

must henceforward consider him as dead. Those who love me will never mention his name. Let us pray for him, my child, and may God's spirit soften that hard and rebellious heart, for nothing else will. My hope and joy is gone. There is nothing left me now but to prepare myself humbly for death. Come, Letty, let us pray, for prayer availeth much."

"My dear old friend," said the rector, as one spring morning, many months after, they sat together, "I am glad to see that deep heart-wound of yours yielding somewhat to time's balsam."

He took the white thin hands of his friend as he spoke.

"Pshaw! Buller," said the doctor, looking up sorrowfully; "don't try to comfort me. Death has the only anodyne for that wound; but Letty cheers me, dear girl, and if I live to see her happy and married well, I shall die content."

The doctor had made an idol of that ungrateful son; and the idol had, for a time, blotted out his view of heaven. The idol removed, he saw where his trust should have been; he remembered God in the days of his sorrow, and bowed beneath the rod.

VII.

ONE July afternoon, thirteen years later, a handsome burly black-bearded man, in a fur cap and rough Australian coat, drove up to the door of the King's Arms, seated beside an older man, even burlier and more bearded than himself. He alighted and ordered lunch; as he lunched, he talked to the waiter about Crossford and old times. He had once known Crossford, he said.

"Has Travers not got this house now?"

"No, sir, he died three years ago, and his widow became bankrupt."

"Where's Jones, the veterinary surgeon?"

"Dead, sir—died in a fit four years ago."

"Is Harris, the fat saddler, to the fore?"

"No, sir; died last year of dropsy, and his son's dead too."

The stranger sighed, and drank down a glass of ale at a gulp.

"Waiter, get me some brandy, hot." He hesitated for a moment, then he said, fiercely.

"Is old Mrs. Thatcher still alive?"

"What, old Mrs. Thatcher at the Lawn? Oh, she died seven years ago, and left all her money to her brother, the doctor. There was an adopted son who would have had it, but he turned out a scamp."

"Oh, indeed! This is shocking bad brandy. And the old doctor—is he still alive?"

"Oh, Lord, no, sir. Dead six years since. Why, sir, you seem to remember the people well."

The stranger rested his head on his hand, and thought for a moment; then he said:

"And Miss Paget, Mrs. Thatcher's niece, is she living—married, I suppose?"

"Living, yes, sir. Look, sir; why, there is her carriage standing at the back door opposite; wait, and you'll see her come out. She married a Lieutenant Price, of the Bombay army."

At that moment, as the stranger looked out of the window, a lady stepped into the carriage; three pretty children—two boys and a girl—leaped in, laughing, after her. It was Letty, still beautiful even as a matron, her face wearing the old sweet amiable expression. The skittish ponies rebelled, but darted off amicably at a touch of their mistress's whip.

"What, in the dumps, old chum?" said the second stranger, going up to his friend, who still stood with his face fixed to the window. "Come, more liquor—I'll shout this time; it's our last day in old England."

"Curse old England, and all that are in it!" said the other man, turning round fiercely. "Come let's catch the 11.20, and get back to Liverpool. If I once get to the old tracks in Australia—once on the back of a buck-jumper and after the kangaroos, I'll never set foot again in the old country. Here's your money, waiter. Come, Murray, let's be off."

Was that man's heart changed then? No. Yet it was changed before his death a year after, but through what purgatories of suffering had it not to traverse before it found peace?

PASTIMES.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

1. La! I use gas = a Spartan king.
2. K cove Bill = a town in England.
3. Rule Dan = a town in the south of England.
4. Dove or Swan = a village in Canada.
5. U kiss cook = a mountain in Australia.
6. Their ma = one of the sons of David.
7. A B no = the title of an Indian Prince.
8. I a bad girl? = a living celebrity.
9. Von red tap = a village in Canada.
10. O! rude Dean = a Flemish painter.
11. All his sage = a town in Scotland.

The initials form one-half and the finals the other of a familiar proverb. R. T. B.

TRANSPPOSITIONS.

Names of celebrated authors.

1. NEYNNSTO.
2. NOGEWLLIFG.
3. EASTORLTCTW.
4. IHACLSERKDESNO.
5. OWLYBLETRUNT.

MAY.

DECAPITATIONS.

1. Complete I am a word of five letters and an ornament, twice behead me and I belong to yourself; twice behead and transpose and I am present time; behead and curtail my original form and I am a disturbance; curtail simply and I am a bird; behead and transpose and I am what you have often done to your hat.

IRENE DE FOREST.

CHARADES.

1. Eight plainly you will see in me
What rich and poor at last will be.
Not see me? Then 'tis all your blame
Backwards and forwards I'm the same. J. M.

2. I am a word of 10 letters.

My 2, 8, 9, 6 is a musical instrument.

My 1, 6, 7, 3, 4 is what we do every day.

My 6, 10, 8, 9 is a delicious fruit.

My 10, 3, 9 is part of the body.

My 9, 7, 3, 6 is what farmers do.

My 2, 8, 9, 10 is an animal.

My 2, 3, 5, 6 is part of a lock.

My whole is the name of a great man. MAY.

ACROSTIC.

1. An English midland county,
2. A city on the Weser.
3. A Canadian canal.
4. An English manufacturing city.
5. A city of Holland.
6. A place famous for coal.
7. A Canadian city.
8. A river of Switzerland.
9. A seaport town famous for its docks.
10. The place where capers grow.
11. A part of Hanover.
12. A place in the "heel of the boot."
13. A city on the Vistula.

