

noble works. Availing themselves of the more modern resources of the orchestra, and the advantages which the more completely developed theory of modern harmony affords, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Spohr, Robert Schuman, and a few others, have written some noble oratorios, it cannot be denied; and yet the standard by which these works are compared are they not the great oratorios of Handel—"The Messiah," "Judas Macabaeus," "Jephtha," etc., whose grandness of conception, originality and beauty of melody, combined with the purest classical form and masterly contrapuntal treatment, places them at once, on the very summit of perfection in sacred musical art, and makes them a standard by which all others must be compared.

J. DAVENPORT KERRISON.

LITERARY GOSSIP.

SEVEN thousand new books were published in England last year.

The Critic is printing Mr. Matthew Arnold's lecture on Emerson.

THE International Library Conference will be held at Toronto, September 3-6.

A QUIANT and witty collection of ballads by Mr. Henry Daniel, Jr., has been issued in Cincinnati, called "Under A Fool's Cap."

IN spite of the lack of interest in Mr. Blackmore's new story, "Tommy Upmore," it has gone into a second edition in London.

LITTELL, BROWN, & Co., have in press a volume called "A Western Journey with Emerson," to be published on an early day.

M. GEORGES OHNET's celebrated novel *Le Maître des Forges*, the source of so many bad plays, has been translated for the American public.

AN AMERICAN morning newspaper is about to be started in London, in which news from the United States will form the chief feature.

AN addition has just been made to London (Ont.) journalism, in the publication of the *London Evening News*, an organ of independent opinion.

THE *Canadian Methodist Magazine*, for July, is up to the average excellence. The *piece de resistance* of the number is Dr. Sutherland's article, entitled, "Shall our Higher Education be Christian or infidel?"

"THE Prose Writings of Bryant," edited by Mr. Parke Godwin and published by Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., make up two handsome volumes of over 100 pages each. They are printed on heavy paper, with large, clear type, and tastefully bound.

MR. W. WAUGH LAUDER, the well-known Toronto pianist, and Herr Henri Jacobsen, the promising violin virtuoso of the same city, assisted by the Toronto Quartette Club, and other instrumental and vocal performers, have arranged to give two morning concerts in connection with the Semi-Centennial celebrations, in Shaftesbury Hall, on Thursday (to-day) and Friday.

THE *July St. Nicholas*, as usual, is freighted with good things for the young. Artistically, the number is most attractive, while the stories and miscellaneous articles, dear to the heart of youth, are varied and delightful. Trowbridge's continued tale, of a young bird-hunter's strange adventure, entitled, "The Scarlet Tanager," becomes more enthralling and will be eagerly read by the young.

MR. GERALD MASSEY has been devoting his time, for the past twelve years, to a work, the title of which is: "The Natural Genesis, or second Part of a Book of the Beginnings, containing an attempt to recover and constitute the lost origins of the Myths and Mysteries, Types and Symbols. Religion and Language, with Egypt for the Mouthpiece, and Africa as the Birthplace." New York: Scribners, Welford & Co.

THE course of Sunday talks on the Pentateuch, begun last winter by Dr. Heber Newton, Rector of All Souls' Church, in New York, was discontinued at the not very judicious request of his Bishop; the substance of them now appears in book form under the title "The Book of the Beginnings." A study of Genesis, with an introduction to the Pentateuch. New York, and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1884.

INTEREST in Canadian Forestry, we are glad to see, grows apace, if we may judge from the *brochures* on the subject which have recently appeared. The latest of these is a little work by Mr. H. B. Small, of Ottawa, on "Forest Trees, Timber, and Forest Products." In view of the conservation of the timber wealth of the country, the service Mr. Small has done in the preparation of his catalogue of Canadian trees, with his timely remarks on their preservation and re-production, can hardly be over-estimated. Messrs. Dawson Bros., of Montreal, are the publishers.

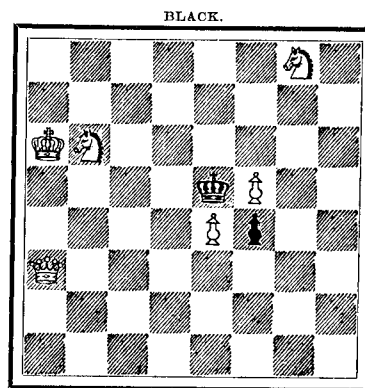
THE *Daily Telegraph* recently devoted a leading article to the subject of personal ornaments worn by ladies. "Have ladies exhausted the spoils of the animal, bird, insect, vegetable and mineral worlds, that they should now be turning for personal ornaments to the reptiles and the most odious species amongst them?" The rattlesnake is possibly one of the ugliest of serpents and yet, in America, a number of ladies have started the fashion of wearing the skin of this abominable worm as girdles, and its rattles as earrings. Had one of the beautiful species of snake been chosen, the objection to such a style of ornament would have been obviated, but as it is, they have selected a reptile whose very skin is repulsive, so that in addition to sentimental prejudices against snake-trimmings, that of ugliness holds good. For witches' costume, or for some hag of horror at a fancy ball, such costumes might be very well—if the head were adorned with a wreath of toads and the dress trimmed with tarantulas. But by themselves, as isolated ornaments, not even the caprices of fashion could persuade us that the spoils of a rattlesnake were things of beauty.

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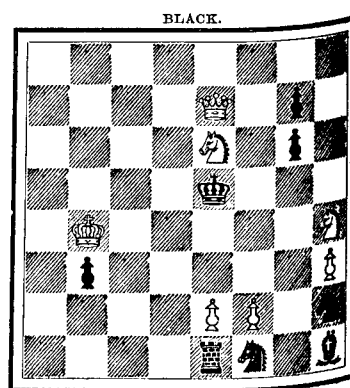
Composed for THE WEEK by J. McGregor, Toronto Chess Club.



White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM No. 25.

SELECTED.



White to play and mate in three moves.

"THE WEEK" PROBLEM AND SOLUTION TOURNEY.

We again draw the attention of our readers to the problem and solution tourneys which we are about to inaugurate.

"THE WEEK" PROBLEM COMPETITION.

We hereby offer a prize of six dollars in chess material for the best three move problem contributed to THE WEEK, on or before the 15th September, 1884.

RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1. Problems to be direct, unconditional three move mates never before published.
2. Each competitor to enter as many problems as he pleases.
3. Joint compositions barred.
4. Rectification of problems allowed to closing date.
5. The problem on a diagram with motto, and having solution on the back in full, to be mailed in an envelope, addressed Chess Editor THE WEEK, Toronto, and a simultaneous envelope bearing inscription "Problem Competition," containing motto, name and address of the sender, to J. H. Gordon, 111 St. Patrick St., Toronto. The problems to be exclusive property of THE WEEK until the award of judges.
6. Want of compliance with any of the above rules will debar problems from competition. The standard of award will be: Difficulty, 15; Beauty, 15; Originality, 15; Variety, 10; Economy, 10; Correctness, 10. The judges' names will be given in a future issue.

"THE WEEK" SOLUTION TOURNEY.

For the most complete set of solutions and criticisms of problems published in THE WEEK commencing with the issue of July 3rd, 1884, and ending with the issue of October 30th, 1884, we offer a prize of five dollars in chess material, and for the second best, a prize of four dollars in chess material.

RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1. No prizes will be awarded unless at least eight competitors enter.
 2. Solutions and criticisms to be mailed within two weeks of date of issue, to Chess Editor THE WEEK.
 3. Marks for solutions will be awarded as follows:—For two move problems, 2 points; for 3 move problems, 3 points; for 4 move problems, four points, with an additional point for every indispensable variation of White's 2nd move. For second solution, further points will be awarded in the same way. The criticisms must be short and to the point.
- N.B.—We hope that all our readers will enter these tourneys and make the contest a lively and interesting one.

GAME No. 15.

From the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

ZUKERTORT VS. MAX JUDD.

While on his way to Denver, Mr. Zukertort spent two days in St. Louis, and played a few off-hand games. He contested three games with Mr. Max Judd, losing one and drawing two. The following is the score of the game won by Mr. Judd:

Zukertort.		Judd.	
WHITE.		BLACK.	
1. P to K 4	1. P to K 4	20. Kt x B	20. Kt to B 4
2. Q Kt to B 3	2. B to B 4	21. K R to K B sq	21. Kt x B
3. P to K B 4	3. P to Q 3	22. R P x Kt	22. R to K 3
4. K Kt to B 3	4. Kt K to B 3	23. K to Kt 1	23. Q to Q 2
5. B to B 4	5. Castles	24. B to K 3	24. P to Q R 4
6. P to Q 3	6. P to B 3	25. Kt to R 6 ch	25. R x Kt
7. P x P	7. P x P	26. B x R	26. P to K B 4
8. Kt to K 2	8. Q to K 2	27. Q R to K 1	27. P to B 5
9. Kt to Kt 3	9. P to Q Kt 4	28. B to Kt 5	28. R to K B 1
10. B to Kt 3	10. Kt to R 3	29. R to K 4	29. R to B 4
11. Q to K 2	11. K to R sq	30. B to R 4	30. Q to Q 4
12. Kt to R 4 (a)	12. B to K Kt 5	31. B to K 1	31. R to Kt 4
13. Q to B 1	13. Kt x K P	32. B to B 2	32. R to Kt 5
14. Ktfr R 4 to B 5	14. Q to Q 1 (b)	33. B to Kt 6	33. P to B 4
15. B to R 6 (c)	15. B to B 7 ch	34. B x R P	34. R to Kt 3
16. Q x B	16. Kt x Q	35. P to B 3 (d)	35. Q x Q P
17. B x P ch	17. K to Kt sq	36. R x K P	36. P to B 6
18. K x Kt	18. R to K 1	37. P to K Kt 3	37. R to B 2
19. B to R 6	19. B x Kt	38. B to Kt 6	38. Q to Q 7

And Dr. Zukertort resigns.

NOTES.

- (a) B to Q 2 was the proper move.
- (b) Zukertort overlooked the threatened mate at Q 8 should the Kt be taken.
- (c) A desperate expedient. Kt to K 3 would have given him more chance.
- (d) Trying to save the B.

NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Frideswide F. Beechey, who conducts the Chess Department, in *Knowledge*, the *Sheffield Independent*, and other papers, and who has gained a world-wide celebrity as a problem composer, has at last been mated herself. The Croydon *Guardian* announces her marriage to Mr. J. B. Rowland, Chess Editor of the *Irish Sportsman*, and also a well-known composer. We wish them a long and happy life together.

THE Melbourne (Australia) Chess Clubs indulge in the civilized form of the game known as team matches. The Americans are not an unsocial race, yet they are very slow in catching some of the best chess ideas.—*Cincinnati Commercial*. We beg to say that the Toronto Chess Club has had regular team matches for years.

CHESS is at present in high favour among the aristocratic circles of Russian society in St. Petersburg, and this through the influence of the well-known amateur, Prince Dadian, of Mingrelia. Every Tuesday meetings are held at the home of General Count P. Kreutz, on Tuesdays at that of Colonel Boutourline, and on Saturdays the elegant salons of Count H. Kreutz, on the banks of the Neva, are at the disposal of the players. Prince Dadian, at the moment, holds the first place in point of strength at these gatherings.

THE London Chess Player's Chronicle notices signs that the practice of chess during the summer months is increasing. It recommends out-door chess at this season, and a quiet evening at chess occasionally as an agreeable and refreshing change after the excitement of cricket, tennis or other outdoor sport. The editor of the *Chronicle* offers a prize chess book to any club or chess editor in England, who arranges a chess competition of any kind for the summer months. In order to encourage its own subscribers it offers a book to the composer of the best two-move direct-mate problem contributed before September 30th next, and a similar prize for the best three-mover, four-mover, suimate and discovery of flaws. Problems must bear a motto, so that their authorship may remain unknown, except to the editor, until after the award.

THE annual tournament of the Philadelphia Club is going ahead like a Florida accommodation train. A train of this kind once passed a horse on the road, but the horse was hitched.—*Cincinnati Commercial*.