

THE SOLITARY KING.

(Translated from Thophile Gautier.)

Debarred from love and smiles and tears, I live immersed in cloistered gloom; Lonely as God, I have no peers...

From my estranged Olympian height The batterer's voice is all I hear; Only the fawning parasite Distills his honey in my ear...

What'er I will to do, I desire; Would I had only one desire; Would I could feel myself a man...

EVIL IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY.

Gods who obtained their power only after a long-protracted struggle with Titans, in which, indeed, they were unsuccessful until assisted by strong allies; who shed tears, and whose influence ceased during their sleep...

"Till my day of destiny is come No man may take my life; and when it comes Nor have nor coward can escape that day."

Hector cried when parting with Andromache, Thetis might beseech Zeus to hinder the success of the Greeks, but she would not ask him to prolong the life of Achilles...

"Because thou must not dream, thou needst not then despair!"

The analysis of evil in Greek mythology bears an important relation to the science of ethics. It supplies a substantial proof to the modern argument that morality per se is a growth apart from religion...

divinely inspired, who, by his chisel, taught the people that the qualities which are truly godlike are strength, wisdom, and benevolence. The fact that it is impossible to draw a distinct line of separation between the good and evil powers in their mythology gives us the key to Greek culture...

THE MANUFACTURE OF BANK NOTES.

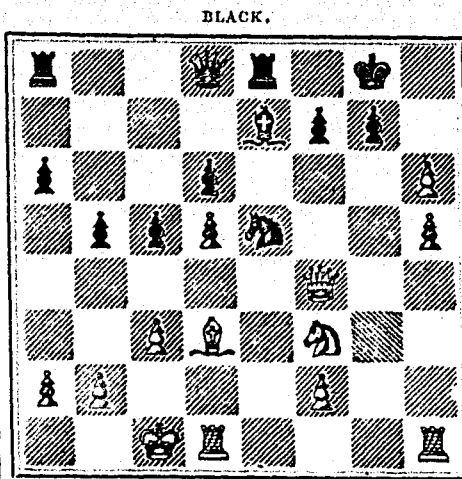
About the year 1519 a great outcry was raised against the Bank of England for not adopting a style of note which could not be imitated, so as to prevent the sacrifice of life which at this period was far too common, the punishment for forgery being death...

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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Interesting positions in chess play, where, by skillful manoeuvres, and brilliant moves, one player succeeds in overcoming another, are always very interesting and instructive...

In this position, White having the move took Knight with Knight. Black then pinned the White Queen by moving Bishop to Knight's fourth, and White gave checkmate in two moves.



A CHAPTER ON CHESS BOARDS.

The distinction of color in the chess board is comparatively modern. The Asiatic and African boards are to this day of a single color divided into squares. A traveller relates that he saw Moors sitting upon the ground which had been marked off into a rude chess board...

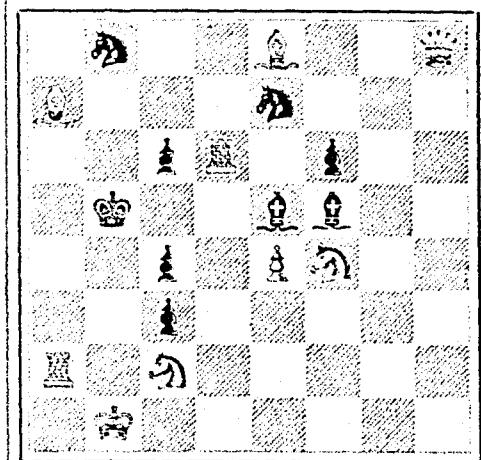
Louis XIII. of France had a board quilted with wool, the men being fitted with a sharp point at the bottom; by means of this the monarch used to play in his carriage, sticking the men into the cushion.

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Mr. Hurler, of New York, has just completed a photographic chess board as a memento of the present International Correspondence Match...

PROBLEM No. 37.

By W. FURNIVAL.



White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEM No. 37.

- White. 1. R to K sq. 2. Mates acc. Black. 1. Any.

GAME 524th.

CHESS IN AUSTRALIA.

From the Adelaide Observer.

The second game in the match at the Adelaide Chess Club between Messrs. A. J. Laughton and D. F. Macdonald.

(Two Knights' Defence.)

- WHITE.—(Mr. Laughton.) BLACK.—(Mr. Macdonald.) 1 P to K4 1 P to K4 2 Kt to K B3 2 Kt to Q B3 3 R to B1 3 Kt to B3 4 P to Q3 (P Q4) 4 B to B1

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- 5 B to K Kt 5 5 P to K R 3 6 B takes Kt 6 Q takes B 7 Kt to B 3 7 Kt to K 2 8 Kt to Q Kt 5 8 B to Kt 3 9 P to B 3 9 P to B 3 10 Kt to R 3 10 Castles 11 P to K R 3 (weak) 11 Kt to Kt 3 12 Q to Q 2 12 Kt to B 5 13 Castles (Q R) 13 Kt takes K P 14 Kt takes K P

By this bold sacrifice White strengthens his Pawns and gets a good attack.

- 15 K R to Kt 15 Q takes Kt 16 P to Q 4 16 B to Q 17 P to B 4 (fine) 17 Q takes B P 18 R takes Kt 18 Q takes Q ch 19 K takes Q 19 B checks 20 K to Q 3 20 P to Q 4 (heat) 21 P takes P 21 B takes P 22 R to K B 2 22 Q R to K 23 Kt to B 2 23 P to K Kt 3

P to Q Kt 4 first were better. Now White, by judiciously giving up the exchange, gets an advantage in Pawns.

- 24 P takes P 24 B to B 4 ch 25 R takes B 25 P takes R 26 P takes P 26 K to Kt 2 27 B to Kt 5 27 R to K 2 28 B to B 6 28 R to Q Kt 29 P to Q 5 29 R at K 2 takes P 30 B takes R 30 R takes B 31 P to Kt 3 31 P to B 5 32 R to K 32 R to Q 2 33 P to B 1 33 P to Q R 4 34 R to K 5 34 P to B 3 35 R to K 6 35 P to K R 4 36 Kt to Q 4 36 P to K R 5 37 P to Q 6 (bad) 37 Kt to B 2 38 R to K 7 ch 38 R takes R 39 P takes R 39 K takes P 40 K to K 4 40 K to Q 3 41 P to R 3 41 K to B 4 42 Kt to K B 3 42 P to Q R 5 (good) 43 P takes P 43 K takes P 44 Kt to R 2 44 K to B 4

Drawn game.

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