

CHAT WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

DASH.—Should like to see you at our office, Y. M. C. A. Building.
 GLOW WORM.—"No. 6 McKilligan Series" crowded out.
 BUFFALO BILL.—Letter and papers received. Will write soon.
 COMMER.—Awt-together unsuitable. If this is your fir t, let it be your last.
 DOR, Indianapolis.—Shall appoint an agent over your way next week.
 REBUS.—Thanks for sub. Our puzzle column will be started in our next.
 CUSTODIAN.—In future the genuine names of contributors must be known by us before publication.

CHESS COLUMN.

All communications and contributions to be addressed to J. E. NARRAWAY, P. O. Box 76.

PROBLEM No. 1.

By C. F. STUBBS, ST. JOHN.



White to play and mate in three moves.

A NEW SCOTCH GAMBIT.

Vice Marie Williams, formerly of the Lydia Thompson troupe is to marry a young Scotchman named Carlie, Esq.

One of our chessers commends the move. He says, "Why shouldn't she 'castle,' if she wish to, so long as the marriage is at 'knight' and the move properly supported by the 'bishop.' The only objection is that the move results in an immediate 'mate.'"

We looked up-on the above as the worst punning within our rook-cleation—but another chesser happening along went one better, remarking, that mating with the castle, was always pretty play—and that as Miss Williams is probably one of the "Queens" of society, it is plain that the castle ought, readily to "mate," after having captured the "queen."

We "checked" him just there—lest he should reach even a lower depth.

Boston, Feb. 11, 1878

Dear Sir,—I find that the Torch Chess column which we have on file, through the kindness of a member, receives considerable attention in our Club and so, while waiting for some one to drop in for a "tussle," I am tempted to indulge in a little gossip with ye Editor.

Although nothing startling is transpiring in Chess circles here, we have had a slight breeze to vary the monotony, occasioned by the presence of Capt. McKenzie as the guest of the Boston Chess Club; and his encounter with that veteran of many campaigns, Mr. Hammond, was awaited with much interest.

The latter, by an unfortunate oversight, lost a piece in one of the games, but, nevertheless, succeeded in obtaining a draw, and the final

result of the match was, 4 games in favor of Capt. Mek. 3 won by Mr. Hammond, and one drawn.

Against so formidable an opponent as the Capt., this was a very creditable score.

We must have a numerous army of chessers in this Hub of ours, and any of your adventurous Philidorians, who may chance to stray hitherward, need not seek far for some rash belligerent to knock the chip off his shoulder. In addition to the Boston Club, the South Boston and Globe Clubs flourish, and with a good attendance ensure lively time, for the Chess business.

A favourite resort is the fine Chess room of the Y. M. C. Union, which is crowded nightly, the tables being all in use and a circle of interested spectators indicating the boards where "so'thin" is to be seen.

In the Mercantile Library much time is devoted to the game by many strong amateurs, and at the rooms of the Y. M. C. Association opportunity is afforded for any who may feel inclined to break a lance.

But, even with all these facilities at their command and blest with a disposition to make the most of them, the fraternity still find it not easy to be perfectly happy, and it would do your dear provincial heart good to see some of our over confident amateurs catch an occasional tartar, in the person of some mild eyed and inoffensive looking stranger whose "scalp" they were kindly endeavouring to bring into camp.

I note with pleasure a growing tendency to promote an interchange of courtesies between our local Chess organizations, an instance of which occurred last week, when the members of the Newton Chess Association paid a friendly visit to the "Globe Club" and, which, after an evening, pleasantly and agreeably passed, resulted in an invitation to the visitors to send in a delegation to play a few games for the honor of their respective towns.

These "sociables" must have a beneficial effect on the professors of the noble science who participate in them, and it is to be hoped that so salutary a means of promoting a feeling of good fellowship and mutual esteem, will not be allowed to lapse into disuse.

More anon,

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GOOD SMART CANYASSERS WANTED EVERYWHERE for the TORCH.

In compliance with the urgent requests of a large number of persons, who were disappointed in getting last Saturday's Torch, we re-publish the portrait of Pope Pius IX. and the Carleton Pew squabble.

The portraits of Messrs. A. C. Smith and Jas. Reynolds are in this weeks *Canadian Illustrated*. Mr. Reynolds' likeness is very good. "Chip" has a "childlike and bland" look, but where ever did you get that coat?

A SPAR-BOW.—A Sparrow and a Gray bird had a friendly "Set to" on Thursday afternoon, "for the oysters." The Sparrow bit the Gray bird, and the Gray bird discolored the left eye of the Sparrow. Judge Gilbert talked to both of them in a very oystere manner, and told them that "little birds should in their nests agree," and fined the Gray bird Ten Dollars.

A FEELING of horror passed through this community on reading the story of the revolting tragedy at Little River, as given in the daily papers, on Thursday last. It is certainly startling to learn that there has been, and may be still, at large among us, a creature so inhuman as the perpetrator of the foul outrage and murder of MARY QUINN. The circumstances point to VAUGHAN, as the criminal. He should be fairly tried, however, before being pronounced guilty of so black and dastardly a deed.

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