

Some wholesale druggists prepare nostrums for even the doctor to use. They refuse to allow him his own judgment in making prescriptions. Under a state control of manufacture and sale of all drugs there would be mighty few drug fiends at large, and no patent medicines containing "dope" or alcohol to excess.

Whatever may be said by faith healers and physical therapists, they have not demonstrated any infallible escape from death by any of their methods. Yet there are more cases of extreme longevity cropping up at present than ever before. When we consider the complexity of modern life and the excessive strain of a livelihood under much greater risk of injury or sickness, we must give medicine some of the credit for aiding longevity. Public health does really achieve some results. The real heritage is yet to come. Cancer, tuberculosis, syphilis, plague and some other scourges are yet to be fully met and defeated. We hear little about any of these from faith healers or physical therapists. Up to twenty years ago there were over 20,000 practising doctors in the United States, whose chief text-book was probably Dr. Chase's Recipes. Homeopathy and Eclecticism flourished after the Civil War. There are probably not a thousand homeopathic physicians of reputable standing practising in all America to-day. Ten years hence there will be hardly one left. So much for Hahnemann. He was the Spiritual father of a million quacks. That is why he was kicked out.

If it is the function of medical practice to reduce diseases by raising the average of health that prevents disease, every system of treatment which produces apparent good results should be investigated on its merits. What Christian Science has done or claims to have done should be understood by those who are not Christian Scientists; what Osteopathy has done or claims to have done—by those who are not osteopaths.

If there is anything in these agencies that can help the people to help the doctor, let us know what it is. And whatever limitations there are to either of these systems should be clearly recognized. Anybody knows, for instance, that a broken leg can't be put into a mental splint and that eczema is not cured by treating the spine. But whatever the disease or the injury or the lesion, there is nothing under heaven but natural power in the body that can effect the cure.

THE INDIAN DRUM

(Concluded from page 26.)

let him hold her; then, still clinging to him, she put him a little away.

"The night before you came to the Point last summer, Alan, he—he had just come and asked me again. I'd promised; but we motored that evening to his place and—there were sunflowers there, and I knew that night I couldn't love him."

"Because of the sunflowers?"

"Sunflower houses, Alan, they made me think of; do you remember?"

"Remember!"

The woman was returning to them now and, perhaps, it was as well; for not yet, he knew, could he ask her all that he wished; what had happened was too recent yet for that. But to him, Spearman—half mad and fleeing from the haunts of men—was beginning to be like one who had never been; and he knew she shared this feeling. The light in her deep eyes was telling him already what her answer to him would be; and life stretched forth before him full of love and happiness and hope.

[The End.]

WHICH ONE?

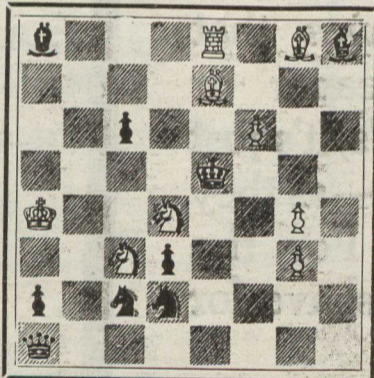
A VERY pretty but extremely slender girl entered a street-car and managed to seat herself in a very narrow space between two men. Presently a portly colored mammy entered the car, and the pretty miss, thinking to humiliate the men for their lack of gallantry, arose. "Aunt," she said, with a wave of her hand toward the place she had just vacated, "take my seat." "Thank you, missy," replied the colored woman, smiling broadly, "but which gen'man's lap was you sittin' on?"



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PROBLEM NO. 184, by L. Berg.
Second Prize, Scandinavian Chess Federation Tourney.

Black.—Nine Pieces.



White.—Nine Pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Problem No. 185, by M. Ravnig.

Second Prize, Scandinavian Tourney.

White: K at KB3; Q at K14; R at Q8; Bs at QKt5 and QKt6; Kt at K4; Ps at QR2, Q6, K2 and KR5.

Black: K at Q4; Rs at QR5 and KR3; B at KKt5; Kt at QR4; Ps at QR6, QKt2, QKt5, K3, K4 and KB6.

White mates in three.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 182, by J. A. Broholm.
1. R—QB3, KxR (B3); 2. RxB, P—Kt8 (Q); 3. Q—B6 mate.

1..... KxR(K5); 2. R—Q3, BxR; 3. Kkt—B3 mate.

1..... PxR; 2. Q—B4ch, BxQ; 3. QKt—B3 mate.

1..... P—Kt6; 2. R—K4ch, KxR; 3. Kt—Kt5 mate.

1..... threat; 2. R—Q5ch, any move; 3. Q—B6 mate.

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Key move: 1. R—Q3.

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Solution.

1. B—B2, threat; 2. Q—Q7, B—Q4; 3.

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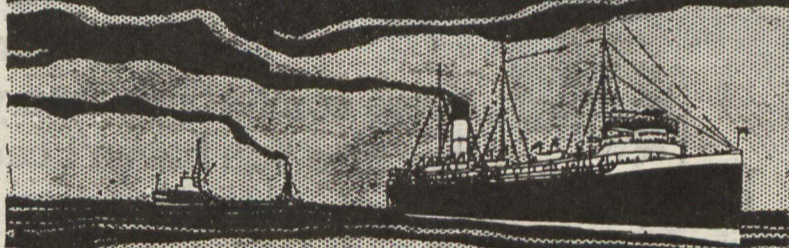
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