

The *Canadian American* says:—"St. Louis has beaten all civilized competitors in one respect. She is the first town to have horse races by electric light." St. Louis is not much ahead, however, for the celestial city of Fredericton, N. B., held most interesting horse and bicycle races one evening last week, the grounds being brilliantly illumined by electricity.

We have received with the compliments of Mr. R. F. Armstrong, agent of the Grand Trunk Railway Co., a copy of "Pen and Sunlight Sketches," a volume lately issued by the Company, containing much interesting information. Graphic descriptions of Niagara Falls, the St. Clair Tunnel, Montreal and the vicinity, Quebec, Toronto, White Mountains, the Adirondack and several other places of interest are accompanied by well-executed illustrations showing the beauties of natural scenery and the magnificence of some of the buildings of our Canadian cities. To all of these and many other resorts the Grand Trunk carries daily hundreds of delighted tourists, and the object of "Pen and Sunlight Sketches" is to set forth the attractions to be found on the line of the "Great Tourist Route of America." The illustrations are exact reproductions from photographs, and enable those who unfortunately cannot visit these places to obtain a few glimpses of the scenery which lies scattered all along the line of the Grand Trunk, and will probably aid many tourists in deciding on a route for a summer trip.

The third Annual Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Maritime Provinces is being held in St. John this week. The meetings opened yesterday afternoon with devotional exercises, and after organization an hour or so was given for mutual acquaintance. Today, tomorrow and Sunday the band of delegates assembled in our sister city will hold meetings which judging from the programme arranged for the occasion cannot fail to materially advance the cause for which the Society is laboring. The *Montreal Star* says of the movement:—"The Christian Endeavor Society has had a phenomenal growth since its formation ten years ago. In 1881 there were two societies with 68 members. Now there are 18,500 societies with 1,100,000 members. The organization is found in all Protestant churches, and is likely to become one of the most potent influences for Christian Unity. Its only creed is a creed of Christian work, and it bids fair to become the most aggressive force of Evangelical Christianity on this continent." Halifax societies are well represented at the St. John Convention, and many of our earnest Christian workers are hoping that next year our city may entertain the annual convention.

New York and Boston despatches report the heat almost unbearable. Several cases of heat prostration have been reported.

On Tuesday the retaliation bill which had been passed by Congress received the President's assent and became a law of the United States.

It is proposed by Frances E. Willard to found by subscription, a John B. Gough professorship of total abstinence in the new American university to be established in Washington.

About 150 non-union men arrived at Pittsburg, Pa., from the east on Tuesday and were taken at once to Homestead. The Eighth and Fourteenth regiments, and the city troop of Philadelphia have left for home.

The Knights Templar conclave, to be held at Denver from August 8th to 13th, is expected to be attended by over 100,000 of the brethren. The Canadians, now residents of Denver, have made arrangements to entertain visitors from Canada and have secured headquarters at rooms 5, 8 and 9 in the Building, in the centre of the city.

The board of walking delegates in New York struck their greatest blow on Monday against the iron league and building material dealers association when over 1,700 men on the Waldorf hotel and new Netherland hotel where ordered to quit work in a body. The cause of the strike was the employment of non-union men to handle building material, and non-union cartmen to haul it.

An entirely cordial and mutually satisfactory settlement has been reached between the governments of the United States and Chili respecting the indemnity to be paid by the latter on account of the assault upon the crew of the *Baltimore*. Seventy-five thousand dollars in gold will be distributed among the families of the two men who lost their lives and to the surviving members of the crew who were wounded.

A beer saloon on wheels is the latest story from Portland, Maine. A cabby stands by the curb, as if waiting for a passenger. A man, who knows the ropes, gets in and the hack starts on a trip around the block. The occupant lifts the front seat, finds a bottle and glass, takes a drink, puts the money in the box and closes the trap. When the vehicle gets back at the standing point the man gets out, and the hack waits for another customer.

It is stated that the cholera epidemic in Russia is abating. Serious disturbances have occurred at Astrakhan in consequence of rebellion against the sanitary measure adopted by the authorities. It is stated the inhabitants of several villages have attacked and expelled the doctors who were sent to their relief.

Earl Spencer, presiding at a meeting of the Northampton Agricultural Society yesterday, raised a storm of protest by remarking that agriculture in Great Britain was now in a more flourishing condition than it had been for a number of years. Mr. Howard, of Bedford, responding for the judges, was applauded on declaring that with his fifty years' experience of farming, he could not remember when the condition of the farmers was worse than at present.

REV. WM. HOLLINSHED,
Pastor of the Presbyterian church of Sparta, N. J., voluntarily writes strongly in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla. He says: "Nothing I know of will cleanse the blood, stimulate the liver or cleanse the stomach like this remedy. I know of scores and scores who have been helped or cured by it."

Copyright has expired in England on eight of Charles Dickens' books—the "Pickwick Papers," "Dombey & Son," "Martin Chuzzlewit," "Barnaby Rudge," "Nicholas Nickleby," "Sketches by Boz," "The Old Curiosity Shop" and "Oliver Twist."

The Marquis of Salisbury is probably the only living man who has twice refused a dukedom. The title, the highest the British sovereign can confer, was vainly offered him in 1886, when he was thrown out of office by a vote of the house of commons, and again in 1887, the jubilee year. It is believed that the offer will be repeated and accepted next month, when the marquis retires into opposition.

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All communications to this department must be addressed directly to the Checker Editor, Mr. W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton St.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TORONTO "MAIL"—Your weekly exchange bearing date of the 7th inst. and enclosing the "Comber Supplement" of May 14th reached us on the 23rd. While tendering our thanks for them we would mildly suggest that a little more promptitude in sending would have rendered them more serviceable.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 286—The position was: black men 9, 10, 13, 14, kings 6, 16; white men 22, 27, kings 7, 8, 21, 23; black to play and win.
16-11 22 13 14-17 27 24
7 16 6-1 21 7 26-23
13-17 13 6 1-26 b.wins.

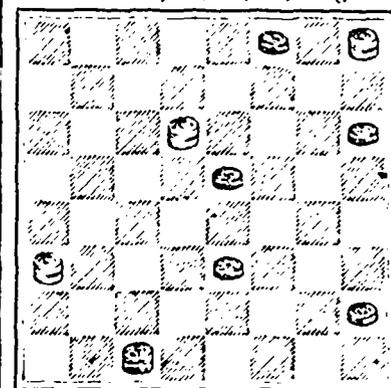
GAME 177.—"Single Corner."

Being No. 2630 in the *Glasgow Herald*. The following fine game was played between Mr. Wylie (black) and Mr. A. McPherson (white) during the recent visit of the "Hord Laddie" to Thornhill, Stirlingshire.

11-15	11-18	1-5	11-16
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15-22	4-8	13-17	16-19
25 18	15 10	22 13	32 28
12-16	6-15	10-15	22-26
29 25	19 10	21 17	31 22
9-13	7-11	14-21	25-30
25 22	20 22	18 14	22 17
16-20	8-12	9-18	30-26
24 19	22 18	23 14	27 23
5-9	12-16	15-18	white
28 24	25 22	12 8	wins.
8-11	2-6	21-25	
30 25	10 7	8 3	
10-14	3-10	18-22	
18 15	24 19	3 8	

PROBLEM 288.

From the *Glasgow Herald*.
Black men 3, 12, 15, 23, king 30.



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