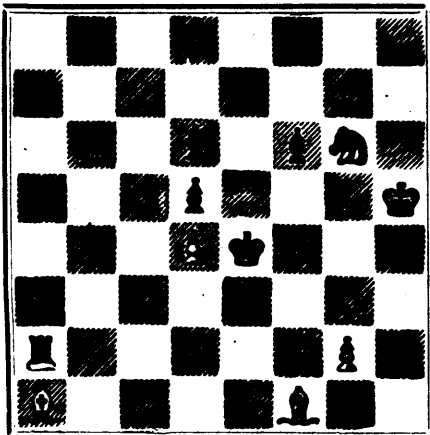
"Two-move problems occupy a ground of their own not because of their comparative simplicity, but, if we may so speak, on account of their being necessarily more homogenous than problems in three, four, or a higher number of moves. One charm of a problem is certainly concealment of ideas, and, of course, this concealment in a two-mover is not possible to the same extent as in others; but this is compensated for by the way in which Black's defences are made to tell against himself, so that there is a rapid sparkle in a good two-mover not to be found elsewhere. It contrasts with a heavy five-mover as a sonnet does with an epic. Hence the charm which collection such as this will have, so long as the same ideas are not repeated too often."

J. PIERCE, M.A.

PROBLEM No. 341.

By G. Grimshaw.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 469TH.

(From the Field.)

CHESS IN LONDON.

The second game in the match between Messrs. Zukertort and Blackburne.

(Scotch Gambit.)

White.—(Mr. Z.)

1. P to K4
2. K Kt to B3
3. P to Q4
4. Kt takes P
5. Kt takes Kt
6. B to Q3 (a)
7. Q to K2 (c)
8. B takes P
9. Q takes Kt (ch)
10. Q takes Q (ch)
11. Castles (d)
12. R to K sq
13. P to Q B3
14. K to Q R3 (e)
15. Kt to B2
16. Kt to K3
17. P to K B4 (g)
18. K to B2
19. P to Q R3 (i)
20. R to K2
21. P to K Kt4
22. P to K B5
23. P to Q B4
24. Kt to Q5
25. K to Kt2
26. B to K B4 (i)
27. P takes P
28. B takes Q B P
29. B to K Kt3
30. K takes B (m)
31. P takes B
32. Q to R K sq
33. R to K8 (ch)
34. R takes R (ch)
35. R to Q R8
36. R takes Q R P
37. K to Kt4
38. R to Q B4
39. R takes P
40. P to Q R4
41. R to Q B4
42. R to Q4
43. K to B4
44. K to Kt3
45. K to B4
46. K to Kt3
47. P to R5 (q)
48. K to B4
49. R to Q6 (ch)
50. R to Q Kt6 (r)

Black.—(Mr. B.)

1. P to K4
2. Q to Kt B
3. P takes P
4. Kt to B3
5. Kt P takes Kt
6. P to Q4 (b)
7. P takes P
8. Kt takes B
9. Q to K2
10. B takes Q
11. Castles
12. B to K B3
13. R to Q Kt sq
14. B to K3
15. P to Q B4
16. K to R K sq (j)
17. P to Q R4
18. P to R5 (A)
19. P to K Kt3
20. R to R Q sq
21. P to K R3
22. B to Q B sq
23. R to Q6 (j)
24. B to R5 (ch) (k)
25. P takes P
26. B to Q Kt2
27. R to Q5
28. R to Q B sq
29. B takes B (m)
30. B takes Kt
31. R takes P
32. R takes P
33. R takes R
34. K to Kt2
35. R to Q4
36. Q to Q6 (ch)
37. R to Q Kt6
38. R takes P
39. R takes K R P
40. K to Kt3
41. R to K R8
42. P to K B4 (ch)
43. R to K B8 (ch)
44. R to Q B8 (o)
45. R to K B8 (ch)
46. K to B3 (p)
47. R to Q R8
48. R takes P
49. K to Kt2
- Drawn game.

NOTES.—(Condensed.)

- (a) P to K seems preferable.
- (b) The best answer.
- (c) If the K P advanced, the Kt would retreat to Q2 without minding the attack by P K4.
- (d) Mr. Steel afterwards proposed here the strong-looking B to B4, followed by B to Kt3 should Black oppose the B at Q3. We think this leads to an even game.
- (e) An ill-favoured post for the Kt, which might have been better employed from Q2.
- (f) Black has contested his game excellently up to this, but here R to Q sq at once appears preferable.
- (g) Kt to Q sq, with the view of bringing out the B to B4, was sounder play.
- (h) Premature, for it gives the opponent an opportunity of releasing himself. He should have first advanced the P to K Kt3.
- (i) He could have safely advanced P to B5, and the reply P to R6, which he apparently feared, could not harm.
- (j) This throws victory away, which could have been secured by limiting the action of the Kt on the K side, where it was of little use.
- (k) In reply to B to Q5 (ch), White could have interposed the B.
- (l) A very ingenious resource. In case Black should take the Kt P, White would obtain a strong attack by R to K8 (ch), followed by B to K5.
- (m) If he withdrew the B to K4, White might answer P to R4.

- (n) Best, as he wants to release his Kt from the pinning action of the adverse B, and compel its exchange.
- (o) If K to Kt4, White would move the R B8, threatening a series of checks in the rear.
- (p) Apparently with the object of assisting the advance of the B P from the centre.
- (q) He gives up his last P gratuitously, which caused much excitement among the spectators.
- (r) It is a curious and rather amusing position. The White R cannot be displaced from the sixth row now, and whenever Black's K R P advances, White will enter at Kt5, securing an easy draw.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 339

1. Kt to Q6
1. Anything.
2. Mates accordingly

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 337.

WHITE.

BLACK.

1. Kt to Q6
1. Any.
2. Mates acc.

PROBLEM FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 338.

White.

Black.

- K to K B7
- R at K R4
- Kt at Q4
- Pawns at K2 and Kt3

- K at K Kt4
- Kt at K8
- Pawns at K Kt3 and 5

White to play and mate in two moves.



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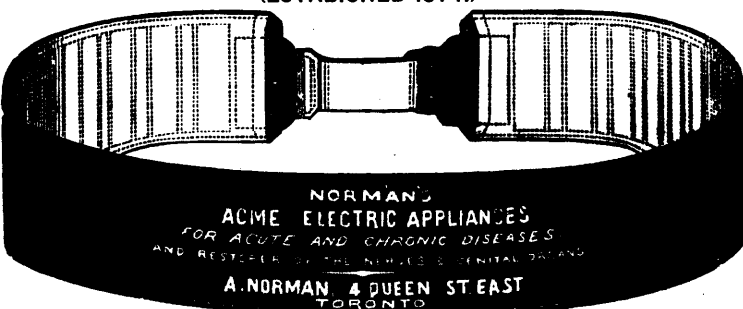
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City Treasurer.

City Treasurer's Office, Montreal, July 11th, 1881.