The initials give the name of a celebrated living divine. MEASLES.

ANSWERS TO ARITHOREM, &c. No. 37.

Arithmorem.—Landseer. 1 Rhode Island, 2 Elbe, 3 Edinburgh, 4 Sevres, 5 David, 6 Normandy, 7 Andrew, 8 Lilac.

Square Words.—M A T E,

A R I A.

T I E S.

E A S E.

Decapitations.—1. Spin-pin-in. 2. Prelate-relate-elate-late-ate-at.

Charades.—1. Downpatrick. 2. Three Rivers. *Enigma*.—Thought.

Transposition.—Jack O Lantern.

Arithmetical Problem.—Wheat \$2 00. Barley \$1 20. Oats 80cts.

The following answers have been received: *Arithmorem*.—Irene de Forest, Nellie, H. H. V., Polly, Argus, Camp.

Square Words.—Polly, Argus, Nellie, Cloud, Geo. B., Camp.

Decapitations.—Nellie, H. H. V., Irene de Forest, Polly, Argus, Geo. B.

Charades.—Polly, Irene de Forest, Argus, Nellie, H. H. V., Camp, Cloud.

Enigma.—Argus, Geo. B.

Transposition.—Polly, Argus, Camp, Geo. B.

Arithmetical Problem.—Irene de Forest, Watson C. O., Camp, Argus.

Received too late to be acknowledged in our last issue. May, Flora, Minnie H.

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

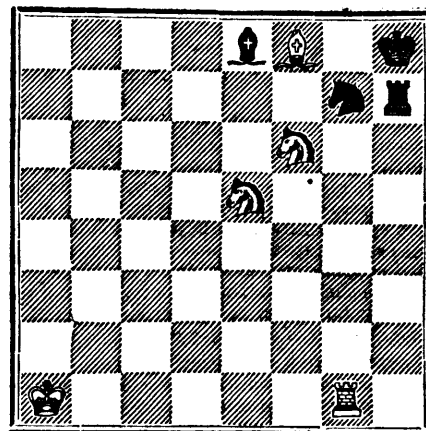
In the confusion consequent upon the removal of the READER office, several of our correspondents' communications were mislaid; this must be our apology for not sooner acknowledging solutions of problem No. 23 from H. F., Toronto; J. G. C., Annprior; and W. L. Brighton.

PROBLEM No. 24.—Correct solutions received from St. Urbain St., J. McL.; H. K. C., Quebec; I. R. M. B., Hamilton; R. B., Toronto; X. L., Kingston; and Ontario, Cobourg.

PROBLEM No. 27.

By HERR ANDERSEN.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and Mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 25.

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Kt to Q Kt 3rd. | P takes Kt of (a.) |
| 2. B to Q Kt 5th. | Anything. |
| 3. B or R Mates. | |
| (a) 1. B to Q Kt 5th. | P to Q B 6th. |
| 2. B or R Mates. | Anything. |

ENIGMA No. 6.

- QR8. KB5. KKt4. KR3. K6. QKt4.
- QBsq. K8. KRsq. QB8. QKt6. QB2.
- White to play and mate in four moves.

SOLUTION OF ENIGMA No. 4.

- | BLACK. | WHITE. |
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| 1. B to Q K 5th. | It is evident that White |
| 2. B to Q 2nd. | would lose both the |
| Draws easily. | Q and game, by capturing the Bishop. |

Lively game recently played between Messrs Zachary and Harrison, two of the best players in Stourport (England.)

KING'S GAMBIT.

WHITE. (Mr. F. Zachary.) BLACK. (Capt. Harrison.)

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| 1 P to K 4th. | P to K 4th. |
| 2 P to K B 4th. | P takes P. |
| 3 Kt to K B 3rd. | P to K Kt 4th. |
| 4 B to Q B 4th. | P to Q 4th. |
| 5 B takes P. | Kt to K B 3rd. |
| 6 B takes K B P (ch) (a.) | K takes B. |
| 7 Kt takes K Kt P (ch.) | K to Kt 3rd. |
| 8 P to Q 3rd (b.) | K takes Kt. |
| 9 P to K Kt 3rd. | B to Q 4th. |
| 10 B takes P (ch) (c.) | K to Kt 3rd. |
| 11 Kt to Q B 3rd. | K to Kt 5th. |
| 12 Q to Q 2nd (d.) | B to K B 7th (ch.) |
| 13 K to K 2nd. | Kt to Q B 3rd. |
| 14 Q R to K B sq. | B to Q Kt 3rd. |
| 15 Kt to Q 5th. | K Kt to K 4th. |
| 16 B takes Kt. | B to K Kt 5th (ch) (e.) |
| 17 K to his sq. | Kt takes B. |
| 18 R to K B 6th (ch) (f.) | Q takes R. |
| 19 Kt takes Q. | Rt to K B 6th (ch.) |
| 20 K to Q sq. | Kt takes Q, and wins. |

(a) This sacrifice leads to an entertaining game, but is not, we think to be commended.

(b) P to Q 4th looks more to the purpose.

(c) P takes P (ch), seems to leave Black with a more exposed position than the move in the text.

(d) Rather Q to K 2nd.

(e) Well played.

(f) Not foreseeing Black's 19th move.