

which appears in the Virginia Territorial Enterprise. It seems that Professor Maulesel, a German gentleman, who has lately arrived in that city, has invented a scheme for laying tobacco smoke on to houses, like gas, and is now engaged in erecting extensive works in Virginia for that purpose.

The Flag of France.

At the present time, when our neighbours across the Channel are busily discussing their future flag, it may be interesting to recapitulate the changes that have taken place in the national banner of France since the time of Charlemagne.

News of the Week.

THE DOMINION.—Parliament met on Thursday week, and adjourned until Monday.—The Governor-General has received a despatch from the Imperial Government confirming his action with respect to the prorogation and the issue of the Royal Commission.

UNITED STATES.—Chicago has resumed specie payment on its own account.—The "Junjata" has returned from Greenland.—There were 169 deaths from yellow fever at Memphis the week before last, being 79 less than the previous week.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Sir Samuel Baker, who recently returned from Africa, is seriously ill from inflammation of the lungs.—The Cunard Steamship Company have determined to withdraw their vessels from the West Indian service at an early day, and establish a daily line between Liverpool and New York.

FRANCE.—The Bazaine trial is still going on.—The Assembly was to have met on the 29th ult. A motion for the restoration of the monarchy will be made on the 5th inst.—The deputies of the Left Centre have refused to coalesce with the Right.

AUSTRIA.—Prince Bismarck had an audience with the Emperor of Austria last week and subsequently held a conference with Count Andrassy and the Italian Minister.

ITALY.—The Jesuits in Rome have received orders to evacuate their premises immediately.—The head-quarters of the Order have been transported to Malta.—The committee of liquidation of ecclesiastical property, appointed under the law for the abolition of religious corporations, took possession of six convents last week.

SPAIN.—A Carlist victory in the Province of Gerona is reported.—The insurgent squadron from Cartagena anchored off Valencia last week and threatened to bombard the town unless supplies were forthcoming.

CUBA.—Havana mail advices are to the effect that the insurgents have recently achieved several minor successes, which the Spanish admit.

One of the most perfect inventions for the detection of burglars is that known as Simmond's Excelsior Burglar Detector. It consists of a metal block containing several chambers of the size and capacity of a rifle that are fired by means of a gun cap arranged so as to be started on the mere touch of a combination of springs.

Chess.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is impossible for us to answer letters by mail. Games, Problems, Solutions, &c., forwarded are always welcome, and receive due attention, but we trust that our correspondents will consider the various demands upon our time, and accept as answers the necessarily brief replies through our "column."

Correct solutions of Problem No. 102 and Enigma No. 31 received from J. H. St. Liboire, and of No. 103 from Alpha, Whitby, and G. E. C., Montreal.

REVIEW OF CHOICE GAMES.

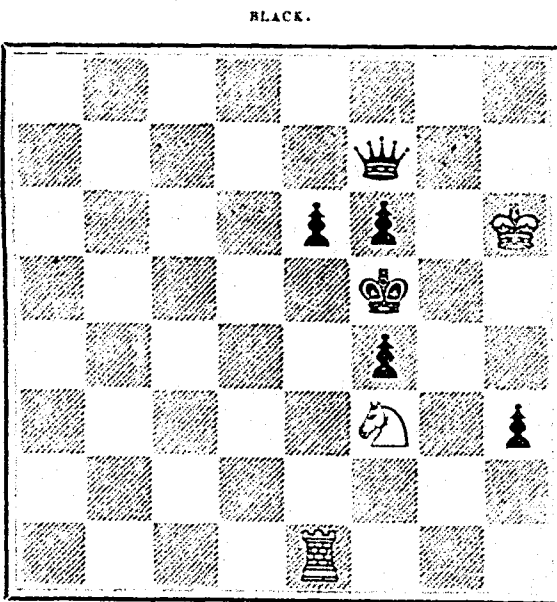
The following illustrates a variation now seldom played in the King's Bishop's Opening.

- White—Bilguer. 1. P. to K. 4th 2. B. to B. 4th 3. B. takes Kt. (a) 4. P. takes P. 5. P. to K. Kt. 4th (b) 6. Q. to K. 2nd 7. P. to Q. 3rd 8. P. takes P. 9. P. to K. Kt. 5th 10. P. to Q. B. 3rd 11. P. to K. R. 4th 12. Q. Kt. to Q. 2nd 13. P. to Q. 4th 14. P. takes B. 15. Q. to Q. sq. 16. Kt. to Q. Kt. 3rd 17. K. to B. sq. 18. P. to K. B. 4th 19. Q. ch. 20. K. R. to R. 2nd 21. Kt. to K. 2nd 22. K. to Kt. sq. (d) 23. K. to Kt. 2nd

- (a) P. to Q. 3rd, &c., is stronger than the line of play adopted. (b) Q. ch. is sometimes played here, but P. to Q. 3rd is still, perhaps, better; and then develop the Queen's side, in order to Castle (Q. R.) But the first player always seems to have a weak game after the third and fourth move as above. (c) Quite sound, as the sequel shows: Black's succeeding moves are in the best style. (d) If Q. to Kt. 3rd, Black can play in reply: R. takes P. ch., &c., winning easily.

PROBLEM No. 104.

By Mr. R. H. Ramsey.



White to play and either draw or mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 101.

- White. 1. P. to K. 4th ch. 2. K. to K. 2nd 3. One of the Kts. mates accordingly. Black. 1. P. takes P. en passant. 2. B. moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 102.

- White. 1. R. to Q. 3rd 2. K. to K. 3rd 3. P. mates. Black. 1. Any move. 2. "

SOLUTION OF KNIGHT'S TOUR No. 2.

The lines are taken from "Hamlet," Act. 3, Sc. 1.

Begin at K. B. 5th.

Thus conscience does make cowards of us all; And thus the native hue of resolution Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought; And enterprises of great pith and moment, With this regard, their currents turn awry, And lose the name of action.

ENIGMA No. 32.

By Mr. P. Perry.

- White.—K. at Q. B. 6th, B. at Q. R. 6th and K. R. 2nd, Kt. at K Kt. 5th, Ps. at K. B. 2nd and Q. Kt. 2nd. Black.—K. at Q. 5th, P. at K. B. 2nd. White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF ENIGMA No. 31.

- White. 1. B. to K. Kt. 5th 2. K. to K. 2nd 3. B. P. takes P. 4. B. to B. 6th mate. Black. 1. P. takes B. (best.) 2. P. to Kt. 5th 3. K. takes P.

Our Illustrations.

The rugged, war-beaten face of Marshal Bazaine graces our front page. The trial that old soldier is now undergoing for his life, and the revelations which that trial is expected to elicit, give at present an actual interest to the personality of a man who has figured so largely in the military history of the last forty years.

Guelp is one of the rising towns of Ontario, and is the centre of a rich agricultural district. It has a large retail country trade and exports considerable quantities of wheat and flour. No place in Canada presents more excellent manufacturing facilities. It possesses several beds of whitish sub-crystalline, dark brown and black dolomite which yield a splendid stone.

Indiantown may be styled a suburb of the beautiful city of St. John, N. B., and is situated near the mouth of the St. John river. It derives much of its importance from the fact that the St. John, Grand Lake, Salmon River and Kennebecasis steamers have their wharf there, being prevented from reaching the city by the falls at Suspension Bridge.

The picture on our eighth page, which represents liberated France returning to work, is an ideal full of hopefulness and instruction. France, recognizing her defeat and freed from the domination of the stranger, lays aside her plans of vengeance and devotes herself to hard work to recuperate her fortunes.

Victor Emmanuel received by Francis Joseph at the Railway station at Vienna is a picture of peace after many years of bloody strife. The story goes that the burly King squeezed the hand of his Imperial cousin so hard as almost to draw tears from the latter.

We give another illustration of the Vienna Exhibition, relating to a night festival, on the 22nd August last, when electric light was thrown on the large fountains in front of the north and south portals of the Rotunda. The scene is described to have been of a fairy-like magnificence.

We call particular attention to the carved work in the old Vallabod Convent, as seen on our thirteenth page. The convent of the Dominican College of San Gregorio was founded in 1155 by Alonzo de Burgos and built by the architect Matthias Corneo, of Medina del Campo. In the Napoleonic wars it was plundered of many of its treasures, but has since been restored and now presents one of the most remarkable specimens of medieval Spanish architecture.

Scraps.

Father Hyacinthe has finally abandoned the clerical garb. Geneva is discussing the possibility of an International Exhibition.

The Khivan Expedition is estimated to have cost Russia £500,000. Iceland celebrates next year the thousandth anniversary of its settlement.

We learn from Bayonne that Don Carlos has issued postage stamps bearing his own portrait. The Bazaine prosecution has cited 272 persons, comprising 120 militaries, 143 civilians, and 9 women.

At Ruthin, in Wales, the potato plants grow to be miniature trees. Some were found to measure nine feet in height.

Sir Richard Wallace has made another gift of £5,000 to the Public Assistance of Paris, for the purchase of winter clothing for the poor.

A working man has forwarded a contribution of £150 to the National Institution to support a lifeboat. Pretty good for a working man.

The French Freemasons intend to dispense with a Grand Master in future, and the organization is to be administered by the Grand Lodge.

In consequence of the satisfactory result of the trial of the turret ship "Devastation," two more vessels are to be built on the same model.

"The ocean is white with the neckties of outward-bound emigrants," says a clerical paper, lamenting the departure of the white-choker saints.

Bazaine's friends are burning candles in the church of Notre Dame des Victoires, to implore his triumph; there is one taper for every count in the indictment.

Foreign papers report the death of the King of Dahomey. He was so unpopular that only twenty of his women were sacrificed on his grave instead of the usual thousand.

The betrothal of Prince Alfred and the Grand Duchess Mary of Russia will shortly be celebrated at Livadia, according to the rites of the Orthodox Church. The marriage is fixed upon for January.

A curious fact, founded upon long and close observation, is worthy the attention of the British Association. Every spotted dog has the end of his tail white, and every spotted cat the end of the tail black.

Marshal MacMahon is said by Gallignani to have pronounced in favour of placing on the Vendôme Column the statue of the Emperor Napoleon I., dressed in the legendary costume of the light overcoat and small cocked hat.

The scarcity of animal food in London has led to the adoption of one rather curious means of increasing the supply. A number of rabbit establishments have been started in different parts of London, and are said to be paying very well.

The curious fact has been developed in England that, while one-eighth of the people of that country are members of friendly societies (such as Odd Fellows, Foresters, Druids, and other organizations established for mutual financial benefit) more than one half of these societies are insolvent.

It is said that all the old war trophies kept at the Hotel des Invalides at Paris by the Invalids resident there were burnt when they saw that the capture of Paris was unavoidable, and the ashes thrown into a cask of wine, which the veterans drank to the health of the Emperor